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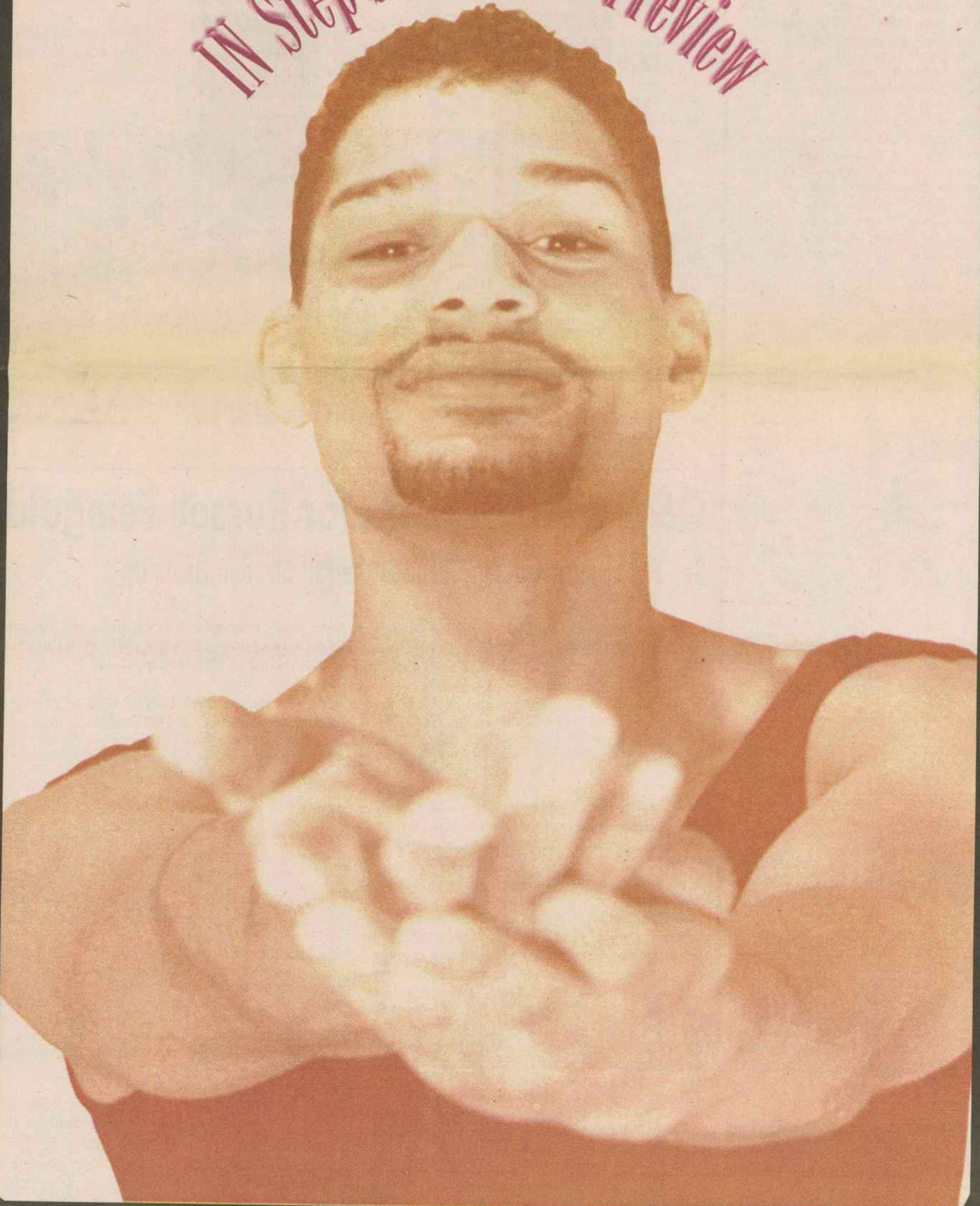
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IN Step's Fall Arts Preview



Wisconsin Arts Board Nixes 'Gay' Presentation

by Christopher Ott
of the IN Step Staff

Madison — Will Fellows author of *Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men from the Rural Midwest*, published by the University of Wisconsin Press in 1996—had been invited to give a presentation called "Growing Up Gay on the Farm" for the 1998 Wisconsin Folklife Festival held in Madison from Aug. 20-23. But the Arts Board informed Fellows on Aug. 17 that his talk had been changed to a panel discussion with a title that left out the word "gay."

"I declined to participate as a result of the change in plans," Fellows told *IN Step*.

Fellows stated that he had been pleased—and a little surprised—to be invited to speak at the Folklife Festival in the first place, but that the last-minute change of format came as a rude disappointment. "It was clear that they were trying to dilute and neutralize the whole 'g' word," says Fellows.

In a letter to the Arts Board, Fellows wrote that the proposed change represented "homophobic censorship." He wrote that his talk would have concentrated on how ethnicity "contributed to the shaping of family and community identities, as well as gender roles" on Wisconsin farms. The gay connection was that "outsider" status helps gay people develop a "keen insight" into the families and communities in which they grow up. Fellows said that his talk would have highlighted these perspectives, not gay sexuality itself. In his letter he asked, "Did those who axed my topic think I was going to talk about sexual activity?"

"My presentation was exactly on the mark for what the festival was about," Fellows said. "Especially in Wisconsin, this is a troubling piece of evidence of the ongoing struggle that we face."

Arts Board executive director George Tzougros told *IN Step*, "We didn't want Mr. Fellows not to speak." He said the change was made because no one else at the festival was speaking about sexuality, and that the talk's title suggested a sexuality emphasis. "It didn't fit the program.... This was a festival about the traditional and ethnic arts," Tzougros said. The Arts Board canceled the panel after Fellows declined to participate.

Tzougros said the decision on the original title for Fellows' talk had been made without his knowledge and that he only noticed it just before the festival program was scheduled to go to print. He said there wasn't time to consult with Fellows about a change. "I had to read [the introduction to Fellows' book] after I made the decision to remove the title from the program," Tzougros said. He added that when he read the introduction he understood that Fellows would have focused on ethnicity, but that the talk's title "would not have led you to believe that that was what he was going to talk about."

Tzougros said it wouldn't have been any easier to try to change the wording of the title than to change the format of the panel. He added that Fellows' book continued to be sold at the festival even though the panel had been canceled.

Fellows called the change of format "aggravating" and "myopic," but Tzougros emphasized that he had not intended to offend Fellows. "This was not in any way an easy decision to make," Tzougros said.



Will Fellows

OUT Front:
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Sunny PrideFest Shatters Attendance Record

by William Attewell
of the IN Step Staff

Milwaukee — Happy crowds totalling almost 15,000 persons enjoyed three days of near flawless

PrideFest Attendance 1996 - 1998

1996

9,628

1997

12,644

1998

14,744

weather and an expanded range of entertainment, activities and people watching propelling this year's PrideFest to a record attendance mark.

"We are ecstatic with the results," PrideFest Treasurer Christine Klein told *IN Step*. "Our attendance this year reflects a 21% increase over last year's figures."

Klein stated that the final attendance mark was 14,744. Saturday's mark of

7,676 person broke the single day attendance record for PrideFest as well.

Friday night's attendance topped 1,500 with The Possum Queen competition raising over \$20,000 to benefit AIDS-related charities.

Sin Plane: The Sequel

Just as they had done in July over Madison's pride rally, an airplane leased by Wisconsin Christians United (WCU) buzzed PrideFest just prior to the kick-off of the Wisconsin Pride Parade on Sunday afternoon.

"Homosexuality is Sin" read the banner trailing the plane. After the parade at the Ben Johnson Stage, Pride Parade Grand Marshall John McGivern drew

big laughs when he quipped, "Did you see that plane... wasn't that great? They forgot the S, It said Homosexuality is IN!"

To many festival goers, Sunday's "Sin Plane" was a welcome alternative to the verbal harassment members of the right-wing WCU gave festival goers on Saturday outside the PrideFest main gates. Although some complaints were made to PrideFest organizers, police made no arrests during the three day festival.

On Sunday, The Wisconsin Pride Parade set a record of over 50 entries.

PrideFest 1999 August or June?

Sources inside PrideFest told *IN Step* that the festival

is seriously considering a permanent move to August and that Summerfest management has contacted PrideFest about such a move.

"At this point it is premature to indicate if it will be in August in June," PrideFest's Klein told *IN Step*.

Sources told *IN Step* that PrideFest expects to have an announcement by the end of September or October about dates for 1998.

A final financial statement for this year's festival will not be completed for at least three months.

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A contingent from Gay Youth Milwaukee Marches in the Pride Parade.

Q&A with U.S. Senator Russell Feingold

Gay and Lesbian Voters a Focus as the Fall Election Heats Up

Interview by William Attewell
of the IN Step Staff

Since his election to the US Senate in 1992, Wisconsin Democrat Russ Feingold has maintained an excellent voting record on issues important to the Wisconsin's lesbian community. Now, Feingold is engaged in a tough re-election battle with Republican challenger Congressman Mark Newman. At this year's PrideFest, I had the opportunity to speak with Feingold about issues important to the community.

William Attewell: I talked with a number of individuals from our community prior this interview, and not a single person had anything bad to say about you...

Senator Russ Feingold: Well, you don't need to find something bad...

WA: Your votes in the Senate have been consistently supportive of the gay and lesbian community. What is your contact with the gay community? Do you simply vote your conscience, or do you talk to gays and lesbians in the community to get their input?

RF: Both. Absolutely! Clearly my conscience tells me that there's just no place in our society for discrimination against gays and lesbians. All we do is loose if we don't welcome gays and lesbians as a part of our public life and benefit from their skills like anyone else. That's what my conscience and my beliefs tell me, but also I know many people in this state who are either gay or lesbian and are leaders, intellectually, in terms of politics and so on, so to me it's just one of the vibrant parts of Wisconsin's life.

WA: Many people in Wisconsin may be unaware of how favorable your voting record has been on gay, lesbian and AIDS-related issues...

RF: Tell 'em!

WA: Why do you think that is? Why do you think that message doesn't get through?

RF: This is one of the realities of being a U.S. Senator. You're only up for election once every six years, you're out in Washington, and there's a tendency to cover what the Governor and the Legislature does. Often, some of the things you do that are fairly significant, don't get much press. It takes effort and word-of-mouth to get [this information] out. I do take enormous pride in the fact that I stood up to the attempts to discriminate against the gay community and to punish the gay community such as the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

I helped take the lead in it with Senator Kennedy to try to have the federal government mirror Wisconsin's ban on employment discrimination in this area. I'm also proud of—and [this] got even less attention ... that I was a leading force in changing the formula for AIDS funding. There was a significant, understandable bias in favor of cities like San Francisco and New York. I was a leader in getting that formula to change so that Wisconsin could get its fair share because we have concerns with AIDS in this state as well. So, it's both on the rights issues, but also on the practical issue of funding for programs like AIDS—I think I've done one heck-of-a job and I want to do [it for] six more years.

WA: A review of that AIDS funding formula is coming up again next year. Will you continue your support for equality in AIDS funding?



Russell Feingold. Photo by Jorge Cabal

RF: I will be very, very active in fighting for the proper funding for the Midwest and Wisconsin. I go to every county every year and have a Town Meeting; so far, I've gone to thirty-two Town Meetings. I've had people come to me in some of the smallest counties in the state and talk about the need for the AIDS formula to be appropriate not just in terms of Milwaukee or Madison, but also in some of the smallest places in Wisconsin.

WA: With so much violence and abuse of other types in our schools, many in our community are concerned with issues surrounding younger gays and lesbians and questioning youth. What can you do establish a more accepting environment for questioning youth in our schools?

RF: I am always happy to play a public role in fighting discrimination or violence against anyone, and that would include, of course, gays and lesbians. It happens that my daughter, Jessica, became involved in issues having to do with violence against women in school this year. I was glad to see my kid doin' something like that. She asked me to come and help highlight a program for awareness about violence against women at the high school. I enjoy that sort of work, and I believe as a public figure that it's absolutely my responsibility to stand up and say that that's wrong.

On the other hand, I am a strong believer in the First Amendment and I do resist attempts to solve problems—even in this area—that involves restrictions on freedom of speech. That would be my only caveat or concern in that area. As much as I abhor discrimination in any area, I do still believe in freedom of speech—even if it's ugly—to solve the problem without affecting our freedom of speech.

WA: I often hear people say that they feel disconnected from our government—distant from their representatives—they feel their concerns don't really have a chance to get heard. Do you think that's the case? Do you read your mail? What effect does it have when constituents contact you directly?

RF: You'd be amazed at how few people actually write us about issues on any subject, let alone gay and lesbian issues. It

would be most impressive if we would receive 10 letters in one week about one particular issue. We get thousands, and thousands of computer generated letters from the right wing about black helicopters in the UN, or abortion or whatever, but you'd be amazed how few issues there are that are connected to the rest of the community that generate letters.

I do something that guarantees that anybody who wants to talk to me on these issues can talk to me and be heard. I go to every single one of Wisconsin's 72 counties every year and hold a Town Meeting. I don't set the topic, I just get up there and talk for two minutes and say, "You can each talk to me for up to five minutes on whatever subject you want."

Many groups, from credit unions to the Forest Service, have used these listening sessions as a way to speak to me directly. I would recommend it as strongly to the gay and lesbian community as I would to anybody in this state. It's a great way to reach me, and it doesn't take that much organization either. You get five people and go to five counties and that's impressive.

WA: What are you doing to promote gay and lesbian issues—to make Wisconsin a safer place for gays and lesbians to live?

RF: I would like this state to be known—as it always has been—as a place of tolerance. If you want to get away from people who will harass you, if you want to get away and be treated on your own merits, then Wisconsin, in my view, is still one of the best places in the country. I would say that to anyone, including gays and lesbians, and I think they would find that to be true. Wisconsin is a place that welcomes every one of every background.

WA: How you think you differ from your opponent Congressman Mark Newman gay rights issues.

RF: Clearly, the Congressman has indicated that he doesn't even believe in Wisconsin's own law, which prohibits discrimination towards gays and lesbians in the workplace. I voted for that law—proudly—when I was in the State Senate early on. He stands directly contrary to Wisconsin's traditions of tolerance and fairness in the workplace.

He also indicated to the *New York Times* that if he were elected God, he would make homosexuality illegal. That struck me as sort of speaking for itself. That's strikes me as not a very tolerant remark for many,

many good citizens in our state. I think obviously unfortunate and I obviously considered it an inappropriate remark.

WA: With so much talk about morality and the morality of homosexuality, I wonder how you're dealing with President Clinton's current situation?

RF: I am concerned, first and foremost about the President having apparently so blatantly *not* told the truth to the American people when he spoke directly to the camera. That's the part that bothers me most. I think the whole furor about morality—and the President—is something that most people are looking at from their own point of view and their own morality rather than as a governmental issue.

I have to look at these things as a public servant. What I look at is whether there will be any impeachment proceedings. If it ever comes that, my job as Senator is to act as a juror and look at the facts and look at the evidence. To me that's very important. No one is above the law. I don't know whether there will be serious charges, but I do know what my job is in that case. I focus on that rather than trying to become the moral arbiter for the nation. I do think people should live moral lives, but I also think people should not be hypocritical and condemn people for things they have probably done themselves. I think there should be some balance.

WA: Many Republicans seem focused gay, lesbian and moral issues; using it as a banner issue for the fall elections. Do you see that as well?

RF: I see it as an enormous mistake. It's a disservice to one of the true great political parties in the country. The Republican party was founded in Ripon, Wisconsin with a spirit that basically was sound. I'm not a Republican, I never will be a Republican, but the spirit of the Republican party did include individual liberty and not having government interfere with that liberty. The Republican party is being

taken over—in this state in particular—by very far right elements that are destroying the good qualities of the party.

When I was growing up we had a Republican and a Democratic party and they were both good. They were both well-intentioned. They differed on certain economic philosophies. That's where we should be at. And it is *harmful*—even though I think it will hurt the Republicans more than the Democrats—it is harmful to our system, including the candidate running against me, that they have turned away from fundamental Republican principles and have turned to restricting people's individual freedom. They'll pay for it, they'll be sorry for it and ultimately they'll turn away from it.

WA: What can people that may be reading this article do to not let that happen?

RF: They've got to take "getting the vote out" seriously. There really is nothing else—that's the end result. There are many ways to get to that point: events, going door-to-door, working on campaigns. In the end, members of the gay and lesbian community like all people in our state need to realize that people may not come out to vote unless they're urged to by friends and colleagues and relatives. That has to be done very seriously for the next 65 to 67 days because the extremist elements in this state will prevail if there's a low turn-out.

Fortunately, there are a number of people here who are so extreme that they'll vote; you gotta give 'em credit for that. Those in our society that have many different things going on in their lives need to include voting and getting other people out to vote as part of it, or their own lives and the quality of their lives will be substantially diminished by those who want to take away their rights.

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AIDS Treatment Fails Many Patients



by Daniel Q. Haney

Baltimore (AP) — The first time Dr. Joel Gallant laid eyes on Michael Willis, he was struck by how truly awful his new patient looked. "A skinny little emaciated creature" is what the doctor remembers.

Willis was in the full grip of AIDS, covered with eczema, partially paralyzed by a herpes infection of the spine, 140 pounds and falling. Death within a year seemed almost certain.

That was 2 1/2 years ago. Now Willis, at 37, exudes energy. He is toned and trim and handsome enough to model two or three times a week at the Maryland Institute College of Art.

As stunning as Willis' turnaround seems, it is hardly unique. He is one of the thousands of Americans rescued from the edge of death by the AIDS cocktail, the combination of pills that changed a uniformly lethal disease into a treatable one.

However, Willis' story is commonplace for another reason as well. Despite his look of health, he clearly has not escaped HIV. In the brutally precise language of medicine, Willis is a treatment failure.

Estimates vary, but perhaps 30 percent to 60 percent of all people taking the AIDS cocktails are considered treatment failures, because HIV can still be found on standard tests that are sensitive enough to spot as few as 20 copies of the virus in a milliliter of blood. Either their viral levels never got that low or they rebounded after a promising start.

When Willis first learned of his disease, 600,000 bits of virus circulated in every milliliter of his blood. At the time, he had been sick for a year, often so exhausted he could not get out of bed. He felt oddly relieved to learn the cause, even though it turned out to be HIV.

While he steadily got better on a combination of the protease inhibitor Crixivan and two other drugs, the lowest his virus level ever fell is around 1,000 — far from the zero that defines success.

Most of his friends with HIV have seen their virus vanish. The failure of treatment to do the same for him is obviously disappointing.

"Sometimes I cry about it," he admits. But mostly he focuses on his good fortune. He enjoys the pleasure of playing and singing with his rock band, the Radiant Pig, enjoys feeling well, enjoys being alive.

"I just try to ignore it," says Willis. "I wish somebody would tell me what is going to happen, but I don't want to ask, either."

But even if he asks, there are no clear answers.

No one knows for sure what will happen to those whose virus stays stubbornly visible despite all-out treatment. From the start of the epidemic, the amount of virus has been the surest barometer of the disease's course. The higher the level, the faster it kills. Experts believe that if there's enough HIV to measure, it's probably continuing to damage the immune system, even if more slowly than before.

"Right now, we are seeing people like Michael who are having less than satisfactory virological responses. Yet clinically he is doing wonderfully and is as healthy as he has been in years," says Gallant, an AIDS expert at Johns Hopkins University. "We don't know how long that will last. But our assessment is that without complete viral suppression, it won't last forever."

The doctors wonder: Will these people start to go downhill in two years? Five? Ten or even longer? They worry that the dramatic decline in AIDS deaths of the past two years is a honeymoon, a lull before the epidemic reawakens.

"We are winning many more battles than we won before, but we still haven't won the war," says Dr. Michael Saag of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

His program averaged 10 to 15 deaths a month among its 700 AIDS patients in 1995. Then came the cocktail. In 1996 and 1997, there were just one to three deaths a month. But this year, the figures are creeping up again, averaging five to eight deaths a month.

For now, though, many like Willis continue to thrive despite stable or even rising viral levels.

"You still see wonderful, wonderful things happening with this therapy," says Dr. Lori Fantry of the University of Maryland. "People come into the clinic and they think you're God. Their symptoms melt away before your eyes. The people aren't failing yet. It's the numbers."

The numbers. Scientists estimate that for every unit of virus in a milliliter of blood, somewhere in the body between 100,000 and 150,000 infected cells are making HIV. A viral load of 1,000, like Willis', suggests between 100 million and 150 million virus-making cells.

Over time, these viruses may elude AIDS drugs by doing a sloppy job of reproducing themselves. No unit of HIV is exactly like its parent. With each copy it makes, HIV introduces an average of one error into its genetic code. Chances are, everyone with HIV carries a virus with a

symptoms disappear. In time, people feel perfectly well except for the side effects of their pills. This makes sticking with them even harder.

"It was never so easy to be adherent as when I was on the brink of serious illness," says Sean O'Brien Strub, 40, of New York City. "I couldn't wait for my next dose. As I felt better longer, the treatment became more of an intrusion, and the side effects were more bothersome."

Strub, who is publisher of *Poz*, a magazine for HIV-infected people, went on a trip in June and forgot his pills. So he decided to stop taking them for a couple of weeks, just to see what would happen. Within 10 days, he felt sick again. A blood test showed his virus level, which had been undetectable, spiked to over a million.

Back on therapy, it's now down to 30,000. "I definitely made a mistake," he admits.

Some people are resistant to individual components of the AIDS cocktail, often because they took them as single drugs before the cocktail was created. Many are long-infected treatment pioneers, eager to try each new drug that comes along.

For instance, Nick Houpis, 43, of Boston, has taken 10 of the 11 approved AIDS medicines. The lowest his viral load ever dropped was 37,000. Now it's 440,000, and this summer he had his first bout with an AIDS-related illness.

"There are an awful lot of us who are just a little bit too late," he says. "I don't think they will come up with something that will make miracle stories out of us."

Some appear to suffer because of physician incompetence, too. For instance, doctors may err by adding a protease inhibitor to two other medicines

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random mutation that makes it capable of resisting whatever drug comes along.

When patients start treatment, doctors give them three drugs — typically a protease inhibitor and two older medicines — that they have never taken before. The idea is to hit the virus hard, knocking its production so low that lurking resistant versions never have a chance to be made in quantity.

When treatment pushes the virus below detectable levels and keeps it there, doctors feel fairly certain that patients will stay healthy for several years. If treatment fails, it's because swarms of drug-resistant viruses have been produced.

Doctors list three main reasons for treatment failure: Patients neglect to take their medicines on schedule; they already have lots of resistant virus because of earlier exposure to medicines, or their doctors treated them inadequately.

Failure to take medicines consistently is probably No. 1. Missing just a few doses allows resistant viruses to grow explosively. Once that happens, there is no guarantee that switching drugs will do any good, since the virus may be immune to them, too.

However, staying on treatment isn't easy. It often means taking 15 or 20 pills a day on a precise schedule. Some must go down on an empty stomach, some on a full one. They must be taken at just the right time around the clock.

Many trigger nasty side effects, such as diarrhea, headaches, insomnia, stomach pains, numbness in the fingers and toes and an odd-looking rearrangement of body fat that leaves people with potbellies and wasted arms.

As the medicines do their job, HIV

their patients are already taking, instead of starting them on three fresh drugs. This greatly increases the risk of rampant resistance. AIDS care has become so complicated, many believe, that it now should be done only by specialists who know how to avoid such potentially fatal mistakes.

Once someone fails AIDS treatment, the next step is what doctors call salvage therapy — the art of crafting a second attempt to knock down the virus. They may prescribe five or six drugs at once.

"You end up with a kitchen sink approach," says Dr. Kenneth Mayer of Brown University. "You try to pull together every possible combination to keep the virus in check."

Willis is an extreme example of this. Gallant has him on seven anti-AIDS drugs, plus an assortment of others to ward off AIDS-related infections.

Once a week, Willis hauls out an orange crate of big white pill bottles and counts out his week's dosage: Norvir, zalcitabine, 3TC, hydroxyurea, ddI, abacavir, zalcitabine, Sustiva, Bactrim, acyclovir and Zithromax, plus a shot of testosterone.

He starts each day with two packets of ddI dissolved in a glass of water. Then he takes a fistful of pills with breakfast, another handful with dinner, and a couple more at bedtime, 35 in all.

"I've just made it part of my life," Willis says. "I don't really have any options. If I'm dead, I know that my options are limited."

PARTICIPANTS SOUGHT

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No Gay Babies

Illinois Lawyer Says Parents Should Have Right To Choose Child's Sexual Orientation

Chicago (AP) — A Chicago lawyer who's published articles about the legal and ethical issues of sexual orientation research says that if a so-called "gay gene" is ever isolated, parents should have the right to abort a gay fetus or manipulate its genetic makeup.

"I'm pro-gay but also pro-freedom," said Aaron Greenberg, who is set to present his argument Thursday at the 16th annual Gay and Lesbian Medical Association Symposium held in Chicago last week.

"All things being equal, I think a kid who is heterosexual would have an easier life, not for any good reason, but because people irrationally discriminate (against homosexuals)," Greenberg said, giving what he speculated would be the biggest reason parents would want a straight child.

He said such parents who make such a decision also would probably relate better to a heterosexual child and would probably feel they would have a better chance of eventually becoming grandparents.

Greenberg's view — particularly presented to a room full of mostly gay and lesbian medical professionals — is likely to be controversial.

"It's just pure evil," said David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, a Washington-based gay political group. "It stems from the whole notion that being gay or lesbian is not quite worthy of a parent's love."

Others say Greenberg has a point. "I think it'd be a terrible thing if you ended up foisting gay and lesbian kids on parents who you know don't want them," said Timothy Murphy, a medical humanities professor at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and the organizer of the GLMA panel.

Greenberg, a corporate lawyer who has published with Northwestern University researcher Michael Bailey, said he understands that — even if one has no problem with abortion or genetic engineering — his ideas make can make people "very emotional."

"I don't want to upset anyone," Greenberg said. "But I don't think, with certain conditions, that there's anything morally objectionable with choosing a child's sexual orientation."

Even if hatred is the motive, he said there's no harm in a homophobe choosing not to have a gay child. Officials at the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, which will meet in Chicago through Saturday, say it's important to discuss the issue, no matter how controversial.

"Sure it's going to upset people. But I think it forces us to come to terms with the fact that people hate us and there's no magic bullet to make it go away," said Ben Schatz, executive director of the San Francisco-based GLMA. "I think this underscores that we can't look to science or technology as

an antidote to bigotry."

To date, researchers looking for a genetic explanation for homosexuality say they have found similarities in gay twins and other siblings. A 1993 study, for example found that gay brothers tended to share the same region of the X-chromosome, called Xq28, suggesting that there may be a gene in that region that affects sexual orientation.

Some look at the findings as proof that homosexuality has a biological link. Others continue to insist that homosexuality is a learned behavior.

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don't," said Bailey, an expert on issues of gender and sexual orientation.

Either way, there remains no way to isolate a gay gene or genetically engineer a fetus.

"At the present time, we have zero genetic therapies for any genetic disorder or trait of any kind," Murphy said. "Not only are we not there yet, it eclipses other important health issues for gay men and lesbians."

Such issues — everything from dealing with homophobia-related stress to the latest developments in treating patients with the AIDS virus — also were discussed at the GLMA conference.

In the meantime, Greenberg said he hopes his views will be greeted with open minds.

"I hope they would think real hard about telling people they can't do things in their private lives," he said. "I would think that argument would really resonate in the homosexual community."

UW Madison Will Appeal Fee Ruling

Madison — The regents of the University of Wisconsin have voted the school will appeal a federal appeals court ruling earlier in August that said the University of Wisconsin at Madison's student fees policy is unconstitutional.

The ruling, by a three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, came after three conservative Christian students objected to part of their student fees being given by the university to the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Campus Center, and other campus groups they objected to. The court agreed with the students that the university's student fee policy violated their First Amendment rights to freedom of belief.

The regents voted to appeal the decision to the full 7th Circuit Court, but Toby Marcovich, one of the trustees, said the vote was not unanimous.

NEWS WIRE

Lawsuit Challenges Philly Partners Law

PHILADELPHIA — A group of 10 Philadelphians have filed a lawsuit, backed by the conservative anti-gay Urban Family Council, challenging the city's domestic partner ordinance.

The suit charges that the city council overstepped its legal authority in passing the partners measure in May and effectively "redefined marriage" which the group says only the state legislature has the legal right to do.

Supporters of the partners ordinance said the suit was groundless because domestic partnership is far from same-sex marriage. The city also said it would fight the lawsuit because, among other things, the plaintiffs had not shown any way they had been harmed either personally or financially by the measure.

Poll: Hawaii Voters Against Same-Sex Marriage

HONOLULU — An NBC/Honolulu Star-Bulletin poll indicates Hawaii voters are opposed to legalizing same-sex marriages in the state by a whopping 2.5-to-1 margin.

The poll, just three months before voters will consider a proposed constitutional amendment that would empower the state legislature to prohibit same-sex marriages in Hawaii, found that 63 percent of the state's voters oppose gay and lesbian marriages while only 24 percent support them. Some 13 percent said they were undecided or didn't know.

The poll reflects a 7 percentage point drop in the number of people who oppose same-sex marriages in the past year, it still underscores the enormous opposition gay and lesbian unions face among state voters.

Study Indicates Pervasiveness of Anti-Gay Attacks

SAN FRANCISCO — A study presented at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association and headed by psychologist Karen Franklin of the University of Washington surveyed nearly 500 community college students in the San Francisco area and found that a full 10 percent of all the students admitted making physical attacks or threats against people they believed to be homosexual.

Young males at the schools were even more likely to be involved in some kind of anti-gay attack, the survey found, with 18 percent of the young men admitting they have physically attacked or threatened someone they believed was gay. And 24 percent of all the students and an additional 32 percent of the males said they had verbally harassed someone because of their sexual orientation.

In her study, Franklin also reported that "almost half the assailants reported a likelihood to assault again in similar circumstances. That is, they either lacked remorse or did not see anything wrong with their behavior." She called attacks against homosexuals "the most socially acceptable" of all hate crimes committed by young adults.

In her study, Franklin also emphasized that most of these anti-gay assailants "do not fit the stereotype of the hate-filled extremist. Rather they are average young people. And the reason they don't see anything wrong [with their attacks] is simple - no one is telling them that it is wrong."

Poll: Slim Majority Supports Anti-Bias Laws

NEW YORK — Flying in the face of polls often cited by rights activists that indicate up to 84 percent of Americans support laws barring discrimination based on sexual orientation, the latest Harris poll finds that only a modest 52 percent of the country's adults back such anti-bias laws while a substantial 41 percent are against them.

The poll of 623 adults suggests that a clearer number - 41 percent — endorse Democratic Party policies concerning gay rights, while a much smaller number — just 23 percent — think Republicans have the right answer.

But pollster Humphrey Taylor said that the issue of gay rights would tend to help the Democrats and hurt Republicans, but only if voters in the country felt strongly about the question. This, Taylor said, isn't the case for most Americans who do not view gay rights as major policy issue facing the nation. Taylor said the poll results probably have little impact except among gay and lesbian voters, or among those who hate homosexuals.

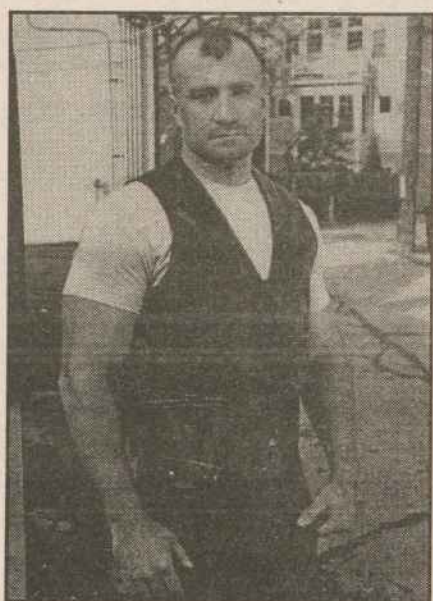
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AIDS Walk Bar Competition Heating Up

Milwaukee — Gay and lesbian bars throughout Wisconsin are competing to raise the most money to win the new AIDS Walk Wisconsin traveling trophy and show how much they care about people affected by HIV and AIDS.

Individuals registered on a gay or lesbian team are also working to bring in the most money on the day of the AIDS Walk to win the bar competition individual grand prize of two round trip tickets on American Airlines to anywhere in the 48 contiguous states.

Last year's competition among 12 teams raised over \$10,000 for the AIDS Walk. The traveling trophy is a new feature of the bar competition this year, and will be engraved and awarded to the top fundraising bar, and will travel to future bar winners.

Currently, 16 bar teams from throughout Wisconsin are registered for the Walk. As of the end of August, leading in team registration is Team Eagle with 23 members, followed by Mama Roux with 16 members. But remember, bar registration numbers are changing daily, and who knows which bar will take the lead next week.

Last year, Just Us was the top fundraising bar. However, with the recent closure of that award winning establishment, any other bar could very soon take the lead.

Now is the time to sign up and become a member of your favorite bar's Walk team to help them win the fourth annual bar competition.

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LGBT Higher Education Conference Scheduled

Pewaukee, WI — Waukesha County Technical College and Madison Area Technical College are sponsoring a conference entitled "Opening Doors to Understanding: Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Issues in Higher Education" on Thursday, September 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday, September 25 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at

Olympia Resort and Spa in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

The conference will provide participants with an insightful journey into the experience and issues facing gay, lesbian and bisexual students and staff in institutions of higher learning. The keynote speaker on September 24 is Donna Redwing; the national field director of the Human Rights Campaign. The Luncheon Theater on September 25 is "A Real Read," an African-American Lesbian/BiGay performance ensemble of writers and performers who [present] original works of poetry and prose.

The cost, which includes registration, breakfast, lunch and breaks, is \$75 for two days, or \$50 for students. For further information or to register, please call Deborah Wallendal at (414) 691-5346. You may also e-mail her at: dwallendal@waukesha.tec.wi.us.

Paul "Cricket" Jacob Wins 1998 Gay Community Choice Award

Green Bay, WI — Paul "Cricket" Jacob has been named the winner of the 1998 Gay Community Choice Award (GCCA) for his years of HIV/AIDS charitable service. The award was presented in Green Bay during the Guernsey Gala at Za's on Saturday, August 8, 1998.

The ceremony included brief comments by a GCCA Board member, followed by the presentation of the GCCA trophy, a certificate of appreciation, and flowers by GCCA founder Mike P. "Cricket" expressed his appreciation to the board and to the community for its support and recognition.

The GCCA is an annual award presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the community in terms of time and talent. This contribution may be one significant act or the accumulation of many daily acts of self-sacrifice and charity. The GCCA recognizes and expresses appreciation for what this person has done and/or continues to do for the gay community.

Often, a nominee is an unsung hero. Often, if not for the nomination itself, an individual deserving of a GCCA award might go unnoticed. These individuals are most often concerned more about the good of the community than any award or other form of self-promotion. That is

why GCCA was started—as a simple way to say "Thank You" to the silent achievers in our community.

The GCCA Board of Directors is currently planning a February kickoff for the 1999 GCCA Award. For additional information, contact GCCA Board members Leon or Mike at (920) 437-5699.

Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance Celebrates Anniversary

Stevens Point, WI — One year ago, a group of gay men and women in the Central Wisconsin area got together to create an organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered persons in central Wisconsin. Now Incorporated, the Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance, Inc. (RACW) recently celebrated its one-year anniversary.

It has been a successful and busy year for the organization and interested members have had the opportunities to socialize in a member's home or a community park. Monthly meetings are non-alcoholic, and are accompanied by a potluck dinner. The monthly meetings draw, on average, 40 members from Marathon, Lincoln, Portage, Wood, Clark and Adam's Counties.

The July 18 outing was highlighted by their very own Miss Cheri, Miss Danette and Ms. Juuuuulia. Three judges in black bow ties, named Ms. Juuuuulia as the top prize winner for her outfit which consisted of a white sleeveless mid-length dress adorned with white string all the way around her rather large but proportionate waist. Standing six-foot two inches tall, she displayed a full neck of pearls with a matching brooch and earrings.

Her hair was frosted with a mix of blonde and brunette, and she wore black spiked heels and a nicely filled out pair of fishnet stockings. She descended the outside balcony of the host's home, which was lit with miniature white lights, to Tina Turner's "Private Dancer." The judges say that the part of her presentation that topped all was her cigarette held in an authentic Japanese cigarette holder.

RACW has taken several fun-filled trips. In November of 1997, members took a holiday shopping trip to the Mall of America at Bloomington, Minnesota. In May of 1998, many members enjoyed a spiritual retreat to Northern Wisconsin. In August the group enjoyed a

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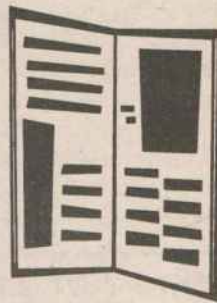
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weekend getaway to Chicago, and September will allow members to participate in the AIDS Walk in Milwaukee. A non-denominational spirituality discussion group meets weekly in the Marshfield area and a "Parents With Children" discussion group will be starting soon in the Stevens Point area.

John O'Keefe, the organization's current president, credits the success of the Rainbow Alliance to the hard work of many people. "We have actively sought to involve as many individuals as possible right from the beginning. We knew we could not survive as a one- or two-person show. Narrowing the list of 58 possible tasks to eight back in January has allowed the Alliance to focus on becoming organizationally strong."

Directed by a nine-member elected Steering Committee, the group raises funds by asking for donations at a monthly potluck. For more information contact RACW at PO Box 390, Stevens Point, WI 54481-0323. RACW can be reached by telephone at (715) 592-6245, voice mailbox #5920200. All contacts are treated with confidentiality.

Statute Limits Use of Dollars in For Older Adults

Milwaukee — In 1997, Wisconsin Act 27 affirmed that public dollars set aside for community care should be targeted for persons who reside in their own

home or apartment. The new legislative initiative asks counties to set maximum limits annually on the amount of dollars they will spend for care in Community Based Residential Facilities (CBRFs). In addition, counties are mandated to administer an assessment to all persons prior to their admission to such facilities.

The new statute exempts Adult Family Homes, certified Residential Care Apartment Complexes, and CBRFs which consist of independent apartments from the cap as well as the pre-admission screening process. Services to persons with Alzheimer's Disease which are provided in a CBRF with a specific Dementia Care Program are also exempt from the new requirements.

According to Stephanie Sue Stein, Director of the Milwaukee County Department on Aging (MCDaA), "elderly consumers need to make informed decisions about their place of residence. All too often these decisions are made without knowledge of the full range of options available to older adults in our community."

The MCDaA will begin the pre-admission screening process in September. Those individuals entering a CBRF without the required assessment will not be eligible for public dollars should their personal resources be depleted. For additional information, or to arrange a pre-admission screening, call the Elderlink Resource Center at (414) 289-6104.

CCF Announces 1998 Grant Awards

Milwaukee — In its third quarter review, the Cream City Foundation (CCF) has awarded five grants to various LGBT organizations around the state. In keeping with its mission statement CCF's Grant Committee reviewed five organizations grant applications and made recommendations of support for each of them.

Scott D. Gunkle, Grants Committee Chair said, "We review all aspects of each grant application and ask questions when needed; we must make sure that what we are granting is to be used wisely and for the benefit of the LGBT community in Wisconsin." The Grant Committee takes the financial responsibility to all those who have donated to CCF very seriously, and with great pride has approved the following grants:

The Wisconsin Research Center (WRC) has received a \$1,000 grant. This is the fourth-year CCF has supported WRC. This grant is specifically for WRC outreach to the LGBT community. WRC monitors the Religious Right's activities, produces information about these activities, and distributes this information to organizations that are trying to prevent them from instituting their hateful and bigoted legislation and policies.

The Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Film & Video Festival has been awarded \$1,000. This is the 11th annual festival in Milwaukee, and for many years the Cream City Foundation has funded part of this event. CCF believes Milwaukee is fortunate to have such a wonderful series shown year after year. A wide range of people (nearly 2,000 people last year) from all walks of life attend this event and are enriched by the exposure of the diversity of the films and videos. The festival is to be held on two weekends on the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Campus: September 24-26 and October 1-3, 1998.

CCF is again happy to be funding the annual Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.) with a grant of

\$1,000. This year the tournament will again be held during the Thanksgiving weekend. Bowlers and their friends from all over the world attend this event, with people coming from as far away as Australia. A CCF spokesman said, "Let's not forget the revenue this tournament will be bringing with it. This is another wonderful event that proves just how diverse a city Milwaukee is in which to live."

The Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay and Transgendered College Conference has received a grant on the amount of \$2,000. This annual event started in 1992 and will be held from February 19 through 21 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison.

This year's theme is *Moving Forward, Looking Back*, an allusion to Wisconsin's state motto in celebration of our state's progressive legacy as the first gay-rights state. A broad array of topics will unite the idea of how LGBT people should approach the twenty-first century, with emphasis on such topics as health, politics, academia, identity building and cultural construction. Keynote Speaker Larry Kramer has been booked, and they are working on getting Virginia Apuzzo, as well.

The Human Rights League (HRL) has been granted \$2,200 to develop a program booklet that will list all its events and sponsors for their series of events for National Coming Out Day. HRL is working with the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and PFLAG in co-sponsorship of these events. This year's theme is *Opening Closets, Opening Minds*, and will start on Monday, October 5 with an event for Parents, Friends and Allies of the LGBT community, and continue through Friday, October 16, 1998, including workshops the Public Officials Reception and other events that are still to be finalized.

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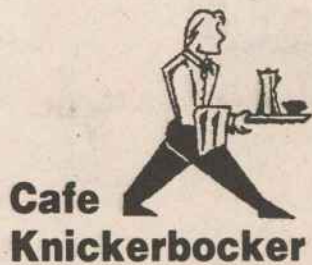
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by Eldon Murray

Gerald Earl Meyers (Jerry), retired from the World Headquarters of Harnischfeger Corporation, died on August 17 at St. Luke's Hospital where he had been admitted the previous day after suffering a heart attack. He had been suffering from chronic heart disease for several years.

Jerry was a quiet, soft-spoken person, but he had much courage and understood that money, sometimes, can talk loudly. In the early 1970s a local bank turned down the checking accounts for the fledgling Gay Peoples Union (GPU) and GPU News, the state's first gay liberation publication to appear on a regular basis simply because the word "gay" would appear on the checks. I was to negotiate with the banker who had denied the accounts. Needless to say, Jerry was a big help when he gave me permission to tell the banker that if our accounts were denied he would close his recently signed sizeable trust account with that bank. This

threat, together, with the promise that there would soon be a parade of persons coming to his desk to have him personally close their individual accounts resulted in a quick approval of the account. We didn't even consider taking the word gay off the checks.

Later he provided the funding to buy the furniture for GPU's VD Clinic which has evolved into the Brady East STD Clinic BESTD Clinic. He also furnished and paid the rent and expenses for four years for the Farwell Center, GPU's offices and meeting space.

Jerry will also be remembered fondly by those many individuals whom he helped over the years. He didn't talk about it, but there were many people who received his help when it was needed. A celebration of his life is expected to be announced sometime in September.

Even in death, Jerry sets an example: His executor tells me that his entire estate is being given to The Cream City Foundation.

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Outvote '98 Aims To Engage a New Generation of Activists

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest lesbian and gay political organization, announced recently the creation of a special student rate to September's OutVote '98, the lesbian and gay political convention.

The OutVote '98 political convention takes place in Washington, DC September 17-20 and will mobilize fair-minded Americans to vote in this fall's elections with a variety of workshops and speakers.

Speakers include the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Assistant to the President Virginia Apuzzo, AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, U.S. Representatives Barney Frank, Cynthia McKinney and Connie Morella, Seattle Council member Tina Podlodowski, National Coming Out Day Spokesperson Betty DeGeneres, former Representative Steve Gunderson and his partner Rob Morris, Jon and Michael Galluccio and others.

"HRC is committed to being a more inclusive organization," said Bob Baublitz, member of the HRC Board of Governors for Washington, DC. "This outreach program for college student leaders, designed from their input, is one more example of the new policies we are adopting to ensure HRC represents the needs of more members of the LGBT community."

"HRC has the kind of influence on the national level needed to help bring together a coherent voice for our community's youth," said Jacob Fabbri, President of the Organization for Lesbian and Gay Students Rights at Catholic University of America.

Campus activists exemplify the energy of grassroots organizing that is at the forefront of our movement. HRC welcomes students from across the nation for a weekend of organizing and networking with some of the country's brightest grassroots organizers.

Representatives from the AFL-CIO, Victory Fund, Gill Foundation, Federation of States, National Latino/a

Lesbian and Gay Organization, Center for Environmental Citizenship, Interfaith Alliance, ACLU, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and others will be at OutVote '98 to share ideas and give advice.

This same weekend, just a few blocks away, the Christian Coalition's Road to Victory Conference will feature the National Rifle Association's Charlton Heston and Focus on the Family's James Dobson. The conference will mobilize thousands of voters to stand against America's value on equality at the polls this fall.

"LGBT youth are already forming powerful grassroots networks," added Jessie Gilliam, Co-chair of the Day of Silence Project, a grassroots LGBT educational initiative involving more than 200 high school and college campuses. "Having HRC assist and empower youth is crucial to our movement."

To register for OutVote '98 student rate of \$74, call Box Office Tickets at 800/494-8497. Travel-On is the official travel agent for OutVote '98. American Airlines is the official airlines for HRC. For more information about OutVote '98, visit <http://www.hrc.org/campgn98/outvote/index.html> or call Michael Grantham, OutVote '98 Coordinator at 202-628-4160

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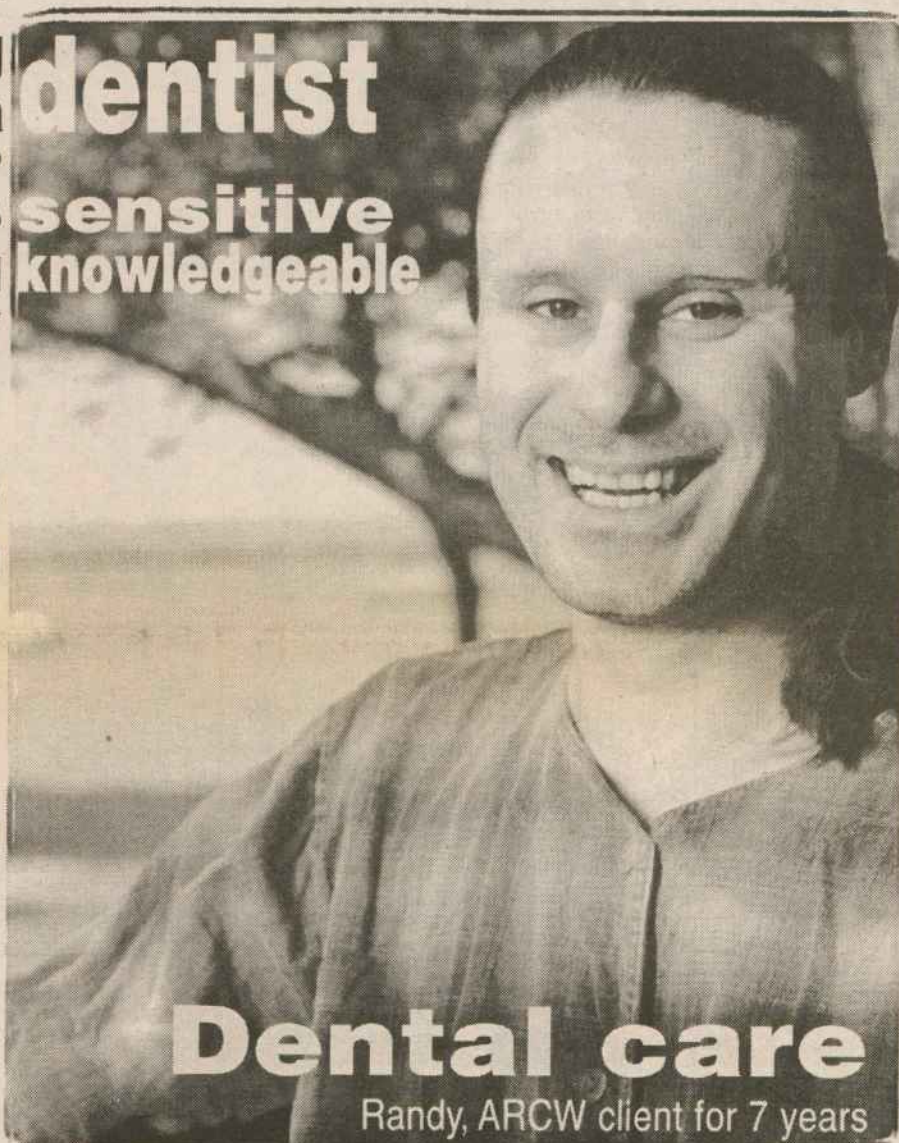


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Images, Style and Visual Projections: Things Gay Men Understand

by Dave Runyon

The elections are upon us, and it might give us pause to consider why one side wins. Winning in politics is the result of pulling people together, not separating them from one another. We know before hand that the religious extremists will lose, because they are unable to pull the mainstream to their side; indeed, that's why the mainstream is

"Tammy [Baldwin] is dressed even better than Jackie Kennedy..."

the mainstream, and the extremists are the extremists. Now it may be fashionable to be parochial in an era where partisanship is the rage, but it ends up being like the children's chant "Ring Around Rosy; we all fall down."

We don't have to be brain surgeons to sense that the country is tired of nasty political campaigns. Here in Wisconsin, we saw Rus Feingold win because his two opponents focused on destroying each other, i.e., they handed the election to Feingold, because they were divisive. Talk about stupid! And Moody is a Ph.D., which shows what a degree in economics will get you, but I digress.

One has only to look at the TV ads among the three Democrats running for the 2nd Congressional seat in the greater "metropolitan" Madison area. None of the candidates are attacking each other; they are focusing on issues which unite the electorate. Politics is the art of pulling the greatest number of people together. If you need visual images to get the point, consider those visuals the extreme right uses against the gay community like, the S&M leather folks on the parade floats against one of Tammy Baldwin's current TV ads.

The S&M leather queens look like those menacing "straight" motor cycle gangs, whereas Tammy is somewhere between a movie queen and Queen Nefer-

titti of Ancient Egypt—"The Beautiful One Has Arrived," — and she's holding her niece in her arms, the traditional mother image. Tammy is dressed even better than Jackie Kennedy which has the suggestion that simple good taste and squeaky clean elegance represent the kind of government performance you could expect from her in Washington, D.C.

The pitch by all three candidates focuses on issues that are very immediate and personal to all of us, such as a national single-payer health care plan, social security, etc. By contrast two of the six leading Republican candidates would have us believe (falsely) that they have been hand-picked by the retiring Congressman, Scott Klug. The leading contender, Jo Musser, is a provincial doughty, dumpy matron bitching about those people in Washington who want to rule, control and ruin your life back here in Dinky Town. Jeeeesus! If there is one thing that poor woman needs, it's a drag queen to do a whole make-over on her. Honey, talk about the Titanic! We don't need Ronny Greer to win the Primary when we've got Jo Musser.

Actually, Ronny Greer cuts a pretty mean figure; he is very well dressed and he's cute. Oh Baby, I wouldn't throw that out of bed for eatin' crackers. He just needs someone to stick a dirty sock in his mouth. When one's answer to global and domestic issues is a moral absolute—i.e. an authority *outside* oneself,—you know you're dealing with a soul who has little self-respect. Definitely damaged goods. One thing you can say about Ronny, besides his good looks; he's as dumb in one area as he is stupid in another—consistency at such a price!

The subtext to elections is what kind of content, rhetoric, and style will bring us together as a mixed people who share common goals, and thus put some of that identity stuff in the back seat long enough to be able to put our arms around each other.

Letters

An Open Letter to Gay and Bisexual Men in Milwaukee

Dear Editor:

I was recently fortunate enough to be able to attend the 20th Anniversary National Lesbian and Gay Health Association's annual health conference in San Francisco. Besides the obvious benefits of anything happening in San Francisco, I also found the conference to be incredibly challenging as an out Gay man confronted with issues of HIV prevention and Gay men's health in 1998.

I attended a track of workshops and discussions entitled Gay Men's Sexual Cultures that dealt with tough, often controversial issues like drug use, bare-backing, and leather sex. The purpose of the track was to get beyond the never ending debates and moralizations to openly discuss how these topics affect our sexual lives, as Gay and Bi men, and how we need to address them in the context of the health of our communities.

On a national level we debate circuit parties and Sex Panic!, on a local level we debate sex in parks and other public places. For the health and well-being of our communities, we need to discuss these important issues with one another and how they impact our lives. We need to ask questions such as: What are the meanings behind our sex lives? How does the kinds of sex we have define who we are as Gay and Bi men? How does sex fit into the rest of our lives and needs? and How can we respect individual choices around sex and sexuality that may be perceived as being outside of community "norms"? If we can't discuss these issues among ourselves, then who can we discuss them with?

I challenge all of us to get to know



one another and explore who we are as Gay and Bi men. Talk with your friends and sex partners about these important issues. I also invite you to be a part of ARCW's Gay & Lesbian Outreach Program over the coming months and years as we attempt to raise the difficult questions and talk about our lives. Our Boyz Nite group, workshops and discussion series, and future opportunities can help provide you with a comfortable, supportive, and confidential space to engage other Gay and Bi men.

If you would like to find out more or have any suggestions on what you would like to see happen in our community, please call me at (414) 225-1502. It will take each and every one of us to create a community of Gay and Bi men that promotes respect, individuality, support and health.

Andy Bagnall
 Manager of Gay and Lesbian Outreach
 AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin

Taylor Way Off On Dr. Laura

Dear Editor:

I was astonished to read Jamie Taylor's strong defense of "Dr. Laura" Schlesinger in the August 20 issue of *IN Step*. The unspeakable Schlesinger, whose Ph.D. is not in a field qualifying her to practice as a mental health professional, is shrill, judgemental and rigidly anti-progressive on all fronts, not only on gay issues. She is doing incalculable harm to those who consider her to be an authority, and would be laughed out of any mental health field.

The day after reading Taylor's column, I read her advice to a young gay man, to convert to heterosexuality or to remain celibate for the rest of his life, because homosexuality is allegedly totally condemned by Judaism. In this, she demonstrates her ignorance of her own religion (she claims to be a Conservative Jew). There are gay Reform and Reconstructionist Jewish congregations and rabbis, and gay friendly Conservative temples which perform same-sex commitment ceremonies.

Taylor should stick to writing what he knows about, i.e., bar gossip.

Michael Sweet, Ph.D.
 Milwaukee

Never Forget

Dear Editor:

Chicago attorney, Aaron Greenberg, stated that when a gay gene is found, parents should have the legal right to abort that fetus. He also stated that he is "pro-gay" and "pro-freedom." Mr. Greenberg, a man of Jewish ancestry, forgets the suffering of his own people at the hands of those who were invested into Nazi logic. If the creators of the

Third Reich had the technology to have isolated a Jewish, a Gypsy, a disabled, a Jehovah's Witness or gay gene, they also would have exterminated untold fetuses in addition to the millions they exterminated. Mr. Greenberg, you have not learned the lessons of your own history and you encourage a dangerous political element in this country to revive an American version of national socialism, namely the extermination of a group that you personally find repugnant and inhuman. Never forget, Mr. Greenberg, never forget!

Damiano locovozzi
 Martinez, CA

IN Step in the Cesspool

Dear Editor:

Like him or not, President Bill Clinton is the best friend-in-high-places that gay people have ever had.

From that, one can gauge how low *IN Step* has sunk when it chooses to jump on the band wagon with Republicans and join in Clinton-bashing.

Those who run *IN Step* have lost their right to criticize "gay-bashers" now that they have become "bashers-of-friends-of-gays."

It's especially loathsome, and suggestive of the worst gay-sissy stereotype, that *IN Step* should kick Bill Clinton, their own best friend, when he's down.

IN Step columnist, Scott Evertz says of President Clinton's morality, "never before has the leader of our nation clothed himself so entirely in a garment made from this tattered fiber. If there is a Clinton legacy, it will be the impact his lack of moral leadership has on this nation for many years to come."

There are many right-wingers who agree wholeheartedly with that sentiment, and who find further proof of it in Clinton's "immoral" actions: appointing an open homosexual to an ambassadorship, trying to allow homosexuals to serve in the military, giving White House jobs to open homosexuals, attending homosexual functions and praising them. Yes, there are many people who would agree with *IN Step's* columnist that President Clinton is "immoral."

In view of *IN Step's* descent into the cesspool of bashing friends of gays, it is to be hoped that the recent changes at the outfit are signs of a decline in its fortunes, and that its decline will be swift and deep.

Al Geiersbach
 Milwaukee

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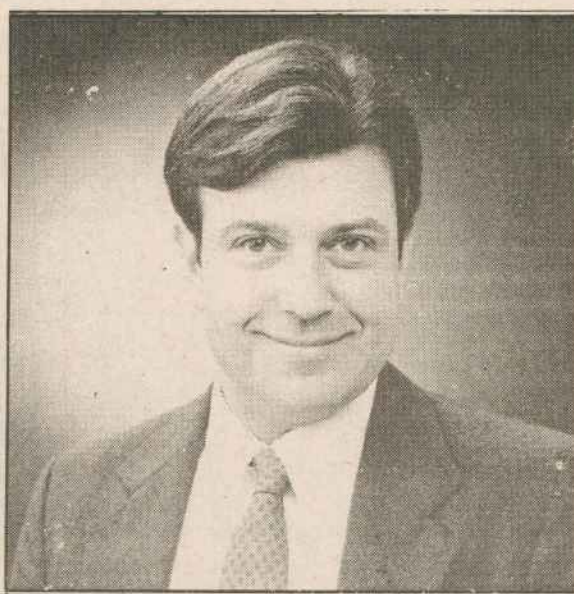
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Gay Group Proposes Official Cruising Area

Claiming the idea has worked in Copenhagen and Amsterdam, the London gay group OutRage! proposed Aug. 16 that a section of London's Russell Square be set aside for outdoor gay cruising and sex.

The group said establishing a "zone of toleration" would reduce public complaints and police harassment arising from nighttime activity in the square.

"One third of Russell Square could be sectioned off with a high fence and thick shrubbery," said OutRage!'s John Beeson. "Entrance to the area would be marked with a warning sign. A similar system has worked well in the main parks in Copenhagen and Amsterdam for many years.

"If local people don't like gay sex in Russell Square, they should stay away," Beeson said. "No one is forcing them to go there. They can use Bedford Square or Coram's Fields instead. In any case, what are these heterosexual whingers doing wandering around Russell Square at 2 a.m.? They should be at home looking after their children."

OutRage! blamed local authorities for increased complaints about sex in the square.

"The Council increased the lighting in the square and cut down the thick shrubbery, making the sex more visible," the group said. "No wonder public complaints have increased. ... Camden Council should turn off the lights and replant head-high dense bushes around the outer perimeter of the square, the borders of the flower beds, and the sides of the cafe. That would cut the visibility of sexual behavior and minimize public complaints."

Kenyan President Denounces Homosexuals

"Kenya has no room or time for homosexuals and lesbians," President Daniel arap Moi told the Daily Nation newspaper, the Sapa-Panos news agency reported Aug. 14.

"Homosexuality is against African norms and traditions, and even in religion it is considered a great sin," he said.

Meanwhile, Kenyan Health Ministry spokesman Maina Kahindo has written off gays who are at risk for AIDS.

"Taking into account other modes of transmission of HIV/AIDS, homosexuality is negligible and should not take up our resources and time," Kahindo said. "We have other, far-more-pressing areas which affect the majority of our people and therefore need urgent attention."

The leaders of Zimbabwe and Namibia also have denounced gays.

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe has called homosexuals "repugnant to my human conscience ... immoral and repulsive" and said, "I don't believe they have any rights at all."

Namibian President Sam Nujoma has said: "Homosexuals must be condemned and rejected in our society. All necessary steps must be taken to combat all influences that are influencing us and our children in a negative way."

Canadian Ruling Redefines "Spouse"

Canadian federal Justice Andrew MacKay ruled Aug. 17 that the federal government is discriminating against gay employees with its "separate but equal" benefits program for "same-sex partner relationships."

Instead, the word "spouse" must be redefined so gay employees and their partners are included in the regular benefits scheme, MacKay said.

He called the dual system "appalling," explaining, "It is no more appropriate for the employer in this case to have established a separate definition for persons in same-sex relationships than it would have been for the employer to create separate definitions for relationships of persons based on their race, colour or ethnicity."

Partners of Canadian public servants began receiving benefits in 1996 following a human-rights tribunal ruling in a case brought by Stanley Moore, a foreign-service officer who had been denied spousal moving and housing benefits.

MacKay's ruling also granted human-rights officials the power to order the federal government to rework all laws, regulations and directives that discriminate against same-sex couples in the area of job benefits.

Lesbian Hair?

"The bi-level, the regulation lesbian haircut, is the ultimate non-do. It's short and spiky on top, cut straight across the top of the ear and left longer in the back. Considering the bi-level's dominance, I used to think that maybe the bad hair gene was on the same string as the gay gene. Intentionally bad hair ... makes lesbians easily identifiable. It's a visibility thing, like those rainbow stickers on our cars. I am not a stealth lesbian traveling under a cloak of femininity, I'm just one who thinks that being attracted to other women doesn't mean I have to quit looking like one. Not only do I prefer dressing up to dressing down, not care for camping and lack softball skills, I dare to be satisfied with my lot in life."

—Chryss Cada writing in the Washington Post.

Presidential Switch-A-Roo

"Now, if you can help gay people become not gay, could you help Mr. Clinton become gay and then save the country?"

—Rock legend David Crosby to Family Research Council Cultural Studies Director Bob Knight on TV's Politically Incorrect.

Especially Cats

"When you were gay and then you're not anymore, do you still like Broadway shows?"

—Actress and comedian Rita Rudner on TV's Politically Incorrect.



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"We enjoy the support not just of straight Republicans and straight Americans, but gay and bisexual Americans as well. We want their support. They want lower taxes, they want a balanced budget, they want to take people off welfare and give them jobs. We're doing that. And we welcome their support."

—Republican National Committee spokesman Mike Collins to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Attention Jamie!

I believe that the steady erosion of oft-dengranted 'family values' has resulted in a disaster for our children and society. Never before have we had so many children in broken or never-made homes; children into drugs, violence and sex; children killing themselves and others; children raised by institutions instead of by parents; children killing their own infants; children being molested by

Mom's many boyfriends; children not doing well academically and children lost emotionally. You have to be in serious denial not to see the connection between these maladies and the undermining of what structure and behavior best supports the raising of children. On my program, for example, I've seen a terrible trend of people getting married, having children and then deciding they are gay and abandoning their obligations for their sex life."

—Syndicated columnist Dr. Laura wigs out.



Zero Balance?

"[Anti-gay sentiment within the GOP] is a sign of the bankruptcy of the party. There are so many issues they could be taking on and now they are taking a position that is directly contrary to the principles of the Republican Party."

—Conservative pundit Arianna Huffington at the gay Log Cabin Republicans convention in Dallas.

I'm Not Really Boring, I'm Just Drawn That Way

"People are always disappointed when they meet me. I'm not as funny or as interesting in person."

—Dykes To Watch Out For cartoonist Alison Bechdel to Toronto's Xtra!

Planet Homo to the Rescue!

"I think most of my problems personally came from my childhood and without the gay world I wouldn't have been able to overcome these problems."

—Porn superstar Ryan Idol to The Weekly News.

Gayed Out

"After *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss*, I'm sort of gayed out. The film is labeled a gay film, and I'm labeled a gay filmmaker. But the film is trying to make it a non-issue. It's so exhausting being asked about being gay all the time. This doesn't mean I'll never do another gay film. But it will be nice to do something that's not gay."

—Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss writer-director Tommy O'Haver to Atlanta's Southern Voice.

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Go GAMMA Go!

Perhaps Milwaukee's most enduring gay social organization GAMMA will celebrate its 20th Anniversary Celebration this month. GAMMA's annual Iriqious Boat Trip remains a Milwaukee queer social standard and the group boasts a wide mix of social and athletic social events throughout the year.

Their anniversary event, called *20 Years of Fun!* will take place at Lake Park on September 13. The public is invited. Food will be provided for the small fee of \$7, and the festival will be held under a tent, thereby not being inhibited by rain, FMI call Bob Zwicky at (414) 452-2146.

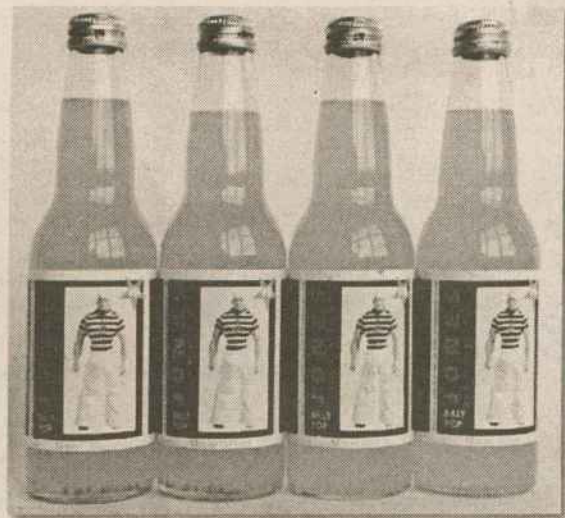
"Billy Pop" Available Exclusively On Internet

As if you haven't already had enough of **Billy**, the out and proud gay doll, now comes word that the final 700 four-packs of Jones Soda's Billy Pop, whose labels feature the Billy Doll are available exclusively from www.beveragesdirect.com.

The four-packs are \$10 each and all proceeds from the sale of Billy Pop benefit LIFEbeat: The Music Industry Fights AIDS, a nonprofit resource and awareness organization supported by the music industry. Partial proceeds from Jones Soda's Blue Bubble Gum Soda, which is also available from www.beveragesdirect.com, benefit LIFEbeat.

Jones Soda's Billy Pop was introduced in May 1998 at the Museum of Contemporary Art in New York City with the revealing of four bottle labels featuring the Billy Doll. Tommy Hilfiger and Jean Paul Gaultier designed the doll clothing, artist Richard Bernstein designed the label, and Christopher Makos did the photography. At the event, 1,000 four-packs of Billy Pop were auctioned with a starting bid of \$75 each.

Jones Soda no longer makes Billy Pop, so these are absolutely the last bottles available," said Dave Marcheschi founder of www.beveragesdirect.com, an Internet



site that was launched on July 14, 1998, and sells hard-to-find and/or regionally distributed nonalcoholic beverages. Beverage categories include gourmet sodas, root beer, diet beverages, energy drinks, coffee drink and new-age beverages. On-line orders are delivered within five to seven days.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Strip

This isn't necessarily a gay item, but it certainly gives a new meaning to "flying the friendly skies."

The flight crew of a Washington State Air National Guard refueling jet has been grounded for taking off too much after a spokesman for the Guard confirmed that the crew was in big trouble for having flown part of a recent mission entirely in the nude.

No safety standards were violated, but a spokesperson said the Air National Guard considered it a "serious breach of military discipline."

The all-male pilots and crew, members of the Air National Guard's 141st Air Refueling Wing, were taken off flight status and face additional sanctions for stripping off their flight suits and flying in the buff, the spokesperson said.

The Guard said it could not discuss details of the

incident — including why the men took off their clothes for the flight — because of its ongoing investigation.

IN Step Cover Secret

While many of you commented on how much you enjoyed last issue's PRIDE Issue cover art, we neglected to give credit where credit is due. *IN Step's* resident cartoonist **Paul Berge** was the mastermind behind that very politically-correct cover. And if you looked carefully, you just might have noticed Paul's tribute to the late *IN Step* cartoonist **Bob Arnold** [Life's a Drag] who died last month.

Many of you may not be aware that Paul's popular editorial cartoons can now be seen in over a dozen gay and lesbian publications across the country including the prestigious *Bay Area Reporter* in San Francisco. Just another local boy making good!

Boy George Biopic in the Works

Hold on to your bent gender because *TV Guide* says a biopic of onetime Culture Club lead **Boy George** is being made into a feature film.

The film reportedly will be more or less based on George's tell-all autobiography, "Take It Like a Man" and will be produced by Ethan Silverman and wife Erica Spellman-Silverman.

The report says George won't play himself in the film, and there's no word yet on who might be cast in the role.

Nabozny in People

Describing him as "Compact, with faintly Cagneyesque features" *People* magazine features Wisconsin's own, **Jamie Nabozny** in a story which explores what its like growing up gay in America. Nabozny and other youths describe their struggles against homophobic students and teachers. You may remember that Nabozny sued the Ashland School District and later won a big, fat out of court settlement. Nabozny now tours the country speaking out against homophobia.



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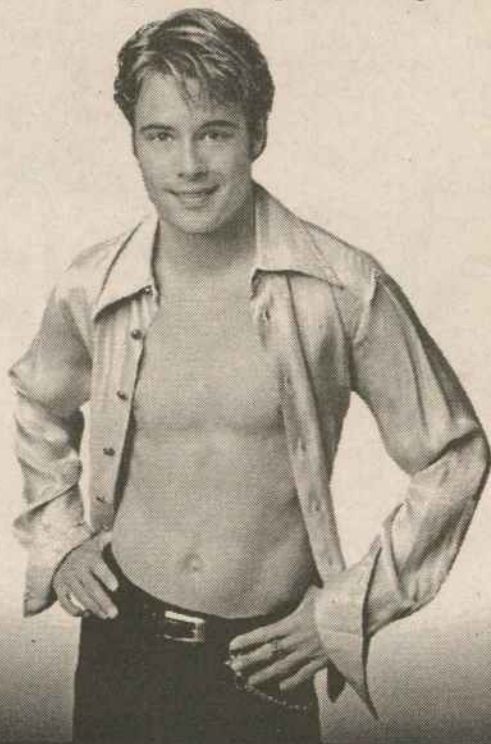
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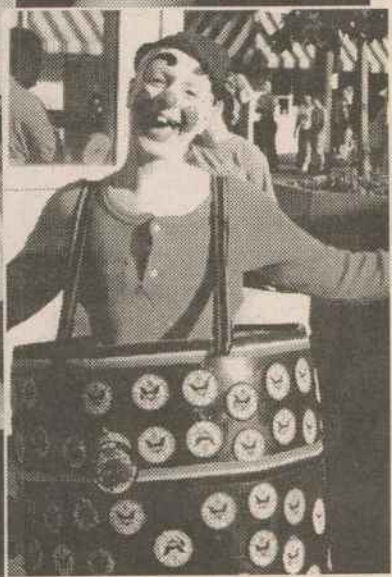
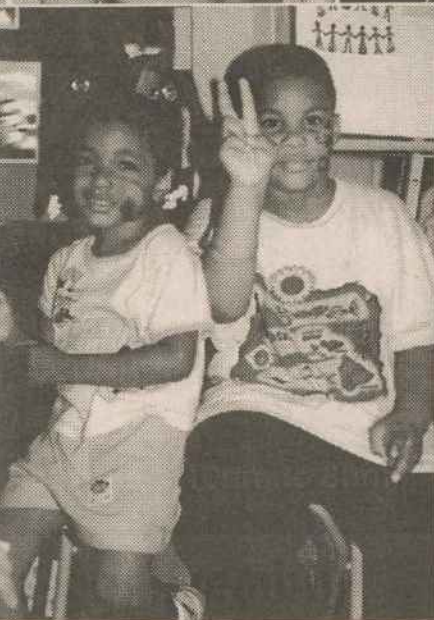
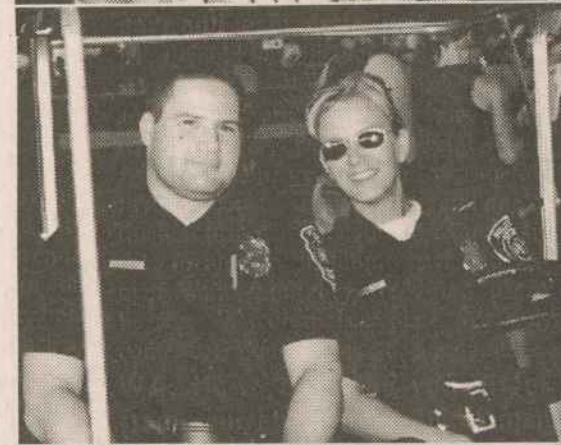
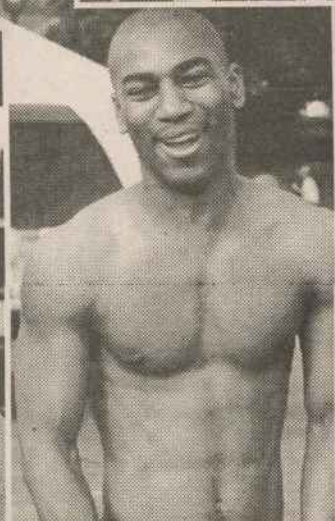
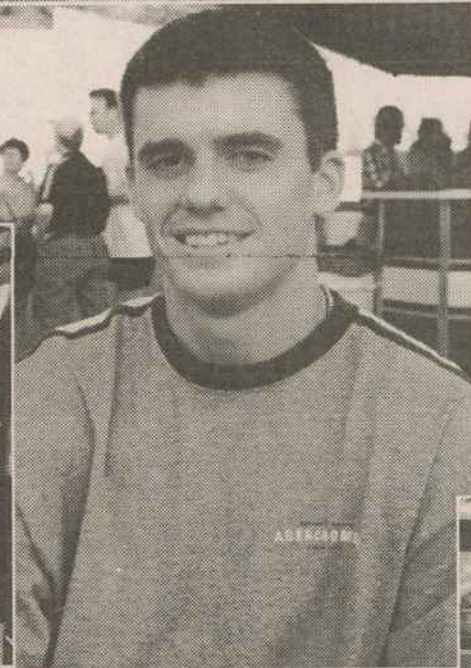
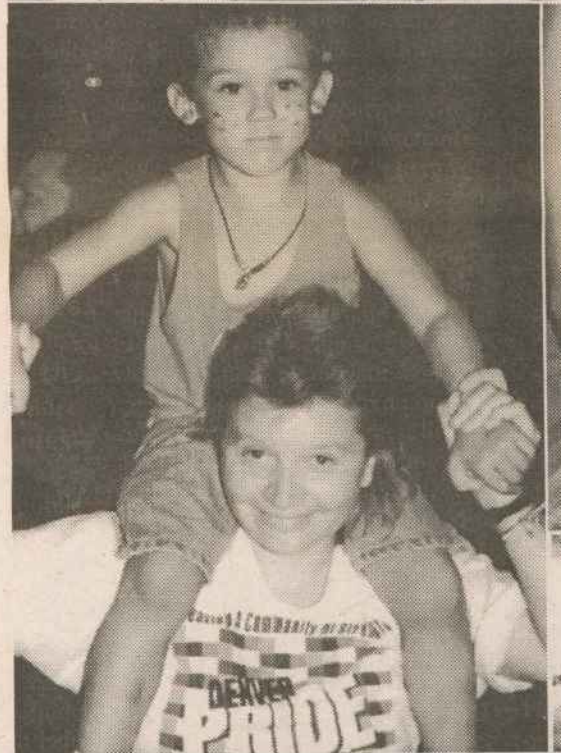
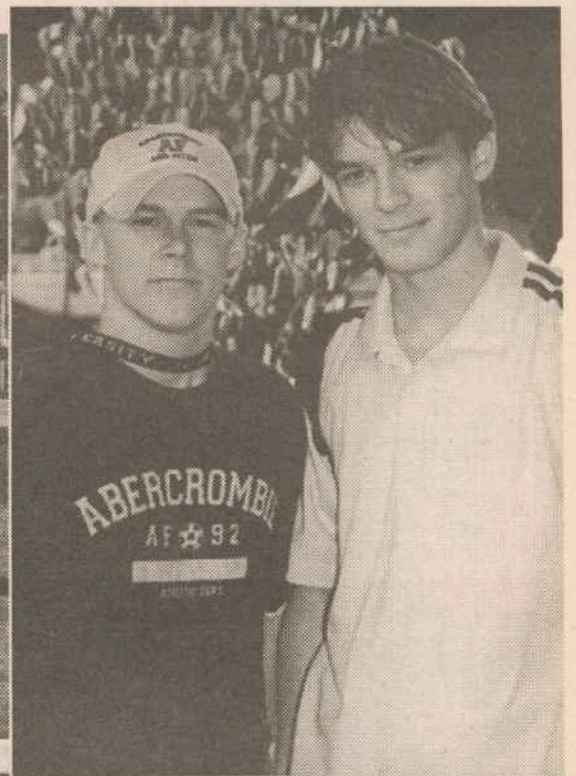
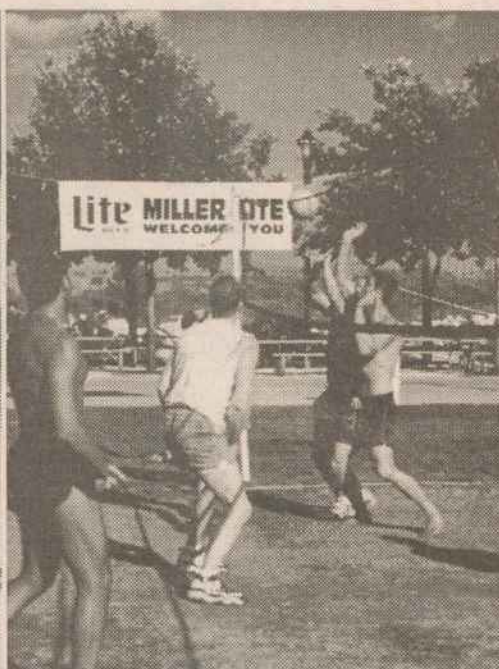
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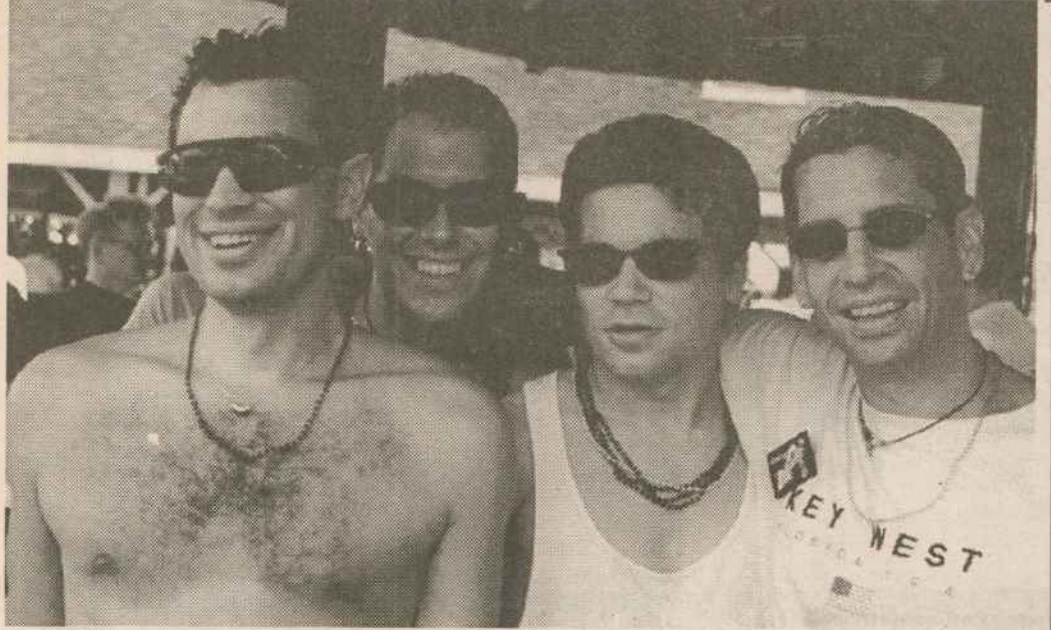
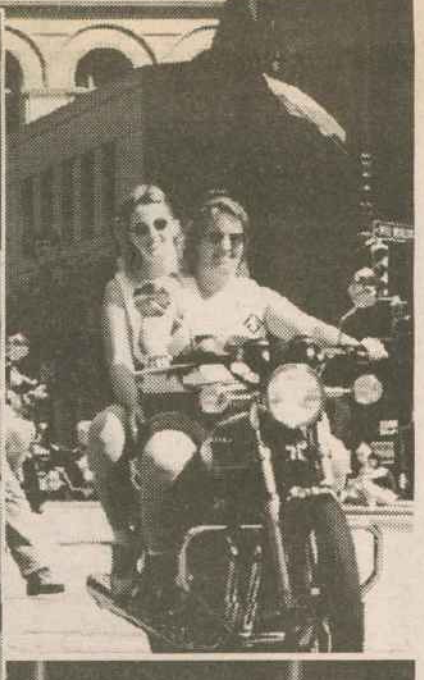
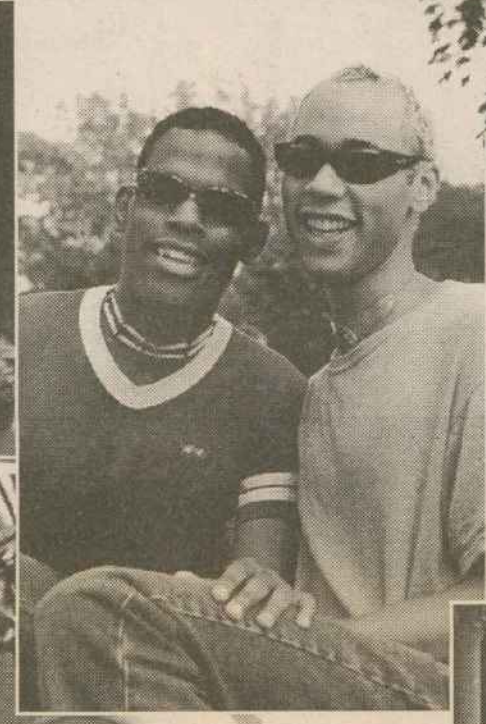
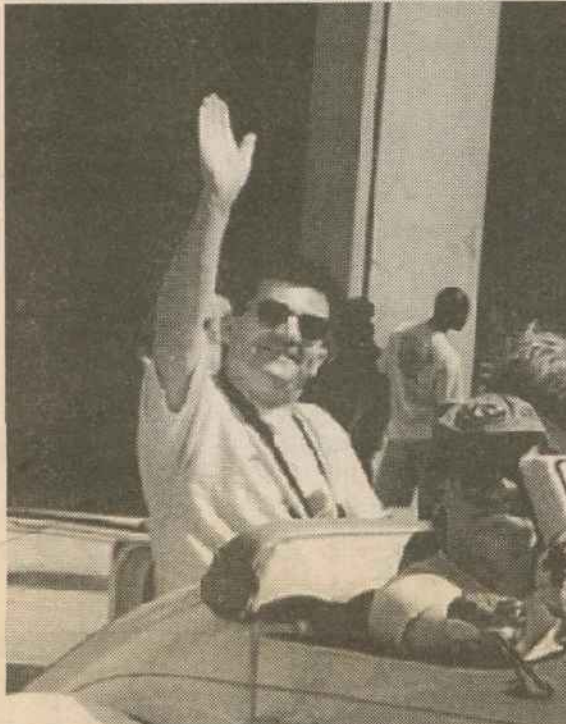
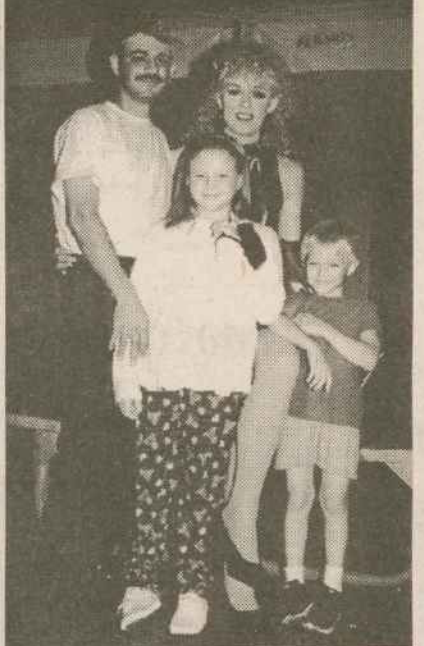
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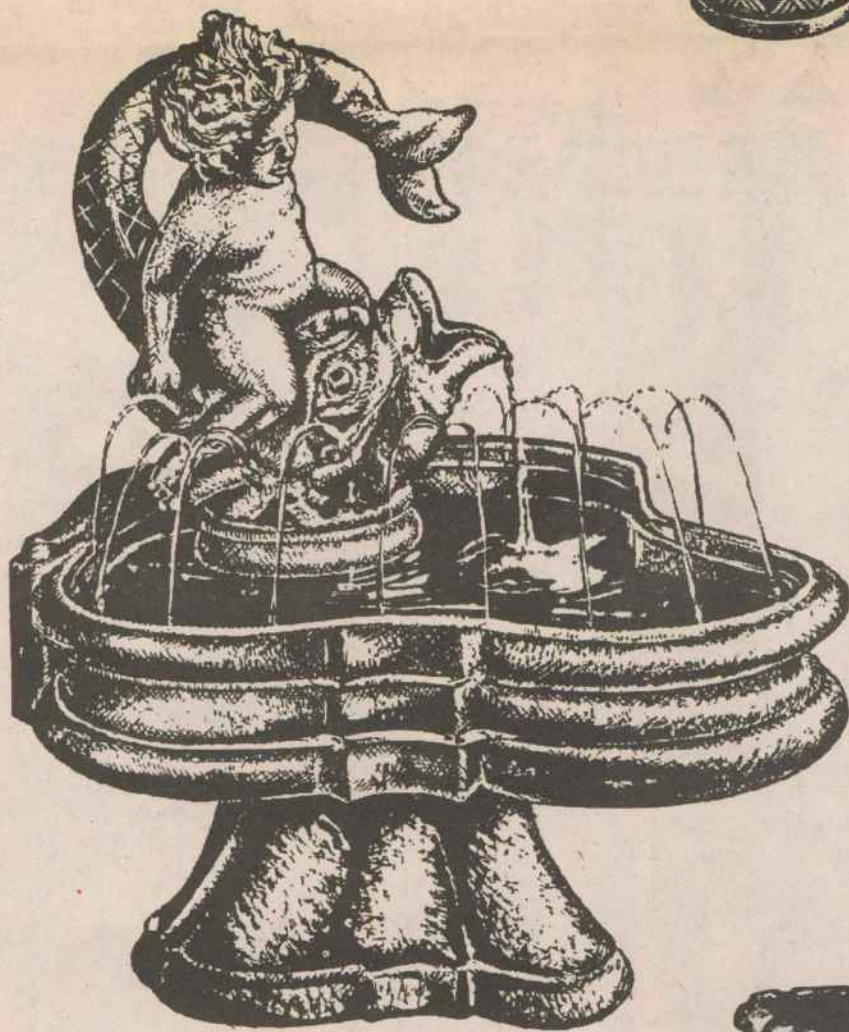
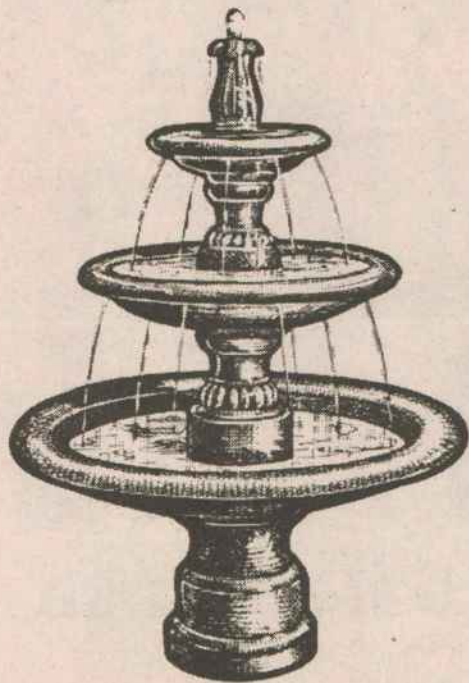


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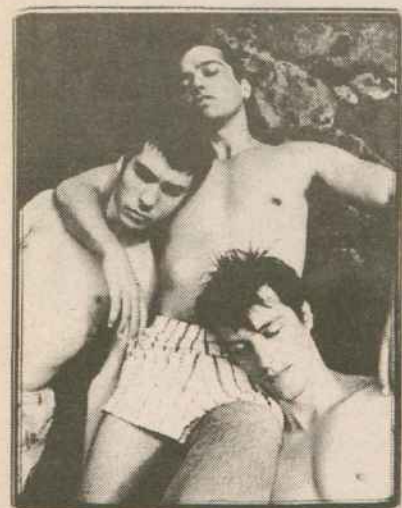
Eat OUT Page 20 • Q-Ink Page 28 • Keepin' In Step Page 29
The Classies Page 30 • Ethan Green Page 30 • The Guide Page 35UWM's Annual
G/L Film & Video
Festival Gears Up

Milwaukee — The 11th Annual Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival will be held from Thursday, September 24 through Sunday, September 27, and Thursday, October 1 through Sunday, October 3 at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Union Theater on the second floor of the UWM Union, 2200 East Kenwood Blvd. Screenings are held nightly at 7 p.m. 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, masturbation interior design queens, curious farm boys, Jimmy Olson with a Superman jones, 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 queerness in Jesse Helms' North Carolina; *Dakan*, the first gay film out of West Africa; and *The Sticky Fingers of Time*, Hillary Brougher's nonchalantly dazzling, independent sci-fi flick.

Other titles are *The Female Closet*, Barbara Hammer's exploration of art history's enforced secrets; *Pony Glass*, Lewis Klahr's one-of-a-kind animated wonder;



Scene from "SPF 2000" a film by Patrick McGuinn.

Trey-f, Alisa Lebow and Cynthia Mandansky'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 the Arts at UWM, co-sponsored 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, call (414) 229-6015.

Curtain
UP!
Light
the
Lights!

Story by Ed Grover, photo by Jorge Cabal
of the IN Step Staff

As the words to the song go, "Curtain up! Light the lights! We have nothing to hit but the heights," so goes the 1998 Fall Arts Season.

There's just one fly in the ointment: finding enough time to take in everything that's offered is going to be a problem for some people right off the bat! Whether you attend one of the many theater groups, musical offerings, dance recitals or art exhibits, there seems to be a plethora of things to do.

Most of the theater, and some of the music and dance productions, have pre- and/or post-production conversations for those attending who wish to be able to more fully understand what's happening on stage. Smaller groups and galleries have not been mentioned here, but we should not forget what a great job they do of offering theater, music, dance and art for all of us at an affordable price. They also help local actors, musicians, dancers and artists to progress in their chosen fields.

THEATER

The Milwaukee Chamber Theater's 1998-'99 season opens at the Broadway Theater Center on October 17 with David Hare's chamber piece *Skylight*, and continues with Studio Theater productions of *The Old Settler* and *Madame De Sade*. The season finishes with back-to-back productions of Tennessee Williams' *Night of the Iguana*, Shaw's *Mrs. Warren's Profession*, and Tony Kushner's *The Illusion*. For more information call the Broadway Theater Center Box Office at (414) 291-7800.

The Milwaukee Rep starts their 1998-'99 Powerhouse Theater Season with the Tony-award winning *Amadeus* on September 9 through October 11, 1998. Following on October 21 through November 22, will be *Blues for an Alabama Sky*, a play set in the creative euphoria of the Harlem Renaissance and against the great depression. In the Stiemke Theater *Resident Alien*, a lively play about alienation, will run from September 18 through October

11, followed by Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* from October 30 through November 22, 1998.

December 2, 1998 brings Alfred Uhry's romantic comedy *The Last of Ballyhoo*, which runs through January 3, 1999. The Rep will also present their 1998 production of *A Christmas Carol*, with new scenes and memorable characters at the Pabst Theater from December 4 through December 26, 1998. January 13, 1998 through February 14, brings us comedian Steve Martin's Off-Broadway production of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*. This production depicts an imaginary meeting between Picasso and Albert Einstein in a hilarious battle of wits.

The Rep's last production at the Stiemke Theater is *Rocket Man* by Steven Dietz, which runs from January 22 through February 14. Back at the Powerhouse Theater, another comedy, *Servant of Two Masters* is presented February 24 through March 28, and is followed by *Force of Nature* as the Rep's closing production on April 7, 1999. For more information call (414) 224-9490.

The Boulevard Ensemble 13th Season opens at the Boulevard Theater with John Guare's *Six Degrees of Separation*, followed by Thornton Wilder's one-act plays *The Long Christmas Dinner* and *The Happy Journey To Trenton and Camden*. Willy Russell's *Shirley Valentine* closes the season. The Ensemble will also present four additional three-week productions to be known as the Ensemble's *Alley Series*. Each production will be presented on Saturdays and Mondays in their 40-seat Studio Theater. For more information concerning tickets, packages or upcoming auditions call (414) 672-6019.

Cultural Chaos, Milwaukee's newest performance series presents its second season of music, dance, theater and opera. Cultural Chaos is ideal for those who want to sample a cross-section of the city's cultural fare at a reasonable price. The series begins on October 9, 1998 with *The Shoulder*, an epic celebration of fraternal devotion that prominently features a second-hand John Deere riding lawn mower.

Present Music's annual Thanksgiving concert is on the series on November 22 for a contemporary celebration of an old tradition. On December 9th the holiday program *Our Town*, is performed by UWM's Professional Theater Training Program.

The new year begins on February 13, 1999 with the Midwest debut of the noted London-based ensemble The Dufay Collective, playing music of Medieval Spain. Violinist Corey Cervosek performs with his pianist sister Katja Cervosek on March 9, and the season closes on April 28 with the Wisconsin premiere of Tony Kushner's adaptation of a seventeenth-century French classic, *The Illusion*. Subscriptions may be purchased by calling the Artist Series at the Pabst Theater at (414) 286-8777.

The "Alverno Presents" Fine Arts Season started on July 17, 1998 and continues with *The Shoulder*, an original opera based on a 74-year old Iowa farmer's ride to Wisconsin on a John Deere tractor. The production opens at the Pitman Theater on October 9. On November 7 there will be a musical feast with *Sol y Canto*, which includes music ranging from Spanish Flamenco to West Indian Calypso.

In 1999 the Ragamala Music and Dance Theater will perform on February 12. On March 19-21, Alverno Presents the Festival of Milwaukee Dance. April 17 brings a production of *The River Adventure*, and the season closes May 1, 1999 with *Zap Mama*, a five-woman, two-man band. For more information call (414) 382-6044.

The Next Act Theater Season at the Stiemke Theater will present *How I Learned To Drive* by Paula Vogel from October 1 through October 25, followed by *Greetings!* in which Andy Gorsky brings his Jewish-atheist fiancée to spend Christmas Eve with mom and dad. For more information call (414) 278-7780.

Theater X, located in the Broadway Theater Center begins their season with *Gint*, a premiere play from Ibsen's Peer Gynt, which runs from October 9 through November 1, 1998. *Holiday Memories*, a

art REVIEW

Reflections Beyond The Bowl

The examination of a particular artist's growth over time is obviously the intent of most retrospective exhibitions. For Patrick Farrell, an artist whose dexterous paint-handling has kept audiences in awe from day one, the question of technical growth is by and large irrelevant. As a self-taught



Patrick Farrell

Wisconsin *wunderkind*, Farrell has always rendered form and light with classical precision.

But, retrospective exhibiting also seeks to explore stylistic evolution. And it is here that the current show at the Charles Allis Art Museum excels, providing the viewer an opportunity to examine the various avenues in which

Patrick Farrell has directed his talents. It is this comparison which proves the most enlightening.

Farrell has seldom veered from the path of strict classicism. His brand of realism has given us paintings of meticulous exactitude which wisely avoid becoming coldly analytical. There is indeed a "magic" to Farrell's realism. Perhaps it is the effulgent lighting, as in 1989's *Dendrobiums in Silver*. Or the odd little quirks, such as the tiny self-portrait hidden within the reflections of this painting's silver bowl.

Whether an arrangement of laurel or a bowl of ripe pears, each of Farrell's studies holds an unfathomable stillness. These paintings meditate on the quintessence of quietude. A viewer is conscious that even the breath of a whisper might disturb these leaves, petals, or plums. What is frail and temporal has been masterfully preserved. Though an apple may hint at decay, it is none-the-less perfect and timeless.

Farrell's landscapes hold the same hushed silence as his still-lives. There is no wind to be heard rustling Farrell's leaves, no fowl or fauna to clutter empty wilderness. Just autumn trees, stark branches and lonesome skies. If there is thunder in these paintings, it is far in the distance. It is as if the viewer is lost within some forgotten, golden meadow, experiencing the eery calm that presages a storm.

When Farrell allows himself to waver from this silent classicism, he is surprisingly eager to indulge bursts of the playfully romantic. Most noteworthy are his self-portraits. His 1977 tongue-in-cheek portrayal of the painter as martyred saint (Sebastian) seems incongruous with the solemnity of his still-lives. Yet here is the artist examining the artist. Like the trick of balancing a scissor on the tip of one's tongue (a portrait from 1985), Farrell has balanced classicism with the romantic, and in the process performed the dangerous trick of self-examination.

Farrell is used to courageously exposing himself to the arrows of criticism. In a 1985 self-portrait, he allows us even to examine his wounds (in reality, a scar that testifies to heart surgery. It is as if Farrell feels compelled to periodically expose himself as imperfectly human. These romantic self-portraits testify to the fact that behind the still composure of cherries, blossoms and bowls, lies an artist who can laugh, be wounded, and nurse sentimental longings.

There is no doubt that Patrick Farrell has won his place in the journals of art history. He will be remembered for those silent still-lives that somehow are both sumptuous and austere. But, it is within the self-portraits, and the paintings of romantic fancy, that others will find true glimmers of the artist's soul.

—Waswo

The Patrick Farrell Retrospective Exhibition
at the Charles Allis Art Museum
will be on exhibit now through September 20.

Murder & Mayhem at AfterWords Bookstore



Ellen Hart

Milwaukee — Join AfterWords Bookstore for "An Evening of Murder and Mayhem" on Saturday, September 12 at 7 p.m. Mystery authors Ellen Hart and Mark Richard Zurbo will be at the bookstore to read from their new books, talk about mystery writing, and answer your questions about committing the perfect crime in print.

Ellen Hart is a five-time Lambda Literary Award-winner, a two-time Minnesota Book award-winner, and the author of two popular crime series. In her new book, *Wicked Games*, Ellen cooks up quite the frightful feast in this latest entry featuring lesbian amateur sleuth and restaurateur Jane Lawless and her sidekick Cordelia Thorn. Her book is

a satisfying journey into the dark heart of a dysfunctional family and society; Hart's understanding of human nature and her insight into intrigue results in an intelligent, absorbing, witty and suspenseful mystery.

Other titles in this series include the new paperback "robber's Wine," as well as "Faint Praise," "A Killing Cure," and "A Small Sacrifice." Food critic Sophie Greenway is featured in Ellen's second mystery series.

Mark Richard Zurbo is the creative force and author of ten mysteries. His new book, *Are You Nuts?* is a return engagement for Tom Mason and his partner Scott Carpenter, a professional basketball player in Chicago. These characters were first introduced in "A Simple Suburban Mystery." In his latest adventure, Tom finds his life turned upside-down after Scott comes out publicly. Worse, conservative parents are in a frenzy over "Gay teachers" and are trying to gain control of the PTA. Things come to a head when a member of the conservative group is found murdered.

"An Evening of Murder and Mayhem" is free and open to the public. For further information, please contact AfterWords at (414) 963-9089.

"The Nazi Olympics Berlin 1936" at Public Museum



Photograph from "The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936." Photo courtesy of the National Archives.

Milwaukee — *The Nazi Olympics Berlin 1936*, opening at the Milwaukee Public Museum on September 16, explains how the Nazi regime soft-pedaled its anti-Semitic agenda and plans for territorial expansion by exploiting the Games to deceive visitors with an image of a peaceful, tolerant Germany. This travelling exhibit from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC, will be in the second-floor Steigleder Special Exhibits Gallery through December 13, 1998.

Using historical photographs, films and testimonials from athletes, this exhibit documents the Nazification of Germany and the boycott controversy. The facade of a beautiful Berlin is stripped away to expose Nazi propaganda, press cen-

sorship, Germany's remilitarization program and the arbitrary arrest and imprisonment of "enemies of the state." Olympic pageantry and media coverage brought only a brief pause in the anti-Jewish campaign.

African-American athlete and Marquette University graduate, Ralph Metcalf is highlighted. The exhibition chronicles the success of 16 African-American athletes, referred to in one Nazi newspaper as "America's auxiliaries." Posters and magazines spreads presented a facade of hospitality. Berlin tourists were unaware that anti-Jewish signs had been temporarily removed. Gypsy families had been moved from the streets to a new internment camp—and that a concentration camp, Sachsenhausen, was being built just 20 miles away.

A final section offers a perspective on the Holocaust, the Nazi genocide policy that led to the murder of millions of Jews, Gypsies, mentally and physically disabled people, Poles, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, homosexuals and Jehovah's Witnesses. Athletes, including participants in the Berlin Games and other former Olympians, also were killed during the Holocaust.

The exhibit is free with regular admission: \$5.50 adults; \$4.50 senior citizens; and \$3.50 children. Milwaukee County residents are free on Mondays. For more information call & reservations for the lecture, call (414) 278-2734.

performance REVIEW



Musique at PrideFest

The cover of Musique's *Keep On Jumping* is a perfect snapshot of disco theory, 1978 — three Rollerderby rejects dancing around a recording studio console in satin Daisy Dukes. And why should they be busy multi-tracking instead? These girls didn't even sing on the album (and it wasn't even an album really — a glorified twelve-inch is more like it).

Yes, Musique was one of those ghost groups that are disco's great gift to pop music history. That's why the idea of a Musique concert is a pretty perverse one. Practically any female singer who could emulate a diva like Jocelyn Brown (who held the actual vocal chords to the Musique puppets on the title tune but not the more notorious "In The Bush" even though everyone seems to think so) with moderate success can sing with Musique, the touring entity.

But seeing Musique live is no more a celebration of the actual singers behind the name than it was dancing to "In The Bush" at 54 twenty years ago. We come to hear (and dance to) the music which is exactly what happened at their show at PrideFest Sat-

urday night.

One of the dilemmas facing this in-the-flesh conglomeration is that Musique only recorded three songs: "Keep On Jumping," "In The Bush," and "Summer Love" (oh and "Summer Love Theme" — an instrumental that went on one minute and forty-three ugly seconds longer). Once those three were out of the way, what's a diva to do? Cover other divas: Donna Summer, The Pointer Sisters, Gloria Gaynor, Chaka Khan and on and on. This means that a large portion of the crowd took them for a disco revival act (which in a way is what they were). And since it was basically an hour of karaoke, the unsuspecting audience members who tried to tip the trio a dollar probably thought they were drag queens.

So really they weren't all that different from the much less functional Men Out Loud. But while I appreciate Men Out Loud unearthing Don Ray's obscure disco item, "Got To Have Loving," they were Musique without a history (or rather, non-history) behind them. And it's that (non-) history that made Musique's set such a head-scratchingly good time.

—Kevin John



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by Julia LaLoggia

Sushi, Sushi, Sushi! That's right people, we are talking raw fish. Now before you go running for your Hibachi grill saying "Give me cooked fish or give me nothing, you fool!" hold on a second. I believe there are two kinds of people in the world. I don't mean gay or non-gay, nor do I mean top or bottom. I believe the people of the world are defined by two categories: those addicted to sushi, and those that will be. If that doesn't get you this will sushi is supposed to be an aphrodisiac! So grab your chopsticks and let's get started.

Izumi's is a Japanese restaurant located on Milwaukee's East Side. In business for four years, Izumi's has done much of the ground breaking in introducing sushi into Milwaukee culture. The restaurant is owned by Tad Goto and Fujiko Matsuo who are also the primary sushi chefs. In most Japanese restaurants, there are two different chefs responsible for the food preparation. A kitchen chef prepares the cooked items out of view in some mysterious kitchen somewhere. The sushi chef is responsible for the intricate tasks related to the preparation of the raw fish items, and at most places you can sit at the sushi bar and watch the whole thing unfold. Much of the sushi experience is the presentation of the food.

Sushi loosely means raw fish. Generally speaking, it is a bite-sized piece of some sort of fish, with a dab of Wasabi, served on a ball of rice. Wasabi is a spicy green paste made from horseradish root. The sushi chef also prepares the Maki, which means rolled sushi. Maki is a good way for sushi virgins to bust their cherries. Most Maki have a very small piece of raw fish with some vegetable, surrounded by rice, and wrapped in seaweed. If you are turned off by the idea of a big hunk of raw fish sliding down your throat, Maki is the way to go.

For those of you concerned about eating uncooked foods, let me put some of those fears to rest. Izumi's uses sushi quality fish. This means it is flash frozen and has a grade 1 distinction. (Flash frozen means the fish is frozen within moments of the catch.) Izumi's also gets fish delivered three times a week, insuring the freshness of their sushi.

Somewhat unique to Japanese restaurants, are the beverages served in them. My lovely dinner companions and I, started with a pot of green tea, Sapporo-a Japanese beer, and Sake. Sake is Japanese rice wine. Izumi's lists seven different types of Sake on the menu, based on the sweetness level of each. I recommend Takara Masamune, which is a medium dry Sake. This is served warm with small ceramic cups, and is meant to be sipped. It has a strong but smooth taste, somewhat like a warm shot of good tequila with no aftertaste.

The menu at Izumi's is arranged into three main sections: sushi, appetizers, and dinner. The items are listed in Japanese, with English descriptions. The descriptions are helpful, but the real source of information is the waitstaff. All of the servers are raving sushi addicts. They are totally willing and able to help with any question or dilemma, and love talking about their product. I have many a time seen a server start frothing at the mouth, their eyes rolling back in their head, all a quiver, when describing some menu item to a sushi novice.

This seems like a good time to discuss Japanese table manners. First of all there is no silverware here, so you don't have to worry about which fork is the salad fork. The only thing you get to shovel all the delicacies in your mouth is a set of wooden chopsticks. If you are not familiar with how to use them, the staff will give you some quick pointers. But be patient, because this is definitely one case where practice makes perfect. More significantly, it is important to know that it is almost in bad taste not to slurp! This is especially true when eating noodles, which accompany many of the cooked dishes.

I recommend starting with soybean pods and Miso soup. Soybean pods are simply boiled in salt water and served warm in small bowl; you only eat the bean on the inside, not the whole pod. Japanese businessmen eat these in bars with beer, instead of peanuts. Miso is soybean paste. Miso soup is soybean paste, scallions, tofu, and seaweed in a broth. Don't bother looking for a soup spoon, it would be considered bad manners. You drink right out of the bowl.

Next we ordered a few appetizers. The appetizers are served in small portions enabling you to order several different ones, if you so desire. We had Goma-ae (steamed spinach with sesame sauce),



Sunomono (cucumber and octopus salad), Hiyashi Wakame (seaweed and jellyfish salad). The seaweed jellyfish salad sounds scary at first, but I think it is one of the best items on the menu. Thin strips are served in a bowl with hot pepper flakes. All of the appetizers were excellent, and a pretty safe way to break into sushi culture.

For dinner, we ordered a sushi platter and Sukiyaki, which is a cooked dinner entree. We hand picked our platter, but you can order a sampler platter which has about six different types of sushi on it. Each table has a little card on it, which pictures all the different sushi, so you can see what you are ordering. For our sushi platter, we ordered three different kinds of sushi: Sake (salmon), Tako (octopus), and Ikura (salmon roe). Sushi is mainly distinguished by its texture, and not so much by its flavor. Salmon is very soft and kind of melts in your mouth. Octopus is more tough and chewy. Some of the sushi items are more fishy tasting than others; if you want to stay away from these, ask the staff which ones to avoid. At Izumi's, each sushi order consists of two bite-size pieces ranging in price from \$3-\$5. We also included four Maki (rolled sushi) items on our platter. I recommend California Maki (crab, avocado, cucumber roll), Spicy Tekka Maki (spicy tuna roll), Kappa Maki (cucumber roll), and Alaskan Maki (salmon, avocado, and cucumber roll). Most of the Maki is served as six bite-sized pieces.

When your sushi platter comes, the server brings you two small plates. The larger of the two is your dinner plate. Each member at the table picks what they want off the communal platter and places it onto his/her own dinner plate. The smaller plate is used to mix a dab of Wasabi (green horseradish paste) into soy sauce.

This concoction can be made very spicy by adding lots of Wasabi, and is used as a dip for your sushi and Maki.

For those of you not yet comfortable with the raw fish concept, Izumi's offers some enticing cooked dinner entrees. There are several Tempura combinations. Tempura is shrimp, scallops, and vegetables dipped in batter and deep-fried. There are also several items listed on the menu that you actually cook at your table. These items in Japanese tradition were winter dishes meant for sharing. We ordered Sukiyaki, which is the traditional New Year's Eve dinner. A small gas burner is brought to your table, along with a large plate of noodles, tofu, cabbage, green onions, snow peas, carrots, and mushrooms. It is served with a pot containing the broth that will be used to cook your dinner, made of soy sauce, sweet syrup, and sugar. Another platter is served with thin slices of raw beef. Don't eat the beef raw! All of this stuff is intended to be cooked together and eaten together with steamed rice. The staff will get you started with the cooking process, but then you get to jump on in and have a good time.

For dessert we ordered green tea ice cream and a few glasses of hot plum wine. These dessert options are a nice light way to finish off your meal.

Your first experience with sushi may leave you a little overwhelmed and unsure. You may not notice it at first, but a deep-seated longing will start to grow. Sushi is addictive. Give it a chance. Izumi's is a great place for the novice to get their feet wet, or for the expert to indulge their craving. I highly recommend this restaurant!

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Mishicot Sophisticate

Story and photo by Waswo
of the IN Step Staff

For fifteen years Christopher Baugniet has maintained an outpost of fine art in tiny Mishicot, Wisconsin. His energy and connoisseurship have made RiverEdge Gallery a mandatory destination for art lovers exploring rural Wisconsin. Smug urbanites take heed! There are cultural gems to be discovered in the hamlets of the hinterlands.

"Visitors here often seem a little taken aback. I guess they don't anticipate a gallery of this quality in a community this size."

titled *The Boxers* hangs on one wall. For anyone familiar with the late artist's work, it seems a rare find. It is surprising to find the work of such nationally known painters hanging in tiny Mishicot.

"Since Aaron's passing I have been working through his estate that is, his son Neil, in Madison. We also carry the works of John Colt who has moved to the east coast. Warrington Colescott is planning to join the gallery with his wife, Francis. I am planning to give Warrington a one person show next summer."

Baugniet opened RiverEdge in a former butcher shop at 432 East Main Street.

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Christopher Baugniet is arranging the statue of a blue heron until it is perfectly poised and lit. Behind, an elegant painting begs to be scrutinized. Soft light and warm woodwork flatters the gallery's impressive collection.

"In 1988 we gave a one person show to Aaron Bohrod. It was a major showing of his oil paintings. In 1991 we gave a one person show of figurative pencil drawings by John Wilde. We gave a one person show to Patrick Farrell. He's long overdue to have another show here, but it's difficult to book some people..."

Several of Farrell's signed prints and posters hang within the RiverEdge space. Just before a staircase that leads from the first floor antique shop to the upstairs art gallery, a couple of the artist's oil-paintings are offered for sale.

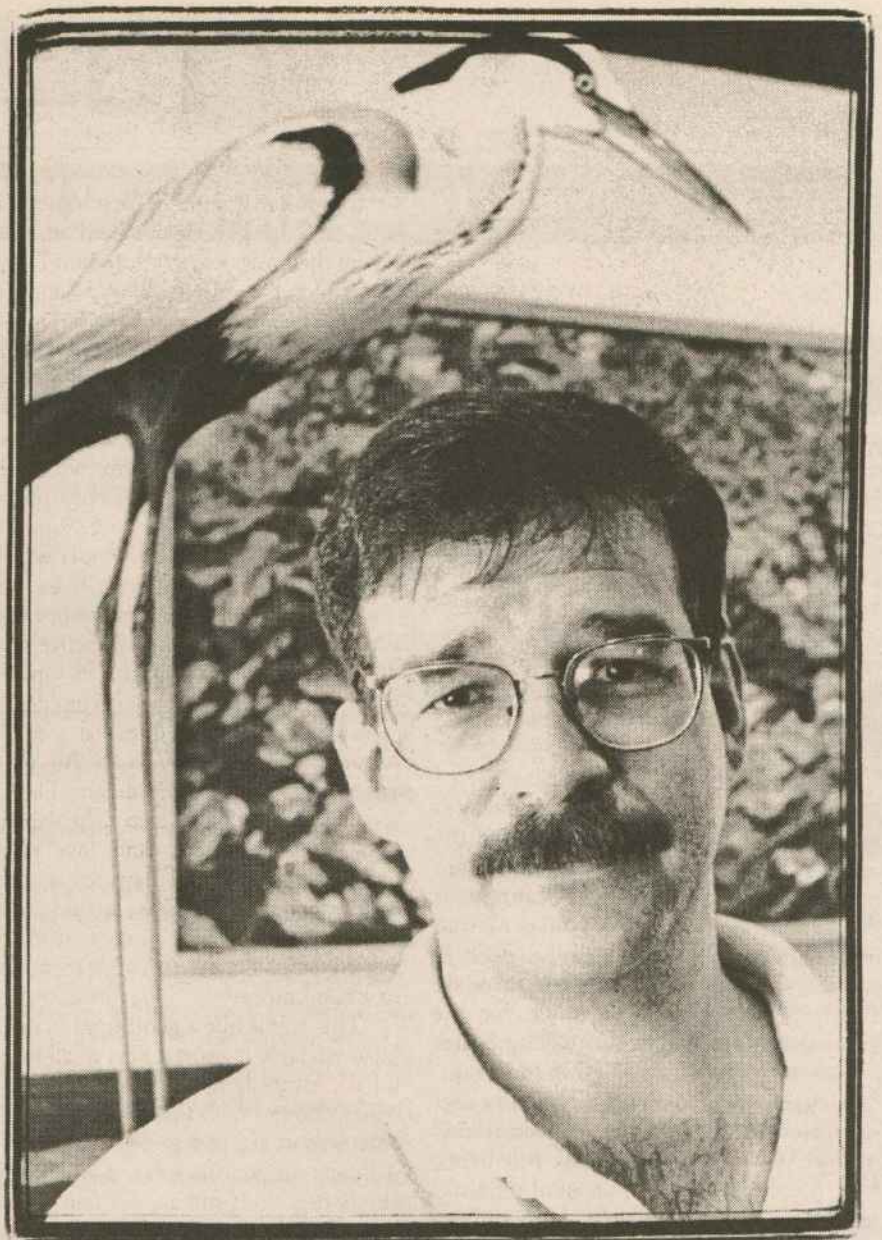
A small watercolor by Aaron Bohrod

The East Twin River makes a gentle curve in the gallery's back yard, and a picturesque dam can be heard gurgling just upstream from the sculpture garden. It seems like a fine place for a picnic. But, Christopher Baugniet tells me he has little time for such indulgence.

"I keep an apartment in Manitowoc with my friend Richter, and commute to and from RiverEdge. It takes much perseverance and persistence to keep a gallery like this running. But, I guess I'm goal oriented, and I won't let success elude me. The work does seem to be never ending."

Baugniet keeps three part-time employees. Between RiverEdge's antique shop and gallery, there is more than enough to keep everyone busy.

"We have many repeat clients. People from Chicago, the Twin Cities, The Fox River Valley and Milwaukee. I have devel-



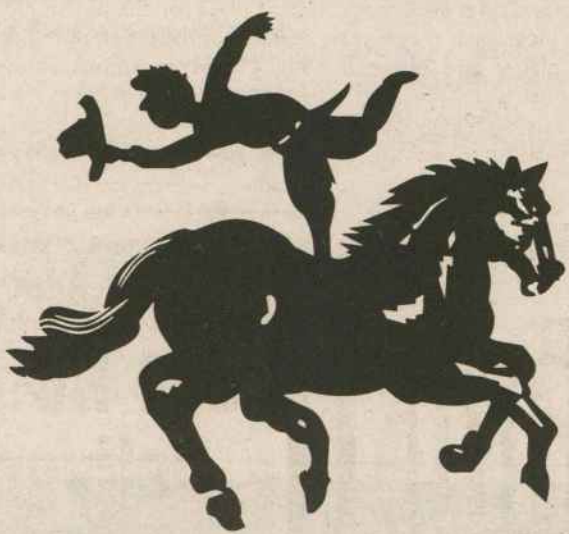
oped quite a good mailing list. Someone once recommended to me that we 'never compete with WalMart.' I guess it's a matter of keeping the caliber of the art at a high level. And not cave into the tourist trade."

As I leave Baugniet smiles and again shakes my hand. "I'd like to extend a per-

sonal invitation to everyone to come on up and discover the hospitality Mishicot has to offer!"

For myself, I know that I'll be returning. That little Bohrod is more than tempting.

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Commitment '98 - LGBT Roundup (Milwaukee): This Wisconsin & Northern Illinois 12-Step Roundup will be held at the Milwaukee County War Memorial, 700 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr. through Sunday, September 6. There will be workshops, speakers meetings, a dance & pizza party, and a Sunday morning spiritual breakfast and open meeting. FMI call 282-3705.

Dairyland Cowgirls/Cowboys - Country Dancing (Madison): The weekly dancing starts at 8 p.m. at the Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Shopping Center, 1133 North Sherman Ave. Suggested donation \$3. No lessons on the first and third Fridays. FMI: 255-9131

Saturday, September 5

Duluth/Superior - Pride Celebration (Minnesota/Wisconsin): The celebration runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Billings Park in Superior, Wisconsin. On 9/6 join Walk With Pride from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Duluth, Minnesota, and then go on a boat cruise at 2:30 p.m.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Potluck (Madison): Join them for a potluck at 12 noon at Olin-Turville Park. Bring side dishes; Frontiers will provide an entree and drinks.

FrontRunners LGBT Running Group (Madison): Meets at 9:10 a.m. every Saturday. FMI & meeting place call (608) 238-7882.

Gamma - Front Runners - Run/Walk (Milwaukee): Meet at the water tower at the east end of North Avenue at 9 a.m. every Saturday for 45 minute run/walk. LAMM joins in on this one too. FMI call Brian at (414) 332-1527.

Monday, September 7

LaborFest - Labor Day Event (Milwaukee): Friends, families and co-workers will head to the Summerfest grounds to celebrate Wisconsin's largest Labor Day event. Features food, entertainment and a pre-fest march. FMI call (414) 771-7070. Tuesday, September 8

Primary Elections (Wisconsin): GO VOTE!!

Friday, September 11

10% Society - Welcome Back Dance (Madison): For LGBT persons and friends at the UW-Madison memorial Union from 8 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. \$3 admission. DJ & cash bar.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Dining Out (Madison): This month's restaurant is Russian House, 320 W. Johnson St., just off State Street. Meet for pre-dinner cocktails at 6 p.m. at the Shamrock bar. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Although reservations are not required, call Randy at (608) 278-9708 to assure adequate space is available.

GAMMA - Game Night (Milwaukee): Bring your favorite board game FMI call John in Waukesha (414) 547-0429.

Indian Summer Festival (Milwaukee): this year the Festival will honor the American Indian Warrior at the Summerfest Grounds through 9/13. There is a parade on Saturday at 3 p.m. There will be entertainment on five stages, the competition pow-wow, cultural performers, and American Indian Foods. FMI call (414) 774-7119.

Saturday, September 12

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Badger Football (Madison): Badgers against Ohio. There is a block of 12 tickets. Tickets are \$24. Call Brian at (608) 829-1090 for details.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Bridge Club (Madison): The Bridge Club meets at 7 p.m.. FMI call Brian at (608) 829-1090.

Gay Night at Camp Snoopy - Camp Out '98 (Bloomington, MN): Join thousands of GLBT youth, adults, friends & families from the Upper Midwest at Mall of America for a night of fun! Proceeds benefit District 202, an LGBT community center in Minneapolis. \$20 advance, \$25 at the door. FMI call (612) 349-9829 or (612) 871-5559, ext. 13.

Windy (City Gay Naturalists - Swim - Dinner & Dance (Chicago, IL): There

will be a nude swim at the Jane Adams Center Pool, 3212 N. Broadway at 5:30 p.m. \$10 members, \$12 guests. Dinner & dancing (clothed) follows at Ann Sather's, 929 W. Belmont Ave. FMI call (312) 494-2654 or (847) 451-1138.

Sunday, September 13

GAMMA - 20th Anniversary Celebration (Milwaukee): The event, called 20 Years of Fun!, will take place at Lake Park. The public is invited. Food will be provided for the small fee of \$7, and the festival will be held under a tent, thereby not being inhibited by rain, FMI call Bob Zwicky at (414) 452-2146.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Sunday afternoon bottle beer special from 3 to 7 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer Busts hosted each week by various groups. Check your monthly planner. \$4.25 pitchers all night. Holding Cell opens at 6 p.m. Dominic DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Tea Dance 5 -m. to 8 p.m. 1/2 price bar/rail, \$1 tap Miller products, plus the 219 Girls. Showtime is at 11:30 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Rotating Events!

Emerald's (Milwaukee): Men's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - \$2 a mug.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Customer Appreciation Night. LaCage Showcase, Super Bust, DJ & Dance. No cover.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Join them on Packer Sundays for brunch. Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust from 3 to 8 p.m. Bloody Marys are \$2 all night.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): \$5 Beer Bash! 6 to 10 p.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Beer Bust (tap beer \$6) 3 to 8 p.m. \$8 rail mixers, \$10 call mixers, \$2 dbl. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers all night.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Shirtless Sundays. Half price tap & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2. Mimosas \$2.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloodys, Screws, Greyhounds - \$2.25, tap beer 80¢ (until 6 p.m.) \$1.75 rail drinks - 9 p.m. to close.

The Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): \$1 off all alcoholic beverages.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. \$1 Bloody Marys!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Open 30 minutes prior to Packer games of 4 p.m. Beer Bust to 8 p.m. Free shots for Packer scores.

Za's (Green Bay): Dry Dance Night! (16 & up in Za's). Alcohol served to over 21 in Java's.

Mondays:

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

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. \$2 specials on microbrews.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4, 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues sign up now.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Margarita Mondays! \$2 - 8 p.m. to midnight.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Free pool! Melrose Place 7 to 8 p.m. Ally McBeal 8 to 9 p.m.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): 4 to 6 p.m. Pull tabs!

The Kloser (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. After 7 p.m. It's Guy's Night Out! \$1.75 well drinks, \$2.25 call drinks, \$1 Special Ex, and \$0¢ Pabst on tap.

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Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢) \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Melrose Mondays. Free pizza & shot specials.

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. 2-4-1.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 7 p.m. Pull tabs 9 p.m. to close. Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.25, rail drinks \$1.75. 9 p.m. to close.

The Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - \$1.50.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$4 pitchers of beer. Melrose Place Mondays.

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

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

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

Cell Block (Chicago): SMUT Tuesdays! XXX Videos. Cheap Drinks. Free Games.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club 94 (Kenosha): \$1.25 rail drinks 7 to close. \$5.50 Beer Bust!

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): Closed

Emeralds (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): A Request Dance Party with DJ Bange at 9 p.m. \$1.50 drinks.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1.75 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75.

Kirby's Klub (Madison): Every Tuesday is Fetish Night! Shaved, Leather, Wet N' Wild, Flesh, Latex, Master & Servant. \$50 for best Fetish Outfit. If you wear a fetish outfit prices are \$2 rails, \$1.50 taps.

The Kloser (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$1 shots (Liquor or Schnaps) and 75¢ taps. Starting at 8 p.m. Karaoke with Pam!

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Taco Tuesday! 2/4/1 drinks 5 to 7 p.m. Grill open from 4 to 10 p.m.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price - 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - \$2.

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Free Karaoke from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Progressive Night! Starts 9 p.m. to close. \$1 rail

mixers, 50¢ mugs of beer. Price goes up 25¢ every half hour to closing.

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.50 top-shelf, \$1.75 rail drinks.

The Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Free Pool! \$4 pitchers of domestic beers.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Snack Night! 75¢ tappers and \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. It's Leather Night! Prizes throughout the night.

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cocktail Hour 1/2 Price Drinks. Male Strippers. No cover.

Dish (Milwaukee): It's Point Night! There are pints of Point for \$1, 2-4-1 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Lady's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): Dance Party with DJ Bange 99¢ Miller Lite bottles.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Hump Day! Everything's a buck. Open to close.

The Kloser (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$5 Beer Bash! DJ spinning the hits starting at 9 p.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): 2/4/1 drinks from 3 p.m. until closing. Grill hours are 4 to 10 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): 7-5-7. Special: Rooms and Lockers \$7 for 5 hours.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50, Soda /& juice 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

Roy's Bar & Grill (Madison): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. 2-4-1 9 p.m. to close.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails open to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Tappers \$1. Captain Morgans \$1.50.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Beer Bust \$4, or 80¢ glasses of beer.

The Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Miller Time! \$1 taps/\$1.25 bottles on all Miller brands.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ drafts.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! South Park Wednesdays. \$5 All-U-Can-Drink Superbust (beer, wine & soda).

Woody's (Milwaukee): 75¢ tappers and \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m.

Za's (Green Bay): \$6 Super Bust. Sean spins requests.

Thursdays:

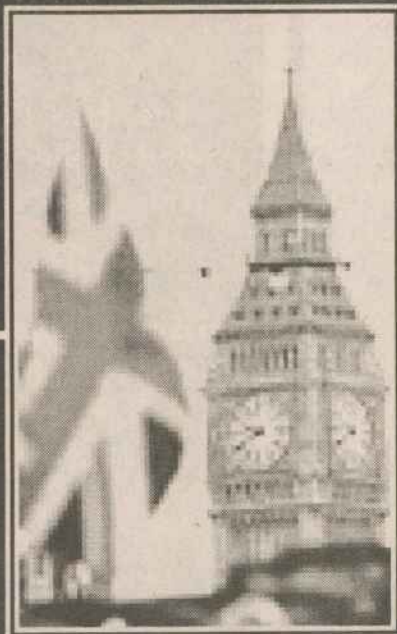
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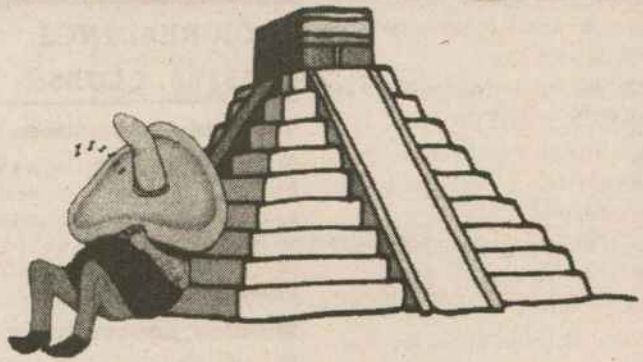
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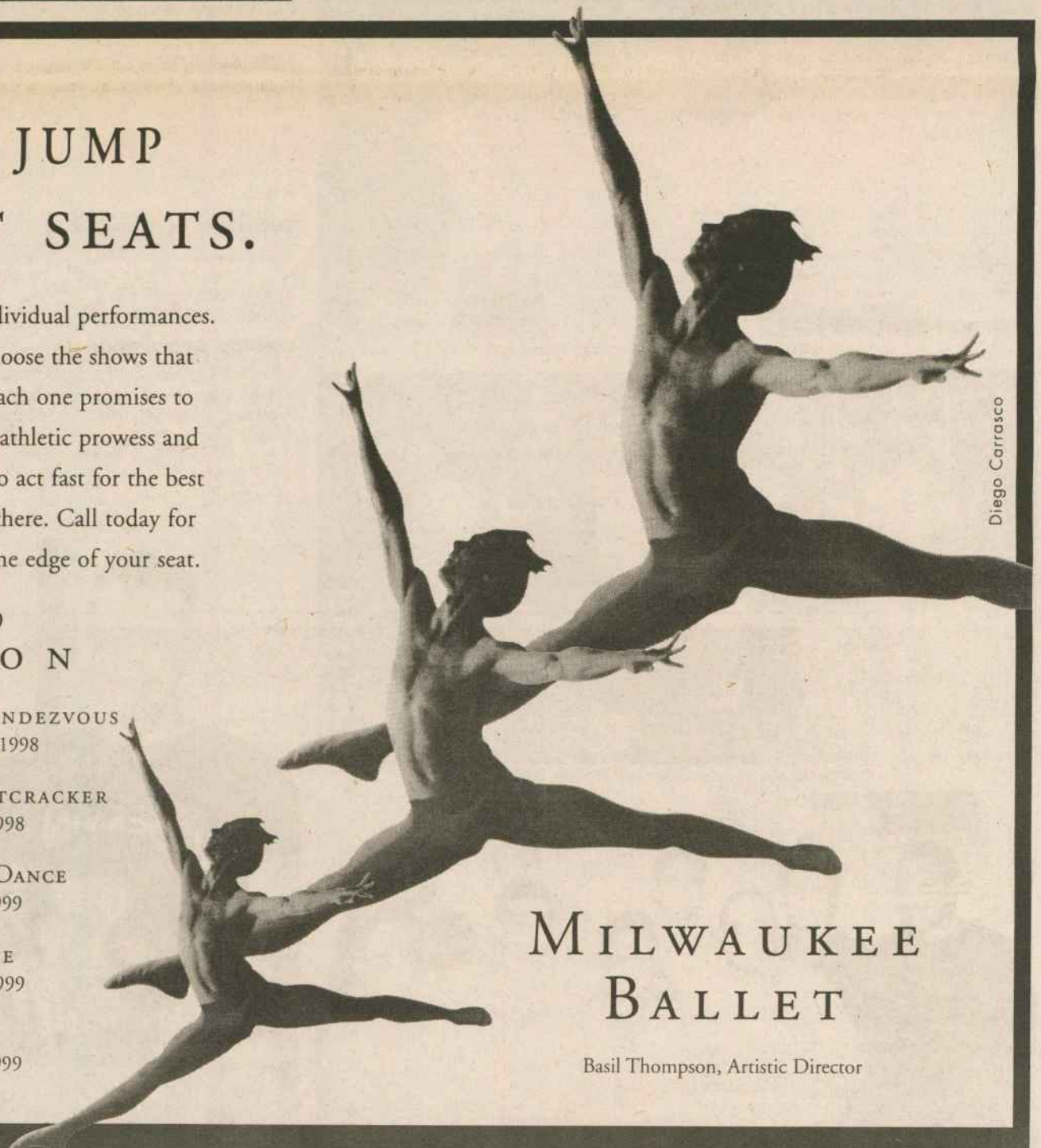
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Dish (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Groove with Amy! Amy entertains!

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! Ice Tea \$2.50.

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): In House Pool Tournament. \$100 in cash prizes. Double elimination. \$1.75 MGD. DJ Bange at 9 p.m. Free & Anonymous HIV Testing from 8 to 10 p.m.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Slammers! \$1 - 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs! drinks as low as 25¢ 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer. 50¢ drafts.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$2 Export & Corona beer 9 p.m. to close.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Free Pool & Darts. 2-4-1 tap beer 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 8 p.m. 75¢ taps from 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Beer, wine & rail 2-4-1 all night!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$1.75 rail drinks 9 p.m. to close.

The Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Tex-Mex! \$1.50 bottles of Corona. \$1.50 shots of Cuervo/Tequila Rose. Complimentary Salsa & Chips.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer \$1 Well drinks \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$6 All-U-Can Drink Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milwaukee): 75¢ tappers and \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m.

Zo'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'.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. 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.

The Kloset (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. DJ spinning the hits starting at 8 p.m. \$1.50 bottles and \$1 shots (Liquor and Schnapps).

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

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): Fish Fry 4 to 10 p.m. Open menu specials.

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

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

Ray'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 Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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

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¢ tappers and \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

Cell Block (Chicago): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot 'til 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 10 p.m. Tea Dance. Free Eats!

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

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

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

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.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

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

Ray'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 Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 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 of 4 p.m. Beer Bust to 8 p.m. Free shots for Badger scores.

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, September 3

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, September 4

Magnolia's Grill at the Douglas Dunes - Labor Day Weekend (Douglas, MI): The festivities go on through September 7. Located at 333 Blue Star Highway. Strippers every Friday. Pool Bar 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.

Fluid's Blind Date Party (Milwaukee): Running Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Prizes include Trip to London, 25" TV, Mountain Bike. Drink Specials. \$2 MGD & MGD Lite Bottles.

Sunday, September 6

Club 5's Planet Q Video Dance Bar - Inaugural Show (Madison): The Simply Wonderful, Simply Devine will host the Inaugural Show at the new Club 5's Planet Q Video Dance Bar at 5 Applegate Court at 10 p.m. FMI call (608) 277-9700.

Friday, September 11

The Milwaukee Eagle - Fund-Raiser (Milwaukee): The Team Eagle's AIDS Walk Fund-Raiser goes on from 10 p.m. to close. There will be drawings every half hour.

Walker's Point Cafe - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 9 p.m. to Midnight. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Saturday, September 12

The Kloset - Grand Opening Party (Beloit, WI): Join the fun! The party starts at 6 p.m. at 232 Shirland Ave. There's no cover charge! There will be drawings, drink specials, a DJ, an AIDS Network Booth, a Kissing Booth and Food! FMI call (608) 363-8764.

Sunday, September 13

Club 5's Planet Q Video Dance Bar - Entertainment (Madison): Felicia will host an evening of entertainment at the new Club 5's Planet Q Video Dance Bar at 5 Applegate Court at 10 p.m. FMI call (608) 277-9700.

CALENDAR LISTINGS ARE FREE!

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BOOK READINGS, CLASSES, CLUBS:

Thursday, September 3

Milwaukee Public Museum - Author Lecture & Signing (Milwaukee): Wayne Grady, one of Canada's prized nature writers will have a book signing and reception at 6 p.m. Mr. Grady will talk about his book *Vulture: Nature's Nasty Gourmet* at 7 p.m. in the museum's first-floor Owen J. Gromme Lecture Hall. Admission is \$6 at the door. Free to Museum Friends.

Monday, September 7

Afterwards Bookstore - Open Labor Day (Milwaukee): The store at 2710 North Murray will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. FMI call 963-9089.

Wednesday, September 9

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Webster Place, Milwaukee): John Ridley, formerly of Mequon, will return to read from *Love is a Rocket* at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Thursday, September 10

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Poet Karen Holden will read works from her new book of poetry, *Book of Changes*, inspired by I Ching at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Friday, September 11

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Webster Place, Milwaukee): Wilton Barnhardt will read from his new novel *Show World*, at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Saturday, September 12

Afterwards Bookstore - Author Appearance (Milwaukee): A Night of Murder and Mayhem starts at 7 p.m. with guests Ellen Hart (*Wicked Games*) & Mark Zubro (*Are You Nuts?*). FMI call 963-9089.

Sunday, September 13

Harry W. Schwartz Bookstore - Official Launch Party (Downer Ave.): Cultural Chaos has its opening party for its second season of music, theater and opera the Downer Bookstore, 2559 N. Downer from 3 to 6 p.m. Entertainment, free food, raffles and a poetry readings. FMI this event call (414) 332-1181. FMI and season tickets for Cultural Chaos, call the Pabst Theater at (414) 286-8777.

Monday, September 14

Afterwards Bookstore - Reading Group (Milwaukee): The group will be reading *Boy Culture*, by Matthew Rettenmund at 7:30 p.m. FMI call 963-9089.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Madison career experts Pat Alena & Patty Mullins, authors of the book *The Best Work of Your Life*, will lead a resume workshop and discussion on how to jump-start your career and life at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Tuesday, September 15

GLBTQ Book Discussion Group (Madison): The group will discuss two books: one fiction novel and a non-fiction book that ties in with the fiction novel. Meet at Borders Book Store East at 7 p.m. FMI (608) 240-0080

Wednesday, September 16

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Ann Elizabeth Dekorski & Kathie Lokken, two Milwaukee-area writers who have selections included in *Generation to Generation: Reflections on Friendships Between Young and Old*, published by Papier-Mache Press, will read from their works at 7 p.m. FMI call (414)963-3111.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Thursday, September 3

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



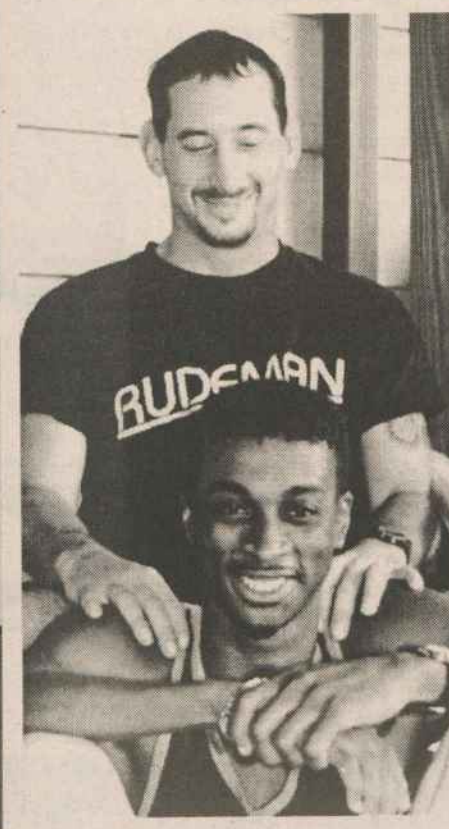
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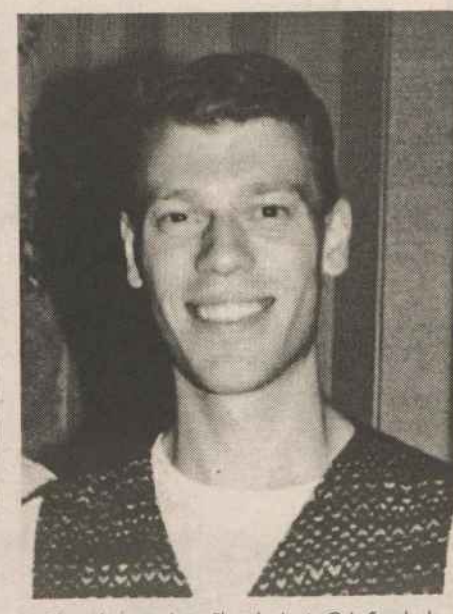
Now don't forget to say cheese! by Jamie @ Boot Camp Anniversary.



Family Portrait. Photo by Jamie @ Mama Roux



Massage therapy. Photo by Jamie @ Boot Camp



Chris takes a road trip. Photo by Jamie @ In Step bash.

8th Ave, at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison): Meets weekly 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 from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

Third Thursdays - HIV Self-Help Group (Baraboo, WI): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served & transportation assistance is available. FMI & location call (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison): Meets weekly 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.

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/Dane) 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.

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

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.

Friday, September 4

SAGE/Milwaukee - Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): A discussion group for mature men takes place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the SAGE Room of Lake Park Lutheran Church. TOPIC: The first of half hour of a four-hour documentary of the Gay Liberation Movement called The Question of Equality deals with the early stages of the movement; followed by a group discussion. Socialize after the meeting. FMI call (414) 271-0378.

Wisconsin & Northern Illinois 13th Annual GLBT AA Roundup - Commitment '98 (Milwaukee): The Roundup takes place at the Milwaukee War Memorial, 700 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. There will be three days of recovery and networking from September 4 through 6 for AA, Al-Anon, OA, SCA and other 12-Step programs. Included will be Recovery Workshops, a Pizza Party, a Dance, and a Spiritual Breakfast and Open Speaker Meeting. FMI call (414) 282-3705

Saturday, September 5

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. Catch the mother of all Farmer's Markets in West Allis at 65th and Greenfield from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Dane County Farmer's Market - (Madison): Every Saturday and Wednesday you will find fresh produce, plants, and other goodies at Capitol Square in Madison. Check it out!

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.

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, September 6

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 Honel 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 Capitol 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, September 7

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, September 8

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 from 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, September 9

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 Latter Day Saints gym. Church not affiliated with the class. FMI call (608) 837-9514.

Friday, September 11

National PFLAG conference in Milwaukee, FMI 255- 0533 (3 DAYS - FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY - NEED MORE INFO - OR REMOVE!!!

Saturday, September 12

LGBT Community - Lakefront Picnic (Milwaukee): Just look for the Rainbow Flag! Bring your picnic baskets, lawn games, boom boxes and friends (you will need to provide your own lunch & beverages), and join the LGBT Community at McKinley Marina Park on Milwaukee's Lakefront from noon to 4 p.m. Bring a kite to fly. The Wisconsin Kite Society is having a fly-in on the same day.

Monday, September 14

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): HIV/AIDS in Russia: Epidemiology, Policy, and Social Aspects with Andrei P. Kozlov, Ph.D. from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at 1249 N. Franklin. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Thursday, September 3

Landmark Downer Theater - Film (Milwaukee) The Slums of Beverly Hills & Next Stop Wonderland opened 8/29. FMI call (414) 964-2720.

Friday, September 4

Landmark Oriental Theater - Film Opening (Milwaukee): Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss, a new film with music by David Moseley, with Madison-based actor Richard Ganoung, opens today. FMI call (414) 276-8711.

Sunday, September 6

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, September 7

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, September 9

WYOU TV Cable Channel 4 - Nothing To Hide (Madison): This weekly show airs from 9 to 11 p.m. Tonight: The three Democrat candidates of the House of Representatives present their candidacy to Madison's Labor Temple.

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 "This Way Out" an international LGBT newsmagazine from 7:30 to 8 p.m. to volunteer call Margo Robb at (608) 256-2001.

Friday, September 11

Charles Allis Art Museum - Films (Milwaukee): Classic Movies in a Classic Mansion celebrates Wisconsin Movie Stars with a screening of Woman of the Year with Tracy & Hepburn in the New Margaret Rahil

Great Hall at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. \$3 general public. \$1 members & children FMI call 278-8295.

Monday, September 14

MGLD & MGLPD - Social/Film (Marshfield, WI): Bring a dish to pass. The social starts at 7 p.m. at 130 S. Central Ave. The Movie is To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything Julie Newmar. FMI call (715) 387-2068.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison): The Blue Hour (German with English subtitles) will be screened at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Colin at (608) 257-2338.

Wednesday, September 16

Charles Allis Art Museum - Films (Milwaukee): Classic Movies in a Classic Mansion presents Musical Film Extravaganzas (Ziegfeld, Busby Berkeley, Alice Faye, Eleanor Powell) at the Grand Opening of the New Margaret Rahil Great Hall at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. \$3 general public. \$1 members & children FMI call 278-8295.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Thursday, September 3

Charles Allis Art Museum - Badmer Engravings (Milwaukee): Seventy-two extraordinary engravings by Karl Bodmer, documenting Native American culture and the American frontier of the early 1830s will be on exhibit through October 11. FMI call (414) 287-8295.

MIAD - Design (Milwaukee): The Future by Design will continue its through March 27, 1999 in the Brooks Stevens Gallery of the Milwaukee Institute of Art & design. The exhibition shows the evolution of familiar objects. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Friday, September 4

Gallery H20 - Paintings & Sculpture (Milwaukee): Below the Surface, paintings and steel sculpture by Barbara Peterson will be on exhibit through October 2, 1998. FMI call (414) 271-8032.

Milwaukee Art Museum - Music (Milwaukee): MAM's First Fridays resumes. Shaken & Stirred, with Jerry Grillo's tribute to Frank Sinatra from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Sample appetizers, sip a martini and go through Covering History: Quilts in Wisconsin. \$7 general public, \$5 members. FMI call (414)22403200.

Saturday, September 5

Milwaukee Art Museum - Present Music Season Opener (Milwaukee): This event called Le Tombeau de Liberace, will take place at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$19 and \$15 for general admission and \$7.50 for students. FMI call (414) 271-0711.

Tuesday, September 8

MAM - Exhibition Gallery Talk (Milwaukee): An informal exhibition tour of Covering History: Quilts in Wisconsin, led by Judy Clowes at 1:30 p.m. Regular museum admission. Free to MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

MIAD - Prints/Graphics (Milwaukee): Printed Matters, which runs through 10/3 at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & design, will show two- and three-dimensional work created by printmakers using traditional, non-traditional and contemporary methods. An opening reception will be held 9/11 from 7 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Thursday, September 10

Milwaukee Art Museum - Sculpture Opening (Milwaukee): From Figure to Floor: Sculpture in the 20th Century, opens with a preview in the Journal/Labor Galleries at 5:30 p.m. and runs through November 8, 1998. There is a lecture in the Vogel/Helffer Galleries by Dr. Steven Nash at 6:15 p.m. The exhibit and lecture are free with museum admission, free to MAM members. Milwaukee County citizens are free on Wednesday and Saturday mornings 10 a.m. until noon. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Friday, September 11

UWM Fine Arts - Galleries (Milwaukee): In UWM Gallery One, the artworks of Milwaukee artist Tom Bamberger, Japanese artist Yoshimomo Nara, and French artist Jeno-Luc Vilmouth are on exhibit. In Gallery Two, the works of Chicago artist D'neil Larson will be on exhibit. Both Gallery One and Two will open September 11 and show through November 22, 1998. In Gallery Three, the works of Chicago-based artist Doug Ischar will be shown from September 11 through October 15.

Wednesday, September 16

Milwaukee Public Museum - Photographs (Milwaukee): Nazi Olympics Berlin 1938, a traveling exhibit from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum will open in the 2nd-floor Steigleider Gallery and run through 12/13/98. The exhibit is free with regular museum admission. Milwaukee County residents are free on Mondays.

THEATER ARTS:

Thursday, September 3

The Last Jazz In The Park Concert (Milwaukee): The East Town Jazz Orchestra will perform big-band favorites of the late 40's and early 50's from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the last concert of the season in Cathedral Park. The drawings for East Town's Great Jazz Raffle (lots of great prizes) will be drawn during intermission of this concert.

Milwaukee Symphony Chorus - Auditions (Milwaukee): Auditions for all voice parts will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. Call (414) 967-1905 to

schedule an audition appointment.

Friday, September 4

BlueJAZZ Barbeque - Veteran's Park (Milwaukee): Bring your lawn chair to this free lakefront event and help Milwaukee celebrate Labor Day Weekend with plenty of Blues, Jazz, Zydeco & Alternative Rock music. Local, regional and national artists will be performing through 9/6 with plenty of Barbeque & Beer.

Madison Rep - Opening Night (Madison): Jeffrey Hatcher's, Three Viewings, opens at 8 p.m. at the Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center and runs through 9/27. FMI & tickets call (608) 267-2674.

Saturday, September 5

Present Music - Season Opener (Milwaukee): This event called Le Tombeau de Liberace, will take place at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Stroll the galleries at 7 p.m. Concert starts at 8 p.m. FMI & Tickets, call (414) 271-0711.

Wednesday, September 9

Milwaukee Rep - Season Opener (Milwaukee): Amadeus, the Tony Award-winning production about the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, will open at the Powerhouse Theater and run through 10/11, 1998. FMI & tickets call (414) 224-9490

Friday, September 11

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra & Chorus (Milwaukee): A concert version Puccini's opera Turandot will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Also at the same time on Sunday, 9/13 in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center. FMI call (414) 291-7605 or 1-800-291-7605.

Saturday, September 12

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra - FREE Thank You Milwaukee! Concert (Milwaukee): This free concert takes place during the Marcus Center's annual open house. The open house runs from 12 noon to 4 p.m. throughout the Center. The concert is at 4 p.m. in Uihlein Hall. FMI call (414) 291-7605.

Outcast Theater - Benefit (UWM-Parkside): A remounting of Love Letters will be presented at 8 p.m. in the UW-Parkside Studio Theater, and repeat performances will be held 9/13 at 5 and 8 p.m. FMI & tickets call (414) 681-8934.

Sunday, September 13

Charles Allis Art Museum - Music in the Great Hall (Milwaukee): Pianist Jayne Latvia presents works by turn-of-the-century Milwaukee composers at 3 p.m. in the Margaret Rahil Great Hall. \$10 general public, \$8 Friends of Charles Allis, \$5 children. Reserve by calling (414) 278-8295.



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The Madison Repertory Theater continues its season with Jeffrey Hatcher's *Three Viewings*. This production opens Friday, September 4 at 8 p.m. at the Madison Civic Center's Isthmus Playhouse, 211 State Street, and continues through Sunday, September 27. In a small town funeral parlor, three stories weave together to portray the extent to which we all hold on to memories, money, life and love.

Other Madison Rep productions will be *How I Learned to Drive* (October), *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (December 11-13 at the Wisconsin Union Theater), *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill* (January 1999), *The Cripple of Inishmaan* (March), and *Sherlock's Last Case* as the season conclusion. For more information, call (608) 266-9055, TTD (608) 267-2674.

MUSIC

The Florentine Opera's 66th Anniversary season unfurls on November 13, 14 and 15, 1998 with two splendid one-act Italian operas—Pietro Mascagni's *Cavalleria Rusticana* and Ruggerio Leoncavallo's *I Pagliacci*. Considered "shocking, coarse, and violent" by early American Audiences, these operas form an inseparable pair, depicting realistic themes of jealousy and vengeance through their glorious melodies.

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The productions offered by the Sky-light Opera Theater during 1998 are *The Pirates of Penzance* and *The King & I*. During 1999, the production of *Ballymore* will have a world premiere with the Opera Company of Philadelphia; *Don Pasquale* and *The World Goes 'Round* will close out the season. For more information call (414) 291-7800.

This season's Classical Conversations at the Pabst Theater, also led by Andrews Sill, features three in-depth looks at the life and music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The season begins at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 28 with "Mozart and Music for the Virtuoso." Sill conducts *Rondo*, the final movement from Piano Concerto No. 22. Also on the program will be the Serenade No. 10 *Gran Partita* as featured in the film "Amadeus." For further information call (414) 291-7605 or 1-800-291-7605.

Present Music's 17th Season Opener and Party takes place at the Milwaukee Art Museum on Saturday, September 5 at 8 p.m. It will be a *camp* homage to Wladziu Valentino Liberace and his extravagant stage persona. The composition by composer Michael Daugherty, is a piano concerto titled *Le Tombeau de Liberace*. It comes in four evocative movements with names like "Rhinestone Kickstep" and "Candelabra Rhumba." Other works by Kamran Ince, Henryck Gorecki, and Harrison Birdwhistle will be performed. Tickets can be ordered by calling (414) 271-0711.

DANCE

Milwaukee Ballet has announced a "Season of Elevated Elegance" for 1998-'99. The opening night double-performance of Bizet's *Carmen* and Auber's *Les Rendezvous* choreographed by Frederick Ashton, will take place at Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center on October 29 and run through November 1. December brings us Tchaikowski's *The Nutcracker* in an all new production that will run from December 12 to 30 at the Marcus Center's Uihlein Hall.

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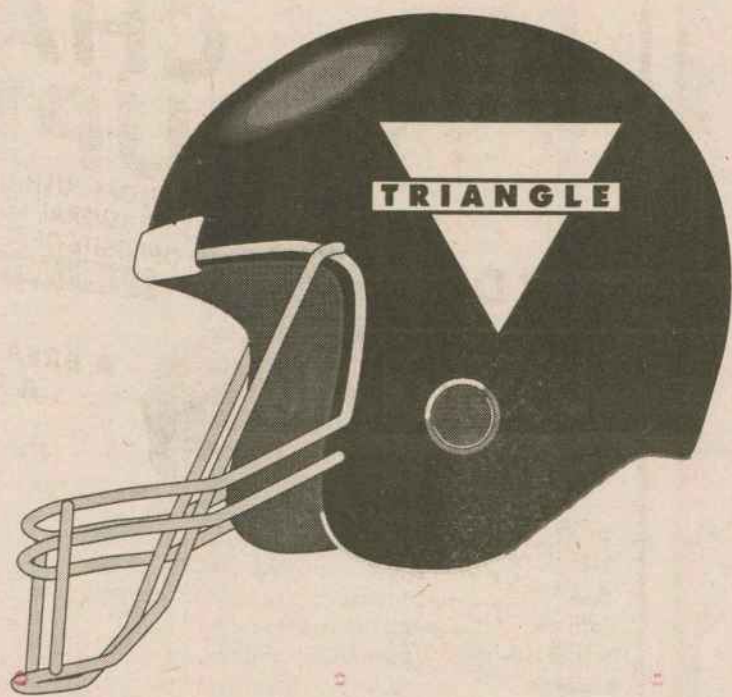
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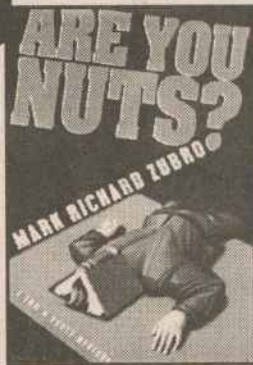
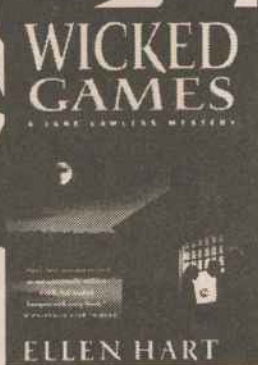
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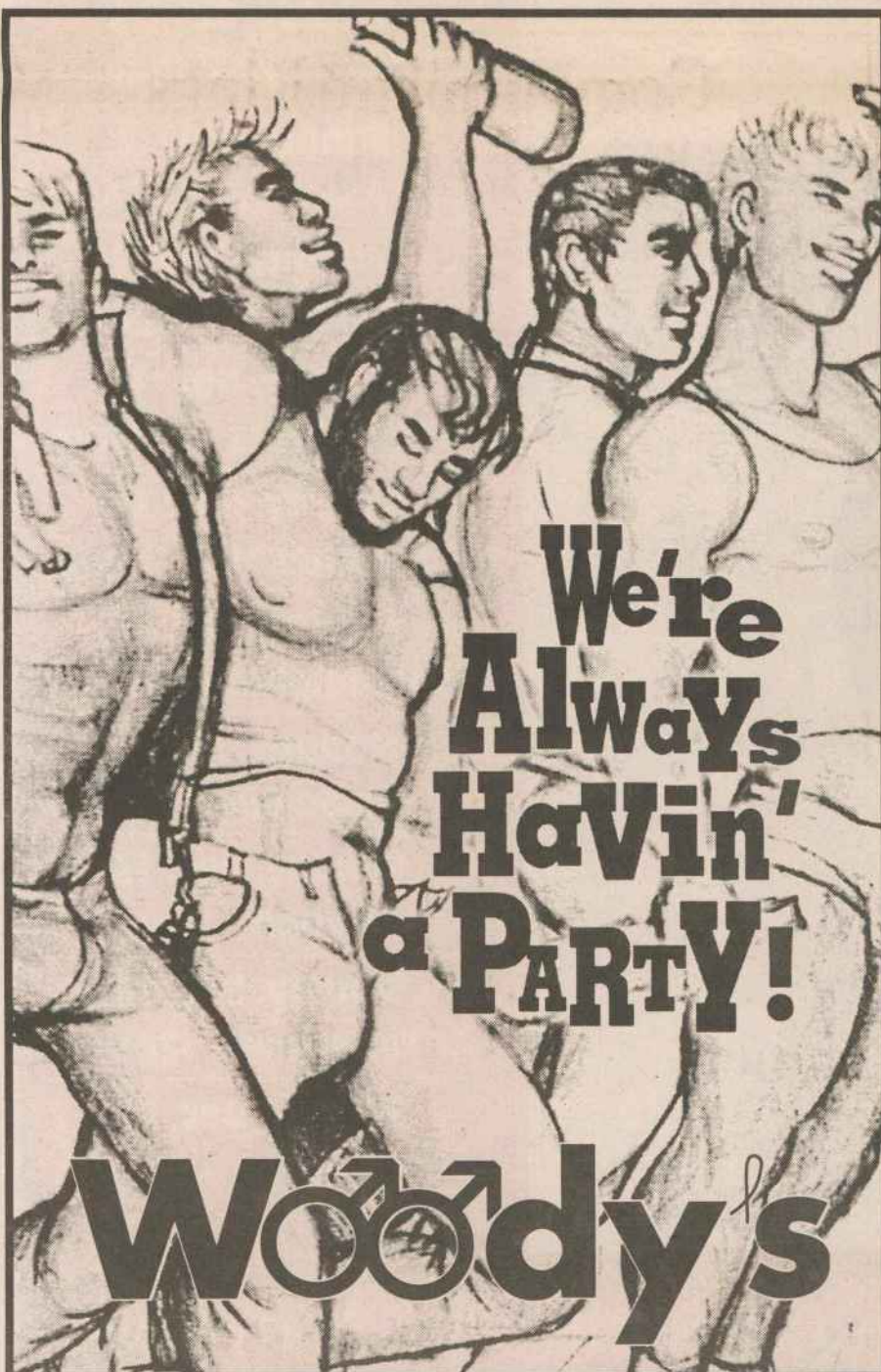
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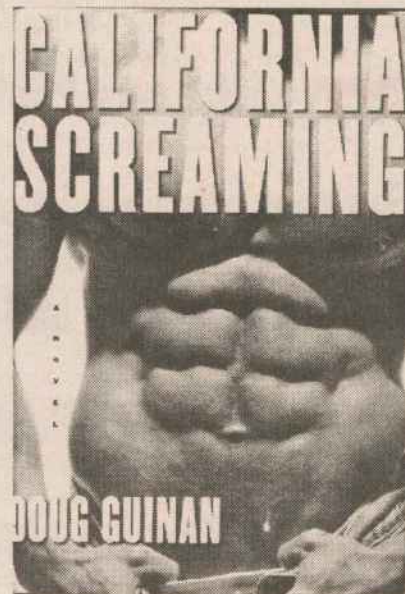
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by Doug Guinan

This "wickedly funny" first book by Doug Guinan captures Los Angeles's gay sub-culture to a "T". We get to know about everything from the shabby West Hollywood apartments of the countless young "celebrity wannabes" to the boardrooms and bedrooms of the enter-



tainment industry's "Velvet Mafia." (think of David Geffen and that crowd).

"...Kevin Malloy is a drop-dead gorgeous New Yorker who has arrived in town one step ahead of "the angry, racketeer father of his lover." His new roommate, Leon, "was just good looking enough for Kevin to be friends with." They met through an outfit called "Roommate World," and decided that they made a good team. Their apartment is situated near a pricey health club called the Athletic Connection, where they spend a great deal of each day pumping up their bodies. There's lots of talk of abs and quads and gluts, not to mention which days were devoted to improving which set of muscles. "Tuesdays, for example, were devoted to triceps."

The apartment is nearly empty except for beds, hundreds of CDs, and cable TV. The rusty medicine cabinets are chock-full of expensive products. "Like many youngish people in LA, they could not imagine buying a house, but a forty-dollar bottle of hair conditioner did not seem unreasonable. It seemed, in fact, absolutely right." There were shampoos, cuticle closers, soaps from the Body Shop, eye pencils from MAC, cotton balls, toners, astringents and moisturizers.

The linen closet in the hallway contains even more goodies and this list of expensive unguents, palliatives and tinctures could easily make up a crash-course in beauty tips for any one who has the money to purchase them. Ditto for the list of "named" designer clothing, which gets more expensive as the story progresses.

Only the most anonymous of tricks ever sets foot in the apartment, and then they have only the briefest acquaintance with the living room rug; no one ever makes it to the boy's bedrooms, and any orgasms were wiped away with mid-priced paper towels. To bring in some

much needed money (their credit cards are maxed out), Kevin has a not-so-successful career as a fashion photographer, while Leon works as a bathroom designer while he dreams of doing the sets on a major soap opera.

After brushing off his parent's Christmas morning phone call, Kevin decides he needs to go out and "be with models"; they also need some food. He gets in his silver Miata convertible, rides around and finds everything closed. Eventually he parks in the empty parking lot of Sunset Plaza. As he sits smoking cigarettes from a two-month old sample pack of Japanese smokes, he notices a white limo pulling up. A very tan hand holds out a bubbling flute of champagne, and a voice says, "Merry Christmas."

The voice belongs to Brad Sherwood, founder of Magnet Entertainment, and one of the most powerful men in a town full of powerful men. Connection made, "they head to Malibu in Kevin's car to share a day and night of abandon in the mogul's lavish beach house." Sherwood makes an all-out play for Kevin's affections, and soon the gifts start to pour in. Here's where we get a shopping lesson!

Sherwood has a coterie of rich gay friends; the most important being his life-long friend, Rob, a former ice-dancing star. Rob has a penchant for less than presentable street trash, preferably twins. He likes to make secret videos of the action and shares it all with Brad.

A party to end all parties is planned to introduce Kevin to Brad's friends. The masterminding of this event—with Rob in charge—is something else. So is the actual shindig. All the richest old queens and closeted stars come out of the woodwork. There are strippers and go-go boys entertaining and the party ends up in an orgy that destroys the interior of the house, not to mention the grounds. Party on, girls!!

There's only one fly in the ointment. When they first met, Brad left his address book in Kevin's convertible. When Kevin finally returned to his apartment, he found the book and he and Leon copied all the names and phone numbers . . . just in case! Earlier, there had been a nasty incident with an actor who tried to get Kevin in bed instead of paying for the photo work he'd done. It ended up getting a little rough and Kevin wanted to get even. He sent multiple copies of an incriminating FAX to a lot of Brad's business connections.

Moments before the party this little scheme backfires when one of Brad's lawyers receives a FAX that has been sent from one of Brad's rarely used private numbers. Kevin is confronted by Brad and confesses to what he did. Brad gets furious and flies off in his jet. Kevin goes back east, and the rest of the plot is for you to find out. The ending is a bit soap opera-ish, but it's still a good read. (Simon & Schuster, ISBN: 0-684-84936-4, \$24 Hardcover).

—Ed Grover

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PrideFest '98

by Jamie



If you weren't fortunate enough to have been able to attend this year's PrideFest, you missed the best one yet. Not a drop of rain, temperatures in the 70's and 80's, and barely a cloud in the sky. OK, Friday night there was this flying-ant-bug thing going on, but I'd rather deal with a few insects than an entire weekend of cold, rainy weather.

Kicking off the 3-day festival was the funky sounds of **Rufus and the Singing Machine** at the Alyn Hess Stage. Opening Ceremonies followed, with the Possum Queen Finals right after that. This show had so much "camp" that it kept people rolling in the aisles for over an hour.

This year the **Possum Queen Contest** brought in over \$20,000 to help benefit AIDS-care providers. Bringing in the most in contributions was, once again, **Jackie of M&M**. Jackie won last year, so she was kind enough to pass on the crown off to **Lizzie Bordeaux**, who has also put in lots of time and effort into this year's contest. **Victoria Maxwell** (Max B.) was (to his surprise) given an achievement award (the exact name of which escapes me at the moment) for his many years of

hard work to make the Possum Queen Contest the highly successful fund-raising event that it is today.

Congratulations and kudos to every participant, anyone that gave a tip to the performers, or anyone that just dropped a buck in one of those donation jars. Your work and generosity will go a long way.

Closing out Friday night was **Josie Santiago**, with enough energy to get people pumped up for a night of dancing at **219, Dish** or **LaCage**. Attendance on Friday night? More than last year but still a bit low.

Saturday was a different story. As I said earlier, the weather was terrific. Lots of people passed through the gates of PrideFest to enjoy any number of things. This year I didn't hit the festival grounds until 3 p.m. The first thing I did was a little shopping. I looked for a pair of sunglasses (mine were in Chris's truck), but I couldn't find anyone selling them so I checked out some jewelry. There was a fabulous silver chain, but when I put it on it was just too long. My Aunt Cheryl gets a t-shirt every year, and I found one that I know she will love.

After I was shopped-out, we checked out some of the musical acts. **Joi Cardwell** (5-time winner at Apollo Amateur Night) was sensational. She performed all the hits you've heard and plenty more. Sponsoring Joi Cardwell was **Dish**.

Men Out Loud was, for me, a pleasant surprise. I've not heard much of their music, so I didn't know how good they sounded. OK, they weren't bad looking either! Men Out Loud started out as a 4-part harmony group that blossomed into a "chart-busting, pop, disco, doo-wop, R&B

with a little crooning and Broadway thrown in for good measure" singing sensation. Men Out Loud was sponsored by ARCW.

After the fireworks (sponsored by the Miller Brewing Company), it was time to head out. We went over to **Triangle** to give **Rob** and the staff a hard time. That didn't last long for me, I knew I had a full day ahead of me so I left the group and headed home to my comforter and a big pillow. And yes, I did call **Josh** and left him a real mushy message before dozing off! XXXXXX.

Sunday was perfect. Josh came over early that morning so I woke up with a smile on my face. Yes, I was a bit tired from ... well. Anyway, I headed over to the **IN Step World Headquarters** to help put together our parade entry. We put pink and black balloons all over a pretty black truck; made up some signs and we were on our way over to the festival grounds.

After we got to the grounds, we realized that black balloons weren't such a good idea. As they heated up from the sun, they started bursting. Hey, who knew? We replaced them as best we could but by the end of the parade there weren't many black ones left. This was the first year we actually entered the parade, so I got a little different perspective on it. May thanks to **Chris Hammerbeck** for taking so many great photographs. I couldn't have participated if he hadn't helped me out with the photograph. Did we win best entry? Hardly, but we had a lot of fun.

After the parade, we went back to the

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STEPPIN' OUT!

Friday, September 4

First Fridays at the Milwaukee Art Museum, featuring Jerry Grillo Quartet from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. \$7 at the door.

Saturday, September 5

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Sunday, September 6

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Wednesday, September 9

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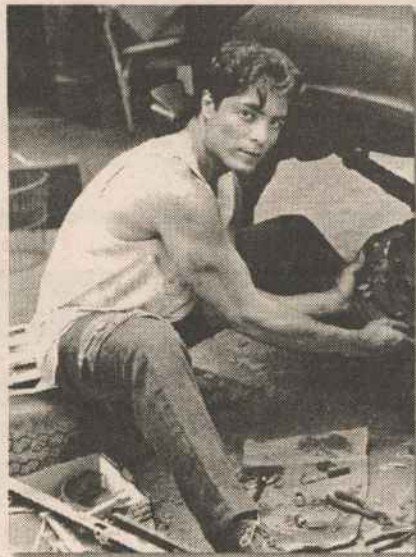
film REVIEWS

54, Dance with Me

The story of Studio 54 is not the story of a Jersey David seeking fame and fortune at the notorious disco and falling in love with another Jerseyite turned soap star who shares his eventual distaste for the hedonism that surrounds them. Unfortunately, that's the story the film 54 tells. It's the spoonful of sugar to help the freaks, fags and Halston go down. To make the film palatable to the non-art-house masses, the filmmakers needed to heterosexualize (and naysay) a decidedly non-heterosexual history.

So in exchange for two guys kissing near the beginning of the film, we get Ryan Phillippe (yes, they show his butt and it's worth the price of admission) and Neve Campbell (in a thankless foil of a role) admitting to one another what horrible people they were to have gotten sucked into the scratch-my-back world of getting ahead that Studio 54 and disco are oh so much symbols of. Instead of a deeper exploration into the role celebrity played at Studio 54 (and Studio 54 played in the lives of celebrities), we get a married couple, the male unit of which won't let proprietor Steve Rubell (a flawless performance by Mike Myers — the Academy had better put aside their prejudices against his comedy past and nominate him for an Oscar) suck his cock to get the coveted bartender position. Over and over again (as Sylvester would have it), good ole cornfed, heterosexual morality wins out over disco and its evil, hedonistic malcontents. It's enough to shed tears on your two-record set of A Night at Studio 54 on Casablanca Records, 1979.

Still, you do get to learn a good deal about Rubell's tax evasions and the inner workings of the club itself. And the film truly redeems itself at the end when after a nearly two-year stint in jail in the early 80's, Rubell throws one last party at 54 wishing that this time it could last forever. Then Stars on 54 (Ultra Naté, Amber and Jocelyn Enriquez — three current disco divas) step out to sing "If You Could Read My Mind." As someone who has dedicated his life to convincing everyone around him that disco never died for even a second, I found this continuity between the dance music of the past and present to be most profound and overwhelmingly emotional. And crass fellow that I am, I'll take spoonful of sugar over the artsy-fartsy conversation pieces in *The Last Days of Disco* ANY day.



Chayanne as Rafael in "Dance with Me"

Wish I could say half as much for the atrocious *Dance With Me*. Sexy Chayanne leaves Cuba to work as a handyman at a Houston dance studio where Vanessa Williams teaches. Eventually we learn Chayanne can get on the good foot with the best of them but where *Strictly Ballroom* was ostensibly, intrinsically about dancing, *Dance With Me* has almost zilch to do with the subject. The focus is on the tensions between Chayanne and dance studio owner Kris Kristofferson. Apparently, Kris is Chayanne's father who wasn't there for him all these years and still can't quite make the commitment before his son's big debut at a dancing contest but manages to make it anyway at the last minute. At least I think that's how it goes; I really wasn't paying all that much attention. Honestly — they could've all been landscapers instead and done little damage to the film's integrity. Ugh — and for this I passed up an opportunity to see *Blade*.

What precious little dance sequences there are are spelled R-O-L-A-I-D-S (particularly the feverish ensemble hustle in a Latin bar). But if *Landscape With Me* was not meant to be, well, a friend suggested a bratty but entirely appropriate alternative: *Puke With Me*.

—Kevin John

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festival grounds for more fun. We checked out the PrideFest awards presentation (way too many to list). Men Out Loud hit the main stage again, which kept us entertained for an hour. After that we checked out the dance tent where the **LaCage Showgirls** were putting on a show.

Finally, we caught the **BJ Daniels Review** at the main stage. The show was great but would you expect anything but great from BJ Daniels? By that time I was

too pooped to continue to participate so we went to **Triangle** for a real cocktail, and then I headed home.

I hope you had as much fun as I did at this year's PrideFest Celebration. It was a good thing that it got moved to August. My guess is that the success of this year's celebration will only do good things for next year's celebration.

Closing out this column, I would like to mention something about the last column I wrote. I happen to know that there is an anti-Laura letter to the editor for this issue. I do encourage and appreciate letters, supportive or not, it lets me know you're reading. We are all entitled to our opinion so I won't be upset if someone's opinion is different from mine. From what I know of her, I am standing by my opinion until proven wrong. If you want to send me columns of hers that will prove me wrong, please send them to Jamie c/o *IN Step*. I am always looking for information.

Again, thanks fir reading and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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WANT MORE? GM, 18 years old, looking for someone who is down to earth and knows what he wants out of life and wants even more. You should be around 18-25 years of age and ready to kick it. (Milwaukee) ☎11751

NEW TO THE AREA I'm looking to meet Men of all ages and races, who can show me a good time in the area. (Milwaukee) ☎11039

COLLEGE GRAD I'm a 22 year old, GBM, 5'8", 130 lbs, non-smoker and drinker, not into the bar scene, is looking for a young, attractive, masculine, GB, Hispanic or Italian Male who are 18-33. You must be a non-smoker, HWP, slim. I'm a bottom and you should be a top. (Milwaukee) ☎10900

I'M A WELL HUNG 34 year old, SWM, 6'1", 165 lbs and looking for the same, for a relationship. You should be between the ages of 18-25, for great times and summer fun. (Wisconsin Rapids) ☎10664

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I WANT TO MEET I'm 34, 165 lbs, 6'2" Man who would like to meet other Men who are 20-30 and want to meet. (Eau Claire) ☎10523

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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NOT ASKING FOR MUCH I'm 6'0, 275, really smooth and I'm looking for someone to have fun with. (Wausau) ☎1290

RELATIONSHIP MINDED WM, 31, very attractive, down to earth and looking for someone who is the same. Relationship minded and very caring. (Milwaukee) ☎1283

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FUN IN THE SUN I'm an attractive, 32 year old, Gay White Male, 6'2", 180 lbs and very tanned. I'm looking for Gay White Males who are between the ages of 20-40, for fun in the sun. I like hiking, swimming and going to the beach. (Ashland) ☎19807

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I DO WHAT I'M TOLD I'm a Gay Male who has black hair and blue eyes. I'm looking for a top Man who can do things to me. I'm very obedient and I listen very well, so please box me. (Milwaukee) ☎19637

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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

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

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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

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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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SEASON TO TASTE This attractive Gay White Male, 25, 5'11", 180 lbs, seeks someone to hang out with. I like alternative music, techno, cooking, and going to farmer's markets. Let's get together. (Madison) ☎17401

FILL MY VOID This is attractive Gay 21-year-old White Male with lots of interests inside the bedroom, and out. I am very attractive and well-hung, so please give me a call. (Milwaukee) ☎17597

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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

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

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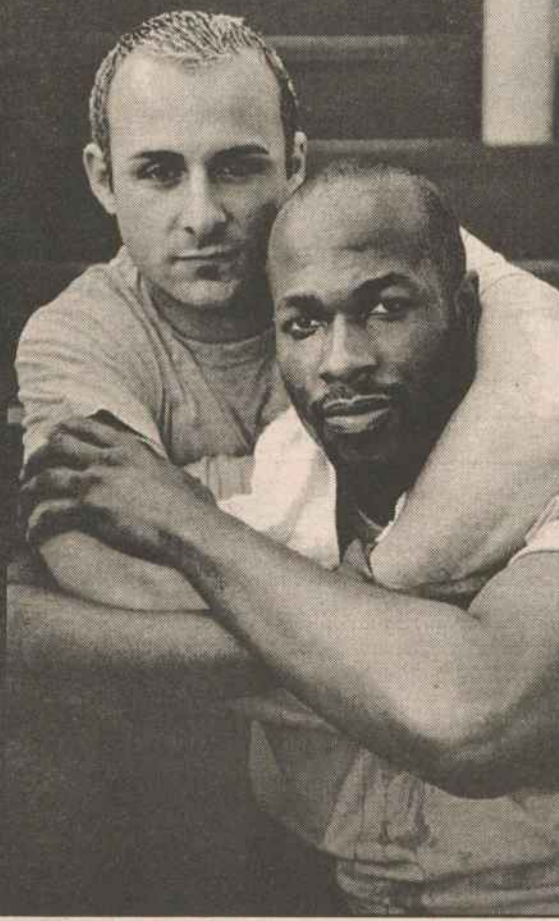
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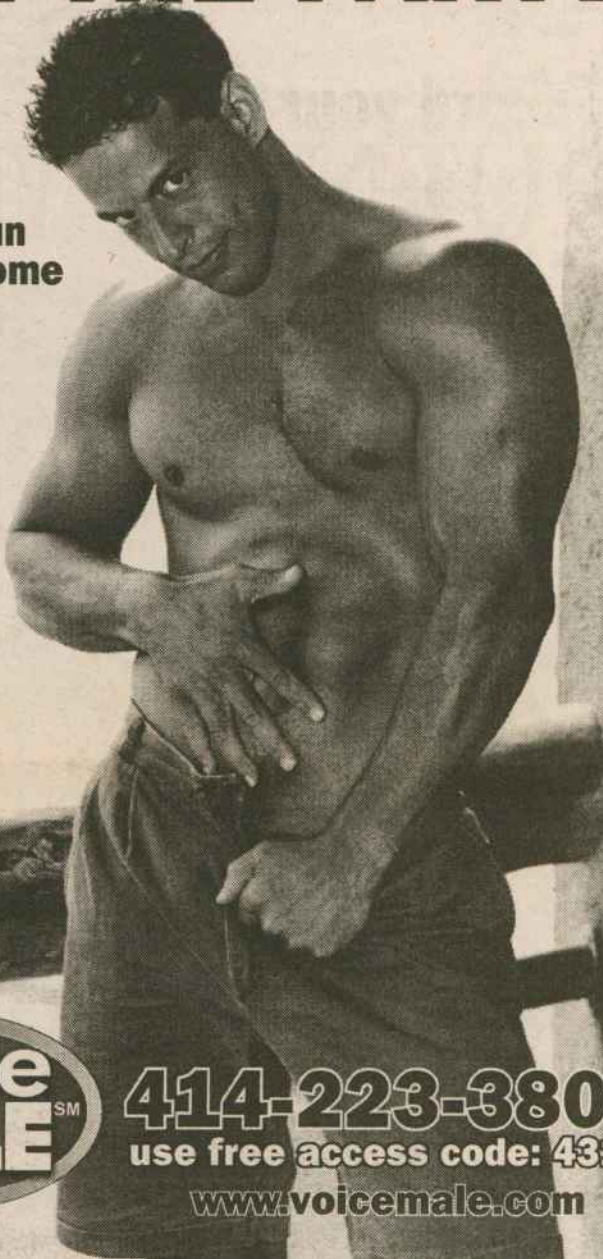
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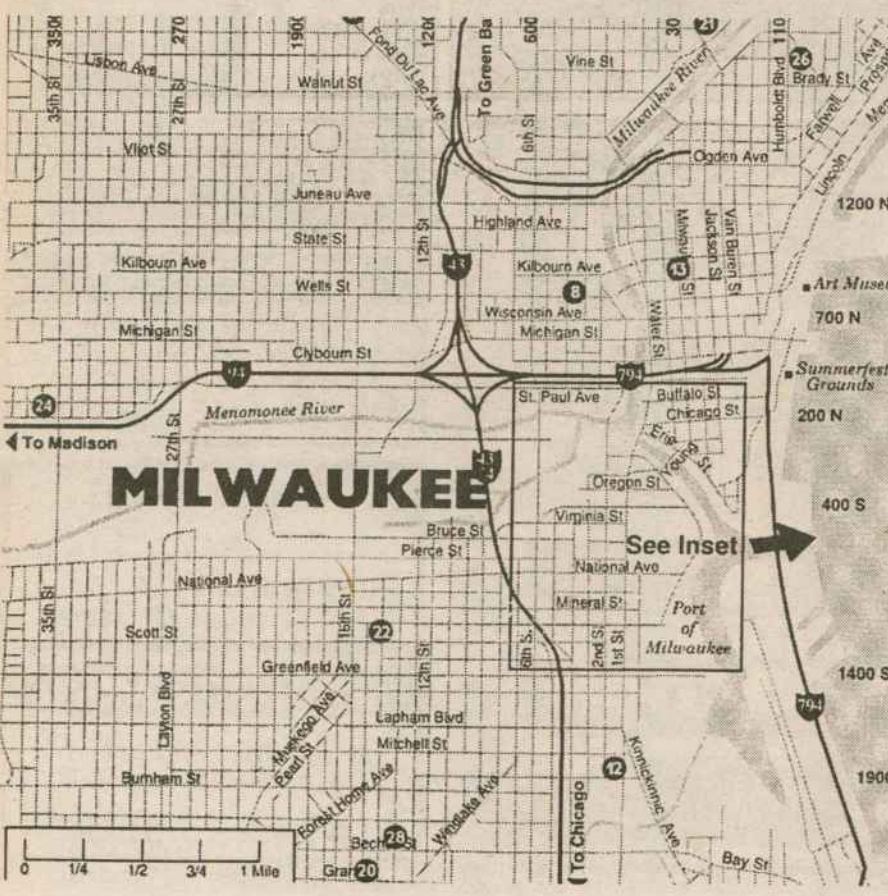
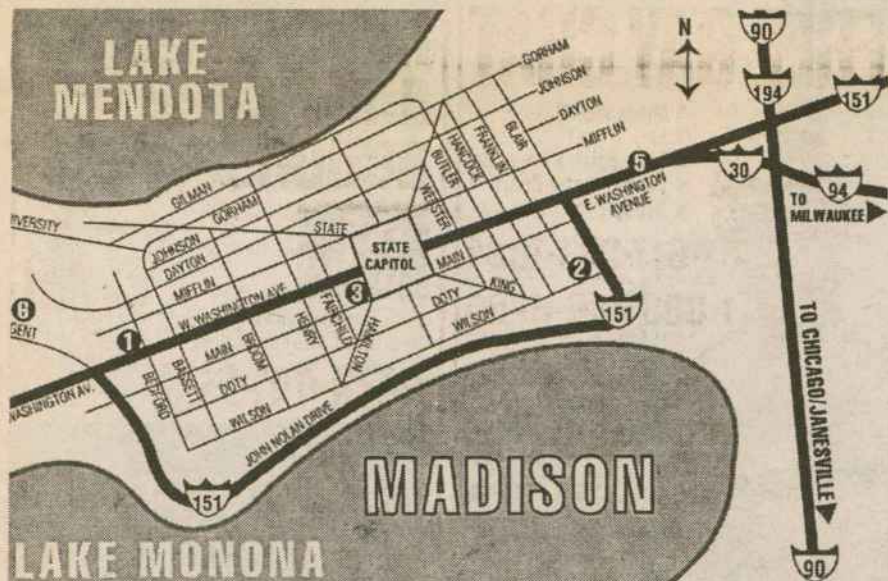
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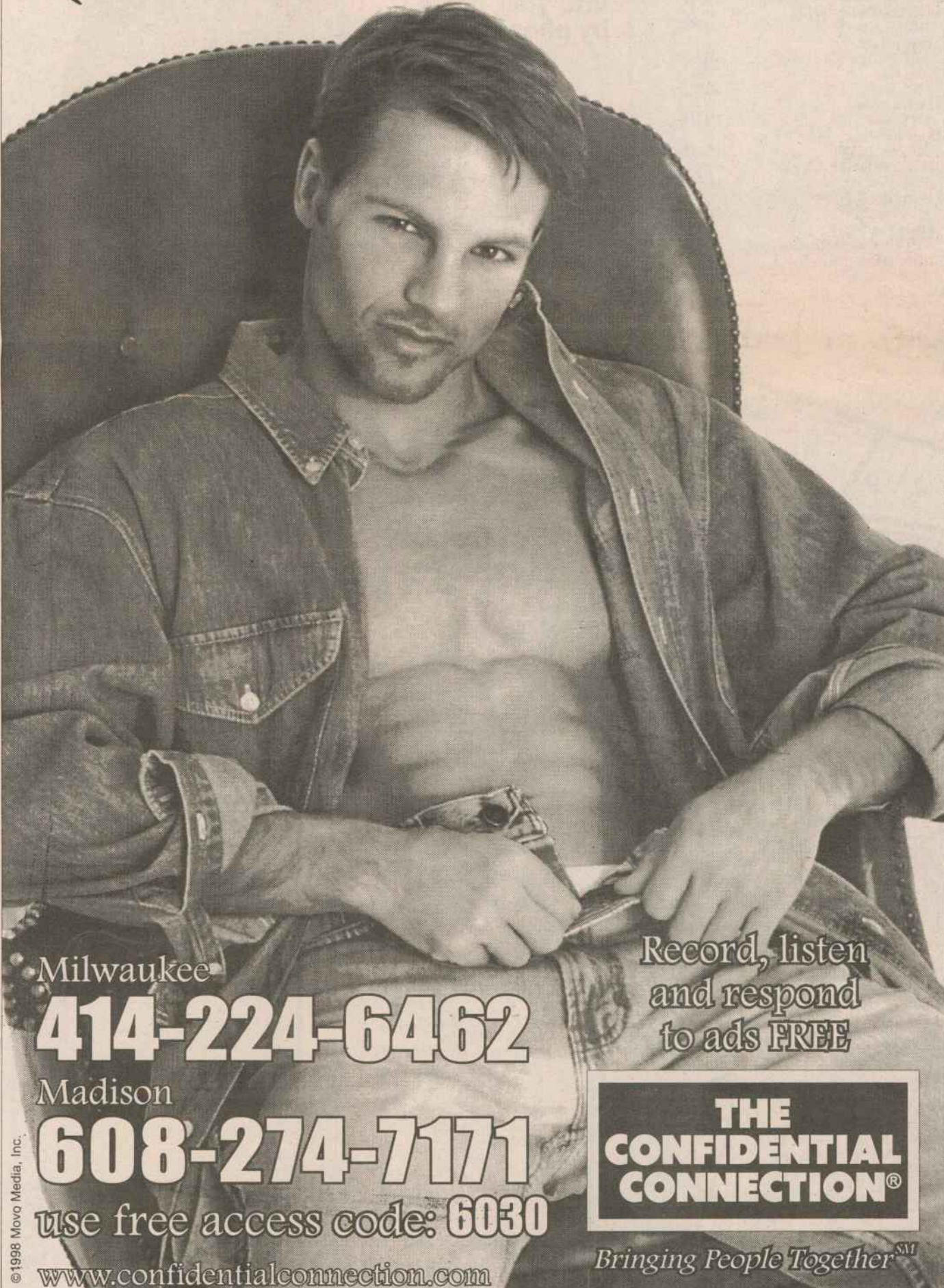
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TAURUS: (April 21 - May 21)
 Getting organized as early as possible will assure successful results either in business or your personal life. There are various complications which show the need for a new approach to a current problem with a mate or a close associate.

GEMINI: (May 22 - June 21)
 Whether single and eligible, or married, you may discover that dreams really do come true in the love-and-marriage arena. Pursuing your heart's desires in a no-nonsense way keeps others on their toes, and can strengthen important ties.

CANCER: (June 22 - July 23)
 Fantastic trends should enable you to get more mileage out of your efforts by simply following your instincts. Both romance and financial gains are favored. Be prepared to cope with a sudden and unexpected development regarding a partnership; it will pass.

LEO: (July 24- August 23)
 Tread gently on the sensitive feelings of a mate or lover, comments may result in a fiery overreaction, so guard your manner and speech. Although you may be in the mood to have things go your own way, it's not time to insist on it — back off a bit.

VIRGO: (August 24 - September 23)
 Give your best efforts to your job and health interests. Don't let others sidetrack you or go overboard about any private matters. The time is right to follow through on any financial dealings. You may be quite pleased with the results.

LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)
 Behind the scenes manipulations may be the key to getting ahead now where business and career aims are concerned. Be attentive to those to whom you mean alot; this may be more welcome than you think. Both creativity and romance are high.

SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)
 The work ethic is strong in you and you may feel compelled to take on a sizable project, or new self-improvement program. An on-the-job problem may also be a worry, but the prognosis will be good. Extra effort now will pay off.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - December 21)
 This will be one of your better times on which relationships, financial interests, home and health matters all seem to be going smoothly. It is a gratifying time of personal accomplishment, for people around you seem to be receptive to your practical ideas.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 - January 20)
 It's definitely a working week, and you may be tied down to chores or routine tasks while others seem to be having the time of their lives. Follow through on a project which you have been mulling over for some time — it's family or money related.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 - February 19)
 Your financial prospects look relatively good right now, although you may be on the brink of some large expenditure that will possibly change that monetary cushion swiftly. You may have to put in extra effort at work, with little to no thanks.

PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)
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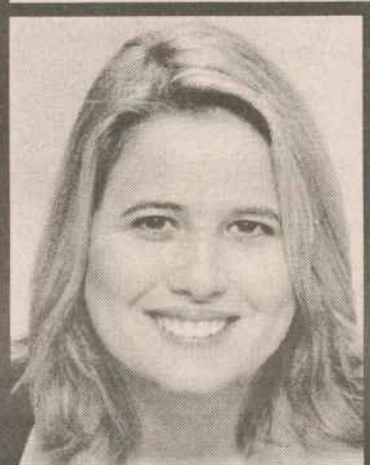


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