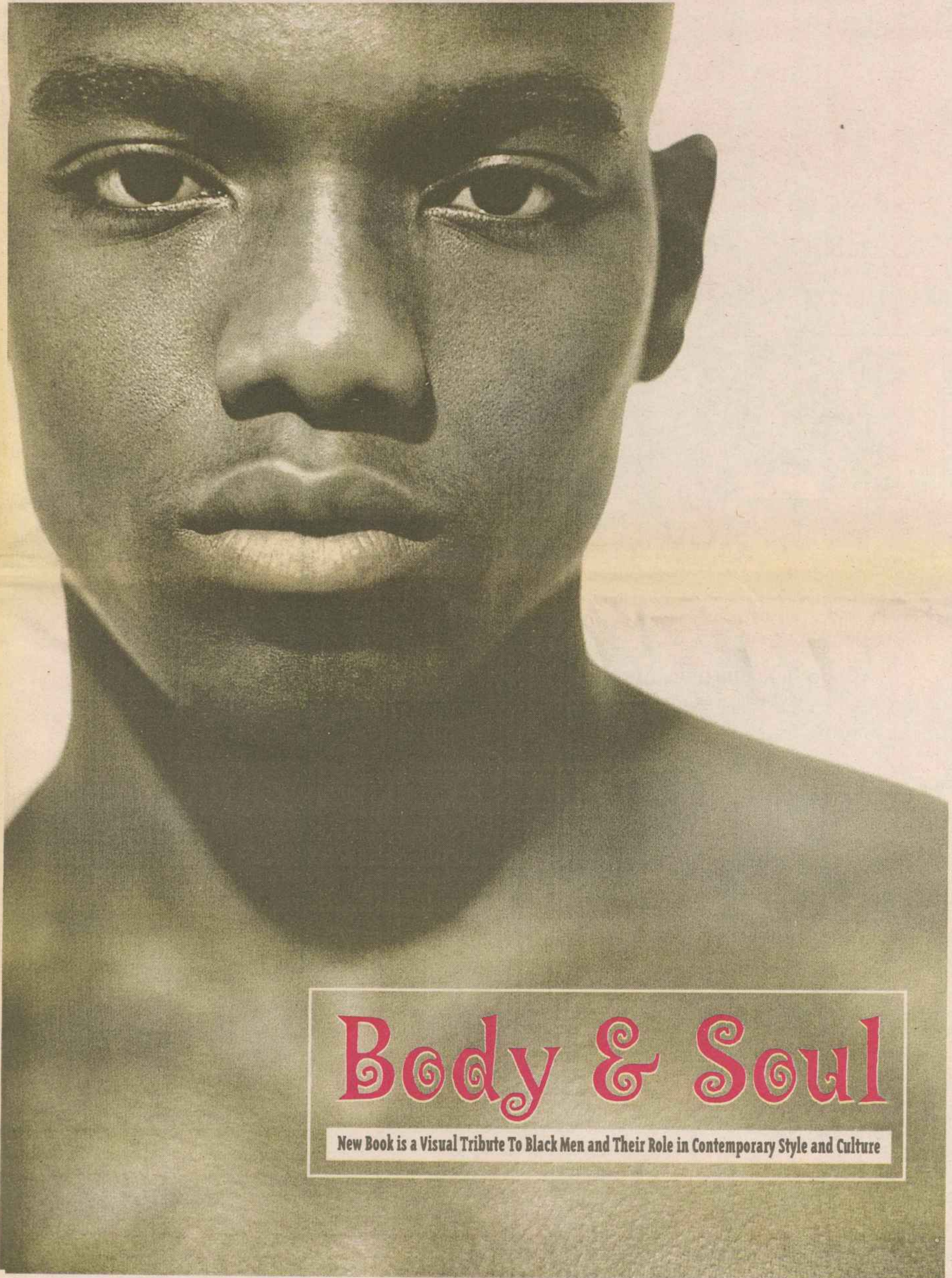




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- 2 - 3 Pulsation
- 3:20 - 3:40 Andy
- 4 - 5 Samba Bamba
- 5:20 - 6 Honey West
- 6:10 - 6:30 Absolute Diva
- 6:45 - 7:45 Valerie James
- 8 - 9 Cathy Richardson Band

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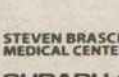
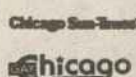
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Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Leases Space in Walker's Point

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — The over two year search to find an appropriate site for a Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center ended late last month when the board of directors of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center unanimously voted to sign a lease for a site in Walker's Point.

The Center will occupy a portion of the first floor in a building located at 170 South 2nd Street. The Community Center will take occupancy no later than September 30, 1998.

The Center will occupy over 4,000 sq. ft. of the building known as the Downtown Mini Warehouse. The site is within blocks of several popular Milwaukee gay clubs including Ballgame, 219, Dish and C'est La Vie.

"This signing brings us wonderfully close to our dream of having a place for

challenge to the LGBT community of \$1,000 per month to establish a center was the impetus which refocused the community's attention on finding a site.

lord made this site the obvious choice," Wirth added.

Before taking occupancy the landlord will ensure that the bathrooms are

"We're glad that they have found an acceptable site and hope it works for everybody."

—ERV UECKER

Uecker and Walker have since "suspended" their monthly donations in response to "communication problems" with the center's board.

Lease Terms

The lease for the space runs for three years at a cost of approximately \$2,800 per month. That amount, according to Community Center spokesperson, Jousha Feyen is about a third of the amount that would

ADA compliant and a chairlift will be installed to make it accessible for persons with disabilities. Additionally, partition walls will be built to make the space completely private.

Feyen stated that new carpet will be installed and there may be additional construction to change the floor plan to better suit the needs of the Center.

Barbara Bremmer, director and Volunteer Committee liaison, said "Now, more than ever, volunteers will be needed to make the Center a viable resource for our community. Before we open, we need people to help clean, build, paint and decorate the Center. Shortly after, volunteers will be needed to staff the Center, maintain our space, and answer phones," Bremmer added.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) has reaffirmed plans to lease space in the Center and hopes to occupy space shortly after the Center opens. Plans call for ARCW to work with the Center on youth programs and possible health services, such as early intervention for persons recently diagnosed with HIV.

Uecker of BESTD Clinic indicated to *In Step* that the Clinic remains a viable tenant for the Center, although additional information about the site would be needed for a decision to be made.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is a community-based organization represented by more than 100 volunteers and over 250 members. The Center's mission is to improve the quality of life for LGBT people in the Milwaukee area. This mission is supported by the vision to provide a home for organizations, businesses, culture and diversity; advocate for and provide programs and services that meet the needs of our communities; and educate the public and our communities about our lives.

For more information, visit the Center's web site at www.mkelgbt.com or call the Center's Hotline at (414) 483-4710.



The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center has leased space at this building located at 170 South 2nd Street.

our community to call home," said Sheila Zelenski, Center co-president.

"I think the location is probably okay," stated Si Smits of the G/L Community Center Trust Fund. Smits has been critical of the LGBT Community Center Board in the past.

"Many people I talk to like it better than the Sanders Bowl location. I think it is probably what we are looking for. I hope we have the qualified people to run it and make it work," continued Smits.

"We're glad that they found an acceptable site and hope it works for everybody," Erv Uecker told *In Step*.

Uecker and Ross Walker's pledge

have been paid at the previous Sanders Bowl location.

"We're very happy with the numbers," Feyen told *In Step*. "This amount brings us more in line with our budget."

"The rent is really reasonable because the landlord isn't painting the walls or decorating it. But we are confident that people will want to help us make this the kind of space we'll be proud to call our Home," said John Wirth, chair of the Center's Facilities Committee.

"The availability, size, location, price, parking, first floor space, ADA accessibility and extremely genial land-

actions brought disrepute on the department, showed disrespect for superiors, failed to conform to work rules and violated city and department policies not to harass co-workers based on their sexual orientation.

Greer, 42, an 18-year veteran of the department, promised to appeal the firing in court.

"I am relieved that this chapter of

Mayor Sue Bauman said she was gratified that the commission's ruling upheld Amesqua's recommendation to fire Greer.

Greer, who is running for Congress in the 2nd District, had already served a two-month suspension for distributing pamphlets containing anti-gay statements in a firehouse.

Greer has had a total of five complaints brought against him before the

"I'm glad he is off the city payroll."

—ALD. MIKE VERVEER

the Greer saga is over. I am glad he is off the city payroll," Madison Alderman Mike Verveer told *In Step*.

Police and Fire Commission, including three by Amesqua's predecessor.

Publishers' Note

Q-Voice and In Step to Merge

We are very proud and pleased to announce that *In Step*, Wisconsin's largest and most read LGBT newspaper and *Q-Voice Magazine*, the state's queer arts, interview and lifestyle monthly are merging operations to form a single publication.

The combination will join the very best of *Q-Voice* and *In Step* to form one of the largest and strongest lesbian newspapers in the Midwest. We are sure you — our readers — will be very pleased with the results of this unique partnership. The publication will continue to be gay owned and operated by Jorge Cabal and William Attewell and will integrate the writing staff of both operations.

The first issue won't hit the streets until Thursday, August 20, but a Special Advance Preview will be on display on Wednesday, August 19 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the upstairs banquet room at The M&M Club at 124 N. Water Street. Not only will this be our PRIDE Issue, but it will also be your opportunity to get an advance peak at our new look and to meet our staff. The event is free and open to the public; we hope you can attend. Hors d'ourves will be served.

In the past few issues you may have noticed a number of new names on *In Step's* masthead. We have added several excellent writers and experienced contributors to our staff.

Christopher Ott is our newest addition; he joins us as our Madison correspondent. You'll find his interview with Madison area Assembly candidate Mark Pocan on page 16 in this issue. Ott, a Wisconsin native recently moved back to Madison after ten years out of state. He has extensive writing experience having penned stories for *The Advocate*, *Out-Now*, *XY*, *P.O.V.* and *Men's Health* among many others. Christopher will contribute a monthly column in addition to reporting on news and events in our state's capital. We're glad to have him on board.

Also from Madison are two new columnists Dave Runyon and Scott Evertz. Their voices are welcome additions to our opinion pages.

Dorothy Austin comes to us after over 25 years with the *Milwaukee Sentinel* and the *Milwaukee Journal*. She brings a wealth of experience to *In Step*. We are also pleased to have added the talents of Jeffrey Newman, a New York-based entertainment writer. His interview with the outspoken Boy George can be seen on page 20.

On a sad note, we mourn the loss of *In Step* cartoonist Bob Arnold who died last week of liver cancer. (see story page 17). We all enjoyed Bob's popular "Life's a Drag" cartoons. His work and his life remind us that life is much too short to be taken too seriously. He will be missed.

After numerous requests from customers, we are also pleased to note that *In Step* was recently approved to accept Visa and MasterCard. You can now conveniently purchase subscriptions, pay for classifieds or display ads with your credit card.

There's much to enjoy in this issue—then in two weeks—look for our annual PRIDE Issue when we unveil our new look and double in size!

Jorge L. Cabal
William Attewell

Madison Anti-Gay Firefighter Fired

Madison — Firefighter Ron Greer, who has received national attention for his opposition to gays and lesbians, was fired by the Madison Police and Fire Commission last Friday after a year-long investigation.

Greer had been accused of distributing a news release saying Fire Chief Debra Amesqua did not discipline another department official because they were both lesbians. Neither woman has publicly revealed her sexual orientation.

The commission found that Greer's

ON OUR COVER: Ajay photographed by Marc Baptiste for the new book, *Body & Soul*. See story on Page 18

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Cammermeyer Vies for Washington State Congressional Seat

by David Ammons
AP Political Writer

Mount Vernon, WA — Grethe Cammermeyer, a daughter of the Nazi resistance in Norway and a decorated Vietnam veteran who battled her own government, has jumped headlong into a new challenge.

The retired Army colonel, who wryly calls herself "one of the most famous lesbians in the country" after her successful fight to stay in the military, is running for Congress.

Cammermeyer, 56, has never held public office. Her gay-rights fight — recounted in "Serving in Silence," a book and made-for-TV movie — made her a celebrity. Glenn Close, who starred in the movie, its producer Barbra Streisand and other show-business notables have contributed to her campaign.

She's favored to win the Democratic nomination Sept. 15. That would pit her against two-term Republican Rep. Jack Metcalf on Nov. 3. Metcalf, who says this is his last campaign, was boosted to victory two years ago by absentee voters in the traditionally Democratic 2nd District.

No openly lesbian candidate has been elected to Congress, but Cammermeyer is one of four Democrats hoping to break the barrier this year along with Tammy Baldwin of Wisconsin, Christine Kehoe of California and Susan Tracy of Massachusetts.

"This year is a benchmark for proud, out lesbians," says Kathleen DeBold, political director of the Victory Fund, a Washington, D.C., group that backs homosexuals for public office.

"Grethe is so admired, both for her record in the military and for her willing-

"We don't know how big of a negative it is to be openly gay in a district with no major homosexual enclaves..."

ness to stand up and fight homophobia," says state Rep. Ed Murray, a Seattle Democrat who is also gay.

Cammermeyer earned national attention with her fight to stay in the Washington National Guard. She was fired in 1992 after disclosing her sexual orientation during a 1989 interview for a security clearance as chief nurse of the National Guard. A federal judge ordered her reinstated in 1994; the government did not appeal.

Cammermeyer and her partner, artist Diane Divelbess, built their home on Whidbey Island in 1995 after Cammermeyer retired as chief nurse of the Guard and a civilian nurse at a veterans' hospital near Tacoma.

On the campaign trail, she doesn't talk gay and lesbian rights. At an ice cream social held by Skagit County Democrats earlier this month, Cammermeyer spoke about education, health care, the environment and countering a Republican Con-

gress she considers radical and heartless.

"I am not a politician," she said. "I'm an everyday person who has a health-care background and an education background. I am a mother, a grandmother and served in Vietnam. I have had the best and the worst of social experience."



Grethe Cammermeyer

Cammermeyer was born in Oslo, Norway, to a doctor and a nurse who sheltered underground resistance fighters in World War II. A now familiar tale has her mother

shuttling weapons to the Nazi resistance by hiding them beneath the mattress in Grethe's baby buggy.

Cammermeyer was 9 when she came to the United States with her parents and three brothers. She became a citizen in 1960.

Nursing meshed well with her military ambitions, she has said, because it was a job she could take to the battlefield. She served in the military 31 years, including active duty in Vietnam. She earned the Bronze Star for treating wounded soldiers in the Tet Offensive in 1968.

She has four grown sons from her marriage to a fellow officer she met while serving in Germany.

She's well aware why she has such ready name recognition. But the personable, 6-foot-tall Cammermeyer — whose first name, short for Margarethe, is pronounced Greta — believes most voters are ready to move past her sexual orientation to the issues affecting their own lives.

"What's most difficult is suddenly realizing there are some people who don't want you to approach them or shake their hand or even say hello," she said of experiences on the campaign trail.

State Democratic Chairman Paul Berendt, neutral in the primary, says Cammermeyer needs to let voters know the range of issues she cares about.

"If people see her as one-dimensional, it's over," agrees Murray.

"We don't know how big of a negative it is to be openly gay in a district with no major homosexual enclaves and a sizable number of religious conservatives," Berendt says.

Cammermeyer's lone primary opponent, businessman and environmentalist Fran Einterz, 44, makes a point of telling audiences he's been in the district for 17 years. Einterz plans to raise only \$100,000 for the primary election. Cammermeyer has raised \$502,801 so far.

Neither Einterz nor Metcalf has made an issue of Cammermeyer's sexual orientation, although the Metcalf campaign sent out a fund-raising letter that said the Cammermeyer campaign is being underwritten by the "national homosexual movement."

Four Acknowledged Lesbians, All Democrats, Are Running For Congress This Year:

MASSACHUSETTS: Susan Tracy, a former state legislator, seeks the Democratic nomination for the 8th District seat being vacated by U.S. Rep. Joe Kennedy. She has a master's degree from Harvard, headed Boston's Emergency Shelter Commission and served in the Statehouse from 1991 to 1995.

CALIFORNIA: Christine Kehoe, a San Diego City Council member, is running against Republican incumbent Brian Bilbray in the 49th District. She is the first openly homosexual person to win public office in San Diego County.

WISCONSIN: Tammy Baldwin, the first openly homosexual member of the state Assembly, has been re-elected twice and hopes to become the first woman in the state's U.S. House delegation. She seeks the 2nd District seat being vacated by Republican moderate Scott Klug.

WASHINGTON: Grethe Cammermeyer, a retired Army lieutenant colonel and a civilian nurse for three decades, seeks the Democratic nomination in the 2nd District to take on two-term Republican Rep. Jack Metcalf.

Gay Games Kick Off in Europe's "Gay Capitol"

by William Kole

Amsterdam — They're painting the town pink. Clad in everything from wedding veils to leather G-strings, tens of thousands of homosexuals from 66 countries partied in the cobblestone streets of Amsterdam as the week-long Gay Games got under way last Saturday.

But here in Europe's self-styled gay capital — where gays and lesbians can marry, are welcomed in the military and are close to winning adoption rights — not even the bare-chested men with nipple jewelry rollerblading through town were drawing many stares.

"We're used to it," Andre Bakker said with a shrug as he and his wife, Florence, craned their necks for a glimpse of a dozen men in Dutch milkmaid outfits dancing on a passing canal boat.

Founded in San Francisco in 1982 as a gay alternative to the Olympics, the fifth quadrennial sports and cultural festival opened amid signs that it has come of age.

Organizers said more than 200,000 visitors were in the Dutch capital for the games, which run through Aug. 8 and will bring together 15,000 competitors — half as many as in the mainstream Olympics.

No matter the scattered smirks over the fact that they'll be handing out medals here for such "sports" as ballroom dancing and oil wrestling. Or that a small fringe group of hard-core homosexuals were running their own "Queer Do-It-Yourself Games," featuring purse-tossing and a 200-meter dash in high heels.

The famously accepting Dutch, thousands of whom lined the medieval canals Saturday to wildly cheer on a Gay Games parade of boatloads of transvestites, have rolled out the pink carpet.

"We've certainly made enormous gains in this country, and above all in this city," said Rene Zuidervelt, of *Gay News* magazine.

"It's not like that in other countries where homosexuals are oppressed," he said. "The Romanians and the Zimbabweans who compete here can get a feeling of solidarity."

Gays and lesbians have been progressively integrated into Dutch culture over the past two decades. This year, lawmakers legalized same sex civil marriage and are leaning toward granting homosexuals the right to adopt children.

About 50,000 people, non-gay and gay alike, packed a soccer stadium on the outskirts of Amsterdam for the opening cere-

monies under the theme "Friendship Through Culture and Sport."

An exuberant Mayor Schelto Patijn welcomed the roaring crowd to Amsterdam, saying it was the "Gayway to Europe."

The crowd cheered as the delegations marched in, the Japanese team wearing traditional kimono, athletes from rainy Holland holding aloft rainbow-colored umbrellas. Men in sailor's outfits danced to rave music.

"Many of us have competed in an environment where we have had to hide a valuable part of ourselves. One by one we have faced these fears," tennis star Martina Navratilova told the crowd via a satellite hookup and giant TV screens.

The main event was a concert by Dana International, the Israeli transsexual pop star who gained notoriety and angered orthodox

leaders at home for winning May's Eurovision song contest.

Even so, the 1998 games aren't without controversy. On Saturday, the European Gay and Lesbian Sports Federation called on athletes to wear masks in protest of an International Skating Union decision banning its members from future competitions if they compete in Amsterdam.

Critics accused the ISU, skating's world governing body, of homophobia. ISU officials have denied that, saying it was simply an enforcement of long-standing rules forbidding participation in unsanctioned and unofficial competitions.

None of that, though, came even close to stopping the Games



Team Milwaukee Competes at Amsterdam Gay Games V

Milwaukee athletes celebrated the Gay Games V motto, "Friendship through Culture and Sports," outside the Amsterdam Arena Stadium just before opening ceremonies last Saturday night (August 1). Miller Lite is the exclusive U.S. malt beverage sponsor of Gay Games V. Left to right: Curt, Patrick, Matt, Rich.

from going on.

"This is certainly adding to our cultural experience," Bill Mayer of Greensboro, N.C., said with a grin as he and his wife, Kathy, watched two gay men in clingy black dresses and pumps walk past.

This year's competition is the first to be held in Europe. New York City was the site of the last event in 1994; Sydney, Australia, site of the Summer Olympics in 2000, will have the first southern hemisphere Gay Games in 2002.

NEWS WIRE

Forged Checks Put a Dent in S.F. Gay Pride Parade

SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco's Gay Pride parade organizers say someone printed up fake checks with its account information and forged checks amounting to \$28,928.82 during a three-week period in late June and early July.

Pride Committee officials said police had advised them not to discuss the forgery further in public while it's under investigation.

But the committee announced in a news release that despite the forgery, its finances are still healthy.

Study: HIV's Latent Reservoirs Can Hide for Years

WASHINGTON, D.C. — New medical research by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases shows that HIV establishes itself quickly after entering a person's body and soon goes into an inactive state, lying in wait to erupt into disease.

The study, published in the "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences," indicates that the virus hibernates in a dormant state in certain body cells after infection, and that this pool of latent infected cells provide a reservoir that allows the infection to persist for long periods of time and makes eradicating the cunning virus extremely difficult.

The researchers say the virus invades inactive immune cells and therefore largely evades treatment by even powerful anti-AIDS drugs. Their fear is that part of the latent pool can become active whenever drug treatments are stopped, triggering a new wave of disease almost indefinitely.

The scientists say it may eventually be possible, if drug therapy is continued long enough, to begin clearing out this latent reservoir, but they don't know how long treatment might have to be continued to accomplish this.

Young Gay Man's Suicide May Become Sarandon TV Film

HOLLYWOOD — Actress Susan Sarandon reportedly has just signed a deal with NBC-TV for a made-for-television movie based on the story of Bobby Griffith, a young gay man who killed himself because he could not "cure" his homosexuality as his religiously conservative family wanted him to.

If the movie gets made, Sarandon would portray Marry Griffith, Bobby's fundamentalist mother who told her son repeatedly for years that he was a sinner because he was gay and continually urged him to "cure" himself.

Finally, in 1983, Bobby jumped from a freeway overpass in Oregon, timing his leap so he was struck by an oncoming tractor-trailer, killing him instantly.

Later, Mary Griffith found her son's personal diaries and was so devastated by the young man's soul-wrenching struggle, she radically altered her religious beliefs and has spent the past 12 years working to help improve life for gay and lesbian young people and help them — and their parents — accept homosexuality as a "gift from God" rather than a sin.

The film would be based on "Prayers for Bobby" an acclaimed 1995 book by Roy Aarons.

Actor Sues "Out" in \$2.5 Million Defamation Action

LOS ANGELES — Tony Sabin Prince, a member of the Screen Actors Guild, has filed a \$2.5 million lawsuit against *Out* magazine, the slick, New York-based national publication charging defamation of character.

The suit charges photographs accompanying a May 1998 article about widespread drug abuse, and unsafe sex at popular "circuit parties" in various cities around the country defamed him.

According to the suit, the photos clearly show Prince dancing with another man, but were in fact taken surreptitiously and illegally at a private party at a Los Angeles club rather than at any of the circuit parties described in the article. The suit says the photos were taken and used without his knowledge or permission and incorrectly and "maliciously smeared" his reputation.

Prince's suit says he doesn't use recreational drugs, engage in unsafe sex, and was not at any of the circuit parties depicted in the accompanying article, "Dirty Dancing."

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Phelps Protest in Minneosta Flops

More Than 1000 People Rally To MCC's Support

Minneapolis — Fred Phelps Sr. was a no-show for a series of protests in Minnesota in late July, but his son Fred Jr. and 14 of his children, grandchildren, in-laws and members of the small Westboro Baptists Church in Topeka, Kansas, that Phelps heads did show up.

The Phelps clan picketed outside several churches in Minneapolis that welcome gay and lesbian parishioners, carrying the usual signs his anti-gay protests have become notorious for: "God Hates Fags," "AIDS Cures Fags," and the like.

Hundreds of counter-protesters also turned out, giving the Phelps group a chilly summer reception. At the largest counter-protest, outside the Basilica of St. Mary, the procession into early mass included four state gubernatorial candidates, along with virtually every openly gay or lesbian elected official in the state.

Crowds gathered on the steps of the church spilling out on the lawns and into the streets. The crowds burst into applause as the Attorney General of the State, Skip Humphrey, and 3 other candidates for governor lead a procession of numerous State Senators, State Representatives, and city and government officials into the sanctuary.

Over 600 packed into the standing-room only gathering to hear government officials, community leaders, and gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered spokespersons speak against hate in Minnesota. The Mayor of Minneapolis signed a proclamation making this day "Say No To Hate Day." Television cameras swarmed the church along with the print press and radio to over this event with such an incredible "who's who" list.

Outside on the street corner, Rev. Fred Phelps group sang hymns. They carried signs, with messages saying "Gays Are Going To Hell, Your Pastor Is Lying, Gays Deserve AIDS."

More than 400 people could not get into the sanctuary; they stood on the steps of the church and began to sing "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" as Phelps's group shouted statements of hate.

A reporter for the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* stated "It was amazing to hear the language that the Phelps's group used. I was shocked that this so-called Christian church would stand on the street corner and yell, 'you are all a bunch of butt-f****ers.'"

Outside the service were police officers who had gathered around the church

as early as 7:00 in the morning. Some asked if they could receive communion with the congregation.

Before protesting in Minneapolis, the anti-gay picketers had demonstrated outside the state corrections department in St. Paul, because the agency runs diversity training programs for prison employees and guards.

Church members had also protested outside city hall in Duluth against officials' support of openly gay former city planner Darrell Lewis, who had been offered a job as city planner in Topeka last year.

House Raps S.F. Partners Measure

Washington, D.C. — By a narrow 214-212 vote, the House of Representatives has approved an amendment by Rep. Frank Riggs (R-Calif.) to a veterans and housing measure that would deny millions of dollars in federal fund to the city of San Francisco because of its new domestic partners law.

The Riggs amendment would bar San Francisco from using any of federal housing funds to implement its domestic partners ordinance. The city measure, which is just over a year old, requires any company doing business under contract with the city to extend domestic partner benefits for its employees comparable to the spousal benefits it offers its workers. Since nearly all city housing projects would involve contractors, the new law could put a virtual halt to such housing programs and threaten between \$65 and \$200 million in federal funds.

Despite the two-vote margin in support of the amendment, Riggs was the only congressman to speak in support of his measure.

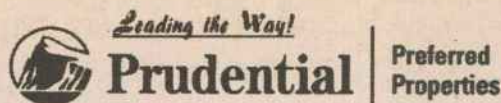
"I think we should take a stand," Riggs said. "We should not sanction domestic partner relations and say unequivocally that the American people respect and support rather than dishonor and undermine the family."

But opponents of the measure charged the Republicans' "support for local autonomy was eclipsed by their homophobia."

Openly gay San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano said of the Riggs' amendment, "I think it stinks, and those of us who feel that civil rights for the gay community is something to be complacent about need to take heed."

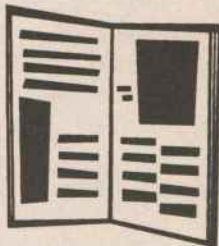
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New York Lesbians Becoming Major Athletic Supporters

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

New York — Lesbians are taking over Madison Square Garden - at least on the evening when the Women's National Basketball Association team Liberty is playing.

At a recent game at the Garden, one group of women held up a sign reading, "Hey WNBA. Lesbian Fans Are Filling Your Stands." It's probably not much of a secret, actually, but the presence of lesbians in women's sports — from golf to tennis to basketball — has often been a taboo topic in the past.

But the women attending Liberty games in New York say it's become a major social as well as sports outing for lesbians, many of whom show up with

their youngsters and hang out with friends.

Laura Perry, a director of "Dyke TV," the national TV program, says, "I definitely go to see other lesbians that I know. You go visiting from one section to the next, saying hello to everybody. Halftime is spent with my binoculars checking out who's in the stands."

Many lesbians who said they weren't especially interested in sports, say they have become "hooked" on the games at the Garden because it's a safe evening out with other women in a non-bar environment and because it's a "family friendly" form of entertainment.

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Manufacturing Problem with Norvir Revealed

Washington, D.C. (AP) — Patients who take the AIDS drug Norvir will soon have to use a liquid version of the medicine temporarily because a manufacturing problem means drugstores are about to run out of capsules, Abbott Laboratories said last week.

The liquid works identically to the capsules taken by tens of thousands of HIV patients, so patients won't be harmed, Abbott stressed. But even Abbott acknowledged that liquid Norvir tastes very bad. Some patients call it vile. So the company is advising patients to mix the liquid drug into chocolate milk or the nutritional drinks Ensure or Advera to disguise the taste.

Norvir, known chemically as zidovudine, is a protease inhibitor, a powerful type of AIDS drug. Taking protease inhibitors together with several older AIDS drugs has dramatically improved HIV patients' health. But these drug cocktails are customized, so patients cannot just substitute a competing protease inhibitor brand, and it's dangerous to skip doses. Thus, it is important for Abbott to have a liquid Norvir to substitute for the capsules.

Abbott began notifying doctors and pharmacists that for an unknown reason, newly made batches of Norvir capsules dissolve

improperly. The Food and Drug Administration is working with Abbott to solve the problem.

The manufacturing problem did not affect Norvir already shipped to drugstores, Abbott said. But that supply will run out next month. So patients who need refills will temporarily get the liquid, at the same price. Doctors or pharmacists will convert each patient's capsule dose into the proper number of teaspoons.

For more information, call 1-800-637-2400 or via the Internet: <http://www.norvir.com>

ARCW Sends AIDS Plan to State

Milwaukee — "Every two years, the state of Wisconsin sets its course in the fight against AIDS. ARCW recently presented the State with a comprehensive plan to prevent new HIV infections and meet the needs of people with HIV disease and AIDS well into the next century," said ARCW Deputy Executive Director Mike Gifford.

On June 15, ARCW presented its recommendations for the next state budget to the Department of Health and Family Services. Key components of

ARCW's recommendations include:

Wisconsin's first ever HIV prevention initiative focused on populations at highest risk for HIV including harm reduction programs, a statewide HIV prevention campaign and intensified HIV counseling and testing.

State developed standards of care for post exposure treatment for people with isolated and accidental exposure to HIV.

Privatizing Wisconsin's partner notification program to increase contact with people who may have been infected by someone recently diagnosed with HIV.

Enhancing community-based primary care for people with HIV/AIDS and achieving full access to medical care and drug therapies.

Increasing community-based AIDS services to increase adherence to and success with new AIDS drug therapies.

In the past four years, Wisconsin has reported 1,429 new HIV infections, a 31 percent increase.

"Wisconsin needs to make a meaningful investment in HIV prevention," said Gifford. "ARCW's recommendations, based on the State endorsed HIV prevention plan will save lives, particularly among Wisconsin's youth."

CAIR Study: Perceptions and New HIV Treatments Adversely Affect Safer Sex Practices of Gay Men

Milwaukee — Optimism concerning new HIV treatment advances has led some gay men to take fewer safer sex precautions, according to a study conducted by the Medical College of Wisconsin's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR).

Ninety-seven percent of the men surveyed agreed that safer sex is still important despite the availability of new medical treatments. However, 8% of all men surveyed and nearly 20% of HIV-positive respondents who are themselves on combination therapy regimens said that they practice safer sex less often since they became aware of the new treatments.

Protease inhibitor combinations regimens have dramatically improved the health of many people with HIV and AIDS, and news reports have informed a wide audience of these treatment advances. Because of this, CAIR investigators became interested in determining whether AIDS treatment advances have caused people to "let down their guard" about safer sex.

"The survey responses indicate that while most gay men continue to practice safer sex, a subset of men are less likely to follow safer sex precautions because of a perception that the new drug regimens make HIV and AIDS less threatening," says Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., director of CAIR, professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine, and principal investigator of the study.

Yet the threats of HIV infection and AIDS remain great. "The combination regimens are costly and difficult to follow, they do not work for everyone, and their long-term effects are not yet known," says Dr. Kelly. "The possibility of transmission of drug-resistant HIV strains is a potentially serious threat if safer sex practices

become less diligent."

The researchers also studied perceptions about the severity of AIDS since the advent of the therapies. Ten percent of all surveyed men believed that AIDS is nearly cured and 13% felt that the threat of AIDS is less serious than in the past. HIV-positive men were more likely than their HIV-negative counterparts to perceive AIDS as a less serious threat or as very nearly cured.

"It is understandable that people experiencing the benefits of the treatments were more likely to feel that the threat of AIDS is less serious now. The treatment advances have given new hope to many people, but that optimism must be accompanied by a recognition of the fact that AIDS is not cured, and it remains very important to maintain safer sex practices," says Dr. Kelly.

To combat public misinterpretation of HIV treatment advances, the researchers recommend that risk-reduction counseling be integrated into care and treatment programs for HIV-positive persons. In addition, public statements and media reports about AIDS treatment advances should make clear that an AIDS cure has not been found and that treatments for HIV can be very difficult and do not work for many people.

In addition to Dr. Kelly, other Medical College researchers involved in the study were Raymond G. Hoffmann, Ph.D., associate professor of biostatistics; David Rompa, program coordinator; and Michelle Gray, research associate. All are affiliated with the Medical College's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR).

tographs, but Prince is seeking damages from the magazine, its editor and publishing company, and the photographer who took the pictures.

Police Investigating Killing of 2 Chicago Area Men

Des Plaines — Police say they have no suspects yet in the apparent murder of two elderly gay men who had lived together in the suburb of Des Plaines for over 20 years, but they believe they may have met their killer through a local gay telephone dating service.

Police said Jack Winteringer, 67, and Richard Knight, 64, were found shot to death in their home.

Authorities said a check of the couple's telephone records indicated that someone had placed a phone call to a local gay dating service and that Winteringer had placed an ad with the dating service recently. They speculated that they may have met their killer through the ad and an investigating that lead.

Big Bucks Backing Lesbian Congressional Races

MADISON, WI — According to reports in the Milwaukee Sentinel Journal, state Rep. Tammy Baldwin is the top fundraiser in her primary campaign effort to get elected to Congress. The paper reports that Baldwin, a well-liked and respected state lawmaker, has raised \$305,779 in her primary race in a field of 10 Democrats in the race for their party's nomination.

Earlier in July, another lesbian seeking a seat in Congress, Christine Kehoe of San Diego, Calif., financially topped the other candidates in the primary there with a whopping \$706,000 campaign chest so far.

'Nonsense' Gets a Sex-Change

NEW YORK — Did you hear about the nun who had a sex change? Well, in case you didn't, it's the new off-Broadway production and remake of the almost indestructible musical "Nonsense" with an all-male cast under the title "Nonsense A-Men!"

Dan Goggin, the long-running show's creator and director, transformed the show using men just to see what a little gender-bending might do.

But despite the all-male cast, Goggin says, the sex-change hardly matters at all. "Nonsense A-Men!" is, he says, still what it's always been: a campy musical revue. The now-male nuns are still female characters in the musical and he says they "play the roles straight" — yes, he actually said "straight" — with no changes in the script.

Activists Occupy AIDS Czar's Office Protesting Needle Policy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — About a dozen AIDS activists occupied the White House Office on AIDS Policy to protest President Clinton's refusal to authorize federal funds for needle-exchange programs around the country.

The activists occupying the offices of AIDS czar Sandy Thurman, which is about a half block from the White House itself, hung anti-Clinton banners and signs in the windows and said they would occupy the offices until the administration changed its decision on funding the programs.

But in less than a half-hour, uniformed officers had removed all the demonstrators who were taken to a waiting police van. They were charged with disorderly conduct and freed on bail.

Study: AIDS Patients Not Taking Their Drugs Regularly

CHICAGO — A study published in the "Journal of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care" suggests another major problem with the impressive new protease inhibitors in fighting HIV may simply be that many patients on the new drug treatment regimens simply aren't taking the medications as prescribed.

The study found that 43 percent of 665 patients taking the new protease inhibitor "drug cocktail" said they had not followed the treatment regimen during the week before and a stunning 25 percent said they had missed taking the drugs as required just the previous day.

AIDS experts have repeatedly warned that not meeting the often complex treatment schedule for the drugs could completely undermine the effectiveness of the protease inhibitors.

Indeed, the survey also asked 100 physicians about their AIDS patients compliance with the treatment regimen, and nearly three-quarters of the doctors said the complex dosages should be dramatically simplified to help patients take their medications more easily.

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LGBT Community Center to Benefit from AIDS Walk

Milwaukee— The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Center applied and was selected to receive funds from AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

Funds from AIDS Walk Wisconsin will be used to support HIV/AIDS youth prevention services and programming at the new Center. However, should the Center not be open when the Walk distributes funds, funds will be redistributed to the other benefiting agencies.

"Half of all new HIV infections are among adolescents and young adults. This clearly shows the need for increased HIV prevention and education among young people," says Doug Nelson, ARCW Executive Director.

"AIDS Walk dollars will allow us to support HIV prevention services for Milwaukee's LGBT youth at the Center. We look forward to helping make the end of the AIDS epidemic a reality," said Sheila Zelenski, Center co-president.

The Center is inviting you to become part of our team. All funds team members raise will come directly back to the Community Center, and will be used to support youth HIV prevention programming. We urge you to help— Sign up for the Walk by calling 800-348-WALK and register for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center team.

For more information about the Community Center, visit the Center's web site at www.mkelgbt.com or call the Center's Hotline at (414) 483-4710.

Lambda Legal Defense Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Milwaukee— Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund's first fund-raising event in Wisconsin, a cocktail party and reception, was held on July 14 at the Fox Point home of Dr. Robert Starshak and Ross Draegert. Milwaukee Celebrates Lambda 25 marked Lambda's silver anniversary, as well as the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Midwest Regional Office in Chicago. The event raised nearly \$8,000 to support Lambda's work.

Over 100 supporters gathered on a sweeping lawn, overlooking Lake Michigan, to listen to Lambda client and Wisconsin native, Jamie Nabozny, speak about the years of anti-gay torment he suffered in school and about Lambda's role in his successful lawsuit against the Ashland school district. In 1996 Lambda won a historic federal

appeal, jury trial and \$1 million settlement for Mr. Nabozny.

Lambda Midwest Regional Office Managing Attorney, Patricia Logue, said, "Lambda gave gay and lesbian youth a vital tool by establishing, in Jamie's case, that public schools must protect lesbian and gay students from harassment and violence. The impact of this Wisconsin case has reverberated across the country and exemplified Lambda's work."

The July 14 event was one of sixteen events held across the country to celebrate Lambda's 25th Anniversary. Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is the nation's oldest, and largest legal organization dedicated to achieving recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men and people with HIV/AIDS.

New Harvest Announces Grants

Madison— The New Harvest Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to support lesbian, gay and bisexual well-being in Madison and surrounding Dane County, is pleased to announce the award of eight grants, totaling \$6,900 from its Spring/Summer 1998 grant cycle. The Grant recipients are:

AIDS Network— \$1,000 for development and distribution of high-quality educational materials for HIV prevention, targeted at lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered youth.

Malcom Shabazz City High School— \$1,800 for production and performances of a play and discussion sessions by local high school artists to educate other youth about homophobia in society, the justice system, and schools.

Flaming Dykasaurus— \$700 for the production and performances of a new musical comedy.

The United— \$1,000 to help defray cost of the merger with Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center.

Amber Ault— \$500 for a project addressing violence against and within lesbian, gay and bisexual communities.

Ten Percent Society— \$500 for a regional bisexual, lesbian, gay and transgendered college conference.

Wisconsin Council of Churches - \$900 for a conference addressing issues facing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Christians in Wisconsin.

Northalsted Market Days Set for August 8 & 9

Chicago, IL— Northalsted Market Days is Chicago's largest and most colorful two-day street fair— featuring national and local gay and straight entertainment, 350 vendors selling campy T-shirts, jewelry and art, food ranging from funnel cakes to portabella mushroom sandwiches and more than 250,000 attendees ranging from yuppies to drag queens.

The Bud Light Entertainment Stage, LesBiGay Radio Stage and ID Lubricant Stage will have entertainment daily from Noon to 9 p.m. Entertainment on the three stages will include headliners Michelle Malone, Cathy Richardson Band, "Hoot Night" with Tom Dunning and Peter Luna, as well as World Class Noise, Robert Cornelius 7, Zoogenic, Libido Funk Circus, Patty Elvis, Valerie James, Pulsatin, Tom Yore, Honey West, Gal-O-Rama, Samba Bamba, MollyCoddle, Ruth Buzzy and Scott Free.

Hosted by Northalsted Area Merchants Association, the festival's proceeds are used for neighborhood beautification, crime prevention and community projects. This year's fair will take place from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9, on Halsted between Belmont and Addison. A \$2 donation is appreciated. For more information on Northalsted Market Days, call (773) 868-3010.

Riverwest Rainbow Plans Annual Picnic

Milwaukee— The Riverwest Rainbow Association, a lesbian neighbors group in Milwaukee's Riverwest area, is hosting its third annual picnic on Sunday, August 15 at Milwaukee's Gordon Park from 2 to 5 p.m. Gordon Park is at the corner of Locust and Humboldt in Riverwest.

A great turnout is expected with this year's addition of a friendly volleyball tournament between other gay and lesbian neighborhood groups. Some food and beverage will be available. Gordon Park will provide a new setting to meet the many new and old neighbors of Riverwest and Milwaukee's other neighborhoods. Some food and beverage will be available, but picnickers are asked to bring food and drink to share if possible. For more information call (414) 225-1645.

1998 MAGIC Invitational Volleyball Tournament

Madison, WI— The Madison Volleyball Group recently sponsored the 1998 MAGIC Invitational Volleyball Tournament, which was held at Madison's East High School on Saturday and Sunday, July 18 and 19. This tournament was sanctioned by the North American Gay Volleyball Association (NAGVA) and registered 20 men's teams from across the Midwest that competed in three divisions.

The following is a list of each of the Divisions and their top three finishers. A Division: 1) Minneapolis - NADS; 2) Madison - No She Didn't; 3) Chicago - Assault. BB Division: 1) Madison - Dairy Queens; 2) Minneapolis - Spank Me; 3) Chicago - PacRim. B Division: 1) Pittsburgh - Royal Court; 2) Madison - Manoeuvres; 3) Minneapolis - Disco.

The Madison Volleyball Group will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary for the 1999 MAGIC Volleyball

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Grand Marshals Named for Windy City Rodeo '98

Chicago— Jim Flosi, President of AidsCare Chicago, and Tom Vance, Former President of the International Gay Rodeo Association (IGRA), have been selected as Grand Marshals for the 1998 Windy City Rodeo to be held August 29 & 30 at the Lake County Fairgrounds.

"I am pleased and honored, to lend my support to the success of the 1998 Rodeo. The gay and lesbian community has always been very supportive to their own community and assisting others in the fight against AIDS," stated Flosi.

"Illinois should be proud to have an association that's been working hard to rebuild a rodeo for Chicago to benefit their charity partners — and I'm proud to be asked to

be a part of that team," added Tom Vance

Windy City Rodeo '98 is produced by the Illinois Gay Rodeo Association (IL.G.R.A.), and will benefit five Chicago area community charities. This year's Charity Partners are AIDSCare, The Children's Place, Midwest P-FLAG, Open Hand Chicago, and Test Positive Aware Network. So far this season, IL.G.R.A. has contributed over \$4,000 to these charities through country/western themed fundraisers. Windy City Rodeo '98 is a Miller Lite IGRA Sanctioned Rodeo and is the largest annual event held by IL.G.R.A.

Windy City Rodeo is being held August 29 & 30, 1998 at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Grayslake, Illinois (Near Gurnee Mills Outlet Mall and Great America) from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 6:00 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$15 per day (valid either day), or available in a Weekend Package that includes both days of rodeo, a Saturday night dance held at the Hyatt Deerfield (hosted by SHORELINE Milwaukee), a Buffet Supper on Sunday evening, and 2 Member Happy Hours. Tickets may be purchased by phone by calling Box Office Tickets at (800) 494-TIXS, or by visiting Charlie's Chicago, Alcalá's Western Wear, or Unabridged Books in Chicago, Emerald City Nightclub in Antioch, or Designing Men in Milwaukee. Windy City Rodeo '98 is a partici-

pant in Milwaukee PrideFest '98, and is sponsored in part by Alcalá's Western Wear, Bacardi Limon, Charlie's Chicago, CopyZone of Albuquerque, Hyatt Deerfield, Miller Lite, Roscoe's Tavern, and The Unicorn Club.

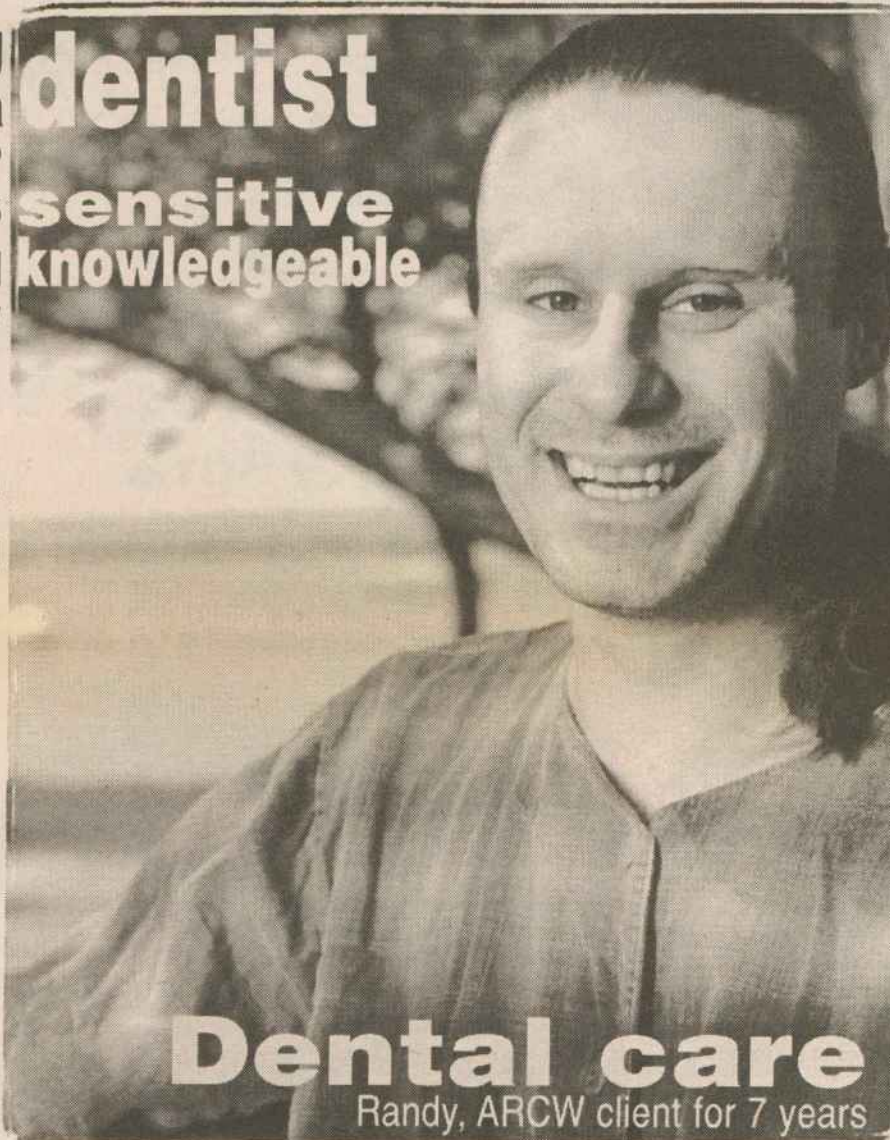
For additional information, please call the Windy City Rodeo hotline at (773) 529-4962.

H.I.T. Plans Casino Run

Milwaukee— The Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.) will be sponsoring a Casino Run on Saturday, August 15 to the Empress Boat Casino in Hammond Indiana. The cost per person is \$20 and includes round-trip motorcoach transportation, continental breakfast, free beer and soda on the bus trip, 3 gambling sessions on the boat, lunch and the all-you-can-eat dinner buffet at the Empress Casino.

The bus leaves promptly at 9 a.m. from the College Avenue Park and Ride, east side, and will return at approximately 9 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting any H.I.T. board member or by calling Peter at (414) 963-4037 or Rick at (414) 463-9849. Space is limited and is on a first-come-first-paid basis.

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Milwaukee G/L Film & Video Festival Set

Milwaukee — The 11th Annual Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival will be held from September 24 through September 27 and October 1 through October 3 at the University of Wisconsin Theater, 2nd floor, UWM

Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. Screenings are nightly at 7 and 9 p.m.

"Circumcision activists, lesbian time freaks, a femme-y teenage boy dressed as Wonder Woman, mothers against Jesse (Helms) in Congress, bisexual art thieves, defiant West Africans, masturbating interior design queens, curious farm boys, Jimmy Olson with a superman Jones, the oldest living African American lesbian, the University of Texas Pom Squad and some cheerleaders in space" will be among those depicted on screen, according to festival organizers.

Titles include "Uncut," a film about

circumcision and copyright from John Greyson, the director of last year's audience favorite, "Lilies"; "Dear Jesse," Tom Kirkman's award-winning documentary about queendom in Jesse Helms' North Carolina; "Dakan," the first gay film out of West Africa; and "The Sticky Fingers of Time," Hillary Broughers nonchalantly dazzling independent sci-fi pic.

Other titles are "The Female Closer," Barbara Hammers exploration of art history's enforced secrets; "Pony Glass," Lewis Klahr's one-of-a-kind animated wonder; "Treyf," Alisa Lebow and Cynthia Madansky's entertaining quest for understanding hyphenated Jewish-lesbian identity; and "School Fag," Richard Fung and Tim McCassell's lively monologue.

The festival is presented by the Department of Film and the School of Fine Arts at UWM, cosponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Studies Certificate Program in the College of Letters and Science and the UWM Women's Resource Center, and made possible through a grant from the Cream City Foundation. For more information contact the Department of Film at (414) 229-6015.

Pride Parade Float Lot Available

Milwaukee — The newly formed parade committee for PrideFest '98, has secured an empty lot with security for those wishing to construct a float for the

parade the weekend of August 28-30. This came about as a request from some people who do not have the space to construct floats for the parade.

The lot has been donated through the generosity of Gus from Gus's Cantina. It is directly behind the Sidney Hih building on Old World Third Street at Juneau. It may be used the entire weekend to construct and decorate floats. For further information contact Rick Finger, Parade Coordinator at (414) 272-3378.

Homosexuality Seminars Promote Bridge-Building with Churches

Milwaukee — The leaders of a national Catholic ministry group which advocates for justice for lesbian and gay people, will be leading three day-long workshops about lesbian/gay people and religion in Wisconsin during August 1998.

Francis DeBernardo and Cynthia Nordone of New Ways Ministry will be speaking about the many ways the Catholic church can and has reached out to its gay and lesbian members. Entitled "Building Bridges: Gay and Lesbian Christians and the Church," the workshop includes presentations on pastoral outreach, church statements, scriptures and spirituality, with opportunities for questions, comments, and interaction with participants.

The Building Bridges workshop will be held in Madison on Monday, August 17 at St. Benedict Center, County Highway M; in Appleton on Wednesday, August 19 at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 724 East South River Street; and in Milwaukee on Saturday, August 22 at St. Matthew Catholic Parish, 1138 South 25th Street. All workshops run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshops are designed for Catholic clergy and laity, educators, counselors, social workers, HIV/AIDS ministers, other professionals, gay and lesbian persons themselves, and family members and friends.

New Ways Ministry is a national Roman Catholic Ministry group which works for justice and reconciliation between lesbian and gay Catholics and the wider church community. It was founded in 1997 by sister Jeannine Gramick SSND, and Father Robert Nugent, SDS, two pioneers of ministry to lesbian and gay people.

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Christopher Krimmer

Selecting a Lawyer

What do a lawyer and a sperm have in common? They both have a one in a million chance of being human.

What do you have when a lawyer is buried up to his neck in sand? Not enough sand.

These are probably not new jokes to you. There are more lawyer jokes than there are lawyers — and there are a lot of lawyers out there! Yet, why does the American public have such a strong disdain for the legal profession?

Because some of us lawyers deserve it! There is no denying that some lawyers are unethical and these few "bad apples" have given the legal profession a bad name. But, it is important to note, that there are more good lawyers than bad lawyers out there. Here are a few tips of advice that will help you distinguish between the good and the bad.

Guarantees. No matter the legal problem, if a lawyer ever tells you that he or she can guarantee the outcome of your case, get rid of that attorney. If an attorney is ever so bold to make such a statement, he or she is either over confident or just plain ignorant. In either case, this is not a lawyer you want to represent you.

Unless the attorney happens to be clairvoyant, he or she cannot see in the future how your case will ultimately turn out. Many things can happen to your case from your initial visit with the attorney to the verdict or settlement. Evidence may not be admitted into the trial. The particular jury selected may not be empathetic to your legal stance. The judge may disagree with your lawyer's interpretation of the law. There may be a case precedent out there that your lawyer is unaware of that strikes your chances of winning significantly. The law is too complex and voluminous for any attorney to make any guarantees.

Advertising. There is a general presumption — especially among attorneys — that if a lawyer must resort to advertising, he or she must not be a good attorney. It was not too many years ago that the bar association forbade attorneys from advertising. Today, lawyers remain subject to professional ethical codes that limit how they advertise their legal services.

The simple fact is that in today's market there are so many attorneys that word of mouth alone no longer suffices. Attorneys need to get their name out in the public. Many good reputable and competent attorneys advertise either in print or on television. The important thing the consumer needs to consider is the quality of the representation offered in the advertisement. Does the lawyer come across professional? Is the advertisement informative about the lawyer's qualifications and experience? If the attorney is offering a free toaster with every initial consultation, you know something is just not right.

Fees. There are three primary ways an attorney charges his or her clients. First, the most common method, is to charge by the hour. Most litigation attorneys are paid by the hour. Clients should never hesitate in questioning the attorney about how he or she computes the hourly charges. For instance, does the clock tick if you were to call to just find out the status of your case? Or, does the attorney charge the same hourly rate for time spent in front of the judge as time spent waiting in court for your case to be called? In what increments does the attorney charge? By every five minutes? By every ten minutes? By the quarter hour?

Second, an attorney may quote a flat fee for a particular piece of work or rep-

resentation in a single matter. Most estate planning attorneys will charge a flat rate for their services which will vary depending on the document needed to be drafted. In some instances, attorneys do charge a flat fee for full representation on a single legal matter. However, be certain that you and the attorney agree on the extent of the attorney's representation on the legal matter. For instance, if an attorney agrees to represent you in a landlord-tenant dispute, does that fee include an appeal if you loose? Probably not.

Third, an attorney may ask you to enter into a contingency fee agreement. Almost all personal injury attorneys operate under these types of fee arrangements. Essentially, the attorney agrees to not charge the client anything unless. The client wins his or her case. Thus, if a client's case results in a favorable verdict or a settlement, the attorney would be entitled to a percentage, usually 30% to 33%. If the client loses, the attorney receives nothing for his or her legal services. An important caveat to the contingency fee agreement is that the client may be responsible for all of the costs incurred despite the outcome of the case. It is important that you discuss the issue of costs with the attorney.

The reason you want to question your attorney in the beginning about his or her fee structure is not to negotiate with the attorney, but instead to understand how you will be billed. This initial communication between the client and the attorney will help eliminate any surprises in the future which will in turn help foster the attorney-client relationship. If the attorney hesitates or refuses to clearly lay out his or her fee structure in writing, look for another attorney.

Gay and Lesbian Clients. Often, a person's legal issue touches on some very personal aspects of that person's life. The gay and lesbian client must feel comfortable discussing every aspect of his or her legal issue with the attorney. This is especially true if the legal issue involves the client's sexual orientation, like a gay man being discriminated against at his place of employment.

Even legal issues that do not directly touch upon the client's sexual orientation can become quite sensitive. For instance, a lesbian client should never have to feel awkward in telling her attorney that she wants everything in her will to go to her partner.

To make sure your attorney is gay and lesbian friendly, you may want to screen the attorney before making any trips to the attorney's office. Telephone the attorney first to discuss your legal matter. If at any time in the conversation you feel that the attorney does not respect who you are or what you are requesting, then it may be best to look elsewhere for your attorney. You may wish to simply ask the attorney whether he or she has represented gay and lesbian clients in the past. You will probably be able to tell more by how the attorney answers this question than what he or she actually states.

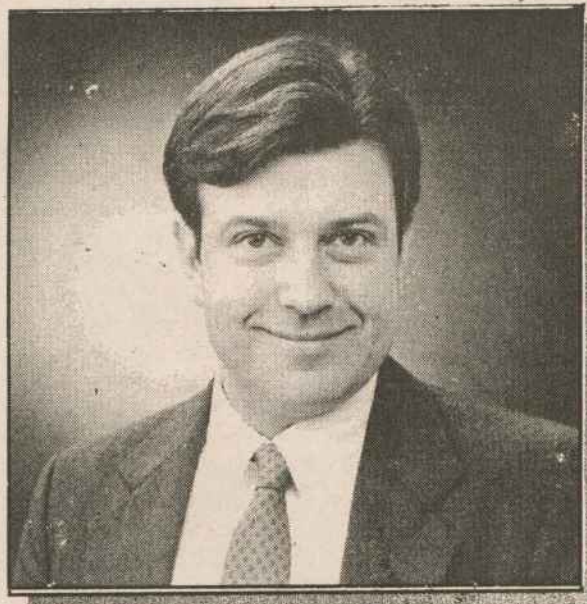
Selecting the right attorney is an important decision for everyone, but if you are gay or lesbian, the decision may be even more complicated. A starting point for your search may be attorneys who advertise in the gay and lesbian press or a referral from a gay and lesbian organization or friend that you trust.

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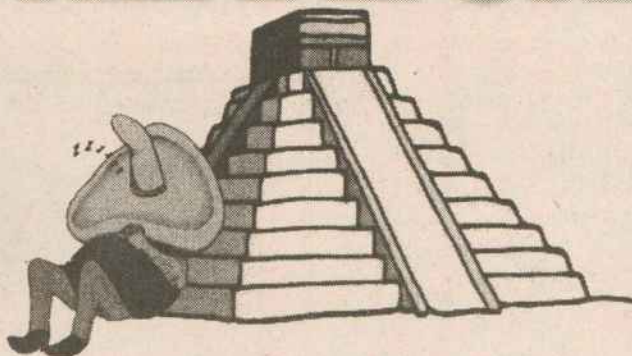
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Homophobia Hurts Everyone

by Warren J. Blumenfeld

In this season of increased public criticism of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people by political and "religious" conservatives, I cannot help thinking about something Frederick Douglass, the escaped slave and abolitionist, once said when he described the dehumanizing effects of slavery not on slaves alone, but also on white slave owners, whose position to slavery corrupted their humanity. While the social conditions of the 19th century were very different from today, nonetheless, I believe Douglass's words hold meaning by analogy: "No [person] can put a chain about the ankle of [another person] without at last finding the other end fastened about [his or her] own neck."

Though it cannot be denied that the scapegoating of LGBT people by conservatives serves their political interests in a number of ways, eventually this strategy will backfire and the chain will take hold of them.

In truth, homophobia (prejudice and discrimination against LGBT people) is pervasive throughout the society and each of us, irrespective of sexual identity, is at risk of its harmful effects.

First, homophobic conditioning compromises the integrity of people by pressuring them to treat others badly, which are actions contrary to their basic humanity. It inhibits one's ability to form close, intimate relationships with members of one's own sex, generally restricts communication with a significant portion of the population and, more specifically, limits family relationships.

Homophobia locks all people into rigid gender-based roles, which inhibit creativity and self expression. It often will stigmatize, silence, and, on occasion, target people who are perceived or defined by others as gay, lesbian, or bisexual, but who are, in actuality, heterosexual.

In addition, homophobia is one cause of premature sexual involvement, which increases the chances of teen pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Young people, of ALL sexual identities, are often pressured to become heterosexually active to prove to themselves and others that they are "normal."

Societal homophobia prevents some LGBT people from developing an authentic self identity, and adds to the pressure to marry, which in turn places undue stress and often trauma on themselves as well as their heterosexual spouses and their children.

Homophobia combined with sexphobia (fear and revulsion of sex) results in the elimination of discussions of the lives and sexuality of LGBT people as part of school-based sex education, keeping vital information from all students. Such a lack of information can kill people in the age of AIDS. And homophobia (along with racism, sexism, classism, sexphobia) inhibits a unified and effective governmental and societal response to the AIDS pandemic.

With all the truly important issues facing the world, homophobia diverts energy from more constructive endeavors. It also

prevents heterosexuals from accepting the benefits and gifts offered by LGBT people: theoretical insights, social and spiritual visions and options, contributions in the arts and culture, to religion, to family life, indeed, to all facets of society. Ultimately, it inhibits appreciation of other types of diversity, making it unsafe for everyone because each person has unique traits not considered mainstream or dominant. Therefore, we are ALL diminished when any of us are demeaned.

The meaning is quite clear. When any group of people is scapegoated, it is ultimately everyone's concern. For today, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are targeted. Tomorrow, they may come for you. Everyone, therefore, has a self interest in actively working to dismantle all the many forms of bigotry, including homophobia.

I believe that we are all born into an environment polluted by homophobia (one among many forms of oppression)

which falls upon us like acid rain. For some people, spirits are tarnished to the core, others are marred on the surface, and no one is completely protected.

Therefore, we all have a responsibility, indeed an opportunity, to join as allies to construct protective shelters from the corrosive effects of bigotry while working to clean up the homophobic environment in which we live. Once sufficient steps are taken to reduce this pollution, we will all breathe a lot easier.

Warren J. Blumenfeld is editor of Homophobia: How We All Pay the Price, and the Journal of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Identity.



Letters

On the Beach

group should tolerate overt sexual behavior.

Thomas Schutte
Mukwonago

Dear Editor:

In reference to your June 25th article on Mazo Beach: Quit Whining! Get Real!

Public nudity at Mazo Beach is legal; public sex is not. Tolerating public sexual behavior and gay cruising in the bushes will give the Christian Right a good reason to push for the close-down of Mazo Beach.

Traditionally, gays and straights have gotten along fine at the beach, but neither

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A message from the religious right:



In defense of our free speech.

Recently, Reggie White, Trent Lott, and Angie and Debbie Winans called homosexuals unnatural, compared them to alcoholic kleptomaniacs and said they are responsible for all the evil in the world. Homosexual activists then viciously attacked them as "backward," "bigoted" and "homophobic."

YOU CAN'T TALK TO US LIKE THAT!

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Anachronism: The Three Muscatels

by Dave Runyon

Is Ralph Ovadal a nut case? Most of us have probably heard about the billboards in Madison that say, "Homosexuality is Not a Family Value. Homosexuality is a Sin." In smaller letters below all this there is some citation which is a misquote from St. Paul and Ralph's phone number. At Madison's GALVANize GLBTQ Pride Rally a single-engine plane flew overhead trailing a message in red letters that read: "Homosexuality is Sin." Poor Ralph, he doesn't get other people's messages, i.e. he's too

If he [Ovadal] were the kind of Christian he's pretending to be, he'd be "first-in-line" volunteering at some place like Madison AIDS Network, but then, he's no Mother Teresa.

compulsive/obsessive to de-center to re-evaluate and reflect upon his emotionally rigid and disoriented behavior.

Christians consider the words of Jesus to carry more weight than St. Paul's words. Why has Ovadal missed the Second Commandment which is followed by someone asking, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan. I mean there is an obvious parallel between Samaritans being an underdog and the GLBTQ community being an underdog, but Ralph doesn't get it. How come a Christian doesn't hear the words of Christ? Indeed — especially the more important words.

He also persists after the Madison City Council declared, "Madison a city of tolerance," and said that the GLBTQ community are valued members of the city. The impact of Ovadal's neurotic attacks have instigated a west side apartment manager to badger apartment residents who had support messages on their lawns or signs in their windows.

The great oddity is that Ovadal probably sees himself as some kind of prophet with a family motto like Frank Lloyd Wright's "Truth Against The World," which bespeaks of a real 19th century tradition-directed personality (David Riesman's *The Lonely Crowd*, written in the late 1940s, but published and made must-reading in the 1950s; for more information see *Wilson Quarterly*, Summer 1998, p. 34 ff).

Indeed, Ovadal's behavior may be saying more about his school deficiencies wherever he went to school and/or Monroe's media connections with the rest of the world. Ralph's outlook is a throwback not to just one previous popular/cultural viewpoint that mainstream America has passed through, but two (the inner-directed and the other-directed) i.e. it's as if he somehow missed the mental transformation of the whole 20th century. He's a social, emotional, mental fossil/relic from an earlier century.

It would be a mistake in our perception to see Ralph's opinion as one that is Christian, for if it were, he would have noticed the New Testament's emphasis on compassion and support for those who are vulnerable (not that this message is missing from the Old Testament). Ralph is like the "kid" who failed a couple of grades in school and got left behind by a century. If he were the kind of Christian he's pretending to be, he'd be "first-in-line" volunteering at somewhere like Madison AIDS Network, but then, he's no Mother Teresa.

Ralph has replaced compassion with

hostile rhetoric. Thus, his comments resound like clanging cymbals or whatever St. Paul talks about in First Corinthians 13:1. Ralph is unaware that the word homosexuality was not in our language till the 1890s. Neither is he aware that the whole sex spin on the Old Testament story of Sodom & G was not there until the Hebrew text was translated into English! Ralph knows little, or nothing of higher criticism scholarship applied to the Bible during the past 130 years. Ralph is that classic example of one who has fallen through the cracks, so to speak.

Ralph Ovadal, Reggie White and Ron Greer, "The Three Muscatels" of social and political blunderers have become our allies without realizing it. These fellows are retarded big-kids who still think in terms of high school popularity contests over macho bravado. At a time when the Europeans are bonding together legally, the social hinterlands of the USA are still thrashing it out intently over gay equality and a single-payer national health care system.

How can the USA be so slow in joining the mainstream of industrial societies around the planet? It's the media who owns it, who controls it. On July 15th, ABC National News did a segment on "Gay & Politics in Madison, Wisconsin," where they narrowly focused most of the story on Ron Greer and thus, totally missed the real story. In its place ABC invented/created their own fantasy which they pawned off as news to the planet. I was in communication with one of their staff researchers a few weeks before.

I was surprised at the lack of general religious background in up-to-date literary journals and magazines of these ABC reporters from the religious section of this national news network at their home base in Dallas, Texas. The "grape-vine" has it that the educational background of at least one and maybe more of the ABC religious staff comes from evangelical schools. Why do I feel there is a foul wind blowing from the grassy knoll of Dallas, Tx., to Madison, Monroe, and Green Bay, Wisconsin?

There is a second pathology and it's there within the trio, and I fear for both them as well as those who are in their path. Obviously, these fellows are not only bullies; they are also attention-getting approval seekers. They select a class of people who are vulnerable, and they think that when they pick on the vulnerable, the rest of society will agree with and approve their belittling action. These are people who desperately need a stage and spotlight on themselves. This is their few moments of "celebrity" status.

Even negative attention must seem better than no attention at all. By pointing their fingers they think they are pushing themselves up by pushing others down. This trio is attention-retarded. Those who are vulnerable are just so much canon fodder in the attention-seeking scenario of the tragic trio who ride the tiger seeking a dramatic climax. People are made miserable due to their aberrant behavior, and if the trio is on a crescendo of escalating surprises that could be scary.

What do these three have in common with "Elmer Gantry"? They are businessmen who know how to tap into national coffers. Hucksters, wolves in sheep's clothing, wailing all the way to the bank. Well, I think they're just a little too late to cry WOLF. The Old Testament prophet Hosea said it best: "For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads, it shall yield no meal; if it were to yield, aliens would devour it." (8:7)



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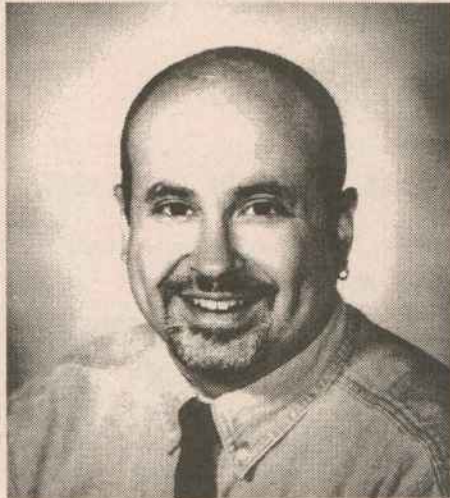
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Mark Pocan Runs for Seat Left Open by Tammy Baldwin

by Christopher Ott

Campaigning door-to-door in May, state assembly candidate Mark Pocan of Madison was asked, "You're not gay, are you?"

"My response was my automatic, 'Why yes, I'm openly gay,' which wasn't the right answer for him," Pocan recalled



Mark Pocan

at an interview in his campaign office. The man tore up Pocan's brochure, they argued, and Pocan eventually left. "I was kind of dumbfounded, because I had done about 5,000 doors, and this was the first person I had who was this obnoxious."

Pocan said he generally has received widespread support in his campaign to win the assembly seat being left open by Tammy Baldwin, who is running for the US Congress in Wisconsin's second district. Pocan is running against two other pro-gay Democrats, but there is no Republican challenger. "September 8th is the election," he said of the upcoming primary.

Pocan is no stranger to "doing doors," as he called the process of getting out to introduce himself to the 50,000 constituents of the 78th assembly district. Originally from Kenosha, Pocan helped his father there with local campaigns. "My dad was on the city council in Kenosha for a dozen years, and I used to do doors with him when I was eight," he said. Now 33, Pocan moved to Madison to attend the University of Wisconsin in 1982. He has had his own printing business in Madison for ten years, and has served as a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Unfortunately, Pocan is also not a stranger to anti-gay hostility. He was attacked with a baseball bat several years ago after leaving a downtown Madison gay bar. The attack left him unconscious, and he required stitches above and below one eye. Ironically, however, Pocan said that the attack helped propel him into gay activism. "They wanted to teach me a lesson and to keep me quiet," he said, "but it had the opposite effect." Since the attack,

Pocan has served on the board of the United and the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center. He also helped to found the Madison LGB Business Alliance, and has done work on behalf of AIDS charities.

Pocan is emphasizing four main issues in his campaign: education, the environment, fair taxation, and health care. If elected, Pocan said he is looking forward to working with other progressive legislators on statewide health-care reform.

"Wisconsin used to have this wonderful progressive tradition, in the spirit of Fighting Bob LaFollette, of being a policy innovator. We're saying let's come up with our own single-payer plan like Hawaii has done," he said. "You take away the profits and the overhead costs of insurance com-

panies and HMOs, and that helps fund more health care for more people."

Pocan said he also hoped to work on tax reform. "Wisconsin property-tax payers pay the second highest taxes in the nation, yet corporations pay the second lowest in the nation.... It's time corporations pay their fair share." Pocan said he's also strongly pro-choice.

Pocan is widely perceived as the race's front-runner, although no polls have been done. In any case, the district's voters have a choice of three strongly pro-gay candidates. Pocan's rivals are Mike McCabe, legislative liaison for the Madison School District for the last five years, and John Hendrick, a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

Hendrick said in a phone interview that his campaign is focusing on fighting urban sprawl, along with health and wage issues for families. He also said that he has been a longtime supporter of gay rights, including domestic-partner benefits, and he testified against AB-104, last year's anti-same-sex-marriage bill.

McCabe said that his campaign is emphasizing child care, education, and campaign-finance reform, and that he too is a strong supporter of gay rights. "I strongly support legalizing gay marriage, and actually think that would be the best way to deal with extending health benefits," he said.

Pocan said that all the candidates would probably vote the same way on most issues. "The biggest difference is stylistic. Both my opponents are a bit more quiet and laid back, perhaps those are the

officials who support a lot of our issues, but they'll never know the range of discrimination that we face," he said.

Pocan also said that as far as he knows he is the only openly gay or lesbian assembly candidate in Wisconsin this year, and he emphasized the importance of a personal gay presence in government. "When they see that you're so much more than just a label, that has far-ranging impact." He cited the effect that gay representatives had at hearings held in Wausau last year on the anti-same-sex-marriage bill. "That's really where you start making some movement," Pocan said.

Pocan said he would push for domestic-partner benefits at the state level, and believes that state governments can lead where the federal government cannot. "We're far more likely to get things done at a state level than they are at a national level. I think we can reasonably expect over the next few years to try to get domestic-partner benefits offered through the state insurance pool. That would have a huge impact."

Pocan said the Wausau anti-gay-marriage hearings played an important role in his decision to get into the race. "The Wausau hearing on AB-104 was probably the determining factor, just seeing the caliber — or perhaps lack thereof — of some of the legislative members, especially on the Republican side. With Tammy Baldwin leaving, I realized we needed someone who would be a strong progressive voice and a good out advocate, so I decided to do it."

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"Life's a Drag" Cartoonist Dead at 62



Robert D. Arnold, died on Monday, July 27 of liver cancer at Methodist Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. Arnold's popular "Life's a Drag" cartoon was published in *In Step* for over ten years. For the last twenty years, he was employed by C&H Distributors of Milwaukee.

Arnold was born in Minneapolis but moved to Rice Lake with his family in childhood. After graduating from high school, he attended Moody Bible College in Minneapolis for several years.

Arnold's love of entertaining and his gift of musical talent landed him in San Francisco where he briefly embarked on a singing career. He later returned to the Midwest and settled in Milwaukee in the mid-1950's. Milwaukee remained his home until his death.

His passion for antiques and his sharp eye made him a regular at Walker's Point antique stores and Rummage-O-Rama at State Fair Park. Arnold loved creating beautiful things and was well known among his friends for designing fanciful, even elabo-

rate cards and decorative pieces. He was able to work miracles with a handful of beads, a few feathers and felt markers.

"Bob's talents were not limited to just the fun and frivolous," close friend Greg Fillar told *In Step*. "He had a spiritual side many people were not aware of."

Arnold wrote poetry that resonated with a deep compassion and profound wisdom. In 1997, selected poems by Arnold were published in the book, *Words of a Miracle*.

The stylized line drawings and accompanying one-liners of Arnold's cartoon, "Life's a Drag" quickly made it a popular feature in the pages of *In Step*.

"His talent and humor will be missed," *In Step* editor William Attewell said. "I know that for many people, his cartoon was often the first thing looked for when the new issue hit the streets... Bob was a true original and can never be replaced."

Arnold will be deeply missed by many friends and co-workers, but especially by his dear friends Pat Ford and Horace Carpenter of Boston, Pat Merrick of Milwaukee and Gregory Fillar of Chicago. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on August 16 at First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor in Milwaukee. Donations in his name may be made to Camp Heartland, 3326 E. Layton Ave., Cudahy, WI 532110.

Editor's Note: One of Bob's last "Life's a Drag" cartoons can be seen on page 24.

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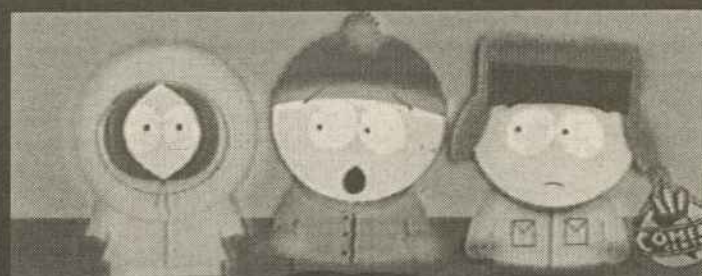


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Self-portrait, oil on canvas. © 1977 by Patrick Farrell

Patrick Farrell Retrospective at Charles Allis Art Museum

Milwaukee — Oil paintings by Milwaukee artist Patrick Farrell are on exhibit in the Charles Allis Art Museum's new Margaret Rahil Great Hall. The retrospective exhibition, which opened Sunday, August 2nd showcases Farrell's still-life and landscape oil paintings from public and private collections and will continue through Sunday, August 20 in the new \$1.5 million museum addition.

There will be an artist's reception on Sunday, August 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. with live music in the museum's French Parlor.

A number of recent paintings in the exhibition were never displayed in the Milwaukee area and acquired from galleries across the country. A signed, limited edition poster titled *Fruit in English Bowl* is available for purchase.

"I was overwhelmed seeing 60 oil paintings that I had created — all in one show at one time," Farrell told *In Step*.

Farrell illustrates a natural talent that has developed without formal art training of any kind. His oil paintings are currently shown at leading galleries across the United States and China. The painter's work has received numerous honors; recent recognition from his peers includes the 1994 and 1997 *John Young-Hunter Memorial Award* honoring his work in the *81st and 84th Allied Artists of America Exhibition*, National Arts Club, New York City.

"This display is by far the foremost show of my paintings, ever. I was very pleased to find that the earliest works hold their own very well with my current output," continued Farrell.

Farrell indicated that he is pleased that the exhibition demonstrates the diversity of themes in of his work from many years and many periods. One

painting, titled, "Luna Run — Homage to Friends Passed" holds special meaning for Farrell.

"Although I am best known for my still-life paintings," explains Farrell. "I feel this exhibition shows some of my best figurative works through the years. Of special interest is an oil painting [Luna Run — Homage to Friends Passed] that I created as a homage to my many talented friends who have lost their lives to AIDS."

Farrell's exploration of the demanding style of painting known as Magic-Realism had earned him a noteworthy place among leading painters.

The *New Art Examiner* stated: "Patrick Farrell is a master of illusion, a super-realist whose Trompe l'oeil style seems to deny the obvious fact that his works are "really" spots of paint on canvas."

James M. Auer, art critic for the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* wrote: "Ever the perfectionist [Farrell] has achieved wonders with Bartlett Pears, cherries, apples and lemons. He has become the John Singer Sargent of gleaming citrus fruit ... Similarly accomplished are his sun-struck Barbizon-style landscapes..."

Patrick Farrell has been exhibiting his work for over twenty-five years, resulting in his having had over twenty-five solo exhibitions and being included in countless group exhibitions internationally. His works can be found in public and corporate collections throughout the United States and numerous private collections internationally. Farrell is an Elected Artist Member of the Allied Artists of America, Inc., New York City.

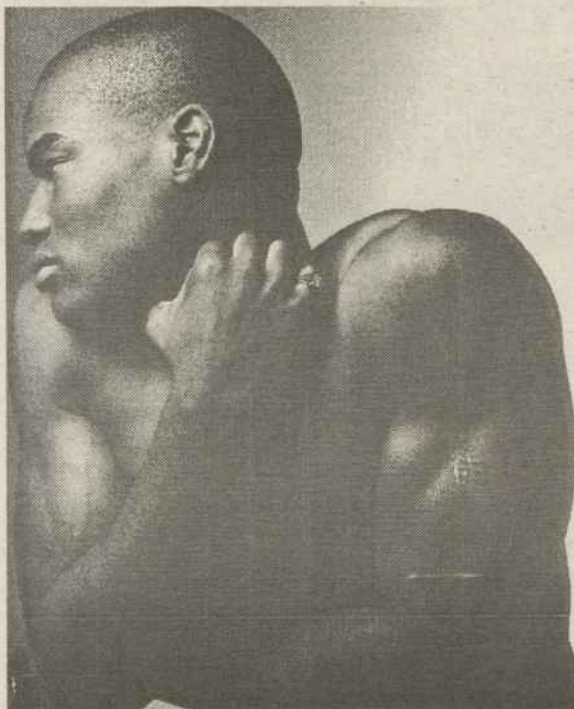
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre Announces 1998 '99 Season

Milwaukee — The 1998/1999 season of the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre is set to open with David Hare's Smash-Hit Play *Skylight* on October 17. MTC's 16th subscription season continues with Studio Theater productions of *The Old Settler* by John Henry Redwood and *Madam de Sade* by Yukio Mishima and finishes with back-to-back blockbuster

BODY & SOUL

With an introduction by writer and model Veronica Webb and comments by fashion and media luminaries, *Body & Soul: The Black Male Book* by Duane Thomas is an unprecedented, stunning visual tribute to black men and their role in contemporary style and culture.

"There's so much negativity surrounding young black men that it's refreshing and exciting to see this change take place. I wanted to create a book to document that progress and allow America to see African-



Tyson Beckford photographed by Marc Baptiste.

American men in a new light," states author Duane Thomas. As Veronica Webb explains in her introductory essay, there have always been images of black men in the media. At first they were rooted in racial ignorance and paranoia — images of servants, deviants and urban "savages". In the 60s the image of black men changed because the world at large and black men in particular began to consciously put forth a positive portrayal.

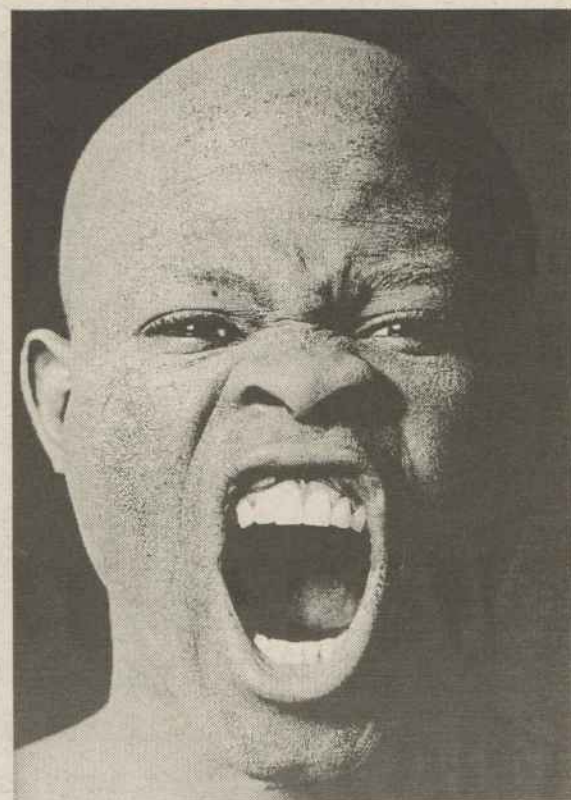
James Brown was telling the world "Say it loud! I'm Black and I'm Proud" and slogans such as "Black is Beautiful" abounded. By the 80s the media had slowly opened up to newer more real portraits of black men. Today's images of black men are as diverse as the men themselves: from NBA's bad boy Dennis Rodman to actor Cuba Gooding Jr.

"Hair has always been an important ingredient in black men's style. We've always been expressive with it," Lanier Long, makeup artist, is quoted as saying, introducing several photographs showing the feature of black men's hair at the book's center — (and throughout in other male images, notably two by Bob Frame of model Clayton).

A celebration of today's black men's style and beauty, *Body & Soul* highlights such 90s icons as: athletes Dennis Rodman, Michael Olajide, Allan Houston, and Roy Jones, Jr.; musicians Seal, Sean "Puffy" Combs, D'Angelo, Maxwell, Bryce Wilson and Wyclef Jean; models Tyson Beckford, Richard Elms and Jason Olive and actors Djimon Hounsou, Gary Dourdan, Chris Rock, Shemar Moore, and Mekhi Phifer.

Many of the photographs were shot exclusively for this project and were photographed by the top fashion photographers in the industry including Marc Baptiste, David LaChapelle, Michel Comte, Thierry Le Goues, Walter Chin, Bob Frame, Greg Gorman, Platon, Jesse Frohman, Ben Watts, Geoffroy de Boismenu, Norman Jean Roy, Kwaku Alston, Melodie McDaniel, Michael Williams and Bill Wylie. Contributing commentators to the book include: Halle Berry, Vivica Fox, Nelson George, Beverly Johnson, Susan Taylor, Mikki Taylor, Kevin Powell, Bethann Hardison and Emil Wilbekin.

Body & Soul author Duane Thomas is partner in a



Djimon Hounsou photographed by Greg Gorman.

design studio specializing in producing creative realizations for fashion and beauty advertising clients. He is founder of the New York based magazine *Noir*. He is a former freelance designer for *In Style*, *Vogue*, *Essence*, *Esquire* and *Details*.

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productions of Tennessee William's *The Night of the Iguana*, Bernard Shaw's *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, and Tony Kushner's *The Illusion*. It will be a season filled with human emotions, the extraordinary glories and vicissitudes of love, and the inseparable relationship of people's public and private lives.

Following the tremendous success of the 1997/1998 season, MTC will continue its tradition of offering premiere productions to the Milwaukee area. Tony Kushner, who wrote the epic *Angels in America*, took the 17th-century neo-classic style of Pierre Corneille's "L'illusion Comique" and turned it into *The Illusion*, an entertaining, enchanting and passionate comedy. Last seen at the Opera House in Brooklyn, *Madam de Sade*, written by Japanese novelist Yukio Mishima in 1965, five years before his public ritualistic suicide, is a play about a French writer and libertine that reveals the charismatic character through the women in his life. The rhythm and spirit of 1940's Harlem is preserved in *The Old Settler*, an award-winning play by John Henry Redwood which first premiered at the Charlotte Repertory Theatre in 1997.

Subscription packages, including a 6-Play, 4-Play Mini; 6-Voucher Flex Pass, a new 5-Play Wednesday Matinee, and a low-price student subscription, range from \$75 to \$165 and is still available by calling (414) 276-8842 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call to be mailed a free season brochure.

Single ticket sales are set to begin on September 8, 1998 at the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office, 158 N. Broadway in Milwaukee. Tickets prices range from \$15 to \$29, with student and senior discounts available. New this season is student half-hour half-price rush ticket discounts for every Cabot Theatre performance. Students who present a valid student ID at the box office one half-hour prior to curtain will be offered tickets for as little as \$7.50 in certain seating sections.

Special free events are again included to enhance the season, including the well-acclaimed MTC Viewpoints, Sneak Previews at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops on the Saturday prior to each opening night, and opening Night receptions that are scheduled for all Cabot Theatre production openings. These receptions include meeting the cast and having complimentary desserts and coffee. There will also be specially scheduled CurtianUp! preshow discussions and Talkbacks! throughout the run. Box office hours for the entire season are Noon to 6 p.m., or until curtain, Monday through Saturday, and Noon to curtain on Sundays on days of performance only. For more information call (414) 291-7800.

Picnic at The Bradley Sculpture Garden

Milwaukee — Pack a picnic and enjoy an afternoon at the Bradley Sculpture Garden Party, sponsored by Friends of Art (FOA), the Milwaukee Art Museum's (MAM) primary support group. The amazing 40-acre botanical and sculpture garden in River Hills is the estate of the late Harry Lynde and Peg Bradley, and consists of rolling hills, trees and ponds, and one of the finest sculpture collections in the United States. The 60 sculptures include works by Barbara Hepworth, Henry Moore, Isamu Noguchi, Ellsworth Kelly and more in a stunning one-of-a-kind location. Guided sculpture tours will be given, musicians will entertain, and children (admitted free with an adult) may participate in art-making workshops.

Picnic go-ers may either purchase food or soft drinks or bring their own picnics — elaborate or plain, (no grills please). The event runs from noon to 6 p.m. and will be held rain or shine. There will be no refunds. Tickets are available in advance at MAM Shops and locations throughout the city for \$8 and at the gate for \$10. The garden is about 15 minutes north of downtown Milwaukee at 2145 West Brown Deer Road. Parking is not permitted on the grounds, but free bus shuttles will transport guests between the Brown Deer Road Park and Ride (just off I-43) and the grounds every few minutes. For more information call the FOA Event Line at (414) 224-3852.

Spirit of Liberace in Present Music's 17th Season Opener

Milwaukee — Like Elvis, Liberace is dead but not gone. The centerpiece — the candelabra, if you will — of Present Music's Seventeenth Season Opener will be a homage to Wladziu Valentino Liberace and his extravagant stage persona by culturally-conscious composer Michael Daugherty. The piece, a piano concerto titled *Le Tombeau de Liberace* comes in four evocative movements with names like "Rhinestone Kickstep" and "Candelabra Rhumba."

Present Music's piano virtuoso Phillip Busch will

tackle the glittering tour de force, but not before an ersatz Liberace takes the stage. "We look upon this program as a costume opportunity," remarks Present Music's Managing Director Pamela Foard. "If you have a feather boa, or something with a little mink trim, by all means wear it. And remember: the more sequins the better. We want to fill the Milwaukee Art Museum with kitsch."

Other more sedate selections on the program will be *Evil Eye* by Kamran Ince, Henryck Gorecki's *Aria* for tuba, keyboard and percussion, and since Liberace must have its antithesis, *Bach Measures*, a setting of Bach chorale preludes by Harrison Birdwhistle. Since its a Present Music Season Opener, there will be a party. Glitterati are invited to stay after the concert for the wearable scenery, drinks and entertainment.

The event takes place at the Milwaukee Art Museum on Saturday, September 5 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$19, \$15 and \$7.50 for students. Advance tickets can be ordered at (414) 271-0711 with a Visa or MasterCard.

Broom Street Theater Presents "Gay Like Me"

Madison — Broom Street Theater presents its latest production *Gay Like Me*, and original comedy written and directed by Callen Harty. *Gay Like Me* is the story of a journalist who becomes gay in order to find out exactly what it is like to be gay in America. This is Callen Harty's sixth original play for Broom Street Theater. The production opened on July 31, and continues through Sunday, September 6.

In the cast, Broom Street veteran Kevin Bosley takes the role of John Griffin, the journalist who changed his sexual preference in order to find out the truth. Other Broom Street veterans are Joe Wiener, John Ferguson, Laurie Harty, Kathy Martin and Stephanie Turner.

All shows of *Gay Like Me* are at 8 p.m. on Friday Saturday and Sunday. The Broom Street Theater is located at 1119 Williamson Street in Madison. Tickets are \$7 at the door only (sorry no reservations). For more information please call (608) 244-8338.

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Boy George: Reuniting And It Feels So Good

by Jeffrey L. Newman

Nearly 14 years after becoming the first queen since Elizabeth to grace the cover of *People* and *Time* magazines, singer Boy George is doing what no one ever thought he would: reuniting with the members of Culture Club.

After a much publicized break-up, and years of back-biting and cat-fighting between George and the band's members, the thought that this one-time chart topping group would be on the same stage together was as much a possibility as Boy George and George Michael shagging up together in a nearby park.

But then the expected is not something that Boy George makes a habit of doing. Unpredictable and tenacious, the singer has built his career by throwing curve balls.

This summer Culture Club, with all of its original members including George, Mikey Craig, Roy Hay and Jon Moss, makes its return, nearly 12 years after its

more and more possible to maintain a friendship with lovers. I never could have done that as a teenager or in my 20s. If you have loved someone, it never goes away, and it's important to cherish that," says the singer, who recently ended things with his boyfriend of 10 years.

"I'm a vastly different person from who I was when I was 18. It's all water under the bridge now. We're all a lot older. John and I aren't in a relationship any more. We can be slightly more objective. Plenty of people have perfectly amicable relationships with ex-wives and ex-lovers. It's a modern thing to do. We've been through the good and bad, and now we're moving on from that. It's the best thing you can do for the spirit and the soul."

Born George O'Dowd in London in 1961, the singer came into prominence 12 years ago as the lead vocalist and staple drag queen for the pop group Culture Club. With flamboyance and extreme tenacity, the group amassed a collection of number one hits including: "Do Your Really Want To Hurt Me," "I'll Tumble For You," "Karma Chameleon," "Church

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unceremonious demise. The band is touring this summer with the Human League and hits Milwaukee on August 16 at the Wisconsin State Fair.

They are also part of a summer long *VH-1 Storyteller* special, featuring musical performances and interviews with the group's members, and Virgin Records will release a two-disc "VH-1 Storytellers-Greatest Hits" package on August 11. One disc will be a greatest hit retrospective, while the other will feature the live performances from *VH-1*, including some newly recorded, never released tunes.

"People don't take me as seriously as a solo artist, as do they do when I'm part of a band. They find me more interesting as part of Culture Club. It gives the band an edge. It's part of what this band is about. And now that all of our secrets are out, people will understand our songs better. I certainly know I do," the 37-year old singer says.

"Culture Club was such a big thing. It's really difficult to escape from that. Look at David Lee Roth, he had the same problem. Any artist who is associated with a big band does. Only a handful of artists has been able to do that successfully," he adds. "But we never complete our cycle. We never topped *Colour By Numbers*, which was the perfect pop album. After that we became too bogged down with being fabulous and living a luxurious lifestyle. Music became secondary. This should correct that."

And he says the band has moved on from their earlier troubles, which included George's highly publicized bout with drug addiction and his tumultuous relationship, sexual and otherwise, with drummer Moss.

"Jon and I are still best friends and very much still a couple, we just don't shag each other any more.

As we I got older, I realized that it was

of the *Poison Mind*," "It's A Miracle," and "War." Their debut album, "Kissing To Be Clever," spawned more hit singles in their native U.K. than any other debut album since the Beatles.

George skyrocketed to international fame. His photo was featured on the cover of nearly every major magazine from *Time* to *Newsweek*. His every movement became fodder for the gossip columns. And equally, he was known for his quick, saucy retorts. By the late-1980s the group had disbanded. In 1987, George was arrested for possession of heroin. That same year he released his first solo recording, *Sold*. A mild hit in the U.K., the album peaked at number 145 in the U.S. on the *Billboard* Top 200.

His single, "Crying Game," a remake of the 1960s ditty that was featured in the hit movie of the same name in 1993 helped spark a renewed interest in Boy George. The song landed in the top 10 of nearly every important music chart in the U.S. and abroad. It gave him a reemergence into the '90s music scene; something he severely lacked on previous releases.

But despite the song's success, and his achieved acclaim as a club DJ and underground dance music producer, his three other solo albums, the most recent of which were 1996's *Cheapness And Beauty*, failed to ignite a spark with consumers, especially in the U.S. where sales were significantly low.

In 1995, we wrote an autobiography, *Take It Like A Man* (Harper Collins). It was his cathartic way of letting go of excess baggage and old emotional wear and tear. It covered the singer's life from his working class childhood through his coming-of-age as a gay teen, then a gay man and eventually, a celebrity.

With humorous anecdotes and detailed accounts of his sorted past, the

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book dealt with the good, bad and the ugly, including his abusive relationships, heroin addiction and his fall as the reigning queen of pop.

"Writing the book was definitely a way of working things out, answering questions, making sense of my life. I said this is my past and that's that. It's history now. Good-bye. Gone forever," he says. "But you know, a lot of that stuff has been gone for a long time. I mean, it's been (12) years since Culture Club, Jon, my heroine addiction. It's all behind me. I got really successful and then

outed because of the way I looked," he recalls. "Coming out was never something I did conscientiously. I wasn't waving a political flag. But at a certain point, I knew I could not live my life in the closet. Publicly I didn't declare myself, it just got to point where I had to live a fulfilled life and say, 'this is what I do, I'm happy about it, and if you don't like it tough,'"

And he knows that, like he experienced, George Michael is likely to see some consumer backlash to coming out.

"In America there are certain sections



fell really hard. But, I've worked my way back up and I'm happy with the direction my life is going."

One target in his book is George Michael, whom George has been out spoken about over the years in his desire to see the former Wham frontman come out of the closet.

And with Michael's recent arrest for lewd behavior in a public Beverly Hills park and subsequent coming out, George

that will stop buying George Michael records as they stopped buying Culture Club records. They're tolerant, as long as you're not in their face about it. They're tolerant, but they don't want you to be open. And the more open you are, it separates you from certain record buyers," he says.

"It certainly happened to me," he adds. "The upside for me is that my life is a lot better now, there's not much of a sacrifice. I do not have to live a lie. Having lots of

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has had fresh material to take Michael to task with.

"It's really a misconception that I'm picking on him. I don't think there's anything wrong with the things I've said. I'd be doing him a disservice if I didn't harass him about coming out. I don't care what you are — I don't care if you shag dogs, — but I believe people in the creative industry have a responsibility to be out in this day and age," says Boy George defiantly.

"I don't see outing as a bad thing. It's just another way to be honest," he adds. "When he released 'Listen Without Prejudice,' and the videos started coming out with naked boys and homoerotic images; I thought it was his coming out album. But then there he was promoting this heterosexual stereotype with 'I Want Your Sex,' and things like that. I felt as if he were scouring a few stepping stones across the pond to test the waters without ever getting wet. He was trying to say it, so I just helped him out and said it for him. It wasn't like I fucked him for no reason."

George is quick to admit he wasn't that out when he first hit the scene with Culture Club, and that, like Michael, it was a process — just not one that took nearly 20 years to do.

"I never declared my sexuality when I was with Culture Club. I was politically

secrets is unhealthy in the long-term. If people aren't liberal and open, I don't want them buying my stuff anyway."

And with the revival of the band, the new album and his plans for another solo release within the next year, Boy George is a much more relaxed, comfortable person.

"One of the things that has changed for me is that, for years, I expected people to hate me because I am gay. Now I've concluded that it really isn't a big deal, and because I feel comfortable about my sexuality and my life generally, people react in a different way," he says. "I don't have a chip on my shoulder the way I used to. I've come to terms with a lot of things about myself, and I'm comfortable with the choices that I've made in life."

Culture Club will be play at Wisconsin State Fair on August 16

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Milwaukee Parents and Friends are Waving the PFLAG

by Dorothy Austin
of the In Step Staff

Local PFLAG activists are buoyed by success in funding five billboards promoting the awareness and acceptance of lesbians and gays in the general community.

"Someone you know, and love is gay" the billboards read. They also include the PFLAG hotline, 414-299-9198, for parents and friends.

The billboards are at Appleton Ave, and Cortland, Center and Richards Streets, Fond du Lac and Stark, Fond du Lac and 39th Sts., and 9th St. and National Ave., off I-94. Now members are hoping to raise more funds for educational efforts.

PFLAG, a 16-year old national organization with 421 affiliates, includes some affiliates with \$100,000 budgets. The Milwaukee affiliate, however, has a \$2,000 budget, is seeking more financial support, and is pleased so far with its progress.

Elna Hickson, director of the group, reports that the educational aims now are to establish booths and distribute informational literature at special events, to make counseling and support resources available to parents and friends, and to help those young persons who are beginning to be aware of and question their sexuality. The PFLAG mission is to encourage tolerance, advocate for equality and create a safe environment.

The informational literature includes brochures designed to be answer questions which parents and friends may have at different stages of their journey toward understanding. Among them is one entitled "Be Yourself," with questions and answers for young teenagers;

Its advice is temperate and cautious. In essence, it suggests: Come out only if you wish to, and only when you're ready, and perhaps in stages, only to someone you wish to tell, and then perhaps to a few oth-

ers, in stages. It warns of prejudice and possible dangers. And it also suggests that the young person takes his or her time with this decision, and not to feel rushed or to allow others to rush them. And it also warns that some family relationships never recover, that some young persons are thrown out of their homes. It suggests caution, preparation, and assessment of their parents' attitudes before making a decision to come out to them.

Other brochures include "Journey to Gratitude," for parents and friends of lesbians or gays; "The Next Step" for parents and friends who may wish to speak out on behalf of their children and friends, and "Our Daughters and Sons," with questions and answers for parents and friends. Also, available are copies of sermons from accepting churches and membership brochures from other PFLAG groups.

Another brochure, "Beyond the Bible," responds to religious issues. Among the suggestions explored in some depth: Keeping your own belief, Encouraging change, changing congregations, investigating other denominations, and finding faith on your own. Examples are given of some parents who elect to stay in their churches and work quietly for change, while others prefer to find other denominations. All choices involve some degree of adjustment or difficulty, but religious resources and recommended readings are given.

The Milwaukee affiliate meets once a month at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, ELCA, 9235 W. Bluemound Rd. Although the group has a mailing list of 89, members who attend meetings regularly number about 30, with a corps of 10 activists.

Mrs. Hickson described the organization, its aims, and her personal view and involvement in a lunch hour interview.

She said that the group checks its hotline daily, and responds to calls from parents whose reactions on learning that their



Elna Hickson

children are gay or lesbian range from troubled, dismayed, angered, or saddened to shocked and horrified.

Often the parents will come to PFLAG meetings at which they can express their feelings and then listen to the experiences of other parents who have at length come to terms with the situation in their families. Then, when they have learned what they could, and made some kind of adjustment, they will drop out of the group. Some parents cannot bring themselves to attend a meeting, and arrangements can be made for them to see a counselor in private.

"It's an emotional process," she said. "Some can work through it in one or two weeks, perhaps saying, 'well, that's it, that's the way it is.'"

"But for others, it is a total grieving process, like the death of the person they knew, and they have to go through all the emotions akin to those involved in grieving — anger, sorrow, pain, and the feeling that nothing is ever going to be the same, and that little from then on can be good for their child."

Often, parents say, they cannot tell the grandparents, because they would "just die." But, she said, the grandparents sometimes take the news better than the parents.

Every situation is unique, just as every individual, gay or straight, is unique. Some parents decide to stay with the group, take comfort from the sense of community with newfound friends and try to help others and the group itself, financially or practically, at special events and fundraisers.

They meet on the third Sunday of the month, from 6:45 p.m. to 9 p.m. One meeting will be devoted to a "caring and sharing" session and the next will begin with the same theme, but will also feature a program or speaker.

Since March the chapter has held three fundraisers, including a dance sponsored by the 4-F Collective at Woody's, a subdivision rummage sale, and a Tim Claussen jazz concert at Plymouth Church. Bridget Vojcsik has headed the fundraising efforts, including many telephone calls. She was especially grateful for a check from Potawatomi Bingo which will enable PFLAG to decorate a Pridefest trailer.

Elna has served on the MPS gay and lesbian advisory committee since 1995, working to create a safe climate in the schools. She also likes to work with the Parents' Advisory Board, because she

regards working with parents, churches and community groups as essential to effecting change in the acceptance of gays and lesbians.

She also works with a committee which reviews the curriculum for the at risk behavior, particularly for risk of HIV infection. Her own focus is on the children, especially middle school children, she said.

"I think we should let the kids be themselves," she said. She said that some children are clearly gay or straight, but that others, in the middle school years, are apt to "bounce back and forth," and that each should be allowed to find his or her own way.

Her interest and activism are rooted in her own experience. She knew that her son was gay from the time he was a child, she said. But, she said nothing about it, nor did he.

"I was in the closet as well as he was" she recalled. Then, years later, when her husband became aware of his grown son's sexual preference, he exploded.

"He had a difficult time of it," she recalled. "It was not until his son, and his partner were about to leave for the West Coast that the father decided he would be willing to be seen in public with them. And that was years ago. It takes time."

She recalled the summer when she read extensively, particularly one book, "My Son Eric." She would read, and then send copies of some pages to her son, who ignored them. It was not until later, when someone told him that he should be proud of his mother, that he agreed that he was. He had been concerned about his privacy.

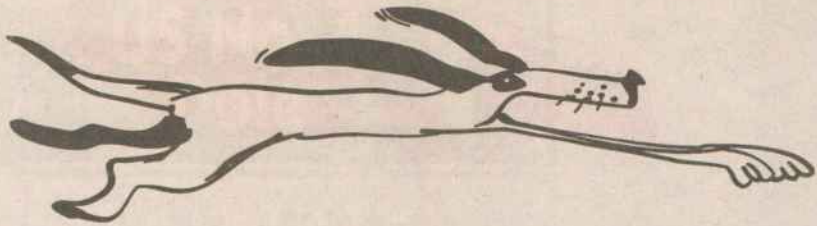
Meanwhile his father has become a volunteer at some PFLAG events, staffing the pizza booth.

The mother's hope is that every parent and friend of a lesbian or gay will be an activist in some way, even if it is only being able to speak with pride of the relative or friend.

She is involved in many activities part from her commitment to PFLAG. She plays the organ at her church, is a pianist and accompanist and does vocal coaching. She has been an assistant to the president of a college in Massachusetts and has a degree in business, but somehow missed taking a degree in music.

One of her real joys is being an activist for PFLAG. She says she'll never be in the closet again.

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Joan Crawford Week on Cable; Aug. 17-23



Young Joan Crawford, circa 1920

by Kevin John
of the In Step Staff

Okay, it's best to just say it. Turner Classic Movies on cable television will be showing forty-three (!) Joan Crawford films for *Joan Crawford Week* Aug. 17-23. 43! This is where the need to gobble up great film libraries meets the need to possess a star utterly in an act of generosity uncommon in gluttonous multi-billionaire imperialism. Each bout of material insanity is exactly proportionate to the other. Ah, late capitalism!

Because I've long since been diagnosed with the above insanity, *Joan Crawford*

Week has me pogoing up and down (since I can't do backflips). But the programming has put my obsessional disorder into overdrive. For instance, I noticed that TCM will be showing every film Crawford made at MGM in the 30's save for three (out of twenty-five): *Letty Lynton*, *Rain* (both 1932) and *The Women* (1939). I had some ideas about their MIA status but I interviewed Charlie Tabesch, Vice-President of Programming at TCM to find out why.

Now I knew why *Letty Lynton* wasn't being aired but I wanted to hear how TCM would put it. Plainly, it seemed. MGM lost a plagiarism case over the film resembling the play *Dishonored Lady* too closely in 1932 and it's been unseen ever since. "We've been looking at going to the heirs of the author but the copyright on the play expires in a few years," explained Tabesch. Good! I think the public deserves to see a film that Edith Head called the single most important influence on fashion in film history (akin to *Flashdance* resting in moratorium for over sixty-five years).

As for the other two, "*The Women* is in an HBO window on running it. They licensed it from us but we can't run it right now," said Tabesch. "And *Rain* is a public domain film but we had so many films as it is," he continued. But the sad thing about those two films not being shown is that they're the only two films she made in the 30's (the height of her popularity) that

are absolute must-sees. *Rain*, in particular, is of the utmost importance here. 1932 audiences didn't want to see Crawford as the fiery South Seas putain Sadie Thompson and even Joan herself felt she gave an "unpardonably bad performance." Well, history has pardoned her because the intensity of her Sadie can match just about any 90's dramatic style you care to name.

After that, Crawford rode out the remainder of the decade with a return to the programmatic rags-to-riches product that Depression audiences lapped up and current audiences have rightfully forgotten. Too bad F. Scott Fitzgerald was too drunk to bring the script he was writing for her to fruition. Judging from his notes on viewing *Chained* in 1934 ("She cannot fake her bluff; she must be driven."), he knew the ingredients for a memorable *Harriet Craig* (1950 — almost all of her 50's films are absolute must-sees).

So given that most of Joan Crawford Week is given over to these 30's potboilers, the sane viewer can skip the first four or five evenings with a few exceptions. But stay in Saturday night for her Warner Bros. work. We all know about *Mildred Pierce* but do not miss the 1947 *Possessed* which, for making the viewer completely uncomfortable, has Scorcese's *The King of Comedy* for company. And some say there were no heavy, unpleasant, cynical films before 1967!

Sunday showcases her horror films of



Pepsi Generation Joan.

the *Baby Jane* variety. They're trashy but they're also lots of fun. Overall, though, *Joan Crawford Week* is a great endeavor for how it caters to the freak and not the masses and this freak appreciates the magnitude of the effort. I just wish it could've been around when I was a twelve year-old young JC. But then what would I have done with the rest of my life.

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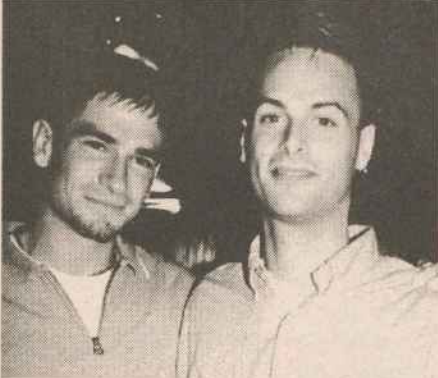
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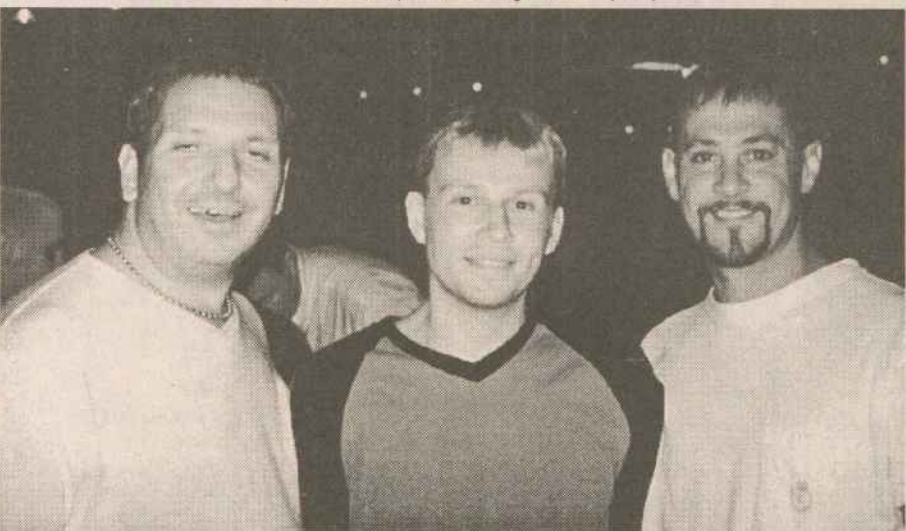
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Wednesday, August 12 @ 5pm

U-Can Drink Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milwaukee): 75-cent tappers and \$1 Off drinks 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

Fridays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Check your Monthly Planner. \$100 drawings. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Club Night. Chicago's Leather and S&M Clubs welcome. Pit open.

Club 94 (Kenosha): DJ Jeff's party. 10 p.m. to close.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cocktail Hour 1/2 Price Drinks. Male Strippers.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Eagle (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 all mixed drinks.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bonge. No cover before 9 p.m.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Friday Night Dance Party! No Cover before 9 p.m. Live DJ at 9 p.m.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

LaCage (Milwaukee): LaCage Showcase. Show starts at 11 p.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

Mad Bar (Madison): Open 9 p.m. Visit Madison's Premiere Back Room Men's Bar! Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Fish Fry 4 to 10 p.m. Open menu specials.

Manoeuvres (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. with the Happy Hour Wheel. You get a spin of the wheel with every regular drink purchased & you can win another drink, shots, beer bash & more. DJ Tony Ritchard spins at 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials & impart beer specials. DJ/Dancing.

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): Fish Fry \$6.95 for all you can eat! Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Butch Nite at the Back Bar only! 50¢ off all drinks for those in leather.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$1 domestic bottles 9 p.m. to close.

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 7 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Dr. McGillicuddy \$1.50. Pumpkin Pie \$1.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cric.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): All chilled shots \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milwaukee): 75-cent tappers and \$1 Off drinks 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

Cell Block (Chicago): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot until 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bane DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Drawings for Eagle Leather all night. Pit open.

Club 94 (Kenosha): DJ Jim's party 9 p.m. to close.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea Dance, free eats!

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Eagle (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 all mixed drinks.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Super Saturday Night Dance Party! DJ Bonge No Cover before 9 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.

Mad Bar (Madison): Open at 9 p.m. Levi/leather uniform night! 50¢ discount for appropriate Levi/Leather/Uniform attire.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Bar opens at 3 p.m. Early Bird Specials 3 to 6 p.m. Grill hours from 4 to 10 p.m.

Manoeuvres (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. with the Happy Hour Wheel. You get a spin of the wheel with every regular drink purchased & you can win another drink, shots, beer bash & more. DJ Tony Ritchard spins at 10 p.m.

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Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): DJ Tyrone. Buy your first drink & get your second one FREE at the Back Bar only!

Scooter's (Eau Claire): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Hot Sex \$1.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): 80¢ tap beers, \$2 Bloody Marys, Screws, Greyhounds. All until 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Open 30 minutes prior to Badger games or 4 p.m. Free shots for Badger Scores!

Bar Events:

Thursday, August 6

Cell Block - Erotica '98 (Chicago, IL): The Chi-Town Squares & Gerber Hart Library are teaming up to bring you a great selection of erotic materials and raise funds for the library in the process. Come and look and buy!

Illinois Gay Rodeo Assn. - Harley Quinn Royalty Fund-Raiser Show (Chicago, IL): Takes place at Charlie's, 3726 N. Broadway at 9 p.m. The second ILGRA contestant performs to raise his minimum \$250 contribution to charity. Capped off with a Pie Auction.

LaCage - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, August 7

Cell Block - Fetish Night (Chicago, IL): Every Friday is Fetish Night. Check your monthly planner. Tonight it's Jake from Painless Piercing.

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Illinois Gay Rodeo Assn. - Mr. Charlie's Man of the Month Contest (Chicago, IL): Takes place at Charlie's, 3726 N. Broadway at 10 p.m. The August charity is the AIDS Ride. Find out who will take Kurt's place on the wall as Mr. August!

Magnolia's Grill at the Douglas Dunes - (Douglas, MI): They are located at 333 Blue Star Highway. Strippers every Friday. The Pool Bar is open seven days a week. T-Dances every Sunday from 5 p.m. until ????. Anyone in underwear gets half-price drinks. Burgers, Drinks & Hot Music. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Saturday, August 8

Cell Block - Northalsted Street Days (Chicago, IL): The Northalsted Merchants Association throws the biggest and best damned two-day street party in the country. Cell Block will have a booth at Halsted and Adeline. Look for the tent with the leather pride flag and join in the fun.

Sunday, August 9

Fluid - (Milwaukee): Join Trixie on the piano from 7 to 11 p.m. FMI call 645-8330.

Manoeuvres & Mad Bar (Madison): Mr. Capitol City Michael K. will host an evening of entertainment featuring lots of local talent. Showtime is at 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12

Club 219 - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Thursday, August 13

Illinois Gay Rodeo Assn. - Indoor Rodeo (Chicago, IL): Takes place at Star Gaze, 5419 N. Clark at Balmoral at 8:30 p.m. This is the summer countdown to the Windy City Rodeo '98. The return of the ever popular Bull Toss & Shot Rope events. Winners receive a bar tab, T-shirts, tickets to the rodeo and Miller Lite ballcaps.

Friday, August 14

Cell Block - Fetish Night (Chicago, IL): Every Friday is Fetish Night. Check your monthly planner. Tonight it's Water Sports. Win a \$100 Male Hide Gift Certificate.

Saturday, August 15

Illinois Gay Rodeo Assn. - Rope-A-Cowgirl Party (Chicago, IL): Takes place at Alternative Connections, 226 W. Ontario (downtown) at 7:30 p.m. Rope a date, learn the 2-step and play rodeo games.

Sunday, August 16

Manoeuvres & Mad Bar - The Miss Gay Wisconsin America Pageant (Madison): This is an official preliminary to the 1999 Miss Gay America Pageant. Show time is 9 p.m. There is a \$5 cover charge and reserved tables are available by calling 1-800-715-5877.

Book Readings, Classes, Clubs:

Sunday, August 9

Woodland Pattern - Poetry Reading (Milwaukee): Six women poets work together. One creates a poem and creates a spark for another poem. No admission charge. FMI call (414) 263-5001. Monday, August 10

Community Meetings & Events:

Thursday, August 6

Diversity G/L Resource Center (Rockford, IL): Located at 610 E State St. Open from 4 to 9 p.m. Teen Drop-in Hours. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5810 8th Ave, at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989.

South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing fro 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison): Meets at 5:30 p.m. at 122 State St. Suite 403. FMI call (608) 250-6775.

UU Church - Lesbian Support/Discussion Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets from 7 to 8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

Friday, August 7

G/L/B/T Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

High Tea & Talk - Senior Men's Group (Madison): High Tea & Talk is an organization-free (no long associated with SAGE/Done) opportunity for senior men and their friends who enjoy the company of other men to gather on Friday afternoons. The group meets at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Ave, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible.

LGB Campus Center - Speak French (Madison): There's a fabulous French Table. Bring your lunch. All levels of French speakers welcome. Located at 406 W. Gilman St. from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. This is an opportunity for all men with

HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): A topic discussion group for mature men that meets every other week for the balance of the summer from 6 to 8 p.m. in the SAGE Room of Lake Park Lutheran Church. Socialize after the meeting. FMI call (414) 271-0378.

Saturday, August 8

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison): This group meets from 10 a.m. to noon at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Ave. in K6/Rm. 280, 2nd floor. FMI call (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6276.

Cathedral Square Park - Farm Market (Milwaukee) Home-grown fruits and veggies, plants, herbs, baked goods and music every Saturday through 10/7. It all starts at 7:30 a.m. and runs through 12:30 p.m.

GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison): This meeting takes place every Saturday at 6 p.m. at The United, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Gemini Gender Group (Milwaukee): This group meets at the Unitarian Universalist West in Brookfield at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 297-9328.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

Sunday, August 9

Gay Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): This group meets at BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. topic: Gay Parenting. A \$3 donation is requested. FMI call Bill Hanel at (414) 276-7626.

James Reeb UU Church - Worship Service (Madison): The service is from 10 to 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI call (608) 242-8887.

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Rehearsal (Madison): Meet and sing every Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church on Capital Square from 7 to 9 p.m. Enter from the West Washington side of the court yard. FMI (608) 232-0528.

Seeking Sobriety - Non-Religious Recovery Group (Milwaukee) This recovery group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday at BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (use side door). FMI call Danny at (414) 540-0961 or Richard at (414) 442-1132.

University Congregational Church - Worship Service (Madison): Service is at 10 a.m. at 1127 University Ave. FMI call (608) 256-2353.

Monday, August 10

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Dining Out Reservation Deadline (Madison): This is the deadline for dining out with your host Jerry at Mirror Lake on Saturday, August 15 at 3:30 p.m. Reservations to the first 20 people only. FMI & reservations call Brian at (608) 829-1090.

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Racine): These recovery groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI call Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Bi Men's AA - Closed Meeting (Madison): The group meets at 8 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989.

WISH - Generic AA 12-Step Meeting (Madison): The group meets at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Community Ctr, 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI call (608)

249-5096.

Tuesday, August 11

Boyz Nite - ARCW - (Milwaukee): The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Assemble Safer Sex kits and other prevention materials. It's a place to hang out with other gay men and just dish. Movie night is on the first Tuesday of each month. All ages welcome. FMI call Chris (414) 225-1556 or Andy (414) 225-1502.

LGB Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Men's Social Group (Madison): This social group for ages 18 to 25 meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 406 W. Gilman St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

Madison Community Health Ctr - HIV Testing (Madison): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV testing fro 3 to 5:45 p.m. at 1133 Williamson St. FMI call (608) 255-0704.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison): This discussion group for Gay/Bi students meets in the Memorial Union at 12 p.m. every Tuesday. FMI call (608) 265-4901.

Womansong - Rehearsal (Madison) The group meets at Beth Israel Ctr at 7 p.m. FMI call (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, August 12

Gay/Bi Men's Alanon Group (Madison): Meets at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. every Wednesday at 6 p.m. FMI call (608) 256-4107 or (608) 846-2860.

Diversity GL Resource Ctr - Coming Out Support Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets every Wednesday at 610 E. State St. from 7 to 8 p.m. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

LGB Campus Center - Queer Chicks Social Group (Madison): This social group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

Madison Vet Center - GLB Veterans Meeting (Madison): The group meets every Wednesday at 147 S Butler at 5 p.m. FMI call (608) 262-7084 or (608) 264-5342.

Women's Self-Defense - Free Ongoing Workshop (Dane County): New students are welcome to start the workshop from 7 to 8:30 p.m. any Tuesday throughout the year. Located at N6883 Hwy. N (1 mile north of Sun Prairie) at the Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints gym. Church not affiliated with the class. FMI call (608) 837-9514.

Monday, August 17

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Rap Session (Madison): The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at The United Meeting Room. FMI call (608) 274-5959.

Film, TV, Video & Radio:

Sunday, August 9

WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Her Turn (Madison): Women's news and information by and about women from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by Her

Infinite Variety: Women in Music from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All genres and styles. Interviews, live guests and announcements for the womyn's community. FMI call (608) 256-2001.

Monday, August 10

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison): Visconti's *Death in Venice* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. FMI call you host avid at (608) 276-4040.

WYOU-Cable 4 - Free Speech & Dyke TV (Madison): Free Speech TV produced in Denver followed by Dyke TV, a 30-minute show for lesbians that is produced in New York City. Shows 10:30 to 11 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12

WORT 89.9 FM - QUEERY (Madison): Your Queer FM radio station for local news and information for South-central Wisconsin plays every Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. Followed by *iThis Way Out* an international LGBT newsmagazine from 7:30 to 8 p.m. To volunteer call Margo Rabb at (608) 256-2001.

Museums & Galleries

Thursday, August 6

Alfons Galleries - Current Show (Milwaukee): *Joyful Flowers - Vibrant Colors*, an exhibition of acrylics, monoprints and hand-painted silks by Dr. Charles Garbo Hajinian is currently running and will be up through 9/13 at 1501 S. Layton Blvd. FMI call (414) 384-4105.

MAM - Art en Fleurs (Milwaukee): This exhibition of fresh flower arrangements and horticultural exhibitions will compliment art museum masterpieces, and will run through August 8. General admission is \$5, MAM members and seniors \$3. FMI call Sarah Gartner (414) 224-3843.

Saturday, August 8

Charles Allis Art Museum - Mornning Glory Craft Fair (Milwaukee): The Craft Fair will run through Sunday, August 9 at 1630 East Royall Place. There will be paintings, sculpture, pottery, photographs, jewelry and more. FMI call (414) 278-8295.

Tuesday, August 11

MAM - Gallery Talk (Milwaukee): An informal tour of the *Making Marks* exhibition will take place at the museum at 1:30 p.m. The tour will be led by Russell Bowman, MAM director and exhibition curator. Regular museum admission. MAM members are free. FMI call (414) 224 3200.

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MAM - Free Day for 50s Plus Seniors (Milwaukee): Get out of the summer heat and enjoy a free tour of MAM's permanent collection. Free entry for 50s plus citizens. Ask about the free buss reimbursement program for groups of 15 or more. FMI call Sarah Gartner (414) 224-3843.

Sunday, August 16

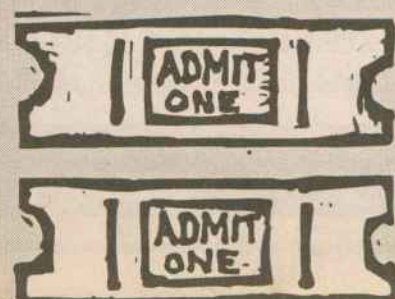
Charles Allis Art Museum - Artist Reception (Milwaukee): A reception for Patrick Farrell will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. in the French Parlor.

Chicago's August White Party Offers First Tickets In 24 Years

Chicago, IL — Chuck Renslow anticipated the current Circuit Party rage a long time ago. Now, the party that started it all, is celebrating its twenty-fifth year. Renslow's world-famous, annual August White Party which started in the historic Dewes Mansion in August of 1979, will be held this year at the equally famous House of Blues, 330 N. State Street on Chicago on Sunday, August 30, featuring an all-Chicago lineup of DJs and entertainment.

Tickets to the White Party have never been sold to the public during its first 24 years. In 1998, however, tickets are available for \$25 via the House of Blues at 1-312-923-2000.

Long known among those who were able to get invitations as the perfect end-of-summer blow-out, the White Party will offer thousands of ticket holders the chance to party hard this year in one of Chicago's most popular venues, The House of Blues. The list of past host-locations for the annual parties reads like a history of Chicago's hottest night spots: Dewes Mansion, Center Stage Disco, Stages Music Hall, Pyramid Sports Club, Carol's Speakeasy, Paradise, USA Rainbo Rink, Riviera Bistro Too, The Rage, Shelter, and in recent years, Kaboom, Glee Club and Circuit on Halsted Street.



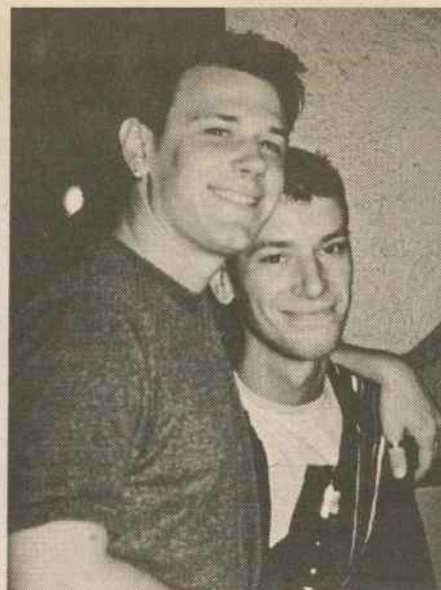
Among the most outrageous White Parties ever were the 1979 and 1990 events on Navy Pier, where many thousands of people were invited to dance the night away, and the 1985 party at Limelight. The White Party at Limelight was the first private party hosted there, just two weeks after the club opened.

Chicago's 25th annual August White Party will be a memorable bash, like all the earlier editions. Nationally known Chicago DJs Ralph Rosario, Mark "Turtle" Hultmark and DJ Hugo will keep the beat and the heat full-tilt. Hosts Mike Macharello, Byrd Bardot and Silky Jumbo will be on their toes keeping the party hopping. The addition of personalities like Memory Lane, local mad-woman and crazy-man, will add a distinct taste of Chicago to the proceedings.

The 1998 White Party is, without a doubt, going to be the best of a 25-year long series of great parties! Like all the White parties before it, this one is quietly if not secretly a birthday party for Chuck Renslow... more precisely, it is Renslow's celebration for Chicago on the occasion of his birthday. And, like the earlier editions where there was any income, this White Party will be a community benefit. This time, it's a benefit for the Leather Archives & Museum which, as the slogan goes, is "located in Chicago and serving the world."



Planning their Pride float. Photo by Jamie



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Deadly Summer Reading

Eye Contact:
A Mark Manning Mystery
by Michael Craft

In Craft's newest mystery, which takes place during a two-week period in 1999, Mark Manning, a reporter for the *Chicago Journal* gets a very interesting assignment and a new assistant. The junior reporter is David Bosch; he's a stunner and his sole interest in journalism, right from the start, seems to be Mark Manning.

The new assignment is to replace the paper's science writer who has not reported to work for days. Mark is to write a top story about a renowned astrophysicist who claims to have discovered a tenth planet. Manning interviews him and decides there is something fishy going on. He doesn't believe that he is really a scientist and says there is no story because there is no proof of the planet's existence. He also discovers the science writer's body with four bullet holes in its back.

This tale of foul play has believable characters, each with his or her own charm. David causes some emotional upheaval to surface in Mark's two-year relationship with Neil Waite. Neil is an architect and has just finished designing their loft apartment; there's a wonderful party. He's also involved in the planning of "Celebration 2000," a yearlong affair planned to not only bring in the millennium, but through a politicized human rights rally (with the president in attendance) to include gay rights. A surprise state-of-the-art laser light show will include a giant pink triangle which will float over the Loop and the near North Side.

The bad guys in this tale are the Christian Family Crusade who are planning a counter-rally of their own. Throughout the story we are left to wonder if Mark and David will connect — even for a little while. You will have to read on to find out about that. There are many sub-plots, including another murder and all the pieces come together in a sizzling climax with the identification of the killer. (Kensington Books, ISBN: 1-57566-292-2, hardcover \$21.95.

Report for Murder
by Val McDermid

This Lindsey Gordon mystery is set in Derbyshire at a posh girls boarding school. Gordon describes herself as a "cynical socialist lesbian journalist." She seems less than overjoyed about writing a feature article on the school's fund-raising efforts to save its playing fields, but she needs the money and is paying back a debt to her friend Paddy Callaghan.

There are lots of tweeds, tea and cocktails. You will find the requisite

hyphenated names, MGs and Land Rovers. Lindsey arrives, settles in for a few drinks and meets Cordelia Brown, a writer who has come to help with the fund-raising. Passions are ignited and sparks fly — in other words, there's sex!

James Cartwright has put in a bid on the lease for £50,000 and wants to build time-share holiday flats on the land. The ladies of the school don't like this one bit and are trying to raise an equal amount in cash to save the lease and the fields. They have called in every favor from everyone they can think of. One of the favors is from Lorna Smith-Couper, a cellist who is to play in a concert. Smith-Couper is described as "adept at making enemies and sowing discord wherever she goes."

Just before the concert Lorna is found strangled by her own cello string (how very English). "Lindsey and Cordelia find their new relationship tested in unique ways as they seek to find a murderer among a long list of suspects." This is great fun if you like the way the English do things. The collection of characters is full-blown and, as in any English tale, oddities abound. (Spinsters Ink, ISBN: 1-883523-24-9, softcover \$10.95).

The Blue Place
by Nicola Griffith

"An elite undercover police lieutenant until she retired at twenty-nine, Aud Torvingen is a rangy six-footer with the pale, pale eyes of a wolf." She now makes Atlanta her home, gliding easily between the world of silken elegance and that of sleaze and sudden savagery." Obviously, a lipstick lesbian, Aud is something else to read about — the press release compares her character to that of "La Femme Nikita."

One hot night she collides with a running woman and, seconds later, witnesses the explosion of a house. She finds out that there was a huge stash of drugs. The woman she bumped into returns seeking protection from a deadly international game of forgery, drugs and murder. Again sparks fly and an erotic bond is formed between these two women.

I loved all the descriptions of the clothes, the cars and Atlanta itself. The second half of the story takes both these women to Oslo, Norway and finally back to Atlanta, where Aud cracks the case and loses Julia. There are twists, turns and surprises here to keep you turning the pages. (Avon Books, ISBN: 0-380-97446-0, hardcover \$23).

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

There are times in a writer's life when we have a hard time coming up with something to write about. This however, is not one of those times for me. There are several things to talk about that I really should talk about at length, but I just don't have the space. So, I'm going to update you on my high school reunion.

As you remember from a few columns ago, I received the invitation to my 16th High School Reunion. Knowing I wouldn't want to miss a milestone event like this, I made the 3-hour trip north to my hometown, Wausaukee. I walked into the bar where we were to all meet and sat down. There were a few people there, none I recognized. The bartender looked at me and said, "How's it goin' Jamie?"

Now I knew who it was; it was Cory. Cory's doing great, he owns the bar we were sitting in and has a construction job as well. He pointed down to a couple sitting just a few barstools away and said, "Do you recognize him? That's Andy." (Andy was one of the guys I day-dreamed about quite a bit in history class. Not GQ cute but kinda sexy in his own way).

I reached over and shook his hand and said, "Hi Andy, remember me? I'm Jamie."

He looked puzzled for a moment and then said, "Oh yeah, Jamie Taylor." Then I met his wife, and we chatted about what we've been up to since high school.

The door of the bar screeched open again, with another group of people walking in. Looking the group over, I recognized only one of them and it was Tim. B. Again, I got the puzzled look until I said "Jamie, Jamie Taylor." He then smiled at which point I noticed he too was sporting a set of braces. Tim has been doing well with a great job, 3 kids and an ex-wife.

The next 2 people that walked through the door I recognized right away. One of them is my sister-in-law's sister Lori, and the other one was my cousin, Little Les. Lori married my cousin Dennis who is the older brother to Little Les. My brother Mark married Lori's sister, Jeanie.



Jack Smith and Jamie. Photo by ??? @ Fluid.

Confused? Let me make this story more bizarre. My Uncle Les (Dennis and Little Les's dad) had an affair and eventually married my Uncle Marv's (Uncle Marv is Uncle Les' brother) son's (my cousin Kevin) wife. Yeah I know; most of us have some story in our family that just doesn't fit right.

Anyway, the 3 of us stayed in our little group for most of the night. More people walked through the door that until I was told who they were, I had no clue. I did take the opportunity to talk to everyone, even the people that didn't give me the time of day as a teenager.

Then there was Sondra LaCoy; her father was our math teacher. She was pretty in high school but has since grown into a true knockout. I went up to her and started conversation. I have to admit I was a bit mesmerized by her stunning looks. We talked until our group decided to go to the Wausaukee Bowl.

We all headed over to the bowl where there was a band playing, the name of which I have no clue, but it was one of those goofy north woods kinda bands. Sondra

asked me if I wanted to dance and of course, I said thanks, but no.

Eventually, she talked me into dancing and I have to admit, I did good. Then the moment came. She looked up at me and asked me about my necklace (its one of those gay pride necklaces). So I told her that it was my pride necklace and that I was gay. She asked me whether I had anyone special, and of course, I told her yes, I'm hopelessly in love with Josh. We spent the next 20 minutes talking about how much I missed him and wanted to drive home to be with him.

By that time they were calling last call so I walked Sondra to her car, thanked her for a great night and went to mom's house to sleep. The next day I heard from Lori that everyone thought I had taken Sondra home. Lori has known that I'm gay for a long time so when people were buzzing about me taking the most beautiful girl home, all she could do was laugh.

So, all in all it was a great reunion. I got to see people I haven't seen for 16 years. I also took the opportunity to tell a few people that I am gay and to top it off, people thought I had gone home with Sondra. I'm sure that by now people know the truth about me, and I'm quite content with that. Like I said, I refuse to hide who I am. The only thing that could have made the reunion better is if I could have taken Josh with me.

I got back to Milwaukee just in time for Fluid's huge Grand Opening weekend. The place was packed the entire weekend. Bill and Jim have worked hard to turn that club into one of Milwaukee's best places to party. Speaking of party, Jack Smith and I threw our annual Birthday Bash at Fluid this year. The party started at 8:00 p.m. and by 8:30 the place was packed with all of our friends. I made the mistake of drinking 2 cosmopolitans (on top of the beer I had already been drinking) so by

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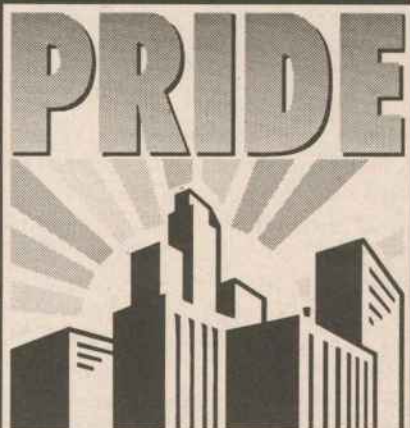
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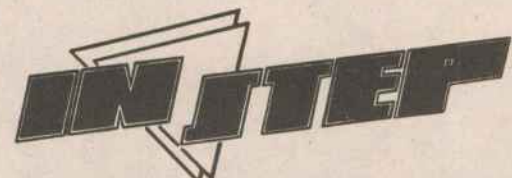
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The big ? for **Triangle** turned out to be a weekend long 10th year anniversary party. **Rob** went all out for this party! The patio now has a bar which was kept busy all weekend. There were free kabobs, free shots and drink specials. Rob even lined up a stripper/porn star for Saturday night.

This past weekend the **Queen of the Rainbow People** (my Aunt Cheryl) came up for a visit. Also up for a visit was **Dino**, who is my good friend Jeff's boyfriend. We spent the whole weekend "clubbing." Our first stop was **M&M** on Friday night. The entertainment that night was **Amy Armstrong & Freddy Allen**. Let me tell you that when M&M books this duo, make SURE you stop in. Amy is a terrific singer and to top it off, has a great sense of humor. I spoke to her during her break and she assures me that a



Birthday lounging. Photo by ????

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CD is in the works and that she would keep me posted. I will let you know when the CD is available 'cause I know that if you were there on Friday night, you know what I'm talkin' about.

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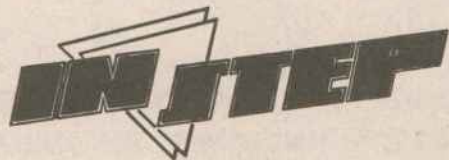
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WELL HUNG ITALIAN I'm a good looking Italian, well hung Man who likes to talk to Guys on the phone and get off. (Milwaukee) ☎10434

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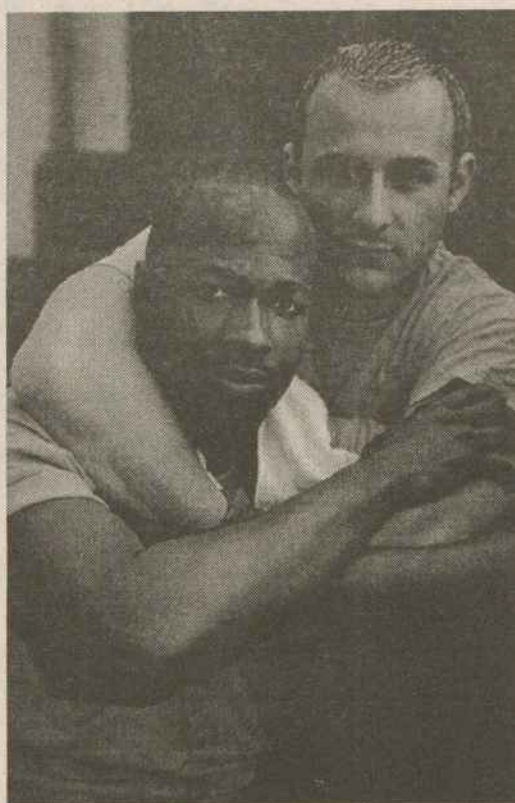
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LET ME SUCK YOUR TOES This 30 year old, White Male is looking for younger Guys, 20-29 years of age, who are into foot fetish. I'm into white socks, tennis shoes, bare feet and I want to service you, so let's hook up. (Milwaukee) ☎18284

TAKE ME OUT I'm a 55 year old, 5'5", 140 lbs, Man who has brown hair, blue eyes and a little on the husky side. I'm a home body looking to go out with a Hispanic or Black Males, 18-30 years old, around my height. I don't drink, smoke or do drugs and I am interested in a monogamous relationship. (Milwaukee) ☎18501

ALL MAN Hey Guys. I'm a very good looking White Male, 6'3", 185 lbs, 45" chest, 32" waist, smooth, clean shaven and work out a lot. I'm looking for someone who is also very good looking, under 35 years of age and wanting to have fun, possibly starting a relationship. (Madison) ☎18287

REALLY GET INTO IT Hello out there. I'm a Black 42 year old Male, who is looking for a very submissive Guy, more submissive, the better. Call me if your interested. (Milwaukee) ☎18291

LET'S GO I'm looking for a Man with a beard, maybe a motorcycle, but you don't have to be a Hell's Angel or anything. I'm a Gay White Male, 5'2", 160 lbs, you should be loving and caring. (Spring Green) ☎17982

WANNA BE SMOOTH I'm a 44 year old Gentleman, 5'7", 178 lbs, who would like to hook up with other Guys who enjoy body shaving. If you would like to try something new, give me a call, any race and age is very acceptable. (Milwaukee) ☎18139

LET'S KICK IT Yo, what's up? I'm a 18 year old Gay Black Male who is looking for other Males between the ages of 18-30. I'm ready to kick it and have a really fun time. (Milwaukee) ☎18137

LICK MY TOES Hello. I'm a Black top Man in my 40's. I want someone who is very submissive and likes to worship feet. Let me know if that's you. (Milwaukee) ☎18056

SHOW ME A GOOD TIME I'm a 21 year old, very good looking Gay White Male, 6'1", with blonde hair and green eyes. I'm looking for other Gay White Males who are 20-24 years old and would like to meet and maybe do something later. (Madison) ☎18039

BEAT ME, WHIP ME This Gay Male is into really hot, steamy phone talk. If you're into physical pleasure, please leave an evening message and I'll give you a call back. (Milwaukee) ☎18025

LET'S COOL DOWN Yo, what's up? I'm a 20 year old, 5'11", 175 lbs Gay Black Male. I am really cool, down to earth, very discreet and I love to have fun. If you like the way this sounds, give me a call. (Milwaukee) ☎17842

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SNAPSHOT I'm a hot, passable Bi White Transvestite, 31 years old, 6'0", 175 lbs, clean shaven. I'm looking for generous Males to photograph me in my slutty leather vinyl outfits and sexy lingerie. Click! Click! (Milwaukee) ☎17676

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THE HEAT IS ON I'm a Bi Married Male, 5'9", 180 lbs, with brown hair, blue eyes, and a good build. I enjoy the outdoors, beaches, hot weather, and massage. I'm looking for that special Guy, Black or White, for regular get-togethers. (Wisconsin Dells) ☎17154

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LET'S PLAY! These two in-shape Gay White Males in their early 30's, good-looking, would like to meet a third Male or another couple for fun times and adventure. Let's try some new things. (Milwaukee) ☎17313

NEVER DONE THIS This Bi-virgin, 34, with black hair and brown eyes, seeks another Male who's a virgin to the Bi thing to experiment with. I have a disability and am looking for fun and a short-term relationship. Show me the way. (Wausau) ☎17280

COVER BOY This smooth, good-looking model, 25, seeks young Males, 18-25, for lots of fun. (Madison) ☎17265

RISE AND SHINE This masculine, dominant, White top Man, 37, 165 lbs, seeks a masculine, hairy-chested bottom. I work third shift, so mornings are preferred. (Racine) ☎16825

FACE THE MUSIC These Bi White Males, 40 and 21, into heavy metal music, seek Bi or Gay Guys under 25 for concerts, fun, and casual drinking at home. We're not into the bar scene. Give us a call. (Kenosha) ☎16974

NOT ONE TO GOSSIP This Gay Black Male, 5'11", light-complected and positive, seeks friends for conversation and maybe more. I'm down-to-earth and don't like to gossip. Let's be real. (Swanson) ☎16828

ARE YOU THE ONE? I'm a very oral, submissive Man who is new to town and I'm looking for someone who knows how to be a total master. (Milwaukee) ☎19805

ALL ABOUT FEET I have a very strong foot fetish and I'd like to have the opportunity to service your feet. So call me soon and let me take care of your feet, maybe more. (Milwaukee) ☎20023

WILLING TO RELOCATE This 34 year old Man, is looking for a young stud who is between 18-20 years of age. I'm a Bi-sexual Male, willing to relocate, who is very interested in talking to you. (Eau Claire) ☎19285

QUEEN OF THE NIGHT This tall, White, queen of the night, 37, is hot and very passable. I'd like to meet older, well groomed gentlemen, 35 to 55, who can appreciate my gifts. I'm very smooth, have a great figure, and dress to please. (Milwaukee) ☎14278

BE MY PROPERTY I'm a 26 year old, Black bear that is interested in finding a slave who's not looking for a past time, but a full time slave, to be property. We can start with a part-time contract and from there we can see if it's a mutual agreement. (Milwaukee) ☎19428

ALL SOLID I'm a very attractive, 31 year old, 5'9", 210 lbs, Man who is very masculine and very solid. I'm looking for other masculine, Bi or Gay, White Males who are 25-35 years of age, for friendship or a serious relationship. (Madison) ☎18985

HOLY SWEAT SOCKS BATMAN I'm looking for young Men who are under 30 years of age and who are into foot fetish. I love to kiss and lick dirty, sweaty, smelly feet, as well as other sexual desires. (Milwaukee) ☎19419

TEACH ME THE TRICKS I'm a White Male, 5'6", 125 lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes. Sadly, I'm very inexperienced. I'm looking for a Male, 18-mid-20's, who can teach me the tricks of the trade. (Kenosha) ☎16554

SOMETHING GOOD This 33-year-old Gay Black Male would like to meet another Gay Black or Latino Male who's interested in a long-term relationship. I'll show you something good. Peace. (Milwaukee) ☎16517

I LOVE LATINOS I'm a Bi White Male, 34, 6', with dark brown hair, blue eyes, a mustache, otherwise clean-shaven. I'm looking specifically for some nice-looking, in-shape Latinos or Hispanic Males, 21-35, to have a good time with, although I'll answer anyone who responds. I'm nice-looking and easygoing. Give me a call. (Madison) ☎16445

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YOU ONLY I'm a very versatile Bi Male, 38, 5'7", 192 lbs., stocky and orally talented, with a beard, mustache, and a shaved head. I'm looking for you only. Race doesn't matter. ☎15525

ON MY KNEES I'm a submissive White Male, 40, with a foot fetish. I'm looking for dominant Males for master/slave games and to orally service. Heavy or chubby is a plus. I'll be on my knees waiting. (Milwaukee) ☎16005

NEW TO ALL THIS I'm a 42-year-old Male, 6'3", 220 lbs., with graying brown hair and green eyes. I've been in the closet my whole life and am just coming out a little bit. I'm looking for understanding Gay Males to talk to. I'm trying to figure out just what it is that I want. (Milwaukee) ☎15863

THIRD SHIFTER Attractive, White male, in my mid forties, 5'7", 170lbs, with Brown hair and Blue eyes, seeks other guys to get together with in the mornings. I work third shift and have mornings to spare. Maybe we can have some coffee and if we hit it off, some good times. I'm a smoker. (Milwaukee) ☎14470

SMOOTH AND SEXY This very sexy, well hung, smooth bodied, Gay, Black male, 5'9", 150lbs, wants to meet another hot guy for good fun. (Milwaukee) ☎14354

KNEEPADS ARE WORN Submissive, White male, in my forties, seeks a dominant, White male, preferably over 40, for humiliation, foot worship, and oral servitude. Heavy or chubby guys are welcome. I'm eager to serve and am waiting on my knees. (Milwaukee) ☎14170

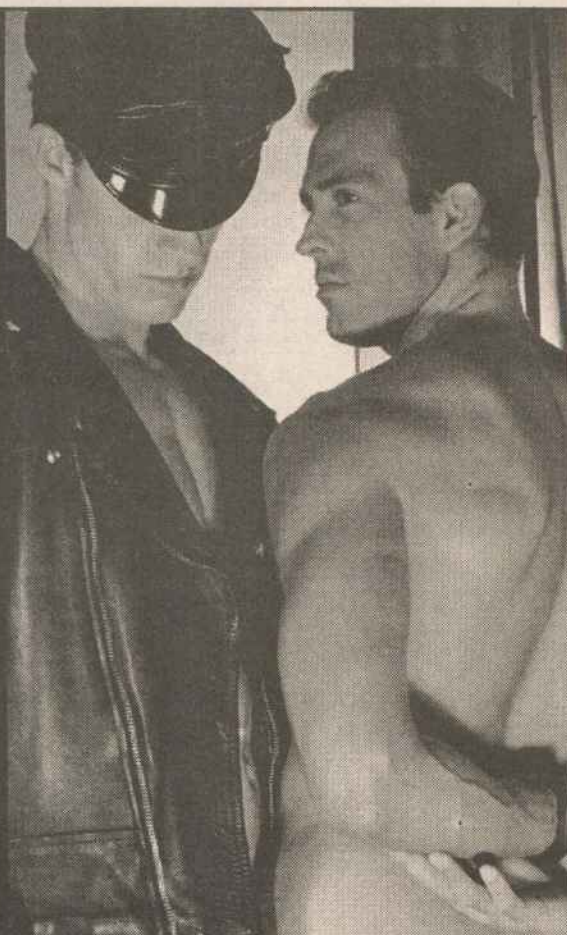
EXPANDING MY CIRCLE You can't have too many friends, right? This Gay White Male, 33, 6'1", 180 lbs., with dark blonde hair and hazel eyes would like to locate new friends, Gay, Bi, or Straight, in the Madison area. My interests include gardening, biking, golf, UW sports, movies, art, dining out, and just talking. I have an overall great personality, according to my friends. You be the judge. (Madison) ☎15064

THE SEEDS OF LOVE We're both fit, trim, and masculine. You have a passion for goals and are emotionally secure, HIV-, 31-38, 5'8"-6", non-smoking, and a light drinker only. I'm an attractive Gay White Male, 33, 6'1", honest, mellow, communicative, funny, independent, and thoughtful. We both want a long-term relationship. Gardening is my passion, what's yours? (Madison) ☎15057

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FEELS GOOD ALL UNDER THIS attractive, Gay, Black male, 28, 5'11", 163lbs, with curly, Black hair, light, Brown eyes, a medium build and a goatee, seeks another masculine, Gay, Black males, over 30, for fun times and bodily pleasure. (Milwaukee) ☎13663

I DO ALL THE WORK This talented, White male, 55, 5'10", 165lbs, wants to orally please you, with no reciprocation. I prefer guys who don't sleep around very much. Call and let me know how you like it. (Milwaukee) ☎12740

PAPA INTO SIZE This macho, papa bear, seeks Married, Bi, or Gay guys, 20 to 50, who are versatile and experienced. Your inches are more important than your pounds or years. Get with me. (Milwaukee) ☎12906

WAITING ON MY KNEES This masculine, but very submissive, White male, in my mid forties, seeks a dominant master into foot worship, humiliation, verbal abuse, and being orally serviced. I'm very obedient but need a master to train me. Chubby guys are a big plus. (Milwaukee) ☎13175

THRILL SEEKER This attractive, masculine, well built, White male, 27, 6ft, 180lbs, with light, Brown hair and Blue eyes, is looking for friendship and hot fun, with other good looking, muscular guys, 21 to 35, who, like me, are well educated and adventurous. I enjoy working out, the outdoors, dining out, dancing, the beach, and road trips to Chicago, among many other things. (Milwaukee) ☎13032

SERVITUDE SLUT This handsome, very submissive, White male, 42, seeks a dominant master, preferably White, to use me. Overweight or chubby guys turn me on. I'm into foot worship, humiliation, and oral servitude. I'm very eager to serve. (Milwaukee) ☎13468

BOY NEEDS DADDY I'm 18 years old and I'm looking for someone 30 or older, in my area. I want to service a hairy, daddy type, and let them have me anyway that they want. (Oshkosh) ☎13708

SMALL BUT EFFECTIVE Submissive, petite, 30 year old, Single, White male, 5ft, 105lbs, likes dining out, music, and trying new things. I hope to meet a dominant guy with a taste for adventure. (Milwaukee) ☎13043

I LIKE YOUR IMAGE This retired civil engineer and historian, 50, would like to meet some younger Guys, 20's to early 40's, who are beefy and well-muscled to photograph for my own personal collection. I'm not looking for any kind of relationship really, just the opportunity to appreciate young Male bodies. I'll treat you kindly. (Milwaukee) ☎15719

FRIENDS FIRST This good-looking Professional Hispanic Male, 23, would like to make new friends, ages 20-30, with the possibility of a relationship later on. (Milwaukee) ☎15240

TO THE POINT This slave boy needs dominant men to control and humiliate me. (Milwaukee) ☎15105

SOMETHING'S GROWING This Gay couple wants to meet, and get together, with other couples and singles for friendship, fun, and more. We like gardening, walks, cooking, football games, and quiet times in front of the fire. I'm 6'2, 170lbs, and a former marathon runner. He's 5'10, 165lbs, with a hairy chest. Let's talk. (Milwaukee) ☎12243

START OF SOMETHING GOOD I'm a good looking, 18 year old, White male, 6'4, with Brown hair and eyes. I'd like a relationship with someone, 21 to 27, who will love me. I'm a unique, caring, humorous guy, with lots of good qualities. I have good self esteem and feel that I'm a pretty nice catch. I hope you'll agree. (Milwaukee) ☎11895

HEAVY METAL MEN Bi, White male, 40, and a Bi, White male, 22, seek other Bi and Gay males, under 26, for fun times. We like heavy metal music and concerts, not bars. We're social drinkers but we prefer to do it at my home. (Kenosha) ☎11979

TIED UP TRUST My partner and I are into group scenes and light bondage. We're both good looking and fit. I'm 33, 5'6", 145lbs, with dark hair and Brown eyes. He's 6'6, 200lbs, with Reddish Brown hair and Brown eyes. (Milwaukee) ☎2788

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FEELS GREAT I want an erotic massage buddy to get together with on a regular basis. We can exchange full body massages, not professional, that are very erotic and makes you feel really, really great. You should be 18-43 years of age, I am 43 years old and have a very slender, hairy, swimmers build body, clean shaven and have been told I am very attractive. You must be very attractive, well built, good attitude and clean shaven. (Chicago) ☎18363

SO YOUNG I'm a 30 year old Male who is into young Boys, 18 years of age and up. If you want to get together, please call me. (Chicago) ☎18560

PAT MY TUMMY This 27 year old, submissive teddy bear, is looking for dominate Men, preferably, large Men who want to use me and make me his slave. (Chicago) ☎18000

CAGE THIS BEAR I'm a 29 year old Bi - Male with long blonde hair. I stand about 5'11", 255 lbs, I'm into music, parties and messing around. I want a younger Man who is no older than 35, must have facial hair like I do. If you're a young stud, and like a big bear type, give me a call. (Chicago) ☎5511

LOOKIN' FOR A LITTLE HELP I'm looking for some hot, studly jock who is extremely masculine to help me get off and talk to (Chicago) ☎19939

KINKY POP This good looking, 42 year old, loving daddy, 5'10, 220lbs, with beard, mustache, and hair all over, seeks guys, under 40, who want a willing daddy to fulfill all of their kinkiest needs and desires. I'm into rimming, spanking, foot and underwear fetishes, watersports, and more. (Chicago) ☎13794

QUIET AND KIND I'm an attractive, healthy Gay White Male, 6'1, 6", 185 lbs., with short hair and a beard. I'm quiet and affectionate, a non-smoker, and am seeking a long-term relationship. My interests include gardening, cats, vitamins and herbs, fine dining, and good wine. Let's talk. (Chicago) ☎8595

LOVE IS A BLESSING This Black Professional Gay Male, a young 50, attractive, seeks an honest, sincere, attractive, masculine Male with a good attitude, who believes a love relationship is a blessing, not a burden. I'm not into the bars, but I enjoy movies, eating out, sporting events, jazz, and blues music. I enjoy life and hope you do the same. Let's spend some quality time together. (Chicago) ☎4042

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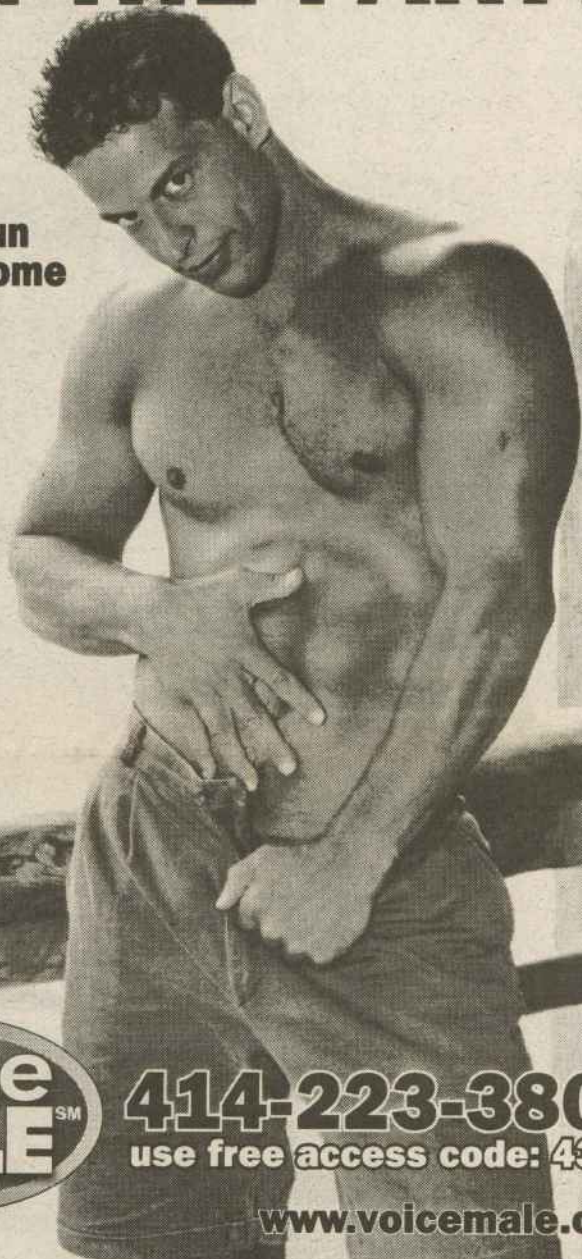
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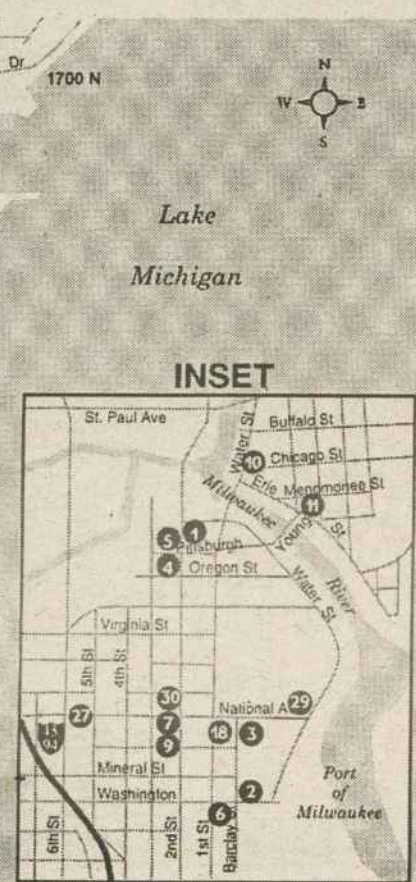
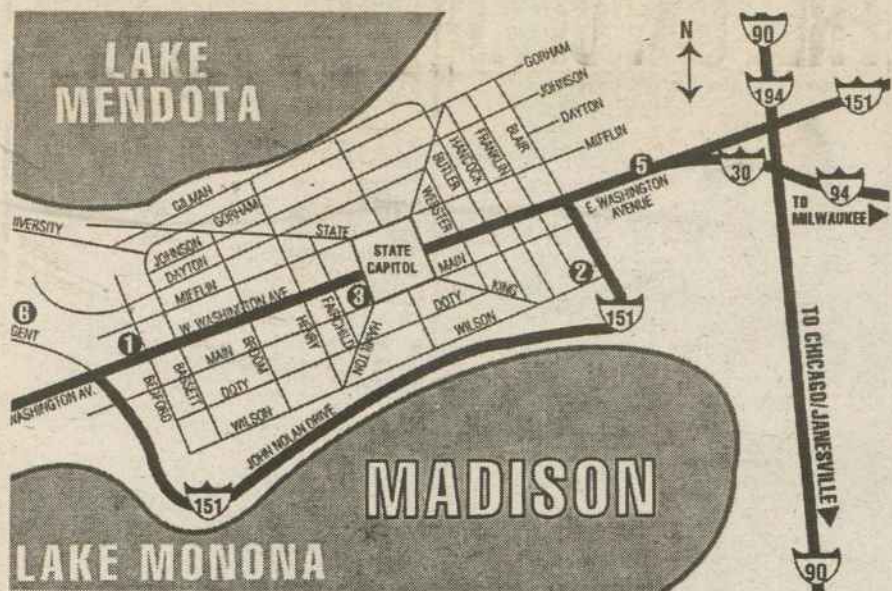


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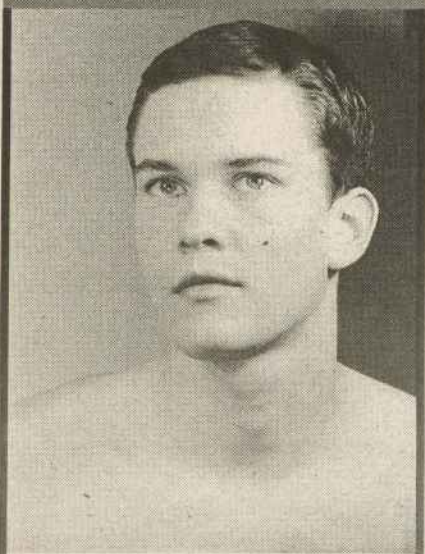
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 Clinton Street Antiques
 1110 South First Street 647-1773
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1627 E Irving Pl., 53202 291-0452
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 1200 S 1st St., 53204 389-1200
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 333 W. Brown Deer Rd., 352-4405
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 2201 E Capitol Dr., 53211 963-1006
 Industry Gallery of Art (gallery, gifts)
 2120 E. Rusk Ave., 486-9416
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 5096 S. 76th Street 325-9800
 N82 W15340 Appleton Ave., 251-4570
 Mega Discount Nursery
 1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154 571-6565
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 918 E. Brady St., 53202 223-3101
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 exchange@execpc.com
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 207 E Buffalo, 53202 964-9799

Central WI (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
 1105 Grand Ave., #3, Schofield, 54476 (715) 355-6867
 FAX (715) 355-7684
 Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance
 P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481
 (715) 592-6245, extension 5920200
 Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)
 Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449 387-5442
 The Edgewater - Inn & Resort
 Eagle River, 54521 1-888-334-3987
 http://www.edgeinn.com
 Empowerment/PAWS (Newsletter for PWAs)
 1932 Strongs Ave
 Stevens Point, 54481 342-0576
 G&L Society/Wausau 848-0608
 UWSP 10% Society
 Campus Activities Complex, Box 68
 UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481 346-4366
 LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)
 PO Box 152, Wausau, 54402 848-0343
 Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)
 320 Washington, Wausau 54401 842-3225
 HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education
 2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481 345-6500
 Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO)
 c/o 117 W Jefferson St, Marshfield, 54449
 Vic: (715) 384-2613 Jim: 384-6731
 Platwood Club (MW, D)
 701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481 341-8867
 Prince Edward B&B
 203 W 5th, Shawano 54166 526-2805
 Wausau Narcotics Anonymous
 (ask for Gay meetings) 536-LIFE
 Women's Resource Center UWSP
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North Central (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
 Oneida County Health Dept. (715) 369-6228
 P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501
 Gay/Lesbian Support Group
 Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806
 Northern WI Lambda Society
 PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 362-4242
 SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of
 Gays/Lesbians/BI's 359-7432
 Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
 PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891 682-2890

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(800) 924-6601

Clubhouse Filling Station (Mw)
6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140857-3744

Club 94 (MW, DJ)
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C & I-94)
Kenosha 53140857-9958

Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)
6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143657-5667

JoDee's (MW, DJ)
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403634-9804

What About Me? (WM)
600 6th St. Racine 53403632-0171

Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)
.....554-6611

Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
625 College, Racine 54303634-0659

UW-Parkside G/L Organization
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141595-2244

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309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190472-5738

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Mineral Point987-2612

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.....(877) 242-0282

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GLOBE (Campus LesbianGay group)
105 Garfield, 132 Davies Cr, Eau Claire 54701

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The Trading Company (MW, DJ)
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701838-9494

The Main Club (MW, DJ)
1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880392-1756

Northland Gay Men's Center
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802(218) 722-8585

Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
Greater Chippewa Valley
PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011

Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702836-7710

Scooter's (MW)
411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703835-9959

Trio (Wm)
820 Tower, Superior, 54880392-5373

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Menomonie, 54751 UW Eau Claire
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)
22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729723-8490

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420(608) 348-5596
La Crosse, WI 54601, FAX(608) 784-6661

The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)
PO Box 131, Platteville 53818348-5596
e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu

Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)
114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601782-9061

Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat
.....735-4829

GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)

P.O. Box 602, Onalaska, 54650-0602791-1963

Gay & Lesbian Alliance
Box 131, Platteville, 53818

LaCrosse L/G Support Group
c/o Campus Ministry Center784-7600

Leaping La Crosse News
Box 932, LaCrosse 54602

LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays
.....782-6082

Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601

Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books)
122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601796-0383

Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance)
484-8131
Code 4419, e-mail to pioneerswi@aol.com
PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

Out of State

A Brother's Touch Books (Books/Gifts) www.brotherstouch.com
2327 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55405(612) 377-MARY

CDC National AIDS Hotline
.....(800) 342-2437

Gay & Lesbian Americans
PO Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013(800) 889-5111

Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF)
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National G&L Task Force (NGLTF)
.....(202) 332-6483

Crossroads (LesBiGay Real Estate National Referral)
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Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406
.....(616) 857-1401

Club Xpress (MW,DJ), 904 Ludington, Escanaba, MI 49829
.....(906) 789-0140

Emerald City (MW,DJ)
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.....(312) 871-6116

Lambda Car Club Int'l, PO Box 268534, Chicago, IL 60626
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The Office (Mw,D,L/L), 513 E State, Rockford, IL 61104
.....(815) 965-0344

OH Zone (Mw,D,L/L), 1014 Charles St. Rockford, IL 61104
.....(815) 964-9663

OUT OF THE STARS

ARIES: (March 21-April 20)

Be flexible and if special plans need to be postponed, don't allow this to affect romantic interludes in the evening. There may be news from someone far away that may end up increasing your income. Your social calendar will be lively for some time.

TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)

There may be an obstacle within your personal life which is causing havoc between you and a lover. Although you may tend to take the path of least resistance, it's time to face the problem up front and take care of it once and for all. Your self-confidence will get you everywhere.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)

There may be conflict between the job and your home life, since both are demanding plenty from you. It will be a touchy situation which may require plenty of gentleness and diplomacy. Definitely take advantage of togetherness with a mate, you'll accomplish alot.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)

There will be a mixture of ups and downs, and another person seems to be controlling this emotional swing. Don't allow yourself to get overemotional. Your social agenda is quite busy, so make the effort to not overbook yourself. Love is in the air.

LEO: (July 24 - August 23)

Taking a firm stand is not suggested. Instead, use your charm and diplomacy, and possibly a somewhat devious approach. Those around you may be a bit irritating and over emotional, so put on that happy face. If married, prospects look good for adding to financial resources.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)

You or your partner's intuition may be a great advantage. Concentrate on important questions and decisions about finances. Joint money matters may need some attention and updating. Blended knowledge may be better than solo thinking.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

It may seem like a rather bland time, but use the downtime to make new contacts that have the potential for producing longterm lucrative results. Focus on partnership, whether in the business area or marriage, each must contribute to the success of the whole.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Both solitude and creative work may be rewarding. Few challenges will be found in social gatherings or encounters. Even though situations may arise that may tempt you to jump right in, it will definitely be better for you to sit them out completely.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)

An old, unresolved family problem may pop up and cast a rather depressing shadow over just about everything — facing the facts may help to ease the tensions. Try to keep a love relationship and platonic relationship separate, it's for the best.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)

This is not the time for a financial gamble or risk of any kind. Although you may be taking a chance on romance. You may be feeling somewhat depleted, energy wise, but a dear friend will put a smile back on your face. Keep behind the scenes at work.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)

You are in control and everyone surrounding you know it. Take advantage of your currently winning ways and apply the intensity you feel to advancing your career goals and monetary position. Any financial tangles must be dealt with immediately.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

The moral support that you've been seeking about an important decision is on it's way, and possibly from a very surprising source. It may be a wise idea to wait a few weeks to follow through on your decision though. Your affections for another are high.

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