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Positive Voice and GLEEDA Merge

by Cheryl Myers

Green Bay — Positive Voice, northeast Wisconsin's largest GLBT organization, has merged with GLEEDA (Gay and Lesbian Education and Economic Development Association).

Marty Brown, President of GLEEDA, met with the Positive Voice board in early August to discuss the possibility of a merger. Though GLEEDA's social offerings were highly popular, they were unable to recruit an adequate number of board members to carry through with the group's mission.

After the meeting, Brown returned to GLEEDA with details of how a merger would occur, and asked for a membership vote on whether or not to proceed. The attending membership voiced approval for incorporation into Positive Voice.

"I was warmly received at the Positive Voice board meeting, and after the 'merger' resolution had been made, learned about the many activities and issues that the Positive Voice group has been involved in. The prospect of combining the efforts of our two groups in pursuing our common goals makes good sense," Brown stated in a letter to GLEEDA members.

The resolution for merger provides that the members of GLEEDA, with their approval, will become members of Positive Voice for the remainder of the year, with no extra dues charge, Brown continued. A subcommittee will be formed to examine the by laws of both groups to detect any conflicts, and to recommend any needed changes by the annual May meeting of Positive Voice so that the entire membership would be able to vote on the updated by laws. Additionally, the names of current GLEEDA board members will be automatically placed in nomination for Positive Voice board positions as positions become available.

Another consideration was the highly popular GLEEDA New Year's Eve Dance and their Valentine's Day Party. The Positive Voice board made a commitment that, with help from previous GLEEDA members, these events would continue.

As GLEEDA was based more in the Appleton area, and Positive Voice in Green Bay, a proposal was made to have two Positive Voice meetings early in the year in Appleton to see if there is enough interest to have meetings in both locations. The combined mailing lists will also be evaluated for location of members, and a questionnaire may be developed to determine an optimal meeting site.

In a letter to all current GLEEDA members, Positive Voice outlined the activities, mission, and membership information for the group.

The letter reads in part, "We are looking upon this merger as a great opportunity to combine our many strengths and reach more people ... for some of you, the loss of the GLEEDA identity is troublesome. But ... we can become an organization even better than GLEEDA or Positive Voice was alone."

For more information about Positive Voice, they can be contacted at (920) 435-4404, or by e-mail at: pvnew4glbt@aol.com Their mailing address is: P. O. Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1381.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin Raises \$632,888

Milwaukee — 10,000 walkers raised \$632,888 for the ninth annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Stephanie Ray, a 12-year-old living with AIDS, spoke during the Walk opening ceremonies on September 20, asking walkers to change their outlook on the disease.

"We need to think positively instead of negatively about AIDS," she said. Ray contracted the disease from her mother, who got it from a blood transfusion. Originally not expected to live beyond her second birthday, Stephanie is doing well, but her mother succumbed to AIDS several years ago. Ray has played a role in creating greater public awareness about HIV and AIDS. She has traveled around the world meeting dignitaries including Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York.

Ray has benefited from attending Camp Heartland, an outdoor camp for any child who is living with HIV or AIDS, has a loved one with the disease, or has lost a family member to the virus. Camp Heartland is a beneficiary of AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

Also speaking at the Opening Ceremonies were Honorary Chair Chastity Bono; Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director; U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold; Milwaukee County Executive Tom Ament; and U.S. Rep Tom Barrett.

"Participating in AIDS Walk Wisconsin is important because AIDS does affect people everywhere in big cities and small towns. To know that 10,000 people from all over Wisconsin go to AIDS Walk Wisconsin is really impressive to me — that's the real heart and soul of this fight against AIDS," said Honorary Chair Chastity Bono.

"The AIDS epidemic continues to rage on and devastate the lives of men, women and children throughout Wisconsin," said Doug Nelson, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) executive director. "ARCW continues to advocate for government funding, and private support must stand strong. We should never allow ourselves to be lulled into complacency."

This year's benefiting agencies from throughout Wisconsin



Volunteers announce the grand total raised at AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Photo by James Taylor.

include: AIDS Network - South-Central Wisconsin; AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin - Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Rhinelander, Superior, Wausau; Camp Heartland; Central Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Ministry Project; Coulee Region YWCA - GALAXY Program; East Central Wellness Project; Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation;

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Baldwin Campaign Propelled by Massive Volunteer Effort

by Mike Leon

Madison — Openly lesbian Tammy Baldwin's run for Congress in the Second Congressional District has attracted a massive volunteer base not seen in electoral political races here in 25 years.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin's (D-Madison) campaign boasts of some 1,500

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volunteers, the largest outpouring of support since the 1973 Paul Soglin mayoral campaign that grew out of the work of anti-war radicals and social progressives of the time.

"Tammy Baldwin inspires, and captures people's imagination in a way you just don't normally see in electoral politics," says Andy Janssen, a Democratic legislative aide. "In her campaign, she speaks to people on issues that resonate throughout the district, but that's not what brings in the volunteers. It's that people genuinely admire her, and believe she's a woman of extraordinary integrity and courage fighting the good fight."

Baldwin ran as an open lesbian, but her sexual orientation has not been an issue and is not expected to become an issue in the general election campaign. But observers agree her work as an activist

fighting for underdogs excites people to become involved in her race.

"Tammy's status as a woman and lesbian adds cultural dimensions to the race. I think she'll be elected as the first Wisconsin woman and the first lesbian to serve in Congress. She fights for social justice. People will join that fight in an area that remains politically progressive," says Janssen.

The election of Baldwin would continue a trend from last year's election of Madison's first woman mayor and Dane County's first woman County Executive.

The Second Congressional District is comprised of eight counties, but 70 percent of the voters typically reside in Dane County.

Twenty-five years ago, Paul Soglin's opponent, William Dyke, said in a comment repeated many times that "decent" Madisonians would not cast a vote for Soglin. Conventional wisdom has it that the politically charged atmosphere of 1973 was further stimulated by a socially conservative politician's stated notion of cultural decency.

In 1998 history may be repeating itself. The widely reported action of the religious right and its stated notion of cultural decency spurred Republican congressional candidate Don Carrig to circulate a "bipartisan pledge of tolerance" letter in mid-July.

The letter was meant to ensure that hate and intolerance would not play a part in the campaign. All candidates signed the tolerance letter except religious right candidate Ron Greer.

Although Baldwin faces a socially liberal opponent in the general election, volunteers, especially from the UW-Madison campus, appear to have appreciated the

work of life-long activist Tammy Baldwin.

In the face of an increasing presence in the district by the religious right stating its notions of cultural decency, Tammy Baldwin's campaign for Congress continues to attract and excite volunteers.

Baldwin campaign staffers expect the number of volunteers to grow to 2,000 by election day in November.

Anti-Gay Greer Loses Round in Job Suit

by Mike Leon

Madison — Ex-firefighter Ron Greer lost a round in his fight with the City of Madison when a federal judge refused to grant a motion to reinstate him to the firefighting job from which he was fired. His lawsuit stemming from the firing continues.

Greer, an Evangelical Pastor who nearly captured the Republican nomination for Congress last month, is an outspoken opponent of LGBT behavior which he says is contrary to the will of god. He was fired for breaking several fire department rules in his quest to persuade people of the soundness of his religious views.

Greer had distributed anti-gay literature on fire department grounds, and faxed a news release to the local media suggesting that the sexual orientation of colleagues and the fire department chief, Debra Amesqua, had determined how Amesqua acted in her capacity as supervisor.

"If a fire department took no action... its inaction could convey to gays and lesbians in the ranks of the fire department and in the Madison community that the department is not concerned with their well-being," wrote U.S. District Court Judge Barbara Crabb.

The federal lawsuit filed by Greer argues against the firing on First Amendment grounds claiming he was fired because he exercised his right to free speech. A decision on the widely publicized lawsuit is expected sometime next year.

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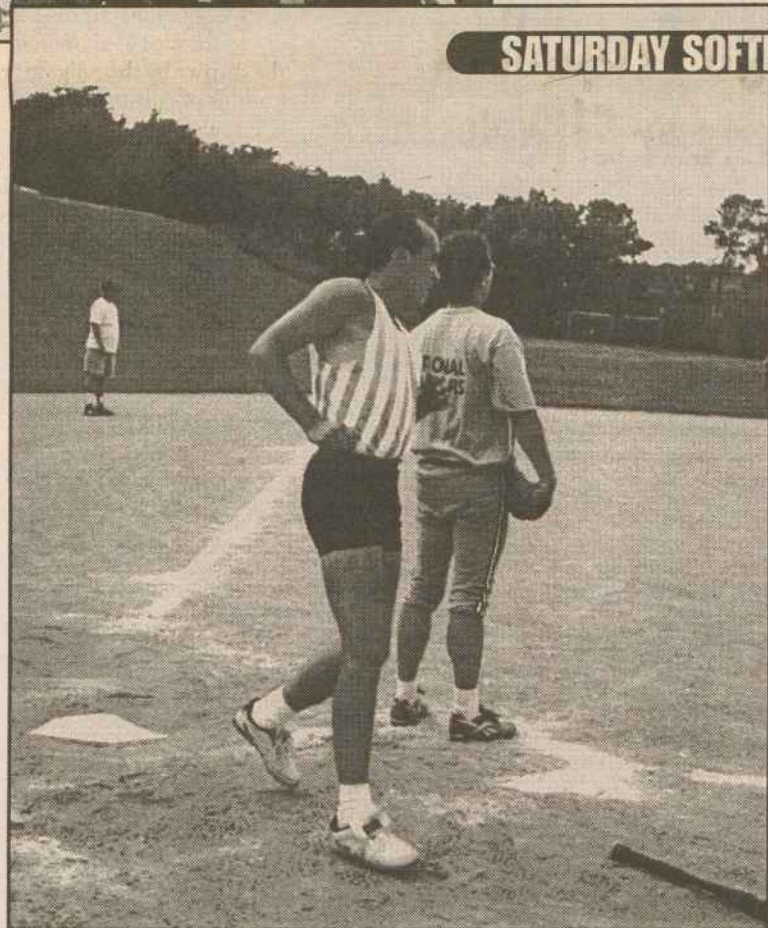


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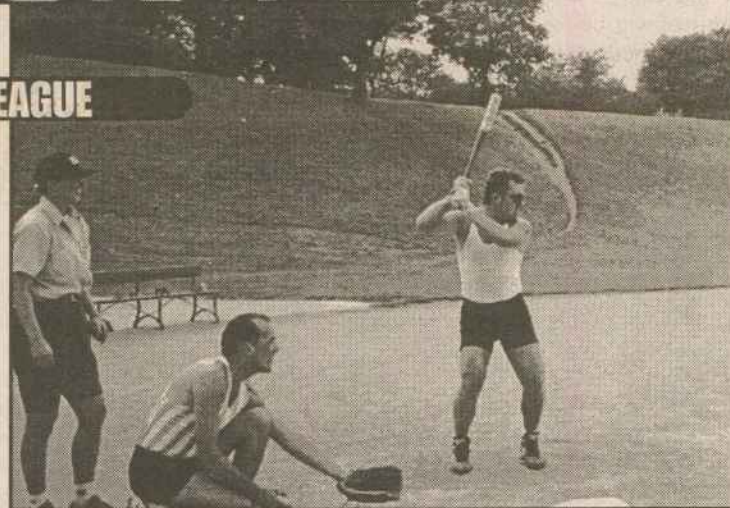


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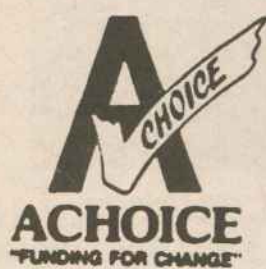
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Right Wing Group Says Illinois Gubernatorial Hopeful Opposes Gay Rights

Chicago — The gubernatorial race in Illinois became a bit murkier when an arch-conservative group released a letter from George Ryan, the Republican candidate for governor, in which Ryan says he believes gays and lesbians have "the same rights as all citizens, but nothing more."

Jack Roeser, head of the conservative Family Taxpayers' Network who has frequently criticized Ryan for seeking gay votes in his campaign, said he had followed up with Ryan for a clarification and that the GOP gubernatorial hopeful had said he agreed that his position is opposed to same-sex marriages, benefits for domestic partners, and opposed to laws that would prevent employers from firing workers because of their sexual orientation.

Roeser said, "Ryan accepted this clarification as his stand and authorized us to publicize it. I believe he is totally sincere on this."

But Rick Garcia, who heads the Illinois Federation for Human Rights, said he doubts it's anything but a Roeser fantasy. "I think this is Jack Roeser's creative interpretation of what George Ryan thinks. That's not our understanding of his (Ryan's) views."

Missouri High Court Rejects Child Custody Appeal

Jefferson City — The Missouri state Supreme Court has unanimously tossed out a lesbian mom's appeal in her attempt to gain joint custody of her three children. Although unanimous, the court's ruling was nevertheless somewhat unclear.

On one hand, the court declared that a "homosexual parent is not unfit for custody of his or her child." But the ruling also said a lower court ruling against the woman's joint custody case did not err by considering "the impact of homosexual or heterosexual misconduct upon the child."

A lower court ruled in 1996 that it was in the best interest of the children for them to remain in the sole custody of F. Joseph DeLong III, their father, rather than in joint custody with their mother, Janice DeLong. The judge in that original case had cited several reasons for giving the father sole custody, including "greater stability" and Ms. DeLong's "immaturity in seeking after repeated new love relationships."

Because homosexual sex is illegal in Missouri, presumably the lower court considered her orientation potentially damaging because of possible criminal charges she could face, even though sodomy laws are rarely enforced.

The state's top court did, however, reverse the lower court's restrictions on Ms. DeLong's visitation rights, which were permitted only as long as no female housemates and no lesbians were present during visits with the children.

Appeals Court Upholds 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell'

Washington — A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. District Court of Appeal has unanimously reversed a lower court ruling and declared that the Pentagon's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy doesn't discriminate against gays and lesbians.

The 28-page ruling overturns a 1997 lower federal court ruling that concluded the military's anti-gay policy violated constitutional guarantees of free speech and equal protection.

The policy, a compromise hammered out in 1993 between Congress and the Clinton administration, theoretically prevents the armed forces from asking recruits or service members about their sexual orientation but makes it likely soldiers would be discharged if they reveal their own homosexuality.

Federal courts have long maintained a very hands-off approach in ruling on cases connected with the military's rules and regulations.

But Rebecca Isaacs of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force said, "The Federal Court did a disservice to all Americans. In deciding to uphold 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' the Court turned its back on gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender servicemembers."

Brief compiled by Keith Clark of the IN Step Staff

Collaborations Expand Access to Statewide HIV Counseling and Testing

La Crosse — Numerous barriers inhibit access to HIV information and services in rural communities. Isolation, stigmatization and fear continue to thrive in Northern and Western Wisconsin, but these obstacles can be overcome through innovative outreach programs.

"ARCW has implemented a new program for anonymous and confidential HIV antibody testing and counseling that relies on outreach to at-risk populations. The Intensified Counseling and Testing program works with those individuals in Western and Northern Wisconsin who are at highest risk for HIV infection," said ARCW's Regional Director Jamie Sorenson.

The ICT program combines components of focused outreach to at-risk populations, HIV testing and involvement in behavioral intervention to reduce the risk of contracting or transmitting HIV. The first community outreach for the off-site ICT took place on National HIV Testing Day, June 27.

ARCW worked closely with other community counseling and testing sites to provide this very crucial service. Collaborators included the Eau Claire City/County Health Department, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin - Chippewa Falls and the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Student Health Services. The collaboration provided counseling and testing at three Eau Claire venues, two bars frequented by gay men and non-gay identified men, and a coffee shop popular among youth including gay and questioning young men. By the end of National HIV Testing Day, counselors provided 39 face to face counseling discus-

sions and 22 HIV tests to individuals at highest risk for HIV infection.

ARCW's second off-site ICT event occurred in Superior on Aug. 29, at the Main Club in Superior. ARCW teamed up with the Douglas County Public Health Department and the Minnesota AIDS Project to provide 43 face to face counseling sessions and 23 HIV tests.

"This is a large number of tests for rural areas of Wisconsin. With no cure or vaccine for HIV likely in the near future, aggressive HIV prevention and testing initiatives like ICT must be available to everyone at high risk for HIV," said Sorenson. "ICT targeted to populations at highest risk of HIV infection including gay men, injection drug users and youth, is the type of targeted and cost-effective programming that Wisconsin must invest more in."

ARCW staff recently provided testing at the Chippewa Falls Serenity House, and on September 25, prevention staff from ARCW's La Crosse office conducted testing at Rainbow's End, a popular area bar.

Upcoming events include testing on Oct. 5 at Kinnic Falls in River Falls, an alcohol and other drug abuse treatment center. For more information about testing in your area, call the Wisconsin AIDS Line or your local ARCW office.

Medical College Gets \$4 Million Grant for HIV Research

Milwaukee — The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the Medical College of Wisconsin is set to begin a five year study to identify the needs of people with HIV and to evaluate the effectiveness of health promotion programs in meeting those needs. As part of the study, CAIR will offer mental health services to over 300 persons who are living with HIV and AIDS.

The study is supported by a \$4 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine and CAIR's director, is principal investigator. At the same time that the Medical College of Wisconsin study is under way, parallel studies using the same methods will be conducted at Columbia University in New York, the University of California - San Francisco, and the University of California - Los Angeles. The research will eventually combine findings from Milwaukee, New York, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The Medical College of Wisconsin team will have administrative coordinating responsibility for the national project.

"We need to develop counseling approaches that can help people with HIV to access and adhere to health care, benefit fully from the new treatments, refrain from activities that would result in HIV transmission to others, and move from a preoccupation with dying to a focus on healthy living," says Dr. Kelly.

The study will take place in two phases. The first phase, lasting one year, involves the conduct of in-depth interviews with 30 HIV-positive persons who have had difficulty maintaining healthy regimens.

The second and main phase of the study will enroll 300 HIV-positive persons in Milwaukee (including 100 gay men, 100 women and 100 injection drug users with HIV), offering participants a series of 15 individual counseling sessions.

Participants will be followed for a 3-year period to determine the intervention's impact on medical treatment adherence, HIV health status, avoidance of high-risk sexual or drug use practices, psychological coping, and quality of life.

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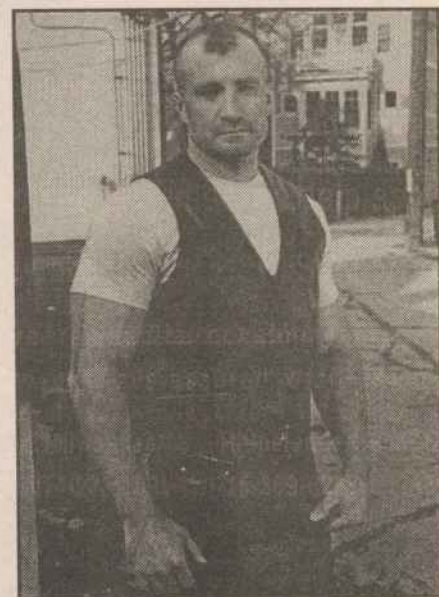


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GLSEN 'Report Card'

America's Schools Not Making the Marks

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step Staff

Washington — America's schools got an overall average rating of nearly failing grades in their efforts to protect gay and lesbian students and staff, eliminate homophobia and adopt accurate and inclusive curricula, a leading education association says.

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) issued its second "report card" evaluating 42 of the largest school districts in the U.S. and found they are not doing well in their efforts to curb homophobia and promote diversity in the country's public schools.

The group rated the schools overall with a dismal D grade average, down from the C average in the group's first report card. The GLSEN report noted, however, that this second report card grade may not be comparable with its first because the school systems being evaluated were different to reflect a better geographic balance. The schools rated this year represent some 6 million students.

The good news is that eight school districts received A or A- grades on the GLSEN report card, including: Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Dade County (Fla.), Denver, Boston and Seattle.

Most of the top-rated districts were either West Coast or Eastern systems, and, with the exception of the Dade County, Fla., district, schools in the South and much of the Midwest fared poorly in the report.

Among the F grades GLSEN handed out were a number of larger districts in the nation's Heartland and South, including: Hillsborough County, Orange County, Palm Beach County, Fulton County (all in Florida), New Orleans, Memphis, Houston, San Antonio, Charlotte-Mecklenburg (N.C.), Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Jefferson County (Ky.), Kansas City, Saint Louis, Phoenix, and Clark County (Nev.).

The GLSEN report card on the nation's schools was started primarily as a result of the case of a gay Wisconsin boy, Jamie Nabozny, who suffered insults, taunts, threats and beatings at school because of his sexual orientation.

Nabozny, now a college student, sued his school district and won \$900,000 in a 1996 landmark ruling that put the country's schools on notice that not actively protecting their students from anti-gay attacks could prove extremely expensive. Several school districts around the country quickly added anti-bias and anti-harassment language to their policies, but GLSEN says there's often a large gap between official policies and actual practices.

Since Nabozny's lawsuit, a number of other students or former students have filed similar suits.

In June 1998 the U.S. Department of Education's civil rights office reached an agreement with the Fayetteville (Ark.) Public Schools to resolve a complaint filed by William Wagner, a former Fayetteville student, over years of harassment that escalated to physical violence by students at his school.

The agreement requires the school district to "recognize the various forms of sexual harassment," including "sexual harassment directed at gay and lesbian students..." Under the terms of the agreement, the district must overhaul its policies and procedures and train faculty, staff and students, with formal reports on its progress due to the education department through 1999.

"The report card is our effort to make fair, objective judgments of districts on this issue and to understand what steps are needed to improve conditions," said Kevin Jennings, GLSEN's executive director. "The results show a

need for immediate and dramatic action to protect our students."

Appearing with Jennings at a Washington, D.C. news conference announcing the report was Leslie Sadasivan, a Strongsville, Ohio, nurse whose 14-year-old gay son, Robbie Kirkland, killed himself in 1997. He had been called anti-gay epithets, teased, punched and hit with rocks since first grade.

Although his family accepted Robbie's sexual orientation, the boy himself was harassed by his school mates, and just before returning to his ninth-grade class after Christmas break, he shot himself in the head. His suicide note said, "I hope I can find the peace in death that I could not find in life." His mother says she believes Robbie wouldn't have taken his life if the situation at school hadn't been so intolerable for him.

The GLSEN report also found that a high school student typically hears up to 26 anti-gay slurs each day at school, but that teachers and staff intervene in only about 3 percent of such incidents. Because of this low intervention, GLSEN says, verbal taunts often escalate to actual violence, and 19 percent of the gay, lesbians and bisexual students in the nation's schools suffer some physical attack because of their orientation.

The harassment and violence, GLSEN says, also contributes to gay and lesbian students developing behavioral problems, such as alcohol and drug abuse. The report says some 13 percent of gay and lesbian students who are being harassed also skip school at least once a month because of the problems, and that some 26 percent drop out of school altogether.

"Gay youth are continuing to face huge obstacles in schools with regard to being able to achieve the same as other students," said Kate Frankfurt, GLSEN's director of advocacy. "They are fearful. They are threatened on a regular basis. Teachers do not know how to respond to the gay name-calling."

GLSEN, which works directly with school districts around the country on sexual orientation workshops for teachers and administrators, says the purpose of the report cards is to "help the districts evaluate where they are in the process of improving safety for all kids."

School districts were evaluated on six factors, including:

- Does the district have a written policy protecting students and staff from discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation?
- Does the district train its teachers and staff on issues affecting gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth?
- Does the curriculum include accurate information about gays?
- Does the district permit and support extracurricular clubs that address homophobia in the schools?

To receive an A, GLSEN had to determine a district met each of its criteria explicitly — a policy barring bias and harassment based on sex, for example, wouldn't get a district a passing mark for that criterion.



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GLSEN Founder to Speak at Ripon College

Ripon — Kevin Jennings, founder of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN), will present "Teaching Respect for All in Our Schools," at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 6, in the Great Hall of Harwood Memorial Union. The event is free and open to the public.

Jennings, executive director of GLSEN, will discuss his experiences with the only national organization dedicated to ending anti-gay bias in K-12 public, private and parochial schools across the country. GLSEN, founded in 1990, has chapters in more than 60 cities nationwide.

Jennings is recognized for working to achieve equality for gay, lesbian and bisexual people. He was named one of 50 "Terrific Teachers Making a Difference" by the Edward Calesa Foundation in 1992, and has written several books about gay and lesbian history.

Jennings's appearance is sponsored by the Student Media and Activities Committee. For more information, contact Eric Tammes at (920) 748-8112.

CAIR Prepares for Move to New Office Space

Milwaukee — Responding to a need for additional space for its growing research program, the Medical College of Wisconsin's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) will move to a new location in October.

CAIR's new offices will remain on the East Side and be at 2071 N. Summit Ave. near the corner of Summit Avenue and Woodstock Place. The move will take place October 12. The new building is located one block east of Prospect Avenue and one block north of Lafayette Place. CAIR's main phone number, (414) 456-7700, will not change. Fax numbers and phone numbers for individual staff members will also remain the same.

CAIR has been located in three historic buildings near the corner of Prospect and Juneau Avenues. However, as the center increased in staff size to now almost 70 persons, additional space and consolidation were necessary. Because CAIR is a community-based research center, it is important that its location be accessible to members

of the community. The new location will maintain this community accessibility.

"Although we loved the old buildings, CAIR needed more space to accommodate the center's growth," says Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine and director of CAIR. "The new location allows us to bring all parts of the program under one roof, which we believe will have many advantages over our current situation."

CAIR is a national HIV/AIDS prevention research center supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other agencies. It is the only center dedicated to HIV prevention research between the East and West coasts. CAIR's mission is to develop and evaluate new strategies for preventing HIV and AIDS in populations vulnerable to the disease. In addition, CAIR's research seeks to promote health and alleviate adverse health consequences among people with HIV disease and among their loved ones.

Churches Support Coming Out Day

Milwaukee — Churches embracing the LGBT community will be the topic of the day at a special multi-denominational day of celebration at Cross Lutheran Church's Coming Out Sunday, on Sunday, October 11. Three separate events have been scheduled, providing a variety of opportunities to explore the strides that are being made and those which yet have to be taken.

Deborah Click, a Lutheran pastor in Granville, Ohio, has been invited as this year's special guest speaker. When a member of Deborah's congregation outted her, her congregation removed her from her role as pastor. Moved to action, her partner's church has donated office space, allowing Deborah to continue her outreach efforts. She helped to establish PRISM Ministries, working toward acceptance and opportunity for lesbian and gay Christians.

The events at Cross Lutheran Church will begin with a 9:30 a.m. worship service, featuring contemporary witnesses and a sermon by guest Deborah Click. As always, everyone is welcome to the service, and all believers in Christ are welcome to participate in communion.

The day continues with a special Meet the Guest session at 11:15 a.m. Learn more about Deborah's struggles and triumphs, as well as the love and faith that have got-

ten her through it all.

Finally at 2:30 p.m., a special program entitled "The Road to the Rainbow; Celebrating our Strides Together" will look at the accomplishments of the church and the LGBT community to find common ground amid the turmoil caused by conservative branches of the church. Members from a variety of Milwaukee-area churches will be in attendance, and guests are invited to speak with them to learn about the wide range of worship opportunities available to the LGBT community.

Cross Lutheran Church is located at 1821 North 16th St. in Milwaukee, between Lisbon/Walnut and Fond du Lac avenues. For more information, please call Cross Church at (414) 344-1746.

H.I.T. to Host Casino Run

Milwaukee — H.I.T. (Holiday Invitational Tournament) will be hosting a fund-raiser for their annual bowling tournament, to be held over the Thanksgiving weekend. There will be a Casino Run to the Empress Casino in Joliet, Ill. on Saturday, Oct. 17, 1998.

The price per-person is \$20 and includes the following: round-trip bus fare; beer and soda on the bus; three gambling sessions; and lunch and a dinner buffet at the Empress Casino. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the College Avenue-East Park & Ride and will return to Milwaukee at 8:30 p.m. For more information and tickets, call Peter at (414) 963-4037 or Rick at (414) 463-9849.

Possum Queen Disperses Funds to BESTD Clinic, STD Specialties Clinic

Milwaukee — On Sept. 21, Max Barnett delivered funds in the amount of \$7,498 and \$2,360 designated for BESTD Clinic and STD Specialties Clinic, respectively. Both agencies will use these funds to provide direct services to persons infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. The 1998 Possum Queen contest raised over \$20,000 to provide services for HIV/AIDS care and prevention.

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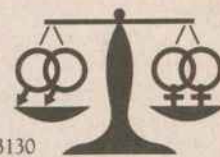
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Milwaukee — The G/L Community Center & Trust Fund is pleased to announce that it has received a gift of \$850 from the Boot Camp Saloon. The money was raised during the week of PrideFest, Aug. 28 to 30, 1998.

The G/L Community Center & Trust Fund wishes to thank the Boot Camp Saloon and all those who contributed to make this gift possible. Information on the G/L Community Center's Trust Fund can be had by writing to PO Box 1686, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Wisconsin Delegation at Log Cabin Convention

Dallas — Seven members of the Log Cabin Republicans of Wisconsin attended the National Convention of Log Cabin Republicans in Dallas recently. With well over 200 members and delegates from across the U.S., it was the largest attended convention to date.

Members conducted the business of Log Cabin Republicans including serving on the Resolutions and Rules Committees on a national level.

The national banquet members heard remarks from Arrianna Huffington, nationally syndicated columnist and author of the new book, "Greetings from the Lincoln Bedroom." Mrs. Huffington is a leading conservative pundit and activist. She has recently criticized the GOP leadership for its handling of gay and lesbian issues while ignoring pressing economic issues, and has argued in favor of full inclusion of Log Cabin Republicans in the GOP. She has also sharply criticized President Clinton for his lack of leadership on a range of issues, and is best-known for her witty satiric take on the state of affairs in Washington.

In addition, Andrew Sullivan, the former editor-in-chief of *The New Republic* spoke. Mr. Sullivan is one of the best-known and most respected openly gay journalists in the world. His landmark book, "Virtually Normal," argued the case for gay and lesbian equality from a conservative perspective.

Log Cabin Republicans is the nation's largest gay and lesbian Republican organization, with 50-plus chapters nationwide and a full-time Washington office and a federal political action committee. Log Cabin Republicans of Wisconsin includes two chapters, Eastern Wisconsin and Western Wisconsin, and has a statewide

affiliation. Anyone wishing more information may contact Darren Kittleson, president LCR-WI, by e-mail at darren@sterlingbuilders.com.

ARCW's 'Harvest of Hope' Benefit

Eau Claire — An elegant dinner, voice auction and Volunteer of the Year Award will make the Harvest of Hope a special evening to benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Proceeds benefit AIDS care, prevention, research and advocacy in Western Wisconsin.

"It is now more critical than ever that community members and advocates in rural Wisconsin support HIV/AIDS care, research, prevention and advocacy efforts through fund-raising events such as Harvest of Hope," said Jamie Sorenson, ARCW regional director. "This event is the single largest fund-raising event occurring in Western and Central Wisconsin to benefit crucial life-saving HIV/AIDS programs in our area."

Sorenson added, "The Centers for Disease Control reports that from 1991 to 1995, AIDS cases increased 80 percent in rural areas, compared to 47 percent in urban areas. The rate of AIDS is now growing faster in rural areas of the country than in many major cities."

The Gregg Goetz Angel Award, now in its third year, will be presented during the evening. This Volunteer of the Year award, open to nominations from western Wisconsin, recognizes outstanding community acts of kindness, love, advocacy, prevention education, commitment and support to those affected by HIV and AIDS by an individual or group.

Tickets are \$50 per person. To make reservations by credit card, call (715) 836-7710 or 800-750-2437.

Flu Shots Offered

Milwaukee — The flu season is almost upon us, and once again flu shots will be offered at the M&M Club in the upper-level banquet room on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. and again on Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6 to 9 p.m. Flu vaccinations continue to be recommended for individuals who are immune compromised. They are also recommended for their caretakers.

The community outreach is sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Nurses Association, The M&M Club, The Milwaukee Health Department, BESTD Clinic, *WI Light* and *IN Step*. The shots are free, however, donations are accepted. For more information, please contact BESTD Clinic at (414) 272-2144 or Jeff Miller at (414) 817-0957.



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Humor As A Weapon: Or, Musserosaurus Stalks the Second Congressional District Seat

by Dave Runyon

Tammy Baldwin's platform cornerstone is Universal Single Payer National Health Care. Sure, there are problems with universal single payer national health care, but they are solvable. Jeeeesus, there are problems with everything in life. We aren't that stupid that we can't have a system at least as good as Social Security! First, it's a simple matter of language: Never use a foreign country's name, like "The Canadian System". Instead, look at the strengths and weakness of all the systems and how that might play out in the U.S., which does not share the same backgrounds and cultures as some other countries.

Secondly, there needs to be accountability, which is the problem we now have with all our various privatizing systems. A national board of doctors would recommend to Congress what the fee-for-service would be for such and such procedure(s), and general oversight would have to be approved by the whole legislative system: Congress, the president, and *We The People* — yes, all three branches of the system!

Thirdly, how do we implement it? We start with a system which broadens Medicare, i.e., why re-invent the wheel? We designate, say, the year 2003, when each of various groups would have entered the system — there would be no one left out — there would be no need for Medicaid; thus, it would be eliminated.

But before all that we need to focus on getting Tammy elected.

Now that the primary is over, we can put the "Queers for Greer" campaign to rest and focus on making sure Jo Musser is the *loser* in the November elections for the Second Congressional District seat. Jo has already mouthed off about the keystone of Tammy's campaign. Jo says, "Single payer has never worked in any nation," but this is a bald-faced lie, and she offers us no evidence. Just because she invents information, are we to be so naive as to take it on faith? Even South Africa, under its new constitution, has instituted universal single payer health care, because

it's the only sensible way to go. This leaves the United States as the *only* major industrial country without this kind of inexpensive health care system.

Jo distorts the truth about patients not getting the doctor they want in that type of system. The truth is that that's the way it is now with our HMO or managed care plans. Only if you have a fee-for-service plan do you get the doctor you want, and that's more expensive. Indeed, every remark she makes is in error with the facts. Jo's comments on universal single payer health care reveal that she has made no serious effort to study the issue, nor does it seem she even wants to know the truth — or better yet — she doesn't want *you* to know the truth.

She knows the issue is complex, and most folks don't understand it, thus she takes license by playing to the ignorance of the general population. She just babbles



on and on saying anything, because she thinks no one understands the current system in the U.S. well enough to confront her. She thinks she can get away with pure bias, lies, damned-lies, disinformation, misinformation and raw propaganda without being questioned or challenged.

Here is a candidate totally outside reality, and isn't that to our favor? Jo Musser has no connection with mainstream America on this issue, which is some 60-odd percent in favor of universal single payer health care. She's also in political trouble within her own Republican party. There is no way in hell she can bond with the Ronny Greer people. She supports partial-birth abortion which Ronny Greer opposes. Hers is a political philosophy which is profit/market driven (in contrast to Greer's theoretically driven) and lightly covered with a gauze of demonizing Washington.

The silly goose just doesn't respect her public's brains. Why does she attack Washington, when we are quite aware that the Republicans control both the House and the Senate? I mean, you can't have it both ways — nasty Washington and Republican control of the legislature.

Jo has the distinct honor of not being able to talk straight about the problem of health care; indeed, she is one of its big-

ger problems. Please recall it was Gov. Tommy Thompson who appointed her to the State Regulatory Board for Insurance as its executive head (commissioner). It is these exploitive capitalist types who are the biggest opponents of universal single payer health care. For the health care insurance industry, the bottom line is PROFIT — not sick people.

Any time you opt for a privatizing medical solution, you are buying into a market-driven system rather than a people/medical-focused system (as suggested by Tammy Baldwin). And when you privatize, there is no accountability, and worse, it is illegal to even sue them. Here is a simple case of the insurance companies over-ruling doctors and making medical decisions without a medical license. And, since the U.S. Supreme Court has identified the corporation as "a person," why shouldn't we be able to sue for malpractice if there's a screw-up? Oh, if we only could! But the current system is geared to the economic advantage of corporations and not to the needs of those who need medical attention.

One way to tell Jo Musser she is out-of-line would be to buy those Curad plastic bandages for kids that have little dinosaurs all over them. (In Madison, check out Shafer's Pharmacy on Willy Street (\$2.77 for 30); elsewhere, you're on your own.) Attach them securely to post cards and mail them to her for Halloween — All Souls Hallowed Eve. The address is: Jo Musser, PO Box 628245, Middleton, WI 53562.

Picture this: Oct. 31st, 1998 — Halloween Day! The TV and print media have been alerted so they can photograph the postal delivery of, hopefully, bags of dinosaur post cards arriving at Musser's campaign headquarters from all around metro Madison, the Second Congressional District, the state, the Midwest, the nation and even a few from the global village — the planet. Each card has a dinosaur Band-Aid on it to remind Jo Musser that not only are her remarks about health care just Band-Aids rather than solutions, but her policy on health care is just as out-of-date as it is inaccurate and ineffective.

Writer's Note: I'd like to thank Ed Grover and the many others who fed me guidance in the writing of this article, especially doctors Gene and Linda Farley. Gene is retired and the former chairman of the Department of Family Medicine, UW-Hospitals, Madison.





Letters

Thank You

Dear Editor—

I am writing on behalf of everyone at Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee to extend our thanks to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community for their support of our food drive at this year's PrideFest celebration.

Because of your generosity, Hunger Task Force collected 1,600 pounds of food during the two-day drive. This is an excellent total for a first-year food drive event and another reason of pride for the community-at-large.

Our organization has partnered in this way with many of the summer festivals. The level of professionalism and organization displayed by the PrideFest committee was outstanding. The attendees who donated food truly embodied the "Many Worlds, One Community" theme of this year's festival.

I'd also like to acknowledge the many bars that displayed our "reminder" flyer the week prior to the event. We feel it really made an impact on the total pounds of food collected.

Thanks again for supporting Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee and, in turn, the people we serve throughout South-eastern Wisconsin. We look forward to continuing our successful association next year.

Michael Jonas
Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee

Milwaukee Kudos

Dear Editor—

I just returned home after vacationing in the Midwest. I was visiting some buddies in Chicago and we came up to Milwaukee for the weekend during your PrideFest celebration. Milwaukee should be very proud of its PrideFest. It certainly rates as one of the best in our country. And, the venue was equally fabulous!

I can't say enough about your great city — the community in general was so hospitable — and you have one of the greatest bar scenes anywhere!

Equally impressive is your very "today" publication, *IN Step*. It looks like it could be published in New York City or anywhere on the East Coast.

E. McCarthy
Boston, Mass

Clinton's Mess

Dear Editor—

Is Bill Clinton guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors? Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's \$40 million investigation was generally silent about allegations of Clinton's corruption in Whitewater, misuse of the FBI in Filegate, and charges of foul play in the death of presidential aide Vincent Foster. In effect, Starr exonerates Clinton on these charges.

What is left? Starr contends that the president committed a number of impeachable offenses — but all of these,

perjury, attempts to pressure witnesses to purser themselves, obstruction of justice, etc. — all of these concern Clinton's sexual escapades.

There is extreme irony and hypocrisy involved. The Democrats who smeared Clarence Thomas (how much was spent on the Anita Hill hearings? And just what was Thomas supposed to have done that was improper?) now defend Clinton. PBS newswoman and staunch feminist Nina Totenberg daily reported at that time that "it is the seriousness of the charges against Thomas that must be considered," and "women do make up stories," and other absurd feminist propaganda. She seems to be reporting less about Clinton.

Liberated feminists led the attack on Oregon's liberal Republican Senator Robert Packwood because of his "sexual harassment" of a few women. The feminist pack's cries were so loud that Packwood had to resign. And it was the feminists who made an issue of Taihook — the good-times party for top-flight naval officers. Feminists demanded that heads roll, and President Clinton rolled the heads of several navy officials.

Now a political friend of the feminists is ensnared in their own trap. That is part of the irony. The other is Republican Kenneth Starr, who took the feminist laws and regulations on sexual harassment to their logical (and tyrannical) conclusion by going after Clinton. Many people throughout the world are aghast. The leading paper in Belgium compares the Starr report to the Inquisition. If Clinton lied and obstructed the inquisitor's investigation into his personal life, Starr was right to do so.

Is Clinton guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors? No. He is guilty only of violating feminist sexual harassment law (and then seeking to cover up that disobedience). But sexual harassment laws are inherently unjust, violating the personal and constitutional rights (free speech, freedom of association, etc.) of all Americans. These laws will inevitably ensnare most Americans who run afoul of investigating agencies. The sexual harassment laws are unjust and should immediately be repealed and voided. They are laws that can only delight inquisitors. The religious right has profited from this issue chiefly because the feminist left established this issue as tyrannical law, regulation and a proper theme for the media.

I voted against Clinton and for the Libertarians in 1992, Bob Dole in 1996. I do not agree with Clinton's policies. But on this issue I say — Keep Clinton. Impeach the sexual harassment laws!

Hugh Murray
Milwaukee

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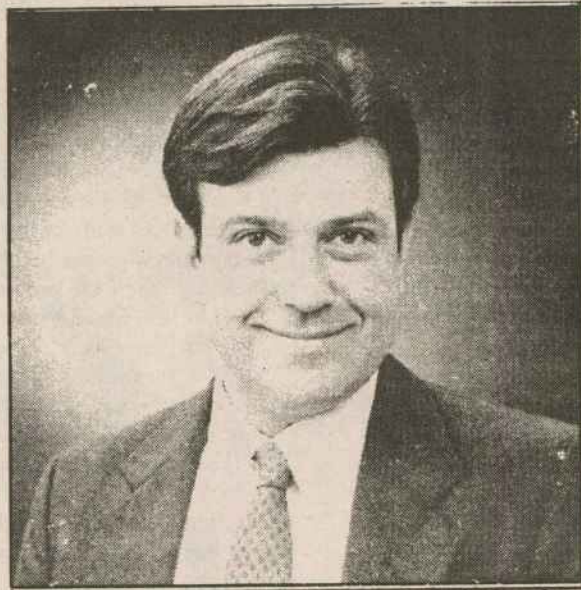
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Harry Hay

Editor's Note: October marks Gay and Lesbian History Month. It is a time dedicated to recounting the often untold contributions of lesbian, gay and bisexual Americans throughout history. In observance of this month, *IN Step* is proud to present the following interview with Harry Hay, widely regarded as a founder of the modern gay liberation movement. This is part one of a two part series. The interview will conclude in the next issue of *IN Step*.

by Anne-marie Cusac
Special to *IN Step*

Harry Hay is the founder of gay liberation. In 1950, he started the underground Mattachine Society, the first modern gay-rights organization. It took its name from a dance, les Matachines, that groups of unmarried men performed in France during the Renaissance. According to Hay's 1996 book, *Radically Gay*, the performances of these fraternities satirized religious and political power.

Harry Hay was one of the first to insist that lesbians and gay men deserve equality. And he placed their fight in the context of a wider political movement. "In order to earn for ourselves any place in the sun, we must with perseverance and self-discipline work collectively ... for the first-class citizenship of Minorities everywhere, including ourselves," he wrote in 1950.

At first, Hay could not find anyone who would join him in forming a political organization for homosexuals. He spent two years wandering among the gay men

he knew in Los Angeles. Although some expressed interest in a group, all were too fearful to join a gay organization that had only one member. But drawing on his years as a labor organizer, Hay persisted.

Then he met Rudi Gernreich, later famous as the inventor of unisex fashion and the topless swimsuit. Gernreich became Hay's lover and eagerly joined his quest for a gay political movement. About a month after they met, Hay and Gernreich combed the gay beaches of Malibu and the Pacific Palisades looking for Mattachine members.

They brought along copies of the Stockholm Peace Petition, which called for a withdrawal of troops from Korea. They mistakenly believed that the peace petition was so radical it would make the new gay organization seem mild by comparison. Nearly 500 people signed the petition. No one signed up for Mattachine. Still, the effort eventually took hold, and at its largest, the Mattachine society had 5,000 members.

But the membership of the Mattachine Society grew too conservative for its founders. In 1953, the group's new leaders attacked Hay and the other founders of Mattachine, all of whom had ties to the Communist Party. The founders all resigned, Mattachine's grassroots base declined, and Hay retreated from most gay activism until the rise of a more radical lesbian and gay movement in the early 1970s.

Today, Hay, 86, fears the radical right

has taken such hold in the United States that it could soon overturn gay-rights protections in the few states that have them. His experience as a Communist Party member in the United States during the 1950s gives him reason to worry, he says. He remains preoccupied with the speed at which tolerance can shift into persecution.

I spoke with Hay in the small stucco house he rents in West Hollywood. John Burnside, his lover of thirty-five years, was busy repairing Hay's glasses. Burnside is best known as the inventor of the teleidoscope, which creates kaleidoscope-like patterns out of mirrored reflections of the world.

He also founded, with Hay, a group called the Radical Fairies during the 1970s when the two of them decided the gay movement was once again growing too conservative. Hay, who is nicknamed The Duchess, held forth for several hours, occasionally tilting back in his chair with a long creak, and whispering for emphasis.

IN Step: What was it like coming out in the twenties and thirties?

Harry Hay: You're talking about coming out to yourself and coming out to one or two other people. But it's not coming out to the people on the street you live on. It's simply coming into consciousness. Which is the same thing you did as a Red.

Because you could be recruited, for example, into the autoworkers' union. And the union is underground. And it's illegal. If your supervisor or even your foreman found out that you were now a member of the union, you could be fired. And you knew it. Once you were fired, you wouldn't be able to get a job in the industry again. They'd get all that information — your name, your address, your phone number — and you'd be fingered. Everybody would know you.

That was also going on if you were homosexual. You were threatened in the same way: with the loss of your livelihood. So you were wiped out either way. The only difference was that probably all your comrades in the auto factory also would cut you dead because you're one of those perverts.

In that time, you aren't a gay person, you aren't a homosexual person, you're a degenerate. And what you were suffering from was what was known as ostracism. Ostracism means you don't exist at all. And that's a very difficult situation to live with. As gay people, we had been chasing ostracism by that point for probably 300 years. You just knew that you should have dropped into your black hole.

IN Step: Did you feel those things?

Hay: I knew I was there, but I didn't believe what they said. I never believed what they said. I've always felt I carried a golden secret, a wonderful secret. Every time I thought about it, it made me feel warm inside and good.

One of the big problems you run into — and you in your generation [you] are involved with that — is you are very much concerned about what your neighbors think, and you are very much concerned about what your buddies think at work. And that's really ostracism you've come to. Because if they think of you as a dirty pervert, and you hear that day in and day out, and that's your only feeling about yourself — which is what happens to very many people — then you carry that stuff around, and you think of yourself as a dirty person. That's all you know. I never believed it.

IN Step: How did you think of yourself?

Hay: Up until I was 11 years old, I thought I was the only one of my kind in the world. I couldn't find anybody else who felt as I did. There was a book by somebody called "Edward Carpenter, Intermediate Sex." I'm reading about Michelangelo and Alexander the Great, who were "homosexual" — a very long word. I don't know what that word means. So I go to look it up in the dictionary, and it isn't there.

IN Step: "Homosexual" was not in the dictionary?

Hay: No, it was not in the dictionary. I've always said, "If I had the sense I was born with and looked it up in the legal code, I would have found it." And it was in the

penal code, of course. It wouldn't be in any American dictionary until 1938. And in most American dictionaries not until the Second World War. We had no words for ourselves. That's the important point—we didn't have words.

I read about this thing, and I know that word is me. It's about these people, and I and they have the same feelings. I know there are others. From there on out, my dream has him in it — whoever him is going to be — but there is another him somewhere.

I thought of him as another me: subject-subject, not subject-object. "There's not going to be an object of my affection. He'll be just like me, and we'll share." That's when I started my dream. I would look for my brothers, with whom I would share. I never deviated from that one instant.

At one point, I'm talking to Will Geer, the guy who was The Waltons' grandpa. He was also my lover, and he introduced me to the Communist Party. And I say, "All of us guys" — we didn't call ourselves "gay" yet, we didn't call ourselves "homosexual" yet, we called ourselves "temperamental" — "all of us temperamental guys, we should organize."

Will said, "For Christ's sake, you're out of your mind! What would we talk about? We're cocksuckers or nothing. What else?" Maude Allen, a character actress from New York who was part of our company, was everybody's mother. And one day Maude says, "It would be a good idea if you underground guys got together." But she said [to me], "You know what I think, if you're going to do it, you're going to have to do it." I said, "Me?" She said, "Who else?"

I was accustomed to walking alone. I'd find other people who agreed with me, but they also said, "I wouldn't dare mention it." I was the only one who would say, "We've got to stand." And they said, "Well, yes. And after you make it safe, then I'll stand, too. But you have to make it safe." OK, so if I have to make it safe, I have to make it safe.

IN Step: So you went and made it safe?

Hay: Well, I was an older brother. So I had to do a lot of things first. My father was a self-made man, and he would beat me senseless. But he was a Scotsman, and stubborn. I'm his son, and I'm stubborn, too. I go on being stubborn. [I said], if you have to wait until I can make it safe, OK, I'll make it safe. And if I have to use myself as the battering ram, I'll do that too, the best I can." (I'll tell you a deep, dark secret: Underneath that facade, I'm a terrified little sissy, just like everybody else. But I never let it show.)

I always say to people, "If you share my dream, why don't we walk together?" And that's my only organizing tool.

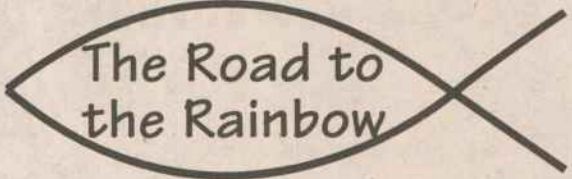
IN Step: What was your experience as a communist, and how did McCarthyism affect you?

Hay: In 1934, when I first joined the party, I registered underground. Then, during the war years, we were able to come out because we had put the more difficult things for people to swallow temporarily on shelves. And we were all part of the war effort. So we had open Communist Party meetings all during the war.

I always thought to myself, "I love these people. And if I help them to build the pressure now, when I find the words to tell them what my vision is, they'll stop and they'll listen." This carried me through when I was organizing underground for the CIO in the early thirties. And it was quite a long time before I discovered that it wasn't going to work that way. It was a blow when I found out.

After the war, it all clamped down again. During the Korean War, here on the West Coast, we had police inspectors on every block. Any house that had more than three cars in front was suspect. All the license plates were taken. They had discovered what house they were meeting in. They discovered who the people were. And then all you had to do was prove that you weren't what you weren't. You can't do that, as you know. It's the double negative thing.

In the Mattachine Society, underground as we were, we were infiltrated within six months. I have an FBI record.



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So you had a whole sense of terror. People were very, very careful in this period — 1948, '49, '50. The McCarthy witch hunts, the loyalty oaths of people who had to be involved in the school systems, the Hollywood Ten, and then under the Taft-Hartley law, the CIO is cut back and the unions are run from the top, not from the bottom — all of this is happening at the same time.

We knew enough about how the Nazis had come into power to recognize that what they needed was a scapegoat. You make the scapegoat something beyond the pale, something beyond the law. Then the police move in and say, "Unless you move in this direction, unless you do as we tell you, we'll brand you as this. Then you will be ostracized." And we recognized that the scapegoat at this point was not going to be the Jews, because the Holocaust was much too close to us. And it wouldn't be the blacks because the blacks had already begun to be organized into the trade unions. It would be us. The scapegoat would be a queer. "Pinko-commie-queer" — that was the thing you heard all over the place. Saw it in the movies.

IN Step: How did those two things—communist and queer—get combined?

Hay: There were those who hated communists, and there were those who hated queers. If you were both a communist and a queer, then you were beyond the pale, by all means. That cut you off from everything. It broke people's spirit, and once your spirit breaks and you crawl, they keep pushing you and pushing you and pushing you and pushing you and pushing you.

IN Step: When you organized the Mattachine Society, you were married, weren't you?

Hay: That's because I was misled, shall we say, by a psychiatrist in 1937. I went to him, and I found him a very charming person. He said to me, "Well, maybe you're not looking for a girlish boy. Maybe you're looking for a boyish girl. Did you ever think of that? Do you know any?"

I should have stopped him right there

and said, "That's not the issue. I'm not looking for a boyish girl. I'm looking for a boy. And I'm not looking for a girlish boy either." But I didn't. Do I know a boyish girl? "Yes, I guess I do. She and I work [together]. We're both theater people." The doctor said, "Why don't you get acquainted with her?"

Up until this time, I had been looking for another guy who would share my political feelings and my passion to organize — who would share my own proclivities. I had looked for six years, and I hadn't been able to find anybody who had the same feelings about the struggle against anti-Semitism, about the struggle against Jim Crow.

I thought, "Maybe he's right. Maybe I've got something mistaken in my head." So I got acquainted with Anita, and eight months later we were married. We were married for thirteen and a half years. The doctor said, "The practice at first will be difficult. But you can become delighted with heterosexual sex. It may take a couple of years to break your habits, but it's going to wear off. By about the third year, you'll be perfectly happy with heterosexual sexuality." So by the fourth year, I knew he was wrong. But by the fourth year, my wife wanted a baby.

We had tried awfully hard, and it turned out I was sterile. We were already committed to an adoption. [The Hays adopted two daughters, Katie and Hannah.] I thought, "Well, maybe in my case it takes longer." But by the end of the fifth year, I knew it was wrong. Dead wrong.

IN Step: Did you have gay lovers during this time?

Hay: Of course. It never lessened. It got worse. I knew that I was gay in every bone of my body. So I did the only thing I could do. I started the movement.

Part Two of our interview with Harry Hay will appear in the next issue of IN Step.

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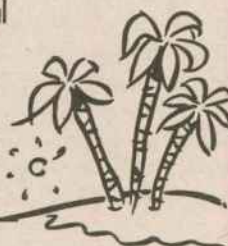
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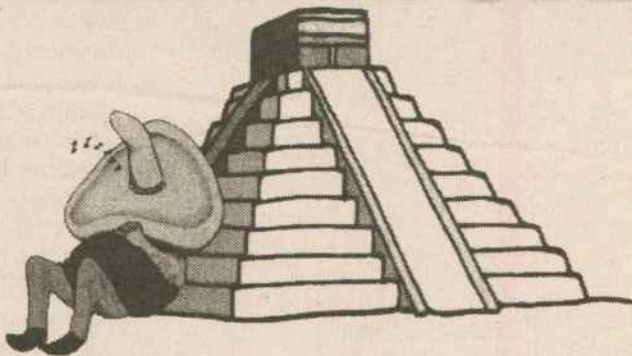
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Eleanor Roosevelt

A Tribute for Coming Out Day

by Jamakaya
Special to IN Step

I'm not sure the folks who developed National Coming Out Day 10 years ago realized that the date they chose, October 11, was Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday. But the lovely coincidence takes on greater meaning today with the publication of a new book containing the love letters Eleanor exchanged with her longtime companion, the journalist Lorena Hickok.

If any doubt still existed that our greatest First Lady could have possibly loved women — and one woman in particular — it should be thoroughly vanquished by the content of *Empty Without You: The Intimate Letters of Eleanor Roosevelt and Lorena Hickok*. Here is a sampling of the letters:

"Hick, darling, All day I've thought of you & another birthday [when] I will be with you, & yet to-night you sound-ed so far away & formal, oh! I want to put my arms around you, I ache to hold you close. Your ring is a great comfort, I look at it & think she does love me, or I wouldn't be wearing it!"

"Dear: ...Only eight more days. Twenty-four hours from now it will only be seven more — just a week [until she sees Eleanor again]. I've been trying today to bring back your face, to remember just how you look. Funny how even the dearest face will fade away in time. Most clearly I remember your eyes, with a kind of teasing smile in them, and the feeling of that soft spot just northeast of the corner of your mouth against my lips... H"

"Hick, darling, Oh! how good it was to hear your voice, it was so inadequate to try and tell you what it meant. Jimmy [Eleanor's son] was near & I couldn't say 'je t'aime et je t'adore' as I longed to do but always remember I am saying it & that I go to sleep thinking of you & repeating our little saying."

Eleanor and Hick's relationship first came to public attention in 1978 when the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N.Y., made 18 boxes filled with their letters available to scholars. The tabloid press had a field day ("Secret Romance of President Roosevelt's Wife — The Untold Story!"), while the gay press rejoiced at having a new and honorable role model to tout.

But many in the historical profession dismissed the revelation as unfounded. Some claimed the effusive language was a product of the women's 19th century education and manners. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. derided Eleanor as "an emotionally dependent woman" with "a hunger for affection." Lorena's biographer, Doris Faber, was also in major denial, insisting that the language in the love letters "does not mean what it appears to mean."

Blanche Wiesen Cook, the author of a two-volume biography of Eleanor in the 1990's, cut through the crap with a trenchant comment. "A cigar may not always be a cigar," Cook conceded to the Lesbophobic doubters, "but 'the northeast corner of your mouth against my lips' is always the northeast corner."

In his well-written introduction and in commentary interspersed throughout the letters in *Empty Without You*, editor Rodger Streitmatter does an excellent job of establishing the context of Eleanor and Hick's relationship: how they met, the similarities and differences in their backgrounds and values, and why they were drawn to each other. He also traces the relationship's development, its ups and downs, and the extraordinary historical events Eleanor and Hick were engulfed in: four successful presidential campaigns, frantic federal efforts to ease the Great Depression, World War II, the establishment of the United Nations and the struggle for civil rights.



Eleanor Roosevelt's story has been an inspiration to many. She overcame enormous heartbreak and tragedy in her own life to become an impassioned advocate for the poor and oppressed.

Eleanor was born into the wealthy Roosevelt clan in

"No form of love is to be despised."

—ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

New York City in 1884 — the future President Teddy Roosevelt was her uncle — but by all accounts she was a lonely child who felt unloved. By age 10, Eleanor's mother (who ignored her and told her she was ugly), her beloved father (an unreliable alcoholic), and her younger brother had all died. She was raised by uncaring relatives until the age of 15 when they happily sent her off to school in England. At Allenswood, she was taken under the wing of a kind headmistress who instilled Eleanor with self respect and confidence as well as a social conscience. Back in New York City at age 18, Eleanor volunteered at settlement houses, assisting poor immigrants and their families.

In 1905, Eleanor married her fifth cousin, the dashing and ambitious Franklin Delano Roosevelt. They set up housekeeping in New York and at the Roosevelt estate in Hyde Park under the watchful eye of Franklin's smothering mother, Sara, who did everything she could to make Eleanor feel inadequate. The couple had six children over the next 10 years, one of whom died at 7 months, causing great distress to Eleanor. As the family grew, Franklin pursued his political career, first as a member of the New York legislature, then as Assistant Secretary of the Navy during World War I. Throughout, Eleanor maintained the domestic front while also being the perfect political wife — hosting teas, volunteering at the Red Cross, etc.

But in 1918, Eleanor discovered a cache of letters in Franklin's possession, love letters between Franklin and Eleanor's secretary, Lucy Mercer. Eleanor was devastated. She felt deeply betrayed by both of them. She asked for a divorce but in the negotiations that ensued with Franklin and his ever present mother, it was decided a divorce could ruin Franklin's political career. A compromise was reached whereby Franklin agreed never to see Lucy again (a promise he broke) and Eleanor agreed to keep the fam-

ily intact. Eleanor won one further concession. Eleanor and Franklin were never sexually intimate again.

In 1921, the politically ascendant Franklin was stricken with polio. Eleanor's own public role expanded dramatically. Eleanor assisted her husband during the years he struggled to recover, representing him and his views to Democratic Party circles. She also turned her energies to organizing women within the Democratic Party and befriended activist women (many of them lesbians) who educated her about issues and encouraged her involvement. Soon she was lobbying for equal pay laws and labor reform. By the time FDR was elected governor of New York in 1928, Eleanor had become a leader in her own right.

In 1932, Lorena Hickok, a pioneering woman journalist with the Associated Press, was assigned to cover the soon-to-be First Lady during the presidential campaign. By the time of Franklin Roosevelt's inauguration in 1933, Hick and Eleanor had become such close friends that the reporter found it necessary to relinquish her assignment for the AP because of the conflict of interest. Unlike Eleanor, Lorena was from a working class family (she was born in East Troy, Wis.), and she struggled mightily to carve out a place for herself as a reporter in a male-dominated profession. Also unlike Eleanor, Lorena never married and had at least one eight year-long relationship with a woman in the 1920's while working for the Minneapolis Tribune.

The letters in *Empty Without You* chronicle the honeymoon phase of Lorena and Eleanor's relationship. Through most of 1933, the letters are brimming with endearments and expressions of longing. Hick was hired by the administration to observe the effects of the Depression and report to FDR about the impact of his New Deal programs. (FDR liked Lorena a lot, though he jokingly referred to her as a "She-Man") Hick was on the road for much of the next two years. Still, she and Eleanor managed to steal away on an idyllic vacation into Canada where, undetected by the press, the two women camped, hiked and bonded ever so deeply.

Eleanor revealed to Hick that she dreaded the idea of being First Lady. She saw it only in terms of the limits it would place on her. But Lorena and other women — including Eleanor's best friends Nan Cook and Marion Dickerman, a lesbian couple — encouraged her to stretch the limits, to use her influence to advance the social reforms and civil rights causes she believed in so passionately.

As First Lady, Eleanor pushed Franklin to appoint women to federal government posts, chief among these Cabinet member Frances Perkins, the Secretary of Labor. She initiated her own weekly press conference which she used to highlight women's issues, and elevated the role of women journalists by allowing only women reporters to attend. Eleanor wrote a daily column which was syndicated to newspapers across the country. She became an outspoken advocate for the civil rights of African Americans, joining the NAACP, lobbying FDR for an anti-lynching bill, and insisting that blacks (and women) be given a share of the work provided by the huge military contracts during World War II.

Eleanor's overwhelming commitments as First Lady and as wife and mother in a sprawling, troubled family curtailed the already limited time she could spend with Lorena. On numerous occasions when duty called, she was forced to abruptly cancel plans with Hick. A vacation trip they took out west in August, 1934, unlike their honeymoon in Canada, garnered massive attention from the press who hounded them wherever they went. Eleanor took it in stride and remained polite in the face of constant intrusions. Lorena, however, lost it. Depressed at their lack of alone time together and angry with the press for its unflattering descriptions of her as overweight and something of a tag-along to the First Lady, Hick engaged in a screaming fit with members of the press.

Lorena's explosions of impatience and frustration became more common, embarrassing and alienating Eleanor. After one incident, Eleanor wrote sternly that she

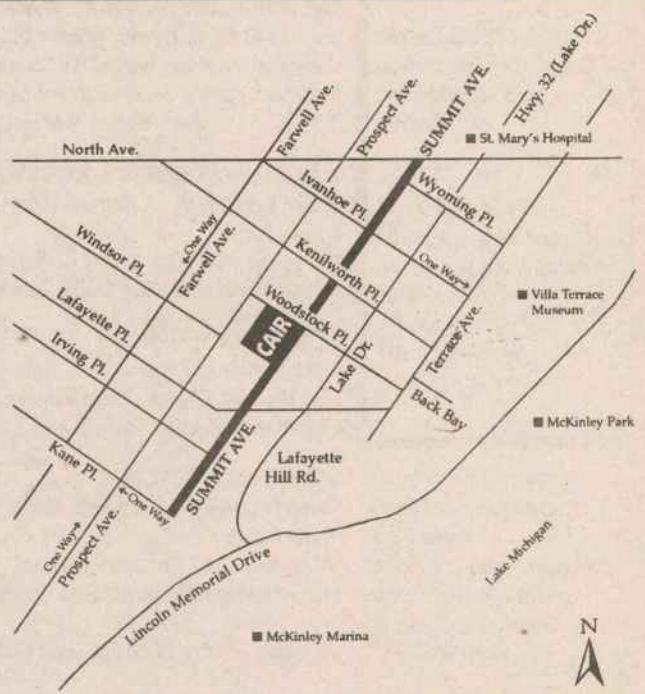
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would not tolerate any "scenes." "Acquaintances," Eleanor scolded, "at least preserve the social amenities & make life pleasant on the surface. I was happy to be seeing you but evidently you were not...at least let's try to be cheerful & polite & not make everyone around us uncomfortable."

From late 1934, the unabashed desire Eleanor had expressed to Lorena in her letters became more restrained. She seemed to be distancing herself to avoid the emotional roller coaster of the relationship. Streitmatter, editor of the letters, suggests she may also have been concerned about Lorena's mental stability. Eleanor,

perhaps trying to loosen the bonds gently, wrote to Hick: "Over the years the type of love felt on either side may change but if the fundamental love is there, I believe in the end the relationship adjusts to something deep and satisfying to both people."

Whether their 30-year relationship was as satisfying to Hick as it was to Eleanor is questionable. Lorena was hopelessly in love with Eleanor and wished that they could just go away somewhere alone and live happily ever after. But history had other claims on Eleanor. She was not a retiring personality and, once launched on her activist career, couldn't be stopped, even (or especially) after the death of her husband.

After Franklin's death in 1945, Eleanor was named a U.S. delegate to the United Nations. Her great achievement, after many years of patient negotiation, was to draft a Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to obtain the signatures of all the world's nations on the document, which remains today one of the cornerstones of international law. Her tireless work at the UN earned her the nickname "First Lady of the World." Eleanor also spoke out against Joe McCarthy's anti-communist witch hunts, lent her support to political campaigns and the intensifying civil rights movement, and wrote several memoirs. Her last official position was as chair of Presi-

dent Kennedy's Commission on the Status of Women, a body that served as the fountainhead of the second wave of feminism in the 1960's.

For her part, Lorena went on to write numerous biographies, of Helen Keller and her teacher Annie Sullivan, of the labor leader Walter Ruether, and of Eleanor and Franklin.

Eleanor and Hick remained confidants and continued to correspond daily until Eleanor's death at age 78 in 1962. Lorena passed away in 1968. The Roosevelt archive contains almost 3,500 letters exchanged between the women! Eleanor was right: although the ardor cooled, the relationship certainly endured.

In 1925, Eleanor, speculating on the warm and committed relationships she observed among her lesbian friends, confided to her personal diary: "No form of love is to be despised." That sentiment may be self-evident to us today, but it was a remarkable discovery for a woman still shedding her rigid upper-class mores. In the course of her life, Eleanor Roosevelt overcame many obstacles and constantly opened her heart and mind to new possibilities and commitments. She was a truly heroic character, and we should be proud to claim her as our own.

Happy National Coming Out Day, Eleanor! ▼

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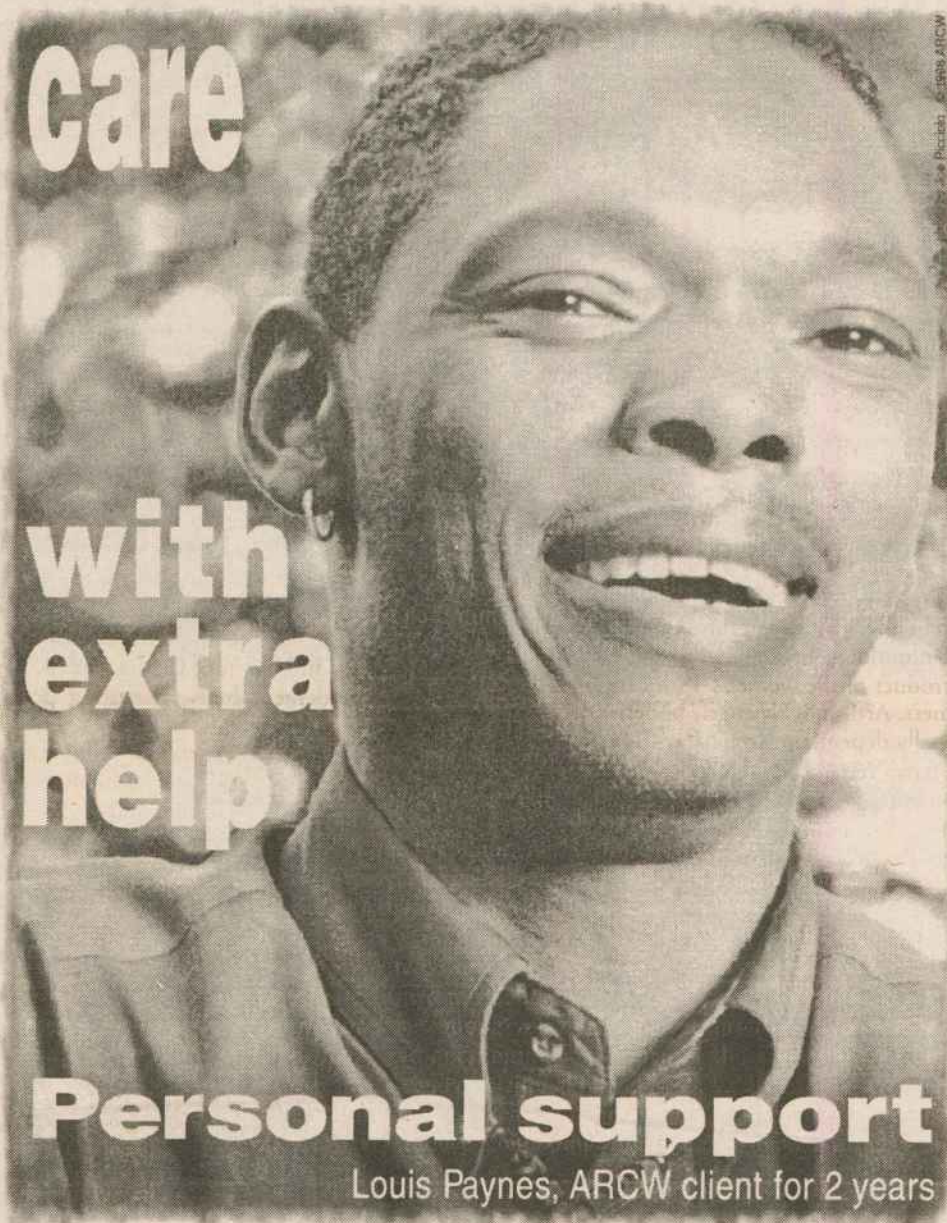
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Gay-Marriage Case Filed

Montreal — Two men who have been a couple for 25 years filed suit Sept. 14 demanding the right to marry. Gay activist Michael Hendricks, 57, and his lover, Rene Leboeuf, 43, submitted their case after Quebec Superior Court Assistant Clerk Louise Lebrun rejected their application for a marriage license at the city's license office.

"In concrete terms, it'll give us recognition," Hendricks said. "We'll be able to share our pensions and of course the inheritance. If I pass on, he'll be left with nothing. If we're married then we'll be covered and assured."

The case likely will advance up to the federal Supreme Court — a process that could take several years.

"We're young enough for that," Hendricks told the Canadian Press wire service.

The lawsuit claims Quebec's marriage law violates the province's Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which has banned discrimination based on sexual orientation since 1967. The couple's lawyer will also argue that Quebec has no right to decide who can marry whom because marriage falls under federal jurisdiction.

The Supreme Court case will be heard beginning Dec. 15.

Belgian Gay Youths More Likely to Attempt Suicide

Brussels — Gays and lesbians aged 15 to 25 in Belgium's Flanders region are two to five times more likely to attempt suicide than straight youth, according to researchers at Ghent University.

Sociologist John Vincke and psychologist Kees van Heeringen studied 404 young people — half gay and half straight. Their report was presented at the 7th European Symposium: The Suicidal Process: Challenges for Treatment and Prevention, held Sept. 9-12 in Belgium.

Twenty-five percent of young lesbian/bisexual women had attempted suicide at least once compared with 5.4 percent of straight female youths. About 13 percent of gay male youths had tried to kill themselves compared with 5.9 percent of straight male youths.

The report found that 45 percent of young lesbians and one-third of young gay men had considered suicide, compared with 24 percent of straight females and 16 percent of straight males.

Lisbon Mayor Supports Gays

Lisbon — The mayor of Lisbon, Portugal, Joao Soares, attended the unveiling of the new headquarters of the group Opus Gay and the kickoff of Lisbon's Second Gay and Lesbian Film Festival Sept. 14. The festival screened over 100 films.

Soares said he was "very proud that Lisbon is a city of freedom, tolerance and openness."

Opus Gay President Antonio Serzedelo, 53, told Spain's El Pais newspaper, "After the blacks and the Gypsies, it's our turn [for freedom]."

Opus Gay (the name is a takeoff on the extremely conservative worldwide Catholic organization Opus Dei, which is Latin for the Work of God) is one of three main Portuguese gay groups along with ILGA Portugal and the Revolutionary Socialist Party Homosexual Workgroup.

New Brunswick Mayor Ordered to Proclaim Pride Weekend

Fredericton, N.B. — Mayor Brad Woodside was ordered to proclaim Gay Pride Weekend by a provincial Board of Inquiry. The board said Woodside violated the provincial Human Rights Act's ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation when he refused to declare Pride Weekend in 1995.

"They [gays and lesbians] are simply seeking to exercise their right to be equal members of the community as they are entitled to do by law," wrote commissioner Brian Bruce.

Woodside responded: "Contrary to what was said in this [ruling] — that gay pride is widely accepted in North America — that's not the case. I wouldn't consider Toronto and Vancouver to be the standard we all try to live by."

Fredericton Lesbian and Gays spokesman James Whitehead told Canadian Press: "It's very frustrating when someone can turn something that seems so simple to begin with into something so divisive. There's been a lot of damage done."

Recent identical cases in London, Ontario, and Hamilton, Ontario, saw the same outcome except the mayors of those cities were also fined — \$5,000 in Hamilton and \$10,000 in London. Woodside was not fined.

Smokin'

"At one point, the President inserted a cigar into Ms. Lewinsky's vagina, then put the cigar in his mouth and said: 'It tastes good.'"

—This column's favorite sentence from "The Starr Report."

Pornographer?

"Public media should not contain explicit or implied descriptions of sex acts. Our society should be purged of the perverts who provide the media with pornographic material while pretending it has some redeeming social value under the public's 'right to know.' Pornography is pornography, regardless of the source."

—Kenneth Starr, 1987, interview with Dianne Sawyer.



Liar, Liar

"He lies by being technically accurate. I wish he would stop it. He's not 14 anymore trying to outsmart the principal."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., on President Clinton, as quoted by AP.

Outing 101

"My attitude is that the outing of living persons, who do not exist in isolation but belong to a complex web of family, friends and professional associates, is a fascist practice that belongs to Puritan Salem or Stalinist Moscow, not to a progressive civil rights movement. On the other hand, outing may possibly be justified in cases of gross hypocrisy, as when an elected or appointed official with real power to do harm may be condemning homosexuality publicly while living a secret gay life."

—Writer/academic Camille Paglia in *Salon* magazine.

Prancer!

"That's just angry queens [saying I shouldn't play a womanizer on the new NBC sitcom *Encore! Encore!*]. I should only play flamboyant gay roles? I have no desire to be a role model for anybody. But in a sense I feel like I have been because I've played a wide variety of gay characters. ... There are two gay characters on [*Will & Grace*] — plenty for one network. They don't need me prancing around."

—Actor Nathan Lane as quoted in the *Miami Herald*.

She IS Woman!

"It was up in Sacramento [at an AIDS benefit] and someone yelled out, 'When are you coming out, Helen?' and I said, 'If there's a woman here with a hairy chest and a big dick, I'm hers!'"

—70s megastar Helen Reddy to *Frontiers*.

Outrageous!

"I'm not adverse to outrageousness for the spectacle of it all. In fact, I'm mostly in favor of it. But most of what passes for outrageous is just old to the truly outrageous. I mean drag queens? That's so over. What's interesting now is drag kings, but it will take a while for them to figure that one out."

—Gay filmmaker John Waters to the *Detroit Free Press*.

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How Gay Is Pier 1 Imports?

by Gip Plaster
of the *IN Step* Staff

There's a reason Pier 1 Imports remains a favorite destination for gay shoppers: The company's stores look and smell gay. But do you choose a home furnishings store based on the selection they offer or how gay-friendly the company is?

When you enter a Pier 1 Imports store, you smell soaps, potpourri and aromatherapeutic oils. Elaborate displays of somewhat pricey home furnishings easily catch your eye. You probably notice that each flower is in place and every clear glass pebble is carefully laid.

In other words, the atmosphere is stereotypically gay. But is the 36-year old Fort Worth, Texas-based company as gay as it looks?

While Fort Worth is home to real cowboys and a real stock yards, it is also the home of pianist Van Cliburn, as well as the Amon Carter Museum and the Fort Worth Water Gardens, both designed by openly gay architect Philip Johnson.

Apparently, just as Fort Worth is a city of contradictions, Pier 1 is a company of contradictions.

Most Pier 1 customers are between 25 and 54 with a household income 43 percent higher than the U.S. average, according to company promotional material. Two-thirds of the company's shoppers live in single-family

homes and almost half of those homes are worth more than \$100,000.

But when you look closer at the numbers, things are a bit different. Almost 70 percent of Pier 1's customers are women, and 59 percent of its customers are married.

Company personnel do not appear eager to discuss their policies toward gay and lesbian employees. In response to multiple requests for specific information about the company's policies, Pier 1 issued a terse statement by e-mail. "Pier 1's policy is to provide equal opportunity without regard to color, national origin, race, age, religion, disability, sex and sexual orientation," the statement reads. "All employment decisions are based solely on merit."

Joy Rich, a representative of the company's public relations department, said it is Pier 1's policy not to release information about domestic partner benefits or confirm or deny the existence of a gay and lesbian employees group. But other sources said Pier 1 does not provide domestic partner benefits or offer a support group for lesbian and gay employees at the corporate or store level.

Financially, the news at Pier 1 is better. In 1998, the company reached \$1 billion dollars in sales for the first time in its history, according to financial documents. Pier 1's net income increased 43 percent over the previous year.

Pier 1 Imports, whose corporate headquarters is in a downtown skyscraper owned by Fort Worth's powerful and wealthy Bass family, employs more than 12,500 employees at its stores in 47 states and its international operations in Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the United Kingdom and Japan.

A typical store has more than 5,000 different items. Two-thirds of those items are new or updated each season, and over 70 percent of the items in the company's stores are exclusive to Pier 1.

It imports more than a third of its products from China. It also sells products from India, Thailand, the Philippines and other countries.

While the stores look and smell gay, Pier 1 does not offer any visible signs that it supports its gay employees.

If you prefer to do your shopping at a store with obvious policies in support of lesbian and gay employees and customers, Pier 1 may not be the place for you. But if you shop based on selection and uniqueness of products, North America's largest retailer of imported home furnishings may have something for you.

It depends on how you choose.





Wauwatosa's Brod Rowe stars as Gabriel in "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss."

"Billy" Premieres in Madison

Outreach (formerly Madison's Gay/Lesbian Resource Center and The United) will present the Madison premiere of *Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss* on Wednesday, October 7 at 7 p.m. Admission is free at Outreach's offices located at 14 W. Miiflin St., suite 103.

The sneak preview will feature a presentation by one of the film's stars, **Richard Ganoung**. Ganoung will discuss the history of queer cinema and answer audience questions.

Spiderwoman

Did you see **Dale Gutzman's** recent production of *Kiss of the Spiderwoman*? If so, New York doctoral student **Kim Davis** wants you! Davis is interested in interviewing people who have seen or read *Kiss of the Spider Woman* (the novel, film, or musical) and who are willing to discuss their attitudes about gender and sexuality for a dissertation on contemporary film and literature.

Hopefully, Davis is not polling critical reaction, Gutzman's Centennial Hall production received a critical thrashing in the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.

The interview takes approximately one hour. Interested participants are asked to contact Davis at (202) 965-6903 or by e-mail at kdc2b@virginian.edu

Hot Line

The University of Michigan-Flint is apologizing for referring prospective students to a hot line. A very hot line. High schoolers who called the toll-free number listed in the school's recruitment brochure expected to reach the admissions office. Instead, they got a crooning voice promoting hot telephone sex talk.

"Hey man, what's up?" a low male voice says. "If you're tired of paying too much for hot talk, try one of these nasty numbers for X-rated action everyone can afford."

The speaker then lists toll-free numbers for callers to "get studs" and "hot boys."

One incorrect digit in the brochure veered prospective students toward the "hot talk." Between 15,000 and 20,000 letters went out in the past week to Michigan students with high American College Test scores.

Transgender Revolution on A&E

On Monday, October 5, at 8 p.m., *A&E's Investigative Reports* (IR) airs its one-hour feature on the transgender rights movement. IR, executive produced and hosted by **Bill Kurtis**, interviews more than a dozen transgender activists and individuals, beginning with **Tonye Barreto-Neto**, founder of Transgender Officers Protect and

Serve (TOPS).

Barreto-Neto is shown at home and at work, interacting with his wife, daughter and friends. IR also speaks with a man in shadow, who calls himself "Terry," described as "a good ol' boy from the South," who, "in reality [is] a woman, who's about to undergo a dangerous sex-change operation." IR accompanies "Terry," his wife and his mother to the hospital.

Please watch "Transgender Revolution" and let A&E know what you think. Contact: Terry Bennett, Viewer Services, A&E, 235 E. 45th St., NY, NY 10017-3305, fax: 212.983.4370

Crave the Spotlight?

Do you think ahead? Way ahead? Are you already searching for some thing fun to do after the frenetic Holiday Season is over?

Fest City Singers, Milwaukee GLBT cabaret group, is recruiting actors and singers for its next musical revue to be presented the last two weeks in January. Experience under the lights is desirable, but not necessary.

Rehearsals for the show will begin in mid-October. Those wishing to participate in this production can call the Fest City Singers at (414) 263-SING.

Community Center Sets Grand Opening Date

The wait is nearly over. On Tuesday, November 10, the entire community will be invited to tour Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, meet the board and volunteers, and learn more about the Center and other LGBT organizations.

Invitations will be sent, and further news will be available in *IN Step*. For more information, visit their web site at www.mkelgbt.com or call the hotline at (414) 483-4710.

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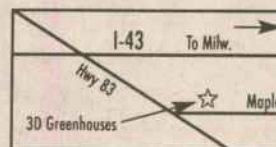


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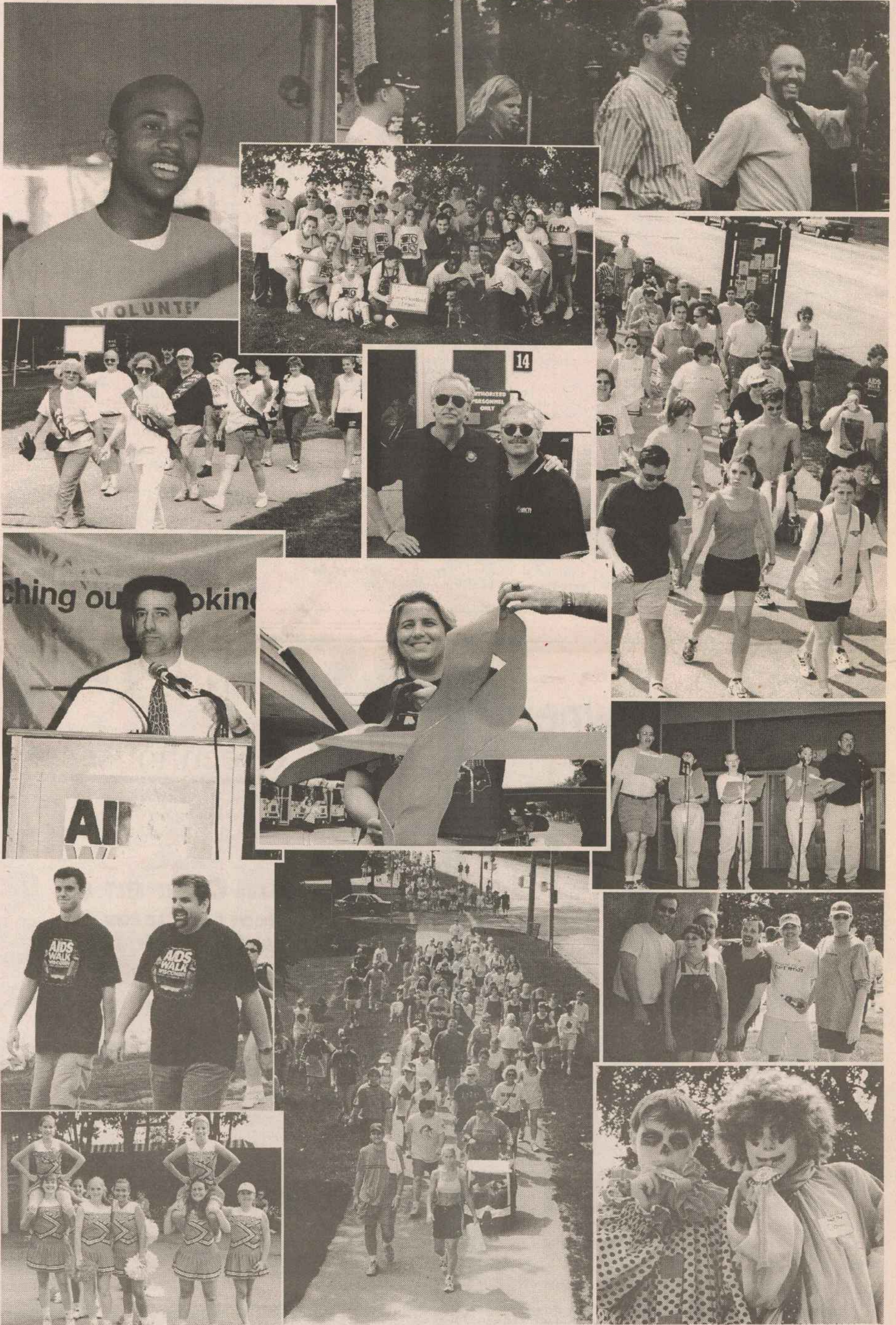


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ARTS BRIEFS

A Fashionable Way to Fight AIDS

Milwaukee — Live music, entertaining hosts and a modeling runway will transform Milwaukee's Survival/Revival Resale Shop, into a fashion extravaganza on October 10 to benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

The "Street Beat" fashion show starts at 8 p.m. and stars Sister Cashbox with live music by Immortal Plants, Morse Code and Lonestar Yo-delles. Master of ceremonies B.J. Daniels will host the evening. Over 60 outrageous outfits from the resale shop, beautiful volunteer models, and hair and make up by Beauty Salon and The Skin Institute & Day Spa will make this is one fashion show all the designers will wish they had attended.

General admission is only \$10, \$8 for students. Survival Revival is located at 246 E. Chicago St. For more information, call Kathy Fortier at (414) 291-2856.

Author Fannie Flagg at Schwartz

Milwaukee — Fannie Flagg, the best-selling author and award-winning screenwriter of *Fried Green Tomatoes At The Whistle Stop Cafe* will appear at Schwartz Bookshop in Brookfield at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14.

Flagg's newest book, *Welcome to the World Baby Girl*, is a funny, serious, and compelling new novel in which the author's humor and respect and admiration for her characters shine forth. This time the heroine is urban; a brainy, beautiful and ambitious rising star of 1970s television. Dena Nordstrom, pride of the network, is a woman whose future is full of promise, her present rich and complicated, and her past marked by mystery.

The bookstore is located in Loehmann's Plaza at 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. This event is free and open to all. For more information, please call (414) 797-6140.

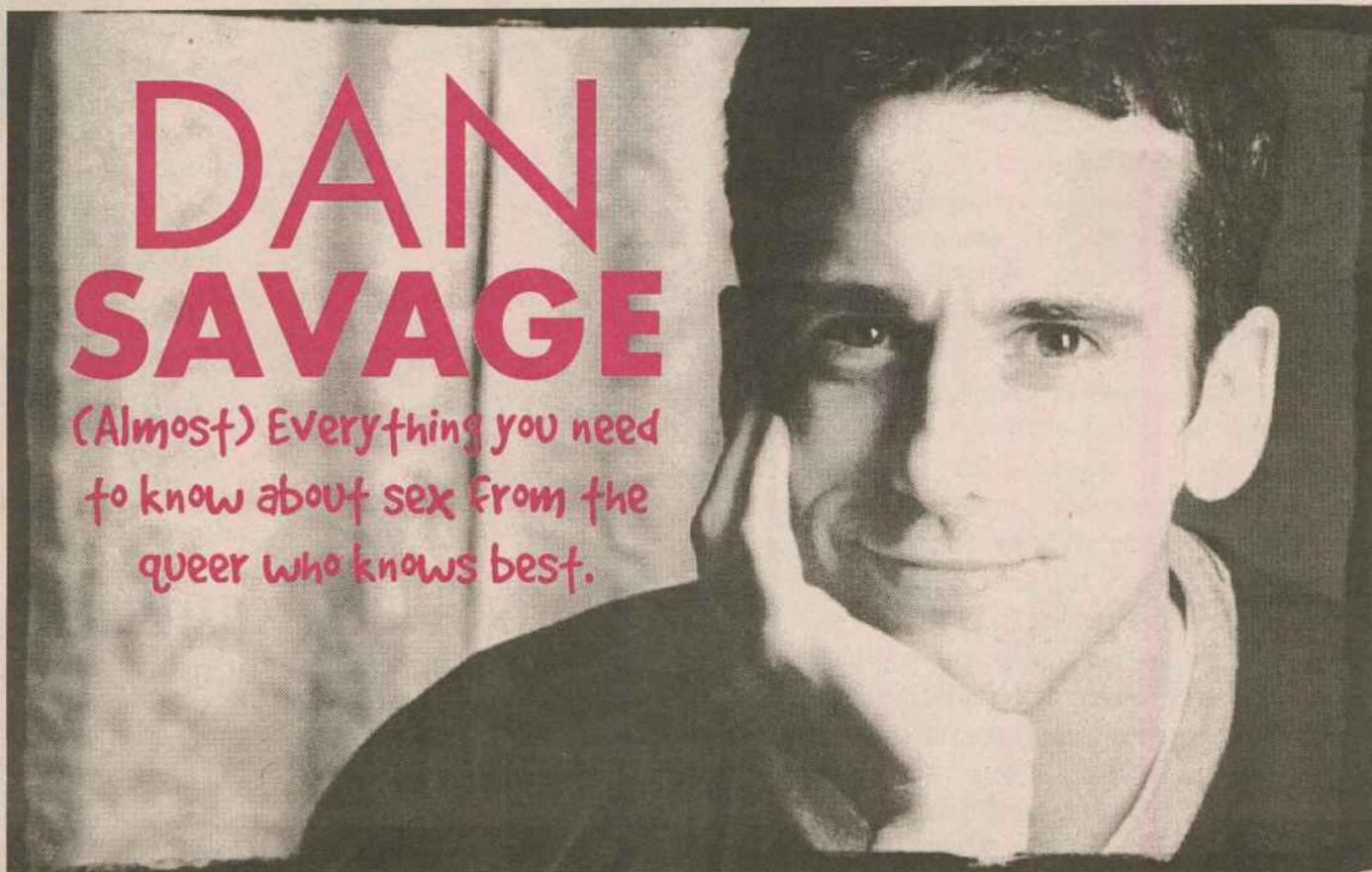
Gay Marching Band Forming

Milwaukee — Plans are under way to organize a gay and lesbian marching band. Plans call for the group to perform concerts, march in parades. Auditions will be conducted by appointment. For more information call (414) 453-1868



DAN SAVAGE

(Almost) Everything you need to know about sex from the queer who knows best.



Interview by William Attewell

"Hey, Faggot" is the salutation currently beginning every letter in Dan Savage's wildly popular sex advice column, *Savage Love*.

Openly gay, brutally honest and scathingly funny, Savage's advice can be seen regularly in Milwaukee's *Shepherd Express* and the Madison and Milwaukee editions of *The Onion*. Savage's column has a readership estimated at over 3.5 million persons and recently spawned a book, *Savage Love* which features a collection of over 300 columns.

What many people may not know is that Savage's column was initially penned in the back of Madison's popular Four Star Video. Recently, I spoke with an outspoken Savage about Madison, President Clinton and gerbils.

IN Step: You have a Madison connection...

Dan Savage: I lived in Madison for a couple of years in the very early 90s and it was in Madison that I met the folks who started *The Stranger*, from Seattle. The publisher of *The Stranger* is the founder of *The Onion*. They were telling me about this newspaper they were going to start in Seattle, and I suggested that they get an advice column. They asked me to write it and now that's what I do for a living — be careful what you say aloud. I also ran an ACT-UP chapter [in Madison] for a couple of years — we dogged the governor [Thompson] for a long time.

IN Step: What about this "Hey Faggot," where did that come from?

DS: Two things about that: we're about to retire it.

IN Step: How come?

DS: Well, I'm about to retire it — probably — now that the book is out. When I decided to use that as a salutation it was 1990, you know what I mean? Queer Nation was at the height of its power, ACT-UP was at the height of its cultural resonance and there was this big debate about claiming these hate words, like faggot and dyke and sissy and queer —

reclaiming them and making them our own — making them not hate words anymore by using them.

Asking people to address me as faggot in the column was one way to do it. The ultimate goal of reclaiming a hate word and making it not a hate word anymore, is to hear straight people use the word without hatred — [it was like] we were not the only ones who could use it — you can use it, too. It doesn't mean what it used to mean anymore — we changed that. And that worked.

Now there are queer studies programs and dyke bars and people use these words and they use them affectionately or with malice. It's the intent that makes a word a hate word, not the word's existence. Right now it feels like that debate is over and the

should seek out more than just my opinion. I always mean what I say in the column until I don't anymore.

IN Step: Are you surprised how this has taken off?

DS: Oh my God, yeah! I was living in Madison with my boyfriend. I started doing this [column] — as a joke. I wasn't getting paid for it or anything, it was just a pastime. I used to work at Four-Star Fiction & Video.

IN Step: Four-Star Video now...

DS: Yeah, they got rid of the Fiction. I used to work there and I would write [the column] on one of the computers in the back of the office during work and on the employers time and fax it to Seattle — it was just a joke. My boyfriend got a job for a

"The AIDS crisis is O-V-E-R!" We have to move past it, get over it, stop basing our identities and grounding our community in a disease that isn't what it once was.

reclamation side won. So, to start every column with "Hey Faggot," seems a little 1990 to me.

IN Step: What are you going to change it to?

DS: Nothing. The column already runs in a few places without a salutation. It's just Q&A, back and forth. I'll still use "breeder" and "her" and "fag" and "dyke" and "sissy" and "queer" in the letters, but I think I'm going to lose the salutation.

IN Step: Would you say that the advice you give in the column is a persona, or is that your real voice? Or how do you draw a distinction?

DS: I think it's always my real advice unless it isn't (laughter) — unless I'm being sarcastic or having a joke at the expense of the letter-writer — it's my real advice. As an opinion, it isn't the last word on anything. It isn't binding arbitration, not a bow from the pope, it's just an opinion. People

year on the road with an opera arts organization touring the United States. He was going to be in six different cities in a year. I decided not to follow him around. I said, "I'll be in Seattle waitin' tables and doin' the column for laughs."

Then I moved to Seattle and my boyfriend and I broke up and I just sort of stayed and [the column] has slowly consumed my whole life. This was all just an accident — I didn't think of myself as a writer, I didn't take writing an advice column seriously. It was all just a big joke, and now here I am talkin' to you.

IN Step: Where do you see yourself in the larger debates raging in the gay and lesbian community?

DS: The larger debates that I'm interested in and have taken positions on are "The

art REVIEW

ON THE BRINK

When the press dubbed David Hockney "the British Andy Warhol" it no doubt considered the comparison fair. After all, both artists were seemingly preoccupied with fame, both were gay, and there was even a faint physical resemblance. Unfortunately, the tag obscured Hockney's often brilliant originality.

David Hockney is best known for softly rendered graphite portraits, color crayon sketches that reveal a genius for subtlety, and a number of large canvases that have become part of our cultural collective consciousness.

Hockney's now iconic *Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures)* depicts a blonde man in a salmon-red jacket standing poolside in white pants and expensive shoes. He gazes into shimmering waters at a submerged youth clad only in briefs. The rolling hills that stretch in the background beckon us to a land of wealth and hedonism. Hockney tantalizes us with what can be interpreted as a glimpse into the lives of homosexual gentry.

These are the images with which Hockney climbed to fame. The soft crayon nudes such as 1964's *Clean Boy* and the many "shower studies" helped to create our myth of gay Los Angeles. Hockney gave us a potpourri of Hollywood archetypes: the pool boy, the hustler, the wealthy art patrons, the lawn sprinklers and the palm-lined boulevards. The artist seemed enthralled by this milieu. All of Hockney's British reserve couldn't conceal the eagerness with which he embraced his adopted home.

But lately David Hockney has turned to musings on his native English countryside. *Looking at Landscape - Being in Landscape* might initially disappoint Hockney fans expecting the glamour found in the artist's earlier work. But, on closer examination, the pensive sincerity of these paintings is arresting.

Hockney views landscape as a metaphor for life. With writhing undulations, the earth itself comes alive. The expanses of wild and cultivated fields, examined from hill-top perspectives, remind us of life's enormous potential. Indeed, in paintings such as *The Road Across the Wolds*, Hockney's use of winding highways in vast landscape suggests lost possibilities. Those who don't think to deviate from prescribed paths are simply missing out. Hockney is doing more than telling us to dump our cars, climb a hill and survey the land. He is telling us to open our minds to the vast possibilities of existence.

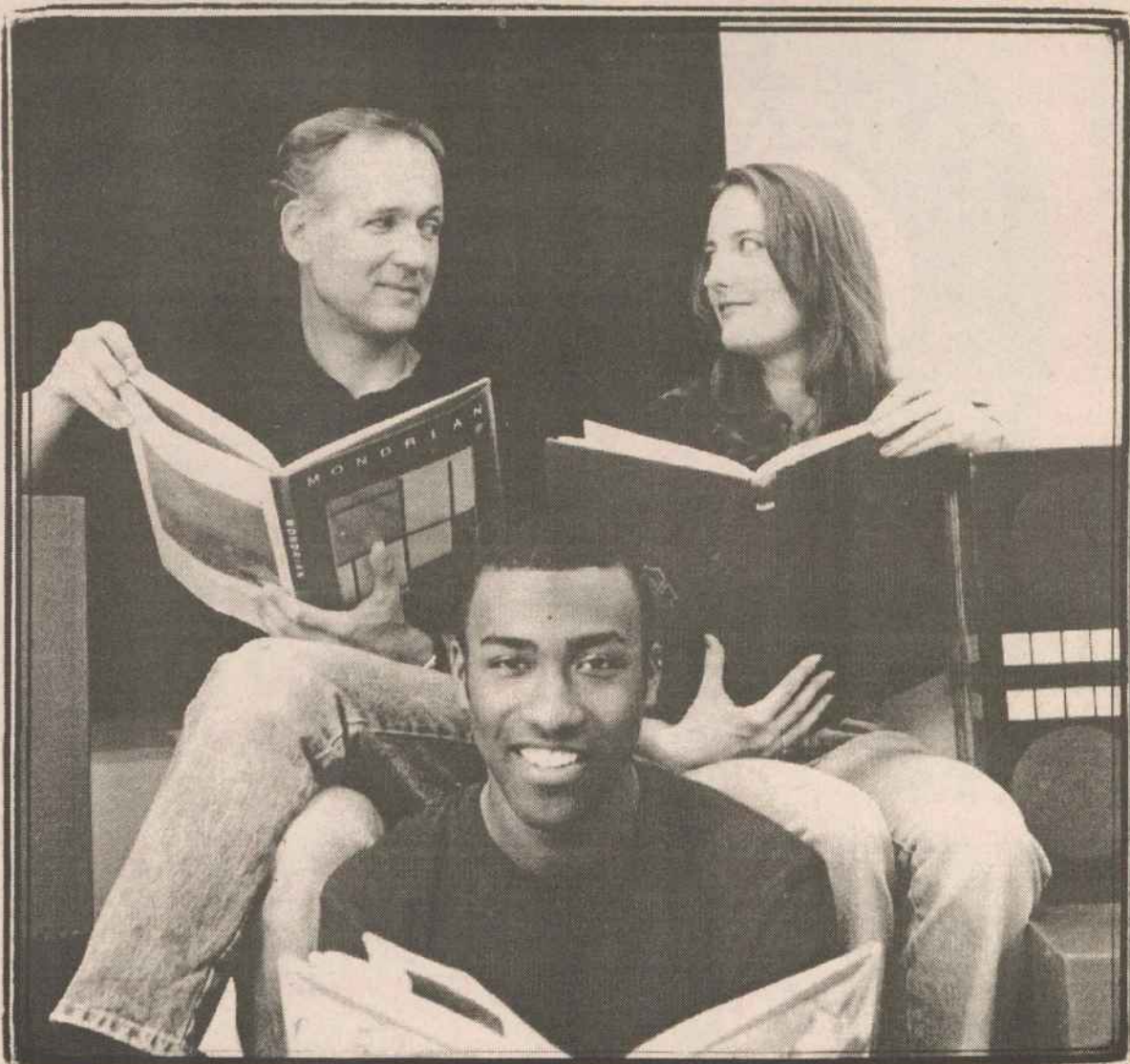
Hockney's roads, however winding, lead forever onward. The quiet English countryside is what the artist has traded for worldly success. Hockney meditates on life as it was before his embrace of high-speed Los Angeles.

The undisputed star of this show is the mammoth *A Bigger Grand Canyon*. Consisting of 60 painted panels, the composite work depicts a scene the artist has previously explored in charcoal sketches and photo collage. The viewer is placed on a precipice, surveying the vastness of America's most famous geological formation. Hockney has captured the huge emptiness perfectly. We know instinctively that lost spirits and cougars lurk in this wilderness.

Has Hockney, who has lived his life near the edge, now taken us to the brink? The painting is strangely final. We can travel no further. Or are we expected to soar like an eagle above all existence? As an artist who has always enjoyed the contemplative, Hockney doesn't give us answers. He wants us to savor the questions.

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Looking at Landscape/Being in Landscape, is on view until Oct. 24th at LA Louvre Gallery, 45 North Venice Blvd., Venice, California.



L-R Jim Gallagher as Flanders, Joseph Mays as Paul and Laura Neuser as Louisa in the Boulevard Ensemble's "Six Degrees of Separation."

Boulevard Stages "Six Degrees Of Separation"

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theater opens its thirteenth season by presenting John Guare's stunning play, *Six Degrees of Separation* on Friday, October 9 through Sunday, November 8, 1998. Guare's drama explores the racial and economic differences between individuals, as well as portraying issues of sexual orientation and gender. Guare's play, based on an actual event, dynamically attacks the pretense of modern identity and self-knowledge.

Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's Artistic Director, will be staging this production. In the play, Paul, a young African-American male, intrudes into the lives of a wealthy socialite couple, Louisa and Flanders Kitteredge. Introducing himself as the son of film star Sidney Poitier, he charms the couple with his status and charisma. Welcoming Paul into their lives, the couple discover that Paul is a fraud and has perpetrated the same hoax previously. Discovering the extent of discrimination and connection in their lives, Guare's characters battle their self-imposed isolation from each other.

Laura Neuser will make her debut with Boulevard Ensemble in the role of Louisa Kitteredge. Jim Gallagher will return to portray Flanders Kitteredge. Among the other players are Stacey Meyer (Tess); Joseph Mays (Paul); James Henderson (Dr. Fine); Michael Chmiel (Rick); Greg Flegel (Trent); Andrea Sciacca (Kitty); Mark Lonteen (Larkin); Lisa Rafferty (Elizabeth); Jason Wedesky (Woody/The Hustler); Joseph Kinosian (Ben); Andy Skwierawski (Doug); and Paul Danninger (Detective/The Doorman).

On Thursday, Oct. 8 there will be a Gala Fund-Raising Preview. Opening night, Oct. 9, will be followed by a champagne reception. All productions will take place at the Boulevard Theater, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. For more information or ticket reservations (\$10 to \$15), please call (414) 744-5757.

Chamber Theatre Opens Season With "Skylight"

Milwaukee — Milwaukee Chamber Theatre is proud to present the Wisconsin premiere of David Hare's "Chamber" piece *Skylight*, on Saturday, October 17 through Sunday, November 1 in the Cabot Theater. The Laurence Olivier Award-winner for Best Play in 1996, this London and Broadway smash hit will be directed by Artistic Director Montgomery Davis, and star Laura Gordon, Brian Robert Mani and Gerard Neugent.

Noted as "...a play of uncommon richness, insight and humanity..." *Skylight* is a passionate and driving drama. Two lovers meet one night in a fiery reunion that exposes the extraordinary glories and vicissitudes of love. Tom, a successful restaurateur and Kyra, a teacher in London's tough East End, meet in a cold flat in north London. Their unexpected reunion sparks an intense debate about their failed love affair and, in turn, it illuminates our own need to understand choices and responsibilities we face today.

New this year, MCT is proud to present Friday Martini Night on Oct. 30, 90-minutes prior to the performance. Ticket buyers will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres with their martinis, plus a special Tapas menu. MCT also offers a new preshow program entitled *Curtain Up!* One hour prior to curtain for select performances, audiences can learn about the characters, plot, designs, and get other background information of the production. *Curtain Up!* for this production is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, October 30, at 7 p.m.

Talkbacks will be held following performances on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 1 at



Brian Mani and Laura Gordon

2, p.m. There are also Talkbacks following every Wednesday matinee performance. All performances will be held at the Broadway Theater Center, 158 North Broadway, in the Cabot Theater. You may charge tickets by phone with MasterCard, Visa or Discover. There is a new student half hour-half-price rush for Dress Circle and Gallery Side seating. For ticket information and reservations, please call (414) 291-7800.

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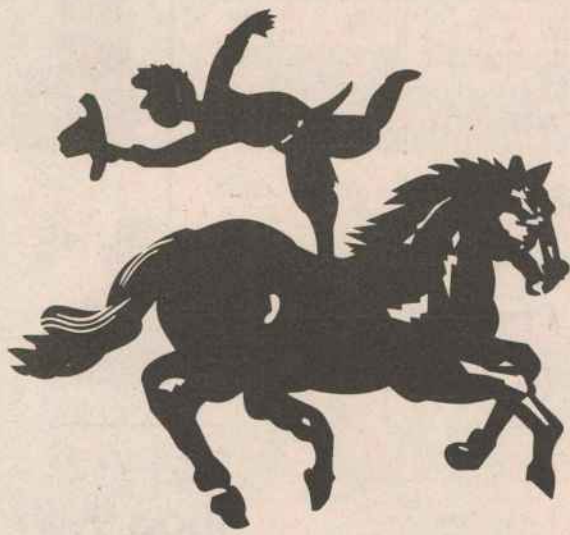
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AIDS crisis is O-V-E-R!" We have to move past it, get over it, stop basing our identities and grounding our community in a disease that isn't what it once was. I don't support AIDS separatism any more, I don't think that AIDS services and separate programs and institutions that address this one disease when there are other people who are sick, too, are ethical or moral.

It was an appropriate response when the disease was overwhelming and increasing exponentially and there was no sympathy and understanding and we didn't know how it spread. People weren't willing to take care of people (who had AIDS). That has grown and changed and AIDS has become more of a chronic illness and much less of a terminal illness. It's just not moral that a perfectly health person with HIV qualifies for many, many more services than a woman on her death-bed with Cervical Cancer does.

WA: AIDS service organizations stance is "No, no, no — we're still fighting this battle — these drugs aren't effective."

DS: That's a lie! At a certain point we need to say *habeus corpus* — show us the bodies! Where are the dead people? In Seattle, two years ago, 500 people died of AIDS. In Seattle, this year, 30 people have died of AIDS — 30 people too many, but that's less than the number of people in Seattle who have died of breast cancer this year.

I don't think we need to not serve people with AIDS who are as sick as people ever were. There's this small percentage of people who are not helped by the drugs — who are as sick as they ever were — and they need services, but we have to reconnoiter how you qualify for AIDS services. We have to wrestle with the fact that there are people who don't have AIDS anymore. [There are people] who once did, who are doing well and can no longer be justified for services when they're not sick, when there are people out there who are sick with other things who can't get services.

That's just immoral. We're stepping over the bodies of children living in poverty and gay and lesbian elderly who don't have friends and family to take care of them, and women with breast and cervical cancer and gay men dying of hepatitis — you know what I mean? It's like rushing food to people who aren't sick.

WA: If AIDS is over, what's next?

DS: What's next is finding ... the AIDS epidemic exposed a hole in the way our society takes care of people who are sick by creating this huge class of people who had a sickness in common. Those holes exist for people who have other illnesses — you know what I mean? But they aren't part of a huge class of people with the same illness. What we need to do is extend AIDS-style care services beyond AIDS. The irony is that it's the best way to protect services for people with AIDS who are still as sick as people ever were.

I won't write a check. I won't go to an AIDS Walk anymore. I can't justify it in my mind. If AIDS organizations expanded their mandate ... It used to be that there were AIDS organizations that brought food to people with AIDS because they were terminally ill. If you didn't bring food to their house, they wouldn't have food to eat and would starve to death before they died of AIDS or before a drug regimen emerged to save their lives. That was the premise; these people were too sick to take care of themselves — we were taking care of people who were dying.

Having AIDS now does not mean that you are terminally ill or dying or too sick to take care of yourself anymore. What about people who are all of those things? Do we have no compassion in our hearts for other people? We complained during the AIDS crisis that people didn't have any compassion for people with AIDS. Now are we going to be the people without compassion? It's wildly immoral and unethical. When AIDS service organizations say the drugs don't work and all that bull-shit, they're just lying. It makes me furious.

WA: I'd like to switch topics a little bit and ask you about ... first of all, the president. If Clinton wrote you a letter, what kind of advice do you think you'd give him?

DS: To do just what he's doing — brave it out! Don't resign. This is crap-ola. It's nobody's business.

WA: Do you think he's got a sexual problem?

DS: Actually, no, I don't think he's got a problem. I think he and Hillary have an understanding. It's obvious that they have some sort of agreement, passive or otherwise, about Bill having sex with other people. I know a lot of people — gay and straight — who have a "don't ask, don't tell" understanding about extra marital affairs. There are a lot of long-term relationships and marriages of many years' duration that are just not about sexual passion anymore. They're about partnerships, they're about children, they're about building a life together.

This idea that people are supposed to burn with passion for each other for 40, 50, 60 years is an unrealistic burden to heap upon any relationship or marriage. Obviously, the Clintons have some sort of understanding. The reason the Monica thing doesn't shock people is because we knew he was capable of that. I never doubted that he "dropped trou" in front of Paula Jones or had sex with Jennifer Flowers.

They day we heard about the Monica thing and he denied it we were all going, "Oh yeah. Right." You have to deny; that's why people feel sympathy for him because who wouldn't perjure themselves in that situation? If somebody says, "Did you have sex with someone who wasn't your wife?" What do you say? "Ah, yeah actually, 12,000 times. and it was a blast. I came on her dress and I stuck my cigar in her vagina. Who-hoo!" That's not what he's saying; he's saying, "No, no, of course I didn't." Well that's what he did and he got in trouble for it.

WA: Your book is a compilation of letters and your responses. How long of a period does this cover?

DS: About seven years.

WA: How did you pick [the materials you used]?

DS: It's kind of a lie to call it a collection because when I sat down and looked at my really old columns, I realized that I was really a terrible writer when I started. That's understandable because I'd never written anything in my life. I re-wrote everything. It took me a long time to get the collection together — maybe like a year-and-a-half. So it's more of a collection of the columns I wished I had written than the columns I actually wrote in many cases (laughter).

WA: That's a great luxury to have.

DS: Well it is. I just couldn't let it go into the Library of Congress in the shape that it was in.

WA: I also wanted to ask you about the columns you picked. Is there a reason why you picked them?

DS: I was trying to tag all the bases. Also there are columns that I really enjoyed writing and it was fun to read them again; there really was no science to it. Part of it was ... it's a 400-page book, like a textbook, a tome, and that's an accident. I just took everything that I thought I liked and sent it to the publisher thinking that they would red-pencil a lot of it. They didn't; they just said, like, "All right!" It's a lot longer than I thought it was going to be. It's definitely a back-of-the-toilet book.

WA: You think?

DS: The column is written for a weekly 1,200-word treat. I can't read 100 pages of sex advice in one go. It makes me sick; it's like eating a bag of potato chips. It's delicious every once in a while, but you wouldn't sit down and eat a 50-gallon drum of potato chips all at once because you'd get sick. So, if you read the book all at once, you'll get sick. I don't recommend it. Put it on the back of the toilet and as you're takin' a crap, there's a laugh book to read.

IN Step: I must ask you about

"gerbiling." You said you would never write about gerbiling, and then you did. Why?

DS: Because I get a question a week about it and because I finally blew my stack. It's so crazy to be accused. You're gay, well of course you gerbil every week for eight years — three or four times a week. It can eventually make you a little psychotic. I resisted for as long as I possibly could. I think I'm probably the only sex advice columnist in the world who resisted addressing the gerbil issue this long.

IN Step: It is so ridiculous...

DS: I know and that's the problem; people really don't think about it. A lot of gay people don't like my column, they feel it reveals too many of our sexual secrets and makes us look ... The way I talk about gay people and gay sex reinforces the idea that that's all we are is sex. Straight people are obsessed with sex — that's all they think we're about. They want to know about our sex lives because we're different from them sexually — they want to know how we do it. The first thing every straight guy asks is "Well, how do those lesbians have sex?" I mean, what do you do without a penis? How do you know when it's over?

Just because a guy hasn't had an orgasm — that's the finish line for straight sex. If we don't tell them what we're actually doing in bed and address their curiosity, they make stuff up. The truth is that we don't do anything in bed that they don't do. I mean, we do it all better, and we're more interesting while we're doing it and probably have better personal hygiene. But beyond that, anal or oral sex, fantasy, S/M, vaginal intercourse whether with strap-ons or actual penises, we do exactly what straight people do. They don't want to think that; they want us to be the "sexual other" and they want to endow us with mysterious sex practices that only WE know how to do — like gerbiling.

IN Step: As you looked at the letters over the years did the tone change at all? Did they become more open?

DS: You know, when the column goes to a new city there's this outpouring of identical questions; questions that were answered long ago in another column in another

city. Every time I go into a new city I get 400 questions asking, "What's a cock ring?" And, "Why do gay men have anal sex, it's gross?" I get all these questions: "Why are you giving advice to straight people; you're gay, what do you know about straight people?" I can do nothing but write the same 50 columns over and over again for every new city we go in to.

IN Step: Are they going to make this into a movie?

DS: Ha Ha Ha! You know, I doubt it. There are some things you just can't film. David Lynch wants to give it a try.

IN Step: Is there anything else that you think is important that you want to get out there?

DS: Yeah, there's one thing that I would like to mention. Some people have a problem with the column; they think I'm mean or rough on people. They worry about the poor innocents who write me and then I beat up on them. People have to remember that anyone who sends me a letter has read my column.

I don't raid Ann Landers' mail box and steal letters so I can beat people up. People write me for advice and they know the risk they're running. They can take it, otherwise they wouldn't write. And the moot point is that advice is just advice. In the dictionary it's an opinion about what could or should be done — it's just my opinion.

I don't think I'm right all the time. I always run responses from people who want to put in their own two cents. It demonstrates that everybody has opinions. We're all sex experts really, when it comes to our own sexuality. Who knows more about their own sexuality than that person? ▼

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Cinema

Pecker

John Waters' new film, *Pecker*, leads one to believe that being seen is some sort of sin. It concerns the precocious Pecker (Edward Furlong) who becomes a New York art world sensation by photographing the middle class squalor around his Baltimore home. But nasty fame and evil riches spin his life out of control: his sister is taken out of his parents' custody; his family's home is burglarized; and worst of all (or so we're made to believe since it appears as the nadir of all these tragedies), his best friend is reduced to stripping at a gay bar. See how horrible the commerce of art and celebrity really are!?

This is actually Waters' most shocking film in years because who would have ever thought he'd stoop to such juvenile nay saying? *Female Trouble* is one of cinema's most profound, deeply idiosyncratic takes on celebrity culture, and, all the way up to *Serial Mom*, Waters has handled mainstreaming with his own unique style of grace. But ever since I saw him pooh-poohing a young filmmaker hopeful on the *Ricki Lake Show* for not willing to work hard, I suspected that Waters might soon rest smugly on his trashy laurels. I just didn't think it would come this soon.

If *Hairspray* seemed a tad too simple-minded, the fact that Waters played the race card softened us up. Who besides a Neo-Nazi would argue against the racial equality story, particularly one set in the early 60's? But art is open to much more fluid interpretations, and Waters placing of all that is good in Baltimore's trash camp and all that is bad in Soho's ritzy one risks too much simple-mindedness. Diane Arbus is mentioned and Cindy Sherman appears in the film. Both have been snooty sensations. Are we to assume they belong in the bad camp? And given how arbitrarily Soho succumbs to Baltimore's trashy charms at film's end, are we to assume that Waters views middle-class life as inherently pure and utopian? As one who survived its hypocritical vagaries, I can attest that the suburban mentality is not a fool-proof antidote to cold materialism.

Pecker isn't a complete disaster. The first half is brilliant but when the laughs stop, the bullshit starts. And as someone who has *Pink Flamingos* firmly ensconced in his eternal top 10, I am sad to report that it's his worst film since, geez, *Mondo Trasho* almost 30 years ago.

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ACTIVITIES:

Friday, October 2

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys - Hoe-Down (Madison): This all takes place at 8 p.m. at the Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 North Sherman Ave. Smoke-free; bar; \$3 suggested donation. FMI: Richard or Ron @ 255-9131

Madison Gay Wrestling Club (Madison): This weekly group meets at 8 p.m. New members are welcomed. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Saturday, October 3

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys - MORE Hoe-down (Madison): Line dance lessons from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Starting at 3 pm partner dance lessons until 4:30 p.m. Open dancing from 8 p.m. to one a.m. It all happens at the Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 North Sherman Ave. Smoke-free; bar; \$3 suggested donation. FMI: Richard or Ron @ 255-9131

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

Gamma - FrontRunners - 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.

Gamma - Tennis (Milwaukee): Meet at 10 a.m. every Saturday and play tennis for enjoyment. There is tennis for players at all levels of ability. No records are kept. FMI call Brian at (414) 332-1527.

PrideFest Celebration (Illinois State University): The day will kick off with a leadership workshop and vendor fair at 10:00 am. Workshops on subjects ranging from advocacy to workplace issues will be conducted throughout the day as well as local entertainment. The evening's main event will be Jason Stuart, a nationally known gay comedian, and Sapphire, an all female jazz ensemble. FMI: 309-830-2521 or e-mail ACHR@outcafe.com.

Shake It Up! - Annual Canoe Trip (Madison): Float down the Kickapoo River and enjoy the fall color. Rent canoes at Mr. Duck's in Ontario, WI at about \$15 per canoe. This is not rough or even white-water rapids; there may be ripples. Reservations are needed. Call (608) 241-2500 ASAP for directions.

Windy City Gay Naturists - Swim (Chicago): The group will swim sans suits at Jane Addams Center Pool FMI call (312) 494-2654 or (847) 451-1138.

Tuesday, October 6

National Coming Out Day Celebration - Panel Discussion (Milwaukee): A panel discussion titled Inclusion, will be hosted by the Human Rights League in the upstairs banquet room of the M&M Club at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 228-1921 or at the new Community Center at (414) 483-4710.

Wednesday, October 7

National Coming Out Day Celebration - Workshop (Milwaukee): A workshop titled Owning You own Business in the Year 2005, will be hosted by the Human Rights League at the new LGBT Community Center from 6 to 8:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 228-1921 or at the new Community Center at (414) 483-4710.

Saturday, October 10

National Coming Out Day Celebration - 2nd Annual Coming Out Dance (Milwaukee): The dance will be held at the Ramada Inn (633 W. Michigan Ave.) from 8 p.m. to midnight. \$10 single, \$15 couple. FMI call (414) 228-1921 or at the new Community Center at (414) 483-4710.

Shake It Up! - Potluck Picnic (Devil's Lake, WI) Enjoy the fall color: hike, canoe, or just sit there and watch the clouds go by. Leave at 10 a.m. FMI (608) 241-2500.

Socialist Pot Luck (Madison): The group meets on the second Saturday of the month. Pot luck at 5:30 p.m. followed by Bertold Brecht Centennial - Live Performance at 6:30 p.m. Meet at the WilMar Neighborhood Center on Jenifer Street. FMI: Clarence at (608) 241-2829

Sunday, October 11

National Coming Out Day Celebration - Open House (Milwaukee): A sneak preview of A Home Of Our Own, the new LGBT Community Center, at 170 South 2nd Street will be held from noon to 3 p.m. FMI call (414) 228-1921 or at the new Community Center at (414) 483-4710.

Monday, October 12

National Coming Out Day Celebration - Public Officials Reception (Milwaukee): A reception will be held at the First Unitarian Church Community Room (1342 N. Astor St.) at 5:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 228-1921 or at the new Community Center at (414) 483-4710.

Wednesday, October 14

National Coming Out Day Celebration - Panel Discussion (Milwaukee): A panel discussion titled Let's Talk About SEX!! will be hosted by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 228-1921 or at the new Community Center at (414) 483-4710.

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 94 (Kenosha): 3-7 P.M. \$1.25 Bloody Marys, 50¢ Tappers. \$5.50 Beer Bust. 9 p.m. to close. Free Hot Dogs & Nachos served all day!

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): Karaoke with Duane of KC's Mobile Music from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. \$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.

Naples 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.

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): Beer Bust (top 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.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

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:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50. All other drinks are \$1 off from 4 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m.: All rail drinks 50¢ off. Domestic beers \$2, Shots of Hot Sex \$1.50.

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. on rails, domestic bottles of beer & taps of Miller Lite. All other drinks - \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close: All rail drinks & domestic bottles of beer .50¢ off. Pints of Miller Lite \$2, Shots of Hot Sex \$1.50

Club 94 (Kenosha): Closed.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1, 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. \$1.50 Bud bottle.

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

The Kloset (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 50¢ Pabst on tap.

LaCage (Milwaukee): Shake a Drink!

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): 2/4/1 drinks 5 to 7 p.m. Grill hours 4 to 10 p.m.

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

Naples 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.

Ray'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 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): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

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

Tuesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50. All other drinks are \$1 off from 4 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m.: Taps of Miller Lite \$2, Shots of Hot Sex \$1.50.

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. on rails, domestic bottles of beer & taps of Miller Lite. All other drinks - \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close: All tap beers (9 kinds to choose from) 75¢ off. Shots of Pucker or Hot Sex \$1.50.

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

Emerald City (Antioch, IL): \$2 well-drinks.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1 7 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 Kloset (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$1 shots (Liquor or Schnops) 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.

Naples 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.

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

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

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

The Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Free Poo. \$4 pitchers of domestic beer.

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Snack Night! Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50. All other drinks are \$1 off from 4 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m.: All rails 50¢ off. Cuervo drinks/shots \$1 off.

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. on rails, domestic bottles of beer & taps of Miller Lite. All other drinks - \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close: Pints of Miller Lite \$2. All rail drinks are 50¢ off.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Karaoke Night 9 p.m. to close. 2-4-1 rail drinks, 50¢ Tappers 7 to 11 p.m. \$2.50 pitchers all night.

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.

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

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

The Kloset (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.

Naples 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.

Ray'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.

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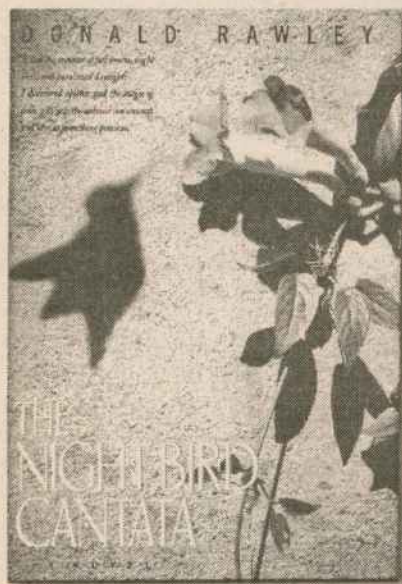
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The Nightbird Cantata
by Donald Rawley

Every so often I pick up a book to review, and I'm completely blown away by its contents. Such is the case with *Nightbird*. The story reminds me of something by Truman Capote, Carson McCullers or even James Purdy in its telling. The setting is right now in Phoenix. The main character is L.P. (Lindsay Paul) Fowler, the effeminate 10-year old son of a wealthy family. A blurb on the back of the book says, "Rawley's character, L.P., should go down in history as one of the all-time survivors." Indeed he should.

L.P.'s mother and grandmother are, each in their own ways, hideous monsters. Violet, the mother, is a self-involved nut-case. Georgia, the grandmother, on the other hand is a cruel, dictatorial bitch. Neither of these women seems aware of L.P.'s feelings of loss and his desire to just be "wanted."

His mother is more involved in snagging husband number two who, as she says, will be a male role model for her son. In truth, she has no use for the boy and wants to be rid of the embarrassing little "pansy." She and Georgia abandon L.P. to the care of Georgia's black maid, Betty, for the endless, hot Phoenix summer.

Betty constantly smokes Kools and drinks lots of Margaritas. In her younger days she was a well-known jazz singer. Later, she had taken care of a child in Hollywood. The child died, and Betty, distraught, left without knowing what happened. Now, at 65, she is determined that this will *not* happen again. She says she is "set that this child have a decent Christian summer. Do all the things little boys do. Climb trees. Get dirty. Run." And he does; by the end of summer he looks like a little hippie with his longish blond hair.

"Betty is the only adult in L.P.'s small universe who has a place in her heart for the troubled boy, offering him a friendship born of shared pain, and the dazzle and wonder of his childhood's end." L.P. goes

to South Phoenix — the other side of the tracks — to live with Betty and her husband, Frank, a mountain of a black man who works for a blacks-only mortuary.

Betty has a purple concrete-block bungalow filled with (cheap) oriental furniture and gee-gaws. In her bedroom she has a collection of fancy hats to wear to the Baptist Our Savior in the Lord Church — each hat has a list of when it was last worn so she will not be seen wearing it again too soon. The church itself — a former residence — is an oriental vision that the Baptists have repainted a turquoise so bright it hurts the eyes. It is embellished with Foo Dogs (from the original owner) and plaster statues of the Virgin and Child (from the new tenants). The gardens are full of stagnant pools, plastic flowers and cacti, all sizzling in the heat. L.P. finds it all magical and conjures up several movie stars.

One day after church, Betty takes L.P. bowling at the Desert Bowl Coffee Shop and Grill, where she bowls with the "Colored Ladies Bowling League" of South Phoenix." He rides through South Phoenix in Marcelline's Cadillac and has a fantasy about being in China with Marlene Dietrich — as his best friend. L.P. seriously thinks he's a girl because of the way he feels. He has no idea what these feelings mean and there is a rude sexual awakening with two of his black summer friends (Grover and Samuel), and Davis, an older boy (15) who is already well on his way to being out. Davis tempts the younger boys with booze and porn magazines in the basement rec room, while the ladies talk and have cool drinks upstairs.

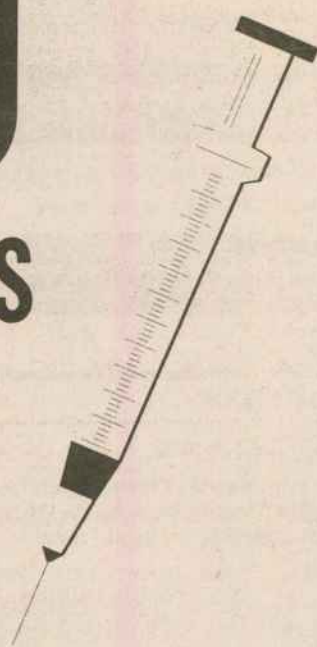
L.P. is sickly and while he is having one of his fevers at Betty's house he dreams a "fever-dream" — he has dragonfly's wings to fly with — he can fly over any obstacle. Later, after he has returned to his grandmothers apartment, he overhears Violet and Georgia talking about him. The culmination of this tale is something to read! You can almost feel the pain as he tries to call up the wings so he can fly away, but can't.

"Rawley says he wrote *The Nightbird Cantata* by drawing on his own childhood for inspiration, saying, 'Like L.P., I really did spend a summer under the wing of my grandmother's black maid. In the novel I paint my mother and grandmother as self-absorbed monsters and actually, between you, and sadly for me, these characterizations were pretty true to the mark.'"

He said it was difficult to write this book, or even to think about it. He knew that after the publication of this novel, some of the horrors would be put to rest. Donald Rawley never saw a finished copy of his novel published. He passed away on May 3, 1998. I hope those two women have read this book and possibly reflected on their cruelty. It may make them think a little. (Avon Books, ISBN: 0-380-97609-9, \$23 Hardcover).

—Ed Grover

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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): Dart Night Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

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

Thursdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50. All other drinks are \$1 off from 4 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m.: Jim Beam drinks 50¢ off. Ex & Ex Lite \$2. Shots of Doctor \$2.

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pain & Pleasure in the Pit. \$1.50 longnecks. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. on raitals, domestic bottles of beer & taps of Miller Lite. All other drinks - \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close: Jim Beam Drinks are 50¢ off. Ex & Ex Lite \$2. Shots of Doctor \$2.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Beer Bust 7 p.m. to close. HIV testing 8 to 10 p.m.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cocktail Hour 1/2 Price Drinks. Alternate Thursdays: Talent Night or Academy Awards Night. No cover.

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): \$1.75 MGD/L bottles. In-House \$100 Open Pool Tournament at 9:30 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.

Kirby's Klub (Madison): Every Thursday Night is 20's Night! Party to the hottest rock all night. \$1 rail, \$1 shots, 50¢ taps. Listen to our new DJs Todd & Shawn.

The Kloset (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. After 7 p.m. It's Ladies Night Out! \$3 pitchers, \$1.50 bottled beer and 75¢ taps.

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

Mama Roux (Milwaukee): 2/4/1 drinks 5 to 7 p.m. Special appetizers by Stan.

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.

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Tex-Mex \$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): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

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

Fridays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50. All other drinks are \$1 off from 4 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m.:

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 5/Planet Q (Madison) 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. on raitals, domestic bottles of beer & taps of Miller Lite. All other drinks - \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close:

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! DJ Bange

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).

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 Mid-night.

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

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

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 all mixed drinks.

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Is it love? Photo by Jamie @ M&M



The Real World... Milwaukee cast. Photo by Jamie @ M&M



Brunch Buddies. Photo by Jamie @ M&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): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off every drink for proper attire. (In the Barracks only at the Bartender's Discretion).

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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Badger Game Day. Free shots for Badger scores.

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, October 1

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

Friday, October 2

Cell Block - Fetish Night (Chicago, IL): Tonight: Bears! Each Friday Cell Block affords you the opportunity to explore some of your favorite fetishes. And, each week there is a drawing for a \$100 Male Hide Gift Certificate. Check your Monthly Planner.

Douglas Dunes Resort - Women's Weekend (Douglas, MI): The weekend runs through October 4th. Girl's Night Out in the Cabaret. They are located at 333 Blue Star Highway and they're open all winter. Potlucks start on Wednesday, 10/7. Burgers, Drinks & Hot Music. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Saturday, October 3

1100 Club - Castaways Club Night (Milwaukee): The Castaways of Milwaukee and the Rodeo Riders of Chicago will do a joint club night from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday, October 4

Club 5/Planet Q - Birthday Show (Madison): Miss Gay Capital City, Ginger Vitis Birthday Show with Ms. Caroline Klien Hosting. Showtime is at 10:30 p.m. at the Planet Q Video Dance Bar.



Great reading material! Photo by Jamie @ 1100 Club



My girdle is on backwards. Photo by Jamie @ 1100 Club

Friday, October 9

Cell Block - Fetish Night (Chicago, IL): Tonight: Boots & Cigars. Each Friday Cell Block affords you the opportunity to explore some of your favorite fetishes. And, each week there is a drawing for a \$100 Male Hide Gift Certificate. Check your Monthly Planner.

Douglas Dunes Resort - Gay Chicago Fall Fest (Douglas, MI): Join them for a WILD Columbus Day Weekend Party. Saturday Night: Sugar & Spice Boy Strippers. Sunday Night: Comedy Drag at 11 p.m. They are located at 333 Blue Star Highway and they're open all winter. Burgers, Drinks & Hot Music. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Sunday, October 11

M&M Club - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 12 noon until 3 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Wednesday, October 14

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

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES, CLUBS:

Thursday, October 1

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Shorewood): Robert Clark will read from his new mystery novel, Mr. White's Confession, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Friday, October 2

Borders Book Shop & Cafe - Storytelling for Adults (Madison): Susan Gilchrist performs The World on Fire, at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 232-2616.

Saturday, October 3

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield, Loehmann's Plaza): Rick Bragg will read from his memoir, All Over but the Shoutin', at 2 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

Afterwords Bookstore - Author Appearance (Milwaukee): Michael Craft, author of Eye Contact & Flight Dreams will read from his work at 7 p.m. FMI call 963-9089.

Monday October 5

Borders Book Shop & Cafe - Word Games (Madison): An evening of Word Games at 7 p.m. with Dove Friedman of Vanderly Games. FMI call (608) 232-2616.

Thursday, October 8

Borders Book Shop & Cafe - Reading (Madison): A reading of banned books by area actors at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 232-2616.

Friday, October 9

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (E. Webster Place): Sex columnist Dan Savage will talk about his new book, Savage Love, at 8 p.m. Adults only. FMI call (414) 331-1181.

Saturday, October 10

Borders Book Shop & Cafe - Author Appearance (Madison): Dan Savage reads from Savage Love: Straight Answers From America's Most Popular Sex Columnist, at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 232-2616.

Sunday, October 11

Borders Book Shop & Cafe - Memorial Reading (Madison): Madison's local Latino Writer's Group will honor the work of Mexican author Octavio Paz with a memorial reading at 2 p.m., followed by readings from their own writings. FMI call (608) 232-2616.

Tuesday, October 13

Borders Book Shop & Cafe - Author Appearance (Madison): Ed Garvey (Progressive Democrat Candidate for Governor of Wisconsin) will discuss and sign his book Bidding for Power: America's Democracy on the Auction Block, at 7 p.m. FMI call (608) 232-2616.

Wednesday, October 14

Afterwords Bookstore - Reading Group (Milwaukee): The group will be reading from, Desmond, by Ulysses G. Dietz at 7:30 p.m. FMI call 963-9089.

Borders Book Shop & Cafe - Fiction Group (Madison): The group will discuss Roddy Doyle's, Paddy Clarke, Ha Ha Ha, at 7 p.m. FMI call (608) 232-2616.

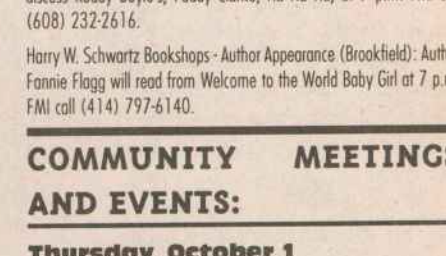
Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Brookfield): Author Fannie Flagg will read from Welcome to the World Baby Girl at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Thursday, October 1

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.

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Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay, WI): There are five open meetings for the gay and lesbian community each week in Appleton and Green Bay. FMI & Locations call (920) 336-2868 or (920) 954-9169.

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

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

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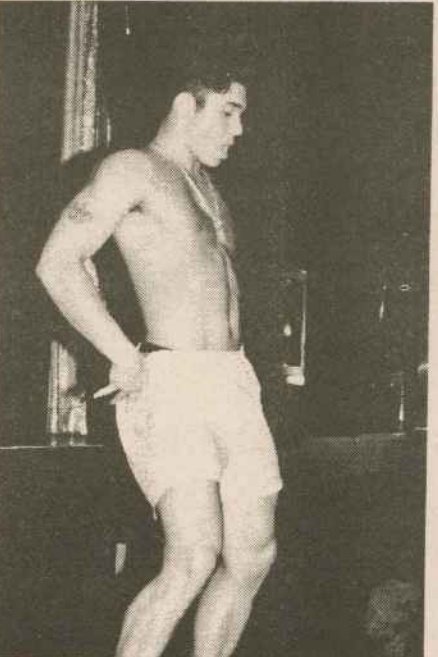
Third Thursdays - HIV Self-Help Group (Baraboo, WI): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo.



Glamour Puss! Photo by Jamie @ 219



Hello! Photo by Jamie @ 219



Take it off. Photo by Jamie @ 219

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 weekly from 7 to 8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

Friday, October 2

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 wheel chair accessible.

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

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. This is an opportunity for all men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

Saturday, October 3

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.

Bi Definition - Social/Topic Group (Milwaukee): The topic is Coming Out as Bisexual at 7 p.m. The group meets at the BESTD Clinic. FMI call -(414) 272-2144.

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 Capital 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.

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Sunday, October 4

Angels of Hope MCC - Religious Services (Allouez & Appleton, WI): Services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 3607 Libal St., Allouez, & at 5 p.m. at 815 N. Richmond St., Appleton. FMI call (920) 991-0128.

Bi Youth - Meeting Group (Milwaukee): The group meets at 7 p.m. at the BESTD Clinic. FMI call -9414) 272-2144.

Integrity/Dignity - LGBT Religious (Madison): It's Solidarity Sunday, an initiative to end verbal, physical gay bashing and other types of Hate Crimes. Wear your Rainbow Ribbon.

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

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

Rebuilding Faith - LGBT Catholics Monthly Discussion Group (Milwaukee)

See This group meets at Holy Trinity Guadalupe School (613 S. 14th St.) from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The special guest speaker is David Schimmel, author of Passion: Christian Spirituality from a Gay Perspective. FMI call (414) 481-8543.

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, October 5

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton, WI): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Coleman Hall at Lawrence University M

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Madison's Ten Percent Society's Coming Out Week 1998

Monday, October 5

GLSTN presents an evening with Kevin Jennings 6pm Mr. Jennings will read from his latest book at Room of One's Own Bookstore 8pm Mr. Jennings will introduce the film "Out of the Past," an award-winning look at the history of LGBT people in schools. Memorial Union Friedrich March Play Circle 9:45pm Mr. Jennings will introduce the film "Out of the Past," an award-winning look at the history of LGBT people in schools, for a second screening. Memorial Union Friedrich March Play Circle.

Tuesday, October 6

LGBT Campus Center presents a movie night. 7pm Showing "When Night Is Falling," a Canadian film about a Catholic professor who falls in love with a circus performer, discovering that marrying her long-term boyfriend isn't really what she wants. 406 W Gilman

Wednesday, October 7

OutReach presents the Madison premiere of the groundbreaking film, "Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss." 7pm. This nationally released film is the story of a man out on screen. Friedrich March Play Circle. Admission Fee.

Thursday, October 8

Madison Police present a Hate Crimes Prevention Work-

shop 7pm Officers from the Madison Police Department will explore the definitions of Hate Crime, some facts about its occurrence, and some ways that we as community members can help end Hate Crimes. Memorial Union, check Today in the Union for the location.

Friday, October 9

Ten Percent Society presents a Coming Out Picnic and Dance 12 noon, come enjoy lunch on Library Mall with other LGBT people and straight allies. Free to anyone in LGBT/Ally clothing/accessories. Rain Location: Great Hall, Memorial Union. 9pm, Ten Percent Society Dance with cash bar. Memorial Union, Great Hall. Admission Fee.

Saturday, October 10

Ten Percent Society and LGBT Campus Center present a Dyke Dance. 9pm Memorial Union, Tripp Commons. Open to all self-identifying females. Cash bar, admission fee.

Sunday, October 11

NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY P-FLAG and the LGBT Campus Center present a Coming Out Storytelling and Workshop 7pm Listen to allies and LGBT people talk about their experiences on either side of coming out. Share your experiences with others, or gain confidence to come out yourself. Memorial Union, check Today in the Union for the location.

Monday, October 12

OutReach presents an Open House 4pm Stop by and meet the new staff and enjoy refreshments. 14 W Mifflin.

Tuesday, October 13

Friends of the UW Libraries present Roger Streitmatter 4:30pm Roger Streitmatter will present, "Before Stonewall: A History of the Gay and Lesbian Press," an intellectual look at the history of LGBT publications. 9th floor, Memorial Library.

Wednesday, October 14

Hillel presents Scott Freid 7:30pm Mr. Freid will present "AIDS, Love, and Staying Alive," a lighthearted yet in-depth look at perceptions of AIDS and safe sex. Memorial Union, check Today in the Union for the location.

Thursday, October 15

Ten Percent Society presents Jean-Marie Salem 7:30pm Ms. Salem will perform an original performance art piece on her perceptions of life as an African-American lesbian in a white man's world. 2650 Humanities Building.



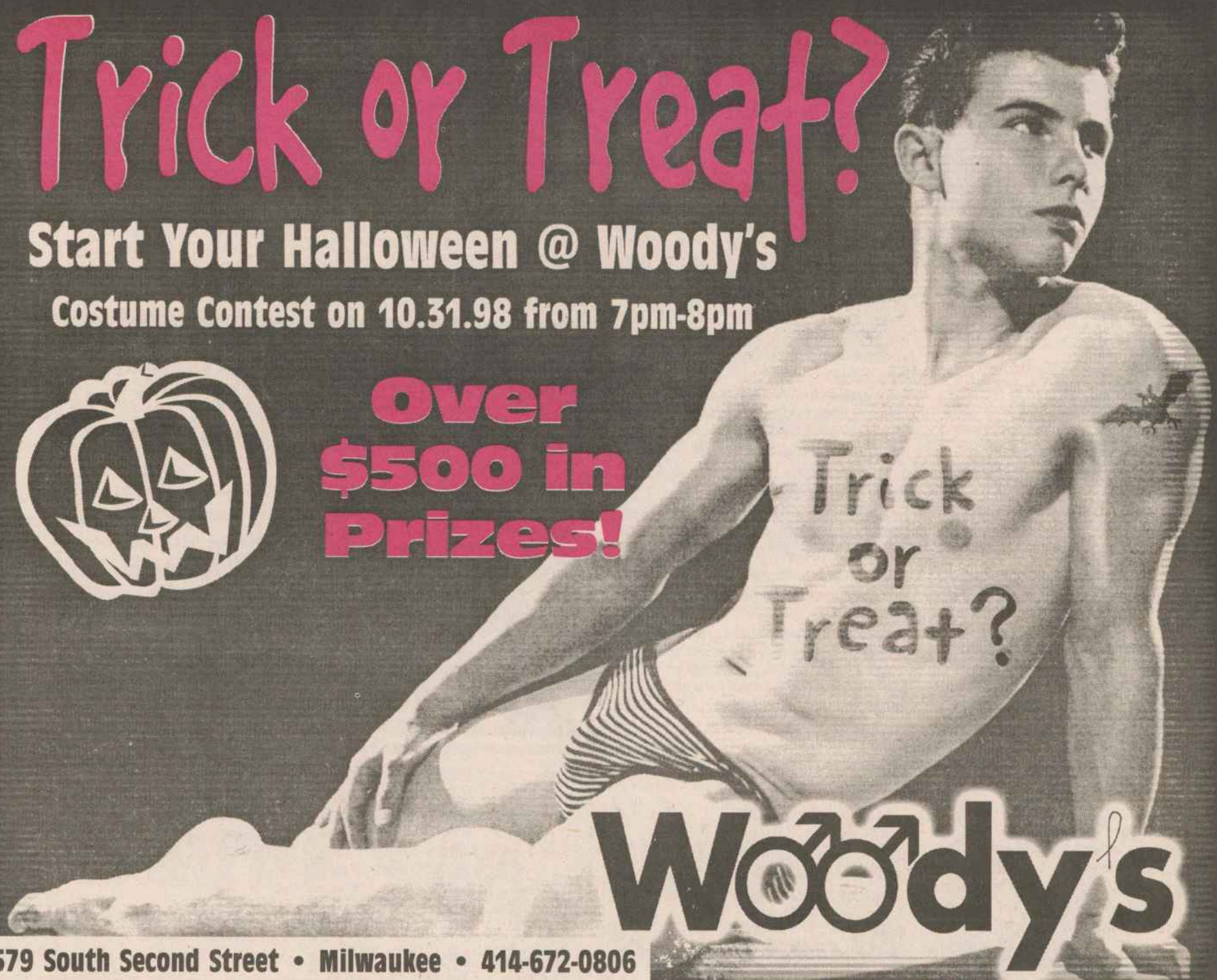
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KEEPIN' IN STEP

The Ten Commandments



by Jamie

Before you freak out no, I have not had a recent profound religious experience. No, there have not been people knocking at my door trying to convert me and no, my mother hasn't been preaching to me. I did however, see something on PBS about the Ten Commandments. To be honest, even after being raised, basically a Baptist, I have never really sat down and thought about the Ten Commandments. For the past few weeks I have been (or at least the ones I knew). Does this mean I'm gonna to preach to you? No, it's not my job to do that. These are just some of my thoughts on the subject.

I'm not sure exactly how the Ten Commandments came about. Yes, I do know what is written in the Bible regarding them but from what I read, only Moses knows *exactly* how they came to be. I guess it doesn't really matter to me where they came from. I just think that they really aren't a bad set of rules that can help me get through life being a decent person. Admittedly, I'm not sure how to apply some of the Commandments to my life.

Because there are so many different versions of the Bible there are as many different ways to say the commandments but still have the same meaning, so...

#1. Have no other God before me. Hmmm, this one is kinda tough for me. I'm not much of a believer in the pearly gates and St. Joseph and all of that. Yes, I do believe in some sort of supreme being or force. In any case, what "God" is asking

is for us to love and respect him. For me that means I will love and respect that "force."

#2. Do not bow down to any other God. I interpret that, as meaning there is a universal God-force, don't make up your own God and worship it. I guess had this commandment been followed, there wouldn't have been entire nations at war over whose God is real.

#3. Don't use my name in vain. I can live with that. This would go along with commandment #1. Had there not been some supreme force, how is life possible. Out of obligation and respect, I shouldn't bad-mouth that force that makes the sun come up every day.

#4. Keep the Sabbath holy. Hmmm. I guess I gotta skip this one. I'm not sure how to address this. This one I will need much more thought on. I guess if I had kids and a family I would understand more about that one.

#5. Honor your mom and dad. Wow, as you probably know, I have had to struggle with this one, but the more you think about it, it does make sense. It doesn't say agree with everything they say and believe in. It doesn't even say you have to love them. It says honor them. I can do that. After all, they gave me life. They supported me for 17 years; if my parents need something, I am obligated to help them out. And yes, even through the struggle with my parents, I still love them.

#6. Don't murder. On the surface, this one seems easy. Of course, you shouldn't murder someone. But think about the meaning of that. There is a difference between killing someone and murdering someone. If someone were trying to hurt Josh in a lethal way, I would absolutely kill

that person. There wouldn't be much thought to that question. We have the right (by that Supreme Being) to protect the ones we love.

#7. No adultery. This one is easy. Would you want someone to sleep with the one you love? Sorry, I'm not that liberal.

#8. Thou shalt not steal. Hey, you want something, buy it. Do I like it when people steal from me? Hell no. If you want something, work for it.

#9. Don't bear false witness. This commandment rings true. It takes more energy to lie than it does to tell the truth. Just think about it, you have to remember what you said. It's just easier telling the truth.

#10. No coveting. Ok, this one is hard. It's very easy to look at something that you want and know you can't have. After thinking about this one for awhile, I realized the meaning behind it. Coveting makes you not appreciate the things you already have. Sure we all want more but look at what we already have. Things could be worse.

All in all, whether you are religious or not, these are not a bad set of rules to guide you through life. Do I live by them? Let's just say I'm more aware of the commandments than ever before. Maybe they will make me a better person, and who doesn't want to strive for that?

Anyway, this year's **Wisconsin AIDS Walk** was a huge success! Right around 10,000 people put on their walking shoes and hit the streets to raise \$632,888 (not quite as much as last year) for the fight against AIDS. There were three ingredients that helped make it such a success. The first and foremost reason is that peo-

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STEPPIN' OUT!

Friday, October 2

Douglas Dunes Resort Women's Weekend runs through October 4th. Girl's Night Out in the Cabaret. They are located at 333 Blue Star Highway and they're open all winter. Potlucks start on Wednesday, 10/7. Burgers, Drinks & Hot Music. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Saturday, October 3

The Castaways of Milwaukee and the Rodeo Riders of Chicago will do a joint club night at the 1100 Club in Milwaukee from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday, October 4

Join Miss Gay Capitol City, Ginger Vitis for a Birthday Show with Ms. Caroline Klien hosting. Showtime is at 10:30 p.m. at the Planet Q Video Dance Bar in Madison.

Saturday, October 10

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Saturday, October 10

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Saturday, October 10

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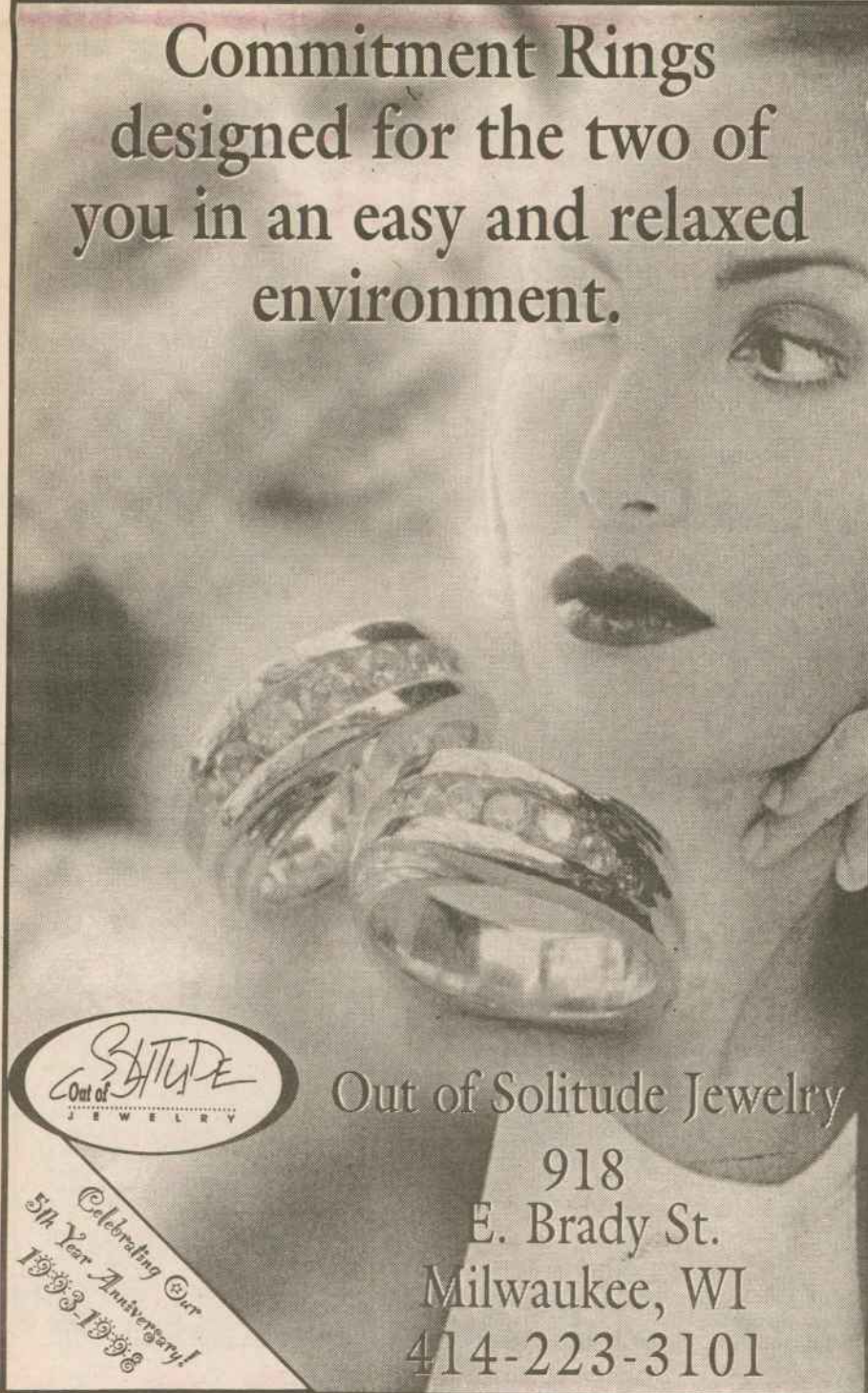
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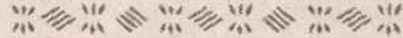
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MILWAUKEE STUD Attractive GWM, 20, 5'8", 150 lbs, blonde/blue, into festivals and the movies. Seeks attractive, straight-acting GW or HM, 18-28, for friendship, possible relationship. (Milwaukee) ☎15380

LET ME DO IT FOR YOU 21-year-old SGM, 5'9", 250 lbs, brown/blue, seeks SGM, 18-35, for friends and possibly more. (Madison) ☎15345

CALL FOR MORE 34-year-old Man, 140 lbs. Seeks dominant, submissive, hot Male, 18-21, for very hot, sexual times (Eau Claire) ☎15285

DRINK COFFEE? 20-year-old GM, 5'11", 155 lbs, blonde/blue, new to the area. Looking to meet some new people to go out and have some coffee. (Madison) ☎15180

JUST DO IT 23-year-old GWM, seeks other GWM, 18-35, to hang out with. (Racine) ☎14929

WANT A MAN TO DOMINATE AND CONTROL YOU? Dominant, aggressive, attractive GM, 5'11", 190 lbs, well endowed, fit. Seeks attractive, fit, trustworthy, submissive M, 18-30, with the right attitude for training. (Milwaukee) ☎14468

LETS GET KINKY Submissive, bottom M, 24, 5'10", 175 lbs. Seeks a dominant top M, in the area. (Milwaukee) ☎14260

TRAIN ME THE RIGHT WAY Virgin M, 30, 6", 250 lbs, seeking someone to have fun with and spend quality time with. (Milwaukee) ☎13990

HOT 3-WAY FUN Very attractive, discreet GW Couple, 37, 5'9", 140 lbs, 25, 6", 165 lbs, blonde/blue. Seeking hot, smooth, fit, submissive, GWM, for hot 3 way fun. (Milwaukee) ☎14168

LOVES THE NIGHT LIFE Fun GWM, 31, enjoys going out at night. Seeking younger GWM, under 24. (Green Bay) ☎13421

NEW TO THE AREA Responsible, fun-loving M, 43, enjoys biking, camping, movies and the beach. Seeking G or Bi M, with the same interests. (Stevens Point) ☎14007

ARE YOU THE SAME? Hope you have a strong boot and foot fetish like I do. (Milwaukee) ☎13746

GIVE ME A COMMAND Submissive WM, 23, into light bondage, likes to serve M. Seeking a very dominant M, 21-25, in the area. (Duluth) ☎13392

I NEED YOU NOW GM seeks hot, dominant Black or White Guy, 18-20, it doesn't matter. (Eau Claire) ☎13578

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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

NEED TO KNOW Attractive, slim, young Guy looking for friendship and more with people who are 20 years old and older. You must be outgoing and ready to have fun. (Madison) ☎11661

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

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

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

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ORAL SERVICE Good looking Pro Latin M, 36, 5'8", 150, slender, fit, is looking to get together with M who are lean, tall, 18-38 and who enjoy being orally serviced. (Madison) ☎10112

WELL BUILT, NICE looking, BM, 5'7", 180, bottom M is looking for a hard B or Latin M who is well hung. (Milwaukee) ☎10038

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I WANT TO HANG OUT I'm new to the area and I want to find someone to hang out with and do things together. (Racine) ☎1304

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

MEET YOU THERE I'm looking for extremely hairy Men who want to have some fun out there. I like Men who are 35-60 years old, average looking, clean shaven and balding. I'm a handsome, 38 year old, bearded, 6'0", 185 lbs Man with a goatee and a hairy body. I am into sports for the butch side of me, so who knows, maybe we can hit it off, so give me a try. I want to meet Men in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. (Madison) ☎19914

SO MANY THINGS TO LIKE I like sports, people who are clean shaven and also Guys who are bottoms. If you fit the bill, please give me a call, I'd like to get to know you. (Madison) ☎18429

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

LET'S WORK OUT Hi Guys. I need an exercise partner who is around 180 lbs and in good shape. I like judo and wrestling, so if you want a really hot work-out, call me. (Milwaukee) ☎15592

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

STICKY - STICKY This Gay White, 46 year old, 5'7", 145 lbs, in-shape Male is looking for other White Gay Men who are into nipples and jacking off. (Milwaukee) ☎17692

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

I WANT TO STRIP FOR YOU I want you to be my French mate. I am a 30 year old submissive Single White Male. I want you to tell me what to do, humiliate me and do what ever you want me to do for or to you. (Milwaukee) ☎17484

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ILLINOIS

SHOW ME EVERYTHING 20-year-old Gay Male, 155 lbs, seeks some cute, respectful hunks to show me around the area. (Great Lakes) ☎15115

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DANCE

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Jigsaw Pieces is the second album from The Timewriter, pseudonym for one Jean F. Cochois. It's a lush musical travelogue (which is even the title of the opening track) with faint Hawaiian this over here and even fainter Chinese that over there and titles like "Tender Wind on a Summernight." It's an underground house music version of Roxy Music's Avalon, if you will. But no one is gonna make out to this album. There's no Bryan Ferry to parade around in a smoking jacket to its sweeping grandeur. 10,000 Maniacs will not cover.

Call it atmospheric house. Or even trance. It certainly has those moony synth-sighs up top that are a trance cliché. But the beats here are not the bouncy Eurodisco kind or even the squiggly acid house bass and drum twists; they're your garden-variety house music 4/4, somewhat raw, kinda funky. That makes it easy to dance to this meticulously produced, echoey environment which feels odd.

A sonic pattern introduces most of the tracks. You groove on it, get locked in but then the beat kicks in at an odd juncture creating a mildly itchy polyrhythm. Nothing in this world can be taken for granted, can be followed to its comfortable conclusion.

Now and then, a diva voice will brim on the surface subtly and then disappear like a tiny bubble of saliva on an infant's tongue. Usually, the words are inaudible. Perhaps once they meant "love" or "heart" or "flowers" but now they're just a melancholy memory of diva euphoria. It's the music at some post-apocalyptic club where such euphoria is not just inappropriate; it just plain doesn't make sense anymore.

Jigsaw Pieces is classic late 90's dance

music — a gorgeous stress-reducer with stress built in. But in order for it to signify, you have to listen closely. When you listen too closely to James Brown's Original Funky Divas (Polydor), a fascinating, brand new collection of songs from Brown's mostly forgotten female protégés from the sixties and seventies, the meaning slips away. Everything is available to you on the surface. Even the titles answer questions before they're even asked: Marva Whitney's "You Got To Have A Job (If You Don't Work, You Don't Eat);" Lyn Collins' "Rock Me Again & Again & Again & Again & Again & Again (6 Times)." In fact, the surface is so bountiful that Rob Base plucked his immortal "It Takes Two" sample fresh from Collins' "Think (About It)" and the Sex Kraz'd Superstars had a huge Chicago hit with a reconstruction of Whitney's "Unwind Yourself."

From Anna King's "Make Up Your Mind" to The Jewels' "This Is My Story," these straightforward declarations are all the subtlety these women need which is none at all. They're saying it loud — they're black, they're women, and they're proud. And JB's super bad rhythms are all they need to move their constituency.

And there you have it — two completely different dance albums. And all this time you've only been dancing to "Ray of Light."

—Kevin John

Keepin' In Step, continued from page 29

ple care. People would have still showed up even if it hadn't been a great day to walk which is reason number 2. The weather was perfect. Temperatures were right around 80 degrees with partly cloudy skies. The 3rd reason was our Honorary Chair, **Chastity Bono**.

The day started with the AIDS Walk Breakfast held over at the Italian Community Center at 9 a.m. After listening to various community leaders, enjoying a great breakfast, people headed over to the festival grounds for preregistration. Plenty of entertainment was on hand to entertain people as they waited to walk.

It's difficult to get decent photographs if I actually participate in the walk so once again, this year I drove the walk route. It was cool watching thousands of people enjoying a great day and walking for a desperately needed cause.

After the walk many people hung around the festival grounds to grab a bite to eat, enjoy more music and of course watch the closing ceremonies. **Robert Parish** was named the top walker of the day after he raised over \$11,000. Hats off to everyone that participated in this year's walk. Lets get those numbers up for next year.

Mama Roux celebrated its new "Make-Over" with three days of fun. On Friday Mama had a Tequila Rose Party, Saturday saw everyone drinking Barcadi Limon Crantinis and Sunday was the Hot Sex Party. From what I hear, everyone had a great time. Congrats to Mama, Jeff and the crew!

1100 Club threw a pre-walk fundraiser the day before the AIDS Walk. Let me tell you, this show hit both ends of the spectrum. Some of the performers had you laughing so hard if you weren't careful, you could have peed your pants. Others got standing ovations. Nearly \$500 was raised, way to go!

South Park Wednesdays at Triangle is the place to watch the hilarious South Park. Melrose Mondays stills draws the crowd that wants to know what Amanda and her friends are up to.

Our friend **Carmen** went to **Dish** and told me. The place was packed with lots of great lookin' women. Of course, non of them were as sexy as her date.

Josh and I brought **Scott**, a friend from work down to **219** for the Wednesday night strippers. From the looks of it, Scotty had no trouble warming up to one especially yummy stripper. Hey Scotty! Did you get a phone number?

Bob at **M&M** has been trying the weekend entertainment thing lately and it looks as though it is really taking off. This past Friday, he had the musical talents of **Amy and Freddy** from Chicago. **Singsational** gave the crowd a chance to work it on Saturday night and to close out the weekend was **Joey Cross**.

I finally made it to the **Ballgame** for the **Packers**. **Rick** was there to make sure everyone got a free drink or shot for every touchdown. I think the Packers won by two baskets or homeruns, but don't quote me.

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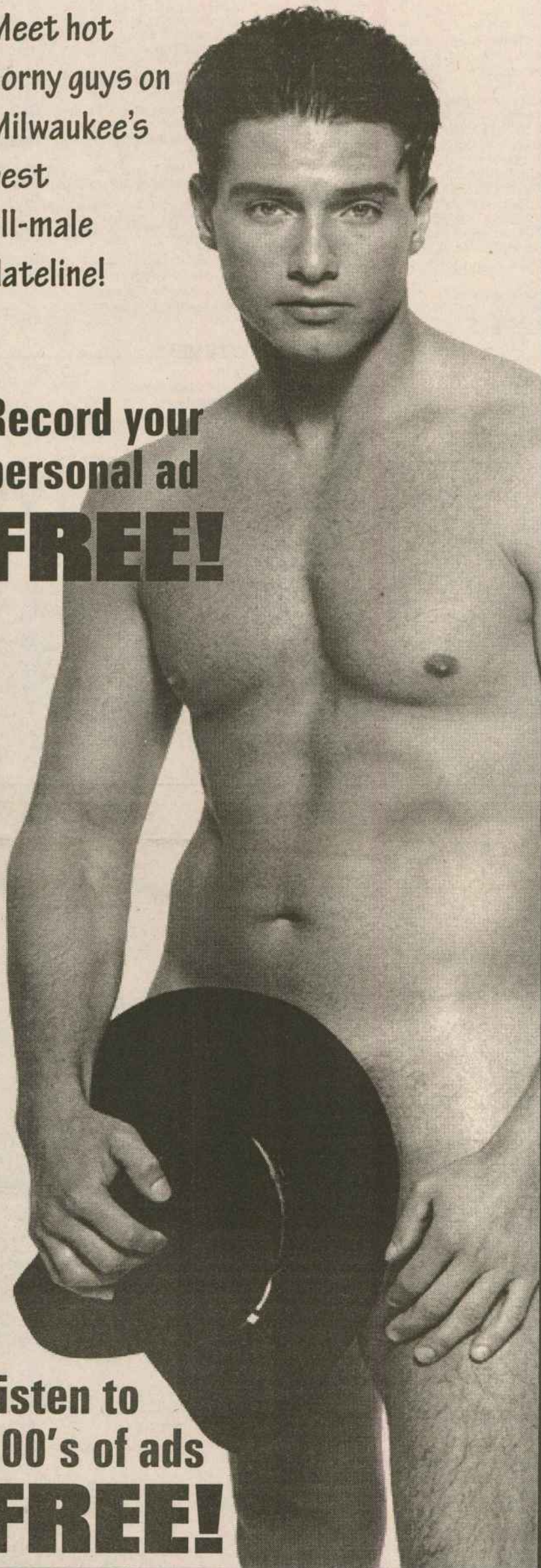
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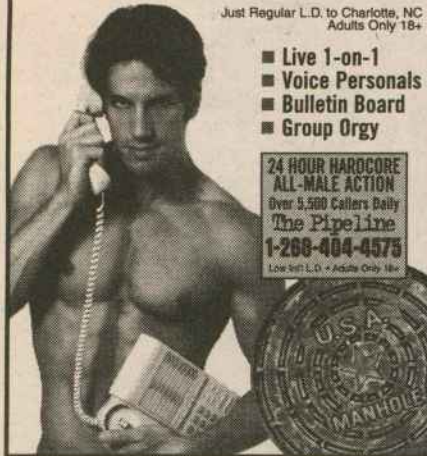
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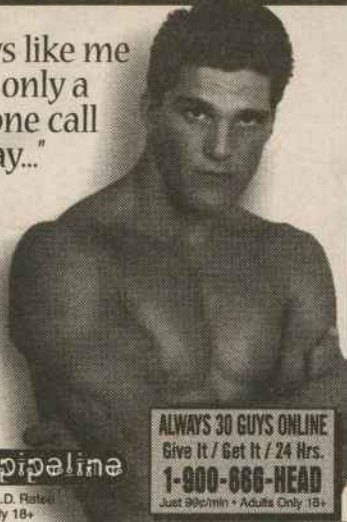
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Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	387-5442
The Edgewater - Inn & Resort	
Eagle River, 54521	1-888-334-3987

http://www.edgeinn.com	
Empowerment/PAWS (Newsletter for PWAs)	
1932 Strongs Ave	
Stevens Point, 54481	342-0576
G&L Society/Wausau	848-0608
UWSP 10% Society	
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	
UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481	346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)	
PO Box 152, Wausau, 54402	848-0343
Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)	
320 Washington, Wausau 54401	842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education	
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Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLGO)	
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701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481	341-8862
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203 W 5th, Shawano 54166	526-2805
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336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481	346-4851

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P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501	
Gay/Lesbian Support Group	
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806	
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PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bi's	359-7432
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6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140	857-3744
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900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141	595-2244
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11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563	868-6646
Cathren House (B&B)	
Mineral Point	987-2612
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W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551	648-8457
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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire	
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(800) 750-2437	
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LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays	782-6082
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Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF)	(202) 628-4160
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF)	(202) 332-6483
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	(800) 442-9735
Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406	
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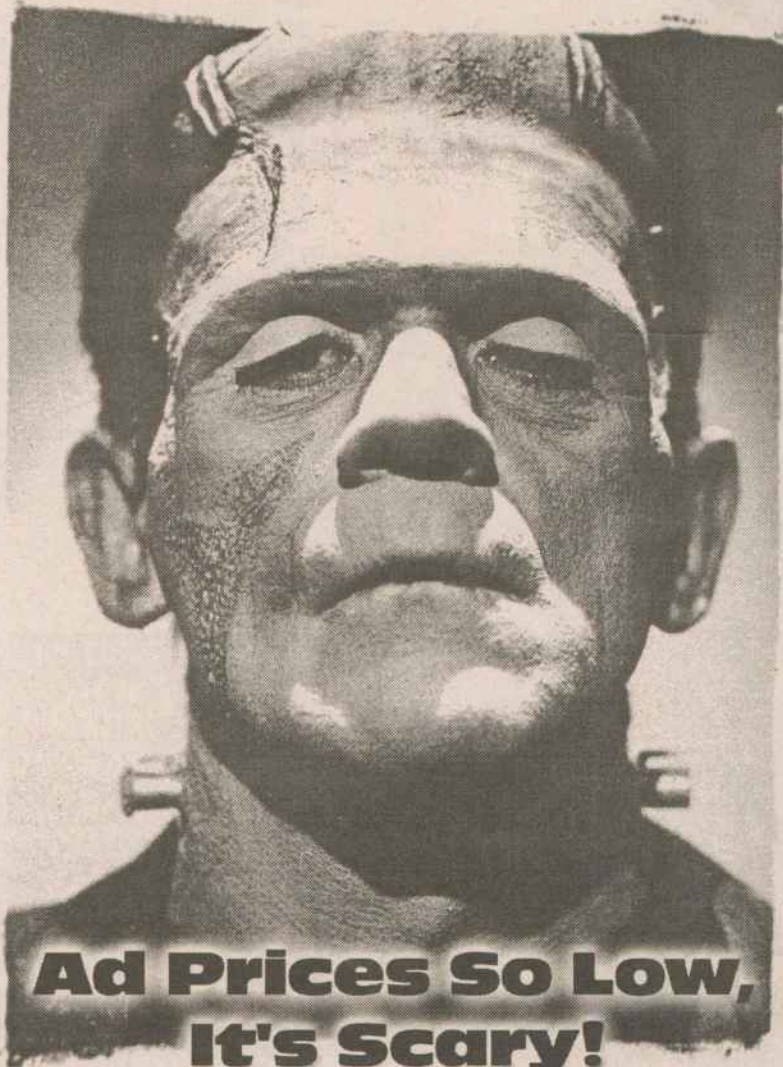
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