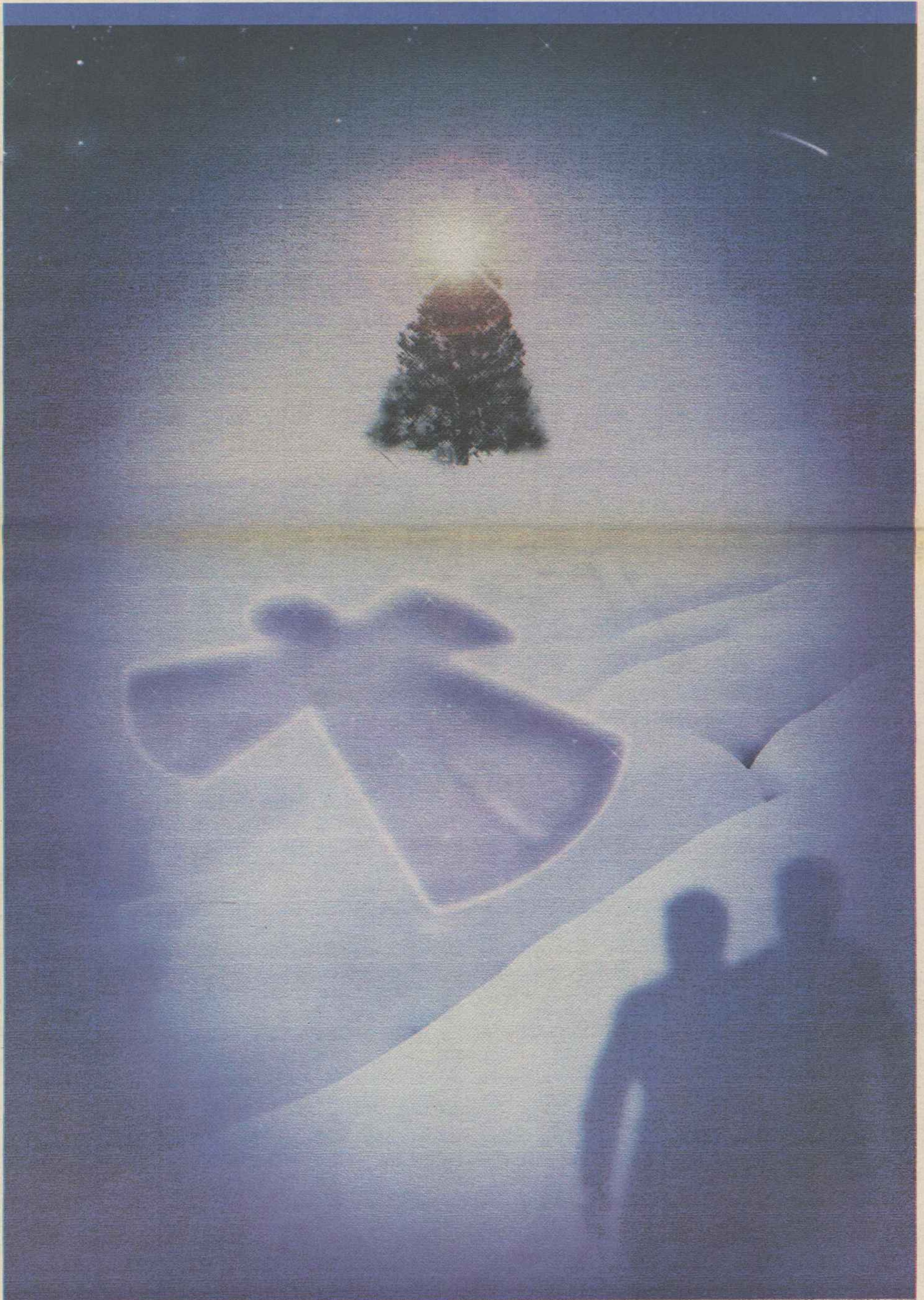


*Give the People Light and they will find their own way.*

# The Wisconsin Light



## News Briefs

### Protective Orders Apply to Same-Sex Couples

**Frankfort, KY-AP-** Court orders designed to protect one member of a couple from violence committed by the other also apply to same-sex couples, the Court of Appeals ruled Friday, December 12.

The decision is certain to heighten debate in the General Assembly, where one state senator has already proposed a change in the law to prohibit the issuance of domestic violence orders to members of a same-sex couple.

The appellate decision reversed a Fayette Circuit Court ruling, which had taken the position that the law applies only to a married couple or a heterosexual couple.

Judge David Buckingham of Murray, who wrote the majority decision, said the statute applies to couples engaged in an intimate relationship and would not apply to roommates.

### University Bans Sexual Orientation Bigotry

**Tulsa, OK-AP-** Rogers University apparently has become the first Oklahoma state entity to include "sexual orientation" in its policy on anti-discrimination.

The Rogers Board of Regents made the change quietly at a recent meeting. "I just don't believe in discrimination of any sort," said regent Nancy Feldman. "... I think we've done the right thing."

Few local companies have formally banned discrimination based on the nature of a person's sex life, said Tom Neal, president of Tulsa Oklahomans for Human Rights.

"As a community organization, obviously we strongly applaud Rogers for this," Neal said. "Fairness in Oklahoma has never come easily."

### Anti-Gay Flyer Sparks Debate

**Phoenix, AZ-AP-** When the editor of Northern Arizona University's student newspaper rejected Harmony Lerley's column criticizing the campus' Gay and Lesbian group, the conservative writer went over her editor's head.

Outraged, Lerley and her ideological allies with "The Underground Press" turned her disposed column into 900 one-page fliers.

The leaflets ended up on car windshields across the Flagstaff campus in late October and eventually cost her the unpaid writing position she held for three semesters.

The incident also shook up the normally quiet university of 17,000 students and has prompted a debate over the extent of free speech and political correctness.

The 200-member Lesbian Gay Bisexual Alliance is demanding an apology from an unapologetic Lerley, the newspaper is defending itself for firing Lerley and against her censorship charges, and NAU officials are trying to figure out if Lerley should be punished for speaking her mind.

### Newfoundland Gays Get Protection

**St. John's-Newfoundland-AP-** The legislature in the eastern province of Newfoundland has voted to include sexual orientation in its human rights code.

The vote Tuesday, December 9, leaves Alberta and Prince Edward Island as the only Canadian provinces that don't extend protection to Gays and Lesbians.

The Newfoundland human rights code will now prohibit discrimination against Gays in areas such as employment, housing and access to establishments and services.

Some pension plans are excluded from the amendment in accordance with the federal Income Tax Act, which defines a spouse as someone of the opposite sex.

Newfoundland Premier Brian Tobin had promised to amend the human rights code when he was elected in February 1996.

### AIDS Spreads in Black Community

**Tallahassee-AP-** More blacks than whites have been reported with AIDS in Florida for the first time, and health officials say in two years blacks will account for more than half the cases as the epidemic swells.

Though comprising only 13 percent of Florida's population, blacks make up 44 percent of the state's 64,207 cases since AIDS was first reported in 1981.

Whites accounted for 41 percent and Hispanics 15 percent of the cases reported through October.

"Before we reach the year 2000, more than 50 percent of all AIDS cases in Florida will be among blacks," Dr. James Howell, secretary of the state Department of Health, told leaders looking for ways to blunt the impact on the black community.

AIDS has been the top cause of death for young adult black men and women, those between 25 and 44, for several years.

### More than 20 Million in Africa Have HIV

**Abidjan, Ivory Coast-AP-** More than 20 million people in sub-Saharan Africa carry the virus that causes AIDS, and most of them don't even know it, an expert told an international conference Sunday, December 7.

"The situation in this region is unprecedented," said Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of the U.N. Program on HIV/AIDS.

Piot was addressing the opening session of the 10th International Conference on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Africa, a five-day gathering bringing together hundreds of researchers who will discuss methods for stemming the disease's spread on the continent.

French President Jacques Chirac also was to address the gathering.

A UNAIDS report released two weeks ago estimated 30.6 million live with HIV or AIDS globally, two-thirds of them in sub-Saharan Africa. One in every 13 men and women between the ages of 15 and 49 are carriers of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, Piot said.

### U. of Montana to Offer Gay Lit Class

**Missoula, MT-AP-** A new course offering at the University of Montana aims to change perceptions about Gay culture, literature and vocabulary.

Mona Bachmann, a visiting English instructor, plans to teach a class beginning January titled, "Queer Stories: Literature of Sexual Differences."

"The word queer has a history of being used in a real derogatory way," Bachmann said. "But in the last 10 to 15 years, the Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities have been reclaiming that name."

Bachmann wants the class to change the way people view the term "queer," and she hopes to increase acceptance for the orientation it describes.

"The course centers around so-called queer identities," she said.

"The process of change is happening in society. This will help explain those changes."

The course will examine literature that explores sexuality, gender and subjectivity, she said. Readings for the course include "Zami," by Audre Lorde, and "The Man Who Fell in Love With The Moon," by Idaho author Tom Spanbauer.

The class will also study works by Gay, Lesbian, bisexual and transgender authors, Bachmann said.

### Clinton Losing Momentum Against AIDS

**Washington-AP-** President Clinton's AIDS advisers issued a harsh report card Sunday, December 7, accusing the administration of letting down its guard in the fight against AIDS.

"Progress in the federal response to AIDS has stalled in recent months, contributing to a sense of diminished priority for AIDS issues during the president's second term," said the report that was approved Sunday by the Presidential Council on HIV/AIDS.

The report cites the administration's failure to expand Medicaid to get AIDS-fighting drugs to people infected with the HIV virus and accuses Clinton of lacking "the courage and political will" to fund programs for drug addicts to exchange dirty syringes for clean ones.

It's the second progress report to be issued by Clinton's hand-picked AIDS advisers. The first, in July 1996, also criticized the administration's failure to fund needle exchange programs, but it emphasized that Clinton had done more than any of his predecessors to fight AIDS.

This report is harsher, said Dr. Scott Hitt, a Los Angeles physician who chairs the 30-member council.

### Denver Approves Needle Exchange

**Denver-AP-** Hoping to slow Denver's growing number of HIV and AIDS cases, the City Council has approved a controversial needle-exchange program that would allow drug users to trade used syringes for new ones.

The exchange program, which was approved Monday, December 8, on an 8-3 vote, cannot go into effect without the authorization of the state legislature. Lawmakers last session killed a bill to modify Colorado's drug paraphernalia law.

Despite the uphill battle, program proponents said it is a necessary step to preventing spread of HIV and AIDS. An estimated 10.5 percent of Denver's AIDS cases in 1996 were attributed to intravenous drug use.

### HIV+ Runner Finishes 100 Marathons

**Los Angeles-AP-** Ric Munoz is infected with HIV, but it did not stop him from completing his 100th marathon.

Wearing No. 100, the wiry Munoz finished in 3 hours, 4 minutes and 8 seconds for 24th place among 450 competitors on Sunday in the Western Hemisphere Marathon in Culver City.

"I love being alive, running and kicking," Munoz said after finishing the race and throwing kisses to friends. "I love being able to give it another go."

Munoz began running marathons in 1983 and has raced through the streets of London, Los Angeles, New York and Boston. He was still running marathons sporadically when he learned in 1987 that he was infected with the AIDS virus.

"That started a long personal journey."

"I knew I had to get to work living with this," he said.

Some runs were financed by Nike, the athletic shoemaker that featured him in a 1995 commercial. The ad showed Munoz running in Malibu Canyon State Park with the words: "Ric Munoz, Los Angeles. Eighty miles every week. Ten marathons every year. HIV positive. Just do it."

AIDS experts say HIV-infected runners who are healthy enough to run marathons face no special threat. Munoz runs 50 to 60 miles a week. He usually arises before dawn on weekdays to run before going to his job as a legal secretary.

### Pro-Gay Ordinance Passed in Salt Lake City

**Salt Lake City-AP-** The City Council has voted 5-2 to approve an ordinance protecting Gay city employees from discrimination.

One opponent, Councilman Bryce Jolley, said the law will be repealed in January by the new council.

"If you choose to pass this, it will be for two weeks only," he said Tuesday. "This vote will be symbolic. This ordinance will be repealed."

Salt Lake City is the first Utah municipality to adopt such an ordinance. Salt Lake County and the University of Utah have similar policies. Many businesses have similar protections.

Two hours of vitriolic public debate preceded the council's vote. More than 30 residents argued for and against the new law.

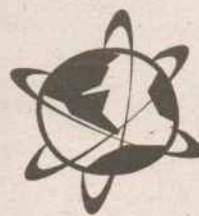
### Conference on Gays Opens in Romania

**Bucharest, Romania-AP-** An international conference on homosexuality opened Thursday, October 16, amid strong criticism from the Orthodox Church of Romania, where the topic is still taboo.

While homosexual activity recently has been legalized in this formerly tightly-controlled communist country, homosexual acts are still punishable with prison terms if they are deemed to cause a "public scandal."

Organizers of the two-day conference, which is taking place in the northwestern city of Cluj, hope it will help dispel fears and prejudices that make homosexuals social outcasts.

Until recently, any homosexual act was punishable by up to five years in prison. Now the law has been limited to homosexual acts in public or which "cause a public scandal." Homosexual contacts involving people under age 18 are also illegal.



WebBlazers, LLC is the leading full service **Web Presence Provider** on the region's only direct feed fiber optic network.

- ✕ Dedicated IP Connections for Businesses
- ✕ Complete Storefronts with Credit and Cash Processing
- ✕ Project Outsourcing and System/Network Administration
- ✕ Global Post Office services
- ✕ Video Teleconference Reflection
- ✕ Encrypted and Anonymous Services

**Call Today  
For More  
Information  
414.443.1428**

Website: <http://www.webblazers.com>  
E-Mail: [info@webblazers.com](mailto:info@webblazers.com)

# Bud Settles Discrimination Suit, But Boycott Continues

By Bill Meunier  
A Wisconsin Light Exclusive  
Copyright 1997 by Wisconsin Light

Los Angeles — Anheuser Busch, makers of Budweiser products has settled an anti-Gay discrimination suit for an undisclosed amount of money, but the boycott of Bud products appears to be continuing in Wisconsin.

As reported previously in *The Wisconsin Light* Thomas Martin, a former manager at the brewer's Los Angeles plant, sued Busch charging that he was subjected to sexual harassment and was fired for being openly Gay.

John Duran an attorney with Duran, Loquvam and Robertson, a law firm hired by Anheuser Busch, told *The Light* that a monetary settlement was reached, but that he could not disclose the details.

Prior to the settlement, Martin had told *The Wisconsin Light* that he and his attorney, Randall Kerr were demanding over \$2 million. "If the suit goes to trial, we will seek \$4.7 million because punitive damages will be added on," said Martin.

Martin also stated that inclusion of the words "Gay and Lesbian" or "Sexual Orientation" in the Anheuser Busch, non-discrimination policies was another one of his demands.

Duran told *The Light* that the demand was not part of the settlement, but did say that the "head guy" of the corporation had approved including Lesbians and Gays in its anti-discrimination statement. According to Duran it is only a matter of printing up the new policy and sending it out to the company's employees.

Neither Martin or his attorney Randall Kerr returned repeated phone calls from *The Wisconsin Light* asking for updated information. However, in cases such as this one, settlements often include an agreement not to discuss the case with outside parties.

## St. Nick, Santa Claus, Feasts and the Christmas Holidays

Commentary by Ted Berg

Everyone has read or seen a "Christmas Carol" by Dickens. Most have smiled at the story by Dr. Seuss, "The Grinch who Stole Christmas." We all have enjoyed the poem "The Night Before Christmas." We as a community love parties! We like dress up!! We are creative!!! We are very giving of our time, talents and monetary worth.

Yet sometimes, we feel like outcasts. Deception is the rule because we can not be totally free about ourselves to our families. We occasionally hurt our loves by reducing them to roommates and minimizing their role in our lives.

Having no one to share the holidays with that is special can bring on the blues.

On the other hand, sometimes we can be so "Out of the Closet", we give no time for allies to help us and allow people to adjust to our new sex identity.

We sometimes have worked on who we are for years. We've discovered a positive self-esteem, which wasn't a 24 hour revelation. We expect all who we know to be at our stage of acceptance.

There are numerous other stresses bombarding us from work and society as a whole. No wonder there is depression and possibilities of great joy. Can we all say, manic depressive?

Sometimes we take the Christ out of Christmas. No, I'm not a Fundamentalist, Conservative in Spirituality. I'm not going to preach at you. I'm going to share with you a very personal view of Christmas. Take what is useful to you and enjoy the ramblings of a "Flower Child of the 60's" at this worse. Let's explore the ideals of Christmas.

Christmas is surrounded by a virgin birth. "Saturday Night Live" did a skit, which is dear to me. It was a take off on the current Dove Dish Soap, which showed a dove flying through a window. The Dove symbolized the Holy Spirit that impregnated Mary. Of course, the window was that of Mary. We all laughed, because part of our scientific minds unite with the ancient people of Judea saying it can't happen. Or do miracles only happen to long ago people?

People seemed more pious then. They needed miracles more back in the olden days, when no one had a charge card.

The suit resulted in calls for a boycott of Busch products. That call was answered by at least 10 Wisconsin Les/Bi/Gay bars, including all four of Madison's Gay bars, Manoeuvres, Kirby's Klub, the Shamrock, and Geraldine's. They were joined by several bars in Milwaukee including, the Milwaukee Eagle, In Between, the Triangle, and Station 2.

Some of these establishments said they would sell off their existing stock and not order any more Bud after it was depleted. Others removed Bud products immediately. A bartender at a Milwaukee bar which has not joined by boycott, told *The Wisconsin Light* that sales of Bud had declined drastically since the news of the boycott broke.

Reports received by the *Wisconsin Light* indicate that customers at some of the boycotting bars have thanked the owners and staff of those establishments for showing concern for the community.

The settlement didn't seem to have an impact on the boycott in Wisconsin. Two bar owners contacted by *The Wisconsin Light*, Ed Gruenwald of Manoeuvres in Madison and Curt Peck of In Between in Milwaukee said they will continue to boycott Busch products. "Until they admit they were wrong and apologize you won't find Bud in Manoeuvres," said Gruenwald. "I will never serve it again" said Peck.

Duran said his firm will be working with Anheuser Busch to help it rework its policies concerning Gays and Lesbians. When asked why such a large corporation would not have already included Gays and Lesbians in its anti-discrimination statement, Duran said "Their position was that they had a policy against discrimination of any type and they didn't see the need to add the words "sexual orientation" to their policies. We have worked with them to convince them of the importance of adding those words."

In his suit, Martin charged that Busch's

management employees began harassing him after they found out that he had purchased a home in West Hollywood an LA area with a large Gay population. Martin said the harassment pushed him to come out of the closet at work.

In December of 1995 Martin posted a picture of his lover of seventeen years above his desk. The next month he was called in for a meeting by plant managers. At the meeting Martin was told that if he continued to tell other employees about his sexual orientation he would be fired.

In September, 1996, Martin was put on medical leave due to stress, he says was caused by the harassment. In February, 1997, he was terminated.

Prior to the settlement, Roy Euell, a spokesperson for Anheuser Busch, told *The Wisconsin Light* that Martin was fired for cause. He denied that Martin was harassed and said that he only came out of the closet after having been suspended.

The suspension was given to Martin because he allegedly put a swastika on a company poster. Martin denies that charge.

Euell said that Anheuser Busch would not allow discrimination or harassment of any employee. He stated that Martin's telling employees he was Gay was disruptive. Euell denied that Martin was threatened with dismissal because he told other employees of his sexual orientation.

When told that the *Wisconsin Light* had copies of notes of a meeting between Martin and other plant managers including Director of Human Resources, Robert Warner, indicating that Warner did in fact threaten to fire Martin for telling employees he is Gay, Euell said Warner was talking about discussing sexual matters.

The notes written by Warner himself say in part "I told Mr. Martin that it is inappropriate for employees, particularly supervisors, to engage in discussions of their sexual orientation, regardless of what that orientation is. I reminded Mr. Martin that he was previously informed that continued conduct unbecoming a supervisor would result in his discharge."

Prior to the settlement *The Wisconsin Light* also interviewed Martin's attorney, Randall Kerr. Kerr said that he would prove his client was harassed and unfairly terminated. According to Kerr, Martin's termination came as a result of allegations made by two Busch employees.

Kerr said that one employee, Willie Atkins, claimed that Martin's shoulders had touched his. Kerr said Atkins also testified that Martin had told him he didn't like working with Latinos. Martin's lover is a Latino.

Depositions taken under oath show that Atkins himself was subjected to rumors and ridicule regarding his sexual orientation.

Kerr also said that the other employee, who accused Martin of wrong doing, a Busch management employee, Rick Hanson, was demoted for sexually harassing a female employee. Martin had told *The Light* that Hanson claimed that Martin had made an off color remark to him.

Another Busch manager, Kathy Nottingham testified under oath that Hanson had said he would have to "disinfect" his radio because Martin had used it.

Kerr said that Busch failed to investigate Martin's charges of harassment. He contended that after Martin's brother, who was second in command at the LA Brewery left the company, he had "no protection."

He pointed out that the man who ultimately decided to fire Martin had already been named by him in a sexual harassment suit filed by Martin in March, 1996.

"They had a five month investigation" said Kerr. "They talked to everyone Tom worked with and no one except these two people had a problem with him." Kerr also said that although employees questioned by Busch officials were asked if they were Gay or Lesbian, no record of that question was in the report of the interviews.

Kerr said that Anheuser Busch "was caught red handed" in discriminating against Martin.

In addition to Warner's handwritten notes of his meeting with Martin, *The Wisconsin Light* also received other documents supporting Martin's claims. Among them were:

Copies of two memos written by Anheuser Busch officials in response to

Martin's complaints of being shorted on his paychecks.

The memos show that six months before Martin's termination, management officials were worried that his allegations would cost them "millions."

In a one line memo sent from a company supervisor, Zane Pickney, to Warner, Pickney said "We continue to document Tom's performance and we continue to give him ammo!"

In his response, Warner replied "Not addressing his payroll errors will cost us millions if it doesn't stop. He is trying to show that you discriminate against him and we are giving him all the facts he needs to make his case."

Warner's memo went on to say that he wanted a written explanation of how Martin's checks came to be shorted, but concludes saying "You can be sure we will be sitting in front of a jury explaining that these two payroll issues were errors and nothing more."

Excerpts from depositions given under oath by Company managers

These excerpts include an admission that Martin was called "a faggot" by management personnel, and was the subject of jokes and ridicule.

Busch managers asserted that Martin's statements about his sexual orientation were disruptive, but in her deposition Nottingham testified that she was told Martin was Gay not by Martin but by another manager. She also testified that Martin was referred to as "a faggot" by management personnel and that Hanson said he would have to "disinfect" a radio that Martin had used.

Excerpts from the deposition given by Warner indicate that he admitted to threatening Martin with termination if he continued to tell his co-workers that he was Gay. Warner also admitted that he had never given a similar warning to any heterosexual employee and that he although he knew employees used the words "fag" and "faggot" in "a shop talk manner" he was not aware of any employee being disciplined for "using inappropriate language to refer to homosexuals."

In his testimony, Pickney said that he believed the word "fag" could be used in a fashion that was not derogatory towards anyone.

### The Bud Brief

*The Wisconsin Light* also received a copy of a brief filed by Anheuser Busch lawyers in attempt to have Martin's suit dismissed.

In the brief Anheuser Busch attorneys argued that being Gay is not a permanent or immutable characteristic. The attorneys also said that the California legislature had not recognized being Gay or Lesbian as a civil right.

When asked about the brief, Euell said, "It is not Anheuser Busch's position that being Gay is a matter of choice. AB has not taken a position on that issue. What's been taken out of context is our interpretation of the legislation on that issue. At Please Turn to Budweiser, Page 31

## ARCW Provides New Option to Meet Man of Your Dreams

Milwaukee—Bored on Tuesday nights? Looking for a great way to meet other Gay men? Now you have the answer □ Boyz Nite. The group is open to all Gay men regardless of HIV status and is a fun way to help your community and socialize at the same time.

Every Tuesday night the group gets together to assemble safer sex kits and condom packets for the GLBT community. Help HIV prevention efforts in your community and have fun at the same time.

"Boyz Nite is a great way to meet other Gay men in an attitude-free environment," said Andy Bagnall, ARCW Gay outreach manager. "We put together condom packets and safer sex kits while talking about whatever's on our minds. It's a lot of fun, and I look forward to it every week!"

We provide the music and an attitude free environment. You provide the lively discussion. Come and talk about issues that affect you as a Gay man or just listen to others. Boyz Nite is a place where guys can talk candidly about dating, relationships, books, TV shows, safer sex and a variety of other topics.

It is a nice way to come together, meet other people and discuss issues that are relevant to being Gay. The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is sponsoring Boyz Nite which meets every Tuesday night from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at ARCW, 820 N. Plankinton Ave., Milwaukee. For more information, call Chris at 414-225-1556 or Andy at 414-225-1502.

Please Turn to St. Nick, Page 31

## Editorial

### Equal Rights in Maine

**Editor's Note:** On February 10, 1998, the citizens of Maine will be asked to vote whether or not to repeal a law banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. The repeal effort is being led by Right Wing Religious groups.

The following are excerpts from two editorials run this month in two of the major newspapers. The first one is from the "Bangor Daily News" and appeared on December 2. The second one is from the "Portland Press Herald" and appeared on November 30.

Technically, those who would overturn Maine's Gay-rights law are off to a good start. They collected a mountain of signatures, more than 58,000, for their people's veto petitions.

Now, with the referendum set for Feb. 10, comes the tough part. If the Christian Coalition and the Christian Civic League expect voters to scrap what was passed overwhelmingly by the Legislature and signed enthusiastically into law by the governor, they'll have to come up with better reasons than they have so far. At the very least, they need to get their story straight.

#### Special Rights?

First off, there's the "special rights" claim. The new law, now on hold, merely adds sexual orientation to the list of factors—race, religion, national origin, disabilities—that one may not use to discriminate against another in matters of employment, housing, credit and public accommodations.

If the pending law would give homosexuals special rights, as the petitioners say, it follows that the existing law currently gives special rights to those already listed. If racial and religious minorities, immigrants and the handicapped are getting all the good jobs, the best apartments, low-interest loans and front-row seats, it's news to us. Until the Coalition and the League prove otherwise, their special rights argument is a canard and their choice of "Vote Yes for Equal Rights" as the name of their political action committee is the height of cynicism.

#### Locusts in Wisconsin?

Then there's the question of whether this is a matter of secular or spiritual law, of whether the Legislature and the governor have done something the Almighty finds offensive. Ten other states have laws similar to the one hanging in limbo here. If 10 other state houses are subject to regular storms of brimstone and plagues of locusts, Maine voters have the right to know. Otherwise, it would be wise to leave God out of this. Century upon century of religious teachings have created a complex, often conflicting mix of precepts, subject to myriad interpretations. It's hard to know where to start when setting a moral compass, but "live and let live" seems as good a place as any.

#### Equal Rights For All

(Portland Press Herald)

Maine still won't vote to discriminate

Voters shouldn't be apathetic about safeguarding the rights of homosexual people.

Excuse us for repeating ourselves, but the issue of equal rights for Gay and Lesbian citizens keeps coming back. As long as it does, those who believe in equal treatment for all have to keep coming back as well.

For Maine voters, this will be the second time they've dealt with equal rights for Gay and Lesbian people at the polls in recent years. Earlier this year, Maine's Legislature returned to the issue. After much emotional debate, it passed a law making it illegal to discriminate against people on the basis of their sexual orientation.

With a recent poll suggesting 65 percent of Mainers would vote to keep the law banning discrimination against Gay and Lesbian people, we suspect many people are growing weary of this issue. How many times does Maine have to say it won't discriminate?

Maine needs laws protecting Gay and Lesbian citizens from discrimination. It can't afford to see people's talents on the job wasted because of their sexual orientation. It can't afford to let people be afraid to press criminal complaints for hate crimes because they fear being exposed for who they are.

## Editor's Note

### Merry Christmas

By Terry Boughner

I can't help it. I love Christmas. I love its bustle, the frantic pace of too little time and too much to do. I love the parties. I love wishing people "Merry Christmas," always meant as sincerely and deeply as I can. I love running around at the last minute hunting for "that gift." I love the lights, the music, the magic that only seems to come at this time of year.

That's all very trite, but I can't help it. Those things mean a lot to me.

Yes, I know there are a number of holidays celebrated now. Though I respect those, for me it will always be simply Christmas.

I don't believe in Christianity—original sin, savior God and all the rest. Nor do I believe that the events recounted in the Nativity Story in Matthew and Luke actually happened. It's a myth we've inherited from a mythological age, but what a beautiful myth it is.

Consider for a moment. A myth is not supposed to be historically accurate. The purpose of a myth is to convey truth. The Christmas story does this beautifully, at least for me.

What it does is tell the story of love, true love, born out of place, out of time, born unexpectedly where it wasn't wanted and was recognized, as true love is, by only a special few.

To me, that has a profound truth to tell to us who are Gay. At the heart of being Gay, I believe, is love, who we love, how we love. Some despise our love, others reject it, but that's not important, not really. What matters is that we know in our hearts that our love is good and pure. We know how sacred it is, how beautiful. That is what the myth of the Christmas story says to me, that's what its message is to Gay people, that love, when it comes, often breaks all the rules made up by human kind.

A lot of people don't like that. They didn't like it in ancient times and they don't like it now. Love, they say, should conform. It shouldn't upset the apple cart. It shouldn't change things. It should mind the manners that have been invented for it.

Love, however, has a mind of its own. It comes when it will, unbidden, not controlled. That's what the Christmas story is all about, I think.

If you continue the story further, eventually, they decided that love had to go. They tried to destroy it and thought they had. But love, in all its mischievous, determined perverseness rose again. It triumphed and so it will be for us.

I love Christmas because of the wondrous memories it brings to me and a whole lot else. I love it as a Gay man because I think it has something to offer me, something to say.

What it says is "Be of good cheer." Love knows no gender, no place, no time. It says that the miracle of love is possible to all, to every single one and when it happens to you, it is an anointing in a way that nothing else can be.

It says that though love may be born in you with song and rejoicing, its way can be hard, but there is nothing else on earth worth having. It alone is real. It alone is powerful, the most powerful force that there is, no exceptions.

So, when I wish you Merry Christmas, as I do, what I am saying to you is my hope that love will find you and quicken you as only it can.

I am saying that I believe that only in love can you know life. It is my wish that you know life abundantly.

I'm saying to you that I believe that love doesn't stunt on its beauty. It's the same for Lesbian and Gay men as it is for non-Gay people.

I am saying because of that, in your partner's warm and tender embrace, you will hear the angels sing.

I know that I hear them every time I see Jerry smile.

### Policy

#### Letters to the Editor

As a matter of policy, Wisconsin Light will not print a Letter to the Editor sent to or appearing in any other publication. This is general journalistic practice.

## Letters

### Maine Won't Discriminate

TO THE EDITOR:

Please let your readers know the latest information on our fight in Maine.

1. We have secured office space at 565 Congress Street in Portland. We hope to be working out of there by the 15th of December.

2. Many local groups are preparing for the election on February 10, 1998, by getting people together to plan for phone banking and other field activities. We don't have a minute to waste, so please contact the campaign if you are interested in volunteering.

3. We are very busy contacting organizations and individuals who played a key role in helping us to victory in 1995. We have been overjoyed at the positive feedback we have been getting.

4. Contributions are essential for us to keep moving our plan forward. Please give as generously as you can. If some of the recent polls are to be believed, a majority of Maine people do not support this repeal effort. So we just have to make sure that we get people to the polls.

And it takes money to do that. Thank you in advance of your donation. Your money will be very wisely spent to move us toward victory.

Maine Won't Discriminate  
Portland

### Kepner Memorial

TO THE EDITOR:

I want to let you know that there is a possibility that a film group in Beverly Hills will make a documentary on the Gay movement, from the early days to the present and perhaps, look at the future. This group made a documentary on Waco that got good reviews, so they are qualified to do a good job if they get good input from everyone in the community.

They need such basic things as a short list of resources such as a few good books, people, places, areas—political, religious, historical, legal, etc., to help them plan.

If they decide to go with the project, then they will, of course, start contacting everyone for such materials so if you can, please do some thinking ahead because even if this particular project does not go forward for some reason, we know that there will be one eventually and we can try and see that it is balanced and objective, which this proposed one would be.

Hopefully, there will be more basic information soon. It seems to me such a project would be great and have good timing since the Gay Games are next year, "our subject" is everywhere on TV, in the newspapers, etc., and there is an idea to have a major community get-together as part of the memorial for Jim Kepner in Los Angeles early next year so the timing may be right to get a lot of the people in the movement together and then we can all communicate and have a Gay old time.

Billy Glover  
Los Angeles

### Gambling is Business

TO THE EDITOR:

Republican Senator Robert Welch's proposed 50% tax on the winnings of Wisconsin casino gamblers is about as despicable and sleazy as government gets. Is this senator so jealous of the profits Native Americans are earning that he will suggest practically any means to stop it?

I've heard the moralistic Mr. Welch on public radio proclaiming the "evils" of gambling, but only a hypocrite could make such a case out of one side of his mouth while trumpeting the wonders of business and capitalism out of the other.

Business is a giant gamble, plain and simple—a daily wager that hard-to-predict future events will be favorable. Ask any business person. Check out the bankruptcy filings for lists of those who gambled poorly on things from commodities to emerging markets to franchises.

Worse, only a rank hypocrite could later decide that if he can't relieve us of what he considers an "evil" then by Jupiter he wants his share—\*half\* no less!

That the Thompson administration is evidently nodding along with Mr. Welch means that this underhanded strategy has the governor's approval, and Mr. Welch is nothing more than a messenger. It depresses me that the most powerful governor in Wisconsin history not only avoids opportunities to be a statesman but happily embraces—perhaps even originates—the most nefarious, nasty, anti-ordinary-people initiatives imaginable.

(By the way, the next time a Republican says that he or she is "against taxes and big government," please remember this 50%-tax-on-casino-winnings proposal.)

I am happy that the descendants of Wisconsin  
Please Turn to Letters, Page 31

## Deadlines

January 1<sup>st</sup> Issue  
Articles Friday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Ads  
Non-Camera Ready—Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>  
Camera Ready—Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m.

January 15<sup>th</sup> Issue  
Articles—Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Ads  
Non-Camera Ready—Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>  
Camera Ready—Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m.

## Caution

The fact that someone's name appears in this paper in no way implies sexual orientation.

## Read All About It On the Web

www.wilight.com

Give the People Light and they  
will find their own way.

## The Wisconsin Light



Executive & Editorial Offices

1843 N. Palmer

Milwaukee, WI 53212

(414) 372-2773

LIGHT FAX: (414) 372-1840

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday-10:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m.

24-Hour Recording

Publisher

Jerry Johnson

Executive Editor

Terry Boughner, Ph.D.

Arts & Entertainment Editor

Geno

SpotLight Editor

Bill Meunier

Advertising Manager

Jerry Johnson

372-2773

Columnists and Reporters

Glenn Bishop, Ruthie, Brian Treglown,  
Barbara Lightner, Bill Meunier, Dasty Sass  
Dr. Karen Lamb, Carl Szatsmary, Dr. Suzie  
Shovelit, Sasha Alyson, John Jahn

AP Associated Press

Copyright © 1997

By Novo Graphics, Ltd.

THE WISCONSIN LIGHT is published biweekly by NOVO GRAPHICS, LTD., with offices at 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212. Advertising and copy deadline is the Thursday prior to publication. Opinions expressed by writers in WISCONSIN LIGHT are not necessarily those of the publisher, editor, or our advertisers. Any reference made to any individual or organization should not be construed as an indication of the same's sexual or affection orientation or preference. All copy, text, design, photos, and illustrations in advertisements are published with the understanding that the advertiser is fully authorized and has secured proper written consent for the use of names, pictures, or testimonials of any living person, and WISCONSIN LIGHT may lawfully publish and cause such publication to be made; and the advertiser agrees by submitting ads to indemnify and save blameless the publication of any error that may be contained in said ad. WISCONSIN LIGHT does not accept any responsibility for any claims made by advertisers. The entire contents of WISCONSIN LIGHT are © Copyrighted and protected under the Federal Copyright Act and International Conventions. Reproduction of any portion of any issue will not be permitted without express written permission of NOVO GRAPHICS, LTD. Legal venue is Milwaukee County, Wisconsin. Printed in the U.S.A.

## Subscribe to Wisconsin Light

One Year—26 Issues

First Class—\$32.95

Third Class—\$16.95

## Bradley Foundation Gift Announced at St. Camillus World AIDS Day Event

Milwaukee—Discussing his serious concern about our society treating AIDS as if it were a thing of the past, Brother Stephen Braddock, Founder and Executive Director of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, announced that the Bradley Foundation, a locally-based, nationally recognized foundation, understands that this is not the case and has awarded St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry a \$100,000 grant.

"While many foundations are either cutting back on their support of AIDS programs or are abandoning AIDS altogether in favor of new causes, members of the Board of Directors of the Bradley Foundation have shown that they understand that AIDS is not over and that there are still many, many people suffering in our midst," commented Brother Braddock.

He explained that the Bradley Foundation gift will be used to support St. Camillus' Sensitive Care Program for people living with HIV and AIDS.

Brother Braddock announced the Bradley Foundation grant on November 30, the eve of World AIDS Day at an event which featured Jeanne Cotter, an inspirational pianist and vocalist who weaves her own experience with AIDS through her performance.

Cotter explained that her brother, the oldest of ten in her family and her father's namesake, died in their hometown of Austin, Minnesota surrounded by his family.

Prior to dedicating a song to her father, Cotter explained that he was not always supportive of his son.

"Being an Irish Catholic," Cotter said, "from rural Minnesota, he reacted rather negatively to my brother's announcement that he was Gay."

Cotter went on to explain that her father apologized to her brother on his deathbed and asked him if he could ever forgive him for the way he behaved. The audience, which included parents of children lost to AIDS, was clearly moved by her story.

"We definitely experienced a mixture of emotions Sunday evening," Brother Braddock said after the event. "Jeanne Cotter's story and the personal stories of many in attendance are mixtures of sadness and

joy. Similarly, our celebration of receipt of the gift from the Bradley Foundation was tempered by the reality that giving to AIDS is decreasing and that those in need will certainly suffer as a result."

St. Camillus also held a service of music, prayer and remembrance on its campus on World AIDS Day and those in attendance were invited to write the name of a loved one on a red ribbon and attach it to a memory wreath which was placed in the AIDS Ministry's memory garden following a procession from the St. Camillus Chapel.

The service began with the bells in the chapel ringing 17 times—once for each year of the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

### Mayor and Governor Praise St. Camillus Ministry

Governor Thompson sent his greetings and Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist issued a proclamation on the occasion of World AIDS Day events at St. Camillus.

The Mayor declared Sunday, November 30, to be known as St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry Day throughout the City of Milwaukee.

Of St. Camillus, Governor Thompson said, "The support and guidance this ministry gives to people who are infected with or are affected by HIV and AIDS is truly commendable. It is truly an honor to pay tribute to the fine volunteers and contributors who have helped St. Camillus implement the HIV/AIDS Ministry. The State of Wisconsin is honored to have such a fine group of people in our state; they are excellent role models for others

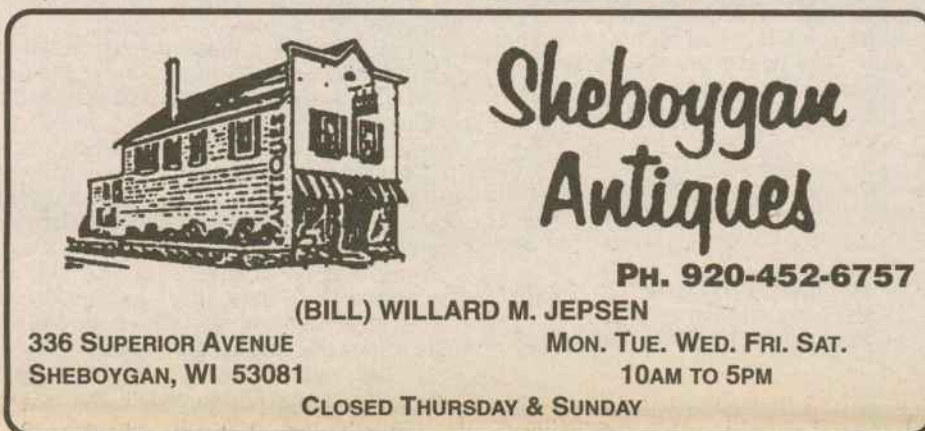
to follow."

Brother Braddock later flew to Boston to announce the Order's establishment of St. Camillus Residence for persons living with HIV and AIDS in the greater Boston and Worcester area of Massachusetts. The Order of St. Camillus sponsors HIV/AIDS services on five continents and in 31 countries.

For more information on volunteering for or contributing to the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, please call (414) 259-4664.



All Men's Shoes and Accessories  
Fashionable Formal Casual Friday Outdoor  
UNION SINCE 1939  
MAKE IT YOUR SHOE STORE  
Grand Avenue Mall  
MILWAUKEE, WI 271-5175



Sheboygan Antiques  
PH. 920-452-6757  
(BILL) WILLARD M. JEPSEN  
336 SUPERIOR AVENUE  
SHEBOYGAN, WI 53081  
MON. TUE. WED. FRI. SAT.  
10AM TO 5PM  
CLOSED THURSDAY & SUNDAY

### HOMEOPATHICS

We have thousands of individual & combination homeopathic remedies & all the resources you need to pick the right remedy for you.

### HERBS

We have over 200 individual herbs by the ounce, in tinctures, tablets & capsules. We also have an extensive selection of the finest herbal combinations.

### SUPPLEMENTS

We stock high quality vitamins, minerals, green foods, antioxidants & generic supplements.

### RESOURCES

We have been Madison's source for homeopathics, herbs & supplements for over 10 years. We have an extensive health library, and a customer-access computer program covering herbs, supplements & more. Our staff is knowledgeable, & if we don't have what you're looking for we'll do our best to get it!

## COMMUNITY PHARMACY

341 State Street  
(at Gorham) MADISON  
call for a catalog (608) 251-3242,  
tty (608) 251-5339,  
prescriptions (608) 251-4454

Drugs — Depression — Anxiety

They Were the Best of Friends

It Was the Worst of Times

Pride and Solutions is the nation's leading provider of mental health and addictions treatment to the lesbian, gay and bisexual communities. We're also HIV/AIDS-related stress, depression and grief specialists.

From coast to coast, our centers offer a safe, personalized, professional and tranquil atmosphere to address the issues that effect your life.

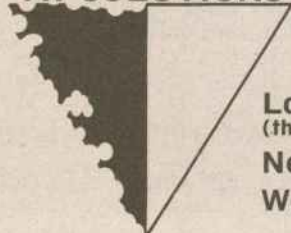
Whether it's the company you keep, the behaviors you've adopted or the overwhelming sense of helplessness — we have the solutions.

Better times could be just a phone call away.

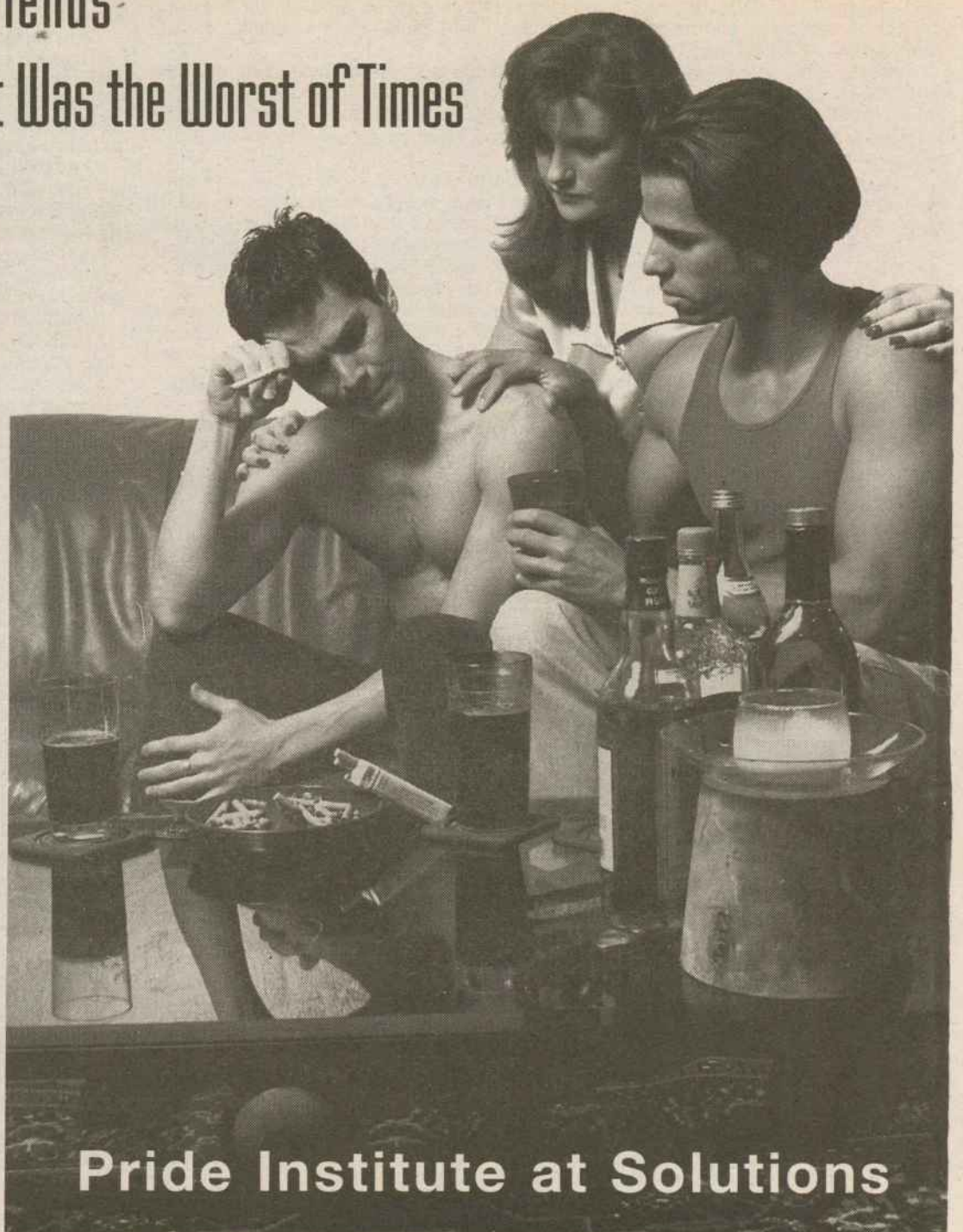
Call Us Today  
1-800-DIAL-GAY  
1-800-54-PRIDE

Medicare and Most Insurance Accepted

PRIDE INSTITUTE AT SOLUTIONS



Los Angeles  
(three facilities)  
New York Area  
Washington, D.C.



Pride Institute at Solutions



# The Snow Angel

## A Christmas Short Story

By Terry Boughner

"So what's it say?" Justin asked, with a nod toward the little slip of paper Pete held in the fingers of one hand. He didn't believe in fortune cookies, but he was curious nonetheless.

"When you find the love that's right," Pete read, "you'll see an angel all in white."

"Wonder who she'll be?" Justin mused. He reached out to take the little bit of paper and read it for himself.

It is often the things we say in an off-handed way, the words we don't really think about, often ambiguous words. These are the ones that sometimes have the greatest impact on others. That's how it was with Justin's words. The effect they had on Pete was devastating, more terrible than anything he'd felt in his 18 years.

Pete (It was "Pete," not Peter) and Justin had been born in the same month and year and lived next door to each other in the upscale bedroom community of Ravensburg. Even as toddlers they were friends and grew to become as close as twin brothers could ever be, even closer. They fit together like two pieces of a jigsaw puzzle intended to be one.

One May, just after the boys were six, Pete's parents invited Justin's folks to spend a week with them at their villa in the South of France. The invitation was gladly accepted. Some thought was given to taking the boys, but as Justin's mother said, the adults needed some time to themselves. The boys were left with a nanny instead.

On a bright, late spring morning, the plane took off from Kennedy Field. Three hours into the flight, it crashed at sea. There were no survivors.

As it turned out, both sets of parents had been living well beyond their means. After the creditors got done, the lawyers said, there wouldn't be a cent left. To make matters worse, Pete's only living relative, his father's sister, had five children of her own. There was no room for him, she said.

Justin had a great aunt, Hephsebah Bevington, a formidable old woman of regal carriage with white hair piled up high upon her head. Her father had been a coal baron. When he died, he had left her a great deal of money along with a 500 acre estate called Brookhaven located on McClellandtown Road about a mile outside Fayette City, a small town 30 miles to the east of Ravensburg, hard up against a mountain ridge.

As the boys watched from a window, peering fearfully out from behind a curtain, her big black car pulled into the driveway of Justin's house and stopped. Out she got and processed into the house where she found the boys standing together in the living room. With her was one of her lawyers, an officious young man in a button down suit.

"Well," she said, "what a fine kettle of fish this is." She looked at Justin. "Get your clothes. I'm taking you home with me."

Justin mustered up all the courage he had. "Please, ma'am, Pete and me, we don't want to be separated. Please take us both. We're better together than we are alone."

While the boys waited and held their breath, the formidable old lady seated herself in a wing chair.

"Miss Bevington," the lawyer said. "We really must go."

Without deigning to look at him, she clicked her fingers. "Sit. I pay for your time. You do as I wish and I wish to sit." Lawyers, she thought, were paper pushers, necessary, but one could hardly let them get out of hand. Though she kept five on permanent retainer, she treated them all with patronizing contempt.

She needed time to think. She was 72 and had never married. She had no experience with children. As she'd told her lawyer, it was going to be difficult for her, very difficult to take a boy and raise him at her time of life. Now, all of a sudden, she was being asked to take not one, but two.

Aunt Hephsebah was an imperious woman, but not one without heart. She saw how frightened they were. They looked like a couple of sparrows driven to earth by a fierce storm. What was also clear to her was that there was a bond between them, something very tight. She could see that in the way they stood together, shoulder to shoulder, like a fragile little wall trying to breast the storm.

Once, long ago, someone had told her that at difficult times in life, if you stay quiet, an angel will brush your mind to let you know what is right to do. Now, as she sat there, Justin's words came to her. "We're better together than we are alone." Did he realize what he'd said? Perhaps not. Nevertheless, she took his words as a sign.

She rose from her chair. "Very well. In for a penny, in for a pound. Now, pack your things, both of you and be quick. I wish to depart this place."

Aunt Hephsebah did not like cities and suburbs. They were full of what she called "infestations of corruption," things like "modern frivolities" which she would not tolerate for an instant. As they boys found out, under that category fell TVs, CD and video players and most gadgets run by electricity, especially computers. Computers, she sniffed, were lawyers' tools.

When the boys had gone, she turned to the lawyer. "Draw up the proper papers for me to sign. Now, rent a car and get out of here. Be gone." She dismissed him with a wave of her hand.

"As you wish, Miss. Bevington." The lawyer almost bowed before he turned scurried out the door.

The house to which Hephsebah took the boys was an imposing stone mansion of 30 rooms. Built by her father as a monument to his wealth, it had been host in its day to presidents, assorted politicians, lords of industry and even a prince or two.

On the day of their arrival, she sat the boys down on a love seat in the ladies parlor and told them what was expected of them. Brookhaven didn't run itself, she said. There was work enough for even 6-year-old boys to do. For what they did, they would receive "some small financial remuneration." Neither Justin nor Pete was sure what that was.

Since all work would have "deleterious effects," she told them, there would be time set aside for recreation. This opened up for them a whole new world, a world full of excitement and mystery, a world denied to urban dwellers, a world enough to occupy a dozen kids.

There were broad meadows to roam, woods to explore, animals to see and a crystal clear river in which to swim. They found a cave, ideal of playing pirate or space cadet. When they tired of that, the could populate the nearby mountains with gnomes and elves. At night, the stars seemed so near that they could be scooped out of the sky with a hand. They didn't miss TV or the other "frivolities" a bit.

At school, they did well, very well, always on the honor roll. She was proud of them. Not only was she proud of them, she grew to love them. In the spring, when they brought her a handful of violets and the first dandelion blooms, she nearly cried. Crowned heads would envy such treasure she thought.

At Christmas, for the first time in forty years, a tree, a real tree, went up in the men's parlor. It was dressed in antique ornaments gathered from dusty boxes and glowed with old-fashioned lights. It would be that way every Christmas and every Christmas, too, she had to hang up a stocking. In the morning, she would find it chock full of little gifts, ones the boys had made themselves. At those times, she would take them quickly into her arms and hug them both because it would not be proper for them to see her cry.

She enjoyed watching them as they worked and played together, marveling at how kind and considerate they were with each other, how patient. Above all, they were happy with each other, completely happy.

There was Pete with his brooding, dark good looks. He seldom smile except when Justin made his eyes light up. And there was Justin, with his thick mop of brown hair and deep, lively blue-green eyes set in a heart-shaped face. Only Pete could keep his

feet firmly planted on the ground.

They fit together as two pieces of the same jigsaw puzzle. One, so strong, the other so vulnerable. She knew people would be surprised to know which was which.

Hephsebah had lived all her life at Brookhaven, but she had traveled quite a bit. She'd gotten to know people, all kinds of people and she was wise in a way that people sometimes are when they're exposed to the world in all its variety.

As the boys grew, she knew that they would need an angel and she prayed to the one who she believed always to be with her that they had one. The response wafted gently across her mind. She need not be afraid.

Her faith, however, was soon to be tested.

When Pete and Justin got to high school, changes began to take place. Pete seemed to be withdrawing deeply into himself. There was a haunted look about him, as if he were possessed by some great fear.

Justin was concerned and tried to find out what was the matter. Since they'd never had any secrets from each other so far as he knew, he felt free to ask. When he did, however, all he got in return was an abrupt "Nothing."

In truth, Pete wanted to talk to Justin, tell him what was the matter, but he could not. He was scared, terribly afraid, so he said nothing. That only made matters worse. The gap widened and grew deeper and deeper yet after the evening in the restaurant with the fortune cookie. In frustration and pain, Justin went to talk to Aunt Hephsebah.

It was the week before Christmas. Twilight had come. Justin found her in the ladies parlor, seated before a cheery apple wood fire, doing some tatting. He hoped he wasn't disturbing her, he said, but he needed to talk. She laid her work in her lap and was quiet. The expression on his face told her that if she ever needed to be guided by her angel, it was now.

Justin gave her the contents of his heart, but nothing he told her surprised her in the least. What he told her only confirmed what she'd believed.

When he had finished, she said, "Justin as I've told you and Pete many times, it is my firm, unwavering belief that everyone has a guardian angel hovering near. With you and Pete, I heartily suspect, things are different. With you two, there is only one. Believe in that, Justin and all will be well. I promise you."

But sometimes, she thought after he'd left the room, even an angel can use some help. With that, a feeling of peace soothed her soul telling her that her promise to Justin would be kept.

Two days before Christmas, a little after one in the afternoon, Justin told Aunt Hephsebah that he and Pete were going out to cut the Christmas tree. They had some trouble finding the ax. It was not in its usual place in the barn. When they finally did find it, it was nearly four.

"It's almost dark," Pete complained. "We'll do it tomorrow."

Justin insisted. He'd spotted the tree a month or so before, he told Pete. Even in the twilight, it'd be easy to find. He knew right where it was. Pete yielded with ill grace.

Snow had fallen that morning leaving a fresh powder that sparkled in the frosty air. At some distance from the house, they were trudging along a snowy lane when suddenly Pete stopped.

"Look," Pete said, pointing to the right, to a space in front of line of sycamores.

When Justin looked, he saw in the fading light the figure of a snow angel.

At first, Justin only wondered who had made it. Perhaps, he thought, some children had come on to the estate to play, but there were no footprints that he could see and no marks made by the runners of sleds.

"Oh God," Pete's voice was barely above a whisper and he fell to his knees. Tears welled up in his eyes, great, hot tears that spilled over and ran down his smooth cheeks. As Justin watched uncomprehendingly, racking sobs shook Pete's frame. "It's an angel," Pete sobbed. "It's an angel. It's an angel."

An uncomprehending Justin dropped to his knees in front of Pete. "I know, Pete. I know that. It's a snow angel, just a snow angel."

"An angel all in white," Pete said. "An angel all in white. Justin don't you remember? The restaurant, the fortune cookie?"

"Yeah, yeah. I remember. The message read, 'When you find the love that's right, you'll see an angel all in white.' But..."

"But what you said!"

"What? I said I wondered who it'd be?"

"No. You said 'she.' Who 'she' would be. And..."

"And you thought I meant the love that's right 'd be a woman?" Pete nodded once. "No, Pete, no, not a woman, not for me. I'm Gay, Pete. I'm Gay and Pete, oh Pete, I am in love with you, only you, always you, forever you."

"Why didn't you tell me?"

"Because I thought you knew, thought you had to know that I loved you like only a Gay man can. And why didn't you tell me?" Justin countered.

"Because I was afraid, so afraid that if I told you I was Gay and how I loved you, was in love with you..." He paused. "That night, in the restaurant, after dinner, I was going to tell you and..."

"And then I said 'she.'"

"Yeah and I went into a funk, a dark hole 'cause Justin I love you, too. My life, my whole damned life doesn't mean a thing without you. Everything in me says that and when I thought you were straight, I-I-I-all I wanted to do was, I don't know, die."

"No, no, no, Pete. We're gonna live, you an' me, happy as we've always been, happy together, in love, have a home an' since like Aunt Hephsebah says, we've only got one angel between us, he'll keep us safe and together."

"One?" Pete asked, glancing over at the snow angel.

"Yeah, one angel, one guardian angel, for both of us." He kissed Pete on the tip of the nose. "Now, c'mon, it's getting dark. Let's get the tree."

"Not yet," Pete said. "Do you know how many nights I've been in bed, trying to sleep an' you were right there across from me? Do you know how many times I've wanted to hold your hand, just hold your hand?"

Before Justin could say that the same things were true for him, Pete took him by the shoulders and pushed him back into the snow. Raising himself on both hands, he gazed into Justin's sparkling eyes before slowly lowering himself to kiss him, tenderly sweetly on the mouth. "I love you," he whispered. "I love you so much."

Justin raised a hand and laid it against Pete's cheek. Suddenly his eyes went wide. "Pete, look!"

Pete did and then rolled away. Both young men sat up.

Perhaps it was a trick of shadows made by the twilight moon. Perhaps it was the way the wind was blowing the snow about. Whatever it was, they thought they saw a figure off among the pines, a figure all dressed in white.

"Nooo," Pete said, shaking his head incredulously.

A bell began to ring, a distant chiming and with it there was another sound, soft, sweet, as ethereal as the clouds. Later, Pete and Justin would tell each other it was the sound of singing. Right then, however, they couldn't be sure.

Not fifteen seconds later, the wind died down. The clouds obscured the moon and all was still again. The figure, if such it was, was gone.

"An angel all in white," Pete said.

"Yeah. Not a snow angel, a real one, to bless a love that's very right."

When, a half hour or so later, Pete and Justin returned to the house bringing the tree with them, they found Aunt Hephsebah in the ladies parlor sitting close to the fire as if she had taken a sudden chill. They also noticed that her hair, always kept in perfect order, was a bit unkempt, almost windblown.

She was fine, she told them when they asked. While Pete and Justin set up the tree, she hurried to the kitchen to make hot chocolate for them all. Her satisfaction and pleasure were complete. Pete and Justin were happy, very happy, just as in former days. She could hear them chattering happily away. When she took in to them steaming cups of cocoa, she spied them kissing under some mistletoe.

On Christmas morning when she came downstairs, she found the boys in the kitchen fixing a big holiday breakfast as they usually did. She could not help noticing that each wore on his finger a plain gold band.

Inwardly, she smiled, offering as she always did, thanks to her angel for telling her what to do.

*Author's Note: This story is dedicated to Bill Meunier, especially, and to Curt P., Carl S., Steven R., Joe B., Jeffrey K. and Lil L. To Jerry with all my love, who lets this story come to life.*

## In Maine, Gay People Face Homophobia and Try to Survive

**Editor's Note:** On February 10, 1998, voters in Maine will go to the polls to decide whether or not to repeal a law that would prevent discrimination against Lesbians and Gays. The law was passed this year by the state legislature and signed by the governor.

The following article appeared in the Portland, Maine newspapers and describes in a moving way what faces Gay people in Maine.

### Commentary by Bill Nemitz

It won't be long before Maine's homophobes are back on the streets, telling us that the new state law extending equal rights to homosexuals is the work of the devil and that Gay people in these parts never had it so good.

They'll tell us that the "Gay rights bill" is a clever conspiracy by homosexuals bent on taking over our schools, our churches, our Boy Scout troops, our economy. They'll tell us about how this verse of the Bible condemns Gay people, while that verse gives us the right - no, the duty - to expose them as depraved sinners.

But they won't tell you about Kurt Pray. Pray, a young man from Biddeford who according to the state has a serious problem with Gay people, signed a consent decree a few weeks ago in which he promised to refrain from "assaulting, threatening, intimidating, coercing or harassing" Doug Rawlinson and Roger Ruple, along with anyone else whose behavior he might find offensive.

And why would Pray sign such a document? Because, after what happened on the Maine Turnpike during the early morning hours of June 28, he had no choice.

It began, according to the complaint filed by the Attorney General's Office, on Interstate 95 in Portsmouth, N.H., when Pray saw Rawlinson and Ruple "sitting close together in their truck" as they drove by him.

Pray, for reasons known only to him (and perhaps those who raised him), flipped his lid. "Soon thereafter, (he) passed the (two men's) pickup truck, turned on his interior light, and mouthed something to the victims that they could

not hear, but perceived to be derogatory," the complaint states.

That was only the beginning. Another young man in a pickup pulled up beside Pray.

They "exchanged words that the victims could not hear and gestured back toward the victims."

Arriving at the Maine Turnpike toll plaza, Pray pulled up alongside Rawlinson and Ruple and allegedly screamed, "I'll kick your (expletive) faggot ass" along with a few other "derogatory comments and profanities."

Leaving the plaza, the state says, Pray and his partner in persecution (who was never identified) used their pickups to "box in" Rawlinson and Ruple, pulling ahead of them when they tried to flee and then slamming on the brakes to slow them down. Finally, near Exit 4, they forced the two frightened men to a complete halt.

Rawlinson and Ruple, "feeling that their lives were in danger, and fearing (Pray) may have a weapon, backed their car up as fast as they could along the turnpike in order to seek out protection amongst other cars."

Finally, they got off the turnpike in Biddeford and called the police.

"There's no question in my mind that they were shaken up - visibly," said State Trooper Kevin Curran, who handled the call.

And Pray? "He was . . . how can I put this politely . . . he was less than cooperative," said Curran, who tracked him down the next day. "I guess I would term it very confrontational."

In addition to the civil consent decree, Pray still faces a charge of reckless endangerment with a dangerous weapon (his pickup) - just another sign, from where Curran sits, that it's open season on anyone even perceived as Gay.

"I'm seeing a lot of it," the state trooper said. "And unfortunately, for a lot of reasons, it seems to be becoming more pronounced."

In other words, efforts to repeal equal rights (not "special" rights) for Gay people - even by Mamers who call themselves decent, God-fearing Christians - ignore the fact that homosexuals in this state aren't

trying to take over anything.

Out on the turnpike at 1:00 a.m., with nowhere to go but backward, they're simply trying to survive.

Bill Nemitz is a columnist for The Portland Newspapers.

## Fundraiser to be Held to Benefit Fight for Equal Rights in Maine

**Milwaukee**—A group of former Maine residents and other Milwaukeeans are hosting a fundraiser on Wednesday, January 14, to help the Maine Lesbian and Gay community save its new Gay rights law from a Christian Coalition-organized repeal effort. The fundraiser is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the second floor banquet room of the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street in Milwaukee. Light refreshments and a brief informal presentation are planned. Recommended donations start at \$10.

In May, Maine approved a Gay rights bill that extends protections for Lesbian and Gay people similar to those enjoyed by Wisconsin residents since 1982, when our own law passed. Unfortunately, the Christian Coalition in Maine and other, even more extreme, opponents of equal rights are trying to repeal the new law by forcing a statewide vote to recall the civil rights legislation. The vote, which is expected to be extremely close and contentious, is set for February 10, 1998.

The effort to save the Gay rights law is

being led by Main Won't Discriminate, the group that mobilized Maine voters to defeat another anti-Gay, Colorado-style referendum in 1995.

In a statement, a group spokesperson said, "If some of the recent polls are to be believed, a majority of Maine people do not support this repeal effort. So we just have to make sure that we get people to the polls. And it takes money to do that. Thank you in advance for your donation. Your money will be very wisely spent to move us toward victory."

Donations to Maine Won't Discriminate can be sent to P.O. Box 11061, Portland, ME 04104.

Native Mainer, Terry Rohloff is one of the organizers of the January 14<sup>th</sup> solidarity benefit in Milwaukee.

"The Maine vote is so important because if the Christian Coalition wins there, Fundamentalists everywhere will be emboldened. They might even try to do the same thing here in Wisconsin," Rohloff said.

For more information on the fundraiser, call Rohloff at (414) 264-6542 or Patrick Flaherty at (414) 225-1510.



### NEW A.A. MEETING

Please Show Your Support

**SUNDAYS, 4pm**

ALANO CLUB

1521 North Prospect, Milwaukee

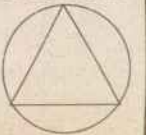
Open Meeting 1st Sunday of Every Month

**STEP & TOPIC**

All are Welcome

Friends & Family in A.A.

**414/278-9102**



### YOUR OLD HOUSE DESERVES BETTER

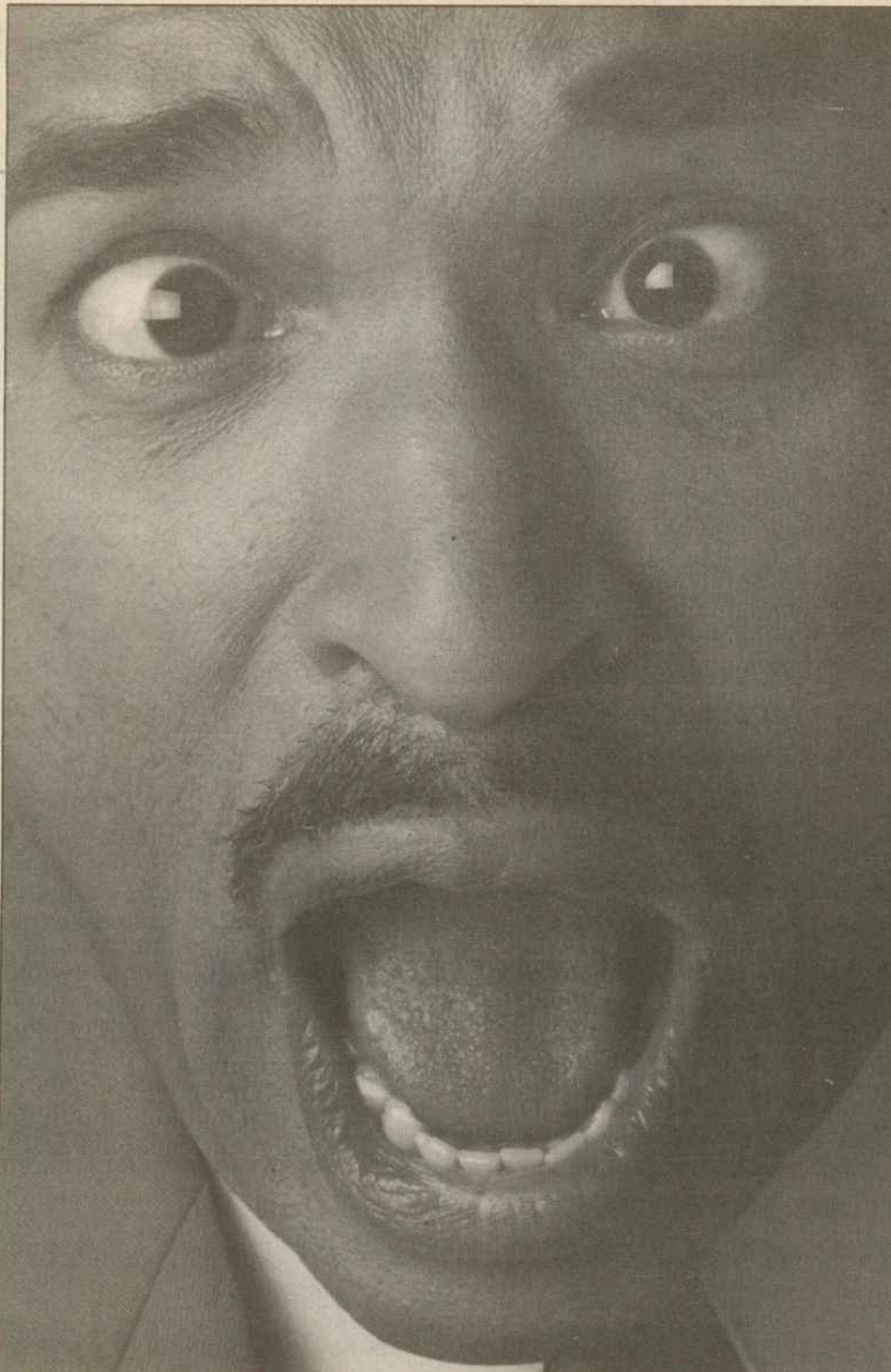
Whether it's matching a moulding, plastering a room, rebuilding your porch or stripping your paint. YOUR OLD HOUSE deserves better workmanship. I've got the awards and references you and

**YOUR OLD HOUSE WILL LOVE.**

M. J. May Building Restoration

**1-800-954-8822**

Free Estimates



# Is anybody else at this treatment center **gay?**

Drugs and alcohol are the first problem...  
The next problem is finding a treatment center where you can safely be yourself and talk about the things you need to.

Fortunately, Pride Institute, the nation's leader in providing addiction treatment for the lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities, provides such an environment.

**PRIDE INSTITUTE**

**800-54-PRIDE**

Most insurance plans cover our program

## Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



## Speaking From the Right

### The System is Finally Balanced; Why Are You Messing With It?

Commentary by Jason Alan

Imagine the excitement of being at a major political fundraiser and hearing that we have balanced the budget for twelve months running. Imagine the thoughts that would dance through your head of how to manage the surplus funds. Imagine that you may pay off the national debt before you retire. Wow, what a fantasy.

But wait, this is no fantasy. This is a Mark Neumann fundraiser just a few days prior to the time of this writing. Yes, people, we have now balanced the budget. All of the Republican economic philosophies have paid off. This is no longer a fantasy. Thanks to Republicans, it is done. Finally, we have the budget balanced. Finally, we have the system back in sync with American Values.

So, why is Bill Clinton screwing with it? Just as the news arrived that the budget was balanced for the past year, news also arrived from Washington, DC that Bill Clinton signed a new law that may put a serious dent in everything that every Republican has been working for to balance the budget. First, some background.

Several hundred billion dollars of defaulted student loans are eligible for a program called loan consolidation. Loan consolidation is a critical, federally backed program in which a person with a student loan in default may make pay-

ments on a delinquent account to achieve a high risk loan to pay off the defaulted account.

In other words, by looking at a payment history and not a credit report, a student loan lender will grant a federally backed loan in which they pay off the state or federal guarantor and resolve a person of bad federal debt. In return for the federal government to take liability for the loan in the case of a second, final default, the lender, in turn, pays fees to the government on every loan they consolidate as a profit margin.

Not only is this program critical to maintaining a balance budget, it also is a huge money making program for the private sector and a great default recovery program for the federal government.

In addition, the debtor makes out because, even though the balance is legally due in full to the federal government or state guarantor, all they have to do is make payment on the account. Then they achieve a loan and consequent credit amendments for which they otherwise would not qualify.

Ever since he took office, President Bill Clinton who, by the way, went through college on a full scholarship, has been irked that lenders desire to make 9% interest on these loans. Unfortunately, what the President obviously does not realize is that, besides paying a substantial portion of their profit to the federal government in the form of "fees," and besides contribution to a balanced budget, this is a high risk business. He does not understand how this process works and that it is used for people who haven't made a payment on their federal obligation in years.

So, two years ago, President Clinton created yet another big government program called the Direct Loan Program, more commonly known as William D. Ford. His lefty idea was to, instead of having the private sector make money on this and lower the default rate by billions, instead to have the government assume the loans at a lower interest rate, and then have a debtor pay off the loans of up to 30 years!

Wait. It gets better. William D. Ford does not require any payments for one to go through this program. So, if a loan should again default, the federal government and ultimately your tax dollars, is stuck holding the bag.

Wait. It gets better. The US Department of Education so badly mismanaged the President's William D. Ford Program that it was shut down by Congress about three months ago for being backlogged more than three years and still accepting applications from new debtors. Hello! Does this sound like more Democratic, big government to you?

So, since that program failed, Slick Willy then decided he must still have his way. So, he signed a bill called the Emergency Consolidation Act of 1997. That bill regulates new interest requirements under federal law, which obviously means less money for the private sector.

However, this pissed off all of the student loan lenders because they still have to pay the same percentage of fees to the federal government, even though they are making millions less. As a result, virtually every single lender in the United States stopped consolidating loans, which means that about 80% of a multibillion dollar a year program is shut down. Do you think that might put a pin in our new balanced

budget?

As a person who used to support this man, I say this with all gravity. Democrats and the White House have never equaled smaller government. Even Franklin Roosevelt, my favorite Democrat, was for bigger government from the beginning. That era is long gone.

For the first time in thirty years, we have a balanced budget and we no longer need liberals screwing with it. This is a prime example of how the system was never running better and Bill Clinton had to fix it—his way.

Once again, we all will pay for one man's mistake. This single law that Bill Clinton signed could single handedly destroy and mutilate our infantile balanced budget. And, why must we again look at more possible taxes, you may ask? Because our President has a chip on his shoulder. Let us just hope that he manages this year's confrontation with Student Loan Lenders better than he did the US confrontation with Vietnam.

Jason Alan is Secretary and a Regional Director for the Log Cabin Republican Club, a group of Gay Republicans. If you would like to comment on Log Cabin or join, just email at: [jasonj@excpc.com](mailto:jasonj@excpc.com)

### Holiday Cards Are Available Through ARCW

Milwaukee— Holiday cards are now available through the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). All proceeds will support AIDS care, prevention and research programs in Wisconsin.

Cards can be purchased in sets of 12 cards for \$10 or individually for \$1 per card. The two designs to choose from are: the Pine Cone card with the message "May the happiness and hope of the holiday season remain with you all year round." donated by Lila Aryan Photography; and the Hope card with the message "Hope... and peace to all." donated by graphic designer Jody Driccken-Kappler.

The cards are made possible by ARCW's Arts Action Committee, a coalition of performing arts groups throughout the Milwaukee area dedicated to raising awareness of HIV disease.

To place an order, receive an order form or for more information, call 414-225-1549.

At  
**Borders**  
Book Shop  
you'll find:

~ One of the region's largest selections of gay & lesbian titles  
~ Queer-friendly booksellers & friendly queer booksellers  
~ In-store events: storytelling for adults, live music, & readings

Come visit us!

**BORDERS**  
BOOK SHOP & CAFE  
3416 University Ave. Madison, WI 53705

We're  
**Here!**

We're  
**Queer!**

We're  
**ON THE AIR!**

You can hear us  
in SE Wisconsin!  
Tune In Weekdays  
from 7-9am

**LESBIGAY  
RADIO**

**AM DRIVETIME  
AM 750**

Need Info?  
**1-888-WE-ARE-GAY**

Sponsored by:  
**CITIBANK Lite**



## Guard Sues After Inmate With AIDS Bites Him

**Milwaukee**— A state prison guard who was bitten by an inmate suffering from AIDS claimed in a lawsuit that his superior's negligence may have exposed him to HIV.

Michael G. Brandt, a sergeant with the department's intensive sanctions division in Milwaukee, is suing the state Department of Corrections.

Brandt said in the lawsuit filed Tuesday, December 9, in U.S. District Court in Milwaukee that he and his wife, Carol, have been unable to engage in marital relations since he was bitten in June, 1996.

In the lawsuit, Brandt said he has "suffered constant, overwhelming emotional stress and anxiety concerning his health and his marriage" since the incident.

The suit said Brandt has been told by his doctor that he may have become infected with HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, "as a result of the inmate's exchange of bodily fluids by biting him and spitting into his mouth."

The Milwaukee *Journal Sentinel* reported the prisoner, who is not named in

the lawsuit, is Marlon E. Marshall, 40, of Milwaukee.

Marshall was convicted of burglary in 1995. Circuit Judge Diane S. Sykes placed him on intensive sanctions, a program of supervision in the community usually following some prison time.

The lawsuit alleges Brandt was attempting to secure Marshall with leg irons in the Department of Corrections Milwaukee office when Marshall bit him on the finger, drawing blood, spat in Brandt's face and directly into his mouth.

Marshall then screamed at Brandt that he had AIDS and added, "I just gave it to you (expletive deleted)... you're gonna die!"

There have been a few, rare cases reported of HIV being transmitted orally, but they have always involved blood. There have been no confirmed cases of people becoming infected with the AIDS virus through saliva alone, said Tammy Nunnally, a spokeswoman for the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The lawsuit said immediately after the assault, William Sorenson, a state probation agent, "confessed to Mr. Brandt that he should have told him beforehand that the inmate had AIDS and had been combative while confined at the Milwaukee County Jail."

## Marshfield Marks World AIDS Day by Prayer and a Vigil

**Marshfield, WI**—The City of Marshfield had the city's first World AIDS Day Mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Marshfield. The Mass began with the saying of the rosary. The Mass began at 8:00 a.m. Parishioners from St. John's Catholic church and Lady of Peace Catholic church, both of Marshfield, also attended. Various parts of the Mass were said in English and Latin. Fr. Schaller officiated and offered prayers for those who have died of AIDS.

At 4:00 p.m., there was also an AIDS Vigil at the Council Chambers room inside the Marshfield City Plaza building. The Vigil was held by the Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organization (MGLO). Vic Pilsner, co-leader of the MGLO, gave a speech on AIDS to those attending. Pilsner's speech was followed by a moment of silence, the lighting of candles and a closing prayer. Cookies and kool aid were served before and after the Vigil.

Richard Daniels, Mayor of Marshfield, attended the Vigil. The Mayor shared his views with Pilsner on how to control the

spread of HIV in the schools. The Mayor has recommended that MGLO go to the school board and request spot HIV testing in the schools.

It has also been recommended that MGLO sponsor videos on HIV and AIDS to be shown on the Marshfield Cable 3 TV.

MGLO is currently looking for either donations or affordable videos to help educate the city about HIV and AIDS, videos aimed at children, teens and parents.

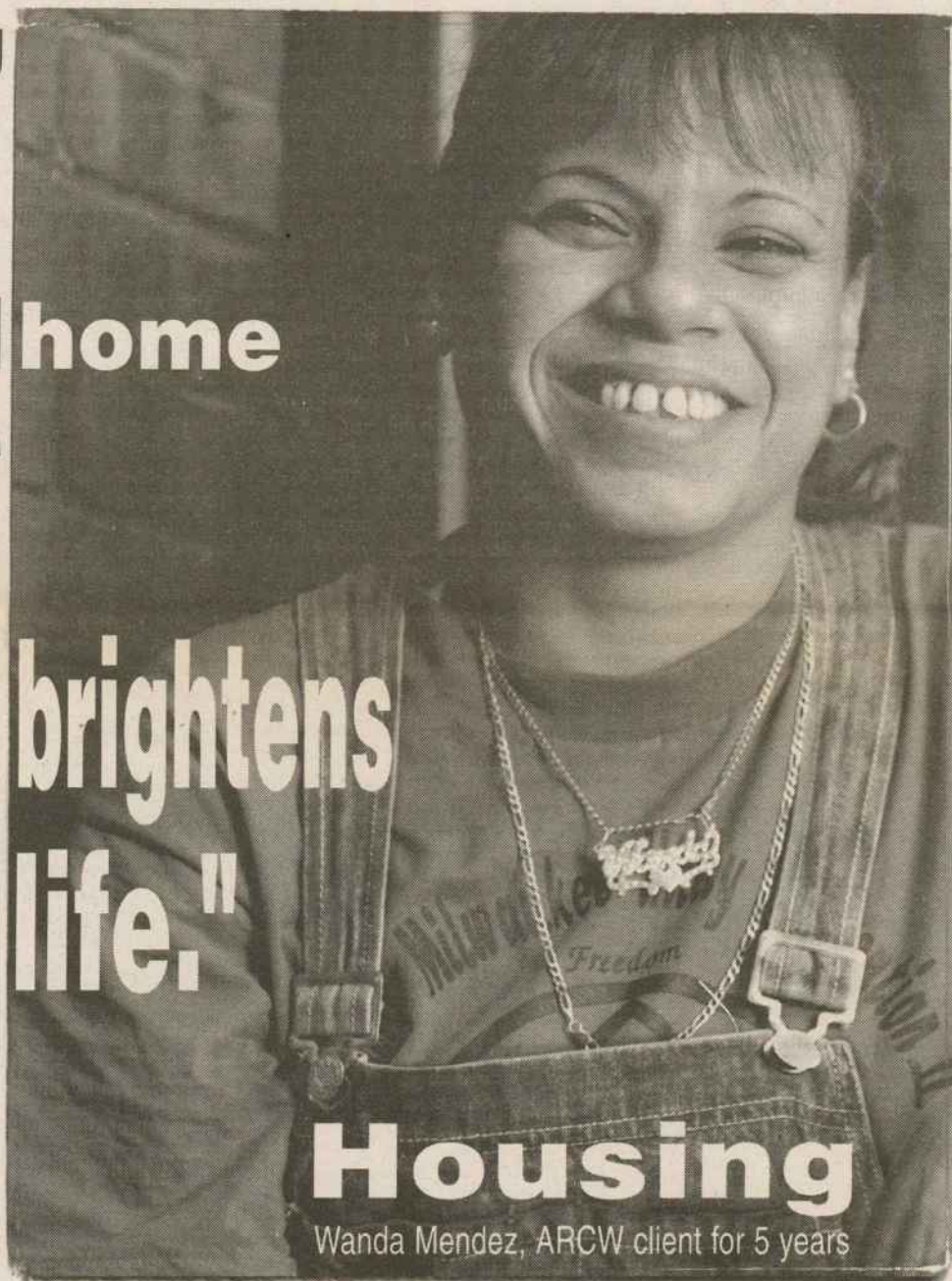
MGLO is proud to be a leader of Marshfield's GLBT community. The organization welcomes new members. For more information or to join, call (715) 384-2613 and ask for Vic or (715) 384-6731 and ask for Jim—or write to MGLO at 117 W. Jefferson St., Marshfield, WI 54449.

**ST. MATTHEW'S  
CELEBRATES  
DIVERSITY**

*St. Matthew's Catholic Church at 1138 S. 25th Street in Milwaukee is a community which not only welcomes diversity but celebrates it! Please join us for worship on Sundays at 10:30am.*

414/645-8786

"Having my family in a good home gives me strength and my life."



## Housing

Wanda Mendez, ARCW client for 5 years

### HIV Housing Services

- Rent, mortgage & security deposit assistance
- Utility assistance
- Help finding good housing
- Residential housing facilities in Milwaukee – Wisconsin House, Milwaukee House and Garden View Apartments

ARCW also provides HIV counseling and testing, health and dental care, financial assistance, legal counsel, food, transportation and advocacy. Most services are provided at no charge. Your confidentiality is always assured. For information on ARCW services call 800-359-9272 or [www.arcw.org](http://www.arcw.org).

Milwaukee 414-273-1991 • Green Bay 920-437-7400 • Kenosha 414-657-6644 • Appleton 920-733-2068 • Eau Claire 715-836-7710 • Wausau 715-848-9060

# ARCW

AIDS RESOURCE CENTER OF WISCONSIN

**Committed to your future.**

## Politically Speaking

### Log Cabin Republicans Should Get Back to the Good Old Days of Cooperation

Commentary by Bill Meunier

In politics, timing is everything. As someone once said to me "In politics there are no coincidences, there is only good timing."

Recently several Gay Republicans have launched a spate of attacks on State Representative Tammy Baldwin. While these letters to the editor and opinion pieces may seem random, I, for one, find it suspicious that they all seemed to emanate at a time when Baldwin was gearing up for her Congressional bid.

We heard this song and dance before. It's the old "no leadership" "broken promises" refrain. Yeah right, yawn.

The Log Cabin attacks have been focused on two fronts, Baldwin's lack of enthusiasm for the Scott Jensen (R-Waukesha) proposal on Hospital Visitation Rights and the fact that she hasn't introduced Domestic Partnership legislation.

The facts, as usual, have been twisted, misinterpreted and used in a partisan manner. But then again, as some say, "Why let the facts get in the way?"

Baldwin is absolutely right to offer only tepid support for Jensen's bill. That is all it deserves.

While not harmful, Jensen's bill, AB 397, is not nearly as good as it should be. Jensen's concern for seems to extend to our votes and no further.

He announced the introduction of his bill on the same day that he voted for the odious Anti-Gay marriage bill. He wanted to try and look like a good guy even while he was voting like a bad guy.

State Capitol insiders say that Baldwin worked hard with Jensen's staff to draft model legislation. In the end though he went with a watered down version of what was suggested.

AB 397, says that if you are in a hospital, you can tell the hospital to allow your same sex partner to see you and get information on your condition. The fact is though that you already have that right. You simply need to draw up papers with an attorney.

Jensen's bill cuts through the paperwork but that's all it does. There is not recorded case of a Wisconsin hospital refusing to allow a conscious patient to determine who can or can't see him or her.

Notice I said conscious. That's the problem with Jensen's bill. It doesn't cover those situations where you can't communicate with hospital personnel, i.e. being in a coma. Those are the times when it is vital that those you care about have access to you. Even if his bill passes you will still need an attorney for that.

To cover those situations, the Legislature would have to pass a bill that recognized the validity of Gay and Lesbian relationships. Jensen drew the line at doing that.

When Tammy Baldwin said that the bill wasn't needed, she was absolutely right. The reality is that it does very little for us.

AB 397 put Baldwin between a rock and hard place. If she enthusiastically supports it, Baldwin would make it difficult to improve on it later. On the other hand if she condemns it, Baldwin would have turned off those Republicans who are willing to go at least a couple of steps in the right direction.

She rightfully chose a course of moderate support.

Then there is the issue of why Tammy Baldwin hasn't introduced Domestic Partnership legislation. It is true that she did state her intention to do so. It also true that intention has not yet come to fruition. But as they say "There is more here than meets the eye."

When Baldwin made her statement, the Democrats were in control of the State Legislature. That is no longer the case. The change in control made it politically stupid for Baldwin to introduce her proposal.

When the Democrats controlled both houses of the Legislature, Baldwin was assured of at least getting a committee hearing on her proposal. She would also have been assured that no Anti-Gay bills would reach the floor of either house.

With the GOP running things, a Domestic Partnership bill would never even get a hearing. Its would raise a target which people like Ralph Overdahl, and Mark Neumann would use to raise money to use against us.

Moreover, during the debate on Republican Lorraine Serratti's Anti-Gay marriage bill, AB 104, several legislators told me that while they expected the Serratti bill to pass the Assembly they also expected the State Senate to bottle it up, the introduction of a Domestic Partnership

bill they said would change all that.

The thinking then and now is that the radical right would use a Domestic Partnership bill to push for the Anti-Gay marriage bill and bring it to a vote.

Now if I heard that from her colleagues, you can bet that Baldwin heard it too.

The choice she had was to introduce a bill that would have all the fundamentalists in North America sending out fundraising letters, that wouldn't even get a hearing, let alone be passed and probably would have resulted in Anti-Gay legislation going on the books.

It doesn't seem fair that some of the same people who worked for the Republicans to control the State Legislature now refuse to admit that some of the fruits of their labor are bitter ones.

It really is a shame. Last Spring during the fight against AB-104, there was real hope that the Log Cabin Club could put aside partisanship and work together with the rest of the community. This latest series of attacks on Tammy Baldwin, raises new doubts about their willingness to work for the benefit of the community versus working for the benefit of the Republican party.

Let's hope that Wisconsin's Log Cabin members get back to the type of cooperative relationship we saw last spring and back away from these attacks on a woman whose work on our (and their) behalf has truly been outstanding. Tammy Baldwin deserves better treatment than they have given to her and so do we.

### Greeks in a Furor Over Transsexual Liaison With D.A.

Athens, Greece—In a country where few raise their eyebrows over extramarital affairs, many are raising a fuss over a man fired for having a fling with a Transsexual.

Greece's high court disbarred deputy district attorney Giorgos Sakellariopoulos after his superiors discovered his former mistress was a Transsexual.

The court questioned Sakellariopoulos' "social character," but many Greeks have rallied to his defense.

Supporters claim he was sacrificed for crossing an ill-defined moral line. They wonder, for example, if there would have been any problems if his mistress was born a woman, or if he was Gay and sleeping with another man.

The groundswell against Sakellariopoulos' punishment pushed aside the nation's generally conservative facade and exposed the tolerant, live-and-let-live sentiments that are widely felt but rarely expressed openly.

"We are a sexist and racist society," raged columnist and television producer Nikos Mastorakis in an open letter to Sakellariopoulos, published in the Athens daily *Vradini*. "The system destroyed you because you fell in love with a woman who wasn't always a woman."

Sakellariopoulos, 44, whose wife is currently expecting their second child, has threatened to take the issue to the European Court of Human Rights. "I'm guilty, but I disagree with my punishment," he said. "My personal life concerns only me and nobody else."

A phone-in poll conducted by a television station found 82 percent of the 20,000 respondents believed it was wrong for Sakellariopoulos to be fired because of his affair.

"It is as if he sacrificed his career on the altar of love," said the former mistress, Jenny Hiloudaki. Hiloudaki, said her affair with Sakellariopoulos is not over and proposed marriage on national television.

### Climb the Grand!



Join other gay men and lesbians for the adventure of a lifetime, climbing in the Grand Tetons. Free catalog of active travel.

**ALYSON ADVENTURES™**  
1-800-825-9766



## TRAVEL

### Gay Acapulco Shines Despite Hurricanes Pauline & Rick

**Acapulco—** Just weeks after hurricane Pauline hit this southern Mexican Pacific coastline, Acapulco is very much open for business.

Hurricane Rick in early November actually hit south of Acapulco and the only affect was "a bit of rain" as one resident put it. President Zedillo's government with it's first ever opposition held congress is working together committing the necessary resources to aid those affected and rebuild needed areas. Most noticeable is how quickly Acapulco has been cleaned up.

Acapulco's Zona Dorado or golden zone is where most of the popular tourist hotels are. This area was only affected by heavy rains. This is also the Gay area, in the Condessa, Farallon sections of town.

A few days later, the streets were cleaned up from the mud and dirt that washed down from the tropical hillsides by the military that was sent in to restore and offer relief. Electricity and water was quickly restored. Banners hang in the city thanking the government for their prompt, swift relief efforts.

Today, Acapulco's Gay nightclubs are open and hopping. Their ever-popular Latin dance music and erotic, show-it-all-strippers catch the tourists' attention, offering a delightful retreat from the hustle and bustle of home.

The Gay Beaches, Condessa and Beto's, are wonderfully clean and the native young men are cruising the visitors who are enjoying a day in the sun with the shimmering blue waters of Acapulco Bay, offering the perfect getaway from the colder climes of North America. The tourist shops, other stores and restaurants are busy serving their customers.

In spite of Pauline, The Acapulco Las Palmas Resort, the premier Gay hotel, is operating at nearly 50% occupancy. Owner's Bobby Joe and David are offering special incentives for their guests who stay with them between now and December 20.

Mexicana Airlines, along with others are offering 50% discounts for travelers as well, making Acapulco one of the most affordable tropical destinations for a vacation.

Then, when you factor in the recent drop in the Peso, the dollar buys much more today than before!

"I got a complete chicken dinner downtown today for about a buck" exclaimed

Bob, a visitor from the U.S.A. "We ate in a beautiful garden patio setting at this extraordinary Gay restaurant. The food and wine rivals New York City at 1/3 the price" boasted Rich.

"Acapulco is the shining star" of Mexican resorts" beams Bobby Joe Munson of the Las Palmas Resort. The Mexican government has recently been funding many beautification projects putting money into Acapulco like it has in developing its newer resorts like Cancun, Huatulco and Cabo San Lucas.

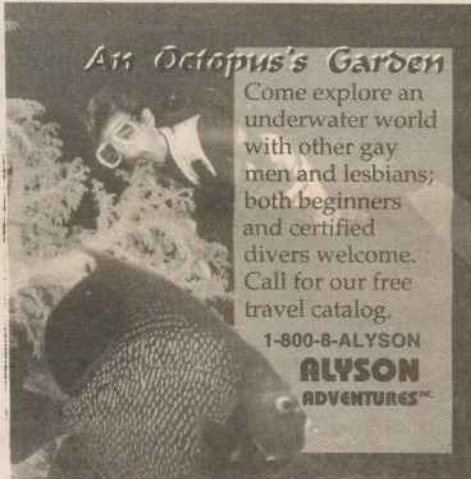
Nearly 2 million visitors come to Acapulco annually, making it one of the most popular anywhere. The economy of Acapulco and the state of Guerrero are highly dependent upon tourist income for jobs, maintaining social programs and funding the government.

Unfortunately, some residents, outside of the tourist area, were adversely affected. Most of the damage was caused by flooding.

The worst hit were the unfortunate ones who built their makeshift homes on the precarious hillsides. The outpouring of donations from other countries and the efforts of the military greatly helped.

For more information, Bobby Joe and David of The Acapulco Las Palmas Resort can be contacted on their internet site at <http://www.acapulco-laspalmas.com> by e-mail [bobbyjoe@acapulco-laspalmas.com](mailto:bobbyjoe@acapulco-laspalmas.com) or by telephone at 011-52 (74) 87-0843.

Feel free to ask for the "Acapulco Gay Tourist Guide", a complete listing of all the Gay beaches, great restaurants (for 1/2 the price), exquisite shops, nightclubs and tours.



**An Octopus's Garden**  
Come explore an underwater world with other gay men and lesbians; both beginners and certified divers welcome. Call for our free travel catalog.

1-800-8-ALYSON  
**ALYSON ADVENTURES™**



## BED & BREAKFAST DIRECTORY



**Allyn Mansion Inn**  
1885  
Twenty-three rooms of Victorian splendor like Grandmother never had. Ten fireplaces, grand pianos, great food, great hosts. Eight guest rooms, seven shared baths. National Register property. A/C. Geneva Lakes area.  
511 East Walworth Ave.  
Delavan, WI 53115 • (414) 728-9090



**The Chanticleer GUEST HOUSE**  
4072 Cherry Road (CTH HH) Sturgeon Bay (Door County) WI 54235  
**NEW IN-GROUND HEATED POOL PLUS 4 NEW SUITES!**  
Located on 30 private acres in Door County. All suites include: Double whirlpool, fireplace, private bath, TV/VCR, Stereo, refrigerator, A/C, balconies, breakfast delivered to your room.



**Wild Rose Guest House**  
**NOW OPEN!**  
Come visit our 1920s farmhouse, just 1 mile off of I90, 20 minutes south of Madison. Enjoy breakfast served to you in one of our cozy theme rooms. Call or write now for reservations. Gift Certificates also available!  
608-877-9942 1437 County W  
Amy Meisner & Stoughton,  
Vera Vidos, Proprietors WI 53589



For a reservation or color brochure, please call Bryon & Darrin at:  
**(920) 746-0334**

**Add To Your Customers Not Your Ad Budget!**  
To advertise in this section for as little as \$15.00 per issue call Bill at **The Wisconsin Light** (414) 372-2773

# PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

**TECH SUPPORT**  
 ■ WINDOWS 95 ■  
 INTERNET UPGRADES  
 Quick, affordable computer technical support.  
 NEAL BRENARD  
**319-0081**  
 www.execpc.com/~nbrenard

**Kathleen A. Neville MS, MSW**  
*Psychotherapist*  
 Lakeshore Clinic  
 3970 N. Oakland, Suite 502  
 Shorewood, Wisconsin 53211  
**414 . 332 . 3331**

**Portrait Photography**  
 Business • Personal  
 Passports  
 Old Photographs  
 Copied & Restored  
 Theatrical  
 Pets  
*Breitlow Studio*  
 7405 West Harwood Ave.  
 Wauwatosa, WI  
**476-3777**

**BRENDA LEWISON**  
 ATTORNEY  
 135 West Wells Street  
 Milwaukee, WI 53203  
 414-287-1171  
 ▼ Labor  
 ▼ Employment  
 ▼ Discrimination  
 ▼ Tenant's Rights

Call me for all your insurance needs  
**AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE**  
 AUTO HOME BUSINESS HEALTH LIFE  
**DORI A. PANTHOFFER**  
 THE PANTHOFFER AGENCY  
 626 East Ogden Avenue  
 Milwaukee, WI 53202-2604  
 Off (414) 277-7772 • Fax (414) 277-1088


**Isthmus Psychotherapy and Psychiatry**  
 Comprehensive mental health services—responsive to the concerns of women, gays and lesbians.  
 Maureen A. Leahy, MD  
 Tamar Zick, MA  
 Chris Hall, MSSW, CICSW  
 Laurie A. Frost, PhD  
 222 South Bedford Street, Madison, WI 53703  
 (608) 256-6570

**RENTALS**  
**HEARTLAND REALTY CORPORATION™**  
 ROSINA J. WEISTER, BROKER  
 6223 10th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53143  
 Bus: (414) 657-6566 • Fax: (414) 657-6586  
 MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE

**AUTO-HOME-HEALTH BUSINESS INSURANCE**  
 David Matta  
 BWO Insurance Group, LLC  
 Office: (414) 768-8100  
 Fax: (414) 768-8110

**Rose Kleman, MS**  
*Psychotherapist*  
 The Landmark Building  
 316 N. Milwaukee St.  
 Suite 302  
 Milwaukee, WI 53202  
 (414) 276-5266  
 • Sexual Orientation  
 • Trauma Issues  
 • Depression  
 • Insurance or Sliding Fee

**Denis I. Jackson PHD**  
 Psychotherapist  
 Licensed Psychologist  
 Relational and Individual Therapy  
 230 W. Wells Suite 309  
 Milwaukee, WI 53203  
 (414)276-8669

**KELLY CAUFFMAN**  
 "When you're ready for a break from the ordinary!"  
  
**Premier Homes Realty**  
 REALTOR® • MLS • Equal Housing  
**CALL 482-9080**

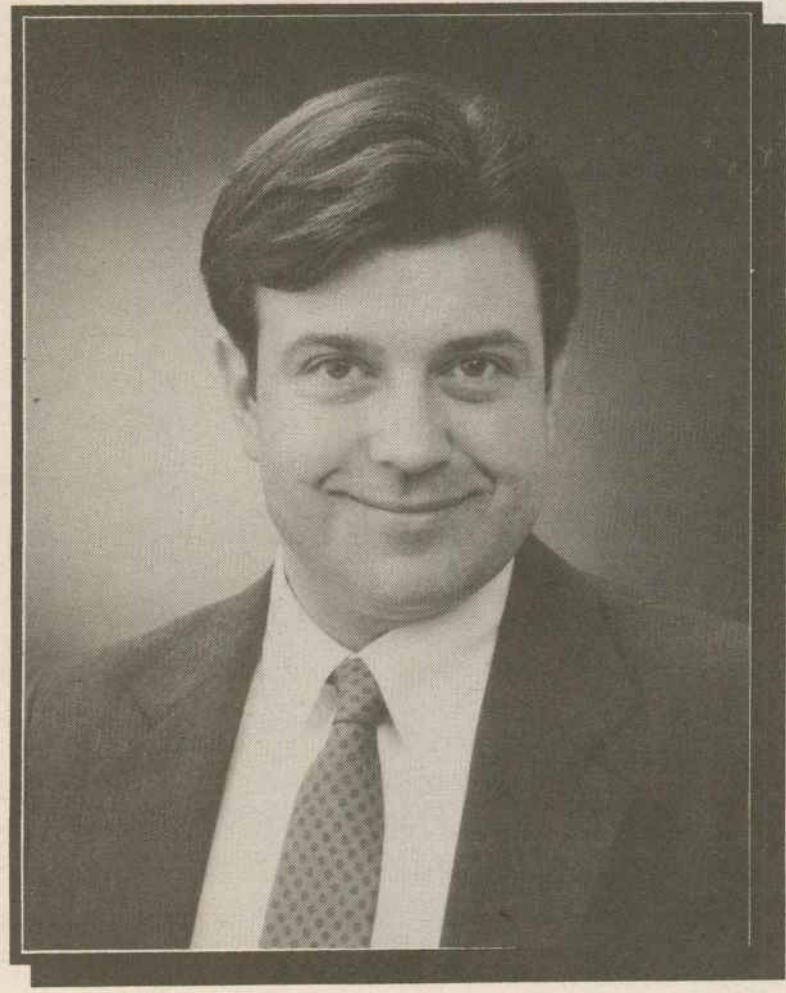
**SOLITUDE**  
 COMMITMENT RINGS DESIGNED FOR THE TWO OF YOU IN AN EASY AND RELAXED ENVIRONMENT.  
 918 E. Brady St.  
 414-223-3101 or 1-800-solitude

No Health Insurance? Low Salary? Your HMO Offers Too Little? Want Economical Counseling?  
 Call Psychologist  
**TED FRIEDMAN, Ph.D**  
 Licensed Psychologist & Professional Counselor  
 OFFICE HOURS AVAILABLE AT:  
 2266 N. Prospect Ave., Ste. 206, Milw., WI 53202  
**(414) 272-2427**  
 135 N. Greenleaf Ave., Ste. 315  
 Gurnee, IL 60031 (Six Flags Area)

**A REALTOR THAT KNOWS YOUR LIFESTYLE!**  
**BREUSCHER**  
  
**Cheryl Fuchs**  
 Realtor  
 OFFICE: 608-238-2272  
 HOME: 608-256-4400  
 FAX: 608-255-9944  
 5317 Old Middleton Road • Madison, WI 53715  
**CALL TODAY**

# OUTSTANDING

# Jack H. Smith



*Happy Holidays  
 And My Best Wishes For  
 a Prosperous 1998*

*Thanks to Everyone For a Great 1997*

*Jack Smith*

Northshore Office  
 414 962-4413 or 961-8314 x 199  
 Home: 224-1452  
 Website: www.jacksmith.com



# THE SPOTLIGHT

## Curtain Calls

### Milwaukee Rep's "Having Our Say" Charming, Delightful A Must See

By Bill Meunier

If you define great theater as a production that moves you, and shows you at least a glimpse of a different perspective while at the same time entertaining you, then you must consider the Milwaukee Repertory's "Telling Our Story," to be great theater. This charming and thoroughly enjoyable production is playing at the Rep through January 11<sup>th</sup>.

"Telling Our Story" was written by Emily Mann from the book of the same name, which was written by S.L. & A.E. Delany. It is a poignant and often hilarious dialogue that often delves into the Black American experience from the turn of the century to the current day as seen through the eyes and experiences of the real life Delany sisters, Sadie and Bessie.

Sharita Hunt plays Dr. Bessie Delany age 103 and Brenda Thomas has the role of Sadie Delany age 105. They comprise the entire cast. The two of them weave a charming spell over the audience as they recount their experiences from growing up to growing old.

Hunt and Thomas are so effective that within a few minutes after the play starts, the audience begins to feel not like it is in a theater, but as it would sitting in the Delany home listening to them tell their life stories. It's a feeling that continues throughout the production.

The Delany's are not typical of Black America. Their father was a prominent clergyman and this helped to give them an opportunity to gain a good education and good jobs. Nonetheless, their comments on the Black experience cut across class lines and tell us much about the Black American experience.

The Delany's don't use the word "Black" preferring to call themselves "Negro" and "colored" because as Bessie put it, "When you get to be 103 years old, you should be able to talk like you want to. And who's going to stop me now?"

Bessie is the more feisty of the two. Sadie tells us that whenever and wherever there was a protest Bessie was there. Sometimes she even organized them.

But her compassion for her people's plight extended beyond walking a picket line. In her four decades of practicing dentistry in Harlem she never raised her prices from what they were when she opened up her office.

Sadie is a "mother's child." Bessie calls her "Sweet Sadie." Sadie would just as soon find a way around discrimination as to confront it. In fact she became the first

Black high school teacher in New York by doing just that.

Together they bring us into their lives and pass on pearls of wisdom along the way. They speak of their family, friends, values, work and their history. I won't spoil the surprises by recounting any of them here.

I will only say that remarkable life experiences of the Delany sisters should not be missed by anyone. For tickets call the Rep at (414) 224-9490.

### Jerry Grillo To Perform at This Is It on January 18

**Milwaukee**—Renowned Jazz vocalist, Jerry Grillo will be appearing live at This Is It, 418 E. Wells Street in downtown Milwaukee on Sunday, January 18, 1998, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Grillo will be accompanied by Jazz guitarist Jack Grassel. Featured will be songs from Mr. Grillo's three compact discs, including his most recent CD, "Goody For You."

The discs will be on sale. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of "Goody For You" will be donated to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW).

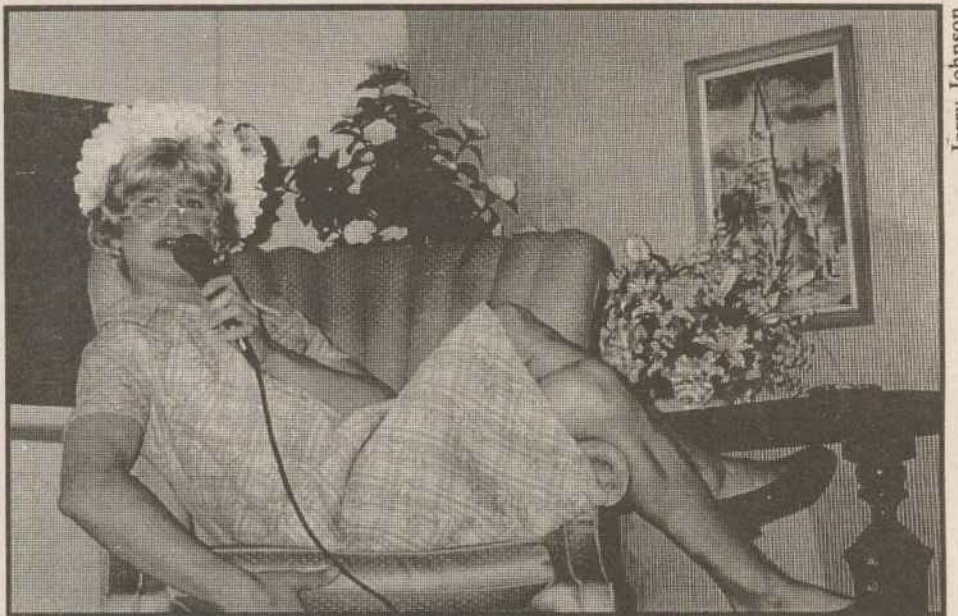
"Goody For You" in which Mr. Grillo is accompanied by the Lynne Arriale Trio, costs \$10 and can be purchased in Milwaukee at Exclusive Company and Mainstream Records.

For those of you who missed Mr. Grillo's appearance at This Is It the first time, the warm, intimate nature of the bar lends itself to the silken tones of Mr. Grillo's voice and the soft background of the guitar.

As he sings, Mr. Grillo moves about as he sings, going slowly up and down the bar or, at times, sitting comfortably on a ledge in the back. One of those there called his singing "haunting." Another said that it was "beguiling," calling to mind sophisticated times and places of candle light and wine.

In addition to appearing at This Is It, Mr. Grillo appears regularly at Schwartz's Bookshop, The Uptowner, The Nomad, Lou Bruno's Restaurant and The Tamarack.

Check Mr. Grillo's website: <http://kspace.com/grillo>



Jerry Johnson

Sell It Girl! - Mark Roeker sings his rendition of "If I Can't Sell It Why Should I Give It Away" during the Fest City Singers holiday concert.

### Fest City Singers Take a Chance and Pull It Off

By Geno

The Fest City Singers (FCS) can always be counted upon to take a chance, to do the unexpected. And they did it again with their recent production of "The Second Time Around" when for four enchanted evenings, Marcia's Used Furniture Store became Marcia's Second Time Around Playhouse. The Singers performed on a three-level stage before an audience ensconced most comfortably on davenports and easy chairs, all merchandise for sale at bargain prices.

"Who Will Buy?," from "Oliver" sung wistfully by Lisa Bemus, became an ode to used furniture when the full chorus entered, appropriately dressed in vintage clothing. The choristers, thanks to Musical Director and accompanist Peggy Lozier, sang expressively with gusto and a great sense of fun.

### Cream City Chorus Concert Combines the Sacred with the Joy of the Holiday

By Sandy Lewis

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, LTD, gave the community a sweet and lovely gift in presenting to us their 1997 Christmas concert, "Home for the Holidays," on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. I went expecting to hear through their music the beauty, the magic and majesty of Christmas and, yes, the fun of the holiday, too. I was not disappointed, not at all.

The Second Time Around theme carried through the evening with a "rending" of "Second Hand Rose" by Artistic Director and Choreographer Tim Hess and inevitably "Love, the Second Time Around" was presented by Penny McCanles and Roger Uscila.

Marcia herself (Mark Roeker, co-owner of the store) proclaimed "If I Can't Sell It, Why Should I Give It Away?" which seemed at first to be about selling furniture, but the audience soon began to realize that she had more than used chests of drawers in mind. What Marcia can do with a feather duster has to be seen to be believed!

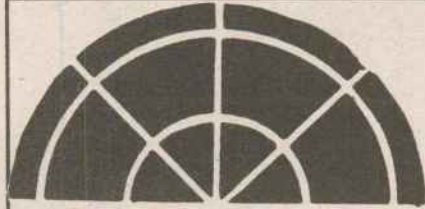
Other numbers like "Anything Goes", "If I Were a Butch Man" and "We're Not Gay" somehow fit in neatly with the evening's entertainment. The happy association of the Fest City Singers and Marcia's retro emporium (proprietors Eric Sobush and Mark Roeker) may mean a spring show in the offing. Where else can you see an audience leaving the theater with coffee tables, knick-knack shelves and end tables in their arms and a song in their hearts?

St. James Episcopal Church is a place full of solemn beauty, a setting of clerical elegance, redolent of the symbolism of the ancient faith in which Christmas has its roots. The Chorus would sing here. The Church was filled to near capacity, people quietly talking among themselves. At last, there is a hushed anticipation of the con-

Please See Chorus Page 31



Finding Peanuts - Shown above are part of the cast from the Boulevard Theatre's production of the Donald Marquies' comedy "Found a Peanut," (L-R) Robert Leschke, David Flores and Robert W.C. Kennedy. The production will run from December 19 to January 18. The Boulevard is located at 2252 S. Kinnickinnic, Milwaukee. For ticket info call (414) 672-6019.



# THIS IS IT!

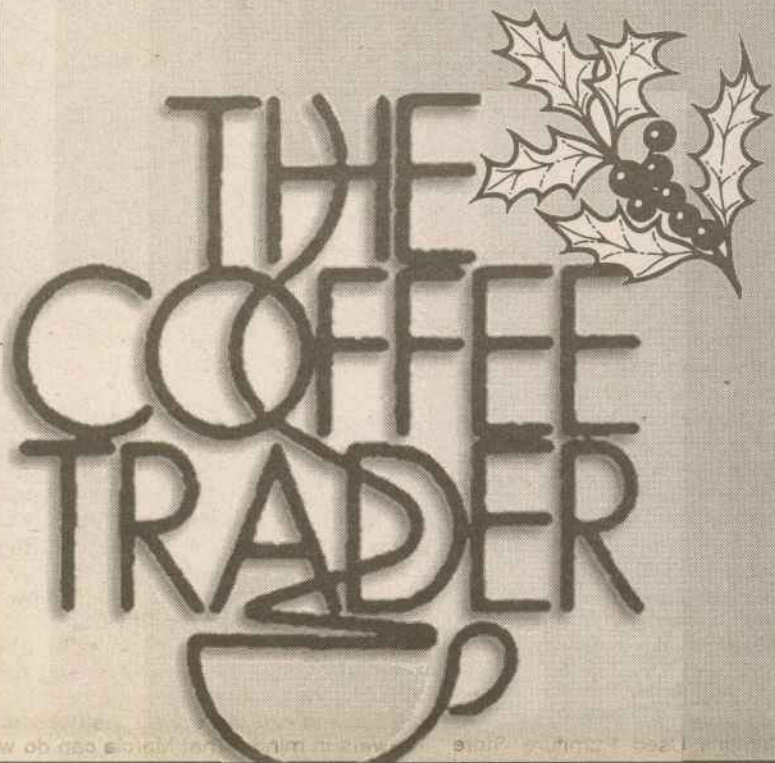
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
3:00 PM  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21  
FOOD, FUN FOR ALL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
COME, BRING IN 1998 WITH FRIENDS  
SPECIAL SURPRISE GIFT FOR ALL—LATE-LATE NIGHT SNACKS

418 E. Wells Street, Milwaukee—(414) 278-9192

# Coffee Trader for the Holidays.

Holiday Parties • Catering  
Private Meeting Room Available



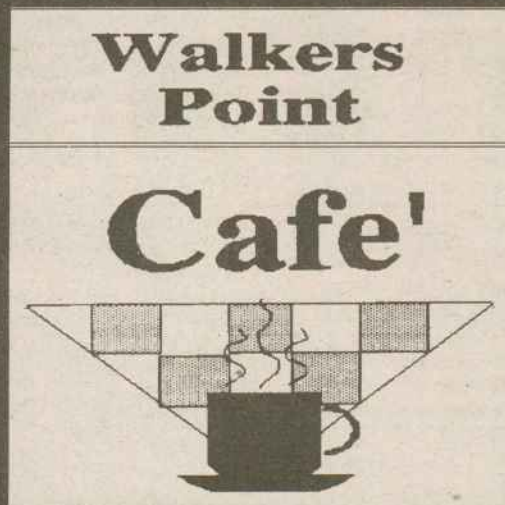
## Coffee Trader & Henry's Pub

Serving Power Breakfasts,  
Salads, Sandwiches, Pasta,  
Vegetarian Specialties and  
Late Night Desserts  
2625 North Downer Avenue  
**414/332-9690**

Visit our Web Site at  
[www.thecoffeetrader.com](http://www.thecoffeetrader.com)



★ A  
★ Late  
Night  
Dining  
Experience



Serving  
Sobering  
Coffee  
Until  
After  
Hours



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

A Safe Place for Gays & Lesbians

Open 10 AM to 4 AM Seven Days a Week

*Serving the Gay & Lesbian Community*

**Now Available On Video!**

**TAKE JULIA ROBERTS HOME!**

**MY BEST FRIEND'S**  
*Wedding*



Julia Roberts is at her best in this inspired romantic comedy about a woman who will do anything to steal her best friend away from his charming fiancée.

TRISTAR PICTURES PRESENTS  
A JERRY ZUCKER/PREDAWN PRODUCTION "MY BEST FRIEND'S WEDDING" DERMOT MULRONEY CAMERON DIAZ  
RUPERT EVERETT PHILIP BOSCO BONNIE GREENBERG JAMES NEWTON HOWARD JEFFREY KURLAND  
GARTH CRAVEN LISA FRUCHTMAN RICHARD SYLBERT LASZLO KOVACS GIL NETTER  
PATRICIA WHITCHER RONALD BASS JERRY ZUCKER AND RONALD BASS PJ HOGAN  
©1997 LAYOUT AND DESIGN COLUMBIA TRISTAR HOME VIDEO. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. ©1997 TRISTAR PICTURES, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

**\$15.95**

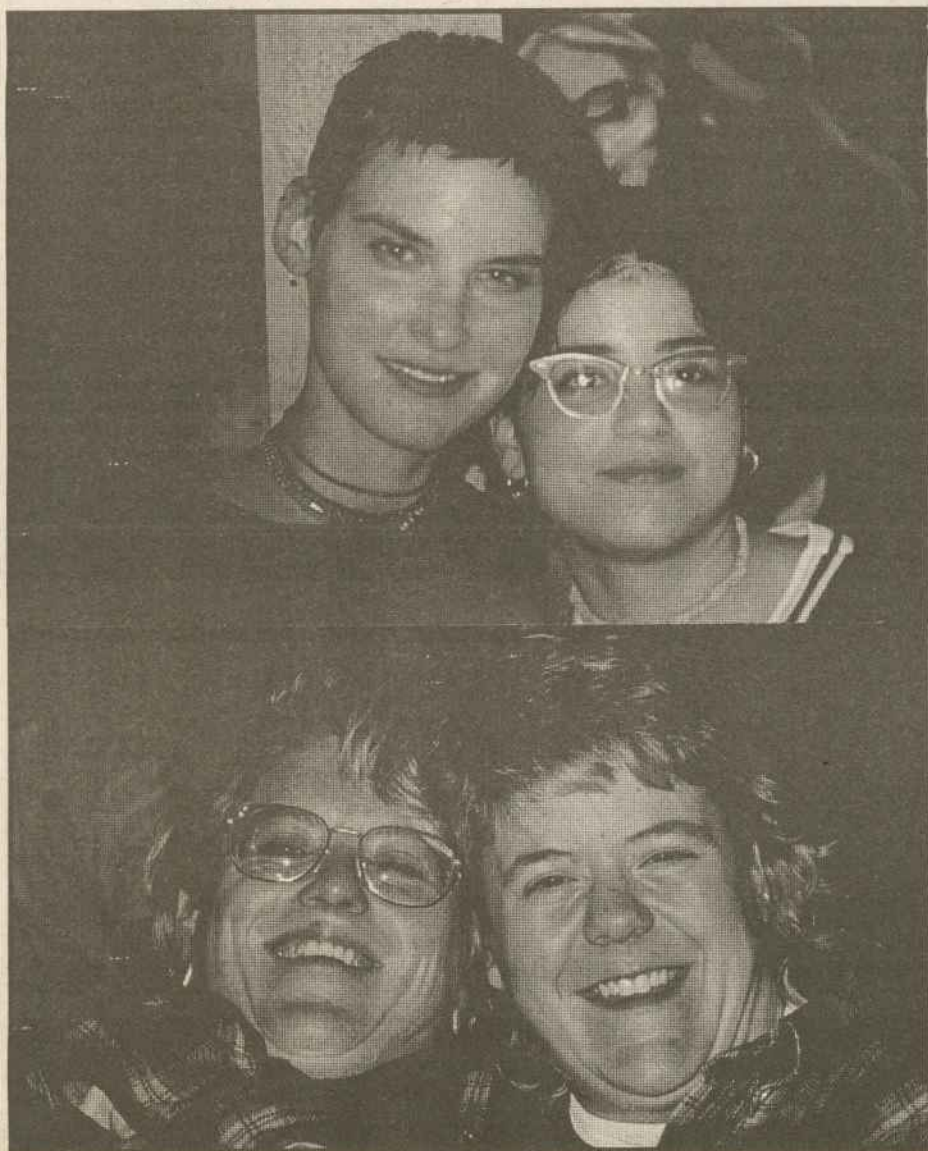
**Save \$5.00**  
w/purchase of both  
"My Best Friends  
Wedding"  
and "Jerry  
Maguire"

**VIDEO WEST**

**8532 West Lisbon Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53222  
53-MOVIE(536 - 6843)**

**Open Monday through Saturday  
10AM to 10PM  
Sunday 12 noon to 10PM**

# IN THE PUBLIC EYE

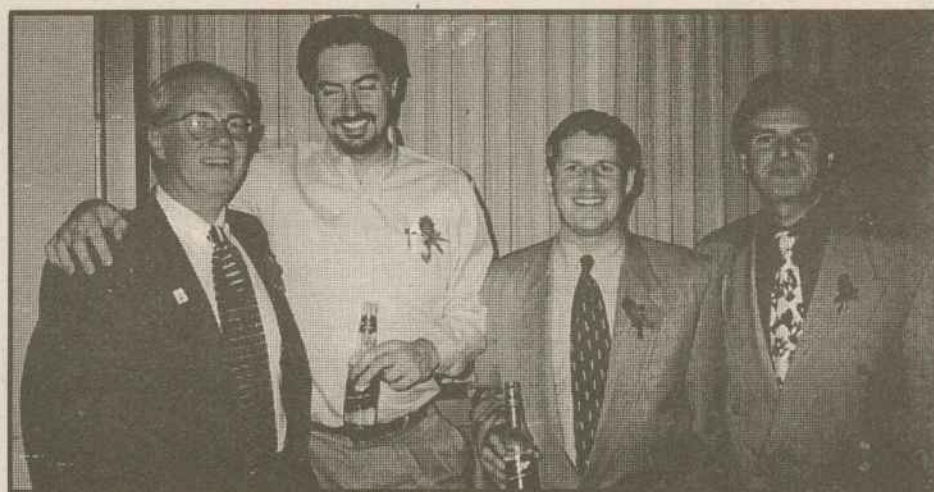


**Dishing Up the Good Times!** - Our photographer stopped by Milwaukee's hot new bar, Dish and caught these women having a great time there. Dish located at 235 S. Second Street, is primarily a women's bar but men are more than welcome. The bar features great service, fine drinks and a hot dance floor.

Jerry Johnson



Bill Keunter



**Jolly Holly Folly** - A great time was had by all in attendance at the MAP Fund Raiser, Jolly, Holly Folly held on Tuesday, December 2 at the Milwaukee Theater Center. Around 500 people were treated to delectable food served up by twenty five of Milwaukee's best restaurants. There was plenty of to drink too, courtesy of Miller Brewing and Skyy Vodka.

The elegant fun filled evening was topped off with a sneak preview of the Milwaukee Repertory's delightful production of "Having Our Say," a charming play about the life of the Delany Sisters. (See our review of the play in page 12)

Shown above are Leonard Sobczak and Pam Percy enjoying the harp music played by Katie Nesse.

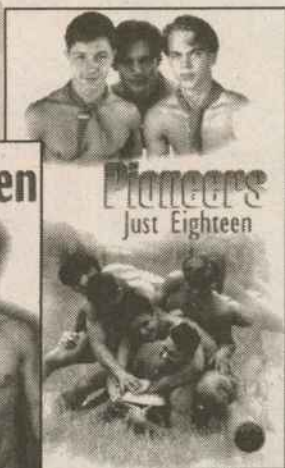
At the bottom are ARCW Executive Director, Doug Nelson (far left) and Deputy Director Paul Miklovich (second from the right) with some friends. As you can see from the smiles, everyone had a great time.

Books Videos Music Jewelry Tee Shirts Cards Calendars Magnets Mouse Pads Posters Gift Baskets Hats Ornaments Mugs Pins Watches Note Cards Key Chains Clocks Books Videos Music Je

## Last Minute Christmas Gifts

## Only From Afterwords!

Afterwords is the place to stop for all your last minute holiday shopping. From seasonal music, to Christmas cards, videos and CDs to Xena merchandise, the newest photo books to Billy dolls, we have it all! So stop in today and make your holidays gay!



**New! Afterwords Exclusive**  
From the makers of Prowl, and Euro Guy magazines, comes Prowler videos! Heat up his cold winter nights with some of Europe's hottest guys! Only at Afterwords!

**Afterwords**  
Books & Espresso Bar  
2710 N Murray  
414-963-9089  
www.afterwords.com



**Just In!**  
"Our Wall" by Rene Porter. The perfect gift for the woman in your life. This 22"x29" limited edition lithograph is numbered and signed by the artist.



**Judy Francesconi**  
is one of the hottest lesbian artists today. Her sensual photography in her new book "Stolen Moments" is sure to melt any girls heart! Plus we have a great selection poster sized lithographs.

**Hours**  
Mon-Thur 11am-10pm  
Friday 11am-11pm  
Saturday 10am-11pm  
Sunday 12pm-6pm

Cards Calendars Magnets Mouse Pads Posters Gift Baskets Hats Ornaments Mugs Pins Watches Note Cards Key Chains Clocks Books Videos Music Tee Shirts

Video Tee Shirts Card Calendars Magnets Mouse Pads Posters Gift Baskets Hats Ornaments Mugs Pins Watches Note Cards Key Chains Clocks Books Videos

Music Jewelry Tee Shirts Cards Calendars Magnets Mouse Pads Posters Gift Baskets Hats Ornaments Mugs Pins Watches Note Cards Key Chains Clocks Books Videos Music Jewelry Tee Shirts



Jerry Johnson

Happy B-Day Cheryl! Cheryl of Milwaukee's Station two (far right) celebrated her birthday at the bar with the help of lots of her many friends. We hear she is ahem 21 (again)!

# You're Invited

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

### IN BETWEEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Wisconsin Light was so impressed by last year's Christmas party at In Between that we've made this year's edition a SpotLight event.

Just because In Between is Gay Milwaukee's Packer Headquarters doesn't mean they don't notice other things on the calendar like Christmas!

Just to prove it, they are throwing a big Holiday bash sure to spread holiday cheer to everyone who is there.

The party will include some great food, drink specials and of course that famous In Between Balloon drop with lots of cash and prizes. Santa may or may not show up (depending on how good you've been) but you should stop on by.

In Between is located at 625 S. Second Street.

### HOLIDAY PARTY AT DISH

Dish, that hot new bar at 235 S. Second Street, Milwaukee will be the scene of a great

party beginning at 7:00 PM. There will be a buffet, drink specials and lots of hot music on the dance floor.

This primarily a women's bar but men are more than welcome too.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

### JUST US X-MAS SHOW & PARTY

The folks at Just Us want you to come on by and share some holiday cheer with them from 10 PM to Close.

Cheering is probably what you will do as you watch the Just Us Divas strut their stuff in their annual free Christmas show.

All your favorites will be there on the stage and it wouldn't be the same without you so stop in at Just Us, 807 S. Fifth Street, Milwaukee.

## SUNDAY DECEMBER 21

### SPOTLIGHT PARTY AT MANOEUVRES BENEFITS MADISON HOMELESS SHELTERS

In keeping with the holiday spirit, Manoeuvres is once again holding a big

benefit to help the less fortunate in Madison. Last year's shindig raised over \$1,700 for Madison area food pantries. This year, owner Ed Grunewald, Divine and The Wisconsin Light are shooting for a new record.

There will be a stunning show, put on by Divine, raffles, prizes and surprises. And all of the money raised will be donated to Madison's homeless shelters.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to join in and lend a helping hand to those who need it.

Manoeuvres is located at 150 S. Blair Street., Madison.

### LA CAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The La Cage Christmas Party is always one of the highlights of the season. As always Santa will be showing up with those fab La Cage gift bags for all of the good (and even naughty) boys and girls in attendance.

There will also be a great Christmas show put on by the La Cage Showcase, Milwaukee's hottest Gay show and much more.

The doors open at 8:00. La Cage is located at 801 S. Second Street.

### THIS IS IT CHRISTMAS PARTY

A good time will be had by all at this annual Holiday Treat. The fun begins at 3:00. There will be plenty snacks, spirits and good company. This is your home away from home for the holidays.

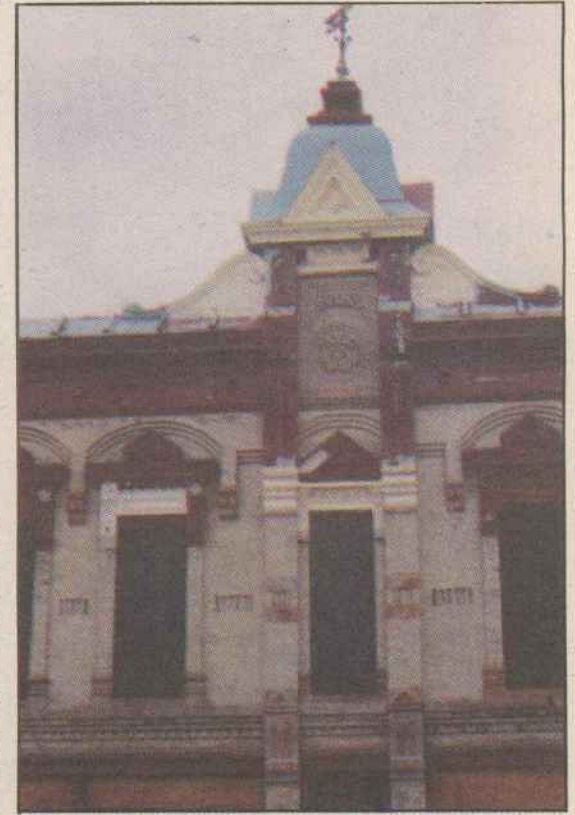
This is It is located at 418 E. Wells.

## DECEMBER 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE

### THE PINK PARTY IN MADISON

Wisconsin's largest Gay and Lesbian New Year's Eve party will be in Madison at the Civic Center. There will be live entertainment, dancing, and even country dance lessons.

Tickets are just \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 at the door. They are available at the United, Community Pharmacy, Border's Book store, Out To Lunch. Home



Another Point of View - Here's another look at the remodeling being done to the outside of Milwaukee's La Cage bar.

Environment, Orange Tree Imports and A Room of One's Own.

The party is a benefit for Madison's United which provides a wide array of services for Madison's Les/Bi/Gay community.

### BAR PARTIES

Every bar will be hosting a New Year's Eve extravaganza. For those of you from out state, the bars throughout Wisconsin can stay open for 24 hours straight—and many of them do. In fact, there are bars, like In Between, that are advertising that they will be open for 33 hours.

Most, if not all of the bars, serve late night snacks or food. Most, if not all of the bars, will have New Year's Eve favors—hats, etc. It's a rollicking good time.

From all of us here at Wisconsin Light, go, have a good time and play safe.

The United Presents the 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Celebration and Benefit  
Madison's Only Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual New Year's Eve Party  
December 31, 1997 • 9 pm to 4 am • Madison Civic Center



new year's eve out



pink party '98



Special Thanks to Our Sponsors:



The Wisconsin Light



ESTABLISHED 1895

**Pink Party Package**  
Fabulous Starlight Room  
9 pm to 10:30 pm  
Live Jazz Music  
Hors d'oeuvres  
Advance Tickets Only!  
Tickets \$30 each or  
Two for \$50

**Countdown Dance Party**  
Civic Center Crossroads  
10:30 pm to 4 am  
DJ Tony Rits chard  
**Line Dancing**  
Marquee Room  
Lessons begin 9:30  
Tickets \$10 in Advance  
\$12 at the Door

**Ticket Outlets**  
The United  
Community Pharmacy  
Border's Bookstore  
Out To Lunch  
Home Environment  
Orange Tree Imports  
A Room of One's Own

Order Pink Party Package Tickets by December 23, 1997  
Credit card orders may be taken by phone at 608.255.8582  
Proceeds to benefit The United  
14 W. Mifflin St., Suite 103  
Madison, WI 53703



1200 South First Street • Milwaukee, WI 53204 • 414-389-1200

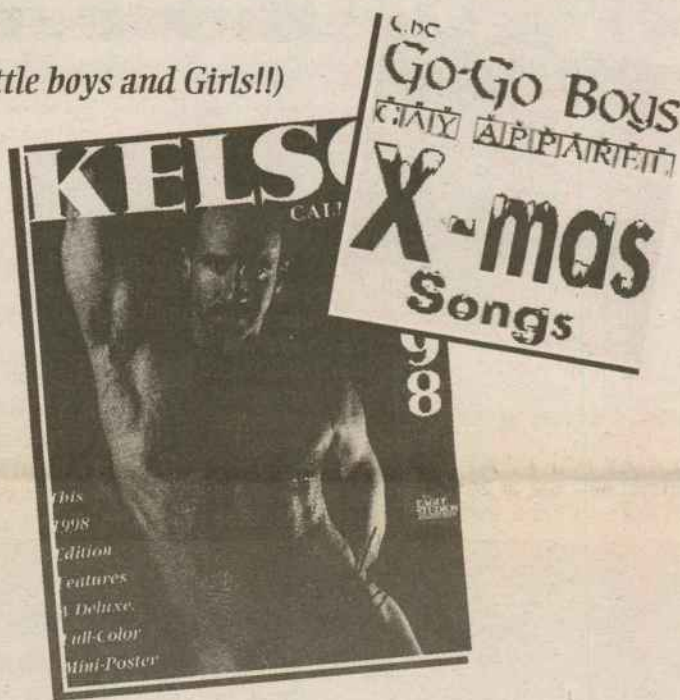
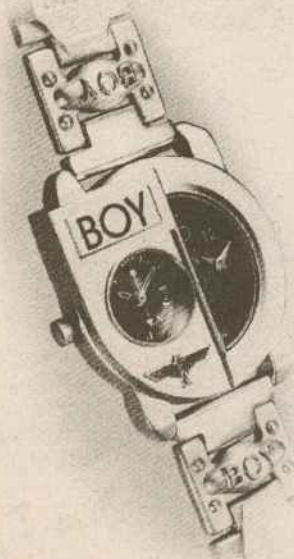


# Designing Men

Wishes to thank our customers for their patronage in 1997, and hopes to serve you better throughout 1998.

We still have a great selection of under the tree items to surprise all those good little boys and girls, those good little bears and good little cubs.

*(but better things for those bad little boys and Girls!!)*



## BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

We will be appearing at Dimensions Sat. Dec 20

**"Shop and Party at the Same Time!!"**

*a Camp Heartland Benefit*



### **Extended Store Hours through Dec. 24**

Mon-Sat 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 – 6 PM

We accept all major credit cards  
 Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover  
 Personal Checks through telecheck

#### Store Services

- Gift Certificates
- Video Sales and Rentals
- Special Orders and Requests
- New for 1998 — Custom T-shirts



Designing Men  
 Gift Certificate  
 Valid thru 1998  
 NO.



# Horoscope

By Dean Poh

## Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan 19)

Happy Birthday, Capricorn. Out of the blue! Good news! Opinions verified, prestige elevated, you win friends among the high and mighty. Outlet found for passionate desires. Scorpio will play a leading role.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

If you've been attempting to hide something—and you have—you're in for a rude awakening. You're going to learn more than you ever cared to know.

## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is a high time for you, Scorpio. Your way is the right way and others will have to make peace with that and be happy. Some will and others will not.

## Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

This is the time to stress independence, daring, courage, willingness to give and receive love. Leo is in the picture and the world seems rosy.

## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Career matters dominate. You are in for a variety of sensations and new and exciting experiences. Gain via words, verbal and written. Surprise package will lend spice to the scenario.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Emphasize diplomacy. Establish price for what you're selling. Music will play a strong role as you broaden your horizons. A loved one embarks on a journey. Affectionate goodbye.

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

Passion all the way! Hidden values surface, side of nature previously under control flares into open. Dilemma resolved concerning a lover.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

This is not the time to hold back in expressing yourself in writing. Your talents in many areas are about to be finally recognized. You could take the prize.

## Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Don't worry. You're going to say the

right things at that special moment. Now is the time to do that decorating you've been planning and think about your future plans  
**Cancer (June 22-July 22)**

Stop deceiving yourself. That's what you're doing, you know. This is the time when you ooze with sensuality. Take advantage of it.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your efforts are going to bring the desired results. That relationship is going to get serious. A powerful person will come to your aid.

## Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Avoid scattering your efforts. You're attempting to please everyone and that can't be done. If you learn that, you're going to save yourself a lot of grief.

**Editor's Note:** Dean Poh is currently living in Manila. He is an astrologer of wide experience, but he is also a gifted seer who, as he says, uses many means to divine the future. He ascribes his sensitivity to his being Gay because "Gay people are on the seventh and highest rung of spiritual evolution."

His column will be offered exclusively in Wisconsin Light for your entertainment once a month.

volunteers serving the community since 1974

### ANONYMOUS HIV ANTIBODY TESTS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
6-8:30 pm

### BESTD MEN'S CLINIC

STD Diagnosis & Treatment  
Tuesdays 6-8:30 pm • Walk-In

### BESTD WOMEN'S CLINIC

1st and 3rd Thursday (Monthly)  
6-8:30 pm • Walk-In

### SUPPORT GROUPS

For Gay HIV+ Men and Their Partners

### HIV EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Call for information

## BESTD

C•L•I•N•I•C

1240 East Brady Street  
414-272-2144

Call for information and appointments


# MANOEUVRES

One-Fifty South Blair Street, Madison, Wisconsin  
608.258.9918

Sunday December 21st

**"A Divine Christmas" Featuring Divine & Some of Madison's Top Performers.**

All Proceeds of this Show to Benefit the homeless shelters of Madison. Last Year we raised \$1,700 help us meet our goal of \$2,000 this year. We will be giving away a color tv during the show.

A Wisconsin Light Spotlight Event. 

**Celebrate New Years Eve At Manoeuvres.**

Wednesday December 31st. DJ & Dancing all night long. Party Favors, Buffet & Champagne toast at Midnight.

# MANOEUVRES

One-Fifty South Blair Street, Madison, Wisconsin  
608.258.9918

# MAD BAR

150 S. Blair Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
608.258.9918

**Manoeuvres & The MAD bar will be open Christmas Eve & Christmas Day at 8PM.**

## We Are Family

GIFT & ESPRESSO SHOP  
524 East Wilson Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
608.258.9006

Look for that Last Minute Christmas Gift at Madison's Only Gay themed gift shop. WE ARE FAMILY Hours Tues-Thurs Noon-9PM, Fri-Sat Noon-9:30PM, Sun Noon-6PM. WE ARE FAMILY will be open Monday Dec 22 from Noon-6PM. Check out our Holiday Sale Specials.

## MANOEUVRES

One-Fifty South Blair Street, Madison, Wisconsin  
608.258.9918

## MAD BAR

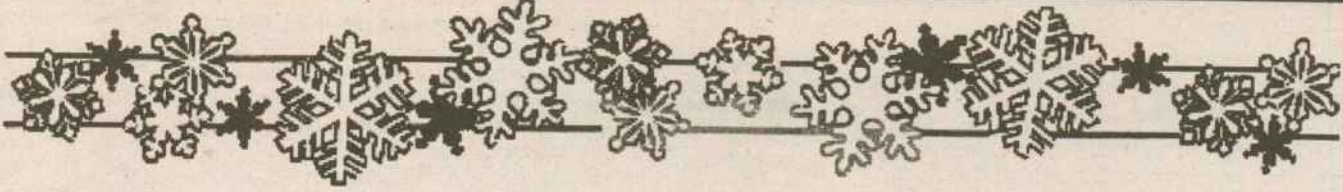
150 S. Blair Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
608.258.9918

## We Are Family

GIFT & ESPRESSO SHOP  
524 East Wilson Street  
Madison, Wisconsin  
608.258.9006

Manoeuvres, The MAD Bar & We Are Family want to wish all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Look for details about our NEW happy hour coming soon.

A Special Thank You to all who helped make the Lady Bunny Show a success. With your help we were able to raise \$1,557.00 for Camp Heartland.



**DISCOVER WISCONSIN'S GAY  
ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX!**

4 Different Places to Party, Dance or Relax  
7 Bars ▪ 2 Dance Floors ▪ 4 Sound Systems  
Video ▪ Food ▪ Games ▪ Dancing  
**Open Nightly at 8PM**

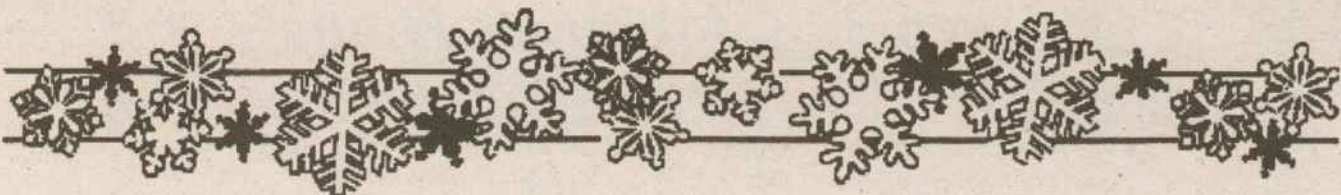
*LaCage*

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
TO ALL!**

**NEW YEARS EVE AT  
WISCONSIN'S PREMIERE CLUB**

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| □ 9-11:30PM   | Gourmet Buffet and<br>Complimentary Champagne |
| □ 11-Midnight | Video and Dance Record Countdowns             |
| □ 2AM         | Special "LaCage Showcase"                     |
| □ 5AM         | "Soak-Em-Up" Buffet                           |

WATCH US GROW IN 1998!  
701-705 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Milwaukee



# THE NIGHT LIGHT

By Dusty Sass

**NEWS...** Miguel is no longer at the **Eagle** in Milwaukee. The dress code at the bar is also no longer there, except for the Golden Shaft Club in the back room. The dress code wasn't really that much to begin with since basically anyone could get in as long as they weren't wearing white tennis shoes.

A majority interest in **Walker's Point Café** is being sold to Dennis Hill. George the current majority owner says that the Café will undergo some remodeling soon. George will retain part ownership of Walker's Point and will continue to manage it.

We also hear that the Madison's licensing authority delayed for another month its expected approval of a license transfer to a new location for **Manoeuvres**.

Speaking of **Manoeuvres**, that bar did a super job with it's Lady Bunny benefit for Camp Heartland. They raised \$1,557 in just one night. Way to go!!!!

**Recaps...** With the holiday season upon us, I have been even busier than usual, but I have been a great time too.

The other night I was over at **In Between**, and somehow got into a discussion of how long a Gay man would have to be chaste and pure in thought and deed before he could be a virgin again. The discourse on this topic lasted through several bar stops. Brad at **In Between** thought one night would do it provided it wasn't the night before a Packer game. Tony, that hunky bartender at **This Is It** said one night would definitely be enough. Rick Forbes from Grey line tours just laughed when we asked him.

George Prentice over at **La Cage** explained that technically speaking men can't be virgins to begin with. His friend Mark speaking with voice of experience (he is soon to be 39) said it was impossible because "all men are born pigs."

The best answer came from Baby Jane Hudson. She is such a sex expert (that sounds much better than slut doesn't it?), Baby Jane said 48 hours would do the trick. And she assures us they don't have to be consecutive, "an hour here an hour

there whatever, just so they are in the same year or two."

I had a GREAT time at Sheryl's birthday party at **Station 2**. The place was packed and, along with everyone, I had a smashing good time. Sheryl is one of the nicest people I know and it seems like everyone else thinks so, too.

I also had a great time at the Miss La Cage pageant. (Watch our next issue for pictures) It seemed that lots of celebs were there. Cass Marie Domino and Duwanna Moore were judges along with Kimberly Ann and Keith, and Lizzie from Club 219. Cass and Duwanna did dynamite numbers while the contestants did their changes as did the cast of the La Cage showcase.

The big surprise of the evening was Miss Mary Richards, who came down from the Twin Cities to return to the Milwaukee stage. That girl has still got and then some.

Another show stopper came from one of my favorites, Miss Sage La Rue. Dressed as white trailer trash from Walmart, Miss La Rue brought the house down with a foot stomping, hand clapping country medley. The moves that girl put out had to be seen to be believed.

Billie Blaze wowed em and won the coveted title. Lana St. James (the tallest Drag Queen in captivity) was a close second. Lana's Cher number was a real hoot!

Also in attendance were Ron Geiman, Curt from **In Between**, Rob from the Triangle and Mike, SSBL treasurer along with quite a few staff members from **Manoeuvres** which was doing a Holiday party bar crawl.

Speaking of which I had a fine time accompanying that bunch for part of its tour which included the **M & M Club, Woody's, In Between, the Milwaukee Eagle and La Cage**. Every one of those places extended some good old Milwaukee hospitality. The **Manoeuvres** boys are real sweethearts and so cute too! (see our next issue for pictures of that too)

I was in Madtown for **Manoeuvres** third anniversary, as usual I had a blast. The crowd at **Manoeuvres** was great and so

were the strippers er um I mean exotic dancers.

In addition to stopping there I also had a great steak sandwich at the **Shamrock**. Don't miss stopping in at this bar. It is a very friendly place.

So is **Kirby's Klub** which is just two doors away. Unfortunately Kirby wasn't around the evening I was there but I look forward to seeing him soon.

Other fun stops the last few weeks included: The Shoreline Christmas Party at **Just Us**. If you weren't there you missed Sandy Beach, aka Just Us co-owner Steve Byers, butchering it up country style. Then there was the Firebird's Christmas party hosted by the **Boot Camp** at its Club House. There was more than enough to eat and drink.

Speaking of **The Boot Camp** there was a large crowd on hand for its annual Holiday Party. Great food and great company made for an enjoyable time. Of course the Packer's trouncing Carolina earlier in the day helped put everyone in a festive mood.

I watched the game over at **In Between** where a large crowd was on hand cheering, stomping and in general carrying on.

I didn't see anyone stomping or cheering at **This Is It** the evening that I was there, but that's okay. **This Is It** is one of those places where you don't need to know anyone to have a great time. There's always people to talk to and enjoy the evening with.

And speaking of **This Is It**, "Santa" visited there on Sunday, December 14, along with Ted Berg—in a tutu, no less, to raise money for MAP. Over \$300 was raised. Way to go, guys.

Speaking of enjoying the evening, I spent some time on South Second Street in Milwaukee one Saturday. The folks at the **Ball Game** were their usual friendly selves. I also stopped in at **Dish**. I really like this place. Owner/manager Julie told me that she is thrilled with how well the bar is doing and that she is pleased that so many Gay men like it too. She asked me to tell you that even though the basic concept of **Dish** is to have a bar for Women, men are more than welcome to stop by and enjoy the place as well.

**Coming Up...** On **Thursday December 18** I will be taking in two more holiday parties. First stop will be **Dish** which is holding its first ever Holiday bash. Then it will be over to **In Between**. The **In Between** party is a Spotlight event because we had

so much fun at last year's party.

Then on **Friday, December 19** Dr. Shovelit, Ruthie and I are going Christmas shopping. The good Doctor and I were going to buy Ruthie a date with Fabio, but it was too expensive. She will just have to settle for this cute Italian we found at the store. After shopping till we drop, we'll be at **La Cage** to trip the light fantastic to the tunes of two of our favorite DJ's, Dave and Tony aka Tanya.

First of course we will take in the **La Cage Showcase's** Christmas show.

**Saturday December 20** is another Holiday party. This one is at **Just Us**. Sandy Beach and the Just Us Divas will be there ready and waiting for you.

There are three big parties on **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**. I will be in Madison for the annual **Manoeuvres** Holiday benefit. Sponsored by **Manoeuvres** and **The Wisconsin Light**. This year's proceeds go to Madison's homeless shelters. There should be a huge crowd and Big Daddy has been preparing an extra special show. Bring lots of money to buy raffle tickets or get coal in your stocking come Christmas Eve.

**This Is It** will also have a big affair. While I won't be able to make it, I know that practically everyone else from the paper will be there. Stop in and get some holiday cheer from Joe and his staff.

Oh by the way, Jerry Grillo will be performing at **This Is It** on January 18. He's great! I wouldn't miss him.

The third big bash will be at **La Cage**. There will be food, goody bags, drink specials and who knows what else? Last but not least, the **La Cage** showcase will present their Christmas show. Best of all it's all free!!!

**Christmas Eve and Christmas day** I will be with my family. I certainly hope that you have someone you love to share the holidays with. If not then head over to some of the many fine establishments that stay open to provide us all with some holiday cheer.

I hear that all the bars got together and decided that on **Wednesday December 31** they will all celebrate New Year's Eve. (and you thought that queers couldn't agree on anything.) Hope you celebrate safely and sanely. After all that I will rest for a while.

I wanted to go to the big United Pink Party in Madison, but unfortunately, I can't make it. But don't let that stop you. It's **Please See Night Light Page 25**

Should old acquaintances be forgot and never brought to mind, come to **In-Between** for the New Years scene and the best time in town you'll find.

Sue and Jay Q.

Proud to be Milwaukee's Ultimate

6  
2  
5  
S  
2  
n  
d  
S  
t  
r  
e  
e  
t

**IN BETWEEN IN**

PACKER HEADQUARTERS

M  
i  
l  
w  
a  
u  
k  
e  
e  
1  
1

**NFL Playoffs are Happening Here!!**

# A Happy New Year Starts at In-Between

Open 33 Continuous Hours

Champagne Hors d'Oeuvres Balloon Drop



## A New Year's Eve Bash

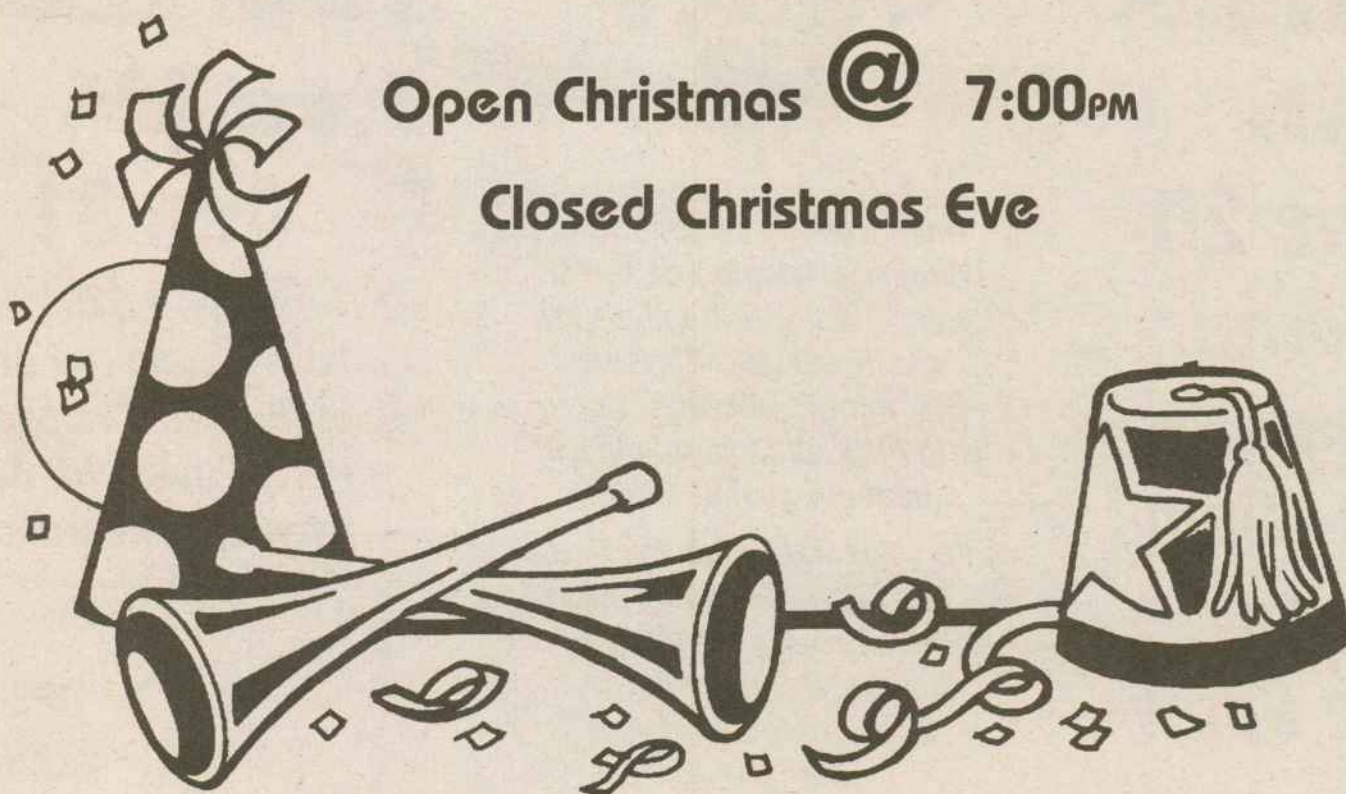
### Hot! Hot! Dance Party

- Complimentary Champagne at Midnight
  - Buffet @ 2:00AM
  - Party Favors
    - Kisses

Presale Tickets \$3.00/\$5.00 at the door  
(Buy early to ensure admittance)

Open Christmas @ 7:00PM

Closed Christmas Eve



# Everyone's Welcome

(Leather dress code enforced in back bar only)

DJ Thursday thru Sunday

**Sunday Tea Dance - Open 4pm**



**MILWAUKEE  
EAGLE**  
300 WEST JUNEAU • MILW, WI • 273-6900

**WED, DEC 17 • 8<sup>PM</sup>**

Come celebrate the Holidays with



with DJ Freddie Bain (From Chicago)  
Complimentary Cocktails, 8-10pm  
Free Food

Special Holiday Gifts for all in attendance

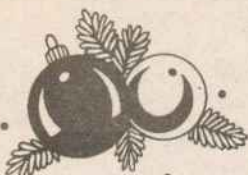
SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, and May Complicate Pregnancy.

**FREE PARKING**

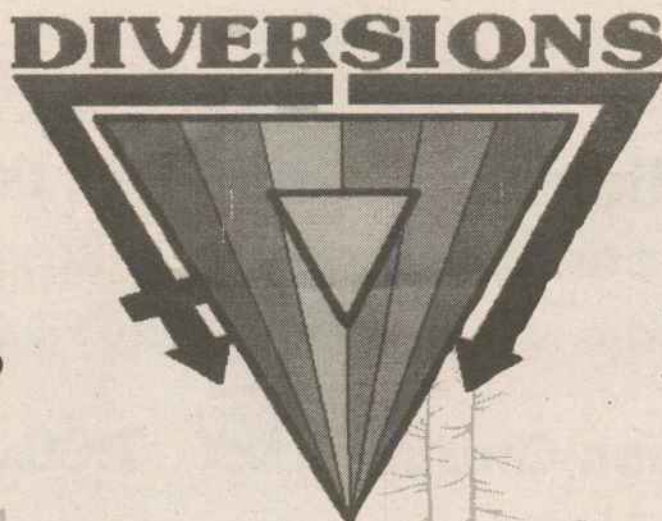
in the CPS Parking Lot  
behind building after 8pm

OPEN: Mon-Sat, 8pm-Close  
Sun, 4pm-Close  
NO PICTURE ID, NO ENTRY

1413 Green Valley Road • Neenah, Wisconsin • 725-3374 • (Exit Hwy 41 at Breezewood, South on Green Valley)  
OPEN: Monday thru Saturday, 7-Close • Closed Sunday



DIVERSIONS and  
BACK IN BLACK's  
**Christmas  
Bash**  
Sat, Dec 20  
Free Buffet  
Drink Specials  
Show at 10pm  
Dancing  
after the Show



DIVERSIONS and  
BACK IN BLACK's  
**New Year's  
Eve Party**  
Dec 31

\$15/person • \$25/couple  
Includes: Open rail or Beer  
Bust; Buffet; Champagne;  
Party Favors till 4am  
Special Appearances  
Dancing

Thank you to everyone who watched it wiggle and saw it jiggle with our Jell-o shots for Camp Heartland's Christmas Fund, our benefit for Children with AIDS. With your help we beat our goal of \$700.

A Very Special Thank You to the CC Rae Show, Designing Men of Milwaukee, Rascals Bar, and General Beverage (Miller Brewing) for all of your contributions.

From the Entire Staff of  
Diversions & Back in Black...

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



OPEN NEW YEAR'S DAY  
\$1.50 Bloody Mary's at 8am and other Hangover Specials throughout the day.

OPEN CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY  
DJ spinning your favorite dance music BOTH nights.

# OUT on Film

## 'Titanic' is a Great Movie; the "Must-See" Adventure Film of the Year

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Yes, Virginia (plus faithful readers of *The Wisconsin Light*), there is not only a Santa Claus but this Christmas he's brought us yet another cinematic exploration of that fabled, ill-fated ship on that ill-fated night so very long ago.

Starring many a Gay man's wet-dream fantasy, Leonardo DiCaprio (although not Glenn's, however), *Titanic* is the must-see flick that Glenn was dragged to kicking and screaming! "Not another underwater disaster film, please!" cried Glenn, still in therapy following Shelley Winter's tragic death scene in *The Poseidon Adventure*.

Foregoing a "Biggie Diet Pepsi" (hey, the film's over three hours!) but armed with his familiar "Biggie Popcorn," Glenn trudged down the aisle, filled with both apprehensions and misgiving, nervously awaiting the beginning of this season's "biggie" motion picture.

Glenn's childish scene outside the cinema was all for naught! From *Titanic's* opening sequence through the touching climax, Glenn was both pleased and quite surprised to find himself absolutely spellbound.

Cameron's story opens with a modern-day framing sequence. Brock Lovett (Bill Paxton) is leading an excavation sequence of the "Titanic," a desolate underwater ruin bathed in appropriately eerie light. His quest is for a fabled diamond necklace, long reputed lost at sea.

Found instead is a charcoal drawing of a beautiful woman wearing the much sought-after necklace. He's close, he feels. When he brings this discovery to the media, a mysterious old woman (Gloria Stuart) contacts Brock, with the absurd claim that she is that woman in the drawing.

Old Rose bewitches the salvage crew (the audience as well) with her extraordinary story, shown in flashback. Young Rose DeWitt Bukater (Kate Winslet) is re-

turning from Europe and soon to enter into a marriage with Cal (Billy Zane), an odious man she will never love. So odious is Cal that on her first night aboard, she skips desert and goes on deck, climbs the rail and contemplates a watery end.

Enter Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio), a sort of seventeen year-old tumbleweed who won his ticket aboard "Titanic" in a poker game. Jack had earlier spied the lovely American and is all too eager to save the day and win her heart. Which he does, to no one's surprise, especially Glenn. The rest of the story is something of a "Romeo & Juliet" on the high seas.

This unsinkable ship will sink, it must, after all and director Cameron accomplishes this with some of the most astonishing special effects you'll ever see -- so astonishing that you'd swear they built an exact replica of the Titanic and sunk it all over again. (Considering how much this picture cost to make, perhaps they did?)

Leonardo DiCaprio still bugs Glenn, never seeming appropriate in historical roles. And at first glance, Mr. DiCaprio also looks a bit slight and perhaps a little too winsome next to the radiant Kate Winslet. Still, Glenn must grudgingly attest to a very real chemistry between the two actors and their scenes late in the film are quite effective.

None of the other characters get much of a chance to emerge as anything other than cardboard cut-outs although Victor Garber has a few nice moments as the designer of the ill-fated ship and special mention must be given to Gloria Stuart who is nothing short of captivating as Old Rose.

Go see *Titanic* to experience the fabulous effects, enjoy the romance as an added bonus!

*Titanic* opens December 19, in theaters everywhere.

Rating \$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

## Seen 'Titanic' and Want to See More? Try the Real Thing: IMAX's 'Titanica'

By John A. Jahn

On the night of April 15, 1912, during its maiden voyage across the icy North Atlantic Ocean, the magnificent White Star liner R.M.S. *Titanic*, described as virtually unsinkable during her construction, collided with an iceberg 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland and plunged 2 1/2 miles beneath the sea, at which depth the pressure is a crushing 4,000 lbs. per square inch.

Having only enough lifeboats for roughly half its passengers and crew, some 1,502 people lost their lives. In 1991, an historic, joint, American-Canadian-Russian team set out to explore and film the wreckage of the *Titanic* using the IMAX (Maximum Image) format.

*Titanica*, the IMAX film of that exploration which opened at the Humphrey Dome Theater in downtown Milwaukee December 6th, takes you where very, very few have gone before, and does so in a fascinating, gripping way.

Forget for a moment any television documentaries you've seen on the subject. Forget also the current Hollywood dramatization. In *Titanica*, you see the remains of this once resplendent vessel in actual size!

This is accomplished through the IMAX cameras pointed out the porthole-sized windows of two Russian deep sea submersibles, Mir I and Mir II. Of course the filming takes place where it's so deep that no sunlight ever penetrates, but the viewing is lit in a ghostly, murky fashion by some very bright lights - the best so far to visit the site.

Apart from the wonderful scenes taking place on the ocean floor, *Titanica* also shows us the interiors of the submersibles, making you feel as if you're with them in those cramped things; as well as aboard their parent ship, the *Akademik Keldysh*.

The personal touch is added by retelling the experiences of the voyage through a survivor, Eva Hart. Finally, black and white photos taken of the *Titanic* are blown up to fill the huge screen, bringing you closer to the ship and its time in history than ever before possible.

*Titanica's* best moments are when you're down there with the ship itself, which is, after all, what you've come to

see. Thankfully, there's plenty of that, and it's put into good context.

Unfortunately, despite the IMAX camera and lighting, it's difficult at times to know exactly what you're looking at - only a few scenes are recognizably ship-like. Yet this is a haunting experience free of Hollywood fiction and melodrama, and definitely worth booking passage on. For film schedules and advance ticket purchases, call 414/319-IMAX. ★★★1/2

## Emotionally Uplifting, 'Good Will Hunting' Makes an Excellent Holiday Film

By John A. Jahn

No one would envy Will Hunting (the adorable Matt Damon) his childhood. It was, from what we gradually discover, a nightmare of emotional detachment and physical abuse. Now in his early 20s, Will remains unable to allow anyone to get close to him, and his bursts of violent temper unsettle his friends and get him in trouble with the law.

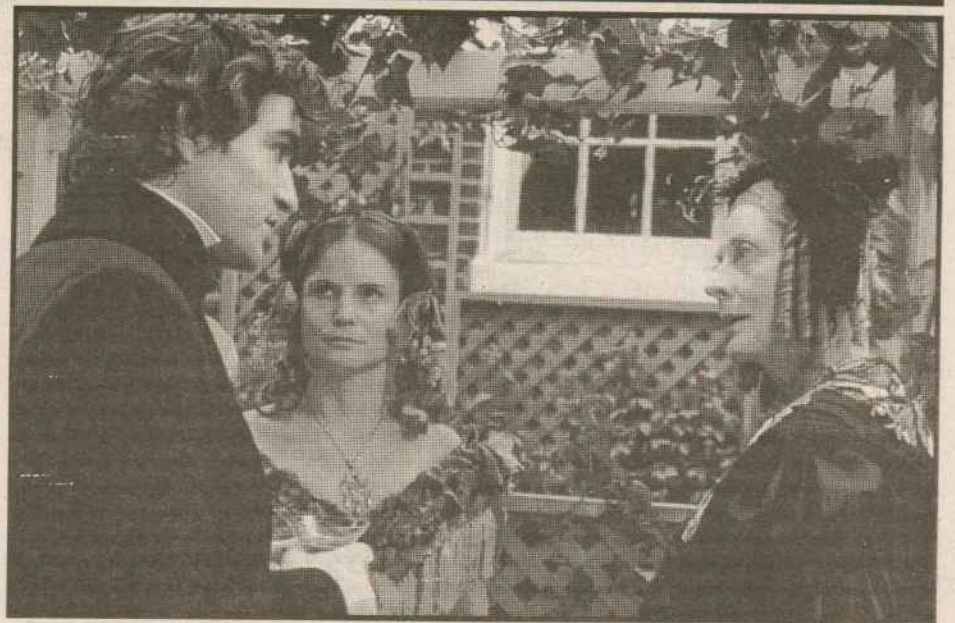
He has thus far in his life ignored using the natural genius he possesses - an affinity for mathematics and a photographic memory.

When Will's thus far hidden talents are noticed by a math professor (Stellan Skarsgard) at the college he works at (as a janitor), Will's world changes dramatically. The professor's attempts to get Will to feel some sense of enthusiasm for his natural intelligence and become interested in making use of it professionally hits a brick wall - the barrier constructed by Will's personality disorder brought on by his terrible past.

Enter psychology teacher Sean (Robin Williams), who agrees to visit with Will and attempt to break through that wall.

*Good Will Hunting* is at turns funny, emotionally uplifting, and sad. We come to empathize with Will, but find it difficult at times to like him because of his propensity to mistreat people around him. A budding romance with a British girl (Minnie Driver) comes to a heart-breaking halt the moment she gets too close to Will.

The scene where Will's wall finally cracks as he confronts his awful childhood



A Square Deal? - A scene from the drama "Washington Square" is shown above. (L-R) are Ben Chaplin, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Maggie Smith. The film currently playing at Milwaukee's Downer Theater for a limited engagement.

## 'Washington Square' is an Evocative Story of Correctness and Passion

By John A. Jahn

Catherine Sloper (Jennifer Jason Leigh), favored neither by beauty nor intelligence, is a Victorian era New York wallflower. The only child of a wealthy and distinguished physician, Dr. Austin Sloper (veteran actor Albert Finney), she has forever been the target of her father's cold, callous remarks to the effect that she possesses none of her late mother's loveliness, charm, or finesse.

Adding to Catherine's dilemma is the fact that her beloved mother died giving birth to her, and her father has carried an unspoken resentment towards her for this all her life.

Under her father's oppression - not altogether out of step for mid-19th century New York - Catherine grows into a shy, awkward young woman on the edge of spinsterhood, despite the machinations of her protective, helpful Aunt Lavinia Peniman (Maggie Smith).

But Catherine's life takes an abrupt turn when she encounters and is immediately smitten with a smooth and dashing wastrel, Morris Townsend (gorgeous Ben Chaplin). His sudden and tempestuous courting causes her to fall wildly and completely in love.

But the question remains: is Morris interested as much in Catherine for the charms he seems to feel she possesses, or for her considerable family fortune? Perhaps it's both. This quandary enters Catherine's mind not in the least, believing entirely in Morris' professed love, but Austin is highly suspicious. The stage is set for an emotionally-charged tug of war, not only over Catherine's love and devotion, but over her father's wealth.

Director Agnieszka Holland (*Angry Harvest*, *Europa Europa*, *The Secret Garden*) effectively and evocatively brings to

the big screen Henry James' novella *Washington Square* and in doing so, remains quite faithful to it. The same book has previously been the subject of a 1947 Broadway play and William Wyler's 1949 film, *The Heiress*, with Olivia de Havilland winning an Oscar for her portrayal of Catherine.

The dialog of this film is authentic sounding and appropriate for the film's setting. Adding to the sense of authenticity as well are the personalities of the characters themselves, the costumes, and most of all, the sets!

The dark, heavily decorated, stained wood interiors, the lovely 19th century townhouses set apart by dirt roads, and a terrific shot of New York harbor following Austin and Catherine's disastrous European trip, transport the action convincingly back a century and a half. You get a real sense of the stultifying mores of the time: the realism of James' exploration of complex, antiquated European values obscured by American realism and simplicity. Wed the wonderful story, sets, costumes, dialog, and excellent acting on the parts of the whole cast, and you have a very satisfying historical drama - even if not one where they all "lived happily ever after."

*Washington Square* began its exclusive, two week engagement at the Downer Theatre on December 12th. ★★★

## Sundance Film Festival To Screen Five New Gay-Themed Movies

New York, NY—*Variety* reports that the Sundance Film Festival has selected 103 features for its 1998 edition, which will take place January 15-25 in Park City, Utah.

The festival, which serves as the most important discovery point and launching pad for American independent films and now ranks as one of the most eagerly anticipated film events of the year internationally, has cut the number of films it will be presenting this year.

According to *Variety*, there were 750 films submitted for inclusion. From these, 32 films were picked. Among these are 5 Lesbian or Gay themed films.

*Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss* directed by Tommy O'Haver, an old-fashioned romantic comedy about a young Gay photographer who becomes infatuated with a straight waiter/musician/model.

*High Art* directed by Lisa Cholodenko; a comic Lesbian romance set in the world of fashion photography starring Ally Sheedy, Radha Mitchell and Patty Clarkson.

*Divine Trash* directed by Steve Yeager; a portrait of filmmaker John Waters.

*Out of the Past*, directed by Jeff Dupre; an account of a Salt Lake City high school student's creation of a Gay/straight alliance.

*Relax, It's Just Sex*, directed by P. J. Castellaneta; a romantic-dramatic comedy about a group of straights and Gays in L.A., starring Jennifer Tilly and Lori Petty.



★★★1/2

## 'Wings of the Dove' is an Intelligently and Beautifully Acted Film

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Even the most faithful of faith readers of *The Wisconsin Light* might have missed Glenn's review of *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, relegated as it was to the nethermost regions of the last issue.

Glenn was all set to attend a screening of *Wings of the Dove*, starring the absolutely yummy Linus Roche (who will be fondly remembered from the controversial Priest) when summoned to a screening of the absolutely dreadful cinematic adaptation of John Berendt's best-seller. Ever the dedicated journalist, Glenn answered that summons, sadly foregoing the anticipated pleasures of *Wings of the Dove* in favor of Eastwood's fiasco. All Glenn can say, "Big mistake!"

While *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* should be avoided like the plague, *Wings of the Dove*, based upon a Henry James' story, is a marvelous exploration of love and betrayal and not to be missed.

The time is 1910, the place is London. Kate (Helena Bonham Carter) is a poor girl in love with Merton Densher (the aforementioned yummy Linus Roche), a struggling journalist. Recently placed under the tough-love care of her Aunt Maude (Charlotte Rampling), Kate seems destined for a loveless match with the icky Lord Mark (Alex Jennings). Kate and Merton snatch what few desperate moments of happiness they can before Aunt Maude intervenes. If only the young lovers had the money that could insure their freedom and certain marital happiness.

Fate so often works in mysterious ways and here offers up a sacrificial virgin: Millie Thiele (Alison Elliot), an American orphan heiress who spies Merton at a party and immediately falls madly in love with him. As if anyone wouldn't, Glenn muses.

This development might seem likely to spell disaster for the young lovers but as luck would have it, Millie is desperately ill. Should she fall in love with Merton and should she die, leaving her money to her

beloved, all real and imagined money problems would disappear paving the way for the subsequent marriage of Merton and Kate.

What makes this romantic triangle so fascinating, their desperate plight so compelling, is how richly drawn are the three characters in Hossein Amini's screenplay and how beautifully Helena Bonham Carter, Linus Roche and Alison Elliot play their roles.

Carter's Kate, her blazing eyes the only outward clue to her rebellious heart, walks a fine line in maintaining the cautious sympathies of the audience. Her love for Merton is clear (as perhaps by now is Glenn's raging devotion) as, too, is her increasing friendship with Millie. So very apparent is the genuine affection of the two women that one might, as Glenn did, even ponder at possible Lesbian overtones.

Equally clear is the growing attachment between Millie and Merton, despite Merton's obvious reservations in Kate's scheme. Briefly, as Kate, Millie and Merton cavort in lush, romantic Venice, director Iain Softley seduces those romantics in the audience into thinking that a happily-ever-after ending is in store for this unlikely yet likeable threesome.

Unlike dreams, life tends to offer up a more than a few complications. Such romantic idylls are sadly short-lived before baser human emotions, such as jealousy and greed, inevitably lead to treachery and betrayal. Such is the case in *Wings of the Dove*.

What makes *Wings of the Dove* ultimately so satisfying to amoral modern audiences is the empathy generated by these characters' moral dilemmas and an ending that is neither simple or predictable. Intelligent, beautifully filmed and acted, *Wings of the Dove* is not to be missed!

*Wings of the Dove* is now playing at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater.

Rating \$\$\$\$\$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)

## 'Wagging the Dog' Begins Well, but Ends Up as Activist Foolishness

By Steve Stavron

Reviewing new films has become annoyingly ambivalent lately. It's irritating to try and do a balancing act between well intentioned quality effort and in trying to separate the wheat from the chaff, attempting to explain that dishearteningly sinking feeling which follows the final credits. Inevitably, however, we are left perplexed and frustrated as to why the final result has aborted itself.

Take for example Barry Levinson's new political satire *Wagging the Dog*. It boasts two such fine actors as Robert Di Nero and Dustin Hoffman. They both have plenty to keep them busy, what with rapid-fire scintillating dialogue as witty as some in the old Preston Sturges comedies [i.e. *Sullivan's Travels*] and with a minimum of pointless cussing to boot.

What's more, the film takes careful, discretionary aim at everyone's favorite media inspired political-targets—White House scandal, corrupt constituencies, and—Heaven help us—even at the sacrosanct CIA which is satirized as a home made Gestapo, acting as devil rather than deliverer.

But the film saves its wryest humor for the entertainment industry, and in particular, that sacred and undeniable source of absolute factual truth—TELEVISION NEWS BROADCASTS.

We are asked to buy into the premise that you can make anything happen by putting it on TV. To conquer the small screen is to rule the world. And this film milks our suspension of disbelief to the max.

The story revolves around the President's "special people" responsible for his impending reelection [Watergate?]. The president himself is never seen [although a partial side view shot reminds us of Nixon]—hence the title of the movie, but these "tails" that wag the "dog" are mad-cap in their ingenuity.

Having to deal with an allegation by a teenage girl that she was sexually assaulted by the President in the oval office while on a goodwill mission [Clinton?], the President's reelection committee calls upon special agent DeNiro as a Mr. Fixit to insure the upcoming election only 11 days away. De Niro devises an imaginary war with Albania as a diversionary tactic to make the President an indispensable hero in need.

He enlists the help of egocentric movie producer, played by Dustin Hoffman to orchestrate this "production" Relishing this, his greatest entertainment production to

date, producer Hoffman takes over completely. He films fake video footage of a ground war, invents an B3 bomber to carry a nuclear war head [in a suit case!—just in case] to hapless Albania and even gets Willie Nelson [hilariously playing someone much like himself] to compose some tacky patriotic spirituals and even tackier folk songs about humankind [Elton John?] and together with De Niro, gives all this razzle dazzle nonsense television exposure which convinces the media.

"If its on television its real," quips de Niro "We've got a war" Meanwhile the unseen President is in China, showing only casual interest in these maneuvers, fully confident that his "people" will do whatever it takes to get him reelected. Little is said about poor Albania's reaction to becoming a world threat overnight.

But the real razzle dazzle is in the zany dialogue and the sophisticated repartee between De Niro and Hoffman while other cast members struggle to keep up. Hoffman has a slight edge, being deliciously manic-obsessed with his productive "film project". He turns his role into riotous caricature addressing every setback that besets the "committee" with the same ready made response. "This is nothing—now when I was producing—", but De Niro knows when to give or take center stage, and the two stars make a winning ensemble.

Up to this point, the film skims gently over its absurd subject matter, barely touching ground and reveling in its cool fun-filled cynicism. Even if you don't buy into its contemporary paranoia about everyone in apolitical bureaucracy being controlled by someone subversively stronger in an upscale chain of command, or believe that television can be manipulated to illustrate truths so absolute that they would put a medieval ecclesiastic to shame the sheer velocity and cleverness of the quicksilver dialogue and the professional panache which a good cast brings to it gives the movie its moments of sheer comic delight.

We mustn't stop to think that eventually "truth" will out even if its not the truth we want.

Unfortunately, while the movie is so cleverly laid out that its suspensions of disbelief don't seem to go over the top, it tops itself by transforming tongue in cheek cynicism into something more sinister. A Preston Sturges would have known that

Please See Dog Page 31



In Chains - Djimon Hounsou (center) and his fellow captives are charged with piracy and murder after a rebellion on the slave ship Amistad. The film is based on a real incident, it is playing at locations around Wisconsin.

## The Clash of Man vs. Rodent in 'Mouse Hunt' Entertains, But Without the Help of a Supporting Cast

By John A. Jahn

Ernie and Lars Smuntz (Nathan Lane, Lee Evans) are the feuding inheritors of an old, dilapidated string factory, bequeathed to them by their recently deceased father. Ernie would just as soon sell the place, but Lars won't let him because of a promise made to his father while on his death bed.

They also inherit a run down house out in the boonies which Ernie and Lars never knew their father owned.

They feel cheated in these meager possessions, but soon realize that the old house is a potential gold mine: it turns out it's an unknown design of a world famous architect and now collectors from across the globe are interested in buying it...for millions of dollars, if need be.

There's just one small problem: the house's sole inhabitant is a wily, pernicious little mouse, and Ernie's and Lars' run ins with him lead them on a comic, destructive *Mouse Hunt*.

The epic battle of Man vs. Rodent ensues, and does so in an amusingly violent fashion (though happily we're not talking bloody violence here; this is a film aimed at youngsters, after all).

*Mouse Hunt* is the technically wonderful, funny, sometimes touching, but ultimately flawed effort of Dreamworks SKG Studios and director Gore Verbinski. Gore who? Chances are you've never heard of

him, because till now he's directed only Budweiser frog commercials! Still, as in those cute ads, his directing is well-suited to this film. Its comedy is accented by a charmingly plucky score by *Forrest Gump* composer Alan Silvestri.

Apart from the central characters, there are a series of two-dimensional, goofy supporting ones, such as a bloated, greedy, house collector played by Maury Chaykin, Caesar the exterminator (Christopher Walken), and of course, the mouse.

Walken's brief role as the deadly serious exterminator is fun while it lasts, but he's given only a couple scenes before the mouse dispatches with him. *Mouse Hunt* is at its funniest when the brothers are at home with the seemingly indestructible mouse, but the entertainment level fairly grinds to a halt when we're forced to make do with the weak supporting cast and sometimes unfunny punch lines.

Surely, the pratfalls and disastrous efforts to rid the house of the pesky mouse are well choreographed and worth a chuckle or two, but you just wish there was more to *Mouse Hunt* than the mouse hunt.

The kids will likely love this holiday film, adults will find amusement in its better moments, and both groups will have to agree: that's one rambunctious - but adorable - mouse! ★★1/2

## 'Home Alone 3' is Best Enjoyed With a Heavy Dose of Prozac

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Here's a secret. Glenn loves Christmas. Worse, Glenn especially loves the sappiest and most sentimental of tradition holiday motion picture fare. Faithful readers of the *Wisconsin Light* might remember Glenn as one of an elite group of critics to give a thumb's up to last year's *Jingle All the Way*.

*Home Alone*, a decidedly improbable smash hit, featured an impossibly cute Macaulay Culkin who wishes that his family would disappear (the sort of dreams Glenn often had at that age besides being a marvelously perverse reversal of Frank Capra's multi-hacky *It's a Wonderful Life*?).

The story goes something like this: when the little lad wakes up one morning, once upon a time, he finds that he's been left behind when his sit-com family take a Christmas jaunt to Paris. He's "home alone", get it? Throw in the bungling antics of would-be burglars Daniel Stern and Joe Pesci and the result is a homespun family flick guaranteed to please middle-America, young and old alike!

Hughes's predictably predicible sequel found an older yet no wiser Macaulay Culkin alone, not in his happy little suburban home but now in big, bad New York City—a fantasy Glenn shares!

But *Home Alone 3*? Glenn would have thought that Macaulay Culkin would be too old to be in a third entry in this popular, pleasant if contrived series of holiday pictures. And isn't little Macaulay too old for yet another sequel, too old even for Michael Jackson Glenn might wickedly ponder out loud.

Gone, indeed in this third entry are Macaulay and the rest of his original family but Hughes is savvy (or perhaps so tediously uninspired) enough to keep intact his

successful formula: to one preposterous plot throw in one cute kid, an inept group of bad guys and one well-manufactured happily-ever-after ending.

Another impossibly cute suburban sitcom kid (Hollywood must be filled with impossibly cute kids!) comes down with a case of chicken pox and is left home alone when both Mom and Dad are away at work.

Baby-sitter? Get a baby-sitter? Why bother? That mean old lady next door will be happy to keep an eye on the youthful patient. Sure she will?!

Four inept foreign terrorists on hot pursuit of a secret computer micro-chip invade Alex's (Alex D. Linz) happy suburban haven. When the enterprising lad spies them breaking into the neighbors' homes and performing such dastardly acts as dog-napping, he justly calls in the boys in blue. Donuts tossed aside, a fleet of squad cars is soon seen screeching into this otherwise deserted neighborhood.

Alas, for naught as the terrorists escape just in the nick o' time. Next day, same story and little Alex is one again chastised by the increasingly humorless authority figures, namely mom and dad. The police aren't too thrilled either.

Well, you can guess what happens next. It's little boy versus band of ruthless international terrorists. Can the ending ever be in doubt?

Mindless entertainment, perhaps, but Glenn was a bit startled to hear how much adults in the audience responded to the John Hughes's familiar formula farce (say that three times fast!).

The new kid is appropriately cute, a few of the antics clever but *Home Alone 3* is likely to be best enjoyed well prozaced and with youngsters in tow!

Rating \$\$ (scale \$ to \$\$\$\$\$\$)



**Night Light**  
Continued From Page 20

going to be a great bash. It's the largest Gay and Lesbian New Year's Eve party in Wisconsin and one of the biggest in the country, AND it benefits a great cause, the United.

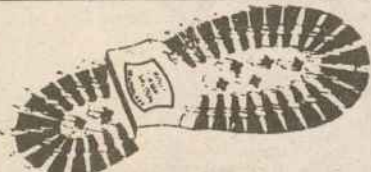
Well that is it for now (like isn't that enough?) I want to thank everyone who helped make 1997 such an enjoyable time for me, most especially the folks at La Cage, In Between, Mama Roux, This Is It, the Ball Game, Dish, the Boot Camp, Just Us, The Milwaukee Eagle After-words Books, Room of One's Own, Manoeuvres, Kirby's Klub, and the Shamrock, plus the La Cage Showcase, and DJ Dave, the SSBL, Diversions, Landmark Enterprises, Anna Belle Havlicek, Ross and Robert, Chase Hunter, Singsational, The Shoreline Dancers, Big Daddy, Tammy Baldwin and her staff, the Mama's Family Softball team, the Green Bay Packers and of course all of you.

Hope to see you out and about soon in what's left of 1997 and during all of 1998. Meanwhile STAY SAFE AND BE PROUD!



Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year  
To All My Friends

Walter Brendt



**BOOT CAMP SALOON**  
MILWAUKEE'S  
LEATHER/LEVI BAR

209 E. National  
Milwaukee, WI

414-643-6900 • e-mail BCSaloon@aol.com

# Dear Ruthie

*Well, Pearl, Harriet, and I made it to Las Vegas. Our jack-pot heaven and man-crazy weekend is about to begin. The weather here is wonderful and I only wish I could have brought you all here with me. The plane ride was a little hard, however. The darn thing was rocking back and forth more than the conjugal visit trailer at a women's prison.*

*We all assumed that the plane was bouncing around due to stormy weather. We had no idea Pearl was in the cockpit entertaining the pilots. For once the cockpit adequately lived up to its name. Oh - I can't believe that came out of my mouth. Don't tell Pearl.*

*During the "storm" I managed to comfort myself with a few of those little vodka bottles the airlines have. "YOU sit down airplane bitch! And get me another bottle of Hans and Frans Vodka or they'll be picking peanut shrapnel outta your butt for weeks!" My friend Harriet, on the other hand, was more nervous than a pig in a football factory, and had to take a few pills to get to sleep.*

*Before we knew it, however, we were in Vegas. I was feeling a little frisky, but Harriet was busy looking through her luggage for a "pick-me-up," and Pearl needed to rub Ben-Gay on her inner-thighs and get her hair done, so I thought I'd answer a letter I brought with me.*

*I'm going to e-mail this column (see - I'm hip with the kids. I'm cool to the cyber scene daddy-o!) to my editors and publishers and go hit the slot machines. Unfortunately, Pearl already played slot machine on the plane, and Harriet is out like a light so it looks like I'll be going myself. Have a great week everyone!!!!*

Dear Ruthie,

OK, here's the situation -You meet someone you think is really nice and possibly could be a fun guy to go out and do things with. Currently he's not dating anyone. BUT he's the ex-boyfriend of a friend of yours. Your friend - who's his ex - is dating someone, but the 2 of them are still friends. You also know that if you broke the ice



Ruthie

and asked him to do something, he'd probably say yes, because you know he's interested.

Would you think it wise to pursue the relationship, or do you think it would jeopardize a friendship?

(Signed)  
Just Not Sure

Dear Not Sure,

Well, if you're anything like my ex-friend, Slutty Marie, you'd jump the guy the minute your friend's back was turned. That's right. Just invite yourself over for dinner one night and when your hostess leaves the room - to get the jello mold she's been working on all day - drop your bloomers around your ankles and show him what those support hose are really supporting.

I remember that night like it was yesterday. I come back from the kitchen - jello in hand - and there's Slutty Marie pulling her house coat open and showing Chester her "forbidden garden of middle-aged womanhood," as she called it. I tell ya - I leave the room for two seconds, and this over-the-hill hippie goes and pulls a geriatric

Sharon Stone on me.

Do you want to see that? Between her folds of flab, the black stomach hair, the boils and tattoos, and that third nipple - I don't think Chester knew what the hell he was looking at. My God! Her body looks like the floor of an auditorium after a Guns and Roses concert.

She made poor Chester turn white! What scared us both, was that neither Chester nor I knew where that fly flew out of either.

But anyway, you don't sound like Slutty Marie, so I'm sure you'd handle this situation quite differently. I wouldn't pursue this without speaking to your friend first as you don't know what emotions could still be flying around.

You may want to start the conversation off like this. "Gee, I really enjoy your friend (or ex). Isn't he seeing anyone? I can't imagine why not. I think he's a great person."

Who knows? After hearing this, your friend may even do a little matchmaking for you!

If you get no reaction after a week, however, just come right out and say; "I know this sounds odd, but I can't stop thinking about how much fun I had with your friend. Would you be uncomfortable if I called him myself? I really thought he and I had a lot in common and might want to do something some time. Would this make you feel uncomfortable due to the past you two have?" See what happens then.

Be ready, however, to forget the whole thing if your buddy tells you that this guy is off limits where you are concerned. If that's the case, kindly tell your friend that you understand and don't want to do anything that would jeopardize your friendship. Thank your friend for being honest and move on. Move on sista - move on!

1506 North 3rd Street • Superior, WI



(715) 394-2580

Thursday • Karaoke - 8pm  
Friday & Saturday • DJ - 9:30pm  
• NIGHTLY SPECIALS •

## Come Celebrate New Years Eve at the Shamrock Bar

Zumbido & the Shamrock presents  
**The Goddesses of Ecstasy Show**  
Wednesday December 31, 1997  
show times 9:00 pm & 12:00 am  
no cover • door prizes  
free champagne & shots of Zumbido  
open 4:00 pm til ???

## Free Hats & Horns Fabulous Food Buffet

**Performers:**

- Caroline Klein - MC
- Simply Divine
- Cass Marie Domino - WISS Wisconsin Entertainer of the Year
- Felicia Melton - Smyth
- Kitty Licqour
- Jaquee Monet
- Beulah Ful
- and special guests



117 W Main Street

Madison (608) 255-5029

# Great Places In WISCONSIN

<b>Appleton</b>				
Rascals Bar & Grill	MW, Food	702 E. Wisconsin	54991	954-9262
<b>Eau Claire</b>				
Scoters	W,m	411 Galloway	54703	835-9959
Trading Co.	M,w DJ	304 Eau Claire St.	54701	838-9494
Wolf's Den	M,W	302 E. Madison	54703	832-9237
<b>Green Bay</b>				
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main Street	54304	437-3917
The Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	515 S. Broadway	54303	432-9646
Sass	WM	840 S. Broadway	54304	437-7277
Za's/Java's	MW, DJ	1106 Main St.	54301	435-5476
<b>Kenosha</b>				
Club 94	MW, DJ	9001 120th Ave	53140	857-9958
<b>La Crosse</b>				
Cavalier Lounge	Mw	114 N 5th St.	54601	782-9061
Players	S/G MW	218 Main Street	54601	782-9279
Rainbow's End	Retail	417 Jay St.	54601	
<b>Lake Mills</b>				
Cross Roads	G/S MW	W6642 Hwy B	53551	648-8457
<b>Madison</b>				
Geraldine's	WM, DJ	3054 E. Washington	53704	241-9335
Kirby's Klub	MW, DJ, Shows	121 W Main St	53703	257-5455
MAD Bar	M, L/L	150 S. Blair	53703	258-9918
Manoeuvres	MW, DJ, Shows	150 S. Blair	53703	258-9918
Room of One's Own	Books/Expresso	307 W. Johnson	53703	257-7888
Shamrock	MW	117 W. Main St	53703	255-5029
We Are Family	Retail/Expresso	524 E. Wilson	53703	258-9006
<b>Milwaukee</b>				
Afterwords Books	Retail/ Expresso	2710 N. Murray	53211	963-9089
1100 Club	M, L/L, Food	1100 S. 1st St.	53204	647-9950
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National	53204	643-6900
Cest Le Vie	M Shows	231 S. Second Street	53204	276-8890
Clinton St. Antiques	Retail	1110 S. 1 <sup>st</sup> Street	53204	647-1773
Club 219	Mw DJ, Shows	219 S. 2nd St.	53204	271-3732
D's Place	Wm, DJ	4025 N Port Washington	53212	962-9487
Designing Men	Retail	1200 S. 1 <sup>st</sup>	53204	389-1200
Dish	W, DJ	235 S. Second	53204	273-Dish
Emerald's Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley	53212	265-7325
Glass Menagerie	Food	124 N. Water	53202	347-1962
Grubb's Pub	MW, Food	807 S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	53204	384-8330
In Between	Mw, Sports Bar	625 S. 2nd St.	53204	273-2693
Just Us	WM, DJ	807 S. 5th St.	53204	383-2233
Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm	1500 W. Scott	53204	647-2673
La Cage	Mw DJ, Shows	801 S 2nd St.	52304	383-8330
La Perla	Mexican Food	735 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	53204	645-9888
Mama Roux	Mw, Food	1875 N. Humboldt	53202	347-0344
Milwaukee Eagle	M, L/L	300 W. Juneau	53203	273-6900
Rene's Cozy Corner	MW	3500 W. Park Hill	53208	933-7363
S Water Street Docks	M, L/L	354 E. National	53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm	1534 W. Grant	53204	383-5755
The Ball Game	M, Sports Bar	196 S. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	53204	273-7474
The M & M Club	MW, Food	124 N. Water	53202	347-1962
This Is It	Mw	418 E. Wells	53202	278-9192
Triangle	M	135 E. National	53204	383-9412
Walkers Point Café	Food, Open 24 hrs	1106 S. First Street	53204	384-7999
Woody's	MW	1579 S 2nd St.	53204	672-5580
<b>Neenah</b>				
Diversions	MW, DJ	1413 Green Valley	54911	725-3374
<b>Racine</b>				
JoDees	MW, DJ	2139 Racine St.	53403	634-9804
What About Me?	MW	600 6th St.	53403	632-0171
<b>Sheboygan</b>				
The Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St.	53081	457-1636
<b>Stevens Point</b>				
The Platwood Club	G/S, MW DJ	701 Highway 10W	54481	341-8862
<b>Superior</b>				
JT's	MW DJ	1506 N 3rd St.	55880	394-2580
Main Club	MW	1217 Tower Ave	54880	392-1756
Trio	Wm	820 Tower Ave	54880	392-5373
<b>Wausau</b>				
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington	54401	842-3225

# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to ALL

Thanks for a Great 1997  
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day  
Open at Noon

New Years Day  
Open around the Clock!  
Buffet and Party Favors

Join us for Packer Football

# The Greatest Cocktail Hour Ever

2-9pm Monday - Friday

**Mondays** 9 pm to Close  
Domestic Beer \$1.25 • \$1.75 Rail

**Tuesdays** 9pm to Close  
\$2.50 Top Shelf • &1.75 Rail

**Wednesdays** 9pm to 1am  
Beer Busts \$4 or \$.80 Glasses of Beer

**Thursdays** 9pm to close  
\$1.75

**Saturdays** Tap Beer \$.80 ('till 6pm)  
Bloodys, Screws, Greyhounds - \$2.25  
(until 6pm)

**Sundays** Bloodys, Screws, Greyhounds -  
\$2.25 ('till 6pm)  
Tap Beer \$.80 ('till 6pm)  
\$1.75 Rail (9pm 'till close)

Saturdays & Sunday Specials: Food, Shots, & Fun  
Pizza Served Anytime! Party Room Available!

# ballgame

196 South Second Street  
Milwaukee  
-273-7474-

Read The Light  
Get the Latest News On the Web  
[www.wilight.com](http://www.wilight.com)

## Kirby's Klub X-Mas Party



An Appearance by Santa!!!

## New Year's



Door Prizes @ Midnight

\$1.00 Taps

\$2.00 Rails

Free Champagne

@ Midnight

## Kirby's Klub Packer Playoff Party

1st Packer Playoff Game  
In January  
Raffle For Prizes!

All Raffle Proceeds Donated to  
Bovine Babes, Gay Games of '98  
Send the Team to Amsterdam  
Watch the Game on a  
52" Big Screen TV!

Specials Include:

\$1.00 shots of Jagermeister

\$1.00 shots of Doctors

\$1.00 Taps of all Domestic Beer  
Food! Food! Food!

Help Cheer "The Pack"  
onto the Superbowl  
and

Support Bovine Babes!



121 W Main Street

Madison (608) 251-1030

## Fetish Night

Shaved Every Tuesday Leather  
\$50.00 bar tab

for best Fetish outfit

Judging @ 11PM

\$2.00 Rails

\$1.50 Taps

if you wear a fetish outfit.

Leather

Wet n' Wild

Flesh

## 20's Night

Every Thursday Night

9-12AM Midnight

Anyone aged 21-29  
will drink for these prices:

.50¢ Taps

\$1.00 Rails

\$1.00 Shots

Listen to our new DJ's Todd and Shawn  
Spin Ya All Night

The Original USA **Gay Party Line**  
**1-268-404-5462** **NEW! CHEAP**  
 Phone-Action!

**GROUP ACTION, BACKROOMS  
 ONE-ON-ONE, LOCAL DATING**

**LIVE!**  
 24 Hours

**LIVE GROUP MASTURBATION**  
 011-5690-2503

**THE HOTTER... THE HARDER**  
 Night Meetings-Live  
 1-664-410-2071

**EXXXTREME HOT SAMPLES**  
 011-239-3235

**Special Live Gay Party**  
**WILD & DIRTY**  
 011-592-591-526

**Live Gay Cruising**  
 Cruise through 100 telephone lines for a live one-on-one chat.  
**1-268-404-6433**

International LDD Rates  
 .74c to \$1.27 Per Minute. 18+

Live Psychic Advisor  
 011-592-563-287

**ROUGH TRADE™**  
 1-ON-1 WITH KINKY S&M STUDS  
 NASTY ROUGH GROUP SEX  
**1-900-745-1095**

MC/VISA OR AMEX: 1-800-575-4088  
 KINKY MILITARY TOPS: 1-900-745-4320  
 SHAVED SLAVEBOYS: 1-900-745-3459  
 HAIRY BEAR STUDS: 1-900-745-4845

18+ Yrs. • \$2.00-3.99/Min.

**THE DUDE JACK™**  
 1-ON-1 WITH SLEAZY-TALKIN' DUDES  
 WILD GROUP JACK • DUDE TALES  
**1-900-745-1970**

MC/VISA OR AMEX: 1-800-354-4688  
 UNCUT LATIN TOPS: 1-900-745-1250  
 HOT GAY COUPLES: 1-900-745-3120  
 HORNY BLACK DUDES: 1-900-745-7273

**PORN VIDEOS ON OUR WEBSITE!**

**SEX ON-LINE: www.dudejack.com**

Wanna great pick-up line?

Voice Personals

Direct Connect

**FREE**  
 To Browse Ads  
 To Respond to Ads  
 To Record your own Ad

Pub. 783

Milwaukee  
**414-344-5889**

**MEGA PHONE**

Megaphone does not prescreen callers and assumes no liability for personal meetings. 18+

**WISCONSIN LIGHT PERSONALS**

Talking Personals! Hundreds of guys to choose from! Call Now!

Call the 900 number to respond to ads, browse unlisted ads, or retrieve messages. Only \$1.99 per minute. 18+ Customer Service: 414-381-3183

**Illinois**

**MANLY MENTOR** I'm a professional, Italian male, 49, 5'7, 150lbs, with good looks and a fun loving attitude. I'm tired of going to the bars but want to meet a younger guy, 18 to 25, who wants the security and companionship only a more established man can give. (Aurora) #10454

**IT'S DEFINITE** I wanna have safe sex with a real man. This young looking, 44 year old, Gay, White male, definite bottom, 5'9, 185lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, a fit body, and handsome looks, seeks a definite top, 20 to 45, who's ready to go at it. (Downer's Grove) #8527

**MIDWEST AMIGO** I'm a normal midwestern guy, just looking to make new friends. Let's see what will happen. (Minneapolis) #9665

**GIMME THAT HOT POKER** This horny, White male, would love to hook up with an African American gentleman. I'm very oral and can deep throat. I also have a tight, round butt, that loves to get poked. I'm 6'1, with dark hair, very Blue eyes, good looks, and a full body tan. (Minneapolis) #9213

**BEAR IN CHARGE** I'm a firm, stem, but fair and loving bear, 35, of medium size. I'm strong with dark, Blond hair and Blue eyes. I need bare bottomed, clean shaven, boy toys, 18 to 25, who desire to play sex games and be dominated and punished by a stronger, older, wiser man, such as myself. Come on boy, let me show you what a man really is. (Milwaukee) #9837

**KNOT'S LANDING** This good looking, 37 year old, White male, 5'8, 160lbs, wants to get into the bondage scene. I've been longing to be tied up but I don't have any experience. I hope you'll call if you can show me what it's all about. Use a tight knot. (Milwaukee) #9928

**YOUR BODY OBSESSER** I'd like to meet a bodybuilder who likes having his body worshipped and serviced, by a smooth, in shape, good looking, White male, 5'9. I'm very versatile and can be submissive or dominant. (Milwaukee) #9635

**FOOT PATROL** This masculine, White male, has a strong, pronounced foot fetish. I love servicing and being serviced by other men who share this interest. I'm also into footgear, especially boots. (Milwaukee) #9501

**CAN'T GET ENOUGH** I'm looking for some interesting and sexy people to meet. I like anything hot and intense. This 19 year old, White male, 5'10, 180lbs of muscle, has Blond hair and Green eyes. I can't wait to get it on. (Milwaukee) #9332

**SECRET CIRCLE** This Married, Bi, White male, 50, with a husky build, seeks other Bi, Gay, Married, or otherwise available men, for pleasurable, passionate fun. I'm seeking ongoing friendships with other clean, healthy guys. I can get away whenever I want and I need some companions. Age, race, and size aren't important. (Milwaukee) #9450

**BACK TO THE BOYS** Newly Divorced, White male, 5'11, 240lbs and losing weight, seeks guys to have fun with. I smoke, am a social drinker, and can't wait to catch up on what I've been missing. (Milwaukee) #8973

**INEXPERIENCED SLAVE** Slave to be, looking for an older master. I'm a 32 year old, White, professional, Bi male, eager to be inexperienced. I want to be a good slave. Show me how. (Milwaukee) #8966

**AT MY EXPENSE** This good looking, fun loving, passive male, seeks a dominant, aggressive top, who likes to enjoy himself at the expense of another person. I'm into leather, bondage, and slavery. I'm all yours. (Milwaukee) #8045

**OUTGOING HOMEBODY** I'm looking for a sensitive someone who likes to explore sexually. I hope you're an outgoing person who's also a bit of a homebody and who enjoys entertaining friends. (Milwaukee) #8391

**PARENTAL UNIT WANTED** I'm an attractive, clean shaven, submissive, 24 year old, White male, 6'3, 190lbs, with Blond hair and Green eyes. I love older men. I need a father figure who can help me when I've been bad and show me what to do. I'll bet you know all the right ways to punish me. (Milwaukee) #8423

**24 OR YOUNGER** This handsome, masculine, 36 year old, can be your mentor and companion. I'm 6'2, 200lbs, with a construction worker's build. I'm active, versatile, and have many interests, including model trains, rock and roll, woodworking, 4x4s, camping, and traveling out west. I'm attracted to masculine, adventurous, boy next door types. #9659

**SUPERIOR STUD** Good looking, fit, masculine, White male, 27, 5'7, 170lbs, with Black hair and Brown eyes, is into the outdoors, working out, camping, hiking, hunting, snowmobiling, 4-wheeling, concerts, movies, and road trips. I'm easy going and am sometimes a bit shy. I'd like to meet guys with similar characteristics for fun times. Please be in the Phillips, Ironwood, Superior, Minocqua area. #9481

To record your FREE Personal ad Call: 1-800-546-MENN (We'll print it here!)

**MIDWEST IS BEST** Boyish, good looking, 35 year old, White male, 5'10, 185lbs, with a husky build, medium length, dark Blond hair, and masculine demeanor, seeks other Gay, White males, 18 to 30. I'm attracted to clean shaven, masculine guys, with short hair and nice builds. I enjoy movies, music, bowling, gardening, biking, cooking, and spending quiet evenings with you. (Joliet) #10015

**LEGS SPREAD WIDE** This sexy, well hung, White male, 5'10, 160lbs, with dark, Brown hair, dark, Brown eyes, and a smooth, toned body, is a red hanky enthusiast. I'm mostly a bottom but can give, as well. (Minneapolis) #9202

**MINNESOTA MAN HUNT** This masculine, 32 year old, White male, is interested in meeting some other men. (Minneapolis) #9383

**BRING ME THAT STRAP** You're smooth, in shape, cold, wet butt, will be stinging hot after this well built, Gay, White male, college teacher, 6'1, spansks it with his hand, strap, and paddle. Discretion assured. No drugs. You know you need it so call now. (Minneapolis) #9257

**GET ME HOT** Clean cut, fun loving, White male, of Italian and Irish descent, 29, 6ft, 185lbs, with Brown hair and Brown eyes, seeks fun and friendship with masculine, White males, 21 to 25. Bionds with Blue eyes are a big plus. (Oak Park) #9656

**Iowa**

**BURNING WITH DESIRE** I'm a young guy, looking to meet a special man, in the area. I hope you read this and call right away. (Cedar Rapids) #9326

**CAN YOU FOLLOW DIRECTIONS?** I'm looking for an obedient man who can satisfy me. Are you the one? (Cedar Rapids) #9463

**HAIRY IN CHARGE** This hairy top seeks a financially stable, Asian male, for good times. I'm a good looking, White male, 47, 6'1, 240lbs, with Gray hair, a beard, and Blue Green eyes. (Des Moines) #10437

**Minnesota**

**APPOINTMENT FOR FUN** This attractive, Brown haired, Green eyed, White male, seeks guys, in this area or in the twin cities, to hook up with for fun. (Duluth) #8994

**TWIN CITIES WEEKENDER** Ever find yourself looking for a good time on the weekend? I do. I live in northern Minnesota but come into the city for fun. This good looking, White male, in my 50's, 5'11, 185lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a slender build, prefers younger, well hung guys. (Minneapolis) #10521

**HEAVY HITTER** I'm looking for a casual relationship with another nice guy. I'm an attractive, rather heavy set, White male, 43, 5'8, 230lbs, with Blond hair and a goatee. (Minneapolis) #10125

**BEDTIME BLISS** This good looking, White male, 24, 135lbs, seeks a guy who wants to show me a really hot time in bed. (Minneapolis) #9763

**MY BUDDY AND ME** Me and my buddy want to hook up with other hot dudes for great fun. (Minneapolis) #9871

**THAT'S MY BOY** Don't you feel the need to talk to daddy about life? I'll be your father figure. This good looking, masculine daddy, seeks younger guys to get together with. We can talk or play, whatever you like. (Minneapolis) #9946

**STROKE THE BIG ONE** I've started a JO group which is strictly for very well endowed men. If you think you qualify, and like to lube it up and show it off, let's talk. (Minneapolis) #9324

**ISN'T IT RICH?** I hope some hot guys call me right now. I'm waiting. Let's see what we can cook up? (Richfield) #9442

**WET AND RAUNCHY** I'm looking for encounters with men into raunchy, hot, wet, and messy times. I'm a good looking, well endowed, Gay, White male, 6'2, 195lbs, with dark hair and a nice body. I'm into white jockeys, diapers, and much more. I'm very discreet and we can meet at my house. (St. Paul) #9475

**Wisconsin**

**HEAD OF THE CLASS** I'm a very good looking, White male, 5'9, 135lbs, with Blond hair, Blue eyes, and a swimmer's build. Unfortunately, I'm very inexperienced and need someone to teach me. I hope you're between 18 and early 20's, with a fit body. (Antigo) #8922

**ATTENTION SENIORS!** This nice looking, fit, Bi, White male, 26, gets into giving oral pleasure, and erotic, full body massages, to well endowed, senior males, in their 60's, 70's, and 80's. If you're interested in a discreet get together with a clean, safe, horny guy, who wants to give you pleasure, give me a call. I can travel throughout south central Wisconsin. (Janesville) #9607

**ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP** Hot, built, Black college jock, 18, 5'8, 155lbs, with a worked out body, seeks other good looking studs, under 25, for discreet times. (Madison) #10470

**MADISON MEETING** Horny, Gay, White male, 19, wants to meet guys, 18 to 24, for hot fun. I won't tell anybody. (Madison) #10079

**WHAT'S BREWING?** This good natured, White male, enjoys movies, tennis, walking, biking, and lots of other good times. I'd like to make some new connections. (Milwaukee) #10432

**TASTE THE DIFFERENCE** This attractive, 35 year old, White male, has an interest in hanging out with educated, well traveled, older men, who have what they consider to be exotic tastes. (Milwaukee) #10447

FOR YOUR FREE AD CALL 1-800-546-6366.  
 THE MANFINDER SYSTEM WILL DO THE REST!  
**1.900.370.1626**

## Rev. Troy Perry of MCC Meets With Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa

Los Angeles—A meeting of historic significance to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities took place on December 12 as two internationally recognized human rights activists met in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Rev. Troy D. Perry, moderator of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), met with Nobel Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu for a wide-ranging discussion of human rights issues.

Others in attendance for this historic meeting included the archbishop's wife, Leah; Rev. Perry's spouse, Phillip DeBlicck; and the Rev. Andre Muller, UFMCC area coordinator for South Africa.

The meeting began with cordial greetings, followed by Archbishop Tutu's request that the group open in prayer. The archbishop led the group in a prayer of welcome and affirmation.

During the meeting, Rev. Perry ex-

pressed thanks to Archbishop Tutu for his work to include protections on the basis of sexual orientation in the new South African constitution. Perry shared how this accomplishment has helped to mobilize the American Gay Rights Movement in seeking protections from the United States Congress, including laws that would ensure basic rights to Lesbian, Gay, Transgendered and Bisexual citizens to work for a living without the fear of discrimination.

Both Archbishop Tutu and Reverend Perry discussed the roles that religion plays in the on-going debates around sexual orientation.

Archbishop Tutu noted that religious fundamentalists have questioned the right of the government to add sexual orientation to the South African Constitution and want simple answers to life's hard questions.

"Some people always try to take the Bible literally and legalistically," he said,

adding "Quoting the Bible is not enough."

The Archbishop further stated, "Parents must love their children. It is a shame that fathers still teach their sons not to cry as though that would make them seem like a woman. Fathers teach their sons not to have real feelings. Every human being should rejoice and celebrate both our masculine and feminine sides."

Reverend Perry and Archbishop Tutu also reviewed a range of other human rights issues, including their common opposition to the death penalty.

Archbishop Tutu discussed his work as chair of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which will conclude its work in June of 1998. At that time, Tutu will become a visiting professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Reverend Perry extended an invitation for Archbishop Tutu to address the 1999 General Conference and World Jubilee of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches in Los Angeles, California, at which the denomination will dedicate its new \$5 million UFMCC World Center complex.

The archbishop indicated his residence in

the US at that time made it more likely that he might be able to accept the invitation.

The meeting finished with Reverend Perry assuring the Archbishop that he is surrounded with the prayers of all MCCers for continued good health after his recent bout with prostate cancer.

UFMCC is the world's largest organization meeting the faith needs of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered communities. Founded in 1968, UFMCC is composed of 300 local congregations in 15 countries. Official membership exceeds 46,000, and more than 225,000 persons attend the services and programs of the UFMCC annually.

### A Near Thing

Due to the international attention focused upon the archbishop's work with the South African Truth & Reconciliation Commission, the meeting almost did not take place.

A message to Rev. Perry from the Archbishop's staff initially noted that the meeting needed to be canceled because of "the exhausting hearings involving Mrs.

Please Turn to Troy Perry, Page 31

**Voicemail Personals!**

# Dick Meets Tom

**Meet Hot Local Guys Tonight!**

Madison

**608-274-7171**

Milwaukee

**414-224-6462**

Green Bay

**920-431-9000**

Chicago

**312-516-3700**

**Access Code: 4143**

**THE CONFIDENTIAL CONNECTION®**

**record, listen & respond to ads FREE!**  
**Now with Cruise Control!™**

[www.confidentialconnection.com](http://www.confidentialconnection.com)

Just \$1.99-\$2.49 per minute for certain optional features. 18+ Movo Media, Inc. does not prescreen callers and takes no responsibility for personal meetings. 800-825-1598

© 1997 Movo Media, Inc.

## New AIDS Drugs Spur Call for Reporting HIV Cases by Name

Seattle— The first U.S. decline in new AIDS cases is increasing support for a proposal that was once almost too controversial to discuss: identifying and monitoring everyone who tests positive for the virus that causes the disease.

Such a shift, now gaining momentum at the state and federal level, would mark a turnaround in public health policy.

In Washington state, public health officials now track only full-blown AIDS cases. Under the new proposal, they would monitor, by name, everyone who tests positive for HIV and try to notify their sexual or needle-sharing partners that they have been exposed and may be infected.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is asking all states to consider the policy change. Now that new AIDS drugs are keeping people with HIV healthier longer, thereby leading to a drop in full-blown AIDS cases, such a change would enable authorities to get more HIV-positive people on the drugs sooner.

"We need to keep our policies in line with the new scientific evidence that early notification saves lives," said Dr. Alonzo Plough, director of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health.

"Names reporting is the best way for us to keep track of the epidemic and to make sure individuals and infected partners have this information," he said.

The change would also mean that epidemiologists could for the first time enlist traditional public-health strategies in the battle against AIDS.

For years, the stigma of a disease that primarily infected Gay men and injected-drug abusers was so great that officials relied on nontraditional methods such as anonymous testing and treatment.

Thirty states already record the names of people who have tested positive for HIV.

In Washington state, for example, reporting by name begins when the patient has clinically defined AIDS, an AIDS-related infection or other symptom, or an immune system weakened to below a

certain level.

Names reporting has long been used to help contain and combat other dangerous infectious diseases. The state monitors 54 such ailments including measles, tuberculosis, whooping cough, certain types of hepatitis and several sexually transmitted diseases.

Now some health authorities say it's time to add HIV to the list.

They want the freedom to attack AIDS with the traditional tools of public health: routine testing of large segments of the population, names reporting of those who test HIV positive, and notification of people who may have been infected so that they can get tested for HIV and seek treatment if necessary.

The CDC considers names reporting of

HIV the only accurate way to "track the front end of the epidemic," said Judith Billings, a member of the President's Advisory Council on HIV-AIDS.

Billings, who stepped down from her post in Washington State after disclosing her own AIDS diagnosis last year, also leads a subcommittee of the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV-AIDS. The group has held five public hearings on HIV names reporting and will report its findings to Gov. Gary Locke next month.

Early intervention allows health authorities to stretch limited AIDS-  
Please Turn to AIDS Drugs, Page 31

### WILD WISCONSIN MEN

Hook-up now! TRY IT FREE!!!  
The Confidential Connection®

414-224-6462

608-274-7171

920-431-9000

18+ Use free code: 4440

### GAY ORGY

24-Hr. Relief

1-900-745-2398

1-800-721-8664

\$2-4/Min. 18+

# JOIN THE PARTY!

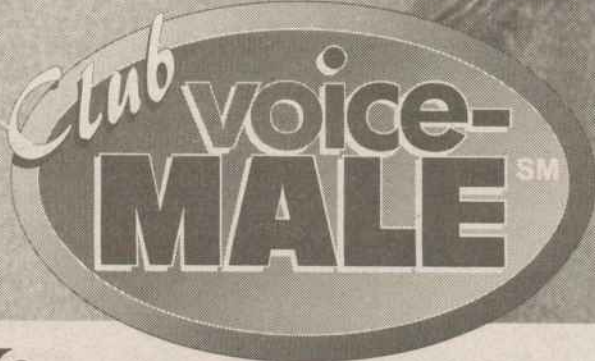
Bring the club atmosphere into your home by phone!

NEW AND IMPROVED!

Browse, Match, Chat...Try it FREE!

414-223-3800

use free access code:4237



Just \$2.49 per minute for certain optional features. 18+. Movo Media, Inc. does not prescreen callers and takes no responsibility for personal meetings. 800-825-1598

www.movo.com

# YOUR SEARCH ENDS HERE



Take a peek at [www.gay.net](http://www.gay.net)

You can find just what you're looking for right now on Gay.Net.

Sign on today and your first 30 days are absolutely free. Find us right now at [www.gay.net](http://www.gay.net) to take advantage of this special offer.



## Dog

Continued From Page 24

keeping the froth above the fire prevents smokescreens, and makes the satirical stakes sparkle even brighter.

Things get too serious later in the film. As the ever-malevolent CIA puts a phony close to the phony war, Hoffman will not be undone in game-plying with public credibility to keep his "filmed production" going. Becoming too compulsive, he invents a prisoner of war long lost in poor victimized Albania as target goal for the great humanitarian President.

Having to produce a living person to rally the public, computer error saddles them with a psychotic rapist accidentally released from prison. He bears a striking resemblance to Woody Harrelson [uncredited appearance?] who can outwit anyone.

As the plot unravels, we end up with not one but two funeral corteges [Kennedy?] but this time the metaphor of penultimate media manipulation goes too far and we are left with a bitter after taste. Obviously saddled with a bad ending based on the novel *American Hero*, Levinson lets his very funny film flatten into two-bit Grisham-like melodrama Too bad.

What began as a fanciful and almost charming poke at public gullibility ends up as college political activist foolishness with an unnecessary jab to the groin. Having

successfully wagged the dog's tail to make it move in the smartest direction, the poor beast now gets a sudden unkind jerk.

## Chorus

Continued From Page 12

cert about to begin.

Ken McMonagle, Music Director, began the concert with the works of J.S. Bach, the perfect composer, in my opinion, to open such a concert. "Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light" and "O Jesu So Sweet" were sung a cappella by the 21 voice Chorus.

The rendering of these two Bach works was masterful. The voices harmonizing exactly in performing these two sacred works.

Soloist, Bahtyah Jones-Bodenbach filled the Church with her beautifully rich voice as she sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy."

"Silent Night" was anything but, when Patti Micale and the Chorus belted it out as a jazzy blues number. The song is my favorite Christmas Carol and I was pleasantly surprised at how well this rendition worked. The style reminding us that Christmas is sacred, but it is also joyful, combining both within itself. The Cream City Chorus showed that.

The First Annual Audrey Mixdorf Award, established in memory of Chorus member Audrey Mixdorf, was presented to Ron Thate and volunteer Keith Mixdorf. The award, I thought, was well-deserved. It is people like Ron and Keith who make the Cream City Chorus one of our city's jewels.

**Editor's note:** Sandy Lewis is a member of the Fest City Singers.

## AIDS Drugs

Continued from Page 30

prevention resources, Billings said.

But, as a person with AIDS, she said she understands concerns that it could lead to discrimination in housing, employment and medical care.

"There are plenty of people who went through 10, 12, 15 years of discrimination who are very concerned," Billings said. "And we all know too well that there are some pretty innovative (computer) hackers."

Citing such concerns, the Seattle-based Northwest AIDS Foundation is opposing the proposed change in policy.

"We think HIV surveillance is important, but we think there needs to be an alternative to a name-based system," said

Steven Johnson, the foundation's public policy director and a member of the governor's advisory council.

The alternative could be some sort of unique identifier or code numbers that enable officials to track the epidemic without raising patient fears of disclosure, Johnson said.

"The CDC hasn't come down with a definitive position on what they want from the states," he said. "It's unclear if the CDC will ask states to comply with the name-based system or let states do their own surveillance."

The new push for names reporting follows some rare good news in the AIDS epidemic.

Combination-drug therapies, especially a new class of drugs known as "protease inhibitors," have shown promise in many patients.

In September, the CDC reported the first U.S. drop in new AIDS cases. In 1996, 56,730 Americans were diagnosed with AIDS, down 6 percent from the 60,620 new cases reported in 1995. At the same time, AIDS deaths declined 23 percent, from 50,140 to 38,780.

The new anti-AIDS drugs are expensive and don't work for everyone, but supporters of names reporting say the latest developments are encouraging enough to warrant re-examining public policy.

"We can't tell you what proportion of people who have HIV infection are on effective drugs or what proportion of those people are even in care systems because we have no idea who they are," said Dr. Bob Wood, AIDS-control officer for the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health.

"If you want to answer those very important questions, we need to have the data," he said.

To Wood and others in the field, public health officials are negligent if they do anything less than seek out the disease and eradicate it. For them, that means notifying an HIV-positive person's sexual partners, because "if you leave it to the person, it doesn't happen," Wood said.

## Troy Perry

Continued from Page 29

Winnie Madikezela-Mandela and the State Security Council," which ran a week over the time scheduled for it.

In the message, the archbishop's assistant said, "The Archbishop is particularly supportive of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and...would like to meet Rev. Perry. As you know this has been exhausting and demanding work to which he is devoting all of his energy and attention."

However, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, and aide to the archbishop phoned with the news that a scheduling change had made it possible for Archbishop Tutu to meet with Rev. Perry.

## Letters

Continued from Page 4

sin's first residents are making an honest buck meeting an obvious market need. They had the wisdom to see an opportunity and take advantage of it.

I don't gamble myself, other than on the stock market, but I am no one's keeper when it comes to victimless "sin crimes." Each to her or his own. It's the American way.

I hope everyone who reads this will raise a stink about Mr. Welch's odious plan. Is this the sort of person we want representing Wisconsin in any capacity? Is beating up on successful Native American business people and their customers something that we want our government to do? I hope not.

If this cheesy scheme bothers you as much it does me, let someone know you've had it up to here with this kind of "leadership." Someone has to because we deserve much, much better.

Ted Schaar  
Brookfield, Wisconsin

## St. Nick

Continued from Page 3

the Religious Right. Anyone filled with hate is not a follower of the Christ. Diversity was dear to Jesus. Did he not cure a Centurion's servant? A man who was as

different to a Jew as one could get and He welcomed him and even performed a miracle. Celebrating a man like this would be easy. I even plan to have a toast or two to him.

This is all and good. What makes Christmas special to me? What makes my belief tick? I do believe in Christ. His philosophy of non-violence, which should be an example to religious queer bashers, and love ideal appeals to my logical heart. I'm both logical and emotional. My emotional side loves Jesus for sharing his birth not with the theologians of his day, but with day workers minding the sheep.

These shepherds had no power. They had no disposable income to give. All they gave was their hearts to a blessed birth with such potential. I rejoice that the first people to recognize the Christ were old people, a widow on the welfare of the day and a pious man, who loved God.

I'm not against power or money and neither was the Christ. Three Kings or a better translation three pagan priest rulers were also allowed to celebrate this birth. Again Jews with Pagans celebrating now that's diversity! The gift of Jesus is for all. All we have to see is the man who took our cares on himself, showed us a way to live and with his death showed how much he cared.

Do I believe in virgin births? Do I believe Jesus was the Son of God? Do I believe in Jesus' miracles? I have to answer a loud YES! Can I prove it? No. Just like I can't really logically say why I love, but I do. That is what Faith is. I believe I'm a Christmas Miracle and each day I try to affirm God's potential in me. When we realize our potential to love and be loved our problems are put into proper perspective.

So Christmas is a joyous birth to be celebrated that liberates all people with loving care of our God to fulfill their potential.

May the Christmas joy be year round. May you never feel all alone. May our community unite in love to be the stability that makes changes. This is my prayer, my desire, and my hope.

Merry Christmas!

## Budweiser

Continued from Page 3

any rate the brief has been withdrawn and is not an issue."

Busch lawyers did in fact withdraw the brief after two different courts had rejected it. They presented the brief to the California Supreme Court and withdrew it after the call for a boycott of Busch products began.

The Light asked Duran about the depositions and the language used in the motion to dismiss. Duran stated that he had not read either the depositions or the brief since he had been hired only a week and half before the trial was scheduled to begin. Nevertheless he said he was certain that Busch and its employees had done nothing wrong.

When asked whether or not it was unusual to hire a trial attorney that close to the beginning of trial on a big case, Duran said no it was not. He stated that his firm which is composed of openly Gay attorneys has expertise on matters of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

Euell declined the discuss the reasons for Martin's termination saying he could not do so because of the pending court case. When asked what action had been taken to discipline employees who according to testimony may have harassed Martin, Euell replied "We take these matters seriously," he said "We don't discriminate against anyone. We don't tolerate discrimination in any form, we pride ourselves on providing a safe workplace."

When asked how that policy squared with the use of the words "fag" and "faggot" at the LA Brewery, Euell denied that those words were used on a every day basis. When told that testimony by Busch's own managers stated that those words were being used "in a shop talk manner" at Busch's LA plant, Euell said that had yet to be proven in a court.

Euell could not provide any details on whether or not any employees had been disciplined for harassing Martin, saying that the matter was "under investigation."

When asked why Busch had not included Gays and Lesbians in its non-discrimination policy, Euell responded "There is a significant difference between policy and practice. We don't not tolerate discrimination in any form. At present Anheuser Busch does not have a specific policy that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, however, it has always been and will continue to be, the practice of the company to review its current policies to ensure not only compliance with the law, but appropriateness in the marketplace."

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Body Improvement

#### Penis and Nipple Enlargement

Custom vacuum pumps or surgical. Gain 1-3 inches. Permanent, safe. Enhance erection. For FREE brochures: Dr. Joel Kaplan, (312) 409-1950. Latest enlargement info. 1-900-976-PUMP (\$2.95/m)

### Housing/Rent

**TO RENT**—1 bedroom upper, includes heat. \$460 + deposit. Mature, responsible person. Apply by calling (414) 486-9986 after 10:00 a.m.

**Milwaukee**—Loft/Apartment, 1 Block to UWM: completely remodeled, vaulted ceilings, fans, appliances include dishwasher, blinds, patio, built-ins, walk-in closet. \$550. Garage—\$25/car, NEON wall art extra. Available January 1. (414) 332-3363.

**Lavender Hill Flat**—3 bedroom upper, sunny, hardwood floors, appliances & great landlord, all for \$425/mo & security deposit. In Milwaukee. Call (414) 265-3953.

### Organizations

**Galano Club** A social club serving the recovering Gay and Lesbian community. Regularly scheduled AA, NA and Al-anon, ACOA and other 12 step meetings. Openly nightly, 2408 N. Farwell Ave., (414) 276-6936

## CLASSIFIEDS

**CLASSIFIED ORDERS:** Completely fill out this form and mail to WISCONSIN LIGHT, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

**RATES ARE \$2** for each line. Each line can contain up to 42 characters, (including spaces). Indicate if you would like a **BOLD HEADLINE** of up to three words above your ad for an additional \$2.50. Also indicate classification under which your ad is to be run.

**DEADLINE** for placing a classified ad in WISCONSIN LIGHT is noon Wednesday prior to publication. If you mail your ad we must receive it on or before Wednesday. **NO CREDIT** or **BILLING SERVICES** are offered, and we **DO NOT** accept any classifieds on the phone for placements or renewals.

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
PLEASE CHECK THE ISSUE[S] IN WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR AD TO APPEAR.		

Jan. 1 \_\_\_; Jan. 15 \_\_\_; Jan. 29 \_\_\_; Feb. 12 \_\_\_; Feb. 26 \_\_\_; Mar. 12 \_\_\_; Mar. 26 \_\_\_;

### Housing Share

#### Roommate Wanted

Near Downtown Milwaukee, East Side Location, 2 blocks from Pick 'n Save. Washer, dryer. \$200 a month plus half of utilities. Security deposit. Call Walter at (414) 278-8310

Looking for roommate to share furnished 3 bedroom, East Side Milwaukee flat w/two GWMs. Non-smoker, clean and responsible. \$295/m & security deposit. Avail. Jan. 1 or Feb. 1. Ken or Paul at (414) 278-7974.

### Personals

#### WHERE ARE THE PARTIES?

GWM from Seattle to visit Milwaukee over the holidays. Got any fun ideas? Call Scott at (206) 282-3646.

### Phone Encounters

#### Free Chatlines!

The Hottest Action 24 hours! (473) 441-1146 or (212) 796-3382 or (704) 319-2071. More Free #s: (213) 680-7595. Only 1dr apply: 18+

**Horny Frathouse Talk!**—18+ only. 1-268-404-5292. Only int'l. 1dr apply/

### FREE LIVE HOT GAY CHAT

Manscan, Personals, More

212-796-3365

704-319-2065

473-441-1065

702-748-7765

### SLEEPING ROOMS FOR RENT

231 South 2nd Street

(Above C'est La Vie)

New Paint & Carpet • Very Clean  
King Size Whirlpool

CALL (414) 291-9600  
or (414) 271-1576



# THE MAGIC OF THE SEASON LIES IN YOU.

Believe in the spirit of giving.  
Support your local AIDS organizations.

