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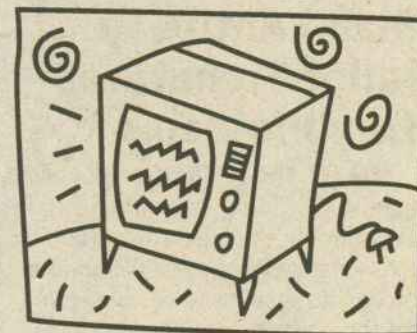


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FDA Says Missing HIV Serum Could Be Dangerous

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has issued a warning that a missing batch of experimental HIV serum maybe harmful if used.

The FDA warned that whoever took the unapproved goat serum might try to sell it to HIV patients but that it could be highly dangerous.

The experimental serum was reported missing from a medical facility in Raleigh, N.C., and scientists warned it could be contaminated and should be considered dangerous.

The FDA warned that the serum had already been barred from use because of earlier known safety questions.

Calif. School Board Sued Over Book Ban

LOS ANGELES — The ACLU has filed a federal lawsuit against the Anaheim, Calif., school district after a new series of gay and lesbian books was removed from a shipment of library books by school officials at the Orangeview Jr. High School.

The 10-volume set of "Lives of Notable Gay Men and Lesbians" was removed from a shipment at the school's library by the school's principal who later sent them to the school district's office. Although the Orangeview school librarian has tried to get the books returned, district officials have kept them and say they are inappropriate for junior high students.

The 10-volume series outlines the lives of gays and lesbians, from ancient history to contemporary pop figures.

The ACLU said the books had been removed because "they had a positive statement to make to kids about gay and lesbian people."

Miami Anti-Gay Ballot Signatures Have Problems

MIAMI, Fla. — Election officials in Miami-Dade County say an unusually large number of some 200 voter signatures reviewed in a petition for an anti-gay ballot measure were invalid and that the entire 50,712 signatures will now have to be checked to determine if the proposed initiative can proceed.

Organizers of the initiative, Take Back Miami-Dade, need 34,991 valid signatures to advance the ballot measure that would repeal the county's anti-bias measure. Normally, election officials examine only a small, random sample of the large number of signatures for such ballot measures and qualify it unless a significant percent of that sample has problems.

In this case, some 63 signatures of the 200 looked at were invalidated on examination and election officials said that represents a failure rate of more than 31 percent. If the same rate applies to the total number of signatures it would mean 15,720 invalid signatures, leaving only 34,992 valid ones.

Firststar Flap Over Pink Party Raises Concerns

By Kathryn Kingsbury

Madison — A usually amiable coexistence in the Madison Civic Center between OutReach's Pink Party and Firststar Eve became hostile the afternoon of December 31 when a Firststar representative began harassing OutReach volunteers.

According to a January 5 letter from Debra Weill, the LGBT center's executive director, to Firststar Madison's president, "[Linda] Girdharry charged into the Madison Civic Center at 3:45 p.m. New Year's Eve. Visibly agitated and in angry tones, she yelled at an OutReach volunteer about the Pink Party decorations...

"Ms. Girdharry's tantrum continued as she verbally attacked the OutReach sound and lighting subcontractor. Again she demanded that the decorations be removed [from the Civic Center lobby] immediately or she would 'tear them down herself.' In fact, she did begin to take signs down, damaging them in the process, before our staff could respond...

"She threatened OutReach Development Director Joseph Bednarowski that she would 'call the police, if her demands were not met.' On several occasions she remarked that our pink triangle decorations were not consistent with 'family values.'"

Girdharry left and returned at 5 p.m. with another Firststar employee. According to Weill, they said that OutReach decorations and sponsor signs would have to be removed from the lobby because Firststar Eve is a family event. No Civic Center employees knowledgeable about both group's rental contracts were available that afternoon to clarify the situation.

OutReach decided to cover the banners until the Firststar Eve program ended in order to prevent further escalation of an unpleasant situation.

Several other apparently anti-gay acts occurred that evening. These included Firststar volunteers pushing Pink Party posters off of easels and replacing them with Firststar Eve posters, and asking OutReach volunteers to remove balloons

from their ticket tables — only to take the set-aside balloons and attach them to Firststar tables.

"It seemed like an endless stream of harassment," Weill told *IN Step*.

The Civic Center's assistant events manager, who was present during the afternoon flare-up, declined to comment upon being approached by *IN Step*. Girdharry could not be reached.

"Firststar has shared the Civic Center with us since 1995. Neither the Civic Center nor OutReach has any recollection of problems" before this year, Weill said. After the party, she learned that "[Firststar's] contract did not give them authority to speak to decorations in the area they were concerned about."

The decorations consisted of triangles covered in shimmering pink cloth and banners from OutReach, *IN Step*, and AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. "We try to make the thing look as festive as we can," Weill explained.

Londa Dewey, president of Firststar Madison, told *IN Step*, "Since 1995, we've been coexisting well. I think the OutReach event is great for the community, and I think the Firststar event is great for the community."

Dewey said that Firststar had a contract with the Civic Center to use the Oscar Mayer Theater, the Crossroads, and the Art Center from 6 to 10 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The Crossroads refers to the combined lobby areas of all four floors of the center.

"We did have a concern because there were bars set up with alcohol available, so we asked that the OutReach bars be covered until our event was over," said Dewey. She said that Firststar asked that the Pink Party signs be covered until 10 p.m. to avoid confusion between the Firststar and OutReach events.

"Going forward, I'd like to see us meet before the event" to avoid conflicting use of the space, she said.

"OutReach's contract called for the alcohol to be covered until 8:45 p.m., at which time we could uncover it. I was under the impression that [Dewey] did not

understand that," said Weill after speaking to the Firststar president on January 8 about the incident.

"She's in the information gathering stage ... I don't think she fully appreciates the magnitude of the situation yet," stated Weill.

According to Susan Crofton, outreach and development coordinator for the Madison Civic Center, OutReach's contract permitted use of the Starlight and Marquee rooms starting at 9 p.m., followed by exclusive use of the Crossroads area at 10:30 p.m.

When several parties are using the Civic Center at a given time, no party can claim the entire Crossroads for itself, said events coordinator Rudy Lienau.

"In order to get exclusive use, so that nobody else can go through the space, you would have to rent all the spaces contiguous to it," he explained.

"The way that it's worked in the past is that Firststar is using the Crossroads and the Oscar Mayer Theater, with tables at the entrance of the building — to direct families to activities until 10 p.m., said Crofton.

"As [the Pink Party's] expanded, they've needed to set up beforehand. ... There's been an understanding that [Firststar] has use of the Crossroads space at the same time that OutReach needs to get ready for the party. It hasn't been a problem in years past to have decorations in the area."

Crofton, who was not present at the New Year's Eve events, said that she could not comment on Girdharry's behavior except to say that, "Clearly there was some surprise on her part. She hadn't been at the event last year, and therefore wasn't aware of how large the Pink Party had become or the amount of set-up time needed by OutReach."

"In that there was any conflict at all," she added. "This year was kind of a bizarre aberration I think ... When we go to do this again, we'll need to make sure everyone's clear and comfortable."



This unidentified dancer was one of several hundred persons ringing in the New Year at OutReach's annual Pink Party. Photo by Kevin French

Bush Cabinet Picks Seen as Weak on Gay Issues

Washington — (Wire Reports) Gay activists had to temper their reaction to President-elect George W. Bush's Cabinet choices, fearing that the selection of a religious conservative as attorney general might overshadow the addition of two moderate GOP governors.

Former Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, Bush's Secretary of Interior designate, led the charge to enforce her state's anti-gay Amendment 2, which was overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1996. The choices of New Jersey Gov.

on gay issue earned him a "0" on HRC's report card, in part due to votes against the Employment Non-Discrimination Act and federal hate-crimes legislation.

"Ashcroft's dismal record for racial, gender, and sexual orientation civil rights issues raises serious concerns about his ability to enforce our nation's civil rights laws," Stachelberg told the Washington Blade.

She said his choice marked "a frightening halt to the moderate tone" of earlier Bush nominations.

For secretary of defense, Bush had been

Bush's Cabinet.

HRC noted that Whitman has supported nondiscrimination laws in her state as well as the New Jersey Supreme Court ruling, subsequently overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, that the Boy Scouts cannot bar gay members.

They also pointed out that Thompson has been a strong advocate for expanding



Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson

Medicaid coverage for people with HIV and fought to remove anti-gay language from the GOP platform this year. Thompson, as governor of the first state to enact gay rights legislation, made no move to repeal the law when he took office in 1987.

Conservative Choice for Interior

Norton, who served as Colorado's Attorney General from 1991 to 1999, has strong conservative credentials.

She worked as a staff attorney at the Mountain States Legal Foundation, a conservative public interest advocacy law firm, before joining the federal government with Interior Secretary James Watt in President Ronald Reagan's administration.

During her tenure as state attorney general, Norton led the court fight to



Gale Norton, Secretary of Interior Designate

enforce a Colorado constitutional amendment that would have enacted a statewide ban on local gay rights laws.

Amendment 2, which the voters of Colorado passed in 1992, would have repealed gay rights laws already in effect in Denver, Boulder and Aspen. In a landmark 6-3 ruling in 1996, the court found that the state could not preempt the rights of the local municipalities to protect their citizens.

Gay issues are not likely to play a big role in Norton's confirmation as Secretary of the Interior, where she will deal primarily with land-use issues, national parks and Indian reservations.

"ASHCROFT'S DISMAL RECORD FOR RACIAL, GENDER, AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES RAISES SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT HIS ABILITY TO ENFORCE OUR NATION'S CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS." —WINNIE STACHELBERG, HRC

Christine Todd Whitman to head the Environmental Protection Agency and Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson as secretary of Health and Human Services pleased some gay activists concerned that Bush might fill his Cabinet with hard-line conservatives opposed to gay civil rights.

But the choice of Missouri Senator John Ashcroft as Attorney General drew calls of caution from leaders of gay and progressive groups. Two other appointments—Houston Superintendent of Schools Rod Paige as Education Secretary, and former Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton to head the Interior Department—may also give pause to gays.

But the subtlest message may come from a choice Bush didn't make. His appointment of Donald Rumsfeld, a previous defense secretary under President Gerald Ford, over former Indiana Senator Dan Coats to head the Pentagon seems to have been made with at least some concern about the fallout over Coats' strong

rumored for weeks to be leaning toward Coats, who led the 1993 opposition to President Bill Clinton's plan to allow gays to serve openly in the U.S. military.

But it seems his support for "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was a minus for Coats, since it caused some Bush supporters to fear that a Secretary Coats would be a lightning rod for organizations wanting to overturn DADT.

Those supporters wanted to avoid a controversy similar to the one that shadowed Clinton's first six months in office, according to the New York Times.

"The challenge with Coats is it raises gays in the military too early, which is not what Bush needs," Grover Norquist, the president of Americans for Tax Reform, told the Times.

The newspaper also reported that the gay GOP group Log Cabin Republicans had quietly urged Bush to pick someone other than Coats for the position. Other gay groups, including the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network and HRC, objected to the appointment, according to the Washington Blade.

Bush may have changed his mind about Coats during a 45-minute meeting he and Cheney had with Coats Dec. 18.

An anonymous source familiar with Coats' situation told the Times that all three men seemed to be in agreement in supporting DADT, and that Bush and Cheney did not seem worried that Coats' past strong opposition to gay rights would cause serious problems during confirmation hearings.

But Bush began to reassess Coats' prospects after the meeting, with DADT as one of the prime reasons, advisers to Bush said.

"They are concerned that they don't know what Coats will do or say on gay issues," said one defense expert close to the Bush camp.

The man Bush ultimately picked for the Pentagon job, Donald Rumsfeld, served for 14 months as Gerald Ford's defense secretary, the youngest man ever to hold that position. Rumsfeld had served in both the Reagan and Bush administrations in various capacities.

Rumsfeld sidestepped the question of changing DADT during a Dec. 29 press conference. He said it was not an issue he and Bush had discussed and "certainly, the priorities are in other areas for me."

Moderate Governors Appointed

Gay activists applauded the nominations of Whitman and Thompson to



Former Sen. John Ashcroft

anti-gay positions.

Missouri Senator Picked for Justice

Ashcroft, 58, is a former governor and attorney general of Missouri. Elected to the Senate in 1994, he served on the Judiciary Committee and lost re-election this year to Gov. Mel Carnahan, who died in a plane crash three weeks before Election Day.

Ashcroft, the son of an Assemblies of God minister, does not drink, smoke, or dance. He has written hundreds of gospel songs and recorded several albums, according to the Associated Press.

Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign said that Ashcroft's voting record

'South Park' Creators Plan Bush Family Comedy

HOLLYWOOD — News sources report that Matt Stone and Trey Parker, creators of the risqué cartoon show "South Park," have begun planning a script that will portray the twin daughters of George W. Bush as incestuous lesbians for an upcoming sitcom.

The planned show has a working title of "Family First" and is tentatively slated to debut in March.

It is being described as a political comedy sitcom centered on Bush's home life.

Parker told reporters the show would be "barely legal — we're going to mess with reality."

School Harassment Suit Settled

SOMERSET, Ky. — School officials have settled out of court a lawsuit brought by Bradley Putman, 19, charging they had failed to protect him from anti-gay harassment.

According to news reports, the school district will pay Putman some \$135,000 and has in the meantime adopted a tougher policy against harassment in its schools.

Putman filed the suit earlier in 2000, charging that school district officials did nothing to protect him from ridicule, harassment and death threats during his final year in school.

In the wake of the lawsuit, the district now has added policies barring harassment or discrimination based on "actual or perceived sexual orientation" that includes procedures for filing complaints.

Gay/Lesbian Mormons Petition Church for Change

SALT LAKE CITY — According to a report in the Salt Lake Tribune, a group of some 300 gay and lesbian Mormons along with their families have petitioned the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to review its anti-gay views.

The petition asks Mormon Church officials to "review, repudiate, and remove" false or misleading material about homosexuality from sanctioned documents. One church-sanctioned statement specifically mentioned says that "same-sex attraction is an undesirable and unnatural emotion, which, when acted upon, results in sinful, Satanic-inspired behavior."

The petition also calls on the church to support legislation legalizing same-sex marriages, to extend full church fellowship to homosexuals, and to remove especially inflammatory anti-gay material from church literature.

Church officials said it was too early to respond to the petition.

Remembering David Runyon: Madison Rights Pioneer Dead at 69

By Kathryn Kingsbury

Madison — David Runyon, a long-time Madison activist and community leader, passed away January 5, after a heart attack. He had turned 69 on December 24.

"Dave was a familiar presence at so many public occasions throughout my career, from rallies and demonstrations, to marches and meetings, candidate forums and victory parties," U.S. Representative Tammy Baldwin told *IN Step* after his death. "He was a pioneer and an unsung hero of the LGBT community who recognized the importance of our history and dedicated himself to preserving it. Dave will live on through the historical legacy he leaves us. We can honor his memory by carrying on his work."

A former Presbyterian minister who came to reject organized religion, Runyon had four master's degrees — one each in theology, religious education, landscape architecture and art history. He commuted from Madison to UW-Whitewater to teach art history and architecture from 1968 to 1995.

A lover of ideas, politics, theater, poetry and art, Runyon was active in a number of Madison progressive and gay/lesbian groups. In fact, OutReach gave Runyon a Special Recognition Award this past summer for his decades of commitment to Madison's LGBT community.

Steve Starkey, executive director of Wisconsin Community Fund, recalled Runyon's involvement with the gay men's social group Frontiers. "David was always the life of the party, entertaining us all. He also shared his fabulous home with the community on a regular basis. Situated in a

normal suburban neighborhood on Madison's northeast side, David's lot was a forest, the house was totally obscured by trees. He had gutted the interior of a ranch house and completely redone it, making it into a unique and incredibly artistic and functional space."

Jane LaFlash, who founded Madison's PFLAG chapter in the early '80s, commented that Runyon was a crucial part of the organization's beginnings.

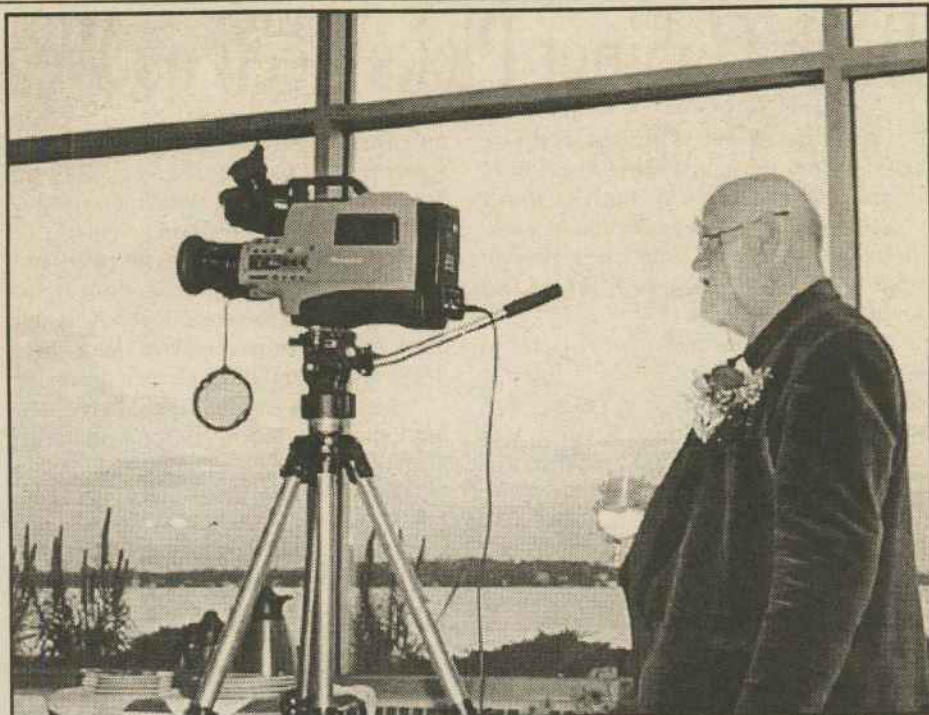
"David gave me and PFLAG enormous support in those early days and continuously throughout these 17 years," she said.

Runyon also initiated several projects of his own. He held a weekly "High Tea and Talk" for gay men at Monty's Blue Plate Diner and published "Shake It Up" a calendar of national and local events for the progressive and LGBT communities. Runyon also wrote an opinion column for *IN Step* in the late '90s.

He was perhaps best known as Madison's LGBT video archivist. "There was not a day he was not at Rods, New Bar, or at the Cardinal taping all the gay activities for his cable TV program," said Toby Sigle, who knew him for 25 years.

"He seemed to know everything that was going on in Madison, and seemed to be at every event," added Starkey. Runyon's archive is stored at the State Historical Society, with copies also at OutReach LGBT Center and the UW-Madison Women's Studies Department.

"He was a good friend and a true pioneer in the Madison LGBT community," added Chad LaFlash, longtime Madison activist. "During my years as president of Madison's



David Runyon filming for "Nothing to Hide" at the 2000 OutReach Awards. Photo: Callen Harty

Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, I often consulted with him for advice and inspiration. He was one of the early leaders of that organization, and afterward continued to be involved in so many efforts: His own TV show and newsletter, the MAGIC Picnics, Ten Percent Society functions, and countless social outings from rafting trips to museum tours. And he always contributed what he could to support our critical organizations. In 1999, David even came up with the name for the merging United and MGLRC in Madison, now known as OutReach, and was instrumental in getting community support for that effort."

In 1978, he began producing "Nothing to Hide" a 30-minute black-and-white gay men's television program on WYOU, Madison's cable access channel. Over the years, it grew to a one-hour show covering a wide spectrum of issues concerning gays and lesbians and airing twice weekly.

In "The Directory," OutReach's annual guide to LGBT organizations, Runyon described "Nothing to Hide" as "an inclusive spectrum of political issues. It attacks capitalism, both parties, traditional family values, and the religious right ... This is 'in-your-face, gay/lesbian politics: Get used to it!'"

Runyon was involved in WYOU from the beginning, said station manager Todd Price. He started as chairperson of the board of directors and continued as a volunteer producer. Price described Runyon as a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist, who recently provided funds for the purchase of a satellite dish.

His unapologetic antiauthoritarian streak showed throughout his work on "Nothing to Hide."

"I remember Dave approaching the New Harvest Foundation with his perennial grant request: \$150 for video tapes to tape various events around town," eulogized Mark Porter. "Invariably he would submit his grant proposal on a napkin, or similar equivalent — OK, a blank sheet of paper. He'd use a thick magic marker and write out what he intended to use the tapes for. David loved thumbing his nose at any attempt at organization or authority ... David was always alive and vital and his presence will be missed. May there always be an invisible video camera with a blinking red light, with David standing behind it, wherever we go."

"Even though he's seen as something of a curmudgeon, he did listen to people and finally get equipment without a bright light," said good friend Janice Anderson, a member of OutReach's board of directors. "The light on the old camera was blinding."

Runyon was also notorious for his strong opinions.

"David challenged people and organi-

zations in the gay community, and the progressive community as well," commented Starkey. "He was famous for roasting people and groups when they did something he was critical of. After being the recipient of one such roasting, I realized that I must be doing something right, because he was aware of the organizing work I was doing, and had an opinion about the work the group I was involved with was doing. His criticisms were also on target."

Runyon's outspokenness doubled as one of his charms. Every year, he named community members as recipients of Ides of March Awards in his "Shake It Up" newsletter. The "bad guys" were awarded imaginary day-glo painted cow patties, while the "good guys" received crystal prisms — real ones.

"When you got a crystal prism, you knew you didn't get it for political reasons. You got it because you did something incredible," said Anderson.

Runyon supported several local organizations with much-needed funds, including WYOU and Broom Street Theater. And he helped redesign OutReach's offices after it changed locations a couple years ago.

"Dave was passionate about the concept that people should walk into the space and feel it's a special place and know that they are special for being there," said Anderson. "He was actively inclusive. He wanted to make the space beautiful and make people feel welcome there."

Many Madisonians remember Runyon as an important ally while coming out.

"I met David in October 1999 when I first began coming out," said Carl White of Madison. "David was the first person from the LGBT community in Madison to call me — a conversation that lasted 90 minutes. Dave encouraged me to become involved, invited me to functions and introduced me to people I now count as friends. We often shared conversations about politics and religion, often disagreeing, but always listening to what each of [us] said."

Runyon eschewed sentimentality, so friends plan to hold a celebration of his life rather than a funeral. He will continue to be treasured for his warmth, straight-forwardness, and enthusiasm for people, politics and community.

"David was a very special person, and a person who cared deeply about our community," said Debra Weill, OutReach's executive director. "He will be missed very, very much."

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Across The Nation

Three TV films About Matthew Shepard in the Works

Hollywood — Two years after openly gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard will be brutally killed, three films based on the murder are working their way to the TV screen.

MTV will air the first of these — "Anatomy of a Hate Crime" — in January.

Next season, NBC's made-for-TV film, "The Matthew Shepard Story," is tentatively slated to air. The movie is being produced by Goldie Hawn's film company.

The third film is "The Laramie Project" and is based on the off-Broadway play of the same name. It is in production now for HBO. The network hopes to air the film sometime this year.

News Year's Insults from Baltimore Official

Baltimore — Paul Graziano, the housing commissioner for Baltimore, was arrested on disorderly conduct charges when he began insulting people at a popular restaurant-bar in the city's historic district along the waterfront, saying that

everyone there was homosexual — in not very nice language.

When his harangue couldn't be stopped by restaurant staffers, police were called in and because he refused to leave he was arrested.

Graziano later said he had had too much to drink and doesn't remember the incident at all.

"I blacked out during that period," he said. "I have no way to dispute it because I don't recall what happened." He insisted his insulting language didn't reflect his views about gays and lesbians.

Graziano later issued a formal apology for the incident, and Martin O'Malley, Baltimore's mayor, said he wouldn't ask Graziano to resign over the incident.

Graziano reportedly has agreed to seek counseling as a result of the incident. Police later dropped the disorderly conduct charges against him.

TV Ads Beginning in Mississippi

Jackson, Miss. — The Mississippi Gay Lobby is starting the first even television ad campaign to promote understanding of gay and lesbian issues.

The ads, which will cost about \$3,000 each month to air, will begin running for Time-Warner and Susquehanna Cable's

95,000 customers and then run on MTV and VH-1. Then the lobbying group will begin airing the ads on CNN and the Lifetime channel throughout the state.

Jody Renaldo, head of the Mississippi Gay Lobby, called the TV campaign "a first in Mississippi."

Mich. Town Dumps Rainbow & Diversity

Traverse City, Mich. — In late December, Traverse City officials began promoting rainbow stickers for municipal police cars, fire trucks and other city vehicles to show their commitment to diversity.

But now, after complaints the rainbow flag is a symbol of gay rights, they're stripping the stickers off and dumping diversity.

Officials, from Mayor Larry Hardy to City Commissioner Margaret Dodd, who designed the stickers, say they had no idea the popular rainbow insignia was associated with gay rights. Hardy said, "I personally think I was kind of conned. I was stupid not to know what the symbol stood for."

Ironically, the stickers came about following a series of hate crimes in the community, including one in which three men attacked an employee at a gay bar.

Lesbian Facing Execution Meets with Jesse Jackson

Oklahoma City — The Rev. Jesse Jackson visited with convicted death-row inmate Wanda Jean Allen before leading a rally urging state officials to halt Allen's scheduled January 11 execution.

Allen, a black lesbian, is to be executed for the shooting death of her estranged lover, Gloria Leathers. She would become the first black woman to face execution in Oklahoma since 1954.

Jackson and hundreds of others at the rally want Gov. Frank Keating to put a moratorium on executions in Oklahoma. Allen reportedly is mentally challenged and may or may not clearly understand the crime she was convicted of, her supporters say.

A state parole board rejected a clemency plea by Allen's attorneys. The board voted 3-to-1 not to recommend clemency to Keating.

Jackson later said, "The risk of people dying because they are mentally challenged and have inadequate legal representation are increasing."



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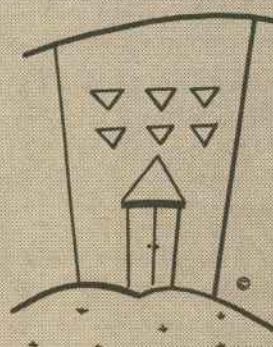
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Horrendous Charges of Child Abuse by Lesbian Couple

Chicago — According to the Chicago Tribune, Mozell Brown and Terry Stockley, a lesbian couple, are under arrest on 11 counts of aggravated battery against a child and charges of "heinous battery" in the abuse of the 11-month-old daughter of Brown.

Hospital officials who examined the child said she had bite marks, a broken leg, broken ribs, was missing fingernails, suffered cigarette and chemical burns and showed signs of sexual abuse as well.

The infant remains hospitalized in critical condition. The two women are being held against \$2 million bond.

Police in suburban Maywood said that Stockley had beaten the infant because she was jealous because Brown had had the child while living with another woman.

Maywood police described it as "a sick love triangle" that "definitely went bad."

The two women have five other children that live with them (three are Brown's and two are Stockley's).

The state's child and family services department investigated a report of child neglect at the women's home nearly a year ago, the paper reported. But it was not connected with the hospitalized infant and didn't involve questions of actual abuse.

Oregon County Bars Trans Employment Bias

Portland — The Multnomah County, Ore., commissioners voted unanimously 5-0 for an amendment to its bylaws that prohibits employment bias based on gender identity in the county's hiring, promotion and firing. Portland's city council recently enacted similar legislation.

The new county legislation will take effect March 30 and defines gender identity as "a person's actual or perceived sex, and includes a person's identity, appearance or behavior whether or not that identity, appearance or behavior is different from that traditionally associated with the person's sex at birth."

Phelps Going After Cheney

TOPEKA, Kan. — Fred Phelps, the rabidly anti-gay pastor best known for his "God Hates Fags" protests, says he and his small band of family church members will protest in Colorado when Dick Cheney, the newly elected vice president, visits the home of his daughter, Mary Cheney, who is a lesbian.

The Phelps news release warns: "America, beware! Dick Cheney is an arch-deceiver, another Wyoming antichrist pushing the unholy fag agenda, to cover his own sins."

Without explanation, Phelps' press release claims Cheney is "using his dyke daughter's

sinful lifestyle for political advantage."

The statement warns that "Cheney is prepared to sodomize all of America, by pretending it's OK to be gay." It goes on to say that "Cheney's health is frail. God has set him slippery places. His foot shall slide."

Murder Trial in Trans Killing Begins

San Jose — The trial of Kozi Santino Scott on charges he murdered a 19-year-old transgender individual he had just had sex with has begun in this city south of San Francisco.

Authorities charge that Scott, 22, strangled Manuel Eredia, 19, who was also known as Alina Marie Barragan, a year ago after they had had sex together.

Police say the two argued because Eredia, who was wearing women's clothing, makeup and jewelry, insisted she was female. But police say Scott told them he became angry that Eredia wouldn't acknowledge being male and then said "voices" had told him to "choke that person" and to "take that person's life."

Prosecutors say Scott then grabbed Eredia in an armlock around the neck and strangled her to death.

But Scott's attorney told the court in opening arguments that the couple had gotten into a "wrestling match" as a result of their initial argument and that Scott accidentally strangled Eredia using a common choke-hold.

Police say Eredia's body was discovered in the trunk of a car owned by Scott's father after the man showed it to his girlfriend.

U.S. Groups Protest at the Vatican

Rome — Members of Dignity/USA and Souforce silently protested outside the Vatican because of the Roman Catholic Church's negative views of gays and lesbians.

The group of Catholic and Protestant protesters had brought children's toys for orphans in Rome and wanted a Vatican priest to bless them. They wore shirts emblazoned with the motto: "God's Gay Children Bring Gifts / Bless Them."

But no one from the Vatican came forward to offer a blessing. Undaunted, the protesters eventually took their gifts to a suburban orphanage and handed out the toys to the children there.

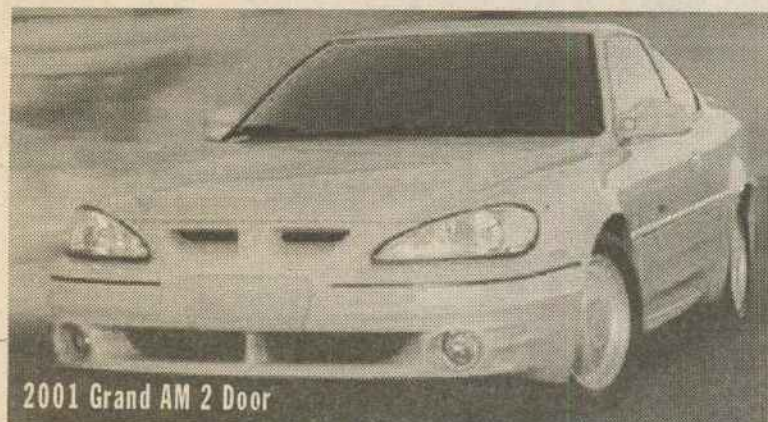
Activists with Souforce and Dignity say similar protests are being organized in several cities in the U.S. as well.



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Q Health

Q Health Goes Political!



By Dr. Jeffrey Chernin

Is Q Health going political? Yes! In the past, Q Health has attempted to examine the spaces between mental health and areas such as HIV, finances, friendships, and relationships. For this column, Q Health is going beyond the scope of health and moving it squarely into the political realm.

Namely, this column is a response to the fact that we will soon have a Republican in the White House. Despite a rather "diverse" group of people picked for Bush's cabinet, his advisors and overseers will work toward reversing gains in the areas of the environment, public health, and civil rights.

In Bush's recent pick of John Ashcroft for Attorney General, for example, the stage is set in terms of LGBT rights. As recently mentioned in the L.A. Times, the President of the People for the American Way noted that Ashcroft has the second-most abysmal record on civil rights next to Jesse Helms.

Perhaps this setback, or even the fact that Bush won the election, has made you angry. But what to do with this anger?

In my work with anger management as a therapist in Dallas, I would tell clients that you cannot "get rid of" anger. Rather, you have no choice but to channel it, which can be done either injuriously or productively. Anger can be destructively channeled inward, which leads to despair or harmful activities. You can also detrimentally release your anger by lashing out at loved ones or strangers (through road rage, for example), which merely fuels more anger.

On the other hand, you can positively channel anger into constructive action, such as joining political and social organizations. For example, the acronym for Mothers Against Drunk Driving-MADD-is no coincidence. Here was a group of grieving, angry mothers who channeled their anger toward drunk drivers in a way that benefits society. Likewise, you can join social and political LGBT organizations or write letters to your Senators insisting that they vote No for Ashcroft's confirmation.

But one of the most constructive actions you can take, for yourself and others, is to Come Out.

If you are out to everyone you know, however, you can still come out. For instance, the next time a stranger assumes you have an opposite-sex spouse, let him or her know that you are offended by the

presumption of heterosexuality. If you're out to nearly everyone you know, write a coming out e-mail or letter to acquaintances, old high school or college friends, or to politicians who rule in countries that are harsh toward LGBT people.

On the other hand, if you are majorly closeted, and you do not want anyone to know that you are even reading this column, let alone are out to anyone, I still urge you to come out. Come out to siblings and/or friends to test the waters. Write a letter if you can't tell them in person. Or, plan to come out during National Coming Out Day in October, using the next several months to mobilize your resources so that you feel ready to do so.

If you are a public figure, Come Out. Now is the time for every actor, politician, and anyone else in the public arena to come out. It shouldn't matter if you are on the Supreme Court or were a Supreme. Every John, Rick(y), and Rosie should publicly declare their homosexuality. If you are an "ex" gay, write letters to the whole organization that you are publicly reclaiming your God-given orientation.

I realize that coming out is a deeply personal act. But coming out is not just a personal act of declaration, it is a political act.

For example, Barry Goldwater, the ultra-conservative Senator from Arizona, was perversely anti-gay. He changed his mind about homosexuality, however, in part due to his grandson coming out to him. In fact, he wrote an article in favor of lifting the ban on gays in the military (see www.cs.cmu.edu/afs/cs.cmu.edu/user/scotts/bulgarians/barry-goldwater.html).

So, did Q Health actually move squarely into the political realm. Not exactly. So where is the "Health" in Q Health in this column? Did you find it?

The more people who know that we are moral and decent people, the more politicians will want to create laws that include us, the more religious institutions will want to marry us, and the more the military will want us to openly serve. There will be more educational centers which will teach greater acceptance, and more medical establishments which will provide us with better services.

These positive changes in turn affect the lives of every single LGBT individual. Therefore, our mental and physical well-being is inextricably linked with politics, and this column was indeed about our health after all.

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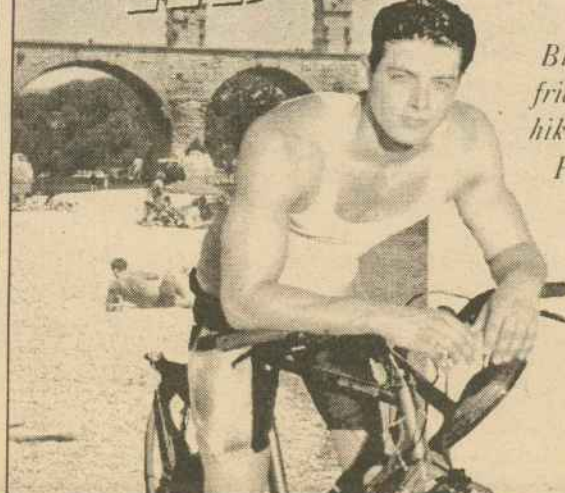
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Group Notes



Merlin Holland

Oscar Wilde's Grandson to Speak at "Wilde" Celebration in Madison

Madison — Merlin Holland, the grandson of gay literary icon Oscar Wilde, will speak at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Feb. 5 as part of a series of programs called "Oscar Wilde and His Times: A Centenary Celebration." It is an interdisciplinary 1890s program commemorating the one-hundred year anniversary of the death of Oscar Wilde. All events are free and open to the public.

Merlin Holland, author of "The Wilde Album," co-editor of "The Complete Letters of Oscar Wilde," and grandson of Wilde, will present a special lecture, "Confounding the Critics. Surviving the Scandal: The Remarkable Reputation of

Oscar Wilde," on Monday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.

A book exhibit, "Flights of Fancy: The Decorated Books of Oscar Wilde and His Circle," from the James G. Nelson Collection, runs through Feb. 15, in the Special Collections section of the UW Memorial Library.

A film festival featuring movies about Wilde and his times will take place two evenings, Friday, Feb. 2 and Saturday, Feb. 3 — and one afternoon — Sunday, Feb. 4. It is sponsored by the Department of Comparative Literature UW-Madison.

A theatre reading of Oscar Wilde's fairy tale, "The Birthday of the Infanta," will be presented by the Marquette University Players Department of Performing Arts on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Elvehjem Museum of Art, 800 University Ave.

A 1890s symposium called "Art and the Individual: Decadence and Democracy in the Modern Age," features Margaret Diane Stetz of Georgetown University on "Oscar Wilde and Women"; Susan Brantly of UW-Madison on "The Wildes of Scandinavia: A Survey of Nordic Decadence"; and Linda Zatlín of Morehouse University on "Aubrey Beardsley and the Origins of Art Nouveau." The symposium is set for Saturday, Feb. 3, from 1-4 p.m. at the Elvehjem Museum of Art, 800 University Ave.

Finally, a gallery talk featuring James G. Nelson, Phil Cohen and Mark Samuels Lasner will be held Sunday, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m. in the Special Collections section of the UW-Memorial Library.

For more information, contact: montyreeves@hotmail.com.

ARCW Seeks Volunteers

Milwaukee — A person with HIV wakes up this morning, and his HIV medications weaken his hands, making simple household chores difficult. Across the state, a young woman calls the Wisconsin AIDSline to ask questions about her risk for HIV. Volunteers with the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin help both these people, and so many more, by giving of their time and energy.

This year, ARCW encourages people to consider adding volunteer time to their list of resolutions.

"The HIV epidemic has evolved over the last 20 years, and so has the role of volunteers in the fight against AIDS," said Karen Dotson, ARCW director of programs. "There is a great need for volunteers in all of our programs, from social services to prevention to special events. We estimate that we will need 1,000 new volunteers in 2001 to help us provide quality programs and raise funds for AIDS services throughout Wisconsin."

In 2001, ARCW will launch a multifaceted, statewide campaign to recruit new volunteers to help provide many services to people with HIV and extensive prevention programs in the gay community that could not be done with staff alone.

Dotson said that volunteer recruitment will target small groups and individuals. Two of the newest concepts in volunteering are Care Teams and recruiting college students who need to fulfill service learning projects.

"Care Teams are usually made up of groups of people who already know each other through a church, work or a community organization, and who want to help a person with HIV maintain their quality of life," said Dotson.

Individuals work together to do light chores, errands or lend an ear. "The teams are not a primary support however, and are rooted in the philosophy that the entire team pitches in so no individual is overburdened," she added.

"Service learning projects, a hot new topic in colleges, are requiring students to volunteer," said Dotson. "ARCW is the perfect place for young people to get a taste for volunteering and helping people in their communities."

To learn more about volunteering at ARCW, please call (800) 359-9272 x256 or send an e-mail to volunteer@arcw.org.

St. Croix Valley LGBT Group Meets Jan. 18

Stillwater, Minn. — The next monthly meeting of Out in the Valley, the St. Croix Valley GLBTA social group, is set for Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. at Hope House, 451 N. Everett St. in Stillwater, Minnesota. The speaker will be Peggy Perry, Stillwater Human Rights Commissioner. She will talk about the Hate Crimes Coalition, schools, housing, and accessibility issues for persons with disabilities.

In addition to sponsoring occasional special events, Out in the Valley meets during the third week of each month in various locations in the St. Croix Valley. Newcomers are welcome. For more information, call (612) 822-0127, ext.502, or (800) 800-0350, ext.502.

"Second Family" Group Suspends Meetings

Milwaukee — An organizer of "Second Family," a support group for gay men with non-supportive families of origin which has been meeting the first and third Wednesdays of the month at the BESTD Clinic, says that the group will not be reconvening until further notice.

"We hope this will not inconvenience anyone, and we would also like to thank those who took the time to participate," said Tim.

SAGE/Milwaukee Plans Monthly Events

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee chapter of Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) meets every Friday night at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St.

Friday, Jan. 12, will be a Game Night, with sheephead and other games. Friday, Jan. 19 will be Movie night featuring "Tea with Mussolini," a World War II comedy-drama starring Cher, Judi Dench, Lily Tomlin and other great actresses. Friday, Jan. 26 will feature a Video and Discussion on the topic of "Black and White Together" with guest speakers. The discussion topic for Friday, Feb. 2 will be "Gay and Gray," the special needs of older LGBT people.

Newcomers are welcome. For more information on SAGE, call (414) 271-0378 after 4 p.m.

Women's Seminar "You and Your Hormones" Jan. 25

Milwaukee — The next seminar in the series of health programs sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) Education Fund is entitled "You and Your Hormones." It will take place Thursday, January 25, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. All women are welcome to attend this free event.

"What woman doesn't have questions about her hormones?" a LAMM spokeswoman asked rhetorically. "How they affect our bodies and our moods, when and why hormone levels change, whether hormone supplements are necessary, whether and how to control the proverbial 'raging' hormones." A woman physician will be on hand to enlighten everyone on the medical and scientific facts. She will also answer questions.

For more information, call LAMM at (414) 272-9442.

AIDS Network Receives \$80k Grant

Madison — AIDS Network, the state designated AIDS Service Organization for south central Wisconsin, is the recipient of an \$80,000 grant over two years from the Wisconsin AIDS Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation. This grant follows a one-year \$50,000 grant AIDS Network received in 2000. These funds have been instrumental in supporting "Networks," the agency's existing needle exchange program in Madison, Janesville and Beloit.

"Obviously we're pleased the Wisconsin AIDS Fund has confidence in us to continue providing this critically important community service," said Bob Power, executive director. "We have been providing this service in Madison for several years and last year applied for this funding to extend more of this work into the Rock County area. We are fortunate to have the support, both financial and philosophical, of the Wisconsin AIDS Fund."

Power said it is important to know that Networks is a component of AIDS Network's comprehensive prevention services. The program enables persons using injectable drugs to exchange used syringes for clean, unused syringes. Networks also focuses on educating consumers on safe sex practices, safe injection practices, community health and treatment resources and other risks such as Hepatitis C. The program acts as a bridge between persons adversely affected by the HIV epidemic and a wide variety of services, including health care, drug treatment, HIV, STD, Hepatitis testing, prevention and care. Perhaps most importantly, Networks staff members create a safe space for persons to meet their prevention needs, receive auxiliary and supportive services and interact with persons that can address their needs and serve as a link to other community services.

"AIDS Network is strongly committed to providing localized, accessible, discreet and consumer/community guided services. Our approach is to involve many parties in the design and operation of syringe exchange services and to keep it client-centered," said Power.

Program evaluation information indicates growth in every area of the program, which necessitated the request for more support. "There are lots of reasons for this growth," said Power. "But I will attribute a good portion of it to the outstanding workers we have conducting this street level outreach and our excellent relationships with a variety of public health departments, police departments, and community-based organizations."

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Rainbow U Lecture Series Presents: "Exploring Our Gay and Lesbian Past"

Milwaukee — What do you know about gay and lesbian lives before your own lifetime? What sources can we use to investigate the gay and lesbian past, and what do we do with the knowledge gained from this historical research?

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center begins its 2001 Rainbow U Lecture series on Thursday, January 18 with a lively and informative discussion of the issues faced in studying same-sex relationships in the past.

Jeffrey Merrick, Professor of History and Coordinator of the LGBT Studies Certificate Program at UW-Milwaukee, facilitates this workshop and shares examples from his own research. Professor Merrick is coeditor of "Homosexuality in Modern France," a collection of articles by historians, and "Homosexuality in Early Modern France: A Documentary Collection" which includes examples of many types of sources that can be used to investigate the gay and lesbian past.

The Rainbow U Lecture Series takes place on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7pm to 8:30pm. All lectures are held at the Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. For more information, call Kathy at (414) 271-2656.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys Kick Up Their Heels

Madison — The Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys will hold the following lessons and dances in the month of January. All dances take place at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. (in the Northgate Mall). It is a smoke-free environment with a cash bar. Everyone is welcome, Western wear and a dance partner are not required. A donation of \$3 is requested.

On Friday, Jan. 12, there will be a review at 8 p.m. with open dancing at 9 p.m. On Wednesday, Jan. 24, there will be line dance lessons at 7 and 8 p.m. with open dancing at 9 p.m. On Friday, Jan. 26, there will be a dance review at 8

p.m. with open dancing at 9 p.m. On Wednesday, Jan. 31, there will be line dance lessons at 7 p.m., swing lessons at 8 p.m. and open dancing at 9 p.m.

For more information on Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys, call Richard at (608) 255-9131.

Lesbian Cancer Support Group Begins February 13

Milwaukee — The Counseling Center of Milwaukee and the Lesbian Cancer Project of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee are cosponsoring a support group for lesbians living with cancer or with a history of cancer.

This group will offer a supportive atmosphere in which to share the feelings, concerns and issues faced when dealing with the realities of cancer. Topics may include anger, sadness, autonomy and dependence and self care. Come to support and be supported by other women who understand what you are experiencing.

The group will meet on Tuesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm beginning February 13. There is a \$10 per session fee (sliding scale available). Women interested in this group should call Cheryl Orgas at (414) 271-2565 for more information or to register (advance registration is required).

Life Enrichment Series: "A Crash Course in the Martial Arts"

Milwaukee — Have you ever been curious about learning a Martial Art but just never got around to it (or were too intimidated)? If so, this is the perfect opportunity to satisfy your curiosity and to stay in shape during Wisconsin's long winter.

Sahnya Sue Thom, self defense instructor and owner of Alive & Kickin, Inc., will be teaching a "crash course" in the martial arts beginning on Saturday, February 3. In this class, you will learn the basics of TaeKwonDo, Kickboxing, Martial Dancing and other martial arts. The last two classes will focus on self-defense applications and "The Martial Way" lecture. A commitment to attend all six classes is important (participants who finish all classes will be awarded a Completion

Diploma). Persons of all sizes, shapes and ages are welcome.

The course which begins on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and runs through March 10 will be held at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. Preregistration is required, and a fee of \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members requested. For more information or to register, call Kathy at (414) 271-2656 (class size is limited so register early).

ARCW's Have A Heart to Raise Funds in Northeast Wisconsin for HIV/AIDS

Green Bay — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's 10th annual Have a Heart dinner and auction will add a dance to this year's festivities, Saturday, February 10 at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. All "Have a Heart" funds raised by the event will benefit ARCW's continued response to the evolving needs of the AIDS epidemic. Thanks to events like "Have a Heart," in 2000, ARCW expanded several HIV programs including its health care services and vocational assistance.

Karen Dotson, ARCW deputy director of programs, stressed that ARCW is very concerned about the new generation of young people at risk for HIV, and that event attendees will help ARCW expand programs such as a new prevention program to train teens to provide outreach to peers.

"The first 'Have a Heart' dinner and auction was attended by a group of 190 people," said Dotson. "A decade later, hundreds of ARCW donors, volunteers and clients still gather with a spirited commitment to battle this epidemic."

New this year is a dance following the dinner and auction of celebrity "Heart Art," artwork and autographed memorabilia from Hollywood and sports stars. This year's silent auction features an autographed script from the popular sitcom, "Will & Grace," two United Airlines tickets to anywhere in the continental 48 states and over 100 other items. The entire evening will provide a great opportunity for socializing.

Ticket prices for "Have a Heart" are \$45 per person and \$450 for a table of 10. Individual and corporate table sponsors will be acknowledged during the dinner. Reservations can be made online at www.arcw.org or by calling ARCW at (920) 437-7400 x103 or (800) 359-9272 x277.

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HRL-PAC Fund-Raiser for Pro-LGBT Candidates on Feb. 1

Milwaukee — The Human Rights League Political Action Committee (HRL-PAC) will host a fundraiser Thursday, February 1, 2001, to prepare for the spring election cycle. All lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) community members and their supporters are invited to attend and help build a strong base of support for political candidates who support LGBT initiatives.

HRL-PAC is Wisconsin's grass-roots political action committee dedicated to helping elect candidates who will work for and defend equality, improve the LGBT community's quality of life, and oppose anti-gay legislation.

State Representative Pedro Colon from the 8th Assembly District will be the featured speaker for the event, which will be held at ICON Salon, 623 N. Broadway Street, in downtown Milwaukee. The party will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"The upcoming school board and judicial elections give us an important opportunity to make our schools safer for LGBT youths and our courts friendlier to the LGBT community. It is critical that we prepare to support pro-LGBT candidates in these races," said Paul Williams, HRL-PAC's media coordinator.

HRL-PAC's endorsement process for the spring elections will begin soon. Candidates will be surveyed for their opinions on LGBT issues, and the PAC will then make endorsements and contributions to pro-LGBT candidates.

For more information about the fundraising party, call (414) 769-7002.

Women's Health Fair Set for January 20

By Mike Fitzpatrick

Green Bay — Nearly a dozen health, lifestyle and social service groups will present information on their services and programs January 20 at "A Womyn's Body & Soul," a health fair targeting the lesbian community in northeastern Wisconsin.

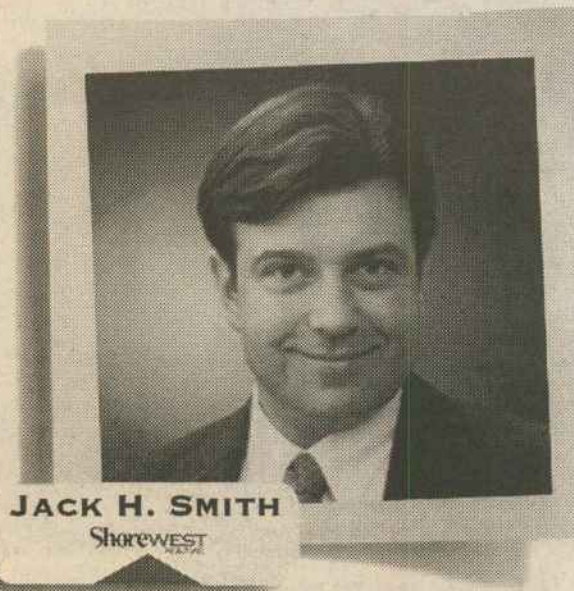
The fair will be held at SASS, 840 South Broadway, one of the three co-sponsors of the event. ARCW and Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin are also sponsoring agencies.

Information tables will be open for browsing at 9 p.m. In addition to the sponsoring agencies the Brown County Health Department, One Voice Counseling, YWCA — Green Bay, Bellin Health Connection, the Colourbox Piercing Salon, Unleashed Tattoos and Castle Art Imports will have representatives available to answer questions.

By participating at the various booths attendees will have the chance to win dozens of prizes in a free raffle. Top prizes are \$100 gift certificates to the two largest shopping malls in northeastern Wisconsin: Appleton's Fox River Mall and Green Bay's Bay Park Square. Complimentary refreshments also will be served.

Entertainers Against AIDS will take part in a one-hour show during the health fair beginning at 10 p.m. Emcees Patti Jorgenson and Stephanie Calewatts will highlight groups throughout the program. Audience members will be encouraged to ask open questions of the representatives present. HIV antibody testing will also be available at the fair following the show. There is no charge for the fair or the show.

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Madison Integrity/Dignity Holds Vigil

Madison — Soon after sunset on January 5, twenty gay Christians and allies gathered in front of the Bishop O'Connor Center on Madison's west side to hold a prayer service for LGBT people in the Roman Catholic Church. The center houses the offices of the Diocese of Madison and of Bishop William Bullock.

The service included the hymns "O Healing River," "Amazing Grace" and "We Shall Overcome" and the reading of selections from the Biblical book of Ezekiel and Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

Four participants lay in the snow to create snow angels at the end of the vigil. The angels were then decorated with rainbow flags.

The service was held in conjunction with a visit to Rome by two gay Christian groups — Dignity, an organization of LGBT Roman Catholics, and Souforce, an ecumenical group striving toward LGBT inclusion in all churches. Dignity and Souforce members sought blessings upon themselves and upon their gifts for local orphans, battered women, and people with AIDS, but the Vatican declined. The groups also brought attention to the Church's support of anti-gay ballot initiatives in the United States.

"[Church] teachings and actions cause lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics to hate themselves," Souforce and Dignity wrote in an open letter to Pope John Paul II. "When your teachings cripple the human spirit, you are guilty of spiritual violence against the very people you are called to serve."

Ken Scott, co-convenor of Madison's Integrity/Dignity group, said the turn out for the local prayer vigil pleased him. (Integrity is the national organization for LGBT Episcopalians.)

"As an organizer, I was of the mindset that 'wherever two or three are gathered, there [Christ is] in your midst.' I would have been happy with two [to] six people, and instead we had 20 people. ... It was well beyond what we would have expected on a cold winter night."

"This was not a protest, especially against our diocese," he added. "They have not done anything specifically objectionable."

Rather, the intent of the group was simply to pray "in solidarity with people who are doing what we would be doing if we had the resources."

The diocesan office was chosen as a location for its symbolic value, Scott explained. Integrity/Dignity had also hoped to meet with Bishop Bullock to discuss their concerns, but were unable because the bishop was on business in San Diego. They will try to schedule a meeting upon his return, with the final goal of Bullock presenting their concerns in his next triennial meeting with the Pope.

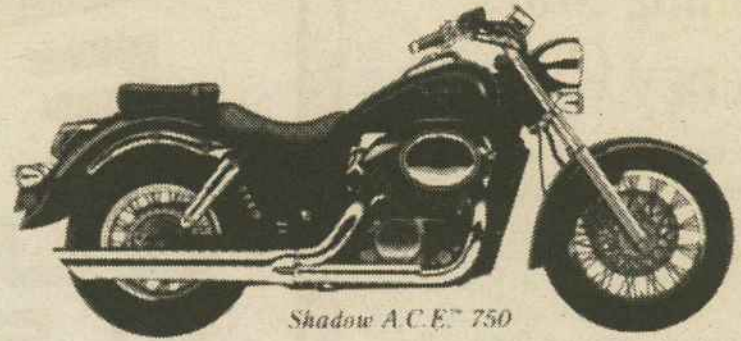
While the group hopes to receive recognition from church leaders, its primary goal is to foster healthy spirituality among LGBT people.

"For twenty-three years now, we have been active in living out gay Christian lives," said Scott. "The attitudes of our religious leaders, while important, are certainly not the only thing we pay attention to in our spiritual lives. Their statements are important, but they're not everything."

He added, "We do continue to respect leaders, even those with whom we disagree strongly. I personally believe their homophobia comes from ignorance or fear. I don't believe that our religious leaders are malicious."

Besides struggling for a more inclusive church, the group will continue its liturgies for the LGBT community on the second Saturday of every month, and discussion programs on the fourth Saturday of the month. These events usually take place in the evening at Saint Francis House, 1001 University Avenue, and are followed by an optional dinner at a local restaurant. Newcomers should call (608) 836-8886, or e-mail ken50@itis.com, to confirm the time and meeting place.

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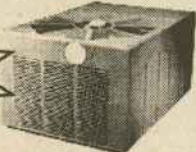
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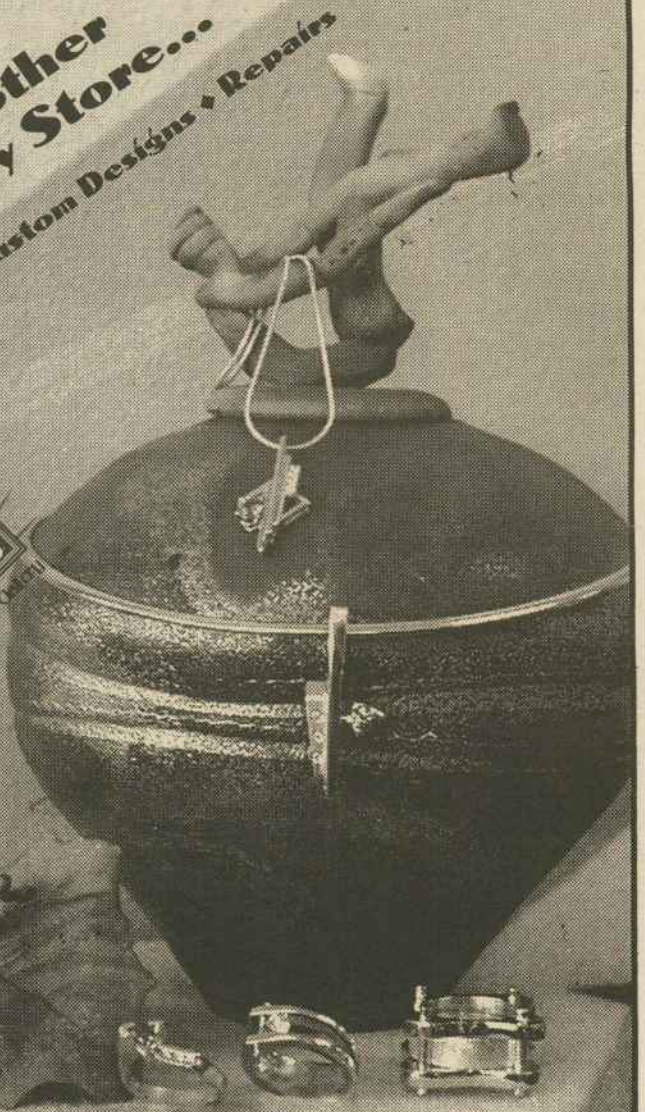
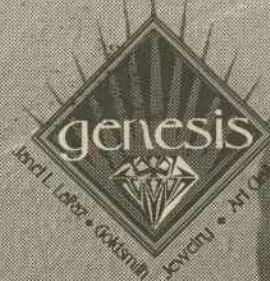
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Opinions

Wishing Mary Cheney Courage

By Mubarak S. Dahir

It's time for Mary Cheney to speak up. It won't be easy for her to do. She will have to contend with both the Republican Party and, perhaps more tricky, her own family dynamics. During the presidential campaign, both of these formidable forces appeared to try to keep Mary Cheney out of sight and out of mind.

But now that the election is over, and Mary has "proven" her commitment to her father and his political party, she needs to step out of their shadow and speak up.

Ever since Cheney's father was chosen as George W. Bush's vice presidential running mate, the once openly lesbian Mary—who even spent time doing the leather events circuit as part of her job to promote Coors Brewing Company to gays and lesbians—has kept a very low profile. You might even call it stealth.

The rest of us can only speculate why this might be the case. And indeed, there has been much speculation. Most of the reports, which seem to universally cite "unnamed sources close to Mary Cheney," tend to indicate that Mary is close to her father, and may have agreed to keep a low profile in order to minimize the controversy her sexuality would stir up with the more conservative elements of the Republican party.

There were also some hints that the Cheney family itself was applying pressure to Mary to essentially go back in the closet. The most glaring was mother Lynn Cheney's outburst in a nationally televised interview with Cokie Roberts. When Roberts mentioned the Cheneys had an openly gay daughter—a fact well known not only in Washington DC, but throughout the country—Lynn Cheney went into epileptic fits. As well as



denying that Mary had ever "declared" herself any such thing, Lynn Cheney took on the family's hard-line stance that they were not going to talk about Mary's sexuality. Then Ms. Cheney adopted the family's, and the Republican party's, clever trick of reprimanding the media for even asking, feigning shock that anyone would dare ask about such "personal" questions.

Of course, the Republican party and the Cheneys were all too happy to parade their heterosexual daughter and her husband and kids in front of the cameras whenever a photo op presented itself.

This double standard was painfully clear the night George W. Bush was nominated by the Republicans. On the stage alongside the Cheneys, the heterosexual daughter stood proudly on stage with her husband and kids. Meanwhile, Mary stood up there solo, even though she has lived with another woman in a long-term relationship, and media reports even noted that the Cheneys are friendly with Mary's partner.

Regardless of personal politics, most of us can understand the compromises a daughter might be willing to make during a closely contested presidential election where her father stood to become vice president of the country. Under those conditions, the rest of us can't know what pressures must have been on Mary—political as well as familial.

But we all have families, and most of us have at one time or another been willing to make personal compromises for the ones we love.

Some would say that is reasonable, even admirable.

But as many of the rest of us also know from our own family experiences, there also comes a time when, as a gay or lesbian son or daughter, we must firmly resist and

Some would argue that these problems, and the various ones that most of us have had to navigate around our families and our gayness, are of a different magnitude than those the Cheney family faces. But there is one core equivalent that is a constant and doesn't change even if your disapproving parent is the vice president of the United States. And that is the all-

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reject our family's attempts to closet us, whatever the reasons. The particulars of the Cheney family may be uncommon, but the predicament is not. A mother and father—who appear to love their gay child—seem to be applying pressure on the child to stay in the closet to protect the father's political career and save the family "embarrassment."

Many of us have been in the same situation, in one form or another.

I think of my own family. For many years after my mother and sister privately came to terms with me being gay, they still asked me why I "had to be so public about it." Both said they were worried for my physical safety. That was probably partially true. But I also know that at the time, they were both deeply embarrassed that I was gay, and even more embarrassed that I was not appropriately ashamed. My sister also wondered if she might be discriminated against at work. And she would never tell the men she dated that I was gay until well into a relationship. She feared men would reject her because she had a gay brother.

important question of individual dignity—in this case, for Mary herself.

Most of us don't want to hurt our parents, regardless of how they feel about us as their gay and lesbian sons and daughters. Any gay person who has ever had to challenge a parent they love knows how hard, even how heart breaking, that task can be. But we also know how rewarding it can be—not only to us, but in the long run, to our families, too.

Again, I draw on my own personal experiences. My once mortified mother and sister eventually progressed from the self-conscious relatives who wondered what the neighbors would think, to being fully supportive and marching with me in gay pride parades.

Perhaps it is too much to expect the Cheneys to do the same for their daughter. But Mary has the right to ask. Let's hope she finds the courage to do so, too.

Dykesville

by Tami Friday



There are many acceptable ways to break up a relationship. This is not one of them.



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Tommy Thompson: A Poor Choice for HHS Secretary

By Elizabeth Toledo, Executive Director
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force



The first time I picketed in front of the Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. was in protest of a visit by Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson. He had signed some of the most misogynist legislation in the country, including the most restrictive anti-abortion legislation

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implemented since the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* recognized abortion as a constitutional right in 1973. He also engineered Wisconsin's onerous welfare law, which kicked off the trend that resulted in punitive measures at the federal level — measures that made scapegoats of many lower-income people who lacked access to educational opportunities, job training and affordable child care.

Imagine then my surprise to pick up several publications that serve the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and read an uncritical analysis of Thompson, whom President-designate George W. Bush has nominated to be Secretary of Health and Human Services. Replace Donna Shalala with Tommy Thompson? The dismal reality of the presidential election has begun to sink in. The question arises, what vision and leadership will we in the LGBT movement provide over the course of the next four years? Is it enough to say that Tommy Thompson is not as bad an appointment as Bush could have made? Is it enough to say that the nomination of Sen. John Ashcroft to be attorney general is somehow mitigated by the nomination of the pro-choice and pro-LGBT New Jersey Gov. Christine Whitman to be head of the Environmental Protection Agency?

Let's give credit where it is due. As chair of the committee that drafted the Republican Party platform last summer, Thompson did lead the effort to remove some — not all — of the GOP's anti-LGBT language. (A measure condemning recognition of same-sex relationships remained in Thompson's draft, and other discriminatory measures were later placed back in the platform after religious right activists wrestled the document away from the Wisconsin governor.)

Thompson also has been a positive advocate for AIDS funding. He strongly supported the Ryan White Care Act and he sought Medicaid waivers for HIV-positive people, who are not normally eligible for Medicaid until they have developed AIDS symptoms.

That's two marks in favor of Thompson — and in opposing Thompson's nomination as Secretary of Health and Human

Services, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force does not trivialize their importance.

But a principled and progressive LGBT movement for social justice must demand better.

As Coretta Scott King recently noted at NGLTF's recent Creating Change conference, one of the stories behind the November 2000 election is the unprecedented coalition-building. "In a way, we have just had an object lesson in the power of coalition unity," Mrs. King said. "I think we have just seen the future of American democracy flash before our eyes last Tuesday (Nov. 7). The coalition that gave Al Gore a popular majority can surely be as powerful as the New Deal coalition that transformed America in an earlier era."

Quoting the immortal words of her husband, Mrs. King said, "We are all tied together in a single garment of destiny...An inescapable network of mutuality...I can never be what I ought to be until you are allowed to be what you ought to be."

So in envisioning a broad-based, progressive coalition, I think we must think of those who have suffered and will suffer under a Bush-Thompson agenda. Based on his record, how would we expect Thompson to treat poor LGBT people who need social services? If he punishes poor women for having too many children, how do we think he's going to treat LGBT parents who need help providing for their kids? How will his support for a pro-heterosexual-marriage agenda in welfare policies impact our community? How will his support for privatization of our public schools impact the employment rights of LGBT teachers at private schools? Or the right of LGBT kids not to get harassed and kicked out of those schools?

On the issue of abortion, what will it mean to have our top health and human services officer reject the fundamental right to privacy? If he has the right to interfere in a decision to control our reproductive decisions, what else can — and will — he do to control our bodies?

I believe the LGBT community ought to consider issues like reproductive health and poverty a central part of our concerns for many reasons. After all, a significant portion of our community grapples with these issues in their personal lives. And there are homophobic policies and practices in the institutions that control these services.

But even for those LGBT activists who reject a more inclusive agenda, there ought to at least be a mention of Thompson's record on these social issues. Does anyone really believe that a politician who treats women and poor people with such disrespect will hold our community in esteem?

A movement must have a set of values — otherwise we are just a disconnected group of people who are outside the norms of heterosexuality. I urge us to embrace a set of values that represents the struggles of every segment of our community. Let's thank Tommy Thompson appropriately for his few gestures of support. But let's reserve "praise" for a nominee who has earned it.

Thank You

Dear Editor:

I want to thank *Wisconsin IN Step* and members of the LGBT community for the honor of being "Man of the Year." I was particularly appreciative for the opportunity to receive this tribute with "Woman of the Year" Debbie Weill. These awards reflect positively on the many accomplishments of Milwaukee's and Madison's community centers.

Sometimes, receiving a tribute inspires paying tribute. Hence, I am inspired to commend Bill Attewell and Jorge Cabal for their own often-unrecognized leadership in Wisconsin's LGBT community.

In Wisconsin, we are very fortunate to have an LGBT community that can work in a spirit of cooperation rather than becoming embroiled in turf wars and power games. No other organization is more influential on the tone and demeanor of a community than the gay press.

Features and articles in *IN Step* consistently depict the positive accomplishments of our community — and do not wallow in the occasional clashes and struggles. Bill Attewell inspires collaboration. In fact, for those of us who know Bill well — he clearly expects it.

Jorge and Bill are true visionaries for Wisconsin's LGBT community. I am grateful for the opportunities I have been afforded as the Executive Director of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. Moreover, I am grateful for the caliber of our LGBT organizations and the individuals who lead them.

Neil Albrecht
Milwaukee

Letters

IN Step Kudos

Dear Editor:

I wanted to congratulate and thank you on a couple of additions to your masthead: Abigail Garner's *Families Like Mine* column and Madison writer Kathryn Kingsbury.

I've read Garner's column for over a year in *Lavender*, a Twin Cities publication available at OutReach and Room of One's Own Bookstore in Madison, and I think it's excellent. I had the pleasure of meeting her at the Creating Change conference in Atlanta this past fall. I have friends that her columns have helped (in addition to myself), and she's from the Midwest — she lives in the Twin Cities and wrote earlier this year about traveling to a family funeral in rural Wisconsin.

I'm also happy to see the additional in-depth Madison coverage from Kingsbury. I haven't met her yet, but I hope to soon. I've read her articles on other topics in the *Madison Times*.

One suggestion regarding articles that feature an organization or its leaders: Include in the closing or a sidebar the organization's current complete contact information (mailing and/or physical address and phone number with area code). This will help readers take action and get involved without having to try to look it up somewhere else, especially if it has recently changed.

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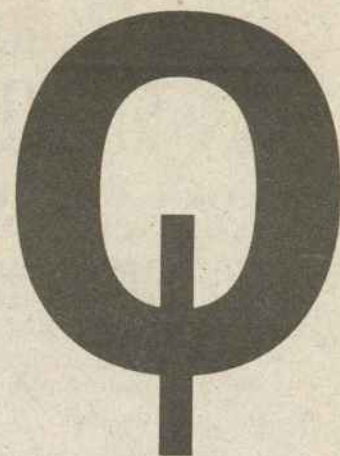
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Milwaukee Rep Presents "Dinah Was"

Milwaukee — "Dinah Was," a musical exploration of the life and career of jazz and R&B legend Dinah Washington, will be presented by the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre in its Quadracci Powerhouse stage, 108 E. Wells St., from Jan. 12-Feb. 11.

Dinah Washington, the self-styled "Queen of the Blues," attracted adoring fans and critical acclaim as well as controversy. Washington had an incredible voice and a great sense of timing and drama with a multiplicity of material. She was a mesmerizing performer, but her life was far from glamorous. The celebrated performer endured heartbreak and discrimination in the hopes of becoming a star. With unforgettable recordings like "What a Difference a Day Makes," "Come Rain or Come Shine," and "Baby, You've Got What It Takes," Washington achieved fame with her soulful voice, sultry attitude and passionate drive. But her life ended tragically early, at age 39, with an overdose of alcohol and diet pills.

Chicagoan E. Faye Butler, who has portrayed Washington in various productions of Oliver Goldstick's musical play, stars as the headlining blues diva. Other cast members include Carla J. Hargrove, Chris Hutchison, Jeff Still and David A. White. This Milwaukee Rep production of "Dinah Was" is under the direction of David Petrarca, who originally directed it Off-Broadway where it won an Obie Award. The Musical Director and pianist is William Knowles.

Tickets range from \$5 to \$40. For show times and tickets, call (414) 224-9490.

"Monochromatic" Exhibition at Walker's Point

Milwaukee — "Monochromatic," a new exhibition featuring works in gray and silver by five accomplished artists, will open on Gallery Night, Jan. 19 at the Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 W. National Ave. There is an opening night reception from 6-9 p.m.

Lisa Bergh embraces the idea of line in an installation piece fabricated of waxed string. Her small charcoal drawings concern themselves with marks and mark-making. Abstract painter Douglas Holst explores visual relationships within the picture plane and steps away from his usual colorful palette to work in shades of gray. Hai-Chi Jihn creates beautiful and painstakingly worked silver pieces, which she calls "cross-cultural" stories that allude to and investigate rites of passage, and the devotion, struggle and bittersweet nature of motherhood in Asian society.

Robert Johnson composes dark and

intimate photographs, working within a narrow range of values to produce images that evoke a sense of solitude and loss, of all that is unattainable and fleeting. Multimedia artist Scott Roberts concerns himself with American "geek" culture, exploring the science fiction and gaming communities in which so-called geeks seek acceptance and nurturance.

The "Monochromatic" exhibit runs through Feb. 24. Hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. For more information, call (414) 672-2787.

"I Never Sang For My Father" at Boulevard

Milwaukee — As part of its Alley series which presents smaller scripts linked thematically to its main stage shows, the Boulevard Ensemble is currently offering Robert Anderson's family drama "I Never Sang For My Father" on Sunday and Monday evenings through Jan. 23 at its theatre at 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.

Anderson's stirring drama tells the story of dutiful son Gene (Jim Gallagher) and his domineering father, Tom (Don Devona), and their tempestuous relationship which culminates in a fiery, explosive climax. Additional cast members are Barbara Holliday as Margaret and Cheryl Bruns as Alice. It is directed by Shannon Theiss and Boulevard Artistic Director Mark Bucher.

Boulevard's current main stage production is Edward Albee's "Counting the Ways," a witty comedy about a married couple who ruminate on the twists and turns of their relationship after many years together. It plays Thursdays-Sundays through Jan. 21.

For show times and tickets, call (414) 744-5757.

"No President" Screening at Woodland Pattern

Milwaukee — The experimental film/video series at Woodland Pattern

Book Center offers an alternative to the presidential inauguration with a screening of Jack Smith's "No President" on Jan. 23 at 7 p.m. at 720 E. Locust St. in Milwaukee. Presented by the UWM Department of Film, admission is just \$2.

"No President" (1967, 16mm) is a melange of found footage and performance from the controversial but essential queer filmmaker and performance artist, who was last spotlighted locally with a screening of "Flaming Creatures" in August. Critic J. Hoberman says: "The surviving version of 'No President' alternates scenes shot in Smith's Green Street loft with found footage including a Lowell Thomas travelogue of Sumatra, a clip of Dinah Shore and an unidentified man singing 'A Sunday Kind of Love,' and newsreel footage of candidate Wendell Willkie addressing the Future Farmers of America."

"The narrative is structured around two tableaux. In the first, the future presidential candidate (Irving Rosenthal) is attended by a nurse and then abducted from his Midwestern crib by a mustachioed pirate (Doris Desmond) out of a Spanish galleon flick; in the second, which features a professional belly-dancer as well as the singer Tally Brown striking an agitated diva pose, Willkie is auctioned and sold on the block of a slave market modeled on the one in the 1942 Maria Montez vehicle, "Arabian Nights." Thus Smith's hothouse childhood fantasies merge with the entropic, harshly lit glamour scenes wherein the garishly costumed hobnob with the brazenly nude."

For more information call Carl Bogner at (414) 229 4758, ext. 3.

Rudnick's "The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told" in Madison

Madison — Mercury Players Theatre will present Paul Rudnick's play, "The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told" at the Bartell Theater, 113 East Mifflin St. in Madison. The show will run from February 1-17.

In "The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told," Paul Rudnick responds to religious fundamentalists who claim "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve." Rudnick presents a world that begin with Adam and Steve and Jane and Mabel. He follows their lives through time as they move from Creation to the first brunch. They experience the Flood, visit Pharaoh's Egypt and attend the Nativity.

Their lives move to the present where they experience the wonders and pains of relationships. In true Rudnick fashion ("I Hate Hamlet," "Jeffrey") "The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told" is filled with laughs while moving the audience to consider life and relationships with new perspectives.

Ticket reservations may be made by calling Mercury Players Theatre at (608) 242-0150 or via e-mail at fabulousmadison@yahoo.com



Adam (Collin Bernhard) and Steve (Nathan Character)

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By Ed Grover

Let's all start out the New Year with a little self-help and self-discovery. Here are three books that are guaranteed to help you do just that. One has up-to-date information and answers for gay fathers whether they are married, divorced or just part of a gay couple who wants to adopt. Another book tells you what to do and expect after you have opened that closet door. And the final book answers real questions from real teenagers about everything from sex to religion. Have a great New Year!

GAY FATHERS By Robert L. Barrett & Bryan E. Robinson

This is the newly revised and greatly expanded edition of the popular gay parenting book written ten years ago by a psychologist and a professor of child and family development. The authors say, "In those ten years there has been a virtual revolution in the public's understanding of gay and lesbian people. ... Men who have identified as gay from an early age are becoming fathers through adoption or surrogate mothers, or by serving as foster parents. ... The first edition of this book played a role in that transformation."

In this volume you will find guidance for navigating through the latest changes in adoption and surrogate parenting processes; current facts about the most

persistent legal issues; new case studies that explore the strength of gay fathering; targeted information about successful step-parenting; heartfelt advice for gay grandfathers; a guide to the spiritual aspects of gay fathering; and a handy list of useful Internet resources.

This is a useful book for anyone who is thinking of attending a gay Father's group or anyone who knows or is related to a gay father.

The authors have embraced the stories of gay couples, single and adoptive gay fathers, gay fathers with intact marriages, gay father stepfamilies, two gay fathers and a lesbian mother and separated or divorced gay fathers. They offer guidance for gay dads and their families no matter what the situation. This book also goes a long way in destroying many deeply ingrained homophobic stereotypes. (Jossey-Bass Inc., ISBN: 0-7879-5075-0, US \$23, Canada \$34.50).

NOW THAT YOU'RE OUT OF THE CLOSET, WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE HOUSE? By Linda Handel

The author of this helpful and witty book is a licensed mental health counselor who provides clinical therapy for both homosexual and heterosexual adults on a wide range of issues. Linda Handel speaks from her own personal experiences as a former spouse in a heterosexual marriage, a mother of two and an out lesbian.

This book speaks to gays, lesbians and

bisexuals who are struggling with life issues and to heterosexual who are trying to understand their gay friends and relatives. In an optimistic and often humorous voice, the author speaks to readers who are ready to go beyond the closet and explore the rest of the house. Coming out is never easy, but this book will make the process a little easier and a lot more fun. (Sourcebooks, Inc., ISBN: 1-57071-652-8, US \$14.95).

WHAT IF SOMEONE I KNOW IS GAY? By Eric Marcus

As kids grow up they realize that friends, family members and other people they know might be gay. Some kids wonder if they are gay, lesbian or bisexual and it's all pretty confusing. Here in a slim little paperback you will find candid answers from Eric Marcus. This is a book for teens age 12 and up.

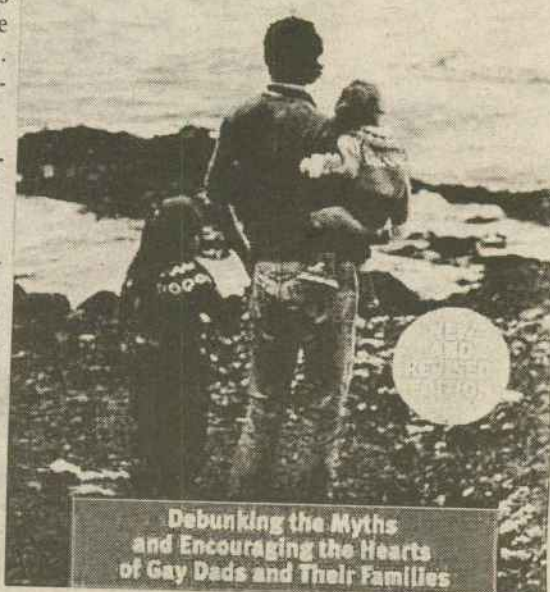
I especially liked the "Resources" section that is full of information including a list of a dozen books that focus on young people and gay and lesbian issues or themes. This is followed by ten videos on the same themes. There is a complete list of national organizations that are working on different aspects of the gay civil rights movement. Also included is a comprehensive list of organizations for LGBT youth.

Many of these groups can be found in your city or on the Internet. E-mail addresses are listed. The Internet information comes with a stern warning to beware

of strangers. Never give out your telephone number or home address on the Internet and never agree to meet anyone on your own. Take an adult with you. (Price Stern Sloan, ISBN: 08431-7611-3, \$4.99, US, \$6.99 Canada).

GAY FATHERS

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Moving On

“I want to take this opportunity to tell Ellen [DeGeneres] the way to get over [Anne Heche] is to start banging ‘em two at a time. Do not get into another relationship. Stop fucking straight girls. I speak from experience!”

—Actress/singer/comedian Lea DeLaria to *The Advocate*.

Payback

“You’re grown up and you’ve made your own life and made your own family with your lover. Your parents are in the background. Don’t make them the foreground. Let them be vaguely benevolent figures whom you maintain a sweet but distant connection to and let them think whatever they think and feel what they feel. Be grateful for what you have and don’t worry about them until it’s time to pick out a nursing home. And then find one that’s staffed by gay guys.”

—Columnist Garrison Keillor in response to a letter from a gay man with homophobic parents, *Salon.com*.

Dream World?

“I want to live in a world where kissing my partner in a restaurant or airport causes nobody to look twice. I want a world where gays segregate themselves in gay bars because the music and people in them are more interesting, not because they feel unsafe dancing and socializing elsewhere. I want to live in a time when the sight of a simple, innocent same-sex kiss doesn’t produce groans or shrieks of laughter in a movie theater. [Showtime’s] ‘Queer As Folk’ won’t do that on its own, of course. But it is a sure sign that we are on our way.”

—Editor Jeff Epperly writing in Boston’s *Bay Windows*.

It’s My Way or the Bi-Way

“No matter what I write, my characters always turn out to be bisexual. It just happens, and I’m very happy with it. I think it’s what I see as an ideal.”

—Author Anne Rice to Atlanta’s *Southern Voice*.

Too Many Twinkies?

“A noticeable weight gain has physically slowed her down, and the sight of this one-time icon of fashionable androgyny in jeans and a shapeless orange pullover was less than eye-catching. One missed the provocative, strutting, gender-bending glamour of the lesbian rhinestone cowgirl of old.”

—From a New York Times review of a k.d. lang concert.

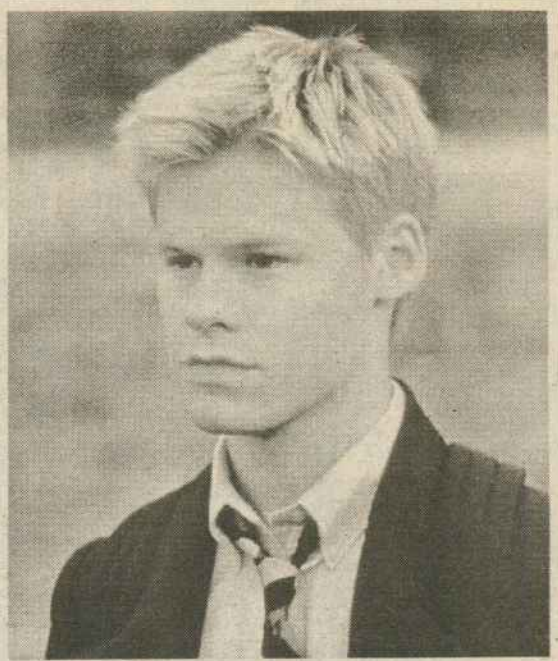
There’s Always Mary

“The other day I found myself thinking: ‘I hope Dick Cheney’s heart holds out.’ Because, can you imagine George Bush trying to make decisions all by himself? I

Unbiased Review?

“My folks loved it. My mother thought it was hilarious. She’s totally hooked on the characters and can’t wait to see what happens next.”

—Randy Harrison who plays Justin on Showtime’s ‘Queer As Folk’ to the Atlanta *Journal-Constitution*.



don’t even like Dick Cheney. I just find him strangely reassuring in this context. He can talk in complete sentences and maintain a composed facial expression.”

—San Francisco Bay Times newswriter Ann Rostow.

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QAF Blows Ass?

“Let’s be frank, shall we? ‘Queer as Folk’ blows ass. It isn’t ‘ground-breaking’ or ‘progressive.’ Oh, no. On the contrary, it’s a crock of gay shit. This TV show is setting me — us — everyone back about, oh, 15 years,

because it celebrates a group of blandly stereotypical characters who have all the cultural resonance of the Village People. (The show’s ensemble fills Hollywood’s quota for the Broad Spectrum of Gay Society: The Rake, the Flamer, the Goober, the Normal Nice Guy Who Never Gets Any. And of course, they’re all Best Friends.)”

—Chris Jensen writing for the AlterNet syndication service.

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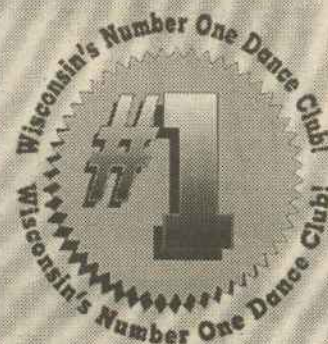
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By Michael Johnston

Greetings and welcome to my "First Column" of the New Year! We survived! Isn't it ironic, that no one mentioned Y2K or anything akin to it this past season?

First off, allow me to offer my deepest congratulations to **Neil Albrecht** of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center on being IN Step's "Man of the Year." The voice of Wisconsin was heard as you all selected Neil on his outstanding contributions to "Our World." I have had the pleasure of working with Neil throughout the years, and he happens to be not only a man of many accomplishments, but simply, a nice guy as well.

Unfortunately, I have never had the opportunity to meet IN Step's "Woman of the Year," **Deb Weill**, director of OutReach in Madison. However, at this time allow me to offer my very best wishes to Deb and continued success.

Despite this despicable weather, I still got out and about ... Did I ever!

Even at this "advanced stage" in my life, there are still a few firsts left. I discovered "A Formal Tea." What fun! And no, I didn't wear a hat, how passé. Local artist-extraordinaire **Patrick Farrell** is not only a talent beyond belief on canvas, but also in the art of entertaining. The **M&M Club's** very own **Ms. Rona** and I got to share the pleasure of Patrick's company for an entire afternoon. What a delightful, memorable time. Thank you for sharing **Cher** with me ...

I recently had the chance to visit my friends at **The Ball Game**. **Ron**, former Possum Queen, was tending to the bar and I loved their dueling Christmas Trees.

Onto **Club 219**, where I got to see **Chuck** and some of the hottest Speedos this side of Acapulco. (The skimpy wear was modeled by the Dancers/Strippers, certainly not me — hee-hee). Unfortunately, I didn't have the time to pay homage to **Kimberly Ann**, but by the many nubile bodies on the dance floor I knew he was manning the airwaves. What better way to cap off a night on the town than a night cap at **This Is It? Bruce** was his friendly self, as well as my personal pet **Jim** — leaping lizards!

New Year's Eve was spent with dear friends at an intimate dinner party. At midnight, we toasted in the new year and each other with champagne and readings. Both affected/effected all in attendance.

The Party Scene: **Club Boom** was bombastic! A slick disco look of a big(ger) city. Watching everyone dancing to the sounds of **Disco Davee**. **David & Tod** behind the bar, continuously wishing all "A great new one!" **Tim** was walking about studly-like in his tantalizing tux ...

Then I sally-forthed to **Switch**, where I was personally greeted by the owner, **Craig**. **Bill & Scott** were "hustling it" behind the bar with enough energy to put the EverReady bunny to shame. The captivating Kelly was spinning the records and there was magic in the air.

Following that, off to **Fluid**, where **Will**, **Jacob & Yves** saw to almost all my needs ... It was terrific chatting it up with **Bill & Chris** and **Jimmy**. It was at Fluid I also got a New Year's kiss from the Legendary **Legs & Susan**, **Miss Ross** and the mighty trio of **Doug**, **Dwayne** and **Terry** (my neighbors — talk about lions, tigers and bears — ooh my!)

And what would New Year's Eve be

without a cocktail at The **M&M Club**? By the time I got there, however, it was 5 a.m. I haven't been out that long and/or late all decade! It was "The Rona & Rita Review" at The M's. **BooBoo**, who was always there with **The Ro**, opted for a different schedule — well it is a new year, decade, millennium and a time for a change. Among the celebrated localities at dawn "services" were: **Bob Glinicki**, **Candy Stick**, **Buffy** and **Cookie Sue** — they were all out, still up, still reveling. In fact, for all I know, they still may be ...

I passed on the field trip to Chicago, out of nothing less than sheer exhaustion. Carrying on with tradition, New Year's night, **Tim & Michael**, **Jay** and I spent a night of celebration with "Christmas Carol" & **Bruce**.

Hump day came along, so I put down my knitting, my book and my broom and went to the "Cabaret," the new version at The Marcus — that is. Dinner before hand at The M&M Club prepared by **Chef Jack Schulze** was simply excellent! After a hearty German feast it was out to the theater ... Now, I've seen Liza's "Cabaret," in the late '80s I saw the tour with **Joel Grey** as the MC, I've paged through the **Christopher Isherwood** Diaries, even saw "I Am A Camera," the drama starring Julie Harris, which the musical was based on. This production however would have to be the most stirring, most moving version ever!

Kate "Miss America 1998" **Shindel** made a highly-energetic, well voiced Sally. However, **Jon Peterson** stole the show in the role of the Emcee, mixing the exotic with the erotic was fascinating to witness. We returned to The M's, compliments of Donna "The Queen of the bus lines." The after theater party was just as festive — I got to meet and gossip with **Sal Mistretta**, the stand by for Herr Schultz. Totally awesome! He has worked with everyone from Lansbury to Bacall! Sal had the best anecdotes about a lustrous theater career which has spanned over three decades. I got quite an education not only on this production, but the Broadway, behind Broadway.

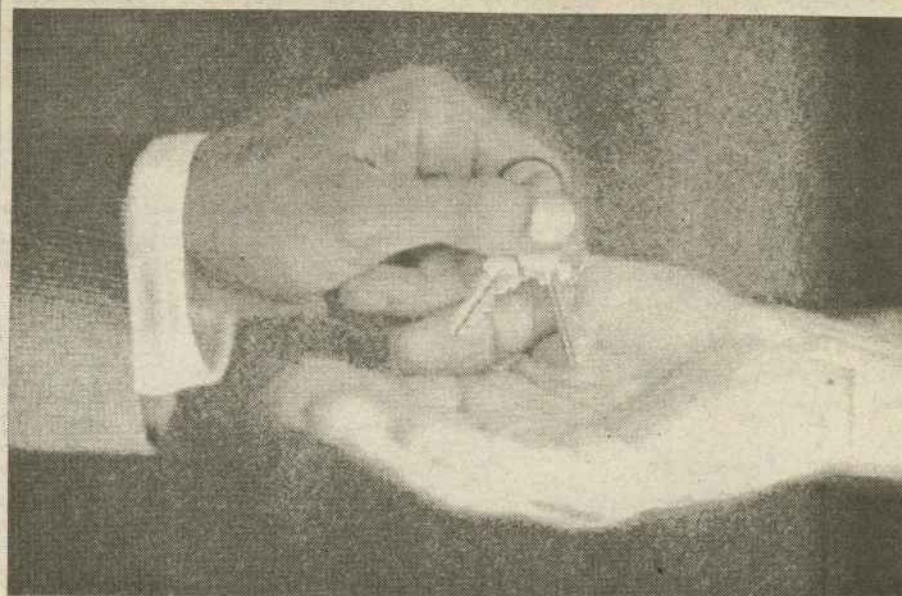
Due to doing "Cabaret," I again missed out on a VIP Bus Crawl to Chicago ... I guess you're stuck with me, Milwaukee.

There is no truth to the rumor Crabby Al's is closing. I spoke with **Nick Anton** recently, and he told me the restaurant is physically being moved because of the bridge. It is open and serving at its usual high quality bill of fare.

As you may remember, every year on Christmas night a group of us, otherwise known as "The Christmas Fairies," get together. Instead of exchanging gifts with each other, with checkbook in hand we take up a collection and when you deposit your check, you can deposit your charity. Many worthwhile causes were in the mix: **The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW)**, **The Acapulco AIDS Agency**, **The Cream City Foundation (CCF)**, **PFLAG** (Parents, Friends of Lesbians And Gays), **The Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee** and **The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center**. The winner this year of a \$1,000. check was The American Cancer Society. I don't think anyone can deny the importance of this cause. Maybe next year you and yours will come up with a similar concept.

Well, here we are once more, the Holidays are but a warm memory. Hopefully, cabin fever will not set in (unless your cabin is located on Miami Beach). I, however, will remain "Cordially Yours..."

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The Calendar

January 11 — January 24, 2001

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, January 11

LAMM Video Night (Milw.): Featuring "Forbidden Love: The Unashamed Stories of Lesbian Lives," 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. All women welcome. FMI: (414) 272-9442.

Friday, January 12

Men's Coming Out Group (Madison): 5:30-7 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-2497.

Saturday, January 13

Frontrunners/Frontwalkers (Madison): 3K to 10K run or walk, 9 a.m., Lake Wingra Park, Knickerbocker and Arbor Dr. FMI: (608) 663-6463.

Sunday, January 14

Bette Davis Bowling League (Madison): 5-person team format, 3 p.m., Bowl-a-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Spring Dr. FMI: (608) 273-8275.

Paris Combo Cabaret (Madison): The retro-cabaret quintet that celebrates Parisian night life with a blend of jazz, swing, flamenco and North African rhythms, 7:30 p.m., Starlight Theatre of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State St. Tix: \$17.50. FMI: (608) 266-9055.

Monday, January 15

Positive Voice (Green Bay): Meeting of group for LGBTs in northeast Wisconsin — topic: health issues, 7 p.m., Angels of Hope MCC, 3607 Libal St. FMI: (920) 435-4404.

Two Spirit Society (Milw.): Group meeting for indigenous Americans, Indian and Latino, 7 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 483-4710.

Tuesday, January 16

Womansong Rehearsal (Madison): Beth Israel Center, 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, January 17

Cream City Chorus (Milw.): Regular weekly practice resumes, new members invited to attend, at 7 p.m., LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-8787.

Lesbian Herstory Class (Madison): 8-week series every Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Atwood Community Center, 2425 Atwood Ave. \$60 for series. FMI: (608) 243-7936.

Thursday, January 18

Briarpatch (Madison): Support group for middle school LGBT kids, 6 p.m., 512 E. Washington Ave. (608) 251-6211.

St. Croix Valley GLBTs (Stillwater, MN): Out in the Valley, the St. Croix Valley GLBT social group, meets at 7 p.m., Hope House, 451 N. Everett St., Stillwater, Minn. Speaker: Peggy Perry, Stillwater Human Rights Commissioner. FMI: (800) 800-0350, ext.502.

Friday, January 19

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Featuring, "Tea with Mussolini," 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

Transgender Group (Madison): Support group for Transsexuals, Crossdressers and their friends, 7 p.m., OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 257-4297.

Saturday, January 20

"Coming Out Against Cancer" Benefit (Chicago): For Lesbian Community Cancer Project, 7 p.m., South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. South Shore Dr. in Chicago, \$55. FMI: (773) 561-4662.

Sunday, January 21

Gay Wrestling Club (Madison): Workouts and training, new members welcome, 1 p.m. FMI: (608) 244-8675 aves.

Tuesday, January 23

"No President" Video (Milw.): Enjoy an alternative inaugural event! See Jack Smith's wild take on the institution of the president, 7 p.m., Woodland Potter Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. S2. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Wednesday, January 24

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys (Madison): 7 and 8 p.m. line dance lessons, 9 p.m. open dancing, \$3 donation, Sapphire Ballroom, Northgate Mall, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. FMI: (608) 255-9131.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50 'til 6 p.m.

Boom (Milw.): Corona, S2. Beer Bust, S6. Rail booze bust \$9, 9-11 p.m.

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

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Alvin and Tacos.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Brunch, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Beer Bash

from 3 to 8 p.m. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close.

Club 219 (Milw.): S1 tappers, S2 rail drinks, S2 bottled beer. Two shows: 8:30 p.m. - no cover - and 11:30 p.m.

Dish (Milw.): The new night spot for women! Rotating Events! Emerald's (Milw.): Men's Night! Call drinks S2.

Fluid (Milw.): S6 Beer Bust, taps of Gen. Draft or Miller Lite, 5 to 9 p.m.

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Mugs of Bloody Marys, Screwdrivers & Greyhounds - \$2.50 from 2-7 p.m. Cans of Schlitz - \$1, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - S2 a mug.

LaCage (Milw.): LaCage Showcase plus "Superbust" — no cover.

M&M Club (Milw.): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): S6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. S1 Bloody Marys!

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): S1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Planet Q (Madison): Beer Bash, 3-8 p.m., S6.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Beer Bash, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open volleyball. Food available from 2 to 6 p.m. 2/4/1 10 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): S1 off anything for anyone not wearing a shirt, 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milw.): Bloody Marys S2. Mimosas S2.

Switch (Milw.): Packer Parties! Join the Packer "Pint Club" and get 75¢ draft pints, free food and free shots for every Packer touchdown. Betty Ford Clinic/Contest at 8 p.m.

Woody's (Milw.): Beer Bust Trivia Day! Beer Bust, \$5 from 2-6 p.m.

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

Mondays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90 from 9 p.m. to close.

The Barracks (Madison): S9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m., 2-4-1 drink special. Bud Nite! All Buds, S1.

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. S2 specials on microbrews.

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Beer Bust and Free Pizza!

Club Boom (Milw.): Closed.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Closed.

Club 5 (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks and house wine up to \$4.25, open to close.

Dish (Milw.): The new night-spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues - sign up now.

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Happy Hour 4-7 p.m., all weekdays, Double Bubble. Any rail vodka drinks half price, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

Jo'Dees International (Racine): S6 Super Bust! by MGD and Miller Lite, all the MGD or Miller Lite you can drink - ALL NITE!

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

LaCage (Milw.): "Shake-a-Drink" all nite — no cover.

M&M Club (Milw.): Mountain of BBQ Rib Special!

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a S6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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

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

cial.

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks and house wine up to \$4.25, open to close.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Rolling Rock, S1.50.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. S3.50 and under drinks over \$3.50 get \$1 off.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): S3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. S1.50 domestic bottled beer and 50¢ tappers, 9 p.m. to close.

Switch (Milw.): S1 off drinks during Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Girls Night Out! S1 off all drinks, taps and shots for the ladies.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. - Absolut and anything, S2.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Toppers \$7.5, rail drinks, S1.50.

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. S6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck! 9 p.m. to close.

The Barracks (Madison): S9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink special. Vodka Nite! All vodka drinks, S1.50 and Call Brands, S2.50.

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Lewy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer S1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club Boom (Milw.): 50¢ rails from 8-9, S1 from 9-10, S1.50 from 10-11, S2 from 11-12, S2.50 from 12-1, S3 from 1-2. 50¢ tap beer, 8-10, S1 from 10-12.

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Shoreline Dancers Practice, 6 p.m. to ?

Club 5 (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 5-4-1 on any Miller products, Corona 24 oz. Bottles, S3.50.

Club 219 (Milw.): Amateur Strip Nite! No cover. S1 tap beer, S2 rails and bottled beer.

Emeralds (Milw.): S5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Nipple ring nite - gentle tug from bartender means 2nd beer free! Cans of Schlitz, S1 from 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw.): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos S1.7 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona S1.75.

LaCage (Milw.): "Prize Nite" — no cover.

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

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes

half-price - 3 to 7 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products S1.50. The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 2 for S2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - S2.

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 75¢ off on all drinks, 5 for \$10 on any Miller product. Corona 24 oz. Bottle, S3.50.

Rainbow Room (Madison): S1 off rail and domestic.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Free pool with drink purchase from 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 3 to 8 p.m. Rail drinks S1.50, 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milw.): Closed!

Switch (Milw.): S1 off drinks during Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Winning ticket nite, win prize \$, prizes!

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Free bountiful buffet.

Wednesdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Special Export S5 pitchers and S1 mugs from 9 p.m. to close.

Barracks (Madison): 16oz. taps of Lite, S2. All rails \$.50 off, shots of Cuervo, S1.50.

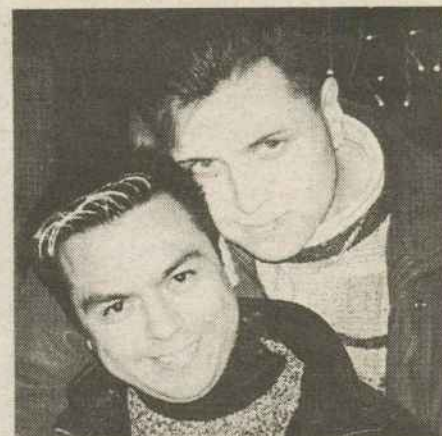
Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink specials. It's Leather & Western Night! Prizes throughout the night.

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. S2 Lite/ MGD longnecks.

C'est La Vie (Milw.): Rail drinks only S1.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club Boom (Milw.): First rail drink, Miller or Bud regular price, second & third, etc. just S1.



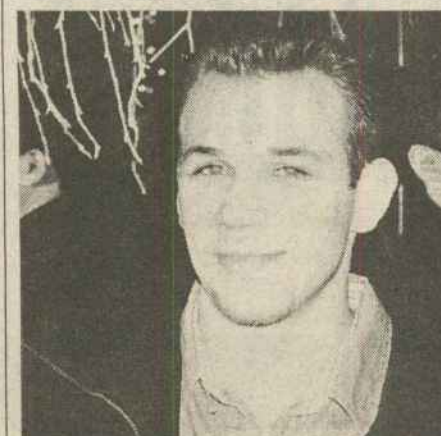
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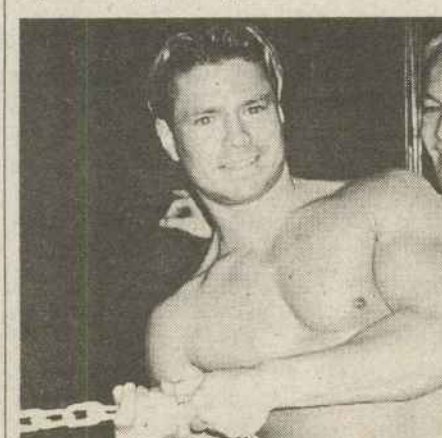
Slurp. Photo by Jamie



Look Ma, No Cavities! Photo by Jamie



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Pulling in the New Year. Photo by Jamie @ 219



Holiday Tongue Inspection. Photo by Jamie @ Triangle

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Open at 6 p.m.

Club 5 (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. \$.50 off all Taps and Rails. \$2.25 Coronas. Karaoke from 8-10:30 p.m.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are x price from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Double Bubble, 7 p.m. - close for men in leather vest, pants, harness, chaps. Dart leagues, 7-10 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): "Super Bust" — no cover for card holders.

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

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

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

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

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. 50¢ off all taps and rails, Coronas \$2.25, DR's \$2. Strippers at 10:30 p.m.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Shots of Doctors - \$2.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 3 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1

open to close (3 p.m.-2 a.m.).

Station 2 (Milw.): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50.

Switch (Milw.): \$1 off drinks during Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Internet Meat & Greet Nite, \$6 Beer Bust for the guys, plus shot specials.

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. Super Beer Bust - All U Can Drink! \$5 domestic, \$7 premium.

Woody's (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 4-9 p.m. Intra-Bar Dart League.

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

Thursdays:

Ball Game (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 2-9 p.m. with snacks served! Cocktail Hour rail drinks or NEW! Pull tabs - try your luck from 9 p.m. to close.

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): All whiskey drinks, \$.50 off, pitchers of Lite sm., \$4, Lg., \$5, shots of DR's, \$2.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milw.): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drink specials.

Club Boom (Milw.): 2-4-1 all night. Show tunes!

The Club/Fannies (Milw.): Starting Aug. 31 - Open at 6 p.m.

Club 5 (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. Pitchers of Lite, Bud Lite, \$6. Frozen cocktails, \$3.

Club 219 (Milw.): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are x price from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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

Fluid (Milw.): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. 2-4-1, martinis included!

The Harbor Room (Milw.): Shots of McGillicuddy's or Cuervo - \$2, and pitchers of beer - \$4, 7-11 p.m. Shirtless men drink for half price (rail & domestic).

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

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

LaCage (Milw.): "Super Bust" — no cover for card holders.

M&M Club (Milw.): Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to close!

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

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

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

Orbit (Milw.): Happy Hour 5-8 p.m., 2-4-1 drinks.

Planet Q (Madison): Happy Hour, 4-8 p.m. Frozen cocktails, \$3. Pitchers of Bud or Bud Lite, \$6.

Rainbow Room (Madison): Corona - \$2.

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milw.): Cocktail Hour, 3-8 p.m. \$3 Weiss beers and \$4 pitchers, 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milw.): Bottle and Can beers, 50¢ off. \$1 shots of cold Schnapps.

Switch (Milw.): \$1 off drinks during Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. Karaoke Night! 8 p.m. to close.

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

Triangle (Milw.): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! 9 p.m. \$6 Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milw.): Double Bubble all day, all night.

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

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Thursday, January 11

Dr. Ashok Bedi Talk (Shorewood): Psychiatrist and author of "Path to the Soul" gives a talk at 7 p.m., Schwartz Bookstore, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Friday, January 12

Thomas Reiter Reading (Milw.): Poet whose latest book is "Pearly Everlasting" reads at 8 p.m., Schwartz Bookstore, 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Monday, January 15

Gay Book Discussion (Milw.): This month's book: "Night Listener" by Armistead Maupin, 7:30 p.m., Afterwards Bookstore, 2710 N. Murray Ave. FMI: (414) 963-9089.

Tuesday, January 16

GLBTQ Book Discussion (Madison): One fiction and one non-fiction book to be discussed, 7 p.m., Borders Bookstore East. FMI: (608) 240-0080.

Wednesday, January 17

Sheri Holman Reading (Brookfield): Author of "The Dress Lodger" reads at the Schwartz Bookstore, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

Allen M. Young Talk (Shorewood): Author of "Small Creatures and Ordinary Places: Essays on Nature" gives a talk at 7 p.m., Schwartz Bookstore, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Thursday, January 18

Lesbian Book Group (Madison): Meets at 6 p.m. at A Room of One's Own, 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Monday, January 22

Anita Shreve Reading (Mequon): Author of "Fortune's Rocks" reads at the Schwartz Bookstore, 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Tuesday, January 23

Tracy Chevalier Reading (Shorewood): Author of "Girl With a Pearl Earring" reads at 7 p.m., Schwartz Bookstore, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

FILM, TV AND RADIO:

Sun., January 14 and Every Sun.

"Her Turn," Womyn's Radio (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM - A weekly show featuring news and information by and about women, 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by "Her Infinite Variety" - Women in music - all genres and styles - interviews, live guests and announcements for the women's community, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-2001 or <http://www.netphoria.com/wort>.

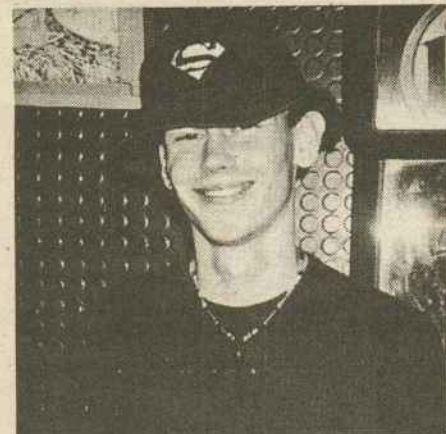
"Better Living Through Show Tunes" (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM. Hosts Bruce Wheeler and Earl Bricker, 2-3 p.m. (608) 256-2001 or bwheeler@cuna.com.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): WYOU, Public access cable channel 4, LGBT programming from 2-3 p.m. FMI: dkr@mailbag.com.

Women's Music Radio (Milw.): WMSE-91.7FM. 10:30 p.m. to Midnight. Variety of women's music genres, announcements of events in Milwaukee's women's community. Request Line: (414) 799-1917.

Tues., January 16 & Every Tues.

"The Queer Program" (Milw.): Live weekly telecast on MATV public access cable channel 47 (96 in some areas) at 7 p.m. Hosts: Michael Lisowski and Charles Daniels. Re-broadcast Saturday at 12:30 a.m. and Sundays at 10 p.m. FMI: (414) 265-8500.



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Group Grope. Photo by Jamie @ Triangle



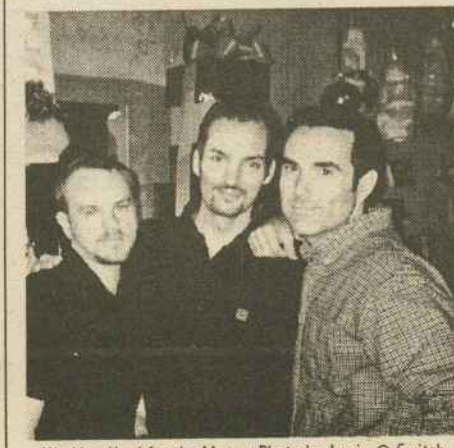
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Slurp! Photo by Jamie @ Switch



Working Hard for the Money. Photo by Jamie @ Switch

Wed., January 17 & Every Wed.

"Queery" (Madison): WORT, 89.9 FM - Madison's GLBTQ radio show, 7 p.m., followed by "This Way Out," the international news magazine, from 7:30-8 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-2001.

"Nothing to Hide" (Madison): WYOU, Public access cable channel 4, LGBT programming from 9-11 p.m. FMI: dkr@mailbag.com.

Wednesday, January 17

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): Featuring "Brideshead Revisited," 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

Friday, January 19

SAGE Movie Night (Milw.): Featuring "Tea with Mussolini," 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-0378.

"The Last Picture Show" (Milw.): The Bogdanovich classic with Cybil Shepherd, Jeff Bridges, Cloris Leachman and Ellen Burstyn plays through Jan. 25, Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

Saturday, January 20

"Gods and Monsters" (Sundance Channel): Feature film about James Whale, gay director of the "Frankenstein" movie classic, with Ian McKellen and Brendan Fraser, 5:30 p.m. (Also broadcast at 4 p.m. on Jan. 23 and 11 p.m. on Jan. 26.)

Gay Video Club (Madison): "Queer as Folk" episode #2, "Head On" and "Double Cross," 8 p.m. Call for location. FMI: (608) 244-8675 eyes.

Wednesday, January 24

"Stonewall" (Sundance Channel): Feature film about gays and drag queens caught up in the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, starring Frederick Weller, 12:30 a.m.

"Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a serial Killer" (Sundance Channel): Documentary about the country's first female serial killer, a lesbian named Aileen Wuornos, 7:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

Adambomb Gallerie (Milw.): 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-BOMB.

Appleton Art Center (Appleton): 130 N. Morrison St.

America's Black Holocaust Museum (Milw.): "We Shall Overcome: Photographs from America's Civil Rights Era," thru Jan. 31. 2233 N. 4th St. FMI: (414) 264-2500.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): Metal sculptures by Allan Caucutt and woodcuts, engravings and lithographs by Eugene Mecikalski, thru Feb. 26. W62N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

Charles Allis Art Museum (Milw.): Paintings by Pamela Schermer thru Jan. 21, Tudor mansion with original furnishings and art collection, 1801 N. Prospect Ave. FMI: (414) 278-8295.

Charles Lyons Paint Box Gallery (Ephraim, WI): Miniature show: paintings, pots, lithographs, sculptures. 10426 Highway 42 in Door County. FMI: (920) 854-4435.

Eclectic Art & Gifts (Milw.): Contemporary, three dimensional wall sculpture by Steve Droeger, ongoing. 411 E. Silver Spring. FMI: (414) 906-0665.

Elvehjem Museum (Madison): "The American School" at the Universal Exhibition thru Jan. 28, 800 University Ave. FMI: (608) 263-2246.

Gallery Cora Dora (Milw.): Pier 221 Cafe, 211 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 283-9244.

Haggerty Museum of Art (Milw.): "Contemporary Art from the Norton Family Collection," to Jan. 14; "Recent Gifts" thru Feb. 11. Marquette University, N. 13th and Clybourn Sts. FMI: (414) 288-1669. John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "The Way We Were" thru Feb. 11; Paintings by Barry Raul Carlsen thru March 18; "Faces of the Warrior," thru March, 2001. 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Katie Gingrass Gallery (Milw.): Recent work by Kathy Hoffman and James Hempel thru Jan 31, 241 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 289-0855.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): "Brad Kahlhamer: Almost American," thru Feb. 11; "Reading the Signs: Making Meaning in a Work of Art," and Selections from the Permanent Collection thru Feb. 5. 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Michael H. Lord Gallery (Milw.): 420 E. Wisconsin Ave. FMI: (414) 272-1007.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milw.): 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

Milwaukee County Historical Society (Milw.): "Homes for the Holidays: Milwaukee Doll Houses" thru Jan. 14. 910 Old World Third St. FMI: (414) 273-8288.

Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (Milw.): Wm. F. Eisner Museum of Advertising, "Vision, Technology and Commerce: 100 Years of Industrial Design," to March, 2001. 273 E. Erie St. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Neville Public Museum (Green Bay): 210 Museum Place. FMI: (920) 448-4460.

Olbrich Botanical Gardens (Madison): "Nature's Touch," fiber art wall hanging by Pat Kroth thru Feb. 4, 3330 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 246-4550.

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Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milw.): "Monochromatic," works by Lisa Bergh, Douglas Holst, Hai-Chi Juhn, Robert Johnson and Scott Roberts, thru Feb. 24. 911 W. National Ave. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

West Bend Art Museum (West Bend): Under renovation until grand reopening March 14 with the exhibit "Wisconsin Glass Masters." 300 S. 6th Ave., West Bend.

Willy St. Co-op (Madison): "Day Dreams and Observations, figurative work by Lara Donahue and Joshua Ludke, thru Jan., 1221 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 251-0884.

Woodson Art Museum (Wausau): "From Earth to Soul: The Evans Collection of Asian Ceramics," thru Jan. 2001. 700 N. 12th St. FMI: (715) 845-7010.

Wustum Museum of Fine Arts (Racine): 2519 Northwestern Ave. FMI: (262) 636-9177.

THEATRE/MUSIC ARTS:

NOW PLAYING:

Arturo Sandoval (Milw.): The acclaimed Cuban trumpet player performs on concert with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Jan. 19-21, Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center, 929 N. Water St. FMI: (800) 291-7605.

"Catch Me If You Can" (Racine): Light comedy performed by the Racine Theatre Guild Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. thru Feb. 4. 2519 Northwestern Ave. FMI: (262) 633-4218.

"Combat Theatre for a New Millennium" (Milw.): Eight plays written, staged and performed within 24 hours! Jan. 19 and 20, 8 p.m., Studio Theatre of the UWM Fine Arts Building, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tix: \$12 at door. FMI: (262) 782-3618.

"Counting the Ways" (Milw.): Boulevard Ensemble production of Edward Albee's play, thru Jan. 21 at the Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. FMI: (414) 744-5757.

"Dinah Was" (Milw.): Musical biography of jazz/blues great Dinah Washington, played by E. Faye Baker, opens Jan. 12, runs thru Feb. 11 in the Quadracci Powerhouse Theatre in the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre complex, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Full Gallop" (Madison): Witty one-woman play about style maven Diana Vreeland, runs thru Jan. 28 at the Madison Repertory Theatre. FMI: (608) 266-9055.

"Holiday Capers at W-I-O-U?" (Milw.): An interactive comedy murder-mystery Fris-Suns, thru Jan. 28 at Melanec's Wheelhouse, 2178 N. Riverboat Rd. FMI: (414) 264-6060.

"I Never Sang for My Father" (Milw.): Robert Anderson's family drama plays Sundays and Mondays thru Jan. 23 at the Boulevard Ensemble, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. FMI: (414) 744-5757.

"The Memory of Water" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep production of Shelagh Stephenson's family comedy, opens Jan. 21, runs thru Feb. 11, Stierke Theatre or Baker Theatre Complex, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead" (Madison): Shakespeare-related play staged by the Strollers Theatre, Thursdays-Sundays thru Jan. 27, Bartell Theatre, 113 E. Mifflin St. FMI: (608) 238-8183.

"Route 66" (Milw.): Milwaukee Rep musical revue paying homage to the automobile and the road, opens Jan. 20, runs thru March 18 in the Stackner Cabaret, 108 E. Wells St. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

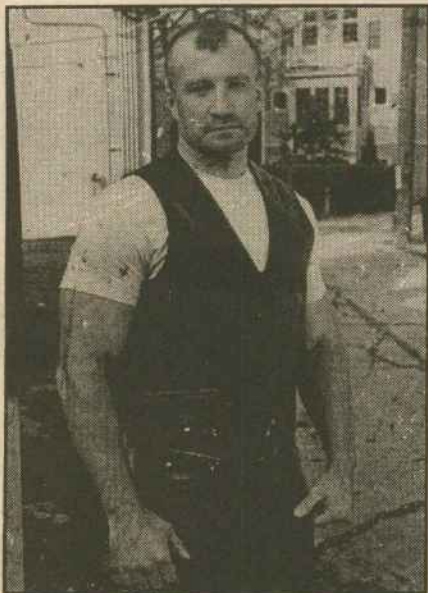
"Three Days of Rain" (Milw.): Chamber Theatre's production of Richard Greenberg's sensitive drama, runs thru Jan. 28 in Studio Theatre of Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

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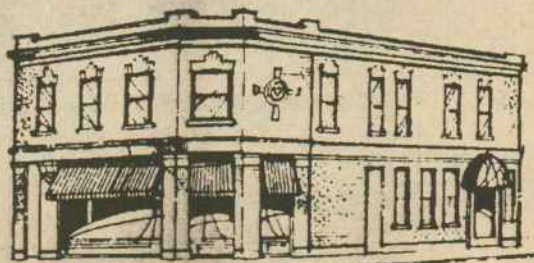
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By Billy Masters

Originally, every item in this column was about a cute guy — that way, I could feature all sorts of risqué pics on my website of www.filth2go.com. However, I just heard about a story that requires both my and all of my readers' attention. About a year ago, Peter Oiler (who may be a cute guy himself) was fired from a Louisiana Winn-Dixie grocery store. Why was this valued employee of 21 years let go? Oiler alleges that he was dismissed because he likes to dress in ladies clothing on his off time and that he was told that his behavior harmed Winn-Dixie's corporate image! I don't normally get behind causes (unless the subject of the cause is cute), but if companies can fire people based on what they do off duty, then we are all at risk. Tell Winn-Dixie what you think by contacting president and CEO Al Rowland at (904) 783-5000, or e-mail him at AlRowland@winn-dixie.com. For more information on this case, check out www.ShameOnWinnDixie.com.

Welcome to 2001! With all apologies to **Kier Dullea**, it pretty much looks like 2000. Nonetheless, my job is to share gossip with my many fans. Some people have felt that between the last few weeks of gift giving suggestions, the "Ask Billy" column, and our annual year-end wrap up, Billy has gotten a bit soft. While I vigorously deny any such allegations, I feel that in this column I need to top myself (which I don't believe is physiologically possible).

Many people have been e-mailing me questions about **Anne Heche**, specifically wondering if she is pregnant. I can answer that one pretty easily: Anne Heche is NOT pregnant — at least, not anymore! What does that mean? Anne did find out that she was impregnated by boyfriend **Coley Lafoon**. My sources told me that the happy couple was spotted shopping for baby furnishings in between shooting "John Q." However, days before Thanksgiving, Anne started to experience pains as she and Coley were preparing to spend the holiday with his family. Shortly after being admitted to the hospital, my sources say that Anne lost her baby. So, when Heche's manager states, "I swear she's not pregnant," that is actually the truth. But, you can get the whole truth only from Gotcha Central.

Since it is a new year, perhaps you've made some New Year's Resolutions.

Maybe you want to lose a few of those holiday pounds. Some of you might look to such lovelies as singer **Paul Lekakis** and wonder "How can I get abs like her in time for Speedo season?" You might want to do exactly what Paul did — buy them! Yes, Mr. Boom Boom Boom went right to the liposuction room not once, but at least twice! How do I know? I have in my possession an intriguing videotaped testimonial of Paul extolling the virtues of paying to get sucked just north of where he used to get paid to suck (if you can follow that, then you certainly weren't drinking on New Year's Eve). On this tape, Paul shows off his trim, ripped midsection and says that the procedure was the best investment he's ever made in himself. This was back in 1997 and, as we all know, Paul was a bit chunky a couple years later. What to do? A return visit to that industrial strength Hoover — and just in time for his POZ cover story last year Hey, who am I to judge? All I know is that he looks damn good so, "Brava, Paul!"

Speaking of hot bodies, "One Life to Live" star **David Fumero** seems to enjoy showing his off in a most enjoyable way. To be honest, I had no idea who David was, and I certainly didn't know that, in addition to acting, he also models. Then a fan brought to my attention a series of advertisements for 2(x)ist underwear featuring the soap stud. There was David in all his glory (and what lovely glory it is). Nothing like a lot of skin to get my attention!

While on the subject of soaps, I was shocked to see former "WKRP" hottie **Gary Sandy** turn up on "The Young and the Restless." Not that there's anything wrong with doing a soap (although I wouldn't call him either young or restless), but just a few days earlier, someone gave me some news about him (and, let's face it, Gary Sandy ain't a name that comes up more than once a millennium!). Sandy will appear as Sheriff Dodd in the national touring company of "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," starring **Ann-Margret**. Who told me this bit of news? Li'l ole Ann-Margret Olsen herself. No word if Gary will be wearing his trademark tight jeans in this production — I suspect that the waist of those vintage denims would barely get past his thighs!

I was in Boston for the holidays and on the streets of the South End I got the sad news — Boston Pops Conductor June ... er, **Keith Lockhart** and his wife, **Lucia Lin**, have split up. Of course, this is no surprise

to moi who reported shortly after their courtship that this was a match made in Pops Heaven. You see, the powers that be dictated that whoever took over for John Williams should be a "family man" — and I don't think they meant our kinda family! No surprise that Lucia Lin has a cushy job as a violinist with the Boston Symphony (and, according to my sources, is a real joy to work with...sarcasm intact). Sounds like a case of tit for tat (and I can assure you that June wasn't going anywhere near the tit!)

For those of you looking for a late holiday present for that special someone, might I suggest 'N Sync Lip Gloss? Yes, the quintet has lent its name to a line of lip gloss — "each band member represented by a different, fruity flavor" (this had to be **Lance Bass**' idea). I was just getting used to WET's Watermelon lube!

Could it be that a certain buff, follicly-impaired actor (but, shh, don't tell anyone) has yet another little secret? Oh, sure, rumors about the action man have circulated for a while — that is, until he married that upwardly-mobile bit player. While hubby and wife appear to be happy (although she won't become a mummy anytime soon), friends of the couple tell me that it's more of a threesome with the wife's cute brother as an integral part of the package. Let's just say that this sibling sweetened the pot, thus allowing our hero to project the image of family man, while playing house with his real love interest. Why would the in-laws stand for this? I'm told there are two reasons: The wife likes being married to a highly paid actor, and her entire family is basically trash.

Could it be that the star of an upcoming blockbuster has a little secret? Make that a BIG secret, and it's spreading like wildfire. During production, wardrobe caught him trying on another cast member's costume. Nothing wrong with that — except that the cast member was female and the costume was lingerie! OK, that's a pretty good secret, but is it a BIG secret? I'm told that it's quite sizeable when you're looking at it through fishnet panties! And, by the way, my sources tell me that this habit is something that the former TV star indulges in both on and off the set, which works out well, since his partners are of both sexes.

When Winn-Dixie employees are wearing women's clothes, bisexuals are wearing clothing of both sexes, and I'm not wearing any (with all of the hot guys in this column, it got mighty warm in here), then it's definitely time to end yet another column. I have some exciting news to share with you — www.filth2go.com was just named Best Graphic Design by www.ManNet.com in its



David Fumero



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Porn Information, News and Reviews category. On behalf of my collaborator, Joey Hart (who also won awards for www.TalvinDeMachio.com and www.JeffCode.com), I thank ManNet for remembering us. I always seem to be accepting awards on Joey's behalf — first Best Bottom, and now this! Have a trophy of your own you'd like to slip me? Then send a note to my e-mail address of Billy@filth2go.com and I promise to get back to you before I play "hide the baton" with Miss Lockhart! So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



I Want My Gay TV!

by D.L. Groover

Around three years ago it became possible to receive gay radio programming 24/7, either through Triangle Radio Network or GayBC. Of course, that was Internet accessible, so when you shut down your computer, there went your gay radio.

Look for movies like "Pink Flamingos," "It's in the Water" and "Edward II" to be part of the regular line-up on GTN. But in a stunning way to kick off the new century, there's now gay television. A station whose programming is 24/7 gay. And it's coming Jan. 23.

"It's an idea whose time has really

come. It's exclusively gay, lesbian and transgender," boasts Dick Wiener, executive vice president of Gay Television Network.

Network four years ago and have been working ever since on getting their television idea off the ground, or into the sky, as it were.

Once they get their feet wet, they'll start self-producing shows. For now, they're relying on a lot of movies to fill the slots, raiding gay and lesbian and independent film festivals for their product.

"The programming in the begin-

ning is five days a week, 12 hours a day," explains Wiener. "From Friday at one o'clock until one o'clock on Monday morning, it's 24 hours a day. We're filling it primarily with movies, some series, and some regional talk shows like 'Out and About' from Fort Lauderdale and 'Queer Nation' out of New Zealand."

Just a sampling from their initial schedule should make any gay couch potato clutch that clicker with pleasure. So far, the films include "Claire de Lune," "Pink Flamingos," "Red Rain," "Defying Gravity," "Latin Boys Go to Hell," "Twisted," "All the Rage," "It's In the Water," "A Boy Named Sue," "Caravaggio," and "Edward II."

Programs scheduled include a morning talk show, "Good Morning, Gay America"; "Gay Archives," a one-hour program which traces gay life in New York and Los Angeles in the hedonistic, early days of the '70s and '80s; "Gay Pride, Palm Springs"; music video shows; "Gay Across the Globe," an hour special that documents international gay happenings; "Mardi Gras 2000," a documentary on the hot celebrations down under from Sydney, Australia; and religious services broadcast live from Fort Lauderdale's Sunshine Cathedral and Dallas' Cathedral of Hope.

A cooking show hosted by transvestite Betty Delicious is presently being filmed, as is a gay history show. Also planned is a Girl's Night, featuring lesbian-themed films, as well as a Boy's Night.

Other highlights in their distinctive programming will be "Gay Court," "Gay Bandstand," and gay fashion shows, pride celebrations, sports, and rodeos. In the wee hours, soft porn is tentatively scheduled, although Wiener is quick to point out that those exclusively hard-core sex films, while a continuing and lucrative staple of our community's video rental outlet, will not be stressed.

"This doesn't sound like a network schedule, does it?" asks Wiener rhetorically. "We want to get programming from all over the country." GTN is already in contact with gay communities around the globe for diverse and locally produced content.

Through trade ads in the gay press, their subscriber base is projected at 10,000 during the first few months; it currently stands at about 2,000. Naturally, the Dish Network's subscriber base of 5 million is a rich resource for signing up new viewers.

"We'll see where it goes from there," says Wiener. "I'd sign up right away," he adds with an executive's confidence.

While Wiener would not divulge any of the "large group of investors" behind GTN, the network is not exclusively gay run, but all major decisions and acquisitions are under gay leadership.

"The structure is in the hands of gay men and women because we kind of have a feel for what our community wants," he explained.

Roger Asquith, GTN's director of public relations and ebullient co-host of "Broadway and More," a music program on Triangle's Internet radio, has a history in gay publishing that stretches over two decades in Great Britain and the U.S., as do many others in the organization.

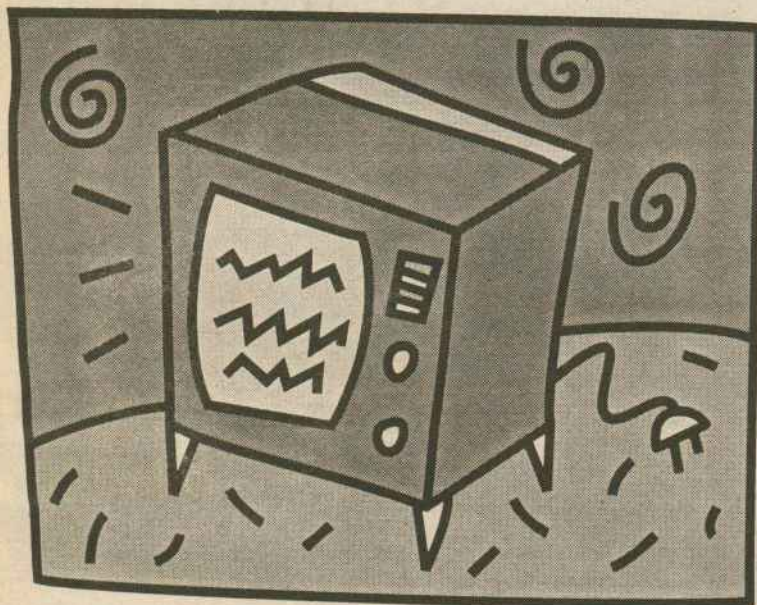
"I'm the sane one here," he said with a laugh. "Everyone else is completely mad. We're getting a tremendous response. Dish is a pretty good deal. We'll even send you a free packet of popcorn."

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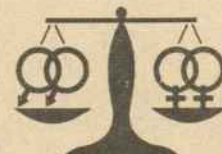
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By Jamie Taylor

Whew! Made it through another holiday season without any major disasters. The curbs are littered with tinsel laden Christmas trees and most people have taken down the holiday lights. Me? I won't have to worry about that 'cause we never took the time to decorate this year. I did however, make the trip north to my parent's house.

After almost four years, I decided I better make an effort at being part of the family, so off I went. Unfortunately, the drive was through one of Wisconsin's many snowstorms and I gotta tell you, it was white knuckle driving most of the way. After what seemed an eternity, I finally pulled in their driveway.

By then, everyone had already gone to sleep so I crawled in bed and zonked out. I woke up early to the warm, comfortable, almost nurturing sound of mom in the kitchen making breakfast (greasy bacon and eggs, just the way my dad likes it) for everyone. I won't bore you with the day's events, but I must tell you, it wasn't as bad as I thought it would be — it was even enjoyable. There are various reasons why I don't make the 3-hour trip to my parent's house several times a year, many of which I'm sure you can relate to. In any case, this trip seemed to diminish some of those feelings.

On the way up, I did make a quick stop in Green Bay to give my knuckles a rest. I stopped in at **Brandy's II** where **Kelli** and **Dee Dee** were holding court. Both of them tried to get me drunk but I wasn't gonna have it with another hour of driving to do. My second stop was the new **Napalese**. I was impressed by the crowd and the new digs. The place is spacious and doesn't have that north-woods atmosphere the old place did. I spoke with **Mark Mariucci** to find out what was going on with his new theater project and he told me he hopes to be open by February 2. He has been working very hard and can't wait to get the doors open.

I'm sure Gay Green Bay is also anticipating the opening. I missed **Sally** and **Sue** over at **Sass** again but wanted them to know I've been thinking about them. They will be hosting the **Women's Body & Soul Health Fair** January 20. There will be lots of entertainment, great snacks and raffles. Representatives from various health-related organizations will be there to answer questions and give information on how to be healthy both physically and mentally. The event starts at 9 p.m. at **Sass**.

In Madison, **Ed** and his staff threw the biggest New Years Party (The Silver Soiree) **Club 5** has seen yet. I'm told they held a good crowd all night long. The place was a mess the following day but aren't most places after a great party? The **Madison Bears Club** will be getting together January 20 at **The Barracks** so if you're looking for a daddy, be there. At the main bar you can catch "Will & Grace" every Thursday and, if you get there early enough, **Terry** will make sure you get a good seat. The annual Pink Party at the Civic Center was Wisconsin's biggest New Year's party once again. People of all ages crammed the dance floor dancing to the tunes spun by DJ **Nick Nice**. The party started at 10:30 p.m. by midnight it was wall to wall and it lasted until 4 a.m. By then, most people were danced out and needed some rest anyway. I especially loved the guy dressed as a "black angel."

New Years Eve in Milwaukee was nothing to sneeze at. Most clubs stayed open around the clock, giving those professional alcoholics extra drinking time.

I started at **Triangle** where my babe was working until 3 a.m. Unfortunately, was under the weather and was home by 1 a.m. By the time I made it back there in the morning there were still a bunch of faces I saw the night before and only a couple were sloppy drunk.

I wanted to see what else was still going on so we went over to **Fluid**. **Bill** was there (although a bit red-eyed) making sure only club owners were asleep at the bar. It really was funny and I heard one of Milwaukee's long-time photographers snapped a photo of said club owner. I promised every bar owner in Milwaukee a copy of that photo — yeah right. Actually, the only person getting that photo is the person in that photo — that is unless somehow it makes it in this issue.

At **Dish** they were cleaning up from their New Year's bash. I'm told they had their biggest crowd ever. Next door, **C'est La Vie** was recovering from the new year as well. **Club 219** had another "special private" party where they lock the doors and well — you know — the strippers get to do their job the way they like to and the way the crowd likes them to.

The **Ball Game** was a great place to ring in the New Year. **Rick** made sure he his loyal customers knew how much he appreciates them with free champagne at midnight. Speaking of long time loyal customers, **M&M** and **This Is It** hosted New Years parties that celebrated a new year and their long time customers. **Water Street Docks**, **Boot Camp** and **1100 Club** did all nighters as well. I heard **Grandma** over at 1100 Club was in rare form.

Judging from the shape **Woody's** bartenders were in New Years Day, they must have had a hell of a party. I'm sorry I didn't make it for their '20s type party 'cause I know how much **Steve** likes a great party. If you like champagne and shirtless guys, **Harbor Room** was the place for you. **Gregg** made sure he stocked up on bubbly and even made arrangements for parking in the lot behind the bar. **La Cage** was wall to wall people from 10 p.m. New Year's Eve until early in the morning. They didn't stay open until the next night and I don't blame them. The bartenders must have been worn out from serving so many people. **Club Boom's** bartenders were also worn out from pouring drinks. They held a nice crowd most of the night as well. If you wanted to party and watch the 2nd Street party-goers, **Switch** was your best bet. Lots of people pick the tables by the windows so they can watch silly people stumbling through the snow. All in all it was great New Years celebration. I know most of you are glad it's over and so am I. My body can't take the holiday abuse.

Just a couple of up-coming events to tell you about. **Harbor Room** will be throwing a 6-Month Anniversary Party, January 26th & 27th. **Woody's**, **Boom** and **Ball Game** will be throwing Super Bowl Parties. I will probably be at one or all of those places snapping photos — and of course, not paying attention to the game.

That will do it for this issue. I wish all of you happiness and prosperity and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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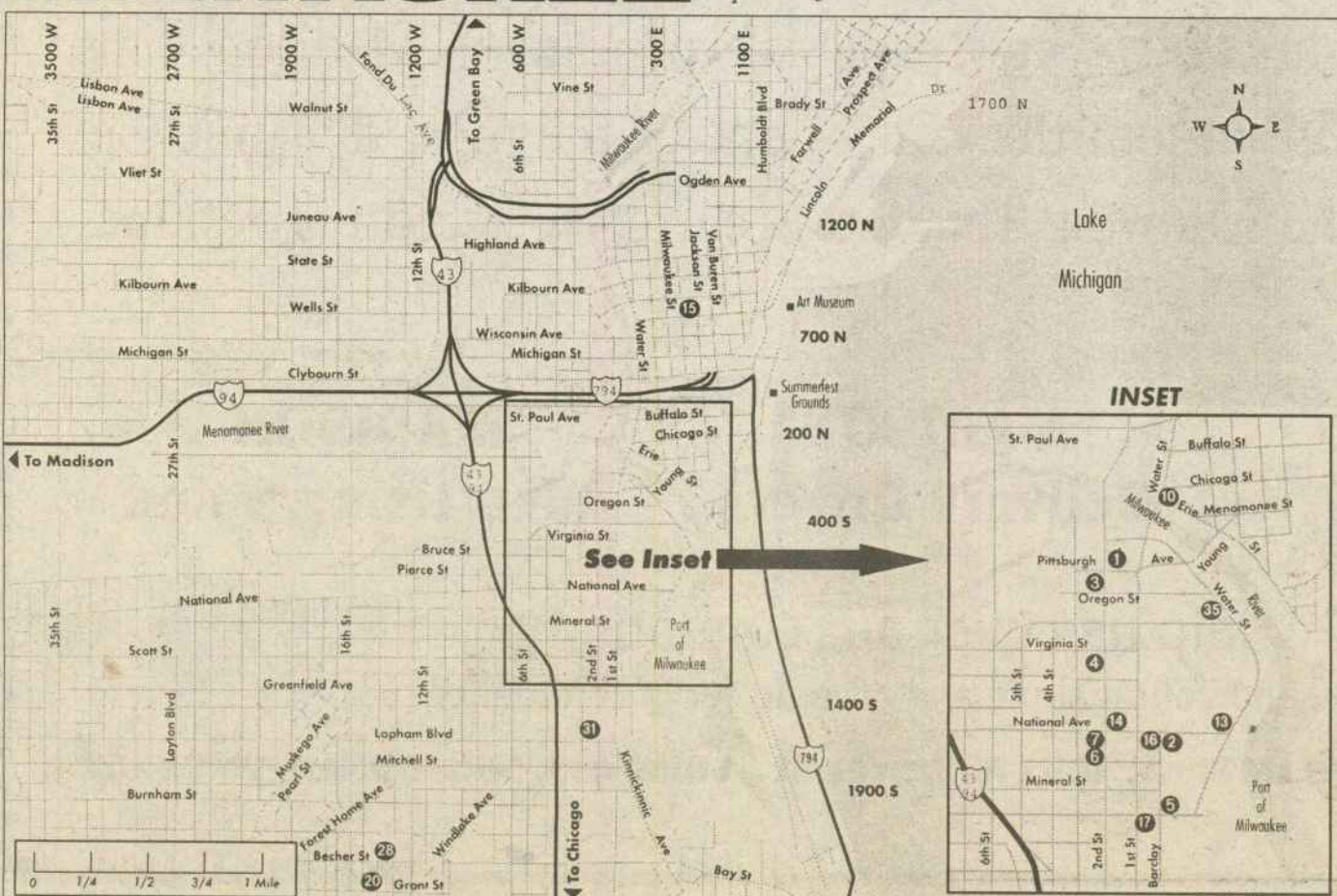
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| 1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218 | |
| Barney H. Moore Agency (insurance) | 536-7575 |
| 7655 W. Luscher Ave., 53218 | |
| Bay Tax Service, Paul Rathjen | 332-9584 |
| B&G Construction | 405-7843 |
| Sean Buckley (Individual Psychotherapy) | 562-2403 |
| Bill Buresh (Real Estate) | 529-0500 |
| Carnival Travel, 611 E. Wells St. | 276-3388 |
| Clarity (Writing and Research) | 276-6935 |
| Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel) | 766-1066 |
| Downtown Autobody (Car Repair) | |
| 3425 N. Holton Ave. | 964-7170 |
| Roland E. Daneau, CPA (Accountant) | 962-1400 |
| Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling) | |
| 6510 W. Layton Ave, 53215 | 282-6160 |
| Kathryn M. Dobrtaz (Financial Planning) | |
| 330 Executive Dr., Suite 305, Brookfield | 782-8914 |
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| 1023 E. Brady St., 53202 | 273-7500 |
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| Theodore L. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist) | |
| 2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 | 272-2427 |
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| | 445-5552 |
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| N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010 | |
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| Michael Davis | 963-1657 |
| GLINN Network One (Internet Access, www.gn1.net) | |
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| Horizon Travel (Member IGTA) | |
| N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051 | 255-0704 |
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| 5665 S 108th, Hales Corners, 53130 | 529-2129 |
| Bill Hanel, msw (Counseling, Psychotherapy) | 276-7626 |
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| Landmark Plumbing | 224-8008 |
| Linda Jo Martin (Psychotherapist) | 276-8676 |
| Milwaukee Restoration (construction) | 698-7678 |
| Mortgage Concepts | 447-6170 |
| Mortgage Market | 513-1860 |
| Peter Paliafito (Nodel, auto sales) | 964-4400 |
| 5200 N. Port Washington Rd. | |
| Scott Perkins (Realtor) | 476-9070, ext. 461 |
| | cell: 801-1356 |
| Realty Executives, (real estates sales) | |
| Gene Anderson | 264-6460 |
| Red Tail Painting & Restoration | 607-1180 |
| e-mail: redtail@execpc.com | |
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| (energy balancing) | 668-8860 |
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| Diane Bloom/Sandy Lewis | |
| Jeanie Simpkins, (MS), (counseling) | 282-6160 |
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| home/voice mail | 224-1452 |
| Special Touch Massage | 536-8232 |
| Streiff Advertising/Sandy Lewis | 771-8300 |
| 7600 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213 | |
| The Right Angle (carpentry) | 390-0909 |
| Third Coast Courier (delivery) | 562-0935 |
| Travel Directions (Travel Agency) | |
| 515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213 | 774-2174 |
| Travel Experience (Travel Agency) | 744-6020 |
| Wauker Photography (Portraits, Commitments) | |
| by appointment only | 383-0740 |
| Wells Ink, Advertising & Design (Advertising, PR) | |
| 1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, 53202 | 272-2116 |

RETAIL

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| 2Burn (Ventless Fireplaces, Gifts) | |
| 11708 W. North Ave., Wauwatosa | 607-7000 |
| Absolute Furniture | |

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| 5520 W. North Ave | 875-8326 |
| Adambomb Gallerie (tattoos, jewelry) | |
| 524 S. 2nd St., 53204 | 276-BOMB |
| AfterWords (G/L Bookstore & Espresso Bar) | |
| 2710 N. Murray, 53211 | 963-9089 |
| Argosy (Gifts & Decorative Accessories) | |
| 18900 W. Bluemound Rd., Brookfield, 53045 | 821-6900 |
| Avante Garde (Body Piercing, Tattoos) | |
| 7219 W. Greenfield, Ave., | 607-4068 |
| Back Pages (Bookstore) | |
| 1425 W. Oklahoma Ave., | 383-6464 |
| Body Inspired (Health Club) | |
| 2009 E. Kenilworth Place | 272-8622 |
| Body Ritual (Body Piercing, Jewelry, Gifts) | |
| 2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202 | 273-3777 |
| Clinton Street Antiques | |
| 1110 South First Street | 647-1773 |
| Changin' Times | |
| 932 E. Brady St., 53202 | 281-7473 |
| Constant Reader Bookshop | |
| 1627 E. Irving Pl., 53202 | 291-0452 |
| Designing Men & Womyn (t-shirts, jewelry, leather, etc.) | |
| 1200 S 1st St., 53204 | 389-1200 |
| Eclectic i (art/gifts) | |
| 411 E. Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217, | 906-0665 |
| Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried) | |
| 2201 E. Capitol Dr., 53211 | 963-1006 |
| Grava Gallery (framing) | |
| 1209 E. Brady St., 53202 | 277-8228 |
| Mega Discount Nursery | |
| 1901 E. Rowson Ave., Oak Creek 53154 | 571-6565 |
| Miss Groove (gifts) | |
| 1225 E. Brady St., 53202 | 298-9185 |
| Out of Solitude Jewelry | |
| 918 E. Brady St., 53202 | 223-3101 |
| Outpost Natural Foods | |
| 100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212 | 964-7789 |
| exchange@execpc.com | |
| Popular News (adult books, videos) | |
| 225 N. Water St., 53202 | 278-0636 |
| Rainbow Pets | |
| 1928 N. Farwell Ave., 53202 | 270-9552 |
| Red Wheelbarrow Bookshop | |
| 1213 E. Brady St., 53202 | 223-5941 |
| Rosebud Cinema and Drafthouse | |
| 6833 W. North Ave. | 607-9672 |
| Rubin's | |
| 224 E. Chicago St. 53202 | 278-8100 |
| Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals) | |
| 1418 E. Brady St., 53202 | 272-6768 |
| Wishful Things (Antiques) | |
| 207 E. Buffalo, 53202 | 964-9799 |

Spa/Health Clubs

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| Midtowne Spa (Gay Health and Recreational Facility) | |
| 315 S. Water St., 53204 | 278-8989 |

CENTRAL (715)

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| AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin | |
| 1105 Grand Ave., #3, Schaffield, 54476 | (800) 551-3311 |
| Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance | |
| P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481 | (715) 592-6245, ext. 5920200 |
| Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist) | |
| Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449 | 387-5442 |
| The Edgewater — Inn & Resort | |
| Eagle River, 54521 | 1-888-334-3987 |
| http://www.edgeinn.com | |
| G&L Society/Wausau | 848-0608 |
| UWSP 10% Society | |
| Campus Activities Complex, Box 68 | |
| UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481 | 346-4366 |
| LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons) | |
| P.O. Box 152, Wausau, 54402 | 848-0343 |
| Oz (MW, DJ, V) | |
| 320 Washington, Wausau 54401 | 842-3225 |
| HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education | |
| 2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481 | 345-6500 |
| Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO) | |
| c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449 | |
| Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim | (715) 384-6731 |
| Prince Edward B&B | |
| 203 W 5th, Shawano 54166 | 526-2805 |
| Wausau Narcotics Anonymous | |
| (ask for Gay meetings) | 536-LIFE |
| Women's Resource Center UWSP | |
| 336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 | 346-4851 |

NORTH CENT. (715)

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| Gay/Lesbian Support Group | |
| Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806 | |
| Northern WI Lambda Society | |
| PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 | 362-4242 |
| SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bis | 359-7432 |
| Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network) | |
| PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891 | 682-2890 |

SHEBOYGAN (414)

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| Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081 | 457-1636 |
| Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians | |
| Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422 | |
| Sheboygan Antiques | |
| 336 Superior Avenue 53081 | 452-6757 |
| Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation) | |
| 823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan | 458-4889 |

RACINE/KENOSHA

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|---|----------------|
| AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin | |
| 1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140 | 657-6644 |
| | (800) 924-6601 |
| Clubhouse Filling Station (Mw) | |
| 6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140 | 857-3744 |
| Club 94 (MW, DJ) | |
| 9001 120th Ave (Hwy C & I-94) | |
| Kenosha 53140 | 857-9958 |
| Doggie Style (Pet Grooming) | |
| 6828 Shendon Road, Kenosha 53143 | 657-5667 |
| Frank Gentile (Auto Dealer) | |
| Hwy 20 Racine 53403 | 886-5111 |
| JoDee's (MW, DJ) | |
| 2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403 | 634-9804 |
| What About Me? (WM) | |
| 600 6th St. Racine 53403 | 632-0171 |
| Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting) | 554-6611 |
| Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine | |
| 625 College, Racine 53403 | 634-0659 |
| UW-Parkside G/L Organization | |
| 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141 | 595-2244 |
| PFLAG Kenosha/Racine (c/o St. Mary's Lutheran Church) | |
| 2001 80th St., Kenosha 53143 | 658-3555 |
| UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union | |
| 309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190 | 472-5738 |
| Diamond Hill Inn B&B | |
| W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie | 63-4421 |
| Wychwalde (Jewelry & Gifts) | |
| 8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168 | 843-4209 |

SOUTH CENT.)

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| AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info) | |
| P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545 | 756-2550 |
| Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast) | |
| 11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563 | 868-6646 |
| Cathren House (B&B) | |
| Mineral Point | 987-2612 |
| Crossroads Bar (G/S/M/W) | |
| W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551 | 648-8457 |
| The Kismet (MW, DJ) | |
| 232 Shirlan Ave., Beloit 54991 | 363-8764 |

NORTHWEST (715)

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| AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.arcw.org) | |
| 505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701 | 836-7710 |
| | (800) 750-2437 |
| AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.arcw.org) | |
| 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880 | 394-4009 |
| | (877) 242-0282 |
| Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men) | |
| PO Box 264, Superior 54880 | |
| Different Strakes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board) | |
| PO Box 152, Wausau 54402 | 842-1377 |
| Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast) | |
| 33 E. Spruce St, Chippewa Falls | 723-0943 |
| Eagle Cove B&B (eglcove@comcast.net) | |
| W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750 | 448-4302 |
| GLOBE (Campus Lesb/Gay group) | |
| 105 Garfield, 132 Davies Cr, Eau Claire 54701 | |
| JP Creations (WEB Design) | 477-8802 |
| The Trading Company (MW, DJ) | |
| 304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701 | 838-9494 |
| The Main Club (MW, DJ) | |
| 1217 Tower Ave, Superior 54880 | 392-1756 |
| Northland Gay Men's Center | |
| 8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802 | (218) 722-8585 |
| Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) | |
| Greater Chippewa Valley | |
| PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011 | |
| Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth) | |
| PO. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702 | 836-7710 |
| Scooter's (MW) | |
| 411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703 | 835-9959 |
| Trio (Wm) | |
| 820 Tower, Superior, 54880 | 392-5373 |
| Twin Ports Pride | |
| P.O. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803 | (218) 728-5825 |
| UW Stout 10% Society | |
| c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UWS | |
| Menomonee, 54751 UW Eau Claire | |
| Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles) | |
| 22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729 | 723-8490 |

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| AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org) | |
| Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420 | (608) 785-9866 |
| La Crosse, WI 54601, | (800) 947-3353 |
| The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group) | |
| PO Box 131, Platteville 53818 | 348-5596 |
| e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu | |
| Cavalier Lounge (MW, DJ) | |
| 114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601 | 782-9061 |
| Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat | 735-4829 |
| GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth) | |
| P.O. Box 602, Onalaska, 54650-0602 | 791-1963 |
| Gay & Lesbian Alliance | |
| Box 131, Platteville, 53818 | |
| My Place (MW I) | |
| 3201 South Ave., LaCrosse 54601 | 788-9073 |
| LaCrosse L/G Support Group | |
| c/o Campus Ministry Center | 784-7600 |
| Leaping La Crosse News | |
| Box 932, LaCrosse 54602 | |
| LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays | 782-6082 |
| Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601 | 782-9802 |

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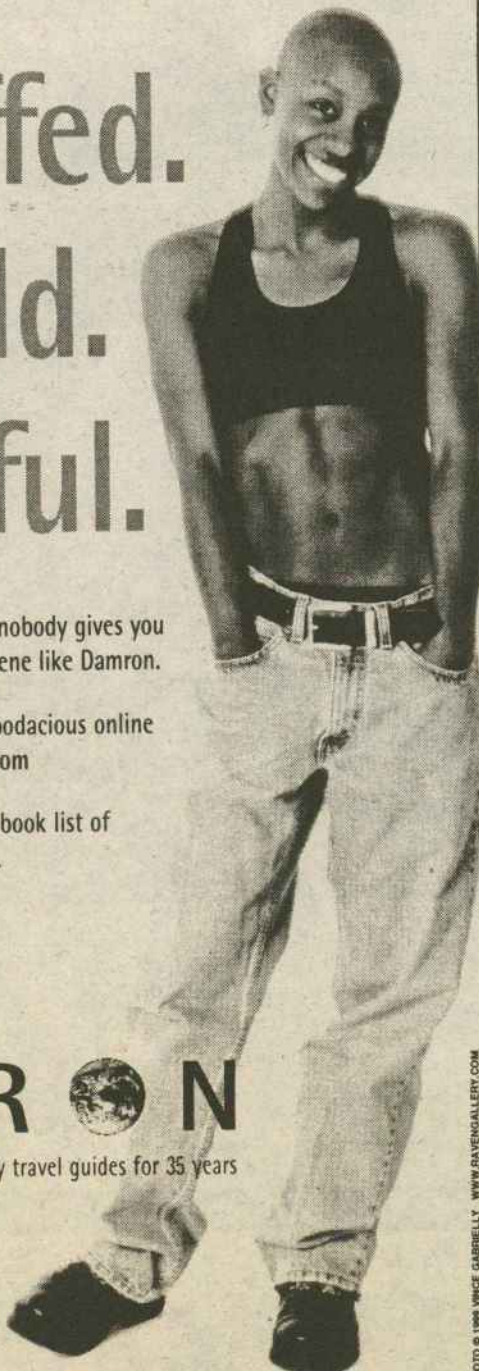


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