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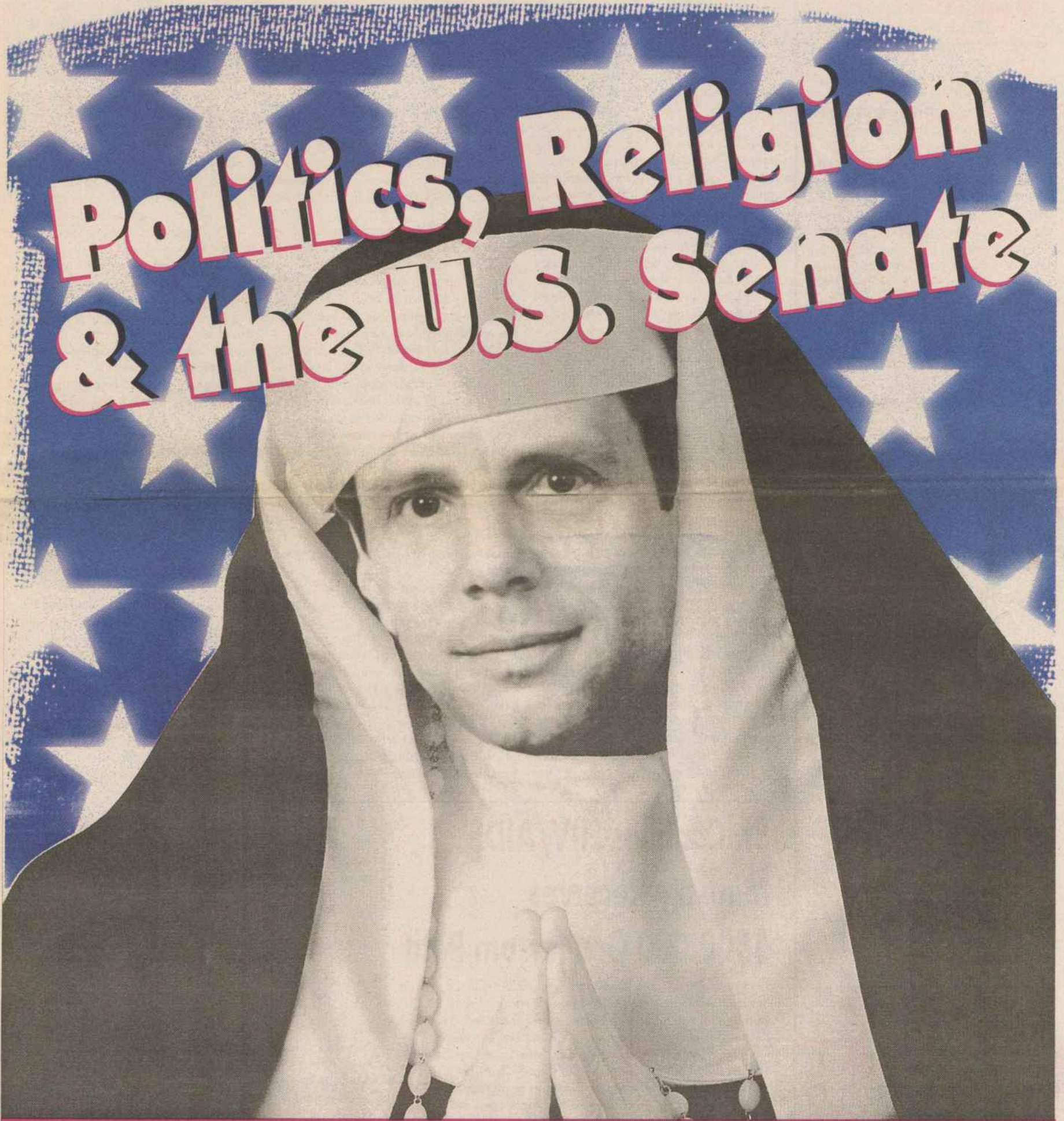
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New Drugs Keeping AIDS Deaths Down

by Laura Meckler

Washington (AP) — New drugs helped reduce the number of AIDS deaths by 47 percent last year, dropping the disease from the 10 leading causes of death.

AIDS is now the 14th leading cause of death in the United States, with 5.9 deaths for every 100,000 Americans — the lowest rate since 1987, when mortality data were first available for the disease, the government reported today.

The 1997 rate is less than half what it was in 1992 and nearly one-third of the rate in 1995, the peak year.

HHS Secretary Donna Shalala said the decline in AIDS deaths was due primarily to the highly effective new combination protease inhibitors. "These figures mean that new treatments have been very effective in extending the lives who already have HIV infection — but they do not mean that we have significantly reduced HIV transmission," Shalala said in a statement.

"Our ultimate goal is to prevent the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections that occur each year."

The government data suggest that while AIDS death rates have dropped drastically, there has been no similar decline in the number of new HIV infections, meaning the number of people living with HIV and AIDS is still on the rise.

PrideFest Lands August Dates for 1999

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee World Festivals Board of Directors approved PrideFest's recent request for August dates in 1999. The festival will run August 6, 7 and 8, the first weekend of the month.

"We can't be any happier with our '99 dates," said Co-Director, Susan Cook. "When we planned an August festival for 1998, we were a little concerned that people would forget about our event when everyone else in the Midwest was doing June festivals. The overall response from the community has been 'Keep it in August!'"

PrideFest is working around other events traditionally held during the month of August, including the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival and Halsted Days in Chicago and will not be conflict with any other city's Pride celebration, according to Cook.

Members of the community are encouraged to submit ideas for the 1999 slogan. Each year, the PrideFest Council selects a theme slogan that is used to promote the festival through advertising and merchandise. The person who suggests the winning slogan will serve as an honorary Parade Marshall during the 1999 parade. The 1998 slogan, "Many Worlds, One Community" was selected from a list of over 90 entries.

Entries must be received no later than Thursday, Nov. 5 and should include the author's name and phone number. Entries can be faxed to 414-272-3391, e-mailed to pridemilw@aol.com, or mailed to PO Box 511763, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

Student Dies After Brutal Attack in Wyoming

Politicians, Activists Urging Tougher Hate Crime Laws Following Vicious Beating

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step Staff

Laramie, Wyo. — Four people have been arraigned on charges connected with the savage Oct. 7 beating of a gay student from the University of Wyoming that left the 21-year-old victim, Matthew Shepard, dead after a five-day struggle by doctors to save his life.

Wyoming officials have charged Russell A. Henderson, 21, and Aaron J. McKinney, 22, with felony counts of kidnapping, aggravating robbery and attempted murder in connection with the attack.

Two young women described as girlfriends of Henderson and McKinney — Chastity Pasley, 20, and Kristen L. Price, 18 — were also charged with being accessories after the fact in the attempted murder case.

Police in Wyoming said that if Shepard died, the charges would be changed to first degree murder.

Police say Henderson and McKinney met Shepard in a local collegiate bar and learned he was gay, apparently by tell him they were homosexual. The two men then took Shepard to an isolated area outside Laramie where he was tied to a fence and was burned, beaten with a pistol "while he begged for his life," and then left to die.

Authorities say the two attackers took Shepard's wallet, cash and credit cards and planned to burglarize his home later.

The two young women charged in the case were told by the youths to provide them with alibis to avoid any possible charges in the attack, according to local law enforcement officials.

Police said they found a credit card belonging to Shepard in a pick-up truck belonging to the father of one of the accused attackers, along with a blood-covered .357 magnum gun they believe was used to beat Shepard. Shepard's wallet was also found hidden in the home of the suspect, Aaron McKinney.

Two bicyclists found Shepard tied to a fence on a rural road on the evening of Oct.

7. He was bleeding and unconscious and authorities said the young man had been left hanging "like a scarecrow" on the fence for at least 18 hours before he was found.

He was taken to a local hospital for emergency treatment and later transferred to a hospital in Fort Collins, Colo., where he remained in critical condition on life-support without regaining consciousness before he died. Hospital officials said Shepard's skull was crushed in the attack and that they did not expect him to survive the massive injuries.

Police have called the attack a "hate crime" but said it could not be prosecuted as a hate crime because the state's anti-bias laws do not include sexual orientation.

But Kristen Price, McKinney's girlfriend and the mother of his infant child, denied the two suspects intended to kill Shepard, saying they only wanted to rob him to "get back" at him for embarrassing McKinney by flirting with him at the campus bar.

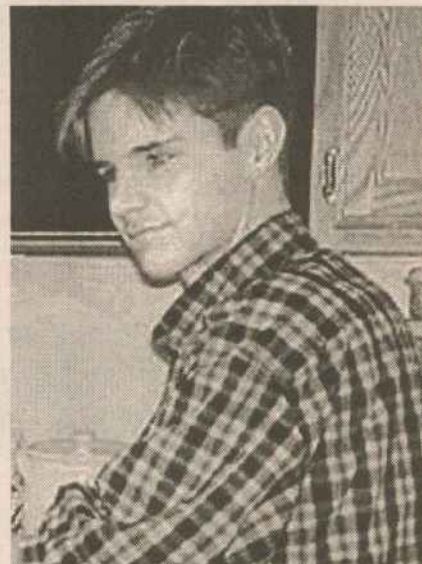
Price, who has been charged as an accessory for lying to police to provide McKinney with an alibi, has been released from jail because she was the first of the two young women to tell authorities the truth about the fake alibis and because she has an infant child to care for.

McKinney's father, Bill, also defended his son, saying the story of the attack had "been blown out of proportion" by the news media. "Had this been a heterosexual these two boys decided to take out and rob," he said in an interview in the *Denver Post*, "this never would have made the national news. Now my son is guilty before he's even had a trial."

Henderson and McKinney both could face life in prison or the death penalty for the killing, 20 years to life in prison for kidnapping and five to 25 years for aggravated robbery.

The viciousness of the attack, at the start of homecoming week just as gay and lesbian students at the University of Wyoming were preparing to mark National Coming Out Day, made national news around the country and even prompted the White House to issue a press statement from President Clinton.

Clinton called it a "terrible act of violence" that did not reflect the real values of America and said "it strikes at the very heart of what it means to be an American



Matthew Shepard

and at the values that define us as a nation." Clinton said, "We must all reaffirm that we will not tolerate this."

Clinton also said the Justice Department was monitoring the case and would offer any legal assistance needed by authorities in Wyoming working on it. He added that attacks such as this showed the need for Congress to pass his proposed Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which would include sexual orientation for the first time in U.S. history.

Dennis and Judy Shepard, the victim's parents, flew from their home in Saudi Arabia where the elder Shepard is an oil rig safety inspector. They were at his bedside when he died, hospital officials said.

"There is a climate right now of intolerance that we believe is being fostered by religious political organizations such as the Family Research Council, Focus on the Family and the Christian Coalition," said Kim Mills of the Human Rights Campaign.

"The tobacco corporations don't support the cancer their products cause. And the religious right doesn't support the violence their politics of hate encourages," said Madison's Mark Pocan, who is running to succeed Tammy Baldwin in the Wisconsin Legislature.

Pocan was beaten unconscious with blunt objects and hospitalized 10 years ago after an attack initiated because he was gay. Pocan said the experience spurred him to political action.

St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry Receives \$500,000 Grant from Petit

Milwaukee — Camillian Father Stephen E. Braddock, founder of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, got word today that his organization will receive one of the largest private gifts ever made to provide direct care to persons with AIDS in Wisconsin.

The \$500,000 gift was granted by Milwaukee philanthropist Jane Bradley Petit for completion of the new Sensitive Care Unit constructed by the Order of St. Camillus to provide state-of-the-art restorative care and end-of-life care for persons with AIDS.

Calling his benefactor "an absolute angel," Father Braddock said the Petit gift came at a time when funding for HIV/AIDS programs was "generally declining because of a false impression that the worst is behind us."

In addition to spiritual care, St. Camillus operates two facilities which provide persons living with HIV disease a supportive community environment within which to cope physically and emotionally with the complications of the illness. "There are currently 23 men and women in our residential program. ... We are always full with a waiting list," Braddock said.

Other major donors to the St. Camillus Sensitive Care Unit, the first of its kind in Wisconsin, include the Archdiocese of

Milwaukee Supporting Fund, the Bradley Foundation, the Stackner Family Foundation, and the St. Anthony Foundation. Numerous Catholic parishes have contributed "significant" dollars, according to Braddock.

The St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry was founded by Father Braddock to meet the growing physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of persons affected by HIV/AIDS in southeastern Wisconsin. Camillian priests and brothers take a vow of service to the sick and dying, even at risk to their own lives. The Order of St. Camillus spans five continents and 32 countries with a special focus on the AIDS epidemic.

Father Braddock also praised the efforts of Sandy Bando, wife of Milwaukee Brewers General Manager Sal Bando. "Sandy has played a key leadership role in the advancement of our mission. I will be eternally grateful for the support and friendship of Sandy and Sal."

St. Camillus also has the backing of Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland. Of St. Camillus, Weakland has said: "I can attest to the exclusive care they (St. Camillus) are providing to those living with HIV and AIDS and I acknowledge and endorse the great need for this Ministry for those suffering in our midst." Through a spokesman, Weakland commented, "I am delighted to hear about the news of Mrs. Petit's very generous gift. ... We are most pleased to partner in support of this vital work."

Speaking by telephone with Father Braddock from her Milwaukee home Tuesday afternoon, Petit expressed "deep joy and happiness for being able to help the Camillians with such a holy and needed ministry."

OUT Front:
Sister Mark Neumann

Wisconsin High School Bans Gay Books

Barron, Wis. (AP) — A group dedicated to preserving individual rights wants the school district to reconsider a decision to ban four books on homosexual or counterculture topics from a high school library.

"We are troubled by the district's apparent anti-gay and sectarian motivation in removing these books," said Christopher Ahmuty, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin.

Ahmuty urged the school district to reconsider the decision to remove the four books.

Barron School Superintendent Vita Sherry ordered two books, "Baby Be-Bop" by Francesca Lia Block and "When Someone You Know Is Gay" by Susan and Daniel Cohen, banned from the shelves at Barron High School.

The school board voted 7-2 last month to remove two other books that Sherry recommended should stay, "Two Teen-agers in Twenty" by Ann Heron and "The Drowning of Stephan Jones" by Betty Greene.

Three deal with gay themes and the fourth describes many counterculture practices in Los Angeles, Sherry said.

The decision to remove the books was made after Karen Williams of Barron filled out complaints objecting to them.

Mrs. Williams, 46, said she was mostly opposed to the "vulgarity" used in the books, which she said also had heterosexual themes. "This is not a gay and lesbian issue."

Mrs. Williams, who no longer has children in high school, said she has also filed complaints asking that three more books be removed.

In her review of the four books already banned, Sherry said she found one chapter in Cohen's book "most disturbing" because it attempted to use biblical verses to defend homosexuality while at the

same time saying the Judeo-Christian tradition is that homosexuality is a sin.

Such "double speak" would lead gay or lesbian students to think they are free to interpret the biblical references in any way they wish, Sherry said.

"This viewpoint does a disservice to Barron's religious community and I cannot support it," she said.

AIDS Network Legal Services Receives \$25,000 Grant

Madison — The Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation has awarded AIDS Network Legal Services \$25,000 to implement its "Return to Work" initiative in 1999. The statewide initiative is designed to help Wisconsin residents living with HIV and AIDS who, due to better medications and early diagnosis, seek to return to the workplace.

This grant will underwrite the publication of materials that will help employers, lawyers, and people living with HIV and AIDS throughout the state to address legal issues associated with AIDS and the workplace. Currently, 10,000 people have been diagnosed with HIV or AIDS in Wisconsin.

Based in Madison, AIDS Network Legal Services provides legal services to people living with AIDS/HIV in South-Central Wisconsin, and educates legal professionals and the public at-large about AIDS law.

"The aim of the project is to focus our attention on the changing legal needs of thousands of Wisconsin residents living with AIDS or HIV," said AIDS Network attorney Ilan Chorowsky. "With earlier diagnosis and better medical treatments, more people with HIV/AIDS are returning to the workplace. As a result, we are seeing a significant increase in employment discrimination cases, illegal disclosure of HIV status in the workplace, and a host of other related legal issues."

News Wire

Quick HIV Tests May Be Ready Within a Year

Milwaukee — According to a report in the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, federal health officials say new HIV tests that could determine if someone is infected with HIV in less than 10 minutes should be available within a year.

Bernard Branson, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's HIV/AIDS prevention division, discussed the new test at Wisconsin's annual HIV/AIDS conference and said the tests should cost less than \$5 and takes about two minutes to show results.

Branson said the tests are fairly accurate in HIV-negative results, but less reliable in reporting HIV-positive results, meaning a positive result should be confirmed by a second, more reliable, test method.

Anti-Gay Attacks in Chicago District Bring Police 'Alert'

Chicago — Chicago police have issued a "community alert" in the wake of a third anti-gay attack in the city in the past month.

Police said a 30-year-old man from Hobart, Ind., was kicked and beaten in the city's predominately gay North Side district on Sept. 27 by two men and two women who attacked him after asking if he was gay.

Three Chicago-area men were attacked by two men in the same area on Sept. 19 and the next day another man was attacked by a group of men who also asked him if he was gay.

Police said they have made no arrests in any of the attacks and asked for help from people in the area to identify the attackers. In the meantime, police said gays and lesbians in the area need to be especially alert and cautious in light of the string of recent attacks.

Mass. Gay Political Group Won't Endorse Gay Candidate

Boston — The Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance of Massachusetts has rejected endorsing a second openly gay candidate, turning thumbs down on endorsing Mike Duffy.

The alliance, the largest gay political organization in the state, earlier this year refused to endorse lesbian Susan Tracy in her primary election bid for a congressional race and instead endorsed a non-gay candidate.

Now the alliance has nixed endorsing Duffy as well, although it had earlier endorsed a non-gay opponent.

According to the *Boston Globe*, the political group refused to endorse Duffy because he is a Republican and because he supports the death penalty in certain criminal cases.

AIDS Slowing African Population Growth

New York — A United Nations report due out in late October will indicate, officials say, an "unbelievable" impact of the AIDS epidemic on the population of several African nations.

Demographers who have worked on the report have told reporters that the epidemic has reached such proportions in several African countries that they will, for the first time since data has been collected, reach zero population growth within the next few years.

Other factors — such as food shortages, political unrest, and drought — have contributed to the declining population growth, UN experts are saying. But the epidemic has hit some African nations so hard it is the overriding limitation on population growth in several.

Zimbabwe, for example, reportedly has a 25 percent HIV infection rate, along with Botswana. Namibia has a 20 percent rate, Zambia has a 19 percent rate, and Swaziland an infection rate of 18.5 percent. Several other African nations also have infection rates of more than 10 percent as well.

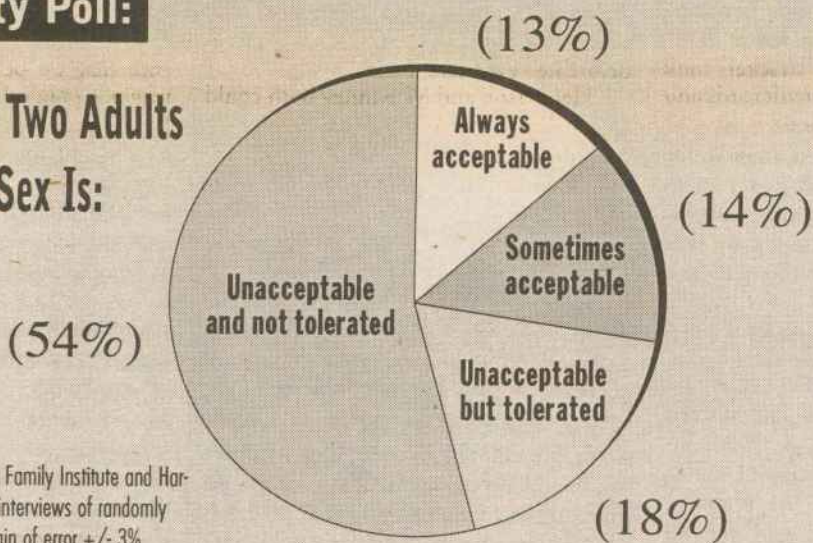
Steady Increases in STDs Reported in S.F.

San Francisco — Health clinics in San Francisco say they have detected a continuing increase in gonorrhea and other sexually transmitted disease rates among gay men.

The increase, after years of declining rates, is disturbing health officials say because it may indicate parallel increases in HIV infections in the next few years.

New Morality Poll:

Sex Between Two Adults of the Same Sex Is:



Source: Washington Post, Kaiser Family Institute and Harvard University using telephone interviews of randomly selected adults nationwide. Margin of error +/- 3%

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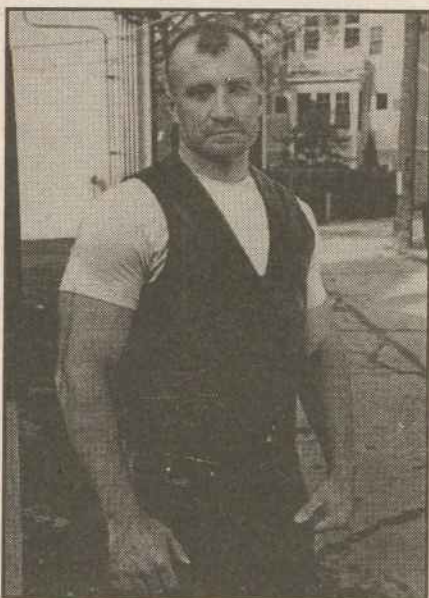
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Sex & Sensibility



Why are some men losing the latex?

Story by Eddie James, Special to IN Step
Photo by Jorge Cabal

John Travolta, Studio 54, disco balls, bell-bottoms — everywhere you look, the signs are painfully clear that the '70s are back. And among gay men, a small but growing number are not just embracing the pop cultural kitsch of the polyester era, they are also adopting its pre-AIDS, anything-goes mentality when it comes to sex.

Every day, via e-mail and Web site message boards, "cum parties" — private gatherings designed for hooking up with men looking for sex without condoms — are announced in cities all over the globe. The fact that such parties exist in an age where the AIDS epidemic is still a deadly reality is hard to believe. With the major selling points of these parties being unprotected sex and poppers, they seem a relic of the disco era. But regular attendees say that in the latex-covered world of the '90s, these gatherings offer a freedom they haven't experienced since AIDS first stepped onto the dance floor in the early '80s.

The men who seek what they call "bareback sex" — a term that evokes the daredevil world of rodeo stunts — are often HIV-positive and make no secret about it. In fact, most men joining the ranks of the barebacking movement have been positive for years and readily have unprotected anal sex with HIV-negative partners. Not surprisingly, the bareback scene is stirring up a lot of controversy.

The number of recent articles and books written on the subjects of gay male promiscuity and bareback sex could fill a warehouse. Gay pundits such as Michelangelo Signorile, Gabriel Rotello and Larry Kramer have chimed in with books denouncing the emerging subculture of bareback sex, while the barebackers themselves have taken to the Internet to spread their message more subtly. But it's not just the fact that HIV-positive gay men are having sex without condoms that is fueling a national debate, it is more their emergence as a very vocal, but strangely invisible, subculture and the unsettling gospel they preach.

Although unprotected anal sex is nothing new — men have been doing it throughout the AIDS epidemic — it has only been in the last year or so that men into bareback sex have started to organize. By creating a network of Web sites, news-groups and mailing lists on the Internet, barebackers in all parts of the world can

regularly meet to cruise for potential sex partners in almost complete anonymity.

The bareback scene appears to have started with some HIV-positive men who felt they had nothing to lose in having sex without condoms with other HIV-positive men. They're already infected, right?

In fact, unprotected sex between HIV-positive men is dangerous for a number of reasons. With a number of strains of the human immunodeficiency virus floating around, and each one attacking the body in a different way, the risk of being infected with a new strain through unprotected sex is very high. And the more virus you get in the body, the sicker you become. Moreover, this mixing of various HIV strains can make protease inhibitors and other antiviral drugs ineffective, and passing them on to another person, even one already infected with the virus, can make him resistant to drugs that could have helped him. AIDS educators are understandably worried about the effects this increase in risky behavior will have on the epidemic.

Coming Together on the 'Net

Started by a group of like-minded men who bonded last year on the mega-Internet service provider America Online, the Xtreme Sex Web site has played a major role in helping barebackers get organized. Webmaster Pigbotm, a North Dallas software engineer who declines to reveal his real name, says in the site's introductory pages that he wanted to extend the men's newfound sense of community by creating a Web page.

Xtreme Sex doesn't sugarcoat its mission to provide a forum for HIV-positive gay males interested in unprotected sex. Its banner advertisements have shocking headlines like "Get an Education — Fuck a Student" and "Poz Cum — the Fuck of Death." It's this frankness that has caused many gay leaders and at least two major gay newspapers to blast the site.

Chicago's *Windy City Times* and the *Dallas Voice* have declared an all-out war against the site, saying that it is leading men to their deaths by promoting unsafe sex. But not all people feel that the site is evil. One HIV-positive member sang the site's praises in a message board posting: "You have helped me in showing me that there is life after all this. ... Thank you for once again giving me back the freedom that I felt had been taken away from me."

While Xtreme Sex caters to HIV-positive men interested in condomless fluid exchange, the second most popular hang-out for barebackers on the 'Net was originally designed for men interested in sex with other men, period. Sponsored by the adult Web site Bedfellow, cruisingforsex.com is the official "Web

site for men looking to know where to meet men for sex." The site lists places where men can find glory holes and other meeting grounds for sex in every state and every major university. The site also hosts chat rooms, editorials, reviews of personal home pages, and entrapment alerts.

Cruisingforsex.com has also been the target of the police, who regularly monitor postings to the site in efforts to enforce public sex laws. The site states often that it is against the practice of bareback sex in theory, but also says that barebacking is a personal choice and that it doesn't condemn barebackers themselves.

The most shocking thing about this budding subculture is the small but steadily growing number of men who are HIV-negative, but come to both Web sites actually seeking to be infected. Why would anyone seek out the AIDS virus? There seems to be no satisfying answer. Pigbotm, in fact, denies that that is what is happening in most cases. He writes on his Web page that "the majority of these HIV infection requests come from men who are already HIV-positive and want to experience some sort of fantasy about being infected."

But the HIV-negative ranks of the barebacking movement are not only made up of those seeking HIV infection. Members of another similarly growing group have no desire to become HIV-positive, but are still flocking to Xtreme Sex's message boards and its members' bareback parties. It's not that these HIV-negative barebackers don't know about the life-or-death consequences of their actions. A surprisingly high number of negative barebackers have already seen a friend or partner die from the disease. They come purely for the thrill of raw sex.

"I do think about it a lot as I'm HIV-negative & plan to stay that way," reads a typical member's posting to the boards at Xtreme Sex. "No one cums in me & the only cum I eat is mine. I bareback top only. My lover died of AIDS. I went through the whole thing, ending in wasting syndrome and a fatal bout with PCP. Barebacking is definitely not wise, but we are looking for a type of intimacy that doesn't frequently happen since AIDS."

Who Are These People?

The slew of articles written on the subject imply that the group of men identifying themselves as barebackers is made up primarily of young party boys in their 20s who are anxious to travel back to a time when the love was free and the party never ended. But this is not necessarily true.

On the Queer Bareback list, an e-mail list that boasts over 500 men from around the world as members, barebackers come together to discuss where they can find willing sex partners and to read announcements of area sex parties. Although the twentysomething circuit party crowd is represented, it is men in their 30s, 40s, and 50s that make up the majority of the participants. And they are not only from gay Meccas like New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Miami. Barebackers from Phoenix, Knoxville, Dallas, Memphis, Cincinnati — and yes, even Madison and Milwaukee — have signed on, as well as men from practically every other major city in the country. Barebacking is not even a uniquely American phenomenon, as the presence of men from England, Germany, Holland, Australia and Nigeria would attest.

Besides their dislike of condoms, a common thread that binds the world's barebackers is a deep resentment toward any authority figure, be it the government, the Centers for Disease Control, the police or their parents.

This is especially true when it comes to HIV transmission. "I feel we've been presented a bad bill of goods by the health care community, especially the AMA

[American Medical Association] and the pharmaceutical industries," says Brian B., a 32-year-old video store employee from Phoenix. "I've never quite trusted what was being said about this disease. I came to the decision that the only 'safe' sex was either masturbation or no sex at all and I wasn't about to go for that. I stopped using rubbers 10 years ago. I've been tested a dozen times or so and have always been negative according to the tests."

Brian is not alone. Barebacking message boards and mailing lists have become breeding grounds for conspiracy theories about the government and the medical establishment. Postings often talk of secret studies done in France or other countries that "prove" that pre-cum is harmless and can't transmit HIV and that topping — being the inserter in anal sex — doesn't pose a substantial risk of HIV transmission.

Despite all the talk about HIV and AIDS on these online forums, most barebackers claim that they aren't concerned with spreading HIV or becoming re-infected, and counter the glut of postings warning about AIDS with glorified tales of their sexual conquests. The stories posted by visitors to the site are lusty, painting a highly eroticized picture of unprotected sex. One such story recounts a wild orgy where a bunch of "poz guys" try to give the "gift" of HIV infection to a willing group of negative men. In fact, it's the blatant way barebackers flaunt their unsafe sex practices that anger AIDS activists the most. Maintaining condom use as the norm is difficult enough, activists say, without media that glorify unprotected sex.

"The message is not as strong as it was," says P.J. Gouldmann, secretary of the People With AIDS/HIV Coalition in Baltimore. "We have all been lulled into a false sense of security by drug companies and the media who are creating an impression that AIDS won't necessarily kill you. But if you bareback, you are really putting yourself in a situation with a very high risk of getting something that isn't going to go away."

Responsible Barebacking?

Despite their lack of trust in the medical and pharmaceutical industries, some barebackers are in fact concerned with their own health and the health of their sexual partners. Mark J., a medical professional at a hospital in Baltimore, regularly posts messages on the morality of barebacking, stressing that HIV status should be discussed with sex partners.

"There are lots of unknowns about the transmission of HIV, and a large number of uninformed men out there," Mark J. recently wrote. "I think that it is perfectly acceptable, if not a requirement, to talk about the methods of transmission and the risks. A young guy new to the gay scene, living in Podunk, USA, may not have had the access that the rest of us have had to the current literature and science and medicine of HIV. He might just stumble on a bareback Web site or mailing list one day and see all these other guys having wonderful, unprotected sex. If he jumps headfirst into barebacking without understanding the risks, he will be committing suicide."

Messages like this one are routinely met with angry responses from other participants, but although Mark is in the minority among barebackers, he is definitely not alone. In an e-mail message he tells me that as a health care professional, he sees it as his duty to make sure that those who stumble on the bareback message boards, Web sites and mailing lists know exactly what they are getting into.

"There seem to be some poz men who will assume that any man who takes cum in his butt understands the risks automatically, so they don't even discuss the risk with their bottom partners," Mark J. writes. "There are some poz men who will fuck without regard for the bottom's HIV status. We barebackers have a duty to inform our partners of the risks. We have a serious responsibility, especially to the younger guys. Barebacking is a lifestyle choice that you make. I'm not telling people not to bareback. Far from it. But I don't want guys to think that if they are

HIV-negative that it's not possible for them to become infected. It's a case of knowing that you are at risk and making an informed choice."

And why would a medical professional who clearly knows the risks involved choose not to use condoms? "I just like the way it feels without a condom," he says. "I know it's not the smartest choice, but I want to enjoy sex to its fullest and achieve an intimacy that I don't get using condoms."

In an effort to help gay men make informed choices, some AIDS organizations have begun issuing "safer sex" guidelines for barebackers, offering such advice as to withdraw before ejaculation and to use plenty of lubricant. These guidelines have become as controversial as barebacking itself and many say they take away the very thing that makes condomless sex a more intimate experience: the sharing of another man's semen. And many AIDS experts believe that these guidelines will do little to make barebacking safer, even if they are put into practice.

Why Do They Do It?

The word intimacy comes up often on in online discussions. Barebackers post message after message about the joys of going condom-free and how it is a way of reclaiming some lost right of passage, a concept that is difficult, they admit, for others to understand.

In the June 1997 issue of *POZ Magazine*, Stephen Gendin tried to explain the appeal of bareback sex to the publication's readers.

"I can't comment on a negative guy's decision to go raw, but for us positive men, the benefits are obvious," Gendin wrote. "The physical sensation is much better. The connection feels closer and more intimate. The sharing of cum on the physical level heightens the sense of sharing on the emotional and spiritual planes. ... How do I justify pursuing acts with other positive men that many would describe as callous, even malicious? Am I guilty of skirting the facts in pursuit of pleasure? Or is the reinfection science shaky enough that it's not irrational for positive men to go skin-to-skin? With the risks so hazy and the benefits so brilliantly clear, no wonder riding bareback is all the rage. For me, being infected in the first place is such a doofy event that any act that brings pleasure, even a risky one, is worth grabbing for."

But most barebackers say it is no one's business why they choose to lose the latex. They claim it is an individual choice and that the discussion of HIV and AIDS has no place in the barebacking culture.

"I bareback because I like it and don't give a shit about HIV," writes Gary Bryant of San Francisco when questioned about his reasons for barebacking.

"It's my personal decision and I don't need a bunch of verbal masturbation from guys who are still unsure, or who think their choice not to bareback is universal law," he asserts. "Everyone has their own opinion on AIDS and what they feel are acceptable risks. I am relatively sure that every bottom out there now knows that if he gets fucked without a condom, he stands a very good chance of becoming infected. I don't need to discuss it with anyone. That's the other guy's choice and not my problem."

No One to Talk To

Despite claims of greater intimacy, many sexual partners and the frequent parties, many barebackers say they find the experience lonely because of the stigma attached to it. With the gay community — especially the HIV-positive community which fears that the public will lump all HIV-positive people in with the barebackers — up in arms over their actions, it is difficult for barebackers to open up to anyone other than fellow barebackers.

Joshua C., a 26-year-old graduate student at a Baltimore university, has been barebacking for four years and regularly participates in bareback discussion groups on America Online and the Xtreme Sex site.

"I've found the whole experience to be very lonely," he says. "I can only talk about it with other barebackers and most of them are only interested in me for sex. I can't discuss it with my close friends. I think some of them have figured it out based on references that I make, but it is not something out in the open. I can tell them, for example, when I've had a really hot time. But I can't tell them of my fears and anxieties associated with it."

Joshua C. says he fears for his physical safety when going to strangers' houses for sex parties mainly out of concern for the rampant drug use that usually takes place, but he claims to have no fear of AIDS.

"I tested positive two years ago and, to be honest, it was a relief. I didn't have to worry anymore about becoming positive. I could just go out and have fun."

And what about re-infection? "It's all just hype. I am already positive. I might lose a few years, so what."

Chad J., a 36-year-old corporate trainer from Kansas City, Mo., sees many parallels between being a barebacker in the current political climate and the coming-out process. He says the constant pressure to practice safer sex has made sharing his sexual escapades with his friends difficult.

"I have started to talk to my gay friends, and just like I started talking about being gay to my straight friends during my first coming out, I'm finding a lot of agreement and support," Johnson says. "Let's face it, nobody likes condoms — it's just some of us have the balls and intelligence to

question our programming, and do a little research on our own. I think barebackers need a support group, but I dislike our becoming an isolated subgroup. I'd much rather see us bring real fucking back into the gay mainstream."

The Coming Backlash

As the movement grows in number and the debate grows in intensity, barebackers are finding that even cyberspace is beginning to find their cause unsettling. The Webmaster for *cruisingforsex.com* recently took barebackers to task. Known only as "the Cruisemaster," he wrote to visitors of the site: "There's no getting around it. A significant — and by significant I mean a noticeable, purposefully public and nearly organized — number of gay men are intentionally having unsafe sex. Not just run-o'-the-mill unsafe sex, but humping without condoms — bareback fucking. That, in fact, is old news. As a fad it would by now be tiresome if it weren't so maddening, durable and typical."

He goes on to warn readers that "angry politicians in state capitals and Washington, will jump on barebacking to justify downsizing and killing programs that help people with HIV, and they won't get much argument from the vast majority of their constituents. Some of us are playing with fire; we're all going to get burned."

But bad publicity is only the beginning of what could lie ahead. Sure, it is only a matter of time before barebacking crawls out of the message boards on the Web and into the national political arena. Once *Hard Copy* or *A Current Affair* gets hold of the story, what will happen to government-funded AIDS programs or the ground we've gained in our struggle for equality?

More unsettling is the very real possibility that, as barebacking becomes more common, a "superstrain" of HIV could be introduced into the population. With all the new strains mutating daily, researchers are already racing to find drugs that are effective.

What will happen if this "new and improved" HIV virus appears? Will anyone be prepared? The answer could be even scarier than the rise of the bareback culture itself.

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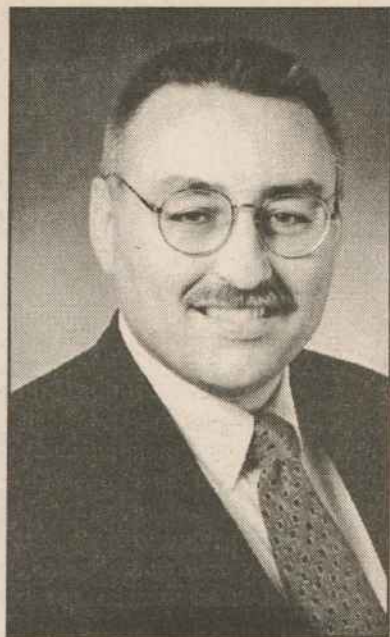
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Gay Former Umpire to Speak at St. Norbert College

**Pallone has made
a career working against
the homophobia that
cost him his job**

by Christopher Ott
of the IN Step Staff

Dave Pallone's career as a major-league baseball umpire ended just after Thanksgiving 1988. Bart Giamatti, president of the National League at the time, fired Pallone after allegations of involvement in a teen-age sex scandal — even though the district attorney in charge of the case had found the accusations groundless and dropped the investigation. The real reason for his firing, Pallone believes, was simply the public confirmation of rumors that he was gay. "By then



Dave Pallone

they had been looking for a reason to get rid of me," he said.

In the 10 years since he left baseball, Pallone has made a new career working against the homophobia that cost him his job. He told his story in a 1990 autobiography called "Behind the Mask: My Double Life in Baseball," and today Pallone, who now lives in Colorado Springs, speaks at corporations and schools around the country about issues of diversity and tolerance. He will speak at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wis. on Oct. 21, and *IN Step* caught up with Pallone a few weeks before his visit to Wisconsin.

Now 47, Pallone says he knew since he was a teen-ager growing up in Massachusetts that he was gay — or at least that he was "different" — but that he didn't know what it meant or what to do about it. "Coming from a small town, even though it was on the East Coast and it was close to New York, I certainly didn't know that much," he said. And when he entered what he called "the macho world of baseball," things got even tougher.

Pallone got into professional baseball after hearing Boston Red Sox announcer Curt Gowdy mention the Umpire Development Program in Florida. A shoulder injury had put an early end to Pallone's dreams of being a pitcher, but by training to become an umpire he saw a new opportunity to get involved in pro baseball. "My father hit the roof," he said, because the 18-year-old Pallone had just taken courses in computer programming, but he started umpire training in 1971. By the time he was 19, he was umpiring games in the minor leagues.

Pallone made it to the majors in 1979, but found it was getting more and more difficult to live his "double life," both in the world of professional sports and in his personal life. Pallone sat alone and unacknowledged at the funeral for his lover Scott, who was killed by a drunk driver in 1982, because no one in Scott's family

knew about their three-year relationship. But by the mid-80s Pallone started to come out to a few trusted colleagues, and in 1988 he even told his secret to league president Bart Giamatti.

Pallone said that Giamatti "was like a father figure to me" and that he didn't care about Pallone's sexual orientation. Thanks to Giamatti's acceptance, and the praise that Pallone said he received for his work in the 1987 playoffs, he thought his career in baseball was secure. It wasn't.

"It may be easy for me to say this because I'm talking about myself," Pallone said, "but people were just saying what an excellent umpire I was. I had heard through the grapevine that if baseball was going to get rid of me they had to find some other way than my work." Pallone began to hear rumors circulating about his sex life in 1987, and the scandal in 1988 provided an excuse to act on those rumors. Giamatti did the firing, but Pallone believes that team owners forced him to do it. "He did what he had to do," Pallone said, adding that Giamatti's wife told him after Giamatti's death a year later how badly he felt about the decision.

Today Pallone's work as a speaker for schools focuses partly on the predicament of young gay athletes. Pallone believes that the pressure to stay in the closet that most gay people feel at one time or another is especially strong in sports, and that the same pressure which kept him from coming out sooner is still around today. He also emphasizes the importance of trying to prevent gay suicide, which he calls an "epidemic." "Especially in the college world where athletes are put on these pedestals, people don't realize how much they are hurting some of them by using words like 'faggot.' They get so afraid of either coming out or dealing with their issues that they end up committing suicide. People don't understand that this happens all the time."

Pallone also says that coaches can be surprisingly out of touch. He said coaches tell him, "We don't have any gay or lesbian athletes on our teams." But then the athletes come to him after his presentation and tell a different story. "A young man or woman will say, 'I can't come out because he or she, the coach, uses these derogatory remarks and doesn't like gay people.'" Pallone says students on athletic scholarships may fear losing their financial support in the same way that professional athletes fear losing their contracts if they come out.

Pallone also says that attitudes seem to be changing faster in the corporate world than in sports, because of fear of lawsuits and concern for the bottom line. "Most of the corporations now are changing their attitude toward discrimination of any sort," he said. "They are trying to figure out a way to get everyone to understand that we are all in this together and that we cannot discriminate on any level."

Pallone said he is still the only person from the world of professional baseball to come out publicly, and that when he did it was a relief. "I have this wonderful feeling of inner peace because I am totally open and totally out." He says he's reluctant to advise the gay athletes he knows today to come out, however, because he knows they still fear losing their jobs the way he did. But he said it's important for athletes — or anyone else — to be honest with themselves. "You're the only one that has to look at yourself in the mirror every single day of your life, and you've got to respect yourself first. Once you do that, then you can command and demand other people's respect."

Dave Pallone will speak at the Walter Theatre on the campus of St. Norbert College in De Pere on Oct. 21 at 7:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public. Call (920) 403-3232 for more information.

Legal Aid's ALERT Project Receives AIDS Grant

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin AIDS Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation has awarded the Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Inc., a \$10,000 grant for Legal Aid's ALERT (AIDS Law, Education, Representation and Training) Project. Legal Aid recently established the ALERT Project to continue its nine-year history of targeted legal assistance for low-income persons with HIV/AIDS.

ALERT Project coordinator Lisa Foley noted that Legal Aid's staff attorneys had handled nearly 3,000 legal matters during the years that legal Aid provided legal representation to clients as part of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) Legal Assistance Program. In view of ARCW's decision to discontinue its contract with Legal Aid, Legal Aid Executive Director James Walrath noted that the "ALERT project will take this opportunity to focus on the changing demographics and changing substantive law needs of persons with HIV and AIDS."

The ALERT Project will focus on the legal issues confronting persons with HIV or AIDS, especially minorities, women and children. "New legal issues are emerging in AIDS law: return-to-work hiring practices, bankruptcy actions for long-term survivors facing accumulated and mounting debt, complicated family law issues are just some," commented Phil Rosenkrantz, ALERT Staff Attorney, who added, "With a solid foundation in this specialized area of representation, we confidently can address the emerging AIDS-law issues, especially with the backing of a 20-plus attorney law firm at Legal Aid."

Walrath noted that the ALERT Project staff attorneys have more than 17 years legal experience combined, and handled more than 650 cases in 1997. The Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Inc., is the largest non-profit private public interest law firm in Milwaukee County providing civil legal assistance to persons unable to afford counsel. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Legal Aid at (414) 765-0600.

Lambda Seeks Regional Director for Chicago Office

Chicago — In an effort to keep up with growing demand in an eight-state region, Lambda Legal Defense and Educational Fund said that it will be expanding its Chicago-based staff by hiring a Midwest Regional Director. Lambda's Midwest Regional Office (MRO) has done extensive gay rights and HIV-related litigation in areas such as adoption, school safety, access to health care and insurance, employment discrimination and free speech.

"We are investing in our Midwest success," said Legal Director Beatrice Dohrn from Lambda's national headquarters in New York. "Adding a regional director will expand our litigation resources and strengthen our education and policy work while building our infrastructure for the long haul," she added. The MRO covers Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Since opening with one other staff person in 1993, supervision of both legal and administrative work at the MRO has

been handled by Managing Attorney Patricia M. Logue. The office now has six positions, including one staff attorney, Heather C. Sawyer.

The Midwest Regional Director will handle administration, fundraising and public education work at the MRO. The change also will allow Logue to focus on Lambda's groundbreaking sexual orientation litigation as well as managing Lambda's regional legal staff. "I am looking forward to giving my full attention to expanding our civil rights work in the Midwest," said Logue, "I am very proud of our accomplishments in the region. The addition of a regional director is the logical next step in Lambda's growth in the Midwest," said Logue.

Logue has been involved in some of Lambda's most notable cases. In 1969, she helped Jamie Nabozny win a nearly \$1 million dollar settlement from Ashland, Wisconsin school officials who failed to stop severe anti-gay abuse. She also assisted Tim Holles, a man dragged off a plane at O'Hare International Airport because he had AIDS. Logue continues to work on the on-going challenge to Issue 3, the anti-gay Cincinnati charter amendment. She also argued and won cases securing second-parent adoption and custody rights for lesbian and gay parents in Illinois.

Applicants for the regional director position should send a resume and cover letter by Nov. 13, 1998 to Deputy Director Fran Goldstein, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, 120 Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, NY 10005.

New Harvest Foundation Accepting Application Grants

Madison — The New Harvest Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to support gay, lesbian and bisexual well-being in Madison and surrounding Dane County, is seeking applications for its Spring/Summer 1998 grant cycle. All organizations and individuals working on projects which benefit the gay, lesbian and/or bisexual communities in Dane County are invited to apply. The application deadline is Nov. 30, 1998.

Awardees must either be a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, or use a qualifying fiscal agent. Grants fall into several focus areas: social service, social change, public education, health care, the arts and culture, and development of the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities. Preference is given to projects which are: 1) new and innovative projects or services which respond to unmet needs in the community; 2) a continuation of projects of proven value to the community; or 3) cooperative or collaborative working relationships with others engaged in similar efforts. While there is no specific limit on grant awards, recent awards have ranged from \$300 to \$2,000.

The New Harvest Foundation is the only foundation in Dane County that channels charitable contributions exclusively to individuals and organizations working to promote gay, lesbian and bisexual rights, services, culture and community development. Founded in 1984, The New Harvest Foundation is operated by a Board of Directors of 18 volunteers. It pools the contributions of hundreds of donors each year to provide grant money to gay, lesbian and bisexual causes.

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Politics, Religion and the U.S. Senate

Does Neumann's Right-Wing Stance Stem From The WELS Church?

Exposé by Mike Leon
of the IN Step Staff

Since John Kennedy was elected in 1960 as the first Roman Catholic to serve as president amid the widespread bigotry toward Catholicism of that time, political analysts, operatives and candidates have self-consciously refrained from any substantive public examination of a political candidate's religious views in campaigns for public office.

But with the rise of the religious right concomitant with its outspoken antipathy toward the LGBT community and its heavy assault on women's legal right to an abortion and women's rights generally, an examination of the religious views and publications animating the right's political program appears instructive.

The religious right practicing its version of Christianity gets its marching orders from God and the Bible, say movement leaders. Political power appears to be among its divine objectives, a pursuit also per the dictums of the Christian Coalition's Pat Robertson, ex-presidential candidate, and Ralph Reed, highly successful political operative and Republican consultant.

Furtively carrying the religious right's torch this electoral season in Wisconsin is U.S. Rep. Mark Neumann (R-Janesville),

job in your office,' I would say that's inappropriate, and they wouldn't be hired, because that would mean they are promoting their agenda," said Neumann. "The gay and lesbian lifestyle (is) unacceptable, lest there be any question about that."

"Neumann is the wonder kid of the religious right. He opposes everything we have stood for. Anyone in the LGBT community voting for Neumann is giving proxy support to Trent Lott and Jesse Helms," said Mark Pocan who is virtually certain to become the only openly gay state representative in the Wisconsin legislature this November representing the 78th Assembly District in Madison. "His politics is the politics of hatred. I will never understand where he gets it from."

Neumann has also taken extreme public positions on abortion in the past, implying and associating himself with positions that abortion should be illegal, even in cases of rape and incest.

Neumann is a member of the ultra-conservative Wisconsin Lutheran Evangelical Synod (WELS) branch of the Lutheran Church.

WELS Doctrine

Examining WELS publications and church Doctrinal Statements perhaps provides insight into the machinations of Neumann's biblically inspired political

is to hold firmly that the devil exists and that he is much closer to us than the shirt on our body. ('What Luther Says,' p 399)."

Also on the Web page is a resolution spelling out the church's opposition to abortion, including in cases of incest and rape: "WHEREAS... our synod has historically testified against abortion, except when it is medically necessary to save the life of the mother... Resolved, ...that we more zealously preach the Gospel of Christ which alone can change the wicked hearts of men and turn them from sin to righteousness."

Additionally, the Web page reads that the WELS Church teaches what it perceives as the biblically derived imperative of a woman to naturally submit to a man in marriage.

In the church statement, "Scriptural Principles of Man and Woman Roles," a WELS statement proclaims its principles on this topic using biblical citations as authoritative sourcing. These principles include:

"...In love God established distinct male and female responsibilities...for the man and woman to whom He had given spiritual equality. These responsibilities involved headship for man and submission for woman..."

"... Since God appointed the husband to be the head of the wife..., the husband will love and care for his God-given wife. A wife will gladly accept the leadership of her husband as her God-appointed head."

"... As the head of the wife and family the husband has the prime responsibility for the spiritual instruction of the family..."

Other WELS publications also include the WELS position against abortion, including cases involving rape and incest, official anti-homosexual statements, and more warning against Satan and demons.

In the June 1998 issue of *WELS Beginnings*, the Rev. Robert Fleischmann argues against the use of RU-486, the French-invented abortion pill now under clinical trials in the U.S., as an usurpation of God's authority over a woman's decision to bear children.

"As Christians wade through the complexities of birth control issues it is clear such chemical abortifacients have no place in the consideration process. When God reserves for Himself the right to initiate and terminate life such drugs used for

birth control represent an obvious attempt to circumvent God's authority," writes Fleischmann.

In the July/August 1998 issue of *Beginnings*, the late Doctor Jerome LeJune argues against abortion from the time of conception in the article "Life Begins At Conception."

Writes LeJune, "At no time is the human being a blob of protoplasm. As far as your nature is concerned, I see no difference between the early person you were at conception and the late person which you are now. You were, and are, a human being."

In the July 1998 issue of the *WELS Northwestern Lutheran* one article warns

WEL's Policy is Also Caring and Sharing

Although socially extremist ideology pervades the WELS Church doctrine, a further examination of its literature reveals a socially conscious milieu that calls for assisting and catering to the needs of people. In a word this aspect of the WELS can be summed up as humanistic. "Love for God and love for people," reads one pamphlet, and the WELS' commitment to community action is clear.

A typical activity for WELS members in Madison is volunteering at the House of Thrift shop. The proceeds from there help to support the Bethesda Lutheran Home for the Mentally Retarded in Watertown.

The Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) engages in work helping individuals, stressing people to people contact. Typical examples are: raising money for someone who needs a ramp for a wheelchair, and organizing painting a house of a 100-year old woman.

In WELS youth groups, youths are required to perform three service projects a year for the greater community.

As much as the WELS ultra-conservative social ideology pervades the Church, it appears its commitment to action to assist people is also of paramount importance. As one staff woman remarked in the Madison Holy Cross Lutheran Church, "We're put on this earth by God to help other people."

"When I first ran I had all kinds of consultants telling me not to mention religion. ... (T)hey did ask me to tone down the concept of religion or values."

—U.S. REP. MARK NEUMANN

who is running against incumbent U.S. Senator Russ Feingold.

Neumann, well-known to politicians as a hard-core social conservative, has largely kept his right-wing social views from the electorate in his Senate run, with occasional exceptions.

In a widely reported address in 1997 to the La Crosse Christian Coalition, Neumann said that he would not hire a person who applied for a position in his legislative office and stated a gay or lesbian sexual orientation. "If somebody walks in to me and says, 'I'm a gay person, I want a

program on abortion, the LGBT community and other social views not yet made public.

Some of the WELS publications and Doctrinal Statements resemble political manifestos and political position papers. Numerous pieces admonishing against demonic influences and satanic action are mixed in with the biblically justified policy positions on prominent social issues.

On its Web page (<http://www.wels.net>) "Welcome to WELS," featured prominently is an opening quote reading: "Reformation and the Occult, The first thing, then,

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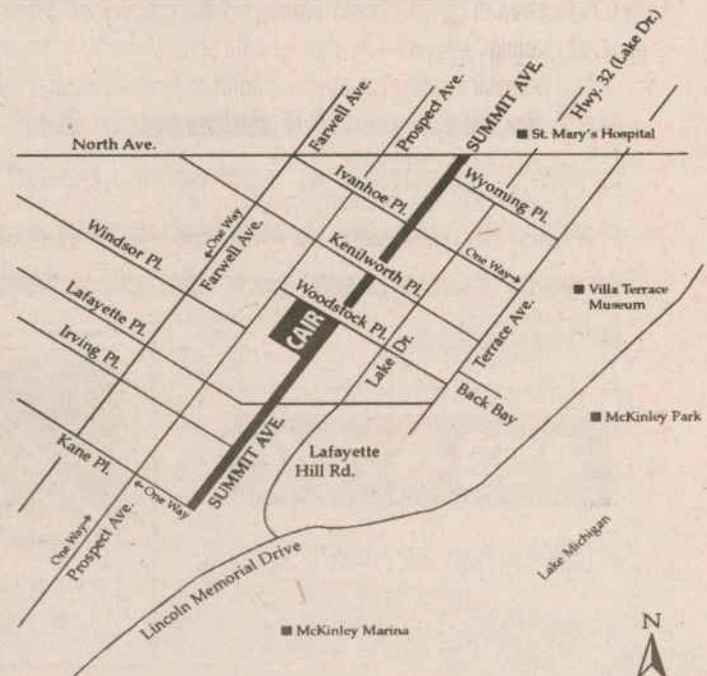


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—MARK POCAN

about the dangers of playing with Ouija Boards — “Anyone who intentionally opens up his life to demonic activity will likely get more than he bargained for.” Another piece by Pastor Thomas H. Trapp argues that the Bible offers evidence explaining the emergence of sexual orientation in human beings as stemming from our species’ inherently evil nature.

In “Homosexuality: Sin or Orientation?” author Pastor Thomas H. Trapp explains that, “Our lifestyle is not judged on the basis of genetic connection, but we are judged on the basis of God’s commandments. And that is bad news for us since we are children of Adam and thus ‘sinful at birth’ (Psalm 51:1), by nature ‘God’s enemies’ (Romans 5:10) with ‘every inclination’ of our heart evil from childhood (Genesis 8:12).”

Trapp, following the dogma of the religious right, offers hope for all “born-sinners”, in particular homosexuals, “To turn in repentance to Jesus Christ is not only excellent and profitable, it is life-changing and eternal.”

The August 1998 issue of the *Northwestern* offers another article, “Forbidden Magic,” warning against black magic. Author Pastor John Parlow warns of the dangers of the practice of witchcraft, and bemoans our society’s “love affair with the demonic and the occultic...”

Pastor Parlow writes, “Witches are not simply characters in fairy tales or ghost stories. Instead, men and women, who look just like you, are actively practicing their magical, dark arts.”

Also, in the August 1998 issue of the *Northwestern*, Pastor Thomas Trapp offers advice on assisting homosexuals in the article, “When Someone Says ‘I’m Homosexual.’”

Pastor Trapp, advising those who know people who are aware that homosexuality is wrong but just can’t help themselves from engaging in this sexual activity, writes: “Our temptations may be different — bitterness, pride worry, lust, unbelief — but our battle against sin and Satan is the same.”

In the September 1998 issue of the *Northwestern* Satan remains a focus. One article is entitled: “Satanism — The Deadly Scheme, We Constantly Live On An Invisible Battlefield In this Life. Our Battles Are Against A Formidable Enemy — Satan And His Hosts.”

Neumann refuses to publicly discuss how his religious views affect his socio-political program, and his campaign of occasional blasting of gays, support for anti-LGBT legislation and calls against abortion he has made as a congressman. Instead, Neumann appears to be reaching out to the religious right through mailing lists with direct mail.

Neumann seems to be heeding the advice of his consultants and also the widely publicized advice of Ralph Reed in running a religious right stealth campaign in his quest for the Senate.

In his March 9 address to the Madison WELS church, Neumann said his political advisers warned him to not to mention his religion in his run the Senate.

“When I first ran I had all kinds of consultants telling me not to mention religion. They told me to tone down any discussion we might have...they did ask me to tone down the concept of religion or values that are taught in our churches and synagogues as being a part of what we were,” said Neumann

Assuming Neumann’s allegiance to his church and its social views as stated in WELS publications and published Church Doctrines, the candidate’s social panorama against the LGBT community, against abortion, and in favor of the submission of women to men — all under the rubric of a battle against Satan and his or her demons — may be a social perspective that is not palatable to the Wisconsin electorate. ▼

Courting the Right

Annie Laurie Gaylor of the Madison-based Freedom From Religion Foundation engages in monitoring the religious right.

Using a pseudonym, “Doris Barker”, Ms. Gaylor registered in 1995 with the national Christian Coalition to attend the “Road to Victory” Christian Coalition meeting in Washington held Sept. 8-9, 1995. Ms. Gaylor also has used the pseudonym in registering for an event with the national religious right group, James Dobson’s Focus on the Family, and submitted the name to another religious group advocating bible courses in public schools.

On all three occasions she used the same personal P.O. Box to track the correspondence she received at this assumed mailing address, and to keep abreast of groups she views as advocating “inappropriate church/state entanglements”

Last March Gaylor received a financial solicitation from “Neumann For US Senate” at the same P.O. Box and under the identical pseudonym that she used to register with religious right organizations and events.

Gaylor believes that the Neumann campaign is using mailing lists of religious right activists to further his political career and advance the religious right’s agenda, an agenda her organization adamantly opposes. “We have James Dobson dictating the Religious Right’s agenda to Congress, and Congress racing to capitulate to them,” said the FFRF’s Annie Laurie Gaylor. “The religious right’s ultimate agenda is to establish a theocracy. They have been so successful not just because of ‘stealth’ campaigns but because there is this enormous shadow political machine running under cover of the cross.” “I never received a political solicitation with that name at my P.O. Box until this month when the Neumann solicitation came in. Clearly there is smoke here,” said Gaylor. Gaylor also said she also received correspondence from the Reverend Richard Pritchard’s Madison-area fundamentalist church, and from an Arizona anti-gay organization. Both the Neumann and Feingold campaign refused comment on this matter.

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When Superheros Fly

Dear Editor—

Sometimes — often, really — I can't sleep at night. Neither can the woman next door. To get through the night, she does laundry. I lie awake and listen for the lulling hum of her dryer, and I allow my mind to drift into the uncharted land of my anxieties.

I think about what I have done with my life and what I haven't. I traverse delicately over the difficulties of being gay, the dynamics of friendships, and as the night ebbs on, I question the future.

In the depths of that restless darkness, I reach for the thoughts that will inspire me, bring me peace and hope, and get me through the night.

I think of superheros. People I know who are carefree, adventurous, temperamental, focused and even contemptuous. Like Andy Bagnal.

Andy Bagnall, friend, community leader, confidante, activist, warrior, "ARCW Manager of Gay Outreach," is moving to New York. Over five years, I have watched Andy evolve into a superhero.

Someone who speaks with passion, confidence, eloquence on gay issues.

Someone who wants each of us to grow old.

Someone who has unconditionally embraced the entire gay community to offer protection and safety in a storm of homophobia, self-hate, and all the world's other evils.

Someone fascinating, funny, wild and wild-eyed.

Last year, I had lunch with Andy. It was the end of a cruel summer. We sat, hunched bitterly against the cleansing warmth of the sun, and spoke boldly of soured relationships, tortured self-esteem, the strength of friends, cynicism and idealism. Someone who always remembers that, before anything else, we are still human beings.

Someone who is a mediator, is uncompromising, who returns phone calls, knows what he is talking about, and listens.

Once, I drank eight glasses of wine at a dinner party — one with each course. Somehow, at the shameless urging of friends, I climbed onto the stage at the Club 219 to dance with the strippers. In a state of unabashed drunken stupor, I tried to pull Andy up on stage. In sober-

ing tones he said, "No way, I have a reputation to uphold in this town." Someone who looks natural in club clothes, dances to the beat of the music, can have fun and keep his composure.

In a community that is its own worst enemy and best friend, someone who is a best friend.

Sometimes, it is OK to not be what you wanted to be as long as someone else is.

Now at night, I listen with focused intensity for the reassuring hum of my neighbor's dryer. But the season has suddenly gone cold, the windows are closed, and I hear only silence.

From all of us, Andy: good-bye, don't walk in Central Park alone, ride the subway at night, see "CATS," or be a stranger.

Someone, many, will be left inspired, touched, and even saved. There could be no greater tribute.

Neil Albrecht
Milwaukee

Pier 1 Experience Not So Gay

Dear Editor—

I was surprised to see the article entitled "How Gay Is Pier 1 Imports?" in your latest issue.

As a former Pier 1 Imports' employee, I think it would be accurate to say that while the folks at Pier 1 are eager to sell their wares to the gay community, they aren't half as excited about having openly gay associates working for the company... at least not at any level above that of a sales clerk.

I worked for Pier 1 for over 16 years. I was a store manager in the Chicago area and at the Brookfield store for more than nine of those 16 years. In 1993 I was terminated. While I couldn't prove it, I firmly believe that I was let go because I am openly gay. Of course other reasons were provided for my termination. Perhaps I would have even believed that the reasons I was given for my termination were true were it not for other openly gay associates who were either "laid off" or whose promotions were continually delayed until eventually they decided to leave the company on their own.

Pier 1 Imports offers a shopping experience that is difficult to find anywhere else. It is easy to understand why gay shoppers are drawn to Pier 1 stores. Unfortunately though, the upper management at

Pier 1 Imports seems to be extremely homophobic. While I used to spend thousands of dollars annually in Pier 1 stores, I now spend almost nothing there. I would encourage your readers not to be fooled by Pier 1's very "gay" environment. The company isn't very gay-friendly... at least not to their gay employees.

Gregg Hutterer,
Wauwatosa

Christian Millenium

Dear Editor—

With increasing rapidity, we hear references to the coming of the "21st century," the year 2000, and the dawning of "THE new millennium." In fact, the Human Rights Campaign and the Metropolitan Community Churches are proposing, as they state in a recent letter to the editor, a "Millennium March for Equality in the year 2000" for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights.

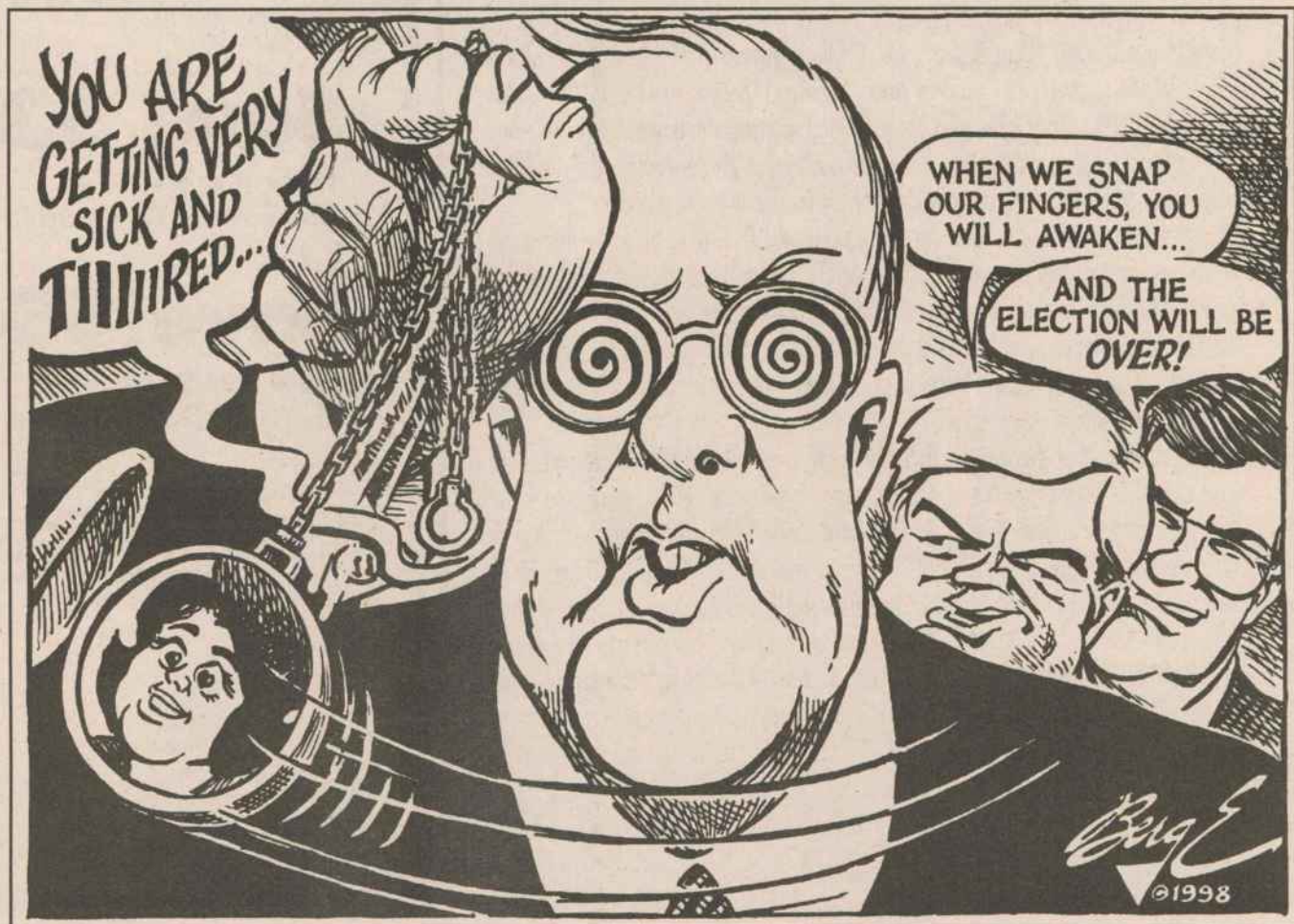
Among the definitions of "millennium" in the *Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*, definition #2a. is: "a period of 1000 years." Let us not forget, however, that the year 2000 is in reference to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, and, therefore, it is actually the beginning of the next "CHRISTIAN" millennium. In fact, definition #1a in the same dictionary defines "millennium" as: "the thousand years mentioned in Revelation 20 during which holiness is to prevail and Christ is to reign on earth."

For me, current references to the next millennium are examples of what I have termed "Christianism" or "Compulsory Christianity," which I define as the system of advantages bestowed to Christians; it is the institutional response to religious oppression which assumes that all people are or should be Christian, thereby excluding the needs, concerns, life experiences, and cultures of non-Christians.

I ask that we view the year 2000 A.D. as ONE significant benchmark, though, for many of us, it also marks a heightening of our cultural and religious invisibility.

The Human Rights Campaign and the Metropolitan Community Churches need to acknowledge the Christian assumptions underlying their proposed march.

As a gay man, I attended the first three marches on Washington for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender rights in 1979, 1987, and 1993. In all likelihood, I



will be there again next time, for I see the value of visibility actions on the local as well as the national levels. However, if the march takes place as proposed and framed, I will be forced to split loyalties, to split my social identities, marching for heightened visibility on one hand while simultaneously heightening my own invisibility on the other.

Warren J. Blumenfeld
New York, NY

Letter Way Off

Dear Editor—

I am writing in response to the Letter to the Editor submitted by Hugh Murray (*IN Step*, Vol. 15, #20). Mr. Murray shows a typical ignorance of the sexual harassment laws. Kenneth Starr, and others like him, have been trying to make a mockery of these laws by deliberately misrepresenting them in the media. The media have colluded in this malignment by adding their own misrepresentations, or by not reporting or burying the outcome of sexual harassment cases.

The truth of the matter is that sexual harassment is extremely difficult to prove (look at the Clarence Thomas case); simple accusations do not suffice. Nor is it as simple as who holds what job title — true consent changes the whole situation.

Sexual harassment laws are in place to protect against an abuse of power in the work place. This abuse of power has been pervasive, and still continues to this day.

We have limited freedom of speech when it goes beyond a sharing of ideas and is used to harm, as in slander and hate speech. Words like "fag", "nigger" and "cunt" are often used to hurt and suppress others. In the interest of promoting peaceful coexistence, and perhaps even respect, we have put limits on individual behavior and speech.

It is discouraging to find not just a lack of support for women in letters like Mr. Murray's, but an outright attack. I hope Mr. Murray's insensitivity was based on ignorance and not on a deep conviction that it is OK to harm others.

Nikki Schlaishunt
Wauwatosa

Savaging Savage

Dear Editor—

I am writing in response to your recent interview with Dan Savage (Vol. XV, Issue XX). Savage sure has guts. We need all the funding we can get. Sure, there are many diseases out there and people are dying every day.

But I have AIDS and without the help of different programs, I would not be here now. Whether I die in Milwaukee, or 30 die in Seattle, that is one too many.

Obviously, Savage is not taking life very seriously ... and has forgotten what love is all about.

Randy Helm
Milwaukee

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Embarrassed to Death

Commentary by Keith Clark
of the IN Step Staff

Reaction to the brutal killing of Matthew Shepard, the 21-year-old University of Wyoming student, has ranged from memorial marches and candlelight vigils around the country, to outrage by people who simply can't imagine such viciousness and hatred, to a variety of political posturing.

Even statements by Bill McKinney, the father of one of the two men charged in Shepard's death, who said he didn't understand why the media was making such a big deal out of the killing, which he said "had been blown out of proportion," didn't surprise me that much. After all, the values the younger McKinney apparently got growing up seem perfectly reflected in his dad's bewilderment about why Shepard's brutal death was of much interest to anyone.

But what did catch me off guard were statements made by the elder McKinney and Kristen Price, the accused man's 18-year-old girlfriend and mother of his child.

The two told reporters in recent interviews that the younger McKinney "doesn't like to be embarrassed" in front of anyone, and that this somehow "explains" the horrendous attack against Shepard — because Shepard, they say, had "flirted" with McKinney in a local college hang-out. Price, with apparent obliviousness to what she was actually saying, told reporters that McKinney "sometimes does stupid things" when he feels awkward or embarrassed.

The two insisted that McKinney doesn't hate homosexuals and that no one ever intended to kill him — they just wanted to rob him to "embarrass" him for being flirtatious with the 22-year-old McKinney.

In the context of the attack against Shepard, this is about as believable as "I didn't know the gun was loaded." Among other things, Shepard was savagely beaten, burned, his shoes taken in bone-chilling weather, and left strung over a fence "like a scarecrow" in a remote area outside Laramie the way ranchers in Wyoming do to a slaughtered coyote as a warning to other coyotes against coming after their livestock.

What captured my attention was the notion that being "embarrassed" was somehow a justification for not just this brutal attack, but for any kind of reaction much beyond "no thanks" or "don't bother me."

Yet this "embarrassment" is a theme that runs through case after case after case of violent attacks against people who are gay or lesbian — or are just believed to be.

In 1996, a group of three young men in Charlottesville, Va., attacked James Kittredge, smashing eight of his ribs and an eye socket, urinated on him, put a cigarette out in his face, and locked him in the trunk of his car in 40-degree November weather. He was found 40 hours later, and barely survived.

The young men said they were "embarrassed" because they thought Kittredge was gay and has cruised them on the street.

The same year, two young men in Cleveland beat a gay man there so badly that nearly every bone in his face was shattered and he was left for dead in a coma. The man amazingly lived, but doctors said they had never seen a skull so severely devastated other than in head-on auto collisions. One of the young men police eventually charged in the attack said the gay man had "looked at us funny" and they thought he was trying to pick them up for sex. He said he felt his "manhood" was being insulted.

While in Texas, Fred Mangione, 46, was stabbed "about 35 times" by two young men from Montana visiting relatives in the state because they claimed Mangione had made a pass at them and "where we come from, a man just doesn't do that." Mangione, whose body had so many stab wounds the coroner later said he couldn't give an exact count, was the 22nd known gay man brutally murdered in Texas in the previous nine years — more

than two such killings per year in one state.

In 1995, Robert Acremant tied up two lesbians in Oregon, gagged them with duct tape in the back of a pickup truck, and using a homemade silencer, shot them both twice in the head.

During interviews with reporters after he was convicted, Acremant said he had no problem killing the two women because they were lesbians, and said it "embarrassed" him to think these two women, ages 53 and 42, might be somebody's grandmother.

That same year, Jonathan Schmitz shot Scott Amedure twice in the chest with a rifle after Amedure revealed he had a "secret crush" on Schmitz during the taping of a "Jenny Jones" TV show. Schmitz says he's heterosexual and agreed to appear on the show about "secret admirers," thinking he would meet a female. He later told police he killed Amedure several days after the taping because he felt humiliated by Amedure's on-camera announcement that he was attracted to him.

In 1997, Joshua Puckett, 18, told police he panicked because he was "so overwhelmed with shame" when Vitaly Poliakov, an Orinda, Calif., businessman, made a pass at him that he used a wine bottle to beat Poliakov to death. Puckett's story of overwhelming embarrassment, however, fell apart after several gay men told police they had had sex with Puckett and later that year he turned out to be the coverboy for *XY Magazine*, a popular gay magazine.

More recently, early this year in Philadelphia, Willie McClellan admitted he stabbed his two children to death and then turned the knife on himself in a failed suicide attempt after he learned his wife was having an "online lesbian affair" via the Internet. Police said they found nothing to indicate the woman actually was having a lesbian affair with anyone, but McClellan said he felt "humiliated" by her online chat sessions with other women.

In March, Phoenix police charged a 15-year-old male with pulling a handgun and shooting Robert Hernandez to death near a park in the city. Police said the teenager told them he shot the man because he thought Hernandez was gay and "might be looking at me."

The depressing list of violent attacks goes on and on and on and on. The miserable death of Matthew Shepard is just the most recent, and one of the more publicized.

And, yes, there's some pretty plausible explanations of "why" fierce attacks against gays and lesbians in the U.S. like this take place and are apparently on the increase.

It shouldn't take a rocket scientist to understand that, with Pat Robertson calling down the wrath of God on Florida cities for allowing Gay Days at Walt Disney World, someone would, in the name of God, firebomb a lesbian bar in Atlanta — as someone claiming to be with "the Army of God" did in 1997.

And with Gary Bauer, head of the Family Research Council and a Republican presidential wannabe, telling "good Christians" they should not use the King James version of the Bible because it might be "tainted" by homosexuality, can it be that far fetched that some loose cannon in Ohio would take library books into the bathroom and smear them with his own excrement to show his God-fearing displeasure?

Even Trent Lott, the not-very-honorable Senate Majority Leader, did his own bit to fan the flames of homo-hatred earlier this year, comparing homosexuals to alcoholics and kleptomaniacs in a not-very-well-disguised pitch for votes from the theocratic crazies on the far right who now lay down the Republican Party line.

So, with all these political nabobs and "good Christian" leaders frothing at the mouth, it isn't that surprising that Matthew Shepard's smashed body was left hanging in the bitter cold on a lonely fence in Wyoming "like a scarecrow." After all, some heterosexual men apparently are profoundly "embarrassed" by our existence.

Unfortunately, it's nice guys like Matthew Shepard who end up being "embarrassed to death."

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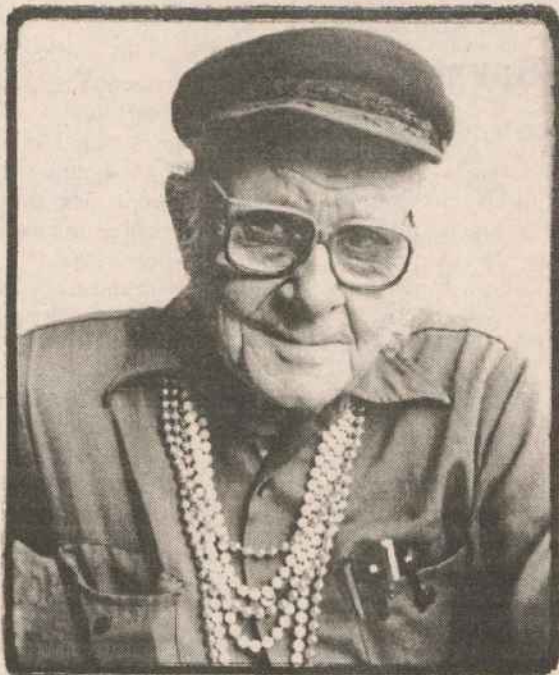
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Harry Hay



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 the final installment of a two part series.

by Anne-marie Cusac,
Special to *IN Step*

IN Step: I'd like to know how the gay liberation movement started.

Hay: I started the movement in 1950. In the spring of 1948, a man named Alfred Kinsey brought out a book about the sexuality of the American male. It becomes an overnight absolute bestseller throughout the community.

Chapter 5 had to do with gays and lesbians. It was a shocker for us, because we had assumed that we were a few hundred in every city. Turned out, we were thousands in every city that even he knew about.

So, with my copy of *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* under one arm, a sheaf of papers under the other, I go through the entire gay community as I know it at that time — which isn't much. Absolutely nobody will touch it. Terrified. And I walk back and forth for two years.

On July 6, 1950, I took my daughter to her dance class. And I watched a little while. All of a sudden, I was aware that on the left there was something radiant. I was just dancing in my veins. I didn't dare look over. But I knew that there was a person there I needed to meet. I looked over and his face told me he needed to meet me. We moved next to each other, and the first thing you know we had made a date to have dinner with each other the following Monday.

IN Step: This is Rudi Gernreich?

Hay: Right. And we fell madly in love, of course. We were in love with each other's ideas and in love with each other's minds. If you look into the history of fashion, you'll discover that Gernreich was the leading name for years and the leading fashion designer both here in the United States and internationally.

So I brought my plan, and he looked it over and he said, "You know that I'm an Austrian refugee. This is the most dangerous thing I have ever read. And, yes, I'm with you 100 percent."

We set up these discussion groups. And we got the gay guys to come. They would all bring a girlfriend, — a mother-in-law, or an aunt, a cousin — but they would always bring a cover girl. We would salt ourselves in and around the group that was there. If a guy's eyes would shine a little bit more than usual, we would ask him to have coffee with us. Then we would show him a call to an underground society.

It worked. And the discussion groups were very cute. We might have a group of 50 people, and we would always talk about an issue out of Chapter 5 of the Kinsey Report. Somebody would raise his hand and say, "You know, I've got a cousin in Duluth." It was always a cousin in Duluth or Horners Corners. It wasn't L.A. And once in a while, he would slip and say, "I, I mean, my cousin." So we would hear about these various horrendous things that would happen to the cousin in Horners Corners.

Then we would take this particular person and talk to him. And we began to get members for the Mattachine Society. We would then come out to each other. It was wonderful. I remember hardened old queens who would show up, and they would be cynical, and they would be disparaging, and all of a sudden, this one particular hardened old guy, he started to cry.

He said, "Look what I've had to put up with all my life, and nobody ever asked about these things before."

And when he started to cry, he just broke open. Because all the things he'd been suffering were things that all the rest were suffering, too. It caught on. We had a sphere of influence of about 5,000 people in the state of California under McCarthy, under the loyalty oath.

IN Step: And members of Mattachine won an important legal victory, didn't they?

Hay: The police had a practice of entrapping people. This was done all over the country, but we had a particularly vicious group here in Southern California, because of the Hollywood situation. They knew they could get a lot of them. They were shaking down people for thousands in blackmail. This would all be handled hush-a-hush, but thousands and thousands of dollars had to change hands anyway.

This was when we were all illegal. The guys would get some cute little number. And he would entice people to do things they probably would never ordinarily do. The moment that you'd make a pass, a couple of witnesses would just appear out of the bushes and arrest you. So, one particular boy — one of our members, Dale Jennings — was entrapped one night.

The man who I got to act as his lawyer was one of the tough lawyers for the waterfront, who had come to my Marxist classes at the Southern California Labor School. And he said, "I don't know a thing about homosexuality, but I owe you one, because you're one of the best Marxist teachers I ever had. So, yes, Hay, I'll handle the case."

For three months, we went down after work to his labor-front office, which was 40 miles away from here. We came out to him — what it was like growing up as underground gay guys. He managed to catch the arresting cop in a lie on the stand. He also discovered that the jury was being tampered with.

This kind of a case had never been tried. It had always been taken care of by payoff. We fought it out. We let every newspaper in the country know about that trial three months in advance. Not a single word was ever printed about it, one way or the other by anybody. And certainly not by the progressive press, honey.

IN Step: How did you get the word out?

Hay: In the only way we knew how—which was to go to the johns and paper the floor with leaflets, or even to go to the bushes and leave things around in the bushes. All the public johns, all the libraries. That's the only way you could do it. It was totally illegal.

In those years, we still had street cars as well as buses. And in each of the public transportations, there would be on a post a little tin can which said, "Take One", and there would be some information about the time schedule. So we would stuff ours in the can and paper literally all up and down the aisles and stick it in corners. An awful lot of people learned how to find stuff like that.

IN Step: So there was enough of a culture that people knew how to get by?

Hay: Well, don't forget, the Red underground knew about these practices too. And I'd been in the Red underground.

After the Dale Jennings trial, we were inundated with people. What we didn't notice was that they were all right of center. Up until that time, the ones with money wouldn't be caught dead with us.

IN Step: Why did they kick you out of the Mattachine Society?

Hay: They threw me out because I stood for us being a national minority. They didn't want that. All they wanted was to march up to Sacramento and change the law just a tiny bit. They would say, "It's ridiculous to think of a homosexual brotherhood. We don't have anything in common except what we do in bed together. If you can change the law, we can all be normal."

IN Step: People say that nowadays.

Hay: I know. The assimilationist group you have now is exactly the same crowd that threw me out, only 40 years later. Assimilation is the way you excuse yourself. It absolutely never worked at all. You may not think you are noticeable. But they know who you are. They know you're a degenerate, and they've never forgotten that. You won't find that out until the push comes to shove. And then you'll find it out fast. Because they're respectable in the eyes of God, and you aren't.

IN Step: What is the danger of the radical right?

Hay: If you're very visible, the Christian fundamentalists find you full of sin, don't they? And they will brand you full of sin. If anything goes wrong in the country, it's your fault. It's God's will. And don't forget that God is tremendously important in this picture. It's been used before against ... well, it was used in Germany, dear. It's what the Nazis did: "You're a goddamn Jew. And you can't prove you aren't. We know what the Jews have done. We know that they have been a scourge and a curse on the nation." And all the people would be anything but a Jew. Eventually, they will be anything but a queer. It's the same thing.

IN Step: And you think this is going to happen now?

Hay: It's already happening.

IN Step: What about gay-rights laws?

Hay: A law is a law. It can be voted in. It can be voted out. It can be voted in and stay in as long as you have the majority. And where do you have the majority? You kid yourself. If people become frightened, if something all of a sudden goes wrong in our economy (and it can), and the preachers start blaming the sin around them on you, saying that God's judgment is on you, little by little they haven't anything to hang onto except that, and they'll listen — just as they did in they did in Germany. It may take four or five years, but it'll work. It troubles me deeply that all I have worked for may be gone by the time I die.

IN Step: But the world has changed, thanks to you.

Hay: Has it? What I have done, I have reached my people. And I have given my people a sense of respect. You can't have an ounce of that respect if the entire neighborhood is against you. Try it. We did once. People who have grown up since the sixties are not prepared for that, never even knew it happened here before. They will find themselves wiped out. You should have seen what happened in Colorado when Amendment 2 came down. [Amendment 2] a Colorado law, canceled civil-rights protections for gays and lesbians. The Supreme Court overturned the amendment in May 1996.] There had been gay groups in every city in the state. And within a year, there wasn't a paper, there wasn't anybody who would mention the fact that they

the action that day. They went around the corner to see the women at the clinic whom they knew. They saw this huge picket line. Men—not so many men—and women and kids in prams and little kids. There was a big line of people. And there were a few women who would have liked to have crossed that line, but who didn't dare.

So, this is going on over there. Mickey and his friend are over here, under a tree. There was only one thing they could do. They started kissing each other. Within ten minutes, there wasn't a child or a pram or a mama anywhere on that street. This is what is known as being a thwart. They didn't say a word. You see what I mean? We know how to do this. We do it at a drop of a hat. And it's very effective.

Because we're mediators, we can make ourselves the butt of the joke. We have been the fool. We make other people laugh. This is what the fool always does. He has nothing to lose. Because when they laugh, they begin to recognize themselves.

IN Step: When did you start wearing your earring?

Hay: In San Francisco when they started what they call "gender fuck," which would be about 1970, about the time of Stonewall [the riot at the Stonewall Bar in New York City that marked the beginning of a more outspoken and radical gay political movement]. This was the time of *Ballets Trockadero*, where all the men had beards. I started wearing one earring. Not two, just one ... and a necklace.

Now, this necklace that I'm wearing I always refer to as my sport pearls. This is the one I wear for the trade unions. I wear it to speak, to be in actions, to be on the picket line — always my sport pearls. Every once in a while, I'd have to rush over to do something with the guys after work. I wouldn't have time to go home. So I wouldn't have this on. And these guys came up to me and they said, "What happened? Did it break? Can we buy you a new one?"

They're concerned. That's friendly. That's loving. They wouldn't wear it come hell or high water. But they don't mind buying it for you. You give them the opportunity to do that. You almost invite it. And you're absolutely delighted with them when they do it, and they feel very good about themselves because they've done it. And you accept it with all the love they can give. It makes a difference. It changes something.

Any time along the line where we can find a way so that we change something, that guy whom you have changed and the other people around him whom you have changed are going to, in turn, change others. But that's being a thwart. That's not being confrontational. It's kissing them with a butterfly kiss as you go by. We have to be people who set each other free. One of the ways by which we set each other free is to get rid of that silly idea of pride.

IN Step: Of gay pride?

Hay: Yes. Because the moment you say, "We are proud. I'm proud to be this, and I'm proud to be that," what you're saying is we're almost as good as the others. "Almost" always means not quite. We're not almost as good. We're neither better nor worse. We are other than they. Give yourself permission to enjoy being gay. You do have to give yourself permission. You have been told you may not. Give yourself permission to be free.

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Harry Hay, circa 1935

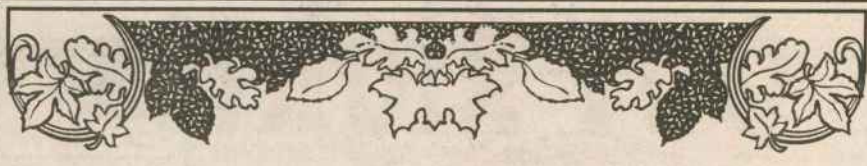
even knew anybody who was gay. They would lose their job, they would lose their house, they would lose their car. And I was shocked.

Q: What can lesbians and gays do?

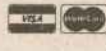
Hay: The thing I've been saying to my people all along is, "You know, one of the things you haven't done is you haven't learned your civics very well." In the nineteenth century, a great many immigrants came to our shores. And they got in at Ellis Island for one reason: They brought something the United States desperately wanted. In exchange for that labor power, the United States granted them first-class citizenship. Now you gays and lesbians, what have you brought to share?







Well, as a matter of fact, we've brought all kinds of gifts to share. We just haven't bothered to talk about it. We haven't even told each other what we have to share, let alone the country at large. I used to talk with the Queer Nation guys when they were first beginning their help with the abortion clinics.

In Ithaca N.Y. one time, we knew that the Operation Rescue crowd was going to make an attack on the clinic. These two guys showed up. They didn't know about


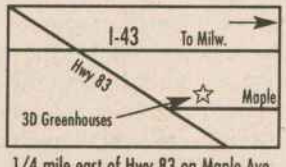


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Liberals Aren't Very Liberal... And They Aren't Very Nice Either

Opinion by Scott Evertz

A couple of weeks ago, I had to visit an acquaintance in a community which is known to be quite liberal. As I pulled into this community, my palms started to sweat, my mouth got really dry, and I could feel my face starting to get flushed. Indeed, I was showing all the classic symptoms of being afraid of something. But, about what could I possibly be afraid? Certainly the residents of this liberal, upscale community would understand why I would display a Tommy Thompson for Governor bumper sticker on my car. After all, according to the old *Webster's Dictionary* which sits on my desk, liberals are people who are "tolerant, broad-minded; not literal or strict." So, even though they don't necessarily support the governor, as "broad-minded" and "tolerant" people, they should certainly understand why I do, right?

Wrong! After getting out of my car on a street lined with houses ranging in price from \$300,000 to \$1,000,000, the gentleman that I was visiting came up to me and asked, "How can you possibly be a Republican?"

I indicated that, unlike him, I did not have vast amounts of wealth at my disposal to hire an accountant to find all the tax loopholes which would enable me to avoid paying the high taxes he and his wealthy, "liberal" friends inherently support by supporting Democratic candidates. I told him that I desperately needed property taxes to continue to go down and that it was the Republican legislature and the Republican governor who were responsible for those taxes finally leveling off and, in fact, actually going down. Needless to say, our visit didn't start out too well.

As I unloaded some things from my car, some folks walked by in very attractive Ralph Lauren clothing and sporting the latest, most expensive stroller in which they were pushing their two perfect children. Clearly these folks weren't going to be liberals and

How do you explain self-described liberals coming and screaming to a group of Log Cabin Republicans, "you can't be gay and Republican."

wouldn't object to my Thompson sticker. Guess again! They took one glance at the sticker, looked at me, looked at each other and mumbled something to each other like, "huh," and then said, "Thompson's a jerk."

So about now I'm feeling really uncomfortable in this "liberal" neighborhood and I'm thinking these folks are giving me some great material for my next IN Step column. They are exposing themselves as that which modern day liberals really are. They are mean people who simply ascribe to a certain list of principles and if you don't agree with them, you are worthless. Unlike real liberals of the past — people who were truly interested in other points of view and who were tolerant of others — the new style liberal is, in fact the antithesis of liberal, and they are quite mean.

How do you explain self-described liberals coming and screaming to a group of Log Cabin Republicans, "you can't be gay and Republican," and then refusing to even listen to an explanation from those Log Cabin Republicans about how this is, in fact, possible?

How do you explain to a political columnist refusing to believe that a candidate for federal office has pledged to co-sponsor the Employment Non-discrimination Act (ENDA) who turns around and writes a column saying that the gay community could never expect said candidate to support the legislation?

Finally, how do you explain a group of liberals becoming so disruptive at a speech recently given at the University of Wisconsin - Madison that the speaker had to leave the stage?

The fact is; you simply can't reconcile the definition of liberal with this kind of behavior. It's called fascist and the word is perfectly applied to individuals like those I encountered on my recent venture into Shorewood Hills outside Madison, and to those who screamed at Log Cabin Republicans at PrideFest. It is also appropriately applied to a certain political columnist who writes for the "other" gay paper in Wisconsin and its use is almost demanded in describing those who would not even allow Ward Connerly, a leading proponent of the need of affirmative action, to finish his speech in Madison.

Please give me a supposedly close-minded, conservative Republican any day.

by Christopher Ott

Q: Don't most religions say that homosexuality is wrong?



There is no denying that some religions do say that homosexuality is wrong. We need to be frank about this and stop trying to argue that scriptural passages don't really mean what they seem to. The real question is "Do they matter?"

When a religious condemnation runs against something which comes naturally to so many people and does no harm, it only makes sense to ask where that condemnation comes from. The traditional taboo against incest, for instance, is important because of the dangers of inbreeding. The typical prohibition against sex between adults and children is important because of the dangers to kids who aren't ready for sex. But there are no reasons like this to condemn gay relationships.

The truth is that condemnations of homosexuality are not really about homosexuality at all. They're about the hatred of people who are different. This hatred is masked by saying it's "God's will," but the same argument has been made before to justify racism, sexism and religious persecution. Anti-gay religious conservatives are wearing blinders. They're willing to accept any religious declaration at face value if it fits with their own prejudice.

It isn't easy to argue with someone like this who holds strong opinions about something they know next to nothing about, but it may help to tell them this: Religious condemnations of homosexuality say a lot more about human fear and prejudice than they do about God.

Q: Aren't gay activists intolerant of Christians?

Anti-gay activists of many religious faiths — but locally, mostly Christians — have begun to argue that gay people are hypocrites. We talk about tolerance, they say, but we are intolerant of Christians who believe that homosexuality is wrong.

It's true that gay activists are occasionally guilty of bad behavior, like telling jokes about bringing back the Roman Empire's Christian-hungry lions.

But in general, gay activists are not guilty of anything close to the same intolerance that anti-gay activists are. Here's why.

The issue for anti-gay Christians is not that they aren't being left alone to live, worship and believe as they want. The real problem is that they can't stand it when other people are. Anti-gay Christians are essentially complaining that their rights are being infringed simply because they have to live in the same society with people who live and believe differently than they do. It's not just that they personally believe homosexuality is wrong, but they want to prevent anyone else from living out of step with those beliefs too.

Even the angriest gay activists never seriously argue that Christians should be stripped of basic civil rights, but this is exactly what anti-gay Christians are doing to gay people by working to keep sodomy laws on the books or prevent the passage of laws that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation — a characteristic, like religion, that has nothing to do with a person's ability to do a job, pay back a loan or fulfill the requirements of a lease.

Anti-gay Christians are so used to getting their way that they've lost the ability to think clearly. They have an exaggerated sense of their own persecution.

A perfect example of this was the series of anti-gay billboards that appeared this summer in Madison. The signs were paid for by an organization called Wisconsin Christians United, and they said, "Homosexuality is not a family value. Homosexuality is a sin." When gay people, local politicians and average citizens condemned the signs, WCU squealed that they were being subjected to intolerance.

The problem with this argument is that it isn't intolerant to ask for tolerance. Anti-gay Christians weren't being attacked. They were simply being asked to call off their own attack.

A real attack would be unmistakable, but no one put up billboards saying that anti-gay Christians are evil. No one put up billboards saying that anti-gay Christians are morons. No one even put up billboards saying that anti-gay Christians are hypocrites with a poor understanding of the Bible, that they are self-righteous, or that they are upright and have a shameful ignorance about sexuality that is more deeply rooted in their own psychological problems than the Bible.

Maybe somebody should.

Straight Answers is a monthly column devoted to answering questions about gay life and helping to change anti-gay attitudes. If you have a question to suggest, please write to Chris Ott via e-mail at so@sipu.com or in care of IN Step.

Quips & Quotes

Bathroom Betty!

"I was in my house down in Orange County. I was all by myself and I was nervous because I don't like to be alone. It's kind of scary. Somebody knocked on my door and it was a fan. He started shrieking, 'Bathroom Betty! Bathroom Betty!' and I thought, 'Oh my God! How mortifying.' It was pretty scary, but I said, 'I'm going to call the cops!' and he ran away. But he left me with Bathroom Betty, and how could I forget that? He was giving me an homage to my days playing the [gay] bathhouses."

—Bette Midler on how she chose the name for her new album, to Billboard.

Andy's AD/DC

"Straight people say, 'C'mon, you know you're just gay,' and gay people say, 'C'mon, you know you're just gay,' and everybody just wants to make me gay! There is such a thing as bisexual. People want black and white. And I enjoy being bisexual. I enjoy being with men and I enjoy being with women."

—Newsradio star Andy Dick to Salon magazine.

Mutants!

"They're puppets. They don't exist below the waist!"

—Steven Whitmire, the voice and puppeteer for Sesame Street's Ernie and Kermit, on the rumors that Bert & Ernie are lovers, to students at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University.

Happy

"All that stuff about me and Bert? It's not true. We're both very happy, but we're not gay."

—Sesame Street puppet Ernie in an appearance before students at Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University.

Happily Ever After?

"I wanted her to grow up, get married, have a child, get divorced and live happily ever after."

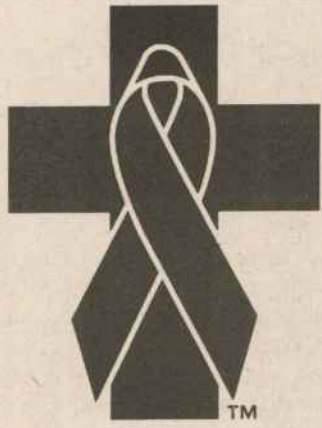
—Cher, on her initial disappointment when her daughter Chastity Bono came out, to Oprah.

See, I told you so!

"People thought I was gay in the 2nd grade. I think a lot of guys I went to school with are now going to be saying, 'You see, honey, I told you he was gay!'"

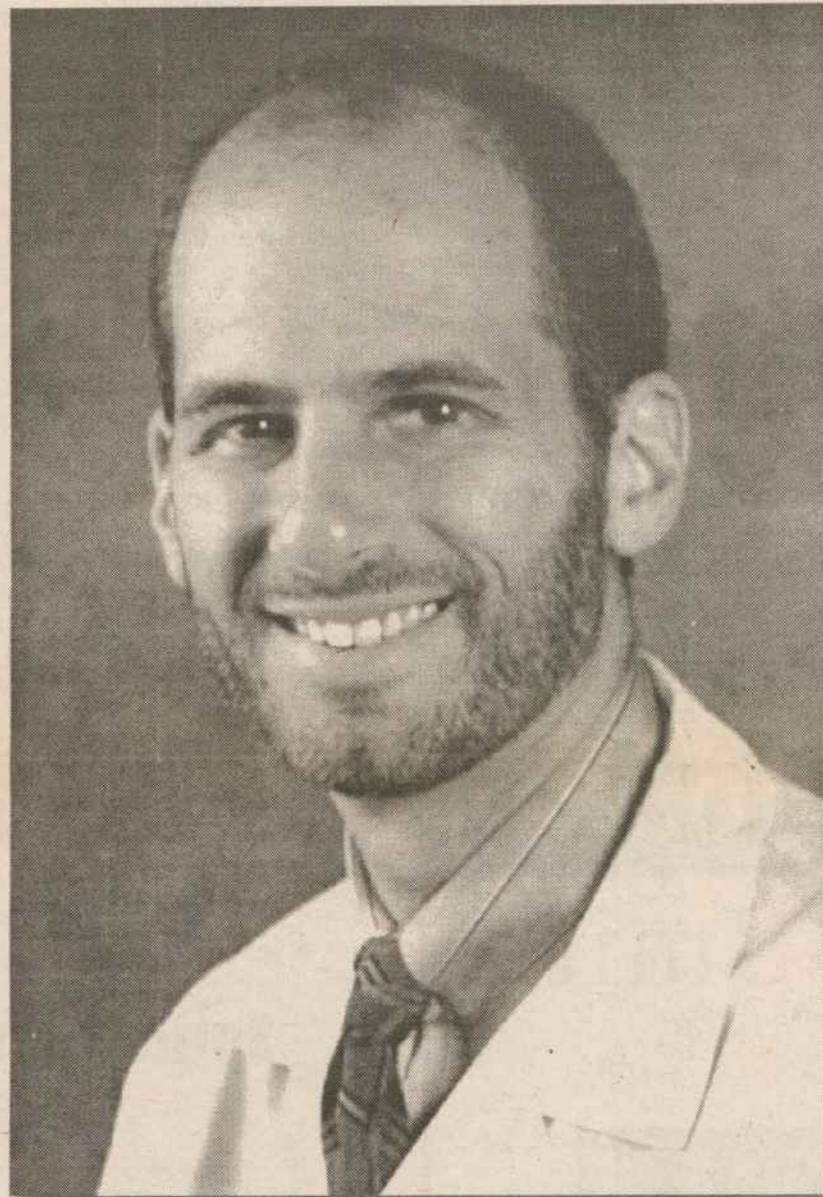
—Eric McCormack, Will of TV's Will & Grace, to the New York Post. Will is gay.

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Just One Month and Counting

by Ed Grover

On Sunday, Oct. 11, anyone from the LGBT Community finally — and officially — had a chance to see our new home. The Sneak Preview, appropriately enough, was held on National Coming Out Day. From noon through 3 p.m. the curious trekked through the first floor area of the building, located at 170 S. 2nd Street, which houses the new Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

I got on the wrong bus and had to get off; it was either go back to Water Street or start walking south. Had I been smarter, I would have caught either the No. 18 or 19 bus going south on 2nd and Wisconsin. They both stop right in front the new Center. If anyone else is a bus person like I am, the No. 11 or 15 will drop you off just a block east on Water Street. The weather was so great I decided to walk what turned out to be just a few blocks.

As I approached the right address, I saw nary a rainbow flag or sign in sight — not even balloons! There were about 10 people standing on the corner chatting, and pretty soon it dawned on me who they were: They were the greeters for the new Community Center. Josh Feyen was among them and was kind enough to give me a quick tour of our new home, located on the first floor of a large building that houses a mini-warehouse on its upper floors.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), the Lesbian Alliance of Metro-Milwaukee (LAMM), and



Greeters welcomed visitors to the Community Sneak Preview. Photo by James Taylor

leave a message. Someone will get right back to you.

Further back along the hall, is another large room that is far from unfinished. Wall-dividers will be used to separate this area into about eight cubicles. These spaces will be available for any LGBT groups that don't need a full office. They will be large enough to accommodate a locked desk and few chairs and either a computer or typewriter — telephones, too — I suppose. At the entrance, near the reception area there will be a shared photocopier and FAX machine that all organizations will have access to.

There are two rooms that can be used for meetings, workshops or other functions. The larger of the two will also be used for dances and receptions — as it was this day. The north wall of the larger room will contain the LGBT

long, well-lit brick hallway, and led to the bathrooms — all three of them. One each for males and females, and a third one that will be wheelchair accessible and will also serve the transgendered population.

I was told that one committee is soliciting artworks to hang on the walls, which will be a nice move on their part. That will solve a lot of decorating problems. But I still think that that hallway, with its white brick wall, would make an excellent space for revolving art exhibits. Josh told me that there was no kitchen area, and that any catering will have to be brought in. They are planning to have a coffee bar, however. And I did see a soda machine.

I talked to Barbara Brenner, who is on the Volunteer Committee. She sat me down and explained the Center's great need for volunteers, for without them our new home will cease to function. That reception area needs to be

staffed among other things. Tentatively, the committee is thinking in four-hour blocks of time, but any time volunteered by anyone of any age is more than welcome. Barb said that all the work done so far has been done by volunteers, and that includes putting up drywall, painting, moving heavy stuff and anything else that needed to be done.

If anyone wants to donate some time for anything from office work to being on a committee, they should call the membership line at (414) 483-4710 and ask them to send out a volunteer form. All you have to do is fill it out, return it, and then expect to attend an orientation meeting. That's it!

In slightly less than a month, the Grand Opening will take place on Tuesday, November 10. The big night starts with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar. This will be followed by an opening program, and from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be entertainment. As their flyer says, "Come home and join us, won't you?" Meet your friends, and if you're not a member already, join up! All kinds of help will be needed and every bit if it will be appreciated in getting ready for the big day. Give the new Milwaukee LGBT Community Center a call and get involved. After all, it's our new home. Now let's make it a great addition to our community.

"...all the work done so far has been done by volunteers."

the Brady East STD (BESTD) Clinic will have nice-sized offices right up the hall from a reception area — staffed by smiling volunteers. Joshua told me that there were four offices, so space is available for one more tenant. If you're interested in being involved, give the Center a call and

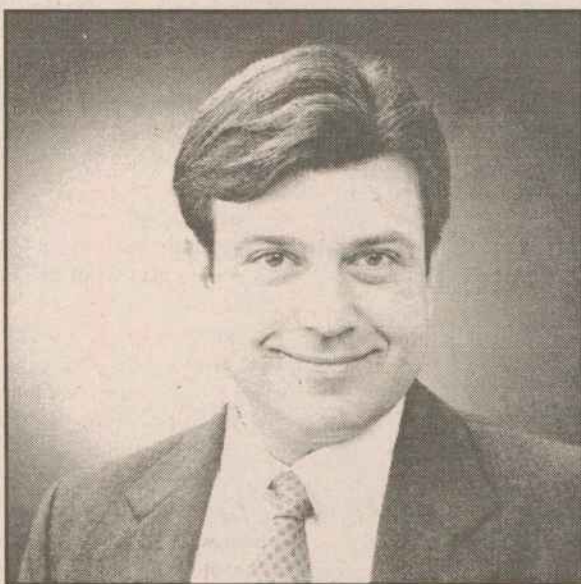
library that is being formed from books donated by the community. Now I know where all those volumes I've reviewed will end up; they needed a good home. There was one more space I wanted to see; it was at the end of a

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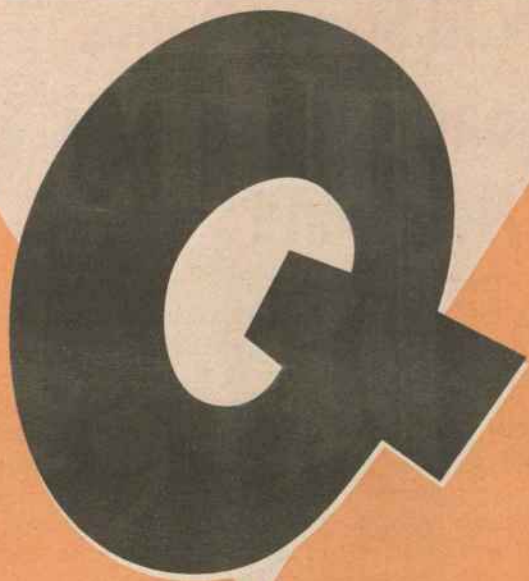
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Cultivations

Through personal style and photographic expertise, Johnie Shimon and Julie Lindemann have garnered a cult following. Their glamorous personas might seem at odds with the rural life they document. But J. Shimon and J. Lindemann revel in the cultivation of alternatives.

story and photos by Waswo

When Julie Lindemann e-mailed an invitation to dinner, I was more than a little thrilled. The artistic team of Shimon and Lindemann had previously wowed me with exhibitions that seemed immediately classic. I had drooled over their photographs at Silver Paper Gallery, The Walker's Point Center for the Arts, The Madison Art Center and MIAD. I had envied their work in *Milwaukee Magazine* and *Art Muscle*. *The New York Times* was known to regularly phone the couple's studio requesting commissions. Neo-Post-Now Gallery, the duo's venue for bringing vanguard chic to America's Dairyland, had

already passed into legend.

I first met Julie at an artist's reception. A heterosexual man had pointed to her and lasciviously whispered "She's beautiful. Is she a drag queen?" I was shocked. Have we entered a world where uncompromised style is reserved for transvestites? I moved quickly from the offending oaf. Moments later, I was ceremoniously introduced to the woman in question. Her partner, Johnie, shuffled shy feet beneath a bell-bottom suit.

"It would be fabulous if you could visit our studio," concluded the brief conversation. An official e-mail appeared a few weeks later. And then, early one morning, a short phone call. "We thought after seeing our studio we could show you our farm. Do you like grilled vegetables?" I assured them that I did. Their quirky sophistication had already cast its spell. If anyone could persuade me to stifle carnivorous cravings it would be J. Shimon and J. Lindemann.



Julie Lindemann: Should we start at the beginning? We have to go way back in time to 1980. I had just spent a year in

Europe and was coming back to Madison. I ran into this guy I use to know who was starting a band and needed a drummer. The band was called The Stimulies. I went to one of their practices and Johnie was screaming the lyrics to this song. The name of the song was "Presley King Idiot."

Johnie Shimon: I don't remember the lyrics anymore. It had something to do with socks.

JL: That was my first exposure to him. It was that post punk era. Johnie thought a drummer who couldn't really play drums was a cool thing. So I qualified. I was very immense. I looked like Phyllis Diller or something.

JS: Sort of like a cross between Divine and Phyllis Diller.

JL: I had the stage name June Cleaver, and I had these purple-pink drums I'd just sort of bang around on. Johnie was the only person I knew who wanted to do things like go see *Pink Flamingos*. It turned out that we had both grown up in Manitowoc. We finished school in Madison, moved to New York, and just started working together.



On the day of our scheduled visit, Tommy and I lunch on large quantities of animal flesh. Believing ourselves gofged, we take the hour's drive to Manitowoc. There, at 719 York St., Johnie and Julie beckon us into their world.

We're given the grand tour: the entry space that once housed Neo-Post-Now, the well-equipped darkroom, the enormous collection of vintage cameras, the arched room where local celebrities, wannabes and street kids have posed for studio portraits. We climb the winding stairway to the mezzanine office, and then are shown the top-floor apartment with its unbelievable collection of art.

Returning to the reception room, we are seated at a small glass table. Soft drinks are served from a mirrored tray. Behind us, shimmering deco-chrome cameras march in rows. Mammoth photographic prints of cows and their keepers sprawl in disheveled stacks.



JS: Photography was at first just a side interest for us. It was just one of the things we were into. We started sharing cameras

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Fall Gallery Night in Milwaukee

Friday, Oct. 16, is Fall Gallery Night in Milwaukee. Many of our downtown galleries will have artist's receptions and be open through 9 p.m. At Gallery 218, 218 S. 2nd St., there will be a solo art exhibit by Lia Gima, whose works are inspired by

microscopic organisms, marine animals and plankton. This exhibit of monoprints, intaglios and drawings will be on view through Sunday, Nov. 1.

The Michael H. Lord Gallery, located in the Pfister Hotel, will feature recent works on canvas and paper by Japanese artist Misaki Ando. Ando will create "Rope," an installation that will transform ordinary objects into a spiritually suggestive pieces. There will be a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Lord's Photography Gallery features the work of Jan Groover, John Dugdale, Masatoma

Kuriya, Rudolph Koppitz, J.P. Atterberry, Andy Warhol and Ruth Orkin. Both exhibits will be available through Nov. 7.

Grava Gallery, located at 1209 E. Brady St., will feature the works of



Sally Gauger Jensen and Randy James in an exhibit titled "There's No Place Like Home." Gallery H2O, 221 N. Water St., will feature photographs by Douglas Krimmer titled "A PrideFest Portfolio." See photographs of your favorite drag queens captured for posterity. There will be an opening reception with music by the Dancers from 6 to 10 p.m. This show will be up through November 11.

At the Milwaukee Art Museum at the Milwaukee War Memorial on Lincoln Memorial Drive, the night begins

with a talk on quilts and their current quilt exhibit. Enjoy free refreshments and a cash bar, then catch the Gallery Night Express at 6:30 p.m. and tour several galleries. The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) will hold an opening reception for *Beyond the Object: Art as Public Experience* from 6 to 9 p.m. Check out your favorite gallery and enjoy a crisp fall night of gallery hopping.

"In The Life" Season Premiere

In The Life, America's gay and lesbian news-magazine series, returns to national public television this fall with six all-new stories for its fall season premiere.

Correspondents Darius de Haas and Paul Mueller join host Katherine Linton for several important stories. First up is the decision on gay marriage in Hawaii, which examines the grassroots effort to defeat a state constitutional amendment that would declare marriage a right only available to couples made up of people from the opposite sex.

This is followed by "The Southern Baptists" — *In The Life* talks to ministers and church members about welcoming gays and lesbians to their congregations. This story looks at the struggles and politics within the denomination whose



—Leslea Newman

members reach to the highest level of government, from Newt Gingrich to Bill Clinton.

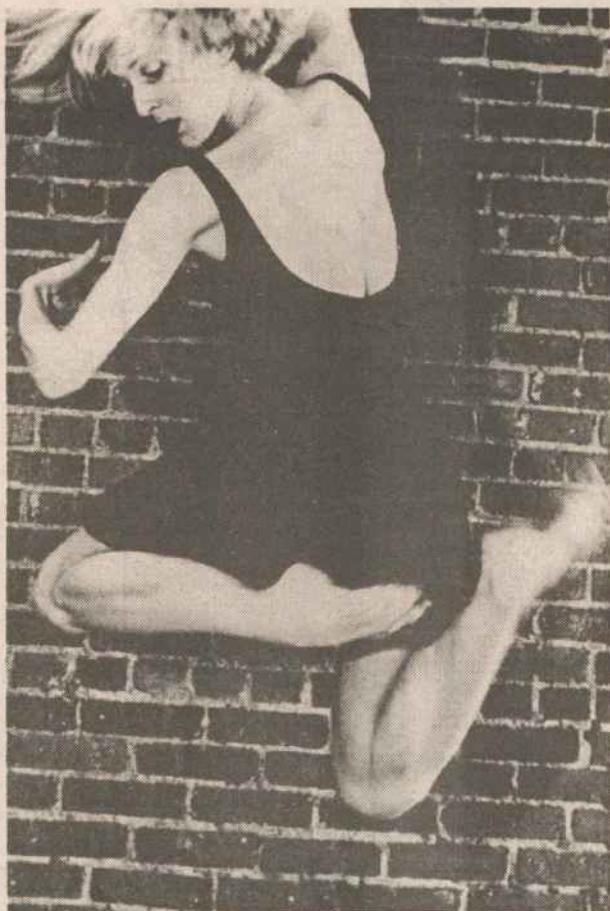
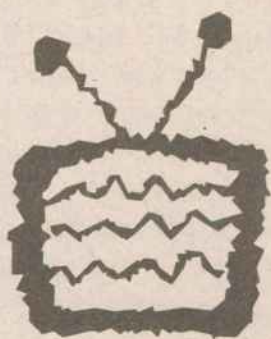
The next news story is "Children's Books, Adult Battles" — *In The Life* examines the controversy over children's books that deal with gay issues. Books discussed are Michael Willhoite's "Daddy's Roommate," and *IN Step* contributing writer Leslea Newman's "Heather Has Two Mommies." This story looks at how children's books have become a heated battleground for adults.

"Housing for Gay Seniors" — looks at a new future of assisted housing for gay and lesbian seniors. *In The Life* talks with organizations that are trying to create gay-friendly, assisted living environments for seniors so older gays and lesbians, who may have been open about their sexuality for decades, don't have to go back in the closet in their later years.

The Arts and Culture section features "on the boards with Shakespeare" — a look at "R&J" and all-males adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet," and the Los Angeles Women's Shakespeare Company, devoted to producing all-women productions of Shakespeare.

Also featured, "Patience and Sarah," a new American opera, recently performed at New York's Lincoln Center, about two women who fell in love and shared their lives together in the 1800s. *In The Life* will also look at "Mary Ann Wilson: Artist Maid," an exhibition at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York of Works by the 19th century artist whose life with her partner was the inspiration for the opera.

In Wisconsin the series will air in Milwaukee on Wed., Oct. 21 on Channel 10, WMVS, at 11 p.m. Statewide it will air in the following locations on Tue., Oct. 27, at 11 p.m.: Channel 21, WHA; Channel 28, WHWC; Channel 31, WHLA; Channel 36 WLEF; Channel 38, WPNE. For other areas in the United States, see your local directories.



Allyson Green. Photo: Matthew Cozier

Wild Space Dance Company Presents "Heartland"

"Heartland" initiates a new performance series, "Dance Imports," featuring Wild Space Dance Company in collaboration with guest dance companies from across the United States. This season, critically acclaimed choreographer Allyson Green and Dancers from New York City, make their Milwaukee debut at Alverno College's Pitman Theater., 3401 S. 39th St. on Fri. and Sat., Oct. 16 and 17, at 8 p.m.

Allyson Green was commissioned by Wild Space to create a new dance work, *Escalade*, for the Heartland concert. Green will also premiere *Four Voices, Inside Out* featuring her company, which includes Milwaukee natives Carey Ott and Carrie Ahern. Green will dance a solo titled *Songs of Unrest*. Wild Space Artistic Director Debra Loewen will premiere a work titled *Hana*, a quartet for four women, based on the Japanese word which describes both the essence of the flower and the internal state of serenity of the performer. *When The Heart Does Not Agree*, a suite of dances set to the music of Peter Mulvey will also be performed.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$13 seniors and students and are available at the Alverno College box office. For more information please call (414) 382-6044 or (414) 271-0307.

Madison Rep to Stage "How I Learned To Drive"

The Madison Repertory Theater continues its 30th anniversary with the 1998 Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by Paula Vogel, *How I Learned To Drive*. The play is being produced in collaboration with the Next Act Theater in Milwaukee. The Madison opening is set for Friday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. in the Isthmus Playhouse at the Madison Civic Center.

The story is an imaginative look back on a life examined by a woman coming to grips with love and indis-



John Kishline and Mary MacDonald Kerr.

cretions in her formative years. Li'l Bit, the thirty-something woman at the heart of the play revisits her adolescence where she learned her life lessons behind a steering wheel. The road to adulthood was not smooth, however, but full of twists and turns because of a loving yet abusive relationship with her Uncle Peck.

Uncle Peck taught Li'l Bit to drive, he taught her about respect, he taught her about love, but he also crossed the center line. His efforts at nurturing her freedom had as much to do with his desire for her as they did with his wish to see her flourish. The cast includes Mary MacDonald Kerr as Li'l Bit and John Kishline as Uncle Peck. Three actors portray roles ranging from family members to high school students, and include Michael Callahan, Amy Geyser and Celia A. Klehr.

The co-production will be directed by Next Act Theater Associate Director, C. Michael Wright. Madison Rep's

Design team of Frank Schneeberger and Mary Waldhart have created the sets and costumes for the production. Lighting is by Andrew Meyers and sound design is by Doug Hilliard. The production stage manager is Meghan Gauger.

Madison Rep is collaborating with the Rape Crisis Center to prepare 950 high school students to see the play at three Student Series performances. Representatives of the two organizations will make more than 28 classroom visits to introduce the issues raised in the play. The Rep provides each student with an audience guide and teachers receive supplementary materials with suggestions for discussion and writing assignments.

Tickets (\$20 to \$25) can be reserved by calling the Madison Civic Center Ticket Office at (608) 266-9055. For more information about rush tickets and group rates and other discounts call (608) 266-0029.

Ballet Wisconsin Launches "A Season of Stories"

Ballet Wisconsin (formerly known as Et toi, tu dances?) invites you to journey down the rabbit hole with *Alice in Wonderland*, choreographed by Artistic Director Yves de Bouteiller, for two shows only at the Pabst Theater on Sun., Oct. 18, 1998. Performances are at 2 and 4 p.m. Ticket prices for *Alice* are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors.

In conjunction with this magical event, Ballet Wisconsin is hosting a "Tea Party" at Watts' Tea Room, on Saturday, October 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity for ballet fans to meet the characters, learn more about Lewis Carroll's enduring classic and see a glimpse of the ballet. Admission to the Tea Party is \$20; ticket holders for the ballet receive a \$5 discount. For more information regarding these two events or tickets for any of the 1998-'99 Season of Stories concerts, please call (414) 964-6700.

Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia" at UW-Madison University Theater

Chaos theory and humor collide in this witty brain-teaser by well-known playwright Tom Stoppard. The University of Wisconsin-Madison University Theater kicks off its 1998-'99 season with Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia*, opening Friday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and October 17. The production will also be presented Oct/ 22 through 24 and Oct. 28 through 30, 1998.

Arcadia presents two time spans: a young inquisitive student and her tutor of 1890, and two scholars who explore the life, death, love, art, mathematics, the cosmos, order and chaos of the present time. Past and present intertwine creating a provocative detective story. Director Barbara Clayton says the play "reaches out to the sciences to interrogate the basis for our knowledge about 'real things.'"

For more information, call the Vilas Hall box office at (608) 262-1500.

Theatre X's GINT Begins Run

Gint, a play by Romulus Linney is running now through Nov. 1 in the Studio Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway.

In *Gint*, Linney adapts the classic play *Peer Gynt* by Henrik Ibsen, relo-



cating the time and setting to the Appalachian mountains from 1917 to the present. In his quest for a better life, Pete Gint transforms himself from a scoundrel to a socialite, only to find that he cannot escape his past.

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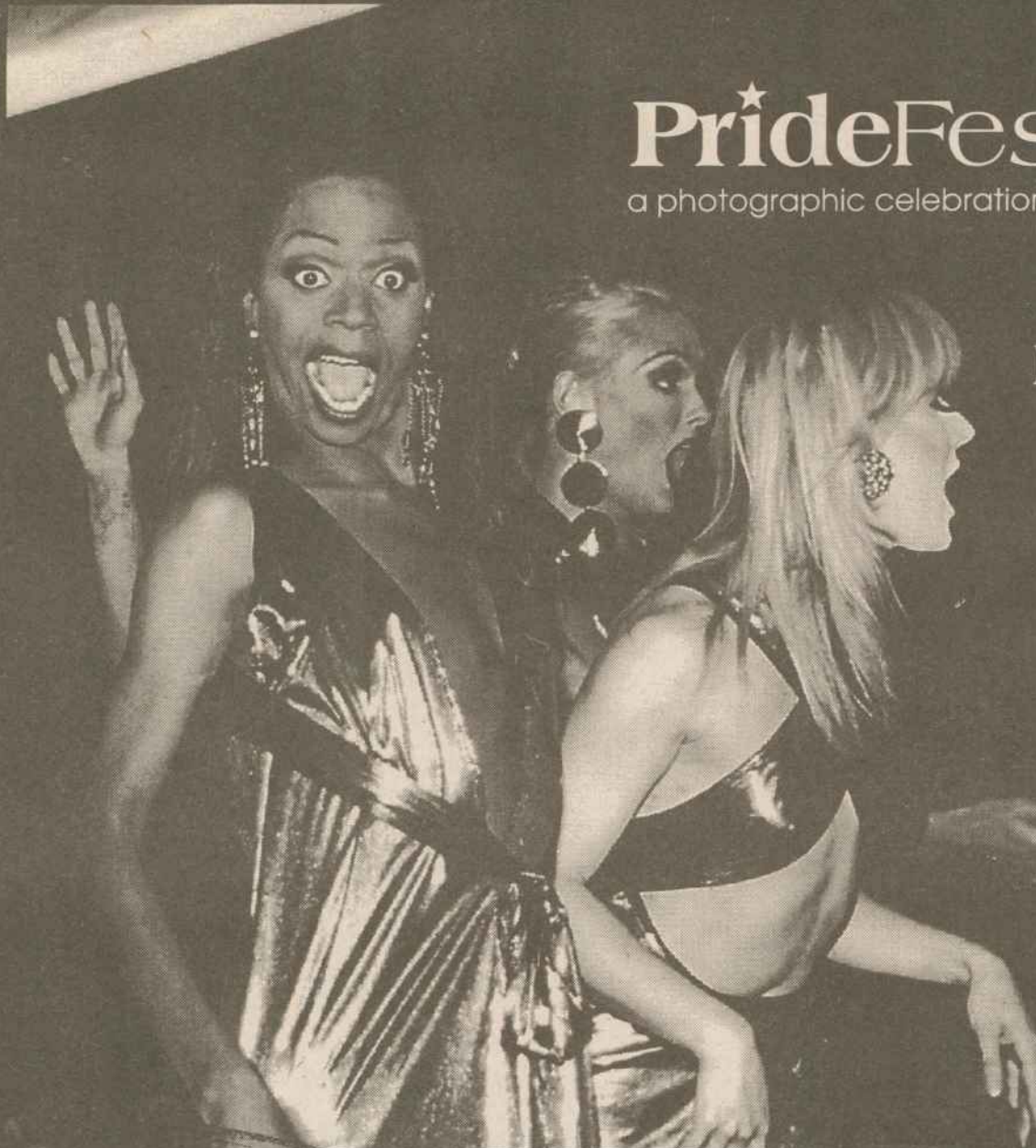
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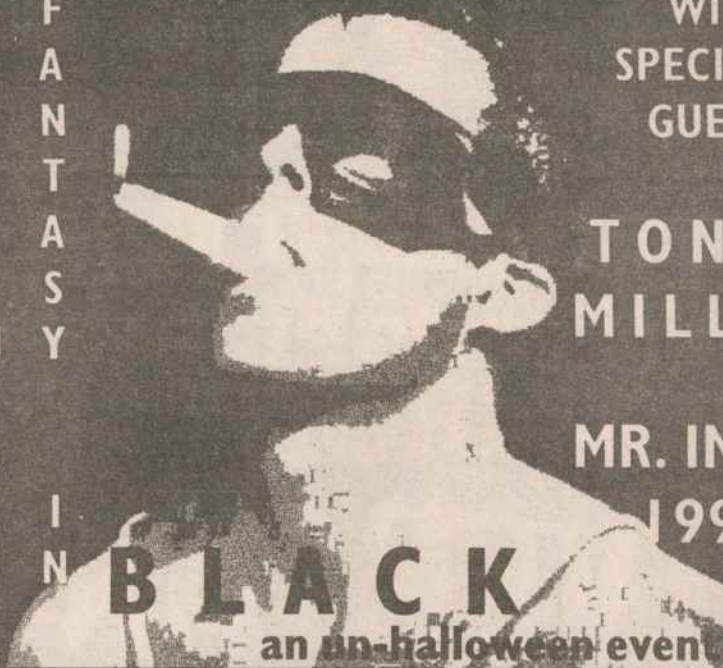
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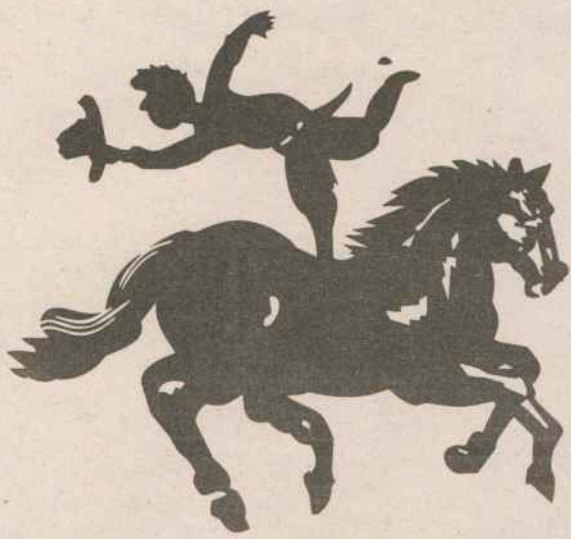
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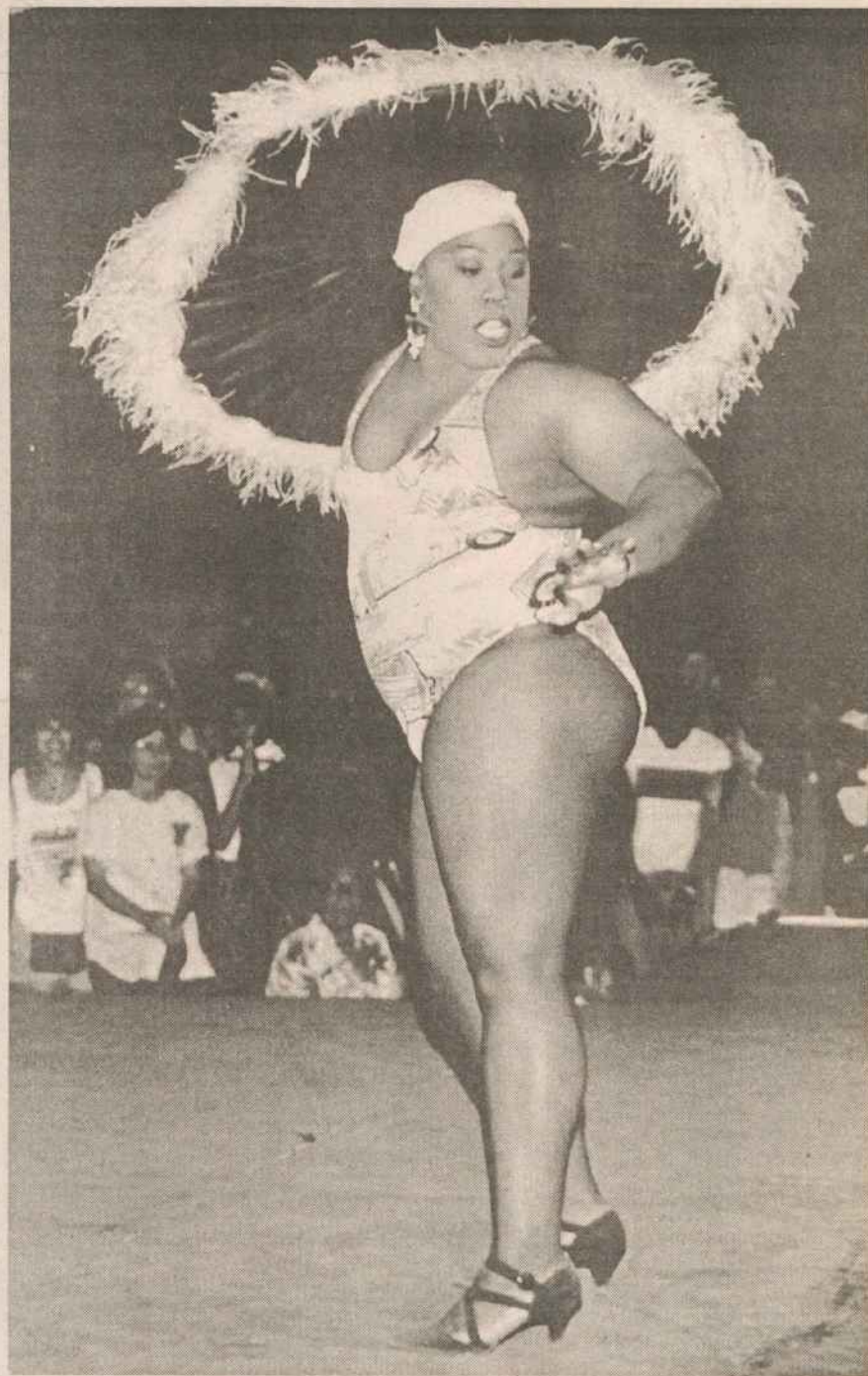


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Pridefest Portfolio #10, Milwaukee 1994. Photo by Douglas Krimmer

A Pridefest Family Album

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“When a lot of people think of PrideFest they think of flamboyant sexual commentary. But PrideFest is so much more than that. There's a lot of little, tender moments. Like two fellows embracing at a picnic table by the lake. Or two women sitting on a park bench holding hands.”

Douglas Krimmer, this year's official PrideFest photographer, snapped over 700 pictures of the gay extravaganza. As a devotee to the school of street photography, Krimmer captured much of PrideFest's color, humor and warmth. In candid shots and posed portraits, Krimmer has documented PrideFest from beginning to end.

“I first went to PrideFest back in 1993, when it was still in Juneau Park. I walked around and never really took out the camera. I was scared stiff to shoot photos. At the time I didn't really know anybody in the gay community. I didn't know what this was all about.”

“But by 1994, the year PrideFest moved to the grounds of the Milwaukee Art Museum, I had become much more comfortable with the role of street photographer. I went there for two solid days and just had a ball. I brought my wife and kids on Sunday night and we watched the drag show. By 1997 I was shooting semi-officially for PrideFest. This year I had a contractual agreement with them.”

Doug Krimmer's fascination with PrideFest has culminated in a show entitled *PrideFest Portfolio*. It features more than 50 framed color photographs, as well as several black and white images. Chicago's Righteously Outrageous Twirling Corps is seen tossing pink-triangular drill rifles into the air. Rainbow jock straps peek through holes in cut-off

jeans. A Harley-Davidson tattoo is emblazoned with the rainbow flag. Krimmer shows us the gay community in all of its diversity, from high hair and zebra pants to solemn commitment ceremony.

“I don't know why I latched onto the gay community. I now have a lot of friends who are gay and business partners who are gay. Milwaukee is a conservative town. It can be a provincial town. There's a lot of cardboard people here. I guess I have to agree with what one of my business partners said: Gay people are just more interesting.”

“I want this show to be like a family album for the gay community. A lot of times, in family situations, you're fighting with you brother or sister or whoever. But when you get together, and look at old pictures in a family album, you start to put the pieces back together again. You realize why you are a family in the first place. I hope this show does that for the gay community.”

Prices at Krimmer's show will range from \$200 for large, framed photographs, to as little as \$10 for small, unframed prints.

“I plan to have a lot of photos that people can look through. I hope people will see and remember things from two or three years ago. This show doesn't focus on just one aspect of the gay community. It's across the board.”

PrideFest Portfolio runs through Nov. 1 at Gallery H20, 221 N. Water St. An opening reception featuring music by The Dangles will be held from 6 to 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16th.



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and equipment. At some point we had a couple Rolleiflex cameras and we'd each use one or the other. We couldn't really tell who took what picture. So we had to start attributing the work to both of us.

JL: Now we do everything collaboratively. We teach together at MIAD. We're together day and night. You sort of become of one mind. You sort of become freaks. But I relish that. It's not banal.

JS: We were staying in Manitowoc, trying to decide what to do next with our lives. We saw this building for sale and bought it. We just happened to have enough cash. It was only \$12,000 dollars. We've built the lifestyle around having the building.

JL: Of course we opened an art gallery. We opened Neo-Post-Now Gallery in

1992. We tried to do shows that were exciting. We didn't care at all about selling art. We showed art that we really grooved on. All of it had sort of a punk attitude.

Neo-Post-Now attracted a lot of the youth of Manitowoc. We'd meet a whole carload of kids who looked like they had just bleached their hair for the first time. They would see me and get so excited. Like, 'your glasses are so cool.' I guess they never saw an old lady like me before. These kids would be curious and come into our gallery and talk. Eventually we started to photograph them.

JS: But the whole thing, dealing with those streety kids, was getting rather tired.

JL: The 20 crank phone calls a night.

JS: Yeah, that kind of thing. We got much more interested in photographing kids who had grown up in situations like ourselves. So we photographed farm kids for a couple of years.



Shimon and Lindemann's portraits of the denizens of Manitowoc, and the youth of its surrounding countryside, captured the imaginations of art aficionados throughout the state. In show after show, Manitowoc's aerosol-sniffing drug addicts, tough teens, proud young couples and unashamed strippers came to represent the quintessential truth of contemporary small-town experience. The portraiture of dignified farm boys, and wholesome farm girls, seemed an appropriate companion volume to this visual essay on late 20th-century America.

Tommy and I wind our way out of Manitowoc, following Johnie and Julie's truck into verdant fields. The ancestral Shimon home sits modestly at the end of a long drive. Clouds that look downright evil are blackening the western sky. Torna-

do warnings have been sounded and the car radio is telling us to find shelter. Windshield wipers surrender to torrents of rain. We make the mad dash to the house.

Julie frets that we should seek basement security, but Johnie seems less concerned. Red wine is poured, and we peer through a rain-smearing window at corn stalks bending in the storm. Beneath this deluge the farmhouse seems especially cozy. Once again, the surrounding walls have been tastefully adorned with art. We talk and drink as the storm passes.



JL: We feel it is the rural people and the small-town people who are most us. This is our place. This is where we are from and what we know. When we show these photographs in urban environments people sometimes say really shocking things. Like, 'who are all these dirty people and why are you photographing them?' Just really rude and judgmental things. They view the pictures and put their own prejudices into them.

JS: The camera we use the most is an 8x10 Deardorff. That's what all those cow pictures were done with. Sorry, I interrupted.

JL: Isn't it fun to interview these two-headed monster artists? Our current show in Madison reflects 10 years of alternative process printmaking. There are platinum-palladium prints, cyanotypes, and gum prints.

JS: We had a lot of stuff that was never shown before. That was the motivation.

JL: There's a lot of things that we do, that we experiment with, that we don't necessarily show. This Madison show is about things we've been working on that people haven't seen. It's called *Pictures of Non-Famous People and Other Things*.

JS: There's a lot of portraits of food and objects. It's not just people.

JL: All of the pieces in this show are contact prints. That means the print size is the same size as the negative. So these pieces are small. They aren't the huge prints people might expect from seeing our other shows.



There is a rainbow in the sky over the Shimon farm. Julie is walking barefoot among squash and pumpkin vines. Johnie, still in a bell-bottom suit, swings a heavy wooden camera over leafy wet tomato tops. The vegetables Julie slowly knifed in the kitchen are now simmering on the grill. They smell surprisingly good.

I huddle with Tommy and our hosts in a small enclosure of mosquito netting. We eat sweet onions, mushrooms and peppers. As darkness envelops us, Johnie and Julie take an occasional flash photo. The bottles of wine are nearly empty.

I think of a particular Shimon and Lindemann photograph. It depicts a young girl bobbing her head above the waters of a backyard pool. In the background, tall Wisconsin corn grows in soft focus. I feel like we are in that photograph. Just like the bobbing girl, we are enjoying a bit of farmyard hedonism. John Shimon and Julie Lindemann prove that art and style need be no stranger to the back roads of the America. ▼

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Madison Gay Wrestling Club (Madison, WI): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. New members are welcome. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Saturday, October 17

H.I.T. Casino Run - Fund-Raiser (Milwaukee, WI/Joliet, IL): H.I.T. will make a run to the Empress Casino on a fund-raiser for their annual bowling tournament to be held over Thanksgiving weekend. The bus leaves the College Ave.-East Park & Ride at 9 a.m. for a full day of gambling and fun, and returns to Milwaukee at 8:30 p.m. \$20 per person. FMI call Peter at (414) 963-4037 or Rick at (414) 463-9849.

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

Gamma - FrontRunners - Run/Walk (Milwaukee, WI): 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.

Tuesday, October 20

GAMMA - Play Cards (Milwaukee, WI): Sheephead at 7:30. FMI call Bill at (414) 442-2268.

Wednesday, October 21

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): DCC will have lessons from 7 to 9 p.m. and open dancing afterwards until 11 p.m.. Suggested donation is \$3; 1133 N Sherman Ave. Northgate Mall, Sapphires Ballroom. FMI call Richard or Ron at 255-9131 or see their website at www.execpc.com/~sapphire

BAR SPECIALS:

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee, WI): Levi/Leather Dance Bar. Bartender's Specials - 8 p.m. to close

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): \$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, WI): \$5 Beer Bust! 6 to 10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

The Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee, WI): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special! DJ Eddie.

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

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

Mondays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 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, WI): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee, WI): Closed.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): 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, WI): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. 2-4-1.

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

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

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee, WI): 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.

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee, WI): Levi/Leather. Open 8 p.m. Free pool. \$4 pitchers of domestic beer.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): 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, WI): Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Free Karaoke from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Progressive Night! Starts 9 p.m. to close. \$1 rail mixers, 50¢ mugs of beer. Price goes up 25¢ every half hour to closing.

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee, WI): Closed!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 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, WI): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. It's Leather Night! Prizes throughout the night.

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Free Pool & \$6 Super Bust! MGD and Miller Lite!

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

LaCage (Milwaukee, WI): Super Bust!

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee, WI): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Miller Time! \$1 taps, \$1.25 bottles of Miller brands. DJ Eddie.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee, WI): Dart Night Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

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

Thursdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 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, WI): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 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: Jim Beam Drinks are 50¢ off. Ex & Ex Lite \$2. Shots of Doctor \$2.

Club 219 (Milwaukee, WI): 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, WI): 2-4-1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Groove with Amy! Amy entertainers!

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite. Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra Shots - \$ 2.50

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

Kirby's Klub (Madison, WI): 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 Kismet (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, WI): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee, WI): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Tex-Mex Night! \$1.50 bottles of Corona.

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

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

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

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The Ghost of Carmen Miranda and Other Spooky Gay and Lesbian Tales

Edited by Julie Trevelyan & Scott Brassart

This collection of 22 decidedly gay and lesbian ghost stories has arrived just in time for Halloween laughs and chills. The cover story by Don Sakers is funny and quite wonderful. Imagine a space station somewhere in the future with a campy 70-year old, 270-pound drag queen. Add a few outrageous characters — like Cookie, who distills rum somewhere in the depths of his kitchens, and a spectral Carmen Miranda who lovingly hands out advice and *real* fruit. You'll have quite a story.

"Taking Care of Faith," by A.J. Potter, "weaves faith-healing, a haunted apartment and a jar of peanut butter into a tale of love and loyalty from beyond the grave." The ghost of a gay man returns to visit the apartment where he killed himself. He has the current resident contact his ex-lover with some surprising results.

In "The Case of the Sapphic Succubus," by Abbe Ireland, a lesbian investigator checks out a supposedly haunted motel room and reports the results of her experience with the demon dyke she finds there to Dr. Decker, who ... well, read on. "My Possession," by Simon Sheppard, gets into really kinky bondage and sex of the slave/master type as the possessor becomes the possessed.

Lawrence Schimel's "Old as a Rose in Bloom" tells the story of a young girl who's getting dressed for her first prom while she talks to her deceased mother. Her gay father and his drag queen lover are downstairs. She thinks her mother has come back because she's angry with her

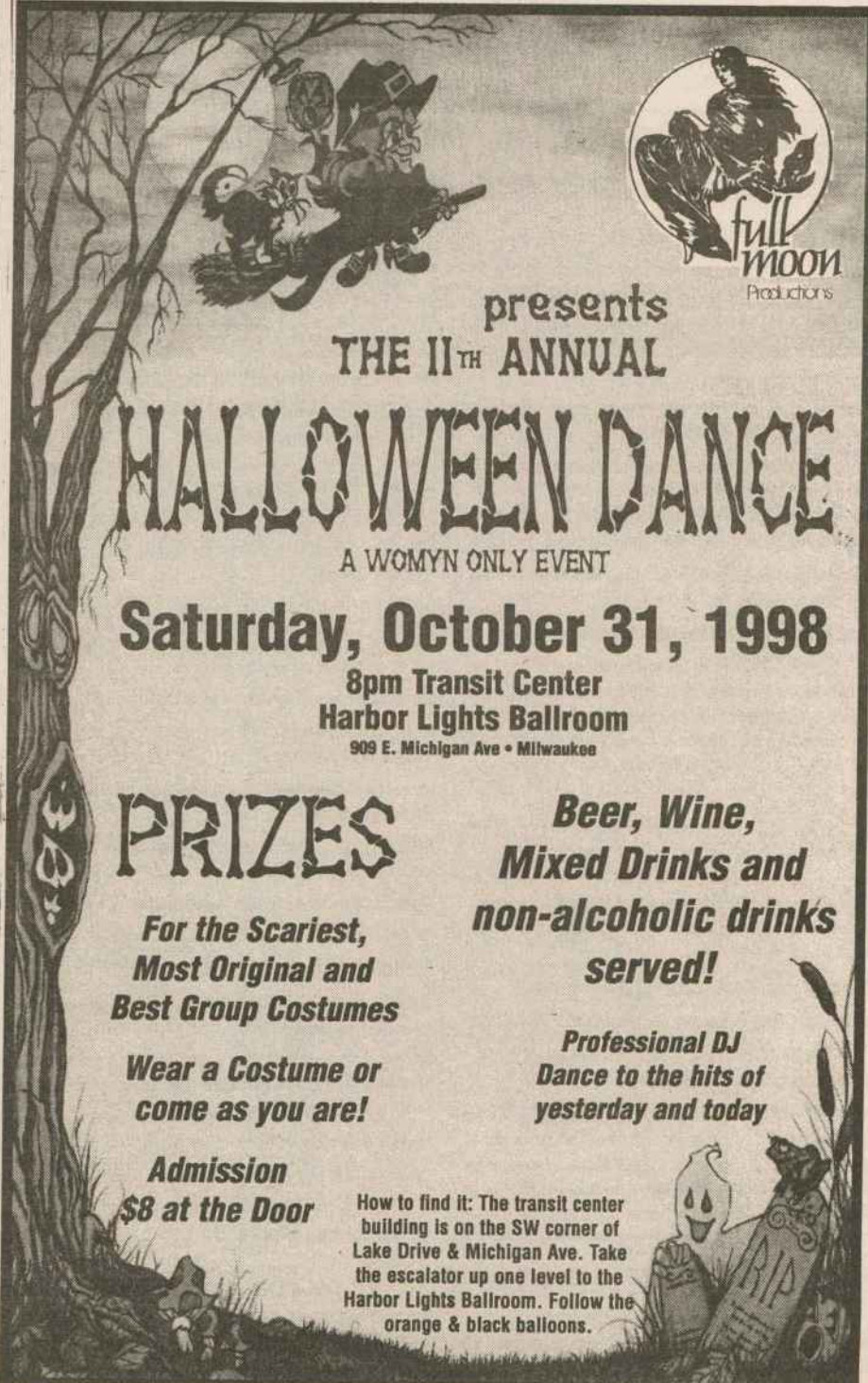
father for sleeping with a man. She finds out something quite different — along with getting a mother's undying love.

I really liked "Simon Says" by Marshall Moore. John meets Simon Rossi at a friend's house. Simon can see ghosts, and has since he was a babe. They fall in love and move in together. Simon starts getting weird telephone calls in German (Hans) and Russian (Oleg). He tells John they're ghosts, and John says, "That's a hell of a long-distance call." So goes the witty banter until Simon lets John know that Hans is hot for him and means to have him by any means. The solution decided by an otherworldly confab is quite permanent in a reverse sort of way — but the lovers work it out.

Some stories are scarier than others. In "The Thing at the Bottom of the Bed," by J.M. Beazer, Haley discovers that the "lump" leaning against her leg at the bottom of the bed isn't her cat Gulliver. This tale is all about the fear of the things that live under the bed and in the darkest corners of our souls. The final story in the collection is "Eyes" by E.J. Galusha. This tale is about two women who pick each other up and decide to get it on. "Eyes" is guaranteed to freeze your blood and give you the willies by the time you reach the horror-filled conclusion.

At the end of the book there are very short bios on each of the contributing authors. Read these short but wonderful tales straight through, without stopping, just as I did. Some of them will "have you checking the closet, under the bed, and wondering why you were told there were no such things as ghosts." There are, you know. Happy haunting. (Alyson Publications, ISBN: 1-55583-488-4, \$11.95 PB).

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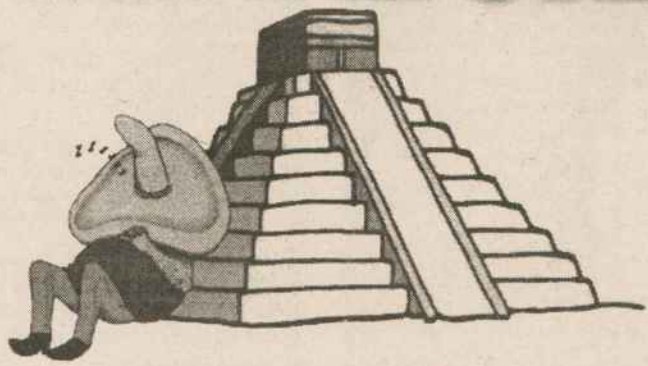
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Station 2 (Milwaukee, WI): Beer, wine & rail 2-4-1 all night!

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

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

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

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee, WI): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

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

Fridays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 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, WI): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 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.

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Bring on the Bears and Bikers! \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse. \$2.50 Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots.

The Kioset (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, WI): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee, WI): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. 2-4-1 mixed drinks from 8 to 10 p.m. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 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, WI): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 7 p.m.

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

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

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



Lesbian sandwich? Photo by Jamie @ Club 5

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

Woody's (Milwaukee, WI): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

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

Club 219 (Milwaukee, WI): 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tea Dance. Free Eats!

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee, WI): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Bartender's Special from 8 p.m. to close. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, October 15

M&M Club - Free Flu Shots (Milwaukee, WI): Free flu shots will be offered in the upper-level banquet room from 6 to 9 p.m. FMI call BESTD Clinic at (414) 272-2144 or Jeff Miller at (414) 817-0957.

Thursday, October 22

M&M Club - Free Flu Shots (Milwaukee, WI): A second round of free flu shots will be offered in the upper-level banquet room from 6 to 9 p.m. FMI call BESTD Clinic at (414) 272-2144 or Jeff Miller at (414) 817-0957.

Saturday, October 24

Jo'Dees International - Jeff's 31st birthday party! (Racine, WI): Who said that getting (Gulp!) older wasn't fun? Go to 2139 Racine Street (Hwy. 32) for lots of free beer and soda and food from 9 till the cows come home. Specials on shots of Doctor's and others. FMI (414) 634-9804. website: <http://Members.aol.com/jodeesintl>.

M&M Club - Randy's Birthday Bash & H.I.T. Fund-Raiser (Milwaukee, WI): Randy Frank (Eveline) will be the host at this annual (belated) birthday bash and fund-raiser for H.I.T.'s annual tournament. The festivities begin at 7:30 p.m. and showtime will be at about 10:30 p.m. Raffle tickets will be sold during the evening. FMI call Roland at (414) 277-5570.

Wednesday, October 28

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

HALLOWEEN EVENTS: (COMMUNITY-WIDE & BARS)

Friday, October 30

Cell Block - Hall-O-Weenie Weekend (Chicago, IL): There's Going To Be A Non-Stop Party! Tonight: Black Out in the Cell Block! Saturday they open at 2 p.m. with a Bloody Mary Bar! Dress code strictly enforced for Holding Cell & Yard. Check your Monthly Planner.

Douglas Dunes Resort - Halloween Weekend (Douglas, MI): Join in for a Witchy Weekend! There is a great party on Saturday night (10/31) with prizes for the best costumes. Located at 333 Blue Star Highway and they're open all winter. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Saturday, October 31

Frontiers Gay/BI Men's Group - Party (Madison, WI): Join other members for a spectacular Halloween Bash. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. A buffet (this is not a potluck) supper and cocktails will be served. This should make a great pre-bar party. FMI call Larry at (608) 244-8675.

GAMMA - Party (Glendale, WI): There will be a member's Halloween Party starting at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Doug & John at (414) 540-1202.

Jo'Dees International - Halloween party (Racine, WI): Prizes to the best costumes! Drink and shot specials. 10 p.m. until closing.

Positive Voice - Party (Kaukauna, WI): The party will be at Liberty Hall from 8 p.m. to midnight! FMI call (920) 435-4404.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES, CLUBS:

Friday, October 16

Borders Book Shop & Cafe - Storytelling for Adults (Madison, WI): David Keesey-Berg performs Walking Sacred Path: Stories of Faith, at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 232-2616.

Sunday, October 18

Positive Voice - Lavender Book Salon (Green Bay, WI): This LGBT reading group meets the third Sunday of the month. FMI call Michael at (920) 738-0497.

The GLBTQ Book Discussion Group - This group usually meets the third Tuesday of the month. Two books are discussed: one fiction novel and a non-fiction book that ties in with the fiction novel. FMI call Borders Book Shop-East, (608) 240-0080.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Thursday, October 15

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.



Tongue patrol Photo by Jamie @ Club 5



I killed Kenny. Photo by Jamie @ Triangle South Park Wednesdays



Who forgot their leather vest?. Photo by Jamie @ Eagle.

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

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison, WI): 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, WI): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing fro 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

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

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

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 16

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

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.

Saturday, October 17

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

Cathedral Square Park - FINAL Farm Market (Milwaukee) This will be the wind-up for home-grown fruits and veggies, plants, herbs & baked goods for this location for the season. 7:30 a.m. 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.

GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison, WI): 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.

Transgender Issues - Workshop (Madison, WI): The time is yet to be announced for this workshop on: How to Achieve a Feminine Voice, which will take place at OutReach (formerly The United), 14 W. Mifflin St. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Sunday, October 18

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 Milwaukee - Meeting (Milwaukee, WI): The group meets at the BESTD Clinic at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

James Raeb UU Church - Worship Service (Madison, WI): Services are from 10 to 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI call (608) 242-8887.

PFLAG-Madison - Meeting (Madison, WI): At 2 p.m.: How do we respond lovingly in an increasing political climate which is not always accepting? Meet at the Friends Meeting House, 1704 Robert Court, behind the Associated Bank on Monroe Street.

PFLAG-Door County - Meeting (Sturgeon Bay, WI): This group meets the third Sunday of the Month at Hope Church, 12th & Michigan Streets. FMI call Sandy at (920) 743-8663.

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Rehearsal (Madison, WI): 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) 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.

Silver Space - Older Lesbian Discussion Group (Milwaukee, WI): This discussion/social group meets the third Sunday of the month at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee from 6 to 8 p.m. FMI call the Counseling Center at (414) 271-2565.

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

Monday, October 19

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton, WI): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian



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and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Coleman Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI call Irene (920) 722-7572, Bernie (920) 982-0220, or Harriet (920) 749-1629.

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): HIV Prevention & Research: Theoretical, Methodological & Contextual Consideration, will be presented at 2:15 p.m. in the conference room at 2017 N. Summit Avenue FMI call (414) 456-7731.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Rap Session (Madison, WI): An open discussion is held at OUTReach, 14 W. Mifflin at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 274-5959.

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

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

WISH - Generic AA 12-Step Meeting (Madison, WI): The group meets weekly at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Community Ctr, 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI call (608) 249-5096. Tuesday, October 6

Tuesday, October 20

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

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

HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha, WI): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The meetings take place at Family Resource Assn. of Fox Valley, Midway Rd., 1488 Kenwood Drive from 7 to 8:30 p.m. FMI call (920) 739-4226 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

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

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

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

PFLAG - Meeting (Appleton/Fox Cities): This group meets the third Tuesday of the month. FMI write PO Box 195 Neenah, WI 54957-0195 or call the helpline at (920) 722-7572.

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

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

Wednesday, October 21

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

p.m. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

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

HIV/AIDS Support Group - (Green Bay, WI): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meetings take place at Renaissance Healing Arts Ctr., 311 S. Jefferson from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI call (920) 437-4325 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

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

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

Friday, October 23

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison, WI): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (MTF and FTM), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI (608) 255-4927.

Saturday, October 24

Celebrating The Body Erotic - Men's Workshop (Chicago, IL): This two-day workshop, conducted by the Body Electric School, will help men explore the connections between touch, physical pleasure and spiritual awareness. Scholarships available for men living with HIV. FMI call (312) 819-1524.

Integrity/Dignity - Religious (Madison, WI): There will be a Remembrance of the Dead Eucharistic Service at 6 p.m. at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave.

UWM - Annual Autumn Pow-Wow (Milwaukee, WI): Native American singing and dancing, plus vendors with crafts in the UWM Union Ballroom from noon to Midnight. Free and open to all.

Sunday, October 25

Gay Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee, WI): The group will discuss The Roles We Play from 6 to 8 p.m. at BESTD Clinic. \$3 donation requested. FMI call Bill Hanel at (414) 276-7626.

Wednesday, October 28

Bay View GAYS - Garden Club (Bay View, WI): The Bay View Garden and Yard Society will meet for the last time this season at the Beulah Brinton Community Center at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Dan at (414) 482-3796.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Saturday, October 17

UWM Fine Arts - Free Film (Milwaukee, WI): Cinemas of the Scattered African Diaspora's will show The Keeper, a film about a prison guard whose life is changed when he takes in a Haitian immigrant accused of rape. Film screened at 4 p.m. in the UWM Union Theater. FMI call (414) 229-2931.

Sunday, October 18

Cathedral of Hope - Religious TV (Madison, WI): Cable 4, Public Access TV will regularly air part a 30-minute worship service from the Federated Metropolitan Community Church from Dallas, Texas at 8 p.m.

TBS Superstation - AIDS Drama (Milwaukee Cable): In The Gloaming, directed by Christopher Reeve and starring Glenn Close, Bridget Fonda, Whoopi Goldberg, Sean Robert Leonard and David Strathairn will air at 8 p.m. Central Standard Time on Channel 17 (out of Chicago). The show will repeat at 9:15 p.m.

WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Lesbian Radio (Madison, WI): Her Turn: Women's news and information by and about women from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by Her Infinite Variety: Women in Music from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All genres and styles. Interviews, live guests and announcements for the womyn's community. FMI call (608) 256-2001.

Monday, October 19

WYOU-Cable 4 - Free Speech & Dyke TV (Madison, WI): Gerald Ford's America, We Do The Work-repetitive strain injuries, Moment Utopia, a documentary by Kenji Williams of the rave culture. Starts at 7 p.m. Dyke TV, a 30-minute show for lesbians is produced in New York City.

Shows 10:30 to 11 p.m.

Vilas Hall - Free Film (Madison, WI): At 7:30 p.m.: A Taiwanese film titled A Brighter Summer Day, based upon a 1960 crime that shocked Taipei, the film traces the forces that lead a decent young man to break down.

Tuesday, October 20

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison, WI): Part two of three: Tales of the City will be shown at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Colin at (608) 257-2338.

Nothing To Hide - Additional Hour Channel Cable 4 (Madison, WI): Requests were made to the channel to increase viewing to a third hour & here it is. 1) you can call in requests for the following month on some topic or person in the GLBTQ community, or 2) D. Runyon will make the selections. This afternoon at 4 p.m. it's Nazis & Gays by Edgewood College Professor, Jay Hatheway, and In Our Own Times, produced in Dallas, TX, with the two counter TV ads against the Extreme Religious Right produced by PFLAG in response to Pat Robertson and Jesse Helms. FMI (608) 241-2500.

Wednesday, October 21

In The Life - Season Premiere (Milwaukee & Statewide): In Wisconsin the series will air in Milwaukee on Wednesday, October 21 on Channel 10, WMVS, at 11 p.m. Statewide it will air in the following locations on Tuesday, October 27 at 11 p.m.: Channel 21, WHA; Channel 28, WHWC; Channel 31, WHLA; Channel 36 WLEF; Channel 38, WPNE. For other areas in the United States, see your local directories.

Saturday, October 24

Charles Allis Art Museum - Film (Milwaukee, WI): The Egg & I, starring Fred MacMurray and Claudette Colbert at 7:30 p.m. in Rahil Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. \$3 general public, \$1 members & children. FMI call (414) 278-8295.

Madison Gay Video Club - Videos (Madison, WI): Double-feature screenings of Kiss Me Guido and Catalinville at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

UWM Fine Arts - Free Film (Milwaukee, WI): Cinemas of the Scattered African Diaspora's will show the classic film Black Orpheus in Portuguese with English subtitles at 4 p.m. in the UWM Union Theater. FMI call (414) 229-2931.

Sunday, October 25

LGBTQ Asians & Asian Americans - Videos & Potluck (Madison, WI): All LGBTQ Asian and Asian American students and community members are invited and encouraged together for a potluck dinner. Afterwards, everyone will watch some of the queer Asian-American videos from the Asian-American Studies Program video library. FMI on times, location, potluck and/or videos, please contact kkkumashi@students.wisc.edu or call (608) 256-5415.

Tuesday, October 27

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison, WI): Part three of three: Tales of the City will be shown at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Peter at (608) 827-8262.

Nothing To Hide - Channel Cable 4 (Madison, WI): This afternoon at 4 p.m. it's Harry Hay at the book signing at Canterbury Books, New Harvest Foundation presents itself in 1996: made by Melissa Dopp some footage of a Dave Runyon tape. FMI 241-2500.

Wednesday, October 28

Nothing To Hide - Channel Cable 4 (Madison, WI) At 9 p.m. there is Midge Miller interviewing the Doctors Gene & Linda Farley on the issue of Universal Single Payer National Health Care in order to expose the misinformation put out by Jo Musser, candidate in the race for the Second Congressional District seat. Also Midge Miller interviews Ed Garvey [36] & A Matter of FACT: S in politics

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Friday, October 16

Gallery 218 - Opening Reception (Milwaukee): A solo art exhibit by Lia Girma, whose works are inspired by microscopic organisms, marine animals, and plankton. This exhibit of monoprints, intaglios and drawings will be on view through Sunday, November 1. FMI call (414) 643-1732.

Gallery H20 - Opening Reception (Milwaukee): A PrideFest Portfolio by Douglas Krimmer will be on exhibit during Gallery Night and through 11/1 at 221 N. Water St.. Tonight there is an opening reception with music by the Dangles from 6 to 10 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-8032.

Grava Gallery - Opening Reception (Milwaukee): The works of Sally Gauger Jensen and Randy James in an exhibit titled "There's No Place Like Home." There will be a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. The show runs through 11/28. FMI call (414): 277-8228.

MAM - Gallery Night (Milwaukee, WI): The Milwaukee Art Museum will have a talk on quilts from their current exhibit. Enjoy free refreshments and a cash bar. Walk or drive to galleries throughout the city that will be open until 9 p.m. The Gallery Night Express leaves MAM at 6:30 p.m. and will tour several galleries. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

MIAD - Opening Reception (Milwaukee, WI): An opening reception for Beyond the object: Art as Public Experience will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Saturday, October 17

MAM - Contemporary Art Auction (Milwaukee, WI): More than 120 museum-quality contemporary artworks will be auctioned off by Sotheby's, followed by dinner and dancing at this black-tie event. Reservations are required. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Tuesday, October 20

Milwaukee Art Museum - Music in the Museum (Milwaukee, WI): Jeffery Hollander will feature piano portraits of composers, their music and the lives they led at 5:30 p.m. Bring a family quilt and Hollander will create a musical interpretation. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Thursday, October 22

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum - Photographs (Milwaukee, WI): Platinum-palladium prints by New York-based Japanese photographer Kenro Izu document the wealth of architectural and sculptural display artistry of the 12th century Cambodian temples in Angkor Wat through 11/29. \$2 admission. There will be a lecture. FMI call (414) 271-3656.

Friday, October 23

Milwaukee Art Museum - African-American Quilts (Milwaukee, WI):

Recovering History: The Tradition of African-American Quilting, is a special week-long exhibit of quilts made after 1950. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Saturday, October 24

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum - Garden Clean-up (Milwaukee): Volunteers are needed to help restore the Italian Renaissance Gardens on the fourth Saturday of each month. To find out how you or your garden group can help, call (414) 271-3656 - ext. 6. Also both men & women are encouraged to join the new Renaissance Garden Club which will focus on the Italian gardens at Villa Terrace and the new English garden at Charles Allis Art Museum. FMI call Brenda Anguil (414) 962-3716.

THEATER ARTS:

Thursday, October 15

UWM Fine Arts - Recital (Milwaukee, WI): Steve Nelson-Raney will play solo piano: Jazz standards and neo-jazz improvisations at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

Friday, October 16

Alverno College - Wild Space Dance Co. (Milwaukee, WI): Heartland initiates a new performance series in collaboration with dance companies from across the USA. Allyson Green and Dancers will perform with Wild Space tonight at 8 p.m. and again on 10/17. FMI call (414) 382-6044 or (414) 271-0307.

Saturday, October 17

Milwaukee Chamber Theater - Season Opener (Milwaukee, WI): David Hare's award-winning play, Skylight, will open at 8 p.m. and be followed by a champagne reception. FMI & tickets call (414) 291-7800.

Sunday, October 18

Pabst Theater - Ballet Wisconsin (Milwaukee, WI): BW will perform two shows only of Alice in Wonderland at 2 and 4 p.m. On Saturday, 10/17 join them for a Meet the Characters Tea Party at Watts Tea Room from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 964-6700.

UWM Fine Arts - Music (Milwaukee, WI): The Fine Arts Quartet performs at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall, the program included the Dvorak Quartets. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

Friday, October 23

Wind-Up Dolls Theater - Season Opener (Milwaukee, WI): Two short plays, The Role of Dela, and The White Whore and the Bit Player will be presented at the CoffeeHouse, 631 N. 19th Street. Also on 10/24. FMI, tickets & times call Ruth at (414) 224-0625.

Saturday, October 24

Pabst Theater - Comedy (Milwaukee, WI): The Capitol Steps, a satirical troupe of former Congressional Staffers, will perform here for one night only. Get the latest input in the Bill and Monica fiasco, plus a lot more. FMI call (414) 286-3663.

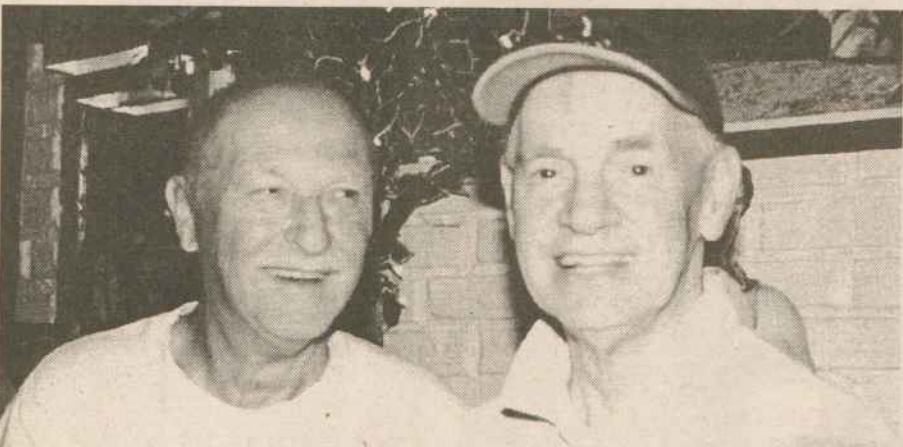
UWM Fine Arts - Music (Milwaukee, WI): The Dorothea Trio performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall. FMI call (414) 229-4308

Sunday, October 25

Boulevard Ensemble - Alley Series Season Opener (Milwaukee, WI): Wilder Wilder, two one-act plays by Wisconsin native Thornton Wilder will open at 7:30 and run on Sundays and Mondays through 11/9 at the Boulevard Theater, 2252 S. Kinnickinnick Ave. Tickets are \$10. FMI call (414) 744-5757.



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by Julia LaLoggia
of the IN Step Staff

Live large! Mom always tells me to seize the day. Play hard, work hard, love hard. In order to keep up with a physically and emotionally demanding lifestyle, a person needs to take care of their most important asset: their health. There are lots of things that go in to taking care of your well-being. Maintaining a positive mental outlook and nurturing your body are two of the most important things that you can do to maintain your good health. Today we are going to cover a Milwaukee restaurant that helps you nurture your body. I will leave the part about maintaining a positive mental outlook to the real experts like Rikki Lake.

Beans & Barley. The name says it all. Beans & Barley is a restaurant, deli and store located on North Avenue a few blocks west of Lake Michigan. Rebuilt after a fire destroyed the old space a few years ago, "Beans" as it is called by regulars, is a great place to get stuff that is good for you. Specializing in vegetarian cooking, Beans & Barley offers a wide range of foods to help you feel good, and



menus that help you keep going all day rather than making you feel as if you would like to go back to bed. For breakfast I recommend the Tofu Scrambler, and for lunch, the Tempeh, Lettuce, and Tomato (TLT) sandwich. I hear you saying "I ain't never heard of nothing like that." So, before I let you know how my meals were, let's discuss tempeh and tofu.

Tempeh (pronounced temp-ay) and tofu are both made from soybeans. Soybeans are nutritional power-packs. They are the most nutritious of all beans and are a great source of protein. Simply put, tempeh is fermented soybeans. The whole bean is used so it maintains all of its fiber and nutrients.

Tofu looks like a very soft white cheese. It is made from processed soy beans and has almost no taste. Rang-

are served on the side.

Scrambled tofu is very similar to scrambled eggs except for the cholesterol. Tofu is also smoother and lighter than eggs. This breakfast meal is loaded with flavor and won't weigh you down first thing in the morning.

For lunch I recommend the TLT — tempeh, lettuce, and tomato sandwich. Remember that tempeh is fermented soybeans. Like anything that is fermented (milk fat to make cheese, grapes to make wine), tempeh has a characteristic flavor.

A good way to round out a breakfast or lunch is with a large glass of carrot or carrot and beet juice. Carrot juice is chock-full of good things for you. The vitamins and minerals in carrot juice provide energy, helps build healthy tissue and skin, helps prevent infections, and actually are good for your eyes. The addition of beets makes the juice a bit sweeter because of their high sugar content. The ancient Greeks called the carrot *philon* (from philo meaning love) because they would eat the root as an aphrodisiac before making love. So Mom knew what she was talking about when she wanted you to eat all of your carrots.

The lunch and dinner menu at Beans and Barley are one and the same. The menu has a nice variety of sandwiches, soups, and salads. If you stop in for dinner and want a bigger meal, the restaurant offers daily special entrees. Some of the entrée offerings are Vegetable Tofu Stir-Fry, Sinaloa Grilled Chicken, and Turkey Ragu Lasagna. I tried the stir-fry, and if the other entrees are as good you won't be disappointed.

If you don't have time to eat in or want to grab dinner to go, the deli offers an excellent selection of healthy and *dee-lucious* offerings. And almost anything from the restaurant menu can be ordered to go. Pick up a carry-out menu and keep it in your desk!

After eating in the restaurant, or while waiting for a carry-out, take some time to peruse the store. A huge selection of healthy and holistic items can be found there.

The food at Beans and Barley is good and good for you. So play hard, but remember to take care of yourself. I recommend this restaurant!

This breakfast meal is loaded with flavor and won't weigh you down first thing in the morning.

feeling good is sexy. So, there you have it folks — Beans & Barley is sexy. The large open space is separated into two distinct areas that maintain their identities yet flow into each other. The restaurant is large and airy with ample booth or table seating. The deli and store are set off separately. The two areas are joined by a lunch counter that blends the sections together.

The restaurant offers a full breakfast, lunch and dinner menu. I generally stop in for a power breakfast or lunch. There are many items on the breakfast and lunch

ing in texture from soft to firm, tofu takes on its flavor from whatever it is cooked with. Tofu is a great way to add dimension to a dish. It is very versatile and easy to prepare. Both tempeh and tofu are easy to digest and an excellent source of protein for people who are trying to cut down on their meat intake.

And now, back to our meals. The Tofu Scrambler is one of the best breakfast items that I have ever had in my life. Firm tofu is scrambled with tomatoes, scallions, mushrooms and sesame seeds. Parsley-shallot red potatoes

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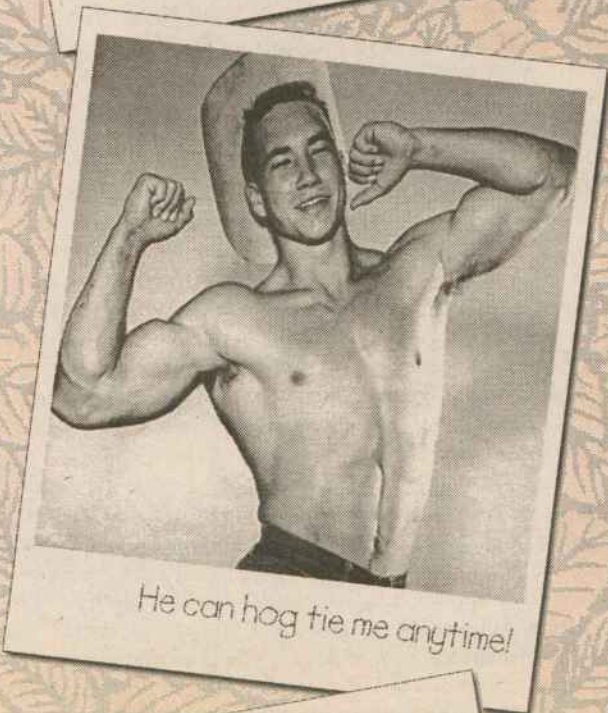
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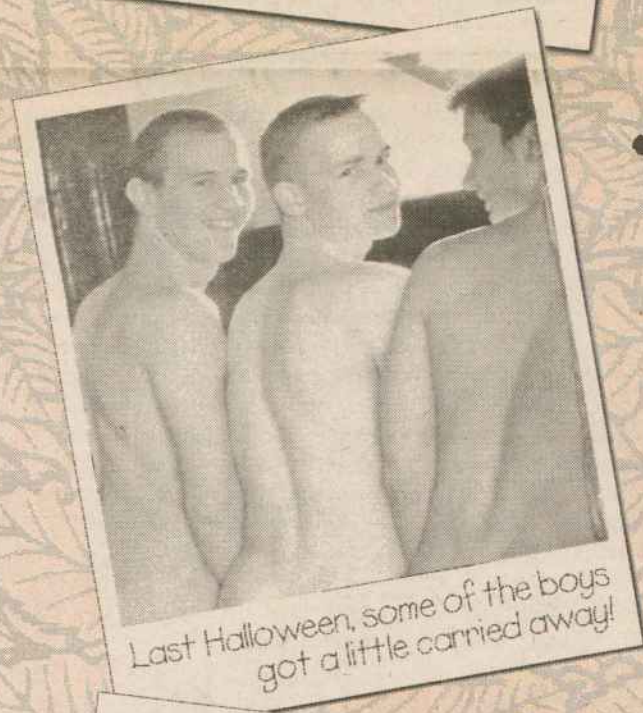
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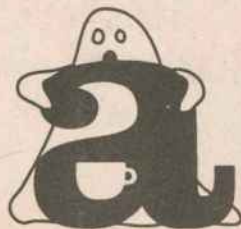
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CINEMA

A Night at the Roxbury

I haven't enjoyed a *Saturday Night Live* skit in years. While their conceptual smarts are undeniable, each routine flogs the concept to death, lacking the build and tension of, say, a *Kids in the Hall* segment. But for some odd reason, SNL skits transfer brilliantly to feature-length film. Maybe it's the chutzpah of creating a three-dimensional personality for a character that previously only existed in 10-minute spurts like the androgyne Pat that made *It's Pat - The Movie* my favorite film of this decade (this is not a joke). Whatever the reason, *A Night at the Roxbury* takes an honorable place among the former milestones of the aforementioned masterpiece, *Wayne's World* and the hideously underappreciated *Stuart (Smalley) Saves His Family*.



Will Ferrell and Chris Kattan

One thing *A Night at the Roxbury* shares with its brethren is a propensity for wacky post-modern comedy. It hardly matters that the narrative centers around cheeseball brother duo Steve and Doug Butabi's (Chris Kattan and Will Ferrell) attempts to get past the velvets ropes at the hip Roxbury club when it's merely a (great) excuse to parade celebrities around them.

Richard Grieco plays himself but in a way so does Loni Anderson, even though her character is the Butabis' mother. Because both stars have pasts in television trash, we can't see past the celebrity towards the diegetic character and the surface referentiality delights in an era when Helen Hunt can win an Oscar (a slam on the current status of television acting not Helen Hunt). And I love the way the Butabis' theme song, Haddaway's "What Is Love?" gets so much of its original gay sensibility drained out through overkill that it eventually appears in a Muzak rendition.

Bop Boys: The Video

Bop Boys: *The Video* (Interhit) features "the best of the red-hot BOY BAND sound from America's #1 teen entertainment magazine!" You know — Take That, N'Sync, the Backstreet Boys. Only the latter appear on the accompanying CD and none appear on the video. Nonetheless, it's in images that this music signifies and *Bop Boys: The Video* is an important contribution towards understanding this phenomenon.

Well, given that the likes of 911, Kavana and Peter Andre haven't exactly exploded onto Yankee shores, this phenomenon remains a largely European one where this music is number one with a bullet. But that doesn't mean we can't learn anything from the visual information that surrounds it. In fact, boy band videos offer a unique glimpse into the dilemmas of male image-making.

Most of the visual pleasure in narrative cinema stems from the male as the one who sees and the female as the one seen. But since music videos don't rely heavily on the conventions of narrative cinema, they can serve as a critique of this impoverished mode. So we get Worlds Apart dancing in the sun while girls sit at patio tables and watch the performance. Ricky floats at zero gravity as two femmes fatales look on via security cam. There are images of women sprinkled throughout Kavana's sexy gyrations but he doesn't look at them. Both are interchangeably to be seen.

These boys want to be seen if only because their careers depend upon it. Of course, this rupture in traditional representation can generate some anxiety in these pubescents. Three of these videos take place in some kind of future perhaps because they think space suits can eradicate gender difference. But for the most part, these four minutes of cheesecake are in keeping with the sentiment echoed by 98 Degrees in their song about lusting after a girl who lusts after another boy, the aptly titled "Invisible Man": "I wish you'd look at me that way."

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

A Home of Our Own



by Jamie

It's finally happening. Our own LGBT Community Center has an address. It's 170 S. 2nd St. (just north of The Ballgame, same block). I remember the first of what turned out to be many meetings a few years ago. There were people from every corner of our community with ideas for what, where, and why. Most of the people that attended those meetings had realistic goals. We talked about tenants, services to be offered, the budget and most of all the location.

The location was probably the most difficult part of the whole process. I remember the controversy over the MLK Drive location. Even I was a bit outspoken about that location. I (as did most of the community) wanted a central location. Most everyone I talked to wanted a Third Ward-Walkers Point location.

Well, that dream has come true. I stopped in for the walk through (open to the public) today and was in awe. The thought that kept running through my head was; I'm actually standing in Milwaukee's own LGBT Community Center. There are 4 private offices; a large shared office space with room for 8 cubicles. There is a large meeting room, the community room and even a lounge/library.

The Grand Opening of the Center will be Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 pm. From 5:30 to 6:30 there will be an open house reception with cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. From 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. is the opening program and from 7 p.m. to

9 p.m. there will be plenty of entertainment on hand. If you need more information, call (414) 483-4710.

A big "happy birthday" goes out to **Rick from the Ballgame**. He turned 69 (no I'm not joking) this past week. Hmmmm, I wonder what was the theme of the party was? Lots of people showed up for the surprise party to wish Rick a happy birthday.

I made it out to Madison last weekend to visit my favorite clubs and to check out the new **Club 5**. The trip started out with phone calls to friends that might be interested in going. **Chris and Jeff** were game so off we went. We had to take Jeff's rental 'cause mine only seats two. On the way (I was driving) we ran over a deer. (No, I didn't kill it, someone else already had.) We were cruising along when for a split second I saw road kill. Too late to swerve, and with a startling thump later, we had deer guts all over the bottom of the car. It grossed me out so bad I wanted the car washed in Madison.

Our first stop was **Ray's**. We had just missed **Ray** so we partied with the bartender and the DJ. Ray, where did you find such a cute staff?

The next stop was **Club 5**. No, it wasn't that difficult to find (once we were headed in the right direction). The place looks pretty cool. Lots of dance floor, plenty of bar space, a restaurant area and even a little retail space. Our favorite spot was in **Planet Q**. There are pool tables, dart machines, and if I remember correctly a nice bartender! Congrats to **Ed** and the staff for putting together a great place for Madison to party.

There was another big party in Green Bay this past weekend. It was a birthday

party for **Aaron Bechman** (Fox 11 Green Bay). The party was held at **Jeff Conner's** huge duplex that was filled to the rafters with people. There was plenty of food, booze and even a pinata filled with condoms and lube (OK it was actually filled with candy) There was even a limousine service that ran from the party to **Za's** all night long. From what I hear it was a total blast. Even Za himself showed up.

Josh and me made the rounds here in Milwaukee last Wednesday starting with South Park at **Triangle**. Next we headed over to **Dish** to see **Julia**. It was the strangest thing there. Three people brought their puppies with them. It made me want one of my own, maybe a Springer Spaniel? Anyway, we had a great time there and then headed over to **La Cage** for a nightcap.

I had to skip brunch at **M&M** this week but rest assured we'll be there next Sunday. This Sunday is going to be a late night. Josh, me and whoever else tags along are heading to **Fluid** to make sure **Jimmy and Billy** are keepin' people happy, then it's off to **Club 219** for the Sunday show.

I know, kind of a short column but not much else to report, so until next issue, make sure you check out the weekly specials in The Calendar and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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Friday, October 16

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Sunday, October 18

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Sunday, October 18

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Tuesday, October 20

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Wednesday, October 21

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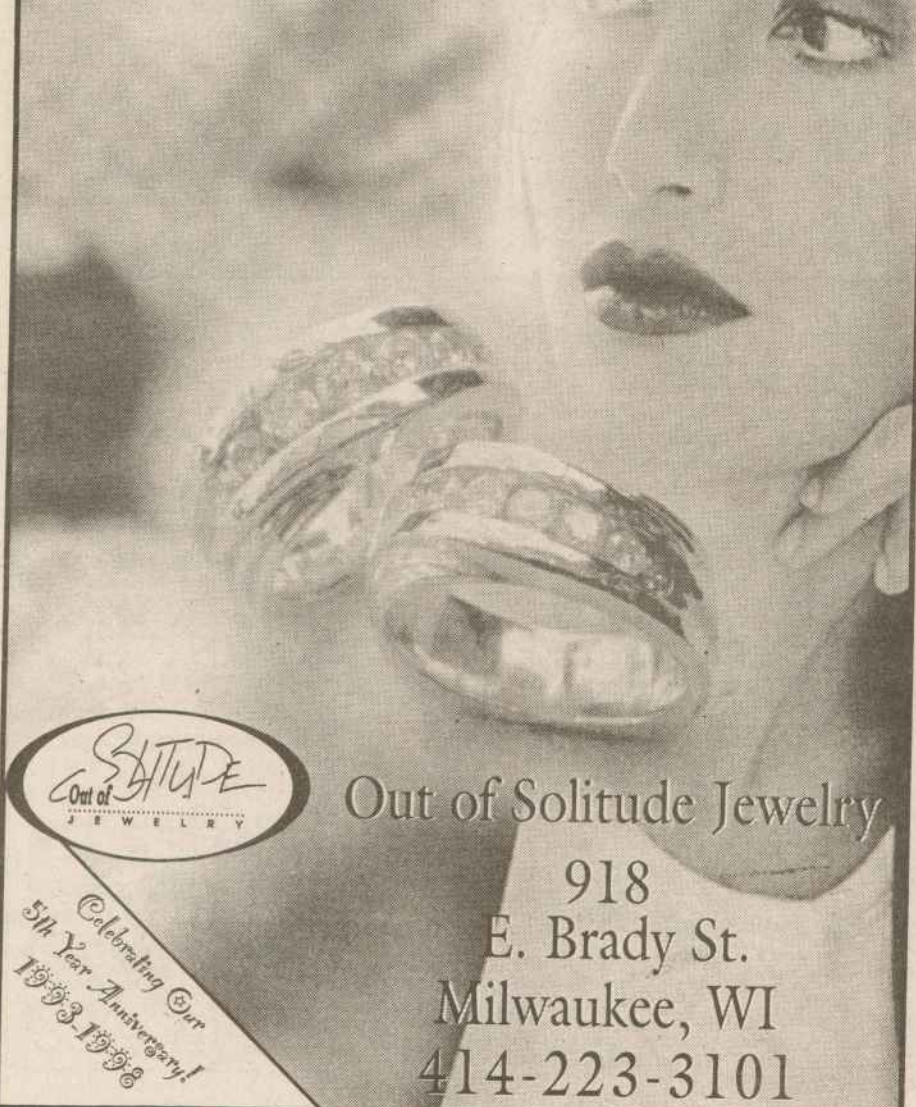
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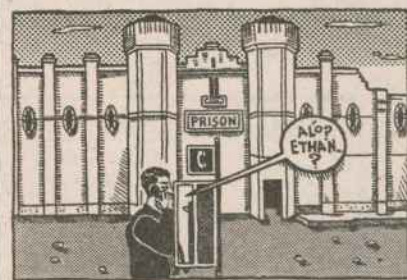
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BY ERIC ORNER

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Bathroom Betty

Bette Midler
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To quote T. S. Elliot: "The end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time."

"Bathroom Betty," is Bette Midler's pilgrimage back to familiar territory; and yet bringing new sapience. This is a well-oiled-polished-performer giving you all that she's got songs that provoke laughter to songs that make you think and cry.

The opening track to "Bathroom Betty," is "Song of Bernadette," a more serious song with a tinge of religious overtones, reminiscent to "From a Distance." "I'm Beautiful," is a witty song about discovering our inner "bitch!" "Lullaby In Blue" written for the Divine Miss M by Brock Walsh and Adam Cohen deals effectively with a subject people don't talk about much. "Ukulele Lady" was first performed in Bette Midler's HBO special "Diva Las Vegas," it was a crowd pleaser then, and it makes you groove now. "I Sold My Heart To The Junkman," is a dark journey of addiction to heroin. "One Monkey Don't Stop No Show" is a saucy remake of a Big Maybelle song. "Boxing" is a "punching" story! "That's How Love Moves" has a dance quality to it, and at the same time it has something to say about what else, love. "My One True Friend," was written for the film "One True Thing," starring acting machine Meryl Streep. "Laughing Matters" is from "When Pigs Fly," the song is a perfect blend of melodies and lyrics like a perfect cup of coffee with cream.

Bette Midler describes herself as not a singer who acts or an actress who sings, but simply a performer. Midler's voice has never sounded more rich and strong with impressive upper register.

"Bathroom Betty" is a vaudeville show for the ears where you laugh a little, laugh some more and maybe shed a tear.

Speak of the Devil

Chris Isaak
Reprise

Speak of the devil just when you started to wonder what happened to Chris Isaak, he comes out with a new album, "Speak of the Devil."

"Speak of the Devil" is a new musical direction for Chris Isaak where he wrote the fourteen new songs in a full studio environment standing in front of a mike with a band behind him instead of the comfort of his bed in his bedroom. The sound is also more rockin' than usual, Isaak wanted it to be more



like "Abbey Road" with a touch of Phil Spector which he accomplished, but with all to familiar lyrics of lost-lovelorn. Isaak remarks that this project is a relationship album, but it's not as dark as some of his previous records. These songs are more than I-want-to-sleep-with-you-but-I-want-to-be-more-supportive-as-a-friend type of songs. Isaak's voice is his greatest asset! It's strong, melodious, and he doesn't have any problems climbing up to a scale breaking falsetto now and then.

Chris Isaak's "Speak of the Devil" is "picante" for the ears.

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These wonderfully well written songs with lyrics that capture the essence of human emotion will always be around to be rearranged and crafted to fit any vocal style; that's what makes these songs American treasure. And Michael's vocals brings a new contemporary feel and life that's classic for the ears!

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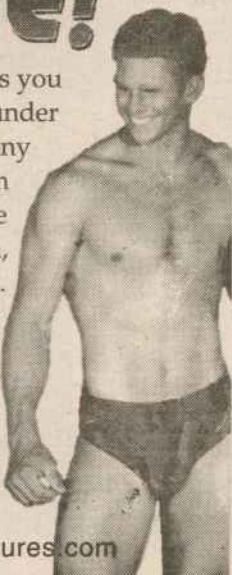
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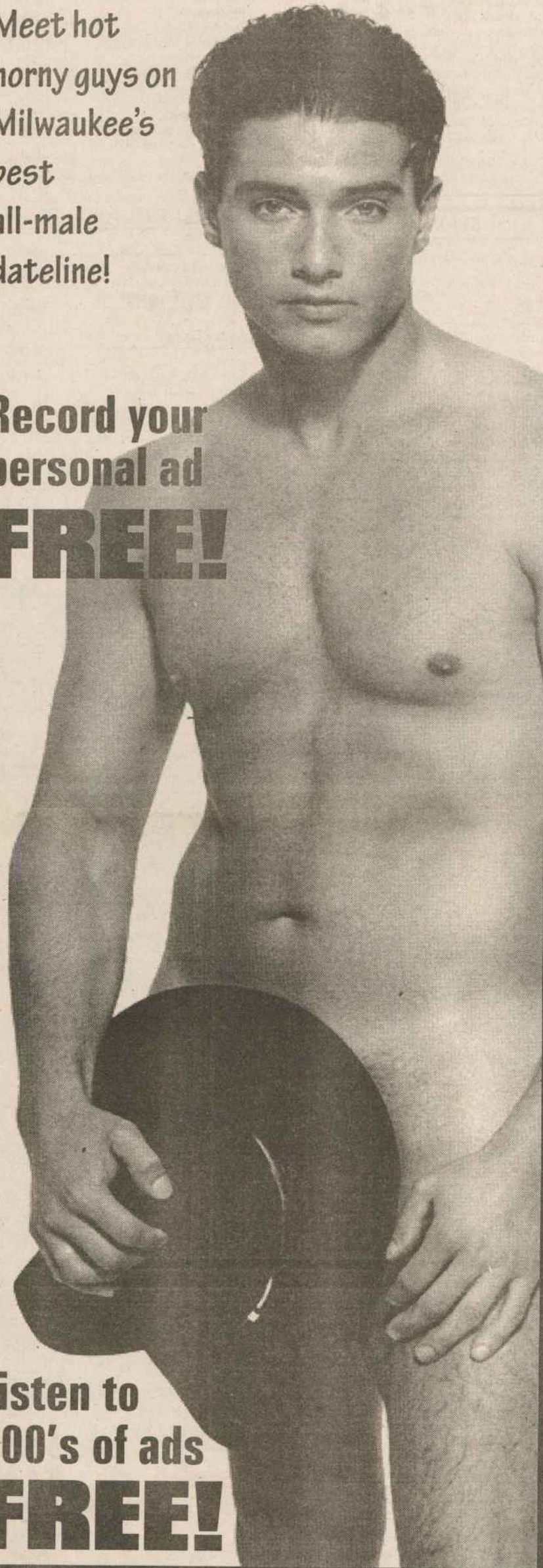
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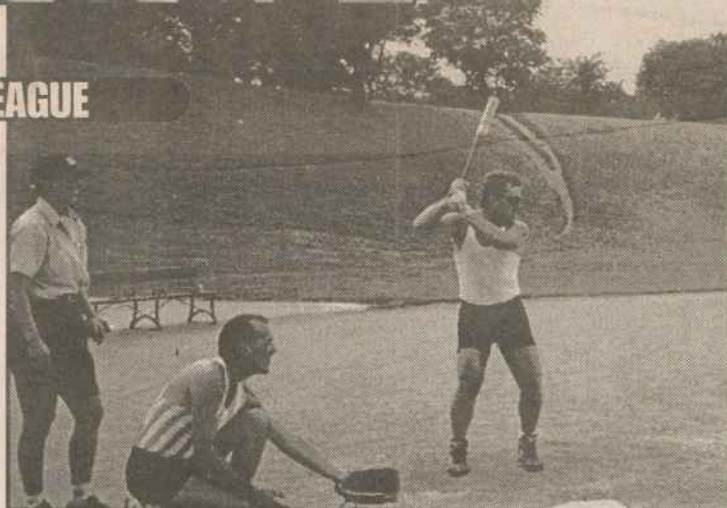
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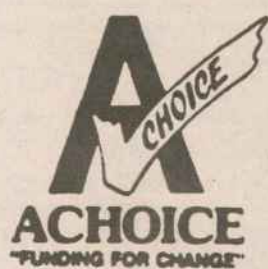
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