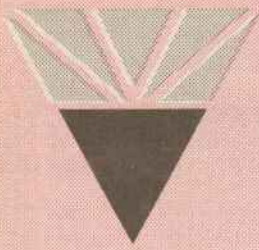


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The Wisconsin Light

America On Line Admits Breach of Privacy In Gay Sailor Discharge Case

Washington, DC— In an update to a story in our last issue, America Online (AOL) admitted breaching its policy and said Wednesday, January 21, it regrets disclosing to a Navy investigator the identity of a senior sailor now facing dismissal from the service as a homosexual.

"This was a case of human error under very unusual circumstances," AOL Inc. said in a one-page statement. While criticizing the Navy for the way it sought the information, AOL said of its disclosure: "This clearly should not have happened, and we regret it."

Also Wednesday, Senior Chief Petty Officer Timothy R. McVeigh moved to save his Navy career by filing a case in federal court in Washington. McVeigh charges the Navy pried into his personal affairs in violation of an electronic privacy law and the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on gays in the military.

The service began investigating McVeigh last fall after a Navy spouse discovered information available through AOL and apparently written by McVeigh that indicated a sexual interest in young men. McVeigh, 36, is a highly decorated senior enlisted man with 17 years in the service, three years shy of the 20 needed to retire with a pension. He is no relation to the convicted Oklahoma City bomber.

"I don't have any bitterness against the Navy at all," McVeigh said outside U.S. District Court. "My only regret is that the Navy is unwilling to follow regulations."

McVeigh, in dress uniform festooned with rows of awards and medals on his chest, stood at attention as U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin entered the courtroom. Later McVeigh changed into a business suit to speak with reporters, observing a regulation against uttering public statements in uniform.

McVeigh's attorney, Christopher Wolf, said the Navy "broke the law" against wresting confidential information from online services. He also contended the Navy violated the Pentagon policy on gays in the military, which prohibits open homosexuality but bars the military from trying to discover a service member's sexual orientation.

Justice Department attorney David
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Domestic Partnership Heats Up Madison School Races



Giving Some Love—Madison Mayor Susan Bauman decorates a heart she purchased to help the "Give Some Love" campaign at Kirby's Klub as owner Kirby Sheldon looks on. The fund raiser is a benefit for the Madison AIDS Network's Emergency Services fund, which provides money to help AIDS network clients to meet emergency medical, transportation and housing expenses. The campaign which is sponsored by Kirby's Klub and *The Wisconsin Light* will end with a gala show on Valentine's Day. Meanwhile everyone can stop at Kirby's and purchase a heart for a minimum donation of \$1.00. The hearts will be used to help decorate the bar for Valentine's Day. Kirby's Klub is located at 121 W. Main Street, Madison.

February 12th Declared by National Coalition to be "Freedom To Marry Day" LBG Community Members and Friends Are Being Urged to "Tie the Knot"

New York, NY—February 12 has been declared "Freedom To Marry Day" by the Freedom to Marry Coalition.

The Coalition includes Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund; the Human Rights Campaign; the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force; Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation; the American Civil Liberties Union; Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders; the National Organization of Women; Parents, Friends, and Family of Lesbians and Gays; the National Center for Lesbian Rights; and

the L. A. Gay & Lesbian Center, as well as hundreds of non-Gay and Gay local and state partners across the country.

Why February 12?

Two words: equality and love. Abraham Lincoln's birthday is a time to think about equality; Valentine's Day is a time to think of love. In other words, there's no better day to mark the importance of ending sex discrimination in marriage and allowing same-sex couples to share in the celebration, rights, and responsibilities of civil marriage.

A Hawaii Supreme Court decision on marriage for same-sex couples is expected soon, with national repercussions. Without discussion between Gay and non-Gay America, this tremendous chance for greater freedom and equality may be lost or significantly delayed.

"The choice of whether and whom to marry is one of the most important personal decisions there is," says Evan Wolfson, who spearheads Lambda's Marriage Project. "It belongs to couples in love, not politicians or governments. National

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Sol Kelly-Jones Receives ACLU's Young Civil Libertarian of the Year Award

Madison—On Saturday, January 17, 1998, Sol Kelly-Jones, 11, received the ACLU's Young Civil Libertarian of the Year Special Recognition Award. The Award was presented at the ACLU's annual Bill of Rights dinner in Madison.

Below is Sol's introduction delivered by Dianne Greenley, ACLU of Wisconsin board president, as she presented Sol her award. This is followed by the 11 year-old civil rights activist's acceptance speech.

Dianne Greenley

In March of 1997, a ten-year-old girl from a Lesbian family named Sol Kelley-Jones spoke out at a legislative hearing on a bill prohibiting same sex marriage—in a room filled with over 500 people, some of them openly hostile to her family. Despite the intimidating circumstances, she

By Bill Meunier

Madison— When Madison's School Board voted to approve a contract that included Domestic partnership benefits for its teachers, most observers thought the issue was settled. The reality is that the vote has become an issue in Madison's school board races and has sparked a Republican legislator's call for a statewide law that would prohibit the use of state funds to pay for domestic partnership benefits.

The contract which was finalized late last year, included health insurance benefits for the unmarried partners of Madison school teachers. It was approved on a 4 to 2 vote by the Madison School Board.

In two out of three School Board races in April's election, incumbents are being challenged due at least in part to their votes on the contract. Madison elects its school board on a city wide basis with each candidate running for a specific seat on the board.

In the contest for Seat 3, Mary Joe Rosenak is being challenged by Jo Anne Elder, the President of the Madison chapter of Madison's Parents and Friends of Gays and Lesbians. Rosenak voted against providing the benefits.

Elder said that she had decided to make the race even before the vote on the contract. "I am concerned about a wide variety of issues not just this one," she said. "I want to see quality education for everyone in Madison's schools." Nevertheless Elder was critical of Rosenak's vote on Domestic Partnership. "It's a matter of equal treatment," she said.

When contacted by *The Wisconsin Light* Rosenak said that for her the issue of domestic partnership benefits was one of cost. She said that the School Board had "given a free benefit" to the teachers union, Madison Teachers Incorporated, without getting anything in return. Rosenak estimated that the cost of the benefits would be \$300,000.

She said this estimate was based on 60 partners taking advantage of the plan at a cost of about \$5,000 each.

Rosenak said, "I believe that the way the health insurance system is structured nationwide needs to be changed, but I don't think a local school board is the place to do it."

She said that she was concerned because the district's substitute teachers currently have no health insurance adding "how can you justify giving health insurance to some employees but not to others. We have a state imposed cap on what we can spend, where will we find the money to pay for this?"

Rosenak blamed the union, MTL, for her lack of support. She said that the union refused to negotiate the issue of health insurance carriers. "Perhaps if the insurance

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They're Baaaack!— The cast of the Theatre X production, "Vampire Lesbians From Sodom" starring BJ Daniels is shown above. This is a new revamped rendition of the campy classic that played to sold out crowds last year. "Vampire Lesbians From Sodom" can be seen at 10:30, Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. For ticket reservations call 291-7800.

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News Briefs

British Pledge Cayman Islands Review

Washington, DC—The government of the Cayman Islands will review its policies regarding the berthing of cruise ships after the Human Rights Campaign and members of Congress filed complaints with the British Embassy over the Caymans' denial of docking space to a cruise ship because it would be carrying Gay tourists. "We are encouraged by the statement we have received from the British Embassy and hope that the government of the Cayman Islands will immediately discard its anti-Gay tourism policy," said Elizabeth Birch, HRC's executive director. "Clearly, the British government recognizes that the actions of the Caymans and the tone of their original refusal were offensive to Lesbian and Gay people everywhere. As we have said repeatedly, denying berthing rights to a ship because it is carrying Gay passengers is morally wrong, as well as economically foolish."

Gay Bashed Couple Sues Washington, DC

Washington, DC—On January 16, two victims of an anti-Gay hate crime filed a case in the U.S. District Court of Washington, D.C. charging the city with intentional discrimination in refusing emergency medical care to them. Ken Ludden and Joseph Laron Lavoie's complaint is based on a July 1, 1996 incident following an attack in which a man shouted anti-Gay epithets at them and beat the couple with a large, heavy rod. Despite urgent need and the plaintiffs' request for help, the DC Fire Department emergency technician at the scene refused to provide any assistance, and instead leaned against his truck and told them they should go to a hospital. While he claimed to have dispatched an ambulance, later investigations revealed he had not. Ludden and Lavoie were forced to walk nearly a mile to the hospital, at which time Lavoie lost consciousness due to blood loss. He later received 29 stitches.

Boy Scout Campaigns for Gay Rights

Los Angeles—A Petaluma, California, 12-year-old Boy Scout has joined the ranks of many in opposition to the Boy Scouts of America around their policy excluding Gay scouts and troop leaders. In order to get his citizenship merit badge, one step on the way towards becoming an Eagle Scout, Steven Cozza has written to local, state and national politicians and is circulating over 100 petitions at local supermarkets calling on the BSA to rescind its discriminatory ban. "They say you're supposed to treat others the way you'd want to be treated—but they're treating [Gay people] like dirt. I thought the Boy Scouts were supposed to teach kids good stuff," Cozza said. In response to some people's religious objections, Cozza replied, "I don't think God would discriminate against anyone." He added that he is willing to have people call him Gay because of his stance, adding, "I say it really doesn't matter, but I'm not Gay. I brought it up to treat everybody the same."

Teen Sues Teacher, Alleges Anti-Gay Harassment

Pittsburgh-AP- A northwestern Pennsylvania teen-ager said verbal abuse from his high school gym teacher and taunts that he was "Gay" and "queer" nearly drove him to suicide.

The 17-year-old boy, the son of a janitor at his high school in Punxsutawney, has accused the teacher of repeated harassment and educators of ignoring the problem.

Identified only as "John Doe" in his lawsuit filed in federal court in Pittsburgh Thursday, January 22, he now attends classes in his home and Punxsutawney teachers visit daily.

The boy accused Punxsutawney High School teacher Gale Shields of harassing him so much over two years that he dropped out and ended up in a hospital, depressed and suicidal. He alleges that counselors and school officials ignored his repeated complaints and pleas for help.

Thomas Frantz, the Punxsutawney Area School District superintendent and a defendant in the lawsuit, declined to comment, saying he was unaware of the lawsuit. School officials would not pass a message along to Shields.

AIDS Up Among Older Americans

Atlanta-AP- New AIDS cases rose more than twice as fast among those over 50 than among younger adults between 1991 and 1996, suggesting that older people aren't protecting themselves against the disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 6,400 AIDS cases were diagnosed in the United States among people at least 50 years old in 1996, a 22 percent increase from 1991.

Cases for the 13-to-49 age group rose 9 percent in the same period, to 50,300.

The center recently reported that 12 percent to 15 percent of the AIDS cases in Arizona are people over 55. Among older women, the number of new AIDS cases linked to unprotected sex more than doubled between 1991 and 1996, from 340 to 700. In older men, that increase was almost as sharp, from 360 to 700.

New cases among older men who inject drugs jumped 53 percent, from 850 to 1,300. Among older women, the increase was 75 percent, from 160 to 280.

Gay Rights Club Suing School

Aurora, CO-AP- A high school Gay rights club is suing the Cherry Creek School District, demanding that it be treated like any other club.

A lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Denver on Thursday on behalf of the Homosexual-Heterosexual Alliance Reaching for Tolerance. It says administrators at Smoky Hill High School have allowed HHART to meet but refused to include it in a list of school clubs.

The lawsuit, filed by the Colorado Legal Initiatives Project, also says school officials have censored words such as "homosexual," "Lesbian" and "Gay" from the club's posters.

The high school club includes 25 members, both Gays and heterosexuals, who meet to discuss personal and social issues.

Betty DeGeneres Makes Ad

Washington, DC-AP- Every mother likes to brag about her children. Ellen DeGeneres' mother is getting to do it on national television.

Betty DeGeneres stars in a 30-second television ad urging parents to offer loving support to their Gay children.

"Hello, my name is Betty DeGeneres and my kid is the greatest. You know her. She's Ellen and she's Gay," Mrs. DeGeneres says in the public service announcement as she and a group of children build a huge American flag out of red, white and blue boxes.

"For too long, Gay Americans have suffered discrimination," she says. "As long as our sons and daughters are excluded from the basic protection of law, we must share that burden as a family."

Ellen DeGeneres made a splash on her television show, "Ellen," in an episode in which her character declared she was Gay.

Mrs. DeGeneres, 67, made the commercial as part of her duties as a spokeswoman for the Human Rights Campaign.

Mutual Of Omaha Accused of Limiting HIV

Coverage

Chicago-AP- Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co. was sued Wednesday, January 21 for allegedly placing illegal limits on HIV-related health-care coverage.

The lawsuit contends such caps violate the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Illinois Insurance Code.

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the AIDS Legal Council of Chicago filed their suit in U.S. District Court on behalf of two HIV-positive Chicago-area men, whose names were kept secret.

"Mutual of Omaha caps HIV-related care at a fraction of the amount allowed for other illnesses or conditions. This discrimination severely limits access to standard, lifesaving therapies and is illegal," said Heather C. Sawyer, an attorney for Lambda.

Mutual spokesman Jim Nolan said the company had not yet seen the suit, and had no comment.

Chicago "Trib" Backs Down on Gay Issue

Chicago—Amidst a current dispute over the Chicago Tribune's discrimination against a Gay man and his partner in obituary listings, the newspaper offered to change its policy under the condition that the couple be forbidden from mentioning the dispute or the policy change, according to Timothy Marback, the plaintiff in the case.

When Marback's mother died a year ago, the family placed a standard obituary, listing Timothy's partner, Steven Hillyer, in the standard format for a partner, reading that the mother was survived by "Timothy (Steven)." The Tribune refused to print the notice, and Marback has a March 3 hearing scheduled with the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

The paper quietly changed its policy and now treats same-sex partners as equal to others, but is arguing that the First Amendment protects its right to have refused the obituary in the first place. According to Marback, the newspaper offered a conciliation in which it would change the policy but said the family "would not be allowed to tell anyone that the policy had changed or discuss the case."

Another condition in the conciliation proposed that the family would be fined \$5,000 for each person they told.

US-Thai HIV Vaccine Tests Begun

Bangkok-AP- U.S. and Thai researchers have launched the world's first trials for a potential vaccine against the strain of the AIDS virus prevalent in Southeast Asia.

The project involves Thai military, hospital and university and research institutes and the U.S.-based Chiron Biocine firm that has developed the potential vaccine.

The sub-type E strain has infected more than 1 million people in Thailand and neighboring Southeast Asian countries. It is primarily sexually transmitted.

The one-year trials will involve 368 volunteers. If the tests prove successful, another round of trials will be held involving thousands of people.

The studies are being partly financed by the Walter Reed Army Institute of Medical Research, the U.S. Army's preeminent medical research facility.

Group Protests Gay Priests Ordination

Kalamazoo-MI-AP- About 30 people attending an ordination ceremony walked out to protest the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan's decision to allow a man and woman involved in homosexual relationships to become priests.

Before walking out of the ceremony Saturday, January 17, at the Cathedral of Christ the King, the group had presented a formal objection citing resolutions passed by the Episcopal Church's General Convention that sexual relations are appropriate only within marriage and that it is inappropriate to ordain those who engage in either heterosexual or homosexual relations outside of marriage.

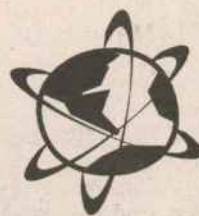
Thomas Brown, one of the two ordained priests who is a homosexual, said it was right for those whose "faith cannot abide the way in which God has called me to live" to speak out, and that their objection did not bother him.

"I asked God to surround this place with love, and I just kept saying that," he told the Kalamazoo Gazette. "I could hear what was being said, but I tried to be centered on the one who called us all here."

ABC Considering Ellen's Future

New York, NY-ABC will soon be announcing its decision on whether or not to renew Ellen for a new season. While producers to the show are committed to its ongoing success and the program's ratings have remained constant, ABC has continued its love/hate relationship with Ellen's open and realistic representations of Lesbian and Gay life. Ellen consistently wins in its timeslot. But ABC continues to be assaulted by constant pressure from radical religious groups targeting ABC and its parent company, Disney, based on their inclusion of Gay people. The anti-Gay group American Family Association is now urging their ranks to demand that ABC pull the show, claiming that such a decision would indicate that Americans reject fair representations of Lesbians and Gay men.

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ARCW's 12th Annual Make A Promise Dinner to be Held March 21st

Milwaukee—The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) 12th annual Make a Promise dinner & auction is set for Saturday, March 21, 1998, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at the Pfister Hotel, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee.

"This year's Make a Promise theme 'VOICES' will include an original, live performance accompanied by a musical score and is dedicated to the strength and power of the many voices united in the fight against AIDS," said Marge Beil, ARCW special events director.

The performance will unveil five actors □ a volunteer, a teen, an HIV case worker and two individuals living with HIV or AIDS, each communicating AIDS awareness messages of hope and change regarding the AIDS epidemic.

A highlight of the evening is the silent auction. Items already included are a pair of round-trip, economy tickets to Amsterdam, a pair of first-class, round-trip tickets to Hawaii and a pair of first-class, round-trip tickets in the 48 contiguous states donated by United Airlines; a Frank

Lloyd Wright window replication donated by Oakbrook-Esser Studios; dining certificate donated by the Boulevard Inn; and tickets to the Milwaukee Ballet and Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Mike Gousha, anchor on TODAY'S TMJ4, will once again be master of ceremonies. All proceeds will benefit programs and services provided by ARCW. Ticket prices are \$175, \$100 and \$75 per person.

Principal sponsors for this year's Make a Promise dinner & auction are United Airlines, Miller Brewing Company and Schwarz Pharma, Inc.

Other sponsors include: Northwestern Mutual Life; Potawatomi Bingo Casino; Anderson Consulting LLP; Hoffman LaRoche; Executive Director, Inc.; Groupware Technologies, Inc.; Family Health Plan; Columbia St. Mary's; Ameritech; Pfister Hotel; and Rockwell Automation/Allen Bradley.

To reserve tickets or for more information, call 414-225-1577.

ARCW's Bagnall, Becomes a Voice for Many in State HIV Prevention

Milwaukee—The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) is among the nation's largest AIDS service organizations and focuses on the fight against AIDS throughout Wisconsin.

Not only does ARCW provide HIV prevention services, assistance for people living with HIV and AIDS and clinical research on HIV treatment, but it has an enthusiastic staff dedicated to the fight against the AIDS epidemic and HIV prevention.

This past October, Andy Bagnall, ARCW's Gay & Lesbian outreach manager, was appointed as Co-Chair of Wisconsin's HIV Prevention Community Planning Council. Bagnall's commitment to HIV prevention was an intricate part in the election process that has provided him the opportunity to play an important role within the Council through September '98.

"I hope to encourage and empower people to take an active role on the Council and help individuals realize their own potential in the area of HIV prevention," said Bagnall.

The Council is a statewide body of 35 community members and staff from the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program involved in a national effort in making decisions concerning HIV prevention. Together they work on identifying populations most

at risk for HIV, effective strategies for reaching those populations and evaluating program success and effectiveness.

While the Council's specific focus is on HIV prevention, it also serves as a model for community members and a combined effort in decision making that has, in the past, been the role of the government.

"We are putting HIV prevention into the context of people's lives. The Council enables people to exercise their voice and provide direction on HIV prevention within the state," Bagnall said.

Council members contribute their own unique experiences, along with data from the state of Wisconsin, focus group summaries and public meetings, to sustain an effective program.

"I have the chance to bring my own voice and ideas along with the ideas of everyone I come in contact with and learn from to the Council," said Bagnall. "In doing this, we can obtain many diverse ideas."

Bagnall's enthusiasm will contribute to the Council's success in the upcoming year in which they will be focusing on areas of poverty and oppression, specifically focusing on communities of color, women in poverty and young men who have sex with other men, while creating links between the field of HIV prevention and related areas such as STD's and alcohol.

For further information on Wisconsin's HIV Community Planning Council or questions, call Andy Bagnall at (414) 225-1502 or Mari Gasiorowicz, Wisconsin HIV Prevention Community Planning Coordinator, at (608) 267-9489.

H.I.T. Announces New Board Members; 1998 Fundraisers

Milwaukee—The Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT), the longest running Gay and Lesbian bowling tournament, recently held their elections for the Board of Directors for HIT 20 to be held over the Thanksgiving weekend. The following people were elected.

Director, Jeff Whitt; Assistant Director, David Kiefer; Treasurer, Jeff Sonnenburg; Assistant Treasurer, Mark Horan; Secretary, Mark Groth; Assistant Secretary, Bill Conklin; Amenities, Jeff Lahmann; Awards, Cindy Olsheske and Debi Vance; Banquet, Rick Steiner; Assistant Banquet, Bobby Reyes; Graphics, Steve Grahek; Hospitality, Chuck Bowe; Scheduling, Steve Morrissey; Marketing, Peter Nys; Assistant Marketing, Ray Freson; Sponsorship and Publicity, Roland Hoffmann; Assistant Sponsorship and Publicity, Doug Sleaper; Statistics, James Devargass.

1998 HIT Fundraisers

HIT would like to announce their upcoming fundraisers for 1998 and are looking for the community's continued support in raising funds to produce one of the most successful tournaments in the country.

Feb. 28—Empress Casino Run
Mar. 13—Rita Bowl
May 9—HIT Against AIDS
Aug. 28-30—PrideFest
Sept. 12—Randy Frank's Birthday Bash
Sept. 20—AIDS Walk Wisconsin
Nov. 14—Celebrity Bartender Exchange at This Is It
Nov. 25-29—Holiday Invitational Tournament.

Please watch for other fundraisers to be announced. There are still a few board positions available. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like more information on HIT and the upcoming fundraisers, please call the HIT Hotline at (414) 332-7142 or you can email HIT at HIT20@aol.com

Candidates Forum to Address LGBT Issues

Milwaukee—Candidate for Wisconsin Governor Ed Garvey and candidate for Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton will address Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues, as well as other issues affecting Milwaukee, at a candidates forum on Saturday, February 7, 1998. This will be the LGBT community's opportunity to bring questions forward to these candidates for two of Wisconsin's highest seats of office.

The candidates forum will be held at the UW-Milwaukee Lapham Hall, Room 162 at 6:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, and the UW Milwaukee departments of Political Science, Gay & Lesbian Studies and Women's Studies.

This forum is for informational purposes only and is not an endorsement by any of the parties involved.

Monthly Meeting LGBT Catholics

Milwaukee—Rebuilding Faith: This monthly discussion group, for Gay, Lesbian, Bi and Transgendered Catholics and those who love them, meets on the first Sunday of every month from 10:30 to noon at Holy-Trinity-Guadeloupe (621 S. 4th St. - 1st floor of school building, next to the church).

The discussion for Sunday, February 1st will explore and celebrate the unique dynamics of our sexuality and spirituality blend.

The purpose of this monthly gathering is to provide a hospitable place within a Catholic environment for the GLBT community to grow in faith and strengthen esteem and spirituality through shared insights, discussion and experience.

No cost. Just show up, bring a friend or neighbor. Beverages & snacks provided. For more information call: Fred at (414) 481-8543 or Fr. Mike (414) 271-6181.

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ARCW's Research Consortium Looking for Applicants

Milwaukee—The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium is set to begin a new one year study of triple and quadruple therapy combinations of antiretroviral drugs. The study will consist of four arms: Rescriptor, AZT, Crixivan; Rescriptor, Crixivan, 3TC; AZT, Crixivan, 3TC; or a combination of all four.

Unlike some previous clinical drug trials, this has no placebo arm. Everyone accepted into this trial will receive one of the combinations. This is a national study being conducted by Pharmacia & Upjohn.

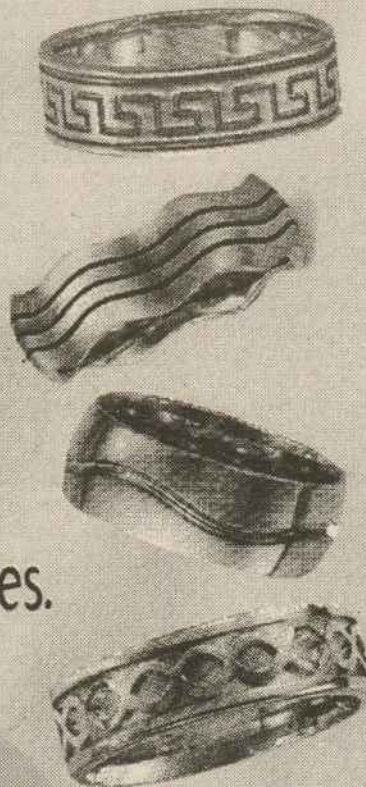
"This trial is an opportunity for individuals who are HIV positive, have a CD4 count of at least 50, a minimum viral load of 20,000 copies and they should not have taken previous drug therapy against HIV," said Dr. Brian Buggy, ARCW medical director, lead trial physician and chair of the Consortium's scientific committee. "Everyone accepted into this study will receive medications and proper medical attention from one of six area infectious disease doctors and will be able to follow the progress of their health all at no charge."

Prior to this new trial, the Consortium has participated in several AIDS drug studies which have since been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and are now on the open market. These include Abbott Laboratories with Ritonavir (Norvir), Glaxo Wellcome with Lamivudine (Epivir or 3TC) and Pharmacia Upjohn with Delavirdine (Rescriptor).

For more information on this study or to see if you qualify, please call 414-225-1504.

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Editorial

National Freedom To Marry Day

A broad-based coalition of LGBT organizations has declared February 12 as "National Freedom to Marry Day." We heartily concur with and support this idea. The issue of same-sex marriage is not a religious issue. Were same-sex marriage be made legal tomorrow, no church would be forced to marry anyone, any more than they are forced to do that now.

The issue, as we see it, is a legal one. By not being able to marry, same-sex couples are denied legal benefits and the concomitant responsibilities that differing sex couples now have. This is unequal treatment.

Same-sex marriages could, as we see it, add to societal stability, provide emotional benefits and support for couples now bereft of them and generally add to the well-being of society as a whole.

Whether you would marry if you could, whether or not you have found "the right one," whether you are of the LGBT community or not, this issue is of cardinal importance.

We therefore, urge everyone to wear a knot on February 12 or in some other way display one. The cause is right. It is one of fundamental fairness.

Editor's Note

President Clinton and the Religious Right

By Terry Boughner

I write with an unhappy sense of *déjà vu*. "The White House is under siege," "The President is hunkered down," "A team of lawyers has descended on 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue" and so on—and on and on. I almost have to look at a calendar to see what year it is. Is it 1998 or is it 1973? It's all that familiar.

Even the Pope's highly symbolic and important visit to Cuba can't eclipse it. It's almost like "Here's the Pope. There's Castro. Now, back to you, Tom."

I don't know if President Clinton had sex with those women and I really don't care. As long as it was consensual, so what? Big deal. If he did have a little "extracurricular" activity, he's by no means the first to hold his office to do so. JFK, LBJ, FDR, Ike, Warren Harding, Grover Cleveland and Thomas Jefferson come immediately to mind.

Neither do I know if there is subornation of witnesses, obstruction of justice or perjury involved. In that regard, NBC news seems to know—or thinks it knows enough to hint and convict, joining thereby a media frenzy that I think is sickening. "It's wonderful. Hot dog! Let's help the country tear itself apart again. Wow!" they seem to say.

This kind of thing must be music to Ken Starr's ears. He's been on very expensive fishing expedition for quite some time. Now, he may actually have caught something and the media loves it.

It becomes all the more sickening if what I suspect is going on, actually is. Lift the cover of this just a little bit and I'll bet you'd find the whole pack of Right Wing religionists wiggling underneath.

It's really no secret that the Ultra-Right has hated Clinton from the get go and wanted him out. Why not? In their minds, he's guilty of a number of "unforgivable sins."

One is that he got himself elected—twice. That's just gotta be evidence, in and of itself, that the country is in a moral decline, right?

Secondly, one of his closest friends was and is openly Gay man. Horrors!

Thirdly, to compound matters, he started out by saying he was going to lift the ban on Gays in the military (gasp!). It didn't happen, but he tried (intention of sin). When that flopped (due to "righteous" forces), he went on to name all "those people" to office.

And, well, yes, Clinton signed DOMA, but then he signed something that said you can't even discriminate against the "homosuckalls" in government employment any more—and maybe there'll soon be a law spreading that out nation-wide and he'll sign it!

There's a lot more they don't like—his "upty wife," his position on abortion, AIDS funding (he advocates it instead of letting these people die like they're suppose to do for their "sins"), etc.

As I said, as of this writing, I don't know whether the President is guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors, but even IF he is, I suspect that there's a heck of a lot more here than meets the eye.

The forces of the so-called "Christian" right are a minority, but a minority that is well organized, very well funded and a minority that has its media in place—and unlike many of us, knows how to use it. This makes them dangerous, as dangerous as they are evil.

In Congressional Districts and states (Maine is only one example) they have been and are on the warpath against us and anyone else who doesn't think like they do: that we're sinners in the hands of an angry God and should be treated accordingly.

They have tried and are trying in every way they know to prevent AIDS funding

and HIV prevention education.

They have tried and are trying to deny us civil rights in all areas including employment, housing, accommodations and the rest.

They have tried and are trying to deny us what is ours by right: the right to marry and receive the emotional and legal benefits therefrom.

They have tried and are trying, using every means at their disposal, to deny us any rights at all and shove us back in the closet and slam the door.

They would like to outlaw us altogether and there are those among them who advocate the death penalty for us for being who we are.

It is their talk, their hateful, bible-bashing rhetoric that I believe strongly contributes to the outrageous incidents of our young people killing themselves.

They have tried and are trying to demean, defame and destroy every single friend we have. Clinton's at the top of the list.

They have promoted as a good one of the most anti-social concepts to come along in a long time: family values.

By that I mean that they tout family values as the panacea for social ills thereby making redundant the need for society and its institutions altogether.

No wonder they don't want us to marry. We form families that are inclusive and extended. Their idea of "family" is exclusive and nuclear.

This, of course, is what Tocqueville feared would happen in America. The Religious Right is trying to materialize those fears.

As far as I can tell, these people aren't Christians despite their use of the name. Neither do they hold to the ideals of this country, the strongest one of which is equality of all before the law.

On the contrary, we do hold to this ideal. I most strongly believe that we LGBT people, among others, in our struggle for dignity and civil rights carry in our knapsacks, so to speak, the basic ideal on which this country was founded: equality.

Right now, the leaders of the Ultra-Right (whose minds most closely resemble a book titled "A Guide to Arab Democracies") must be down on their pudgy little knees, thumping their bibles and praying they can "get" Clinton and thereby get another chance to have one of their own in the White House.

(Believe it or now, Reagan disappointed them and Bush was no better in their eyes.)

I don't think Bill Clinton is the best President we've ever had, far from it. Certainly if he is proven guilty of illegalities he will have to go, but I tremble for my country when I think of the maelstrom into which it is being plunged.

Will I blame Clinton for doing it? Yes. But I'll also blame the voracious media and the minions of the Far Right.

Letters

Cayman Island Boycott

TO THE EDITOR:

"Out and About," the Gay travel newsletter, has called for a boycott of the Grand Cayman Islands following their government's decision to ban Gay and Lesbian tourists. Please call the Grand Cayman Islands Tourism Office (on their dime) at 800-346-3313 and tell them what you think about their government turning away Gay tourists.

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why you are calling and be polite—800 number holders sometimes get your home address and phone number!

Remember that a boycott is not an angry or vengeful act, but a tool. At the other end of the telephone will be employees and residents of the Grand Cayman Islands, but not the person(s) directly responsible for the ban on Gay tourism.

Mark Haile
Los Angeles

March on Washington

TO THE EDITOR:

While in Florida, I read that there are plans underway for Lesbians & Gays to rally in Washington DC again in the year 2000.

This event will change the lives of many of our community members. I know. The 1987 March on Washington opened my closet forever. It is so important for us to convene and gain strength knowing we are not alone in the world.

Unfortunately, it has been announced the Rally is scheduled to take place in October of 2000. If our voices are to be heard in the first wide open Presidential election since 1992, it is important to gather in the Spring of 2000 while there are still primaries.

This would force the candidates seeking the White House to state their position on our equality. And say it to our faces. Invite all the candidates to face our family and state publicly where they stand on equality for all Americans. With a potential million voters in D.C. the candidates cannot afford to ignore us.

This isn't to turn the rally into a platform for non-Gays to woo us, rather we should facilitate forums in Washington throughout the week-end.

By waiting until October we will be attending a political pep rally.

If you think there are no political issues facing our community why can't we get a non-discrimination law (ENDA) passed? And if you think the sitting President is our best friend why did he sign the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), formally refusing to recognize Gay marriages?

In April 1993 we marched on Washington so the precedent has been set for a springtime event.

There is still ample time to move the Rally up six months. Reservations can be changed. Otherwise, once again, the issue of Gay & Lesbian equality will be shuffled to the back-burner. And any chance of our voices being heard will become diminished.

By the way, I pick up your paper in West Hollywood and it continues to be one of the best non-dailies I read. Period. Not simply G&L oriented papers. (Must be your dairy air that keeps your head clear and crisp.)

David Reid
West Hollywood, CA

Re: Abortion

TO THE EDITOR:

After reading Tom Sena's "A Thinking Gay Man's Journey Toward an Understanding of Abortion" which appeared the Dec. 4, 1997 of **Wisconsin Light**, we have some questions:

What is his argument for being "pro-life"? What were/are his uncertainties about choice? Exactly what IS Mr. Sena's "understanding" of abortion?

Since he does not give us answers to these questions, we have the impression that his commentary is really an argument for thinking for oneself. Mr. Sena seems to be saying that since he has changed his views on abortion, people do, with reflection, define and redefine their politics. We do not disagree with this!

Mr. Sena accuses N.O.W. of "trumpeting abortion": this is a common semantic slip. On the contrary, feminists do not ADVOCATE abortion; rather, we argue for continuing access to safe abortion procedures for all women who seek them.

In speaking of "the life and humanity of the unborn child," the writer genders the fetus *female*—a move reminiscent of anti-abortion rhetoric that calls for "Equal Rights for Unborn Women." Unfortunately, Mr. Sena's concern for females fades when it comes to the rights of BORN women: the life of the fetus is only a "fact" if one has a philosophical and/or moral certainty as to when life begins.

The fact is that the fetus is "fundamentally part of the mother's body" (Mr. Sena's words) all during pregnancy. This argument is not (necessarily) for unrestricted rights to abortion, but as abortion—activists have repeatedly explained, for a women's right to choose. Once more, it seems, those of us who work for abortion rights are confronted with a patronizing male voice telling us what to believe.

Perhaps more than anyone, Gay men should

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GLAAD Urges You to Leave Your Stamp on History

New York, NY—The U.S. Postal Service is planning an upcoming stamp collection commemorating the twentieth century, and there is a chance that Lesbian and Gay history could be included—with your participation.

For the "Celebrate the Century" campaign, stamps will be issued to commemorate each decade, and the public will get to vote on which ones will honor the 1950s-1990s. The nominations to be voted on by the public will be chosen by the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee (CSAC).

This committee needs to hear from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender people and those concerned with honoring

America's Lesbian and Gay heritage, and GLAAD is spearheading a letter-writing campaign to ensure that Americans will be able to vote for a major Lesbian and Gay event in American history as a possible candidate for the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s.

Please ask the CSAC to include the Stonewall Riots for the 1960s, slain civil rights leader and San Francisco Supervisor Harvey Milk for the 1970s, the 1987 display of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Washington, D.C. for the 1980s and the historic 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Civil Rights and Liberation.

In addition, explain why each event holds special historical meaning. Act quickly, as the ballots for the 1960s could be finalized as early as the beginning of March!

Contact: Stamps Department, Attn.: Dr. Virginia Noelke, Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, U.S. Postal Service, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, RM 4474E, Washington, D.C. 20260-6753.

Potawatomi Bingo Makes Generous Gift to PFLAG Milwaukee

Milwaukee-Potawatomi Bingo has made a generous gift to PFLAG Milwaukee. According to PFLAG, the funds will enable the organization to better serve the needs of the GLBT community and their families at PrideFest '98.

The Potawatomi gift will allow PFLAG to obtain a larger and more private space to permit more attention to caring and sharing. PFLAG's mission is to provide education, support and advocacy for members' Gay and Lesbian children and their families.

"I commend you on your efforts to give support to families who will then be able to better support their loved ones. Diversity is an issue which has always been with us and always would be," said the letter accompanying the gift.

PFLAG Milwaukee has operated a pizza booth at PrideFest for several years. It sought this support from Potawatomi Bingo in order to give its attention fully to doing what it does best, providing an atmosphere to encourage confidential and accepting dialogue and conflict resolution within families.

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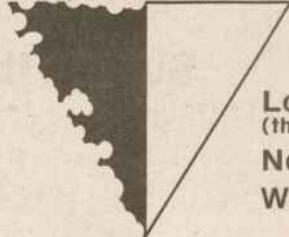
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Gay Business Associations Prosper as More Companies Seek Out LGBT Market

By Peter Cassels

The nation's businesses have seized on the, until recently, largely ignored and untapped Gay and Lesbian market, estimated by some at more than half a trillion dollars. With annual household incomes of Gay men more than 40 percent and Lesbians more than 25 percent above the national average, the community is seen as a lucrative target.

Many of these upscale consumers also are business owners who have banded together in local chambers of commerce from Boston to San Diego and beyond. An Internet listing includes groups in Europe, Canada and New Zealand.

In at least one instance, non-Gay businesses are joining such groups to better reach the market.

"Our community is as diverse as our membership," says Nanette Miller, president of San Francisco's Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA). "Heterosexual business owners want to be a part of building up that business community. And they want to do business with us."

Major corporations such as Bank of America, Citibank, Coors, Pacific Gas & Electric and Pacific Telesis are GGBA members.

The 24-year-old organization, the nation's oldest, had seen its membership dwindle because of the HIV epidemic but is now rebuilding. Last year, it launched new activities to benefit members and build bridges to the wider community: a bank loan program for members, a method to get HIV positive people back to work, and a youth outreach program.

Citibank and two other GGBA members, a local and a national bank, now grant low-interest loans from as little as \$500 to more than \$250,000 to local Gay-owned businesses.

"To our knowledge this is the first Gay and Lesbian micro-loan fund," says Miller.

The GGBA also has created Positive Impact, a coalition designed to assist HIV positive individuals who want to return to the workforce.

"We have the ability to bring together the best of business to assist people who want to go back into the business world as an employer or an employee, so they have the feeling of being productive and, quite frankly, focus on something other than their disease," explains Irv Spivak, immediate past president and himself HIV positive.

The coalition, which includes the Life Program and Positive Resource, two non-profit agencies, so far has facilitated more than 500 temporary and more than 140 permanent positions.

GGBA's youth outreach program will help create and utilize the first queer-oriented Junior Achievement curriculum. This national organization teaches high school students about business and economics. Slated to be launched early this year, the program initially will target local youth organizations. The GGBA also is working with the city's school district to extend the program to classrooms.

"A whole generation was decimated by the AIDS epidemic so we're trying to reach the Gay and Lesbian future entrepreneur to give them a positive role model," explains Miller. "Gay and Lesbian teenage suicides are very high. We want to show them that they are not forgotten, have positive role models and can be successful members of the community. Of course, they also will be our future members and leaders."

One of the organization's goals is to assist similar groups in other cities. "What we'd like to be able to do is show the rest of the country and the world how, when you integrate the Gay and Lesbian portion of your population with the economy and the vitality, energy and creativity of your city, the synergy is absolutely mind-boggling," Spivak asserts.

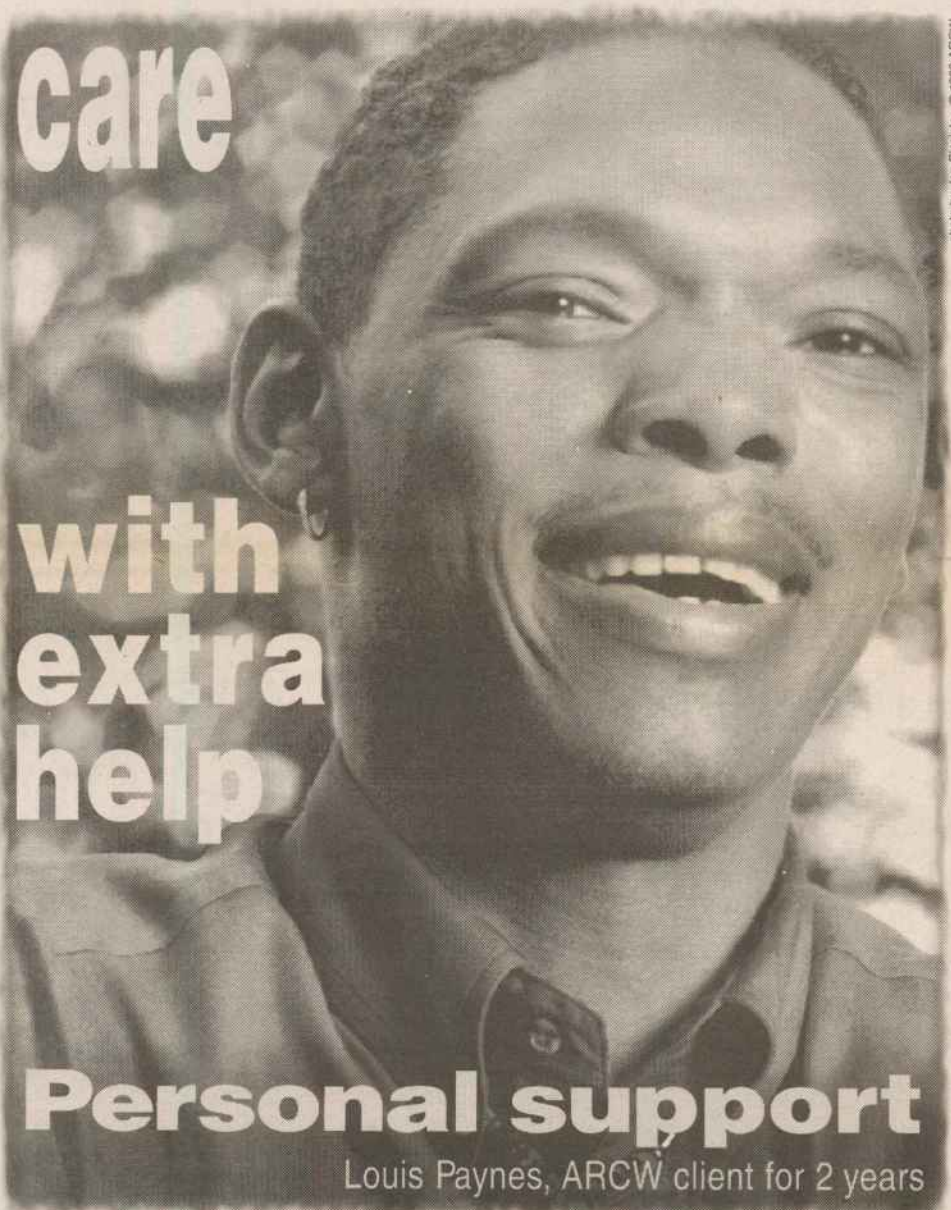
He describes an incident in a Midwestern city where a business group had difficulty connecting with the local chamber of commerce and corporations:

"They weren't taken seriously and no one wanted to do business with Gays and Lesbians. Once we were able to provide them with ways of cooperation from the chamber, city government and the federal government's Small Business Administration, the situation suddenly turned around."

The GGBA is one of the founders of the Western Business Alliance, a regional group. The organization maintains the alliance's mailing list data base and invites Gay and Lesbian chambers of commerce worldwide to subscribe for free by accessing its Internet web site: www.ggba.com.

"What this will do is connect all the chambers around the world to allow us to exchange information," Spivak points out. Acknowledging that Gays and Lesbians represent a significant economic power, he says there may be another, tragic impact: "One of our board members is undertaking a project to identify not how much we currently have in buying power but how much we lost because of the HIV epidemic in tax dollars lost, money never saved or investments never made. I think this country is going to be startled that the number is in the billions."

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The games will have more participants than the 10,000 expected at the Sydney Olympics in 2000.

Sailing, netball and touch rugby will be Sydney's addition to the list of official sports which includes ballroom dancing, tenpin bowling and golf.

Events will take place in Olympic venues and other landmarks, including the Sydney Opera House.

It was the third time Sydney has bid for the Gay Games and the first time the games will be held in the southern hemisphere.

Gene Suspected of Helping HIV

New York, NY-AP- Scientists might have found one way the AIDS virus evades the body's defenses: A single HIV gene can apparently keep infected cells from declaring that they harbor the virus.

If doctors can find drugs that hamper the gene's cloaking effect, it might help control HIV infections, the test-tube study suggests.

Normally, when a virus infects a cell, the cell displays bits of viral proteins on its surface like red flags to alert the immune system. The system can then kill the cell, keeping the virus from replicating.

But the AIDS virus appears to interfere with that warning system by the action of a gene called "nef." The protein resulting from that gene drastically reduces the cell's supply of its own red-flag proteins.

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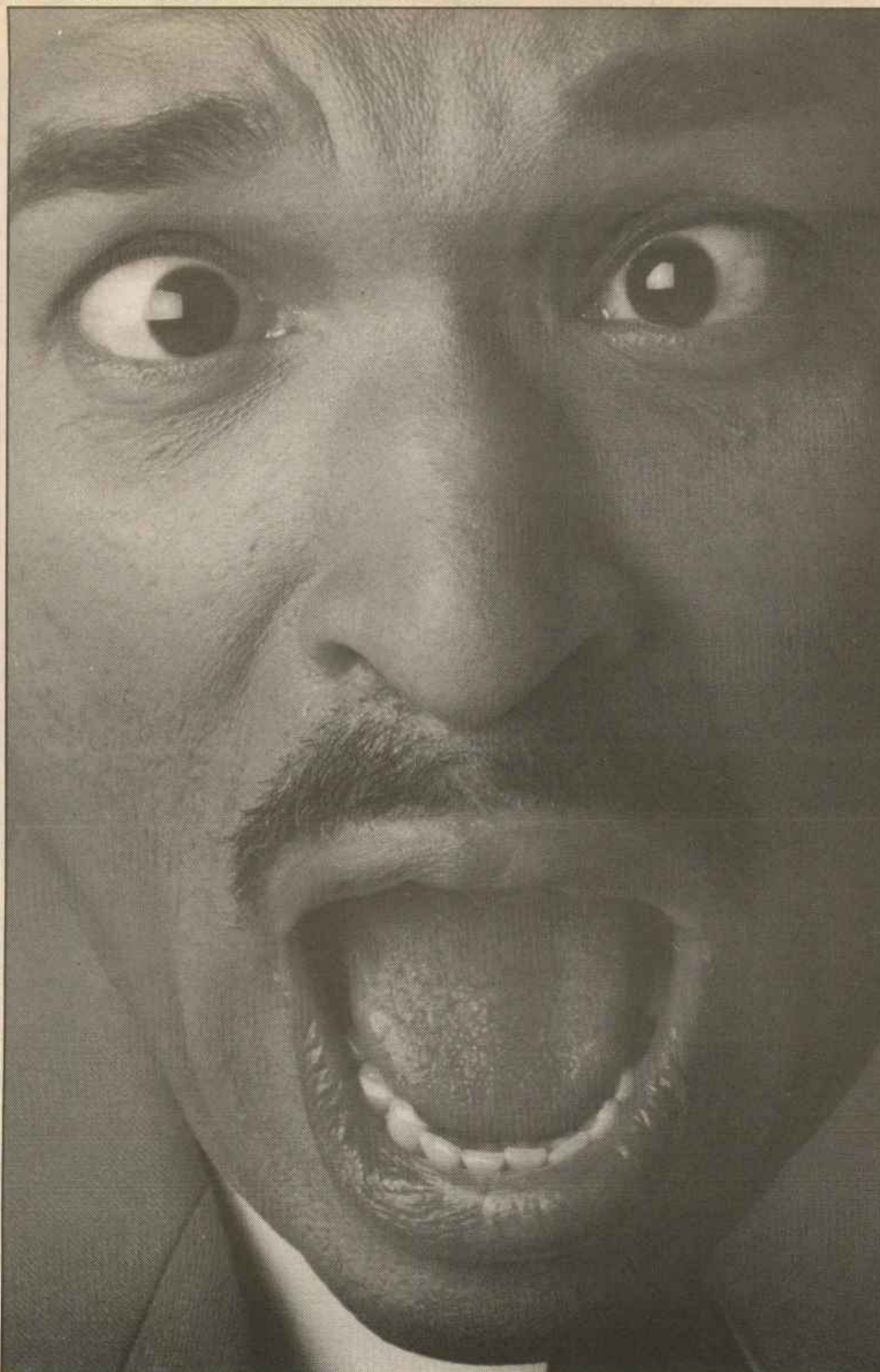
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respect all people's rights to sexual self-expression, as they themselves continue to struggle in our society.

(Heterosexual) women and their allies have a closely related struggle; without either fool-proof methods of contraception, responsible sexual partners, and/or access to safe and legal abortion, women's sexuality will remain curtailed. Rather than a "demand for conformity" regarding abortion, we see a consistent philosophy of sexual autonomy uniting these two "causes."

Cheryl Kader and Julie Magida
Milwaukee

Hospital Visitation Bill Response

TO THE EDITOR:

In the December 18-31, 1997 issue of *The Wisconsin Light*, Bill Meunier made a number of serious misstatements in his discussion of AB 397, the hospital visitation bill. I will not comment on most of his column, because contrary to his implication, the goal of Log Cabin Republicans is not to destroy the political career of Rep. Baldwin. I do feel it important, however, to correct his misstatements about the hospital visitation bill, which has been adopted by both houses of the legislature now, because it is a vitally important bill for the Lesbian and Gay community. Here are the misstatements and my responses:

Misstatement 1: Current law already allows individuals to tell the hospital to allow your same sex partner to see you. "You simply need to draw up the papers with an attorney."

WRONG! Bill cites no authority for this statement, but he is not an attorney. I am an attorney and I have researched this issue thoroughly. Under current law, there is nothing to require a hospital to recognize a patient's designation of who can visit them, even if "papers" are drawn up with an attorney. In fact, since the statutes are silent on the issue and common law governs, under common law the blood relatives of the patient would have the right to determine visitation rights for a patient who is unable to express his desires.

Rep. Baldwin has stated that she thinks it very unlikely that a hospital would refuse visitation rights to someone who has a medical power of attorney for a patient. However, the medical power of attorney statute does not address the issue of visitation at all, but only grants the patient's agent the right to make

medical decisions. Thus, a hospital is under no legal obligation to allow the patient's agent to visit the patient, and current law creates the strange situation under which a person can make medical decisions for a patient but cannot be assured of his or her right to visit the patient. In addition, AB 397's procedure is much easier and does not require legal papers to be drawn up by an attorney.

Misstatement 2: "There is not a recorded case of a Wisconsin hospital refusing to allow a conscious patient to determine who can or can't see him or her."

WRONG! One of the members of Log Cabin Republicans experienced this very problem at one of Madison's supposedly progressive hospitals. A nurse tried to prevent him from being present during a procedure that was being performed on his partner, who was conscious. Even when our member told the nurse that he had been present an earlier time the procedure was performed, she said he could not be present. Our member felt certain that if he had been the patient's spouse, the nurse would never have tried to bar his presence.

Misstatement 3: The hospital visitation bill does not cover those situations where a patient cannot communicate with hospital personnel.

DEAD WRONG! The bill was designed specifically for such a situation. All a person need do is inform his or her physician, either orally or in writing (although it would be better to put it in writing so one's partner has proof that the doctor was so informed) of her/his visitation wishes prior to the incident which caused the patient to become unconscious or mentally incompetent. Once the doctor has been so informed, a hospital must permit visitation regardless of the wishes of the blood relatives of the patient or the wishes of anyone else. That is exactly what the bill says.

The only way in which the hospital visitation bill falls short is in situations where a patient is admitted unconscious or mentally incompetent and the patient has not previously informed his or her physician of the patient's visitation wishes. To deal with that situation, however, legislation would have to give the hospitals some manner of determining who is in a valid same-sex relationship, such as through registration with the state. Thus, a full-fledged domestic partnership bill would have been necessary. Bill himself recognizes that such a bill is not politically feasible at this time, regardless of which party controls the legislature, when he later defends Rep. Baldwin's decision not to introduce such a bill because it would not pass.

I find it interesting that those who have defended their lack of support for this bill on the



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one hand attack the hospital visitation bill because it does not go far enough, but then defend the failure to introduce a bill which would go far enough on the grounds that it would not succeed.

In any case, Log Cabin Republicans believes that it is better to obtain half a loaf than to obtain no loaf when it is clear that the whole loaf cannot be obtained. Apparently, Bill and others who do not support this bill do not agree.

It is fine for Bill and others to hold out for only a full-fledged domestic partnership bill and thereby prevent Lesbians and Gays from taking power over their lives concerning hospital visitation. That is merely a difference in political philosophy. However, it is not acceptable for Bill and others to wage the disinformation campaign which they have waged. The facts are clear, notwithstanding Bill's de-

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cision to twist them: this bill empowers Lesbians and Gays to determine who can visit them, which is a significant change from current law which does not assure Lesbians and Gays that their partners will be able to visit them when they are in the hospital.
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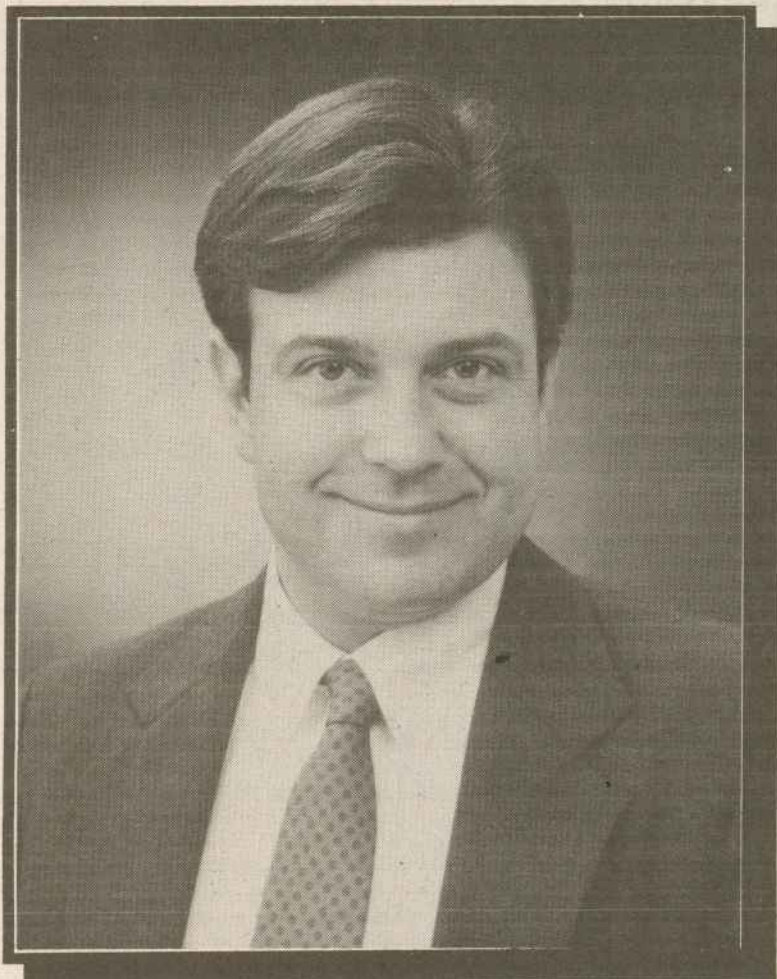
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THE SPOTLIGHT

Afterwords 10% Club's First Biannual Disbursements to LGBT Groups

Milwaukee--Afterwords Bookstore & Espresso Bar is especially pleased to announce the first cash disbursements to local Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender organizations from Afterwords 10% Club.

In March, 1997 Afterwords initiated a special customer program, the Afterwords 10% Club. Members receive an immediate 5% discount on purchases with Afterwords donating an additional 5% of each member's purchase to the local GLBT organization of their choice. In addition to these benefits, members also receive special mailing throughout the year!

Since the Afterwords 10% Club began, almost one hundred individuals and couples have joined, designating 15 different organizations. The amount of money that Afterwords is returning to the local LGBT community in this first, biannual disbursement has come to \$466.68. Checks to organizations will be sent off by the 31st of January.

What follows is a list of organizations and the total they will receive.

Milwaukee Aids Project	136.09
GLBT Community Center	90.04
LAMM	72.15
BESTD Clinic	64.96

Walker's Point Café Has Grand Opening to Show Off Brand New Look

By Terry Boughner

Milwaukee--If you haven't been to the Walker's Point Café (WPC) in awhile, or you've never been there, give yourself a treat and go. Everything's new, brand new. The menu's new, the atmosphere is new and the décor is new--and it's great.

After untold weeks of intense planning and dogged work, Dennis, George and Glen held their Grand Opening on Saturday, January 24. Enter and you're greeted with an understated elegance of soft grays with oak trim. Elegant, yes, but not at all intimidating. Part of that is due to friendliness of management and staff.

A great deal, however is due to the original art by Hartell that lines the walls. These are individual, whimsical portraits of people, who many of you will know. More will be added and on of them might be of you.

In the back, there's a smaller room. There are game machines and some tables. It's a quiet space and would be ideal for smaller gatherings, board meetings and such.

In line with the latest trends around the country, computers give patrons high speed access to the Internet.

WPC will be open early (10:00 a.m.) to early (4:00 a.m.), so whether you're hungry for a shrimp fry at noon or would like something to nosh on after bar close, WPC is the place to go. Prices are very reasonable and, if what I sampled at the Grand Opening is any indication, the food is wonderful. George is one hell of a good cook.

There are various gourmet coffees available as well as a full menu--everything from soup to nuts. George told me that the Mozzarella logs are a house specialty, but you should also try what I am told is the only authentic Philly Cheese Steak in metro Milwaukee.

One of the things that's really great about WPC is that it is a non-alcohol space. That means that people who would rather not go to the bars or people who are younger than 21 can go to WPC, have coffee or a soft drink, eat good food, meet friends, listen to music on the CD player, play video games, get on the Net, and all while being in a LGBT-friendly place.

WPC is located at 1106 S. First Street in Milwaukee's near South Side under the Allen-Bradley clock. Take a look at their website: www.yourcafe.com

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P-Flag	11.91
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Cream City Foundation	8.38
HRL	6.09
Bi-Definition	4.19
The United	2.25

Any individual or couple can join Afterwords' 10% Club throughout the year and can choose from either the above listed or any other local GLBT organization. Each new member will also receive an exclusive Afterwords tote bag. The cost of membership is \$10.00.

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Italian Renaissance a la Grassi One Artist Show Now at the BestD Clinic

Milwaukee--"Italian Renaissance a la Grassi, a new, one artist show of oils by Dr. Eugene V. Grassi has opened at the BestD Gallery and will run through March 27th. The twelve pieces, many of them large, illustrate Grassi's representational style of painting in oils based on a thematic idea. While most of Grassi's works are classical in style, one is truly contemporary with athletes in the familiar green and gold.

Grassi, who is now retired, volunteers at the BestD Clinic and St. Camillus Campus. Because of a childhood rheumatic heart condition, he savored the less active pursuits of drawing, crafts and puppetry. After high school, he became an apprentice to a New York art dealer who had come from

London in 1939 in the wake of World War II. The young artist's mentor collected, restored and sold antique paintings, the perfect classroom for Grassi's talents to flourish. He enrolled in New York University and graduated with a BS in Art Education in 1925.

Grassi taught in New York schools and at the urging of a friend with roots in Wisconsin, he moved to Milwaukee. During his teaching career, which included art and English at Nicolet High School, he earned a Masters in Education and a Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction at Marquette. In spite of a full retirement schedule, he still takes up the brush and palette as a hobby.

"Italian Renaissance a la Grassi" can be viewed at the BestD Gallery, located on the first floor of the BestD Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street in Milwaukee. Gallery hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The show will run through the end of March and all works are available for purchase. For more information, call BestD Clinic at (414) 272-2144.

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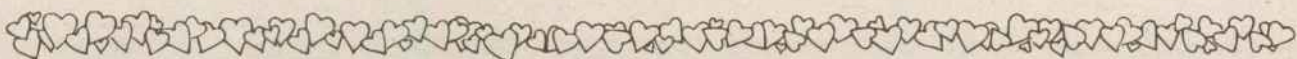
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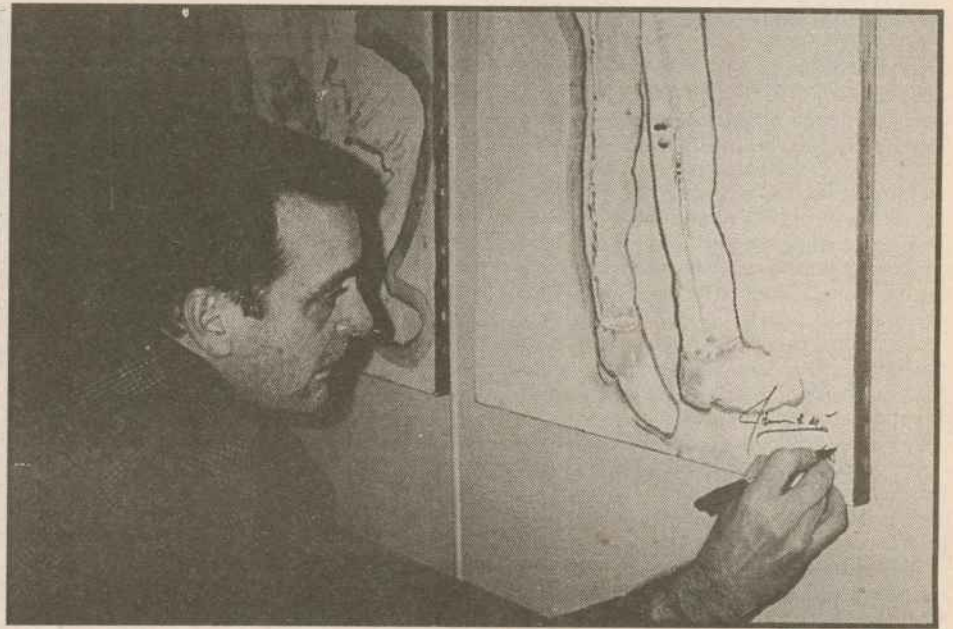
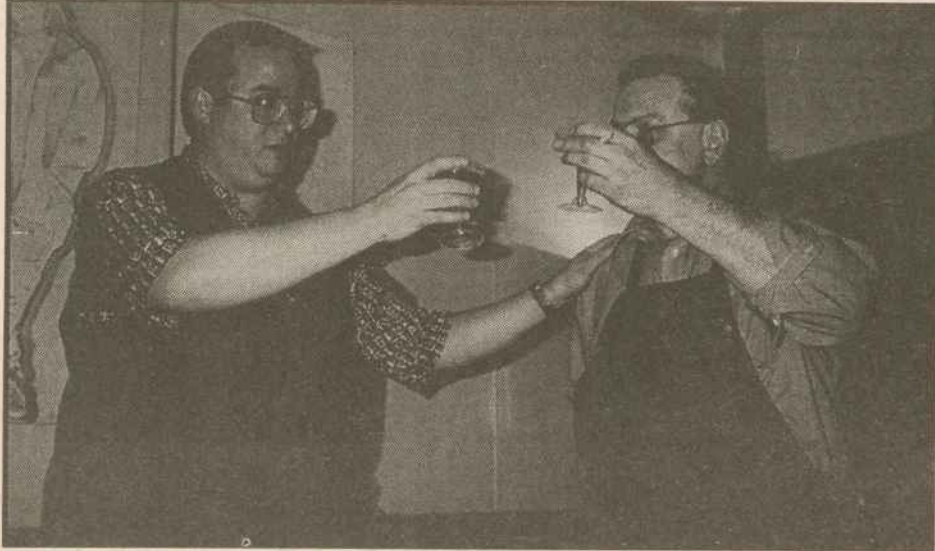
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Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel



Giving Some Love At Kirby's Klub Helps Those With HIV

Gala Show, Heart Sale Benefit AIDS Network Emergency Service Fund

By Bill Meunier

Kirby's Klub and The Wisconsin Light along with Cass Marie Domino, the Portfolio Men and many others are pitching in to help a very special charity, the Madison AIDS Network Emergency Services Fund for people with HIV. They want you to give some love by purchasing and decorating a heart at Kirby's from now through Valentine's Day and by attending their special show on Saturday February 14.

The Emergency Services fund helps those with HIV meet emergency expenses. Mary Turnquist, Executive Director of the AIDS network calls the fund "an important tool that helps the AIDS network meet the needs of its clients."

Asked to give some examples of the types of things the fund helps to pay for Turnquist fires off a whole list. "It could be food vouchers, a bus pass, help with housing, money for an emergency prescription or anyone of a number of other emergencies that arise."

The AIDS network says that over 60% of its clients have incomes of \$10,000 a year or less. "You can imagine what that means," says Turnquist. "The vast majority of our clients are on very tight budgets, even the smallest expense can mean going without food or medication, or not having enough money for a bus pass so they can keep their medical appointments or coming up short on their rent."

The Emergency Services Fund itself is stretched to the limit. Two years ago, the fund ran out of money and last year the AIDS network had to limit the amount it could provide to anyone client in order to keep the fund going all year long.

In response to the AIDS network's request for help, Kirby Sheldon, owner of Kirby's Klub and The Wisconsin Light have come up with a bang up fund raiser called "Give Some Love."

The fund raiser began on Super Bowl Sunday when special valentines went on sale at Kirby's Klub. Through Valentines Day, the hearts will be on sale. Patrons can purchase a heart with a minimum donation of \$1.00. After you decorate your heart, that cute bartender at Kirby's (they have a number of them) will put it up on the wall, so everyone can see that you have given some love.

Of course you can buy more than one and you can give more than a buck so go to Kirby's early and often in this important

effort. I mean you can never give too much love.

The whole thing will be capped off by a fabulous show featuring Cass Marie Domino and her friends as well the Portfolio men held on Valentine's Day, Saturday February 14.

During the show, the audience will be invited to select the best heart and the person who made it will be given a nice bar tab courtesy of Kirby's Klub.

The cover for the show is \$5.00 and it will be worth every penny plus its all for a great cause. Kirby says he is pleased to help the AIDS Network with its Emergency Fund needs. "I like the fact that this money will go directly to those who need help and not to administration," he says.

What could be more perfect, hearts, valentines and giving love to some people who badly need your help. So head down to Kirby's to give some love and plan on attending the big show on February 14.

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still scratching your head when the final credits begin to roll.

Truly, the film is full of fine performances - the aforementioned plus Donald Sutherland as Hobbes' somewhat creepy boss. The lighting, set design, costumes and musical score are all conducive to quality film making. The writing pales in comparison to other films of this genre, say, *Silence of the Lambs*, however, and explanations as to what's going on are few and rattled off too quickly to be fully comprehended.

Unfortunately, *Fallen* doesn't quite make it to being a good film - despite the earnestness of the performances - largely due to the fact that you go into it knowing the basic plot, and come out of it pondering its many non sequiturs. ★★

Grand Opening -- A grand time was had by everyone at the Walker's Point Café and Cybertria Grand Opening party held on Saturday, January, 24. A nice crowd turned out to see the new decore and sample the new menu. At the left is new majority owner, Dennis Hill toasting George. At the right is artist James Harrel signing one of the pieces of original art that now decorate the walls. Walker's Point Café and Cybertria is located at 1106 S. First Street, Milwaukee.

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NEWS... Well sad to say, but Manoeuvre's move to a more spacious location is heading back to the drawing board. Ed told us that the City of Madison wouldn't grant a required parking variance even though he had worked out a deal with Madison Gas and Electric to provide space in their adjacent lot. MG & E was not willing to make a permanent commitment in case they needed space later and so the whole deal fell through. Too bad, Madison needs more bar space.

RECAPS... With the Super Bowl everyone saved their fire for Super Sunday, but we managed to get out and about to a few nice events. Star E. Night's benefit at Just Us featured a great show on January 17th. Star E's a class act and I certainly hope that she does well at the pageant.

I also stopped in at M & M's in Milwaukee to see Singsational. As usual they were sensational. Kudo's to Bob and his staff for continuing to offer great entertainment at his popular bar and restaurant.

Mr. Jerry Grillo was his usual silky, wonderful self singing at **This Is It** on January 18. Mr. Grillo is one of the finest singers in Milwaukee. It was good to see a nice sized crowd there to hear him—and demand he stay an extra hour. He and his guitarist were kind enough to oblige.

I had a fun time at the **Milwaukee Eagle**. The absence of the dress code doesn't seem to have affected the clientele all that much, it was just as butch as ever.

The big prize night drawing at **La Cage** was fun too. They gave away a fab trip for two to South Beach Florida. Every Tuesday is Prize night at La Cage, and every three months they draw for a big vacation to a Gay spot.

I also had a really great time at **Kirby's Klub** in Madison. The "Profits For Pets Show, raised \$1,000 for the Dane County Humane Society. Everyone was there from JJ owner of the **Shamrock** and Ed owner of **Manoeuvres** to Brenda from Mayor Bauman's staff.

Kirby has installed a great new dressing room downstairs. He told me that his entertainers deserve the best. Course no trip to Mad Town would be complete without a stop at the **Shamrock** and **Manoeuvres**.

I like the friendliness of the **Shamrock** and of course all those hot men at **Manoeuvres** aren't to be missed. As usual DJ Tony Richards had the dance floor full and place jamming.

Because I was in Madison, I couldn't make the Grand Opening of **Walker's Point Café** but other staff members were there and they all told me it was wonderful. Our editor Terry said he was impressed by both the food and the new decor. This is going to be a great spot for those who don't go to bars or those under 21. Good fun, play on the internet, great food, all with friends. What more could you ask?

The Super Bowl parties were fun (at least until it became clear that the Pack wasn't going to win). I had a great time at **The Ball Game**, **Dish** and **In Between**

Shoreline to Teach Dance Lessons at Just Us

Milwaukee—Now is the time to follow through on that New Year's resolution to do something new and fun! Shoreline, Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian country western dance group, will be teaching a new sequence of line dances during February and March at Just Us at 8:30 p.m., following two-step (partner) lessons. No partner required!

The dances are being presented in an order that will allow dancers, particularly beginners, to build upon what is learned each week. On Valentine's Day, a romantic couples dance called **The Sway** will be taught.

A variety of male and female recording artists will be featured including such venerated country artists Madonna and Janet Jackson. Two-step lessons, in addition to country line dance lessons, are offered every week at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. respectively at Just Us, free of charge by members of Shoreline.

Dance Schedule

- Jan. 31—The Outback
- Feb. 7—Sleazy Slide
- Feb. 14—The Sway
- Feb. 21—Tennessee Twister
- Feb. 28—Hanky Panky
- Mar. 7—Honky Tonk Twist
- Mar. 14—Mercury Blues

and I was really impressed by the Half time show put on by **La Cage**. The showcase was decked out in its finest green and gold for a cheerleader number and then came back with a very fine rendition of "America" from West Side Story. Great job girls.

Station II had a truly lavish half time feast. There was roast pork, potato salad and a whole lot else. Thanks to all the women there for a fun time—and especially to the two who told me what declining a penalty meant.

The crowd at **This Is It** was great fun—especially since Ruthie was there. Oh, can that girl get into those macho sports.

Coming Up... Well we are approaching Valentine's Day already. Can spring be far behind? Hope not.

On Saturday, January 31, I am gonna check out two special events. The first one is at **Woody's**. It's a leather swap. I am not exactly sure what happens at a leather swap, but I am hoping it has something to do with trading men. Then I will head over to **Just Us** to help the fun folks from Shoreline celebrate their anniversary.

Then on Friday, February 6, Dr. Shovelit, Ruthie and I are going shopping for valentines, not the kind you mail either, the kind

you kiss. We will start out with a fish fry at **The M & M Club**, and then head over to **This Is It**. We always have a great time at those two places. Next we will head over to **La Cage** to listen to our fav tag team, Dave and Tony spin all our best numbers (and a few tunes too) as we dance the night away.

On February 7th, we will back at **Woody's** for the grand opening party. Ruthie is hoping that they are giving away Fabio as a door prize. Shovelit will take anyone as a door prize.

If we were in Green Bay, we would head over to **Za's** for the Miss Gay Great Lakes pageant. If you are in Green Bay or anywhere near it, I highly recommend it. Za's always has great shows and this one will be extra special.

Then on **Thursday, February 12** a whole bunch of people including me will be at **In Between** for its V-Day party, V as in valentine's day. This is a Spotlight Event. It will include the bar's own version of The Dating Game.

Saturday, February 14 there is a whole bunch of stuff going on, but I will be in Madison for our big "Give Some Love" show at **Kirby's Klub**. From now through the show, you can buy a valentine, and decorate it. The money you donate goes to the AIDS network's Emergency Serv-

ices Fund to help those who are HIV positive to meet emergency expenses they can't pay for.

The whole thing will be capped off with a great show featuring the Portfolio Men and Miss Cass Marie Domino and friends. How can you go wrong with a line up like that and it's all for a great cause.

After the show I will stop at **Manoeuvres** for its Valentine's Day dance.

Last but not least is the **Pageant** which will be held on **Sunday February, 15** at Milwaukee's Downtown Hilton hotel. This is a Milwaukee tradition and it's always a great show to watch.

Well that is it for now. Hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile stay safe and be proud.

Valentine's Ball

The 10% Society of UW-Madison is sponsoring a Valentine's Ball on Friday, February 13 for the LGBT community and friends.

The dance is open to UW-Madison students and employees.

The dance will be held in the Great Hall, Memorial Union from 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be a DJ, a cash bar. Admission is \$3.

There will be a dance-o-thon sponsored by Students for Camp Heartland. For information on how to participate in the dance-o-thon, call Dan at (608) 251-7298, email:

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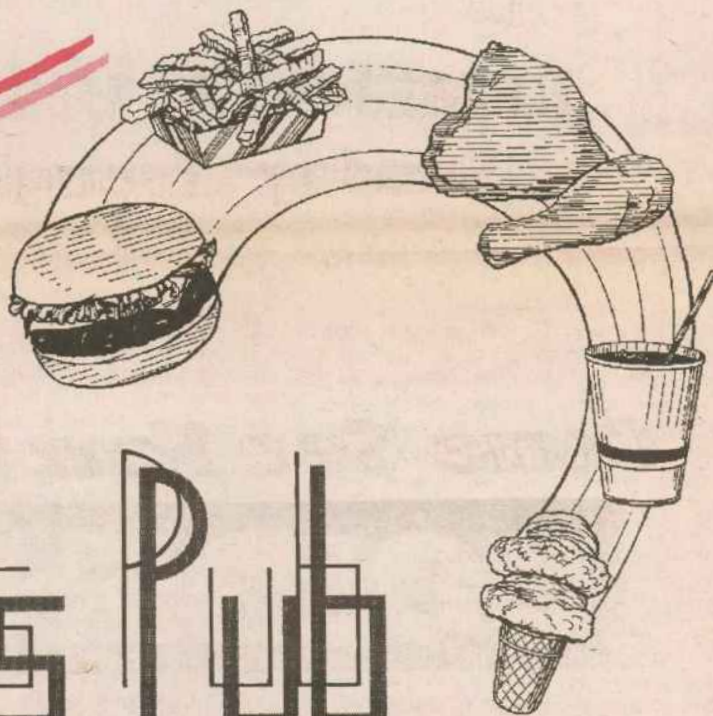
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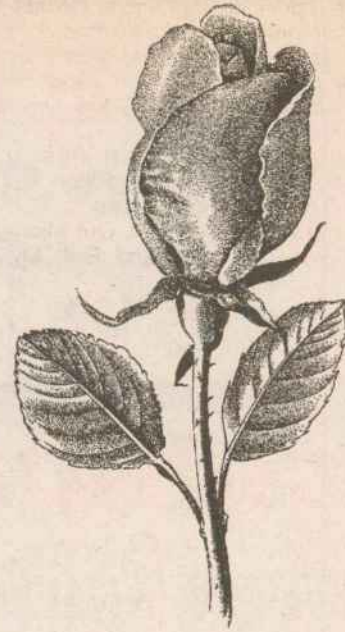


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In 'Ma Vie en Rose', a Boy Who Knows He's a Girl Faces a Cruelly Hostile World

Ma Vie en Rose is "the age-old story of sidelong glances, disapproving neighbors, gossip, and being ashamed of what is different," says first-time feature director Alain Berliner.

Played with an even-keeled, matter-of-fact charm by newcomer George du Fresne, Ludovic is a boy who knows he is a girl and puts his trust in God that this error in his given gender will be righted. Full of hope and raised on fairytales, he believes that a supernatural force will make his dearest wish come true: to be back in the body of the girl that he is meant to be.

When Ludovic says, "I'm a boy now but one day I'll be a girl," it makes perfect sense to him. It's like saying, "One day I'll be a grown up."

Says Berliner, "The movies often treat sexual identity as comedy material. With **Ma Vie en Rose**, I wanted the child's innocence and his amazing certainty make his questions touch our hearts and allow us to understand them. There is a lot to laugh about in the film, but there is also a

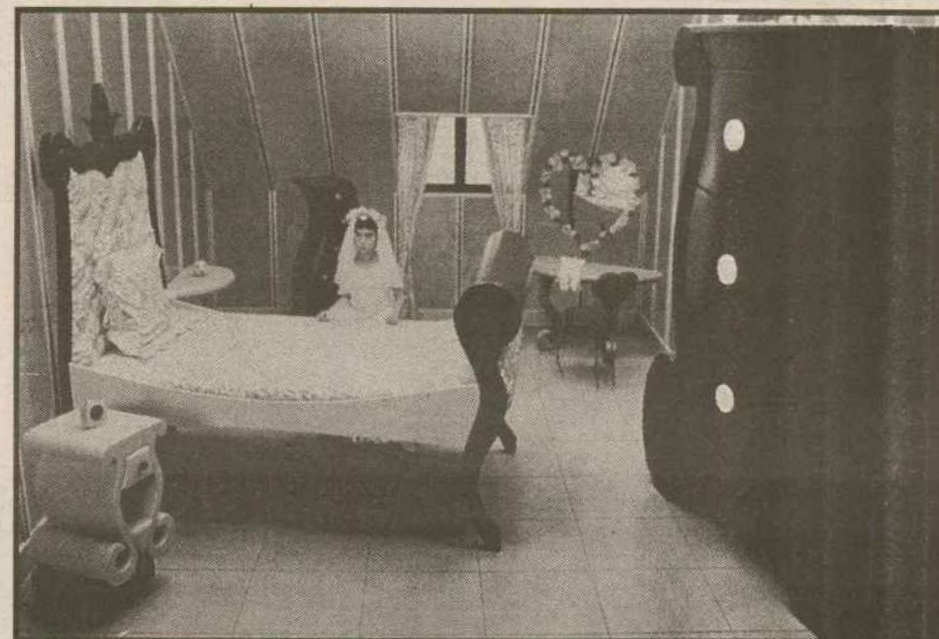
good dose of drama."

In today's world, popular culture has reflected a change in society where, as Berliner puts it, "the gender cards are being re-dealt." But even as boundaries blur, and more difference is becoming acceptable and even celebrated, particularly in popular culture, the pitfalls of sexual identity for the individual -- and for children in particular -- are still deep. Says Berliner, "To my knowledge, no one has covered this topic at this age before, the age when the question of sexual identity appears."

But Berliner is also quick to point out that his film is not meant to come down on one side of what is right or wrong for all children.

"In making the film, we were not concerned with Ludovic's future. Maybe the episode described in the film will lead to something, maybe nothing."

Instead, Berliner, writer Chris vander Stappen and producer Carole Scotta set out to examine how having a child who is different can effect the parents, the neighbors



Bedside Manner? Georges Du Fresne as Ludovic in "Ma Vie En Rose"

and the entire community in which they live.

"For the parents, it takes real courage to accept their child's difference because what terrifies them most -- and terrifies just about everyone -- is the prospect of being different themselves, of being seen as different by other people. Neighbors," observes Berliner, himself a father of two, "are like so many mirrors: when one of them reflects a distorting picture, you do your utmost to throw it out."

To keep the tone of the story he was telling on track, and in working with actors Michele Laroque and Jean-Philippe Ecofey, who play the mother and father, Berliner reminded himself of one thing:

"I never stopped telling myself that if something like this happened to me, I wouldn't know how to react."

The film is about differences: how a child distinguishes appropriate behavior for himself against the standards of what others consider normal. Ludovic discovers he is different from others and encounters the violent world of adults as a result. This violence is not expressed physically, but causes as much intense pain.

Because it is much easier for a girl to be a tomboy than for a boy to be girlish, writer Chris vander Stappen chose to tell this story from the boy's point of view.

"The stakes are much higher for males. A boy who thinks he's a girl stirs up a deep

fear in men of not measuring up to an image of virility," he says.

Not unlike Tim Burton's **Edward Scissorhands**, the visual style of **Ma Vie en Rose** follows the storyline. At first everything is light, open, cheerful and colorful. Then, what used to be allowed is declared forbidden and Ludovic's world grows darker. The bright, warm colors of the first part of the film contrasts with the second half, painted in colder tints of blue and gray. The film's structure gets steadily looser as the peaceful, middle-class life of Ludovic's family breaks down.

Within their quiet suburb in Brussels, which engenders the fear of others, the utmost is done within the community to be rid of elements that appear to threaten its homogeneity. The object of Ludovic's affection, Jerome, is a prisoner of his parent's authority but is attracted to Ludovic's personality. His parents, Albert and Lisette Brun, are uncompromising in their misguided principles and do the most to alienate and ostracize Ludovic's family with their hatred.

Berliner explains, "The adults in the film react so strongly because there are other issues lurking behind the basic question of sexual identity: Where do I belong in the world? Who am I?"

Ma Vie en Rose opens at Milwaukee's Downer Theater on February 20.

GLAAD Announces Its Nominees for 1998 Media Awards

New York, NY--The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is proud to announce the nominees of its 9th Annual GLAAD Media Awards, which will take place in three ceremonies to be held in New York City on March 30 at the New York Hilton Towers, in Washington, DC on April 4 at the George Washington Marriot and in Los Angeles on April 19 at the Century Plaza Hotel.

The GLAAD Media Awards were created in 1989 to honor individuals and projects in the media and entertainment industries for their balanced and accurate representations of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community and the issues that affect their lives.

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OUTSTANDING FILM

(Limited Release)

All Over Me, Bent, Different For Girls, Lilies, My Life in Pink (*Ma Vie En Rose*)

OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTARY

Behind the Music: Boy George (VH1) Hide and Seek (PBS), I Shall Not Be Removed (PBS), Licensed to Kill, Paul Monette: Brink of Summer's End (Cinemax)

Gay Films Garner Applause, Awards at Sundance

Los Angeles--As the Sundance Film Festival closed, four Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender films received awards and other high praise, promising a strong year in independent Lesbian and Gay cinema for art house audiences across the country.

Out of the Past, a documentary profiling Kelli Peterson's heroic struggle to form a Gay/straight alliance at her Salt Lake City high school won an audience award, while a Filmmakers Trophy, given by movie makers at the festival, went to **Divine Trash**, which reflected on John Waters' making of the influential and raunchy film **Pink Flamingos**.

2by4, in which an Irish-American straight construction worker seeks comfort in the arms of a male hustler, garnered a cinematography prize, and the Waldo Salt screenwriting award went to **High Art**, the only Lesbian-specific feature in the festival.

"GLAAD is excited by the recognition received by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender-related works at Sundance this year," said GLAAD Entertainment Media Director Chastity Bono. "We congratulate all of the filmmakers at Sundance who share a vision with us that Lesbian and Gay stories are worth being told and we look forward to seeing their work in movie houses across America."

OUTSTANDING TV MOVIE

Any Mother's Son, Breaking the Code, In the Gloaming, Twilight of the Golds

OUTSTANDING TV DRAMA SERIES

ER (NBC), 413 Hope Street (Fox), NYPD Blue (ABC)

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Ellen (ABC), Mad About You (NBC), Spin City (ABC), Suddenly Susan (NBC)

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HBO Comedy Hour "Drop Dead Gorgeous (A Tragicomedy): The Power of HIV-Positive Thinking" (HBO), The Practice "Civil Rights" (ABC), The Simpsons "Homer's Phobia" (Fox), South Park "Big Gay Al's Big Gay Boat Ride" (Comedy Central), Xena: Warrior Princess "Here She Comes, Miss Amphipolis" (Syndicated)

OUTSTANDING TV TALK

RuPaul Show "The Family Show", Geraldo "Ellen Coming Out: Celebration or Catastrophe?", Oprah Winfrey Show "Ellen's Coming Out" Episode

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All My Children (ABC)

OUTSTANDING TV JOURNALISM

20/20 (ABC) - "TOPS Cops", 20/20 (ABC) - "Married Lesbians Come Out", Legal Cafe (Court TV) - "Domestic Partnership", Entertainment Tonight (syndicated) - Body of Work, AIDS: A Journal of Hope (Time Warner/NY1)

OUTSTANDING MUSIC

Ani DiFranco Living in Clip, Erasure Cowboy, Indigo Girls Shaming of the Sun, Janet Jackson The Velvet Rope, White Town Women in Technology

OUTSTANDING MAGAZINE ARTICLE

"Her Son/Daughter" New York Times Magazine, "A Daughter's Story" Seventeen Magazine, "I'm Just Like Any Other Mom" McCall's, "1997 Entertainer of the Year" Entertainment Weekly, "Yep, I'm Gay" Time Magazine

OUTSTANDING MAGAZINE OVERALL COVERAGE

Time Magazine, The Progressive, Advertising Age

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

"Death of a Sailor" by Cheryl Lavin (Chicago Tribune), "What A Difference A Modern Makes" by Matthew McAllester (Newsday), "A Self Made Man" by David Tuller (San Francisco Chronicle) "Nowhere to Hide: When Love Turns Mean" by Katherine Seligman (San Francisco Examiner)

OUTSTANDING NEWSPAPER COLUMN/COLUMNIST

Clarence Page "What Kids and Their Parents Should Know About Gay Rights" (Tribune Media Service), "Outlooks" (Miami Herald)

OUTSTANDING COMIC

The Invisibles, The Flash, Superboy and the Ravers, For Better or For Worse

OUTSTANDING INTERACTIVE MEDIA

Ann On-Line, Gay.com, GLORadio, Sol's Activist Page, Oasis Magazine

OUTSTANDING L.A. THEATER PRODUCTION

The Sum of Us, Mountains, Gay 90's Musical, Rent, The Normal Heart

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'Afterglow' Makes a Comedy of Tears of Two Relationships

By John Jahn

In director Alan Rudolph's *Afterglow*, we follow the lives of four people—two married couples with nothing in common—and how they intermingle and interact under the most unusual of circumstances.

The first couple includes a 20-something, career-obsessed corporate climber, Jeffrey Byron (Jonny Lee Miller). He's an unsympathetic character, totally self-interested and extremely insensitive to his wife Marianne's (Lara Flynn Boyle) desires to have a child.

Marianne's plans for the little one-to-be proceed even without Jeffrey's support. So, when she contracts to have a room of the house converted to a child's room, she meets an aging Lothario carpenter absurdly named Lucky Mann (Nick Nolte). Lucky spends his time "servicing" lonely housewives with leaking pipes, etc., while his former B-movie actress wife, Phyllis (Julie Christie) watches tapes of her old films in a nostalgic haze. Lucky and Phyllis' marriage is stressed by knowledge of the latter's past infidelities and the former's present ones. They scarcely know how to treat each other with passion and care anymore, but can't seem to give up completely, either.

The film follows the affair Lucky and Marianne embark upon, as well as the chance meeting and subsequently abortive affair between Jeffrey and Phyllis. Two married couples: an older one with a painful past, and a younger one with an uncertain future—confront each other and themselves in this generally well-written, well-acted film.

Afterglow has a plot reminiscent of romantic comedies, and could've easily been adapted to that genre. While there are certainly comedic elements to it, the film is at base a serious look at the trou-



Julie Christie in "Afterglow"

bles couples have with cheating, romance, expectations and disappointments.

Nolte and Christie especially possess charm and chemistry, and when neither of them is on the screen, you can't wait for them to return.

A Gay co-worker of Jeffrey's takes him to a Gay bar and comes out to him, creating the possibility of an intriguing turn of events and perhaps an exploration of Jeffrey's sexuality. Alas, this potential is ignored and nothing happens, or is even hinted at.

Nevertheless, *Afterglow* boasts excellent acting and writing, and on the strengths of the four central characters, succeeds in entertaining us, if not overwhelmingly so. ★★1/2

Afterglow opens February 6 exclusively at Milwaukee's Downer Theater.

'Hard Rain' is a Mildly Entertaining Film, Better Seen on the Big Screen

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Most of the current mindless action flicks that dominate cinema screens owe a tremendous debt to Irwin Allen, the founding father of the genre of motion picture best described as "hackneyed disaster epics." Beginning with the delightfully bloated *Poseidon Adventure* in 1972, Allen perfected the formula for ideal entertainment for the masses.

Allen's tried & true, never-bettered formula involved a simple plot, lots and lots of special effects, some silly romantic shenanigans and a slew of big named stars whose recognizable names often obscured waning careers. Did Glenn mention a simple plot?

Mikael Salomon's *Hard Rain* is a direct Allen descent.

Hard Rain offers the always marvelous Morgan Freeman as Jim, a good bad guy leading a pack of redneck thieves planning a big \$3 million heist of an amour car. Driving is everyone's favorite lovable grouch Mary Tyler Moore Show's Lou Grant (Ed Asner). Oops, Asner's character is named Charlie.

To set the stage, the overcast skies have burst resulting in a deluge of rain descending on the armored car. Next to Lou/Charlie is his young nephew Tom (a not-so young, increasingly less attractive Christian Slater, also one of the film's executive producers)

Gosh, it's raining. So much rain, in fact, that the armored car stalls in a small lake that has formed upon on a lonely stretch o' road (Glenn ponders briefly if there is any other kind of road in a cheesy flick like *Hard Rain*.)

Won't it ever stop raining? Lou/Charlie calls for help. What arrives is a truck full o' rednecks. All they want is the money, they claim. But poor ol' Lou/Charlie is shot and

'Phantoms' Slithers Along Until it Comes to a Slimy, Predictable Conclusion

Reviewed by Glenn Bishop

Had Glenn known that *Phantoms* starred that marvelous, deliciously dimpled Ben Affleck, Glenn might well have planned to attend the preview screening. Instead, misadventure found Glenn whose preview pass for *Great Expectations* disappeared.

Magically, the clock ticking away, a preview pass for *Phantoms* arrived from the most unexpected source. Magic, perhaps but Black magic, Glenn is sad to say.

What a waste of a very long drive in almost blizzard conditions.

What's more, what an amazing waste of the acting talents of the legendary Peter O'Toole and the aforementioned yummy Ben Affleck, who quite disappointedly,

young (?) Tom is on the run, all \$3 million fitting conveniently in what looks suspiciously like a saddlebag.

Amidst this murky downpour director Mikael Salomon throws into the "plot" a greedy Sheriff (Randy Quaid) as well as up & coming Minnie Driver as Karen, the obligatory love-interest for Tom, who inauspiciously clobbers him as he seeks refuge in a church. It's love at first thump!

Salomon offers moviegoers few surprises as Jim and his pack of redneck thieves chase Tom (and later Karen) in a variety of motored boats. Perhaps the only real surprise in *Hard Rain* is that despite all of the rain and all of the flooding, no character actually dies from simple drowning. This is especially surprising given how long some of the underwater stunts actually seem to take. Apparently *Hard Rain* takes place in a small town filled with Olympic swimmers.

Still, Salomon's classy cast does manage to keep things interesting for awhile. Freeman is given the difficult task (unnecessary?) task of making Jim into a sympathetic bad guy. Ultimately, adrift in a sea of one-dimensional characters, his motivations merely seem confusing.

More fun is *Hard Rain's* supporting cast. Ed Asner is properly warm and fuzzy in what amounts to a cameo appearance. Another MTM alumna, Betty White has a few fun moments as comic relief as a shrewish wife. A bearded Richard Dysart too generates a few much needed laughs as White's hen-pecked hubby.

Perhaps lacking the thrills of, say, *Twister*, *Hard Rain* proves to be mildly entertaining and likely better seen on the "big screen".

Rating: \$3.43 (scale No cents to \$7.00)

never removes any article of clothing.

With a screenplay by Dean Koontz, here adapting for the screen his own best-seller, *Phantoms* chronicles the trials and tribulations of little Snowfield, Colorado.

For some unknown reason Jenny Paley (Joanna Going) is forcing her younger sister Lisa (Rose McGowan) into a month-long visit to this boring little burgh. Snowfield is to be made even more boring by the fact that all of the residents are dead!

Director Joe Chappelle succeeds in creating some genuinely creepy moments in the opening moments of *Phantoms* as Jenny and Lisa wonder around the silent town. Phones work, then they don't. Cars run, then they don't.

The turning point comes when the gals

'Kundun' Opens for Two Week Run at Oriental Theater, January 30

'Kundun,' a film epic about the Dalai Lama of Tibet, opens on Friday, January 30 for a limited, two week run at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater, running through February 12. The film will be screened in the Oriental's main auditorium.

This widely acclaimed film was cited as one of top ten films of the year by "Wisconsin Light's" movie critic, John Jahn.

Jahn called 'Kundun' "a remarkable historical drama lovingly brought to the big screen by...Martin Scorsese. The visual appeal and authenticity of this film gives it an almost docudrama flavor, and the accompanying score by Phillip Glass literally caresses every scene."

finds the heads of two of their friends, bloody, in a bakery oven, "Oh no, cheap effect.", thought Glenn.

Phantoms at this point became another senseless, routine horror flick.

Sheriff Bryce (Ben Affleck) takes the opportunity to make an unexpected (although not unwelcome) appearance with his deputies. Where have they been? Why are they still alive? Why did Sheriff Bryce hire such a slimy deputy as Stu Wargle (*Scream 2's* Liev Schreiber)?

Our brave protagonists begin to once again search the town. Exploring Snowfield's cheap little hotel, the name Timothy Flyte is discovered on a bathroom mirror, oh so predictably scribbled in red lipstick. Who is Timothy Flyte? One guess says that it will turn out to be Peter O'Toole!

Timothy Flyte is a writer for a supermar-

ket tabloid. Looking like death-barely warmed-over, O'Toole's Flyte looks for all the world like nothing more than a drunken hack. Still "The Phantoms" calls his number and the FBI bring him, quite reluctantly, to Snowfield.

Many rather not-so special effects and a few staggeringly ridiculous O'Toole monologues later, *Phantoms* slithers to a silly, disappointing conclusion.

Sure, Glenn could not help but wonder how many unfortunate souls will want to waste \$7.00 for this second rate horror flick, even the most desperate Ben Affleck fans. Glenn couldn't help but be even more puzzled as to just how O'Toole, Affleck and company were persuaded to make this crummy film in the first place.

Rating \$1.12 (scale No cents to \$7.00)

Gritty Crime Drama, 'Jackie Brown', is a Fine Follow Up to 'Pulp Fiction'

By John A. Jahn

If *Pulp Fiction* put Quentin Tarantino on the film industry's map and rejuvenated the sagging career of John Travolta, then *Jackie Brown* will not only help make Tarantino a permanent feature on that map, but hopefully will rejuvenate Pam Grier's career.

Jackie Brown is set largely in and around Compton and the seamier side of L.A. Grier, as the title character, is a 44 year old flight attendant with a troubled past. Indeed, she's presently smuggling cash to the US from Mexico for a gun selling hood named Ordell (Samuel L. Jackson).

Ordell wants to bring his whole fortune in ill-gotten money to the US, half a million dollars, but his increasing paranoia leads him to mistrust everyone. His ruthlessness becomes evident when he gets a long time pal (Chris Tucker) out on bail through bail bondsman Max Cherry (Robert Forster).

Afraid Tucker will talk, Ordell springs him just to kill him. When Jackie gets caught bringing in some of his dough, she also gets out on bail thanks to Ordell. He plans the same fate for her, but she's much too smart for that!

Jackie Brown is a long movie- nearly 2 1/2 hours long. It takes its time developing the central characters, as well as the supporting cast, to the point where you know their every quirk. The latter category includes Robert DeNiro as Louis, aging petty crook and friend of Ordell (one of DeNiro's least glamorous roles, to be sure!); Ray the ATF officer (Michael Keaton), who enlists Brown's help to nail Ordell; and sexy Bridget Fonda as Ordell's

pot smoking, clueless girlfriend.

Tarantino not only directs but writes *Jackie Brown*, and while the language is every bit as brutal as the characters depicted, it's stunningly realistic and intelligent - right on a par with *Pulp Fiction*. His uniquely creative directing is stamped on *Jackie Brown* every bit as much as a cameo appearance by Hitchcock in one of his films.

There's a great scene in which bags of money are being exchanged in a department store ladies' dressing room. The scene is told and retold through the eyes of each of the participants so effectively that each person's point of view becomes familiar to you. Sure, this is a crime movie and many of the characters are awful people, but Tarantino succeeds where others might fail in making them live for you - giving each a 3rd dimension. Here and there, however, scenes linger a bit too long, making you start shifting around in your seat uneasily because nothing really interesting is going on. Perhaps 20-odd minutes could've been removed from this film and its narrative wouldn't have suffered a bit.

Many will ask, "Is it as good as *Pulp Fiction*?" I actually found it to be superior to that film in at least one way: *Brown* is convincingly realistic throughout - unlike *Pulp* with its over-the-top, unbelievable characters and glowing suitcase!

Add to that, the no holds barred script, the fine directing, first-rate acting and compelling plot a foot-tapping score filled with '70s R&B and Funk, and you have one of 1997's best films (somewhere between #11 and #15 on my list). ***

Camp and Silliness Undercut Suspense and Thrills in 'Fallen'

By John A. Jahn

Detective John Hobbes (Denzel Washington) doesn't know what to make of the fact that, despite seeing a deranged serial killer he arrested being executed, the murders continue in the killer's style. He and his partner Jonesy (John Goodman) investigate the on-going crimes, thinking they're on the trail of a copycat killer or perhaps still at large partners of the executed murderer. It's not quite so simple, however.

Eventually, Hobbes discovers there's something far more sinister at work here. A series of bizarre clues and circumstances leads him to the daughter of a cop who committed suicide years ago. This woman (Embeth Davidtz), he discovers, is obsessed by angels - her apartment is covered in angel paintings & sculptures.

When Hobbes asks her to identify the name "Azazel" which he found scrawled on a wall, she essentially tells him that he's after a fallen angel who has been moving from person to person for centuries, leaving corpses and mayhem in his wake.

Fallen pits one man - Detective Hobbes - against a supernatural killing machine named Azazel in this new take on the serial killer movie genre, directed by Gregory Hoblit and written by Nick Kazan.

It might have worked as a serious, suspenseful, thrilling mystery except for the fact that, if you've seen the TV ads and read anything about it, you already know

the whole plot. I haven't said anything here not known to someone who's heard about this film. Frankly, going into it knowing so much of the story really left very little to be surprised by. If *Fallen* had been kept more under wraps, I think I would've found it more interesting and suspenseful.

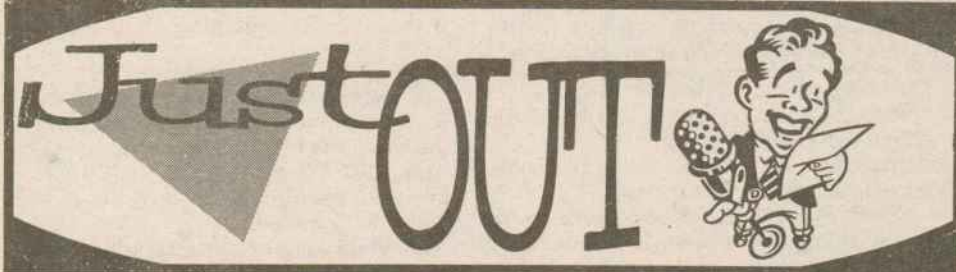
Fallen also borders on camp now and then - not good for a film trying to scare you. There's a scene where Azazel moves between various people around Hobbes at the precinct, each singing portions of the demon's favorite song, "Time is On My Side" by the Rolling Stones. Rather than being spooky, it comes off more like a silly sing-a-long. Indeed, the song turns up every 10 or 15 minutes throughout the film, becoming more and more annoying with each performance.

The silliness factor comes in when you discover that Azazel is just impossible to catch or subdue, and follows no physical rules whatsoever. The idea that he has survived so long via person to person physical contact is an interesting one, but Azazel also can simply leap out of a dead body and just enter anyone close by. He also can enter animals (cats, in the film's case).

The possessed serial killer shakes Hobbes' hand at the start of the film, trying to enter him, but fails. Why? It's not really explained. Indeed, for a 2 hour film, very little is ever satisfactorily explained. You're

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"Wisecracker" is a Highly Fascinating Biography Movingly Told

By Terry Boughner

Billy, his lover of nearly 50 years had just died and Jimmie was devastated. Some wealthy and influential friends insisted that he come to a New Year's Eve party and he went. He was sitting in a corner by himself, staring into space when a man and his wife approached.

"Jimmie," the man said, "you loved Billy and he was a wonderful person and it's very hard to go on. But Billy would want you to. He wouldn't want to see like this."

The man was the then governor of California Ronald Reagan. Surprised? I was. Reagan was a homophobe. Gays in general he did not like, but individuals were a different matter. If he liked you and you happened to be Gay, so what?

The story is not made up out of whole cloth. It's verified by his wife Nancy in an interview with the author, is found in a new and fascinating book, *Wisecracker: The Life and Times of William Haines* by William J. Mann.

Maybe it was because I'd never heard of William Haines or perhaps it was because I had some time on my hands. Whatever it was, out of the many, many books which come into this office on a regular basis, I picked this one up. That was a mistake. Once I had started it, I could not put it down.

For those of you who may need a little background, the 1920's were the "Golden Age" of Hollywood and actor William Haines was one of that time's biggest



Camping - William Haines camping for the camera in the 1930's - Photo from the collection of Sergi Troubetzkoy

and Gay—stars, directors, writers, composers and the rest. Perhaps there is a "Gay sensibility" after all.



Billie Haines in a scene from the 1924 film, "Midnight Express" which was break through film for Haines - Photo from the Museum of Modern Art Film/Still Archives

stars. By 1930, he was the number one box office male star in the country. His contemporaries were men like John Barrymore, Charlie Chaplin and John Gilbert. Haines was different. He was Gay, openly Gay, the first Hollywood star to be so.

The '30s brought repression. The moral zealots were on the march. A star, male or female, had to be married—or else. Haines took the "or else" route.

When MGM mogul Louis B. Mayer ordered him to give Jimmie up and marry a woman, Haines quit. He regrouped and opened up a highly successful career as a high society interior decorator.

While you learn all about Gay and Lesbian Hollywood ranging over some 50 years, you also learn about the effects of repression and high cost of living the closeted life. Cary Grant is a good example of that, but there are many others who, unlike Haines, "played the game."

In highly eloquent and readable prose, the author conveys strongly the courage it took for Haines to be out. Mann obviously admires him tremendously and so, at the end of the book, will you.

Author Jack Nichols Talks About Religion, Gays and Fundamentalists

Interview by Dave Evans

Dave Evans interviews Badpuppy's GayToday Editor, Jack Nichols, author of *The Gay Agenda: Talking Back to the Fundamentalists*, published 1996, Prometheus Books, now on sale at Afterwords and other fine bookstores.

Dave Evans: There certainly must be plenty to be said back to the fundamentalists. It appears from your book, though, while you certainly have plenty to say to fundamentalists, that you're mainly on, shall we say, the offensive rather than the defensive.

Jack Nichols: There's no reason to feel defensive. It's like Disney's Michel Eisner finally admitted in a TV interview on the Southern Baptist Convention boycott, "they're nuts!"

When I was a kid I got tuned in quick to nonsense passing for religion. Fundamentalists across the globe—they're present in every country—to tell us how to behave—and they're always nasty meddlers in every major religion.

Evans: In the same vein as recent protests outside Disney World in Orlando, Florida, (Tuesday, December 31st) do you think that fundamentalism is being seen, nowadays, as more farcical or dangerous?

Nichols: We gotta keep monitors on them. People who think they know what the Book of Revelations is all about are scary. There are some great watchdog organizations in this country and I've recommended to gay activists and others linking arms with some of them.

Evans: Which ones?

Nichols: Some are already known friends

New Titles at Afterwords

Fiction

The Burning Plain by Michael Nava, Putnam HC \$23.95

Nava's protagonist, Henry Rios is a Gay Mexican-American lawyer whose strengths and weaknesses resonate deeply as he traverses the often daunting personal and public terrain of Los Angeles.

In *The Burning Plain*, Rios, still reeling from the death of his former lover (*The Death of Friends*), unwisely becomes involved with a young man whom he defended on trumped-up burglary charges. When the man is brutally murdered....Rios must fight not only to exonerate himself, but to save his very life.

Evil Dead Center by Carole laFavor, Firebrand Pb \$11.95

In *Evil Dead Center*, the second mystery from Carole laFavor, a Two-Spirit Ojibwa, protagonist Renee LaRoache takes to her jeep and sets off on the investigative trail once again as she tackles a pornography ring preying on Red Earth Reservation children. Ms. laFavor's first mystery was the highly acclaimed *Along the Journey River*.

Non-Fiction

Married Women Who Love Women by Carren Strock, Doubleday HC \$23.95

Married Lesbians—a largely hidden population whose number is difficult to estimate—at last have a book about and for them. Strock has interviewed more than 100 women of diverse backgrounds ranging in age from 21 to 70. Initially undertaken as a way of dealing with her own life, which irrevocably changed when, after 27 happily married years, she fell in love with her best woman friend, her research grew to encompass husbands and children of the prime interviewees.

Truman Capote by George Plimpton, Doubleday HC \$35.00

He was the most social of writers, and at the height of his career he was the point where the glamorous worlds of the arts, society and politics all met.

Truman Capote chronicles the entire span of Capote's life, from his southern childhood, to his early days in New York; his first literary successes, his highly active love life; his years as a jet setter; and his final days of flagging inspiration, alcoholism and isolation. Capote truly knew everyone, and now George Plimpton has blended the voices of Capote's friends, lovers, and colleagues into a captivating and highly readable narrative.

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Execution Texas, 1987

by D. Travers Scott

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Wednesday, Feb. 25 7:00pm

Revolution of Little Girls

by Blanche McCrary Boyd

to us in the fight against bigotry. Americans United for Separation of Church and State is a super organization. They follow Pat Robertson's tax-exempt empire closely. And, when parsons turn to promoting party politics in church, they sue.

There's People for the American Way, too. And, as always, The ACLU. There's one in your county, or state wherever you are, I hope. Love 'em all. Read their stuff. Support 'em. They're committed to equal rights among citizens and to the First Amendment. What else could we ask for?

Evans: Could you imagine that the right might target gays and lesbians in a manner like the abortion clinic shootings, bombings?

Nichols: We tempt fate when we walk or drive the highways. And there's already been lots of targetings of gay men and lesbians inspired by those continuous anti-gay hate raps by religious kooks in the name of Christ.

These people desperately want us to die. They're the ones responsible for political opposition to placing AIDS—as a priority—where it belongs, in the category of World War Three.

Evans: Biblical scripture sites very little regarding homosexuality. The teachings of the Christ make for a concerted reliance upon being nice, helpful to each other et al. What's the main problem here? Are people brainwashed by the Bible or is the gay public reading too much into—responding to—an unwritten lack of malice? Can't we just turn our backs?

Nichols: You know, I once thought I personally would be able to turn my back on them back in the late 60s. They seemed really laughable at that point in time. Nobody gave them credit. They'd

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Historian, James Sears, to Read at Room of One's Own

Madison—On Wednesday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m. at A Room Of One's Own feminist bookstore and coffehouse, a noted Gay historian and media commentator, James Sears, will be on hand to read from his new book: *Lonely Hunters: An Oral History of Lesbian and Gay Southern Life, 1948-1968*.

Sears' book reveals for the first time, an oral history of growing up Gay or Lesbian in the post-World War II and pre-Gay rights era in the American South. Sears has been called "the Studs Turkel of Gay Southern life."

This event is free and open to the public. A Room of One's Own is located in its new space at 307 W. Johnson Street in Madison. For more information, call (608) 257-7888.

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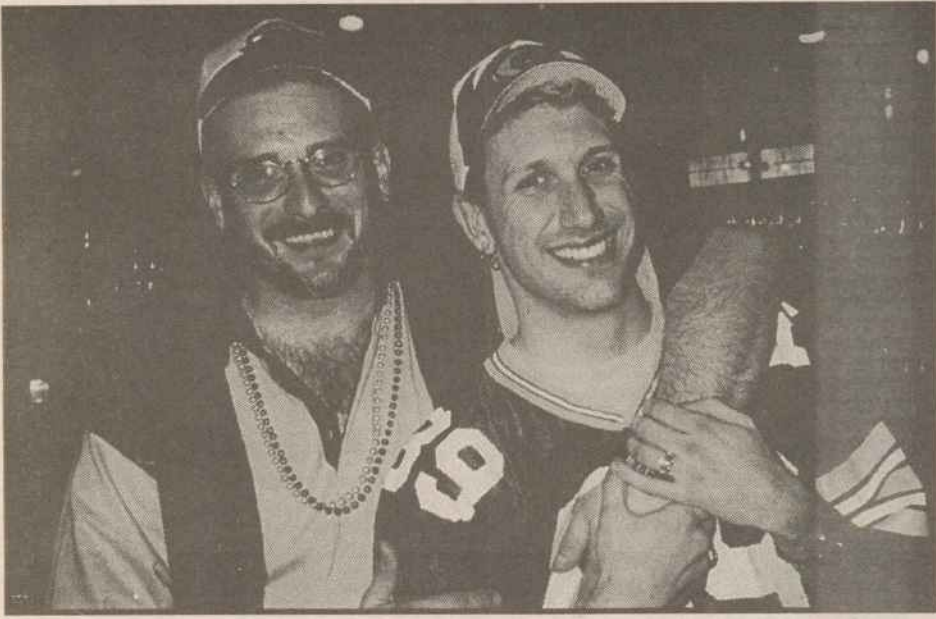
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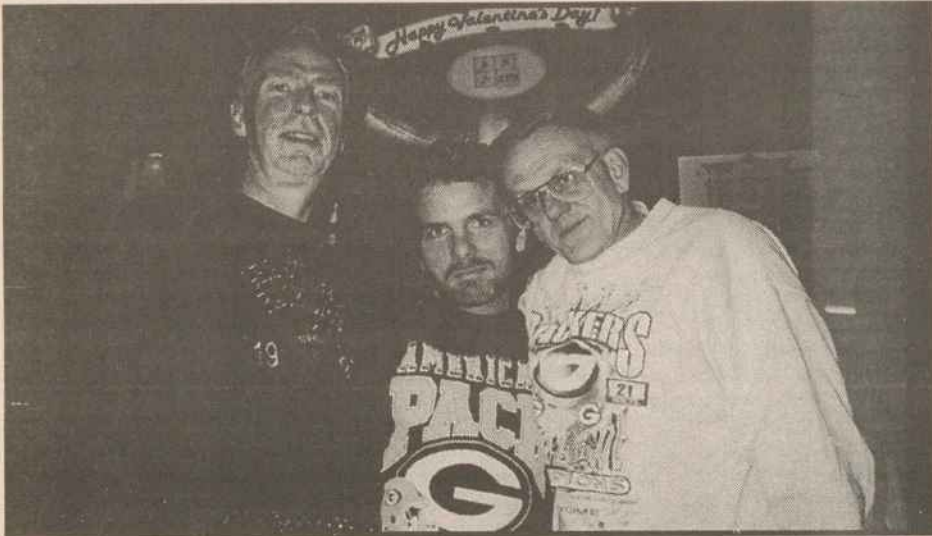
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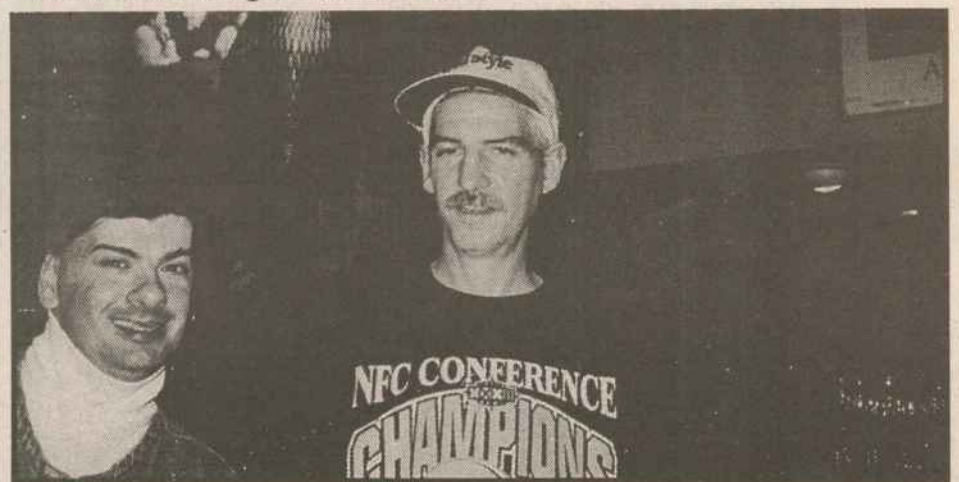
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Dear Ruthie

Ruthie

Hello Folks!!! Welcome to my life. We're well into the post-holiday season and things are getting pretty ugly here in the Rusty Nail Trailer park. I mean, this place is always pretty gaudy, but the residents here really went all-out for the holidays.

I'm just so relieved to see all these trailer folks finally takin' down their holiday decor. A few issues back I told you that I unofficially renamed this place "Disgraceland," but I think we've hit an all time low over the holiday season. Let me tell you!

As I sit here, looking out the window, I can see Helen takin' down her wreath made out of discarded nylons and hair nets. Next year, I'm buying Chester some candles to line his walkway with. The flares he used this year were just too much.

And thank God Mitch, the resident flasher, is finally taking down his life-size nativity. It's made out of 4 mannequins, 13 pink flamingos, a Cabbage Patch Kid, and a blow-up doll. Creepiest thing I've ever seen.

By the way, I call Mitch the "Resident Flasher," because he runs around naked each night at 8:00 p.m. He does! If you stand behind my trailer, get on top of the garbage cans, and hold a mirror just right - you can see clear into his trailer - and sure enough - there he is coming out of the shower. Totally naked! The pervert! Drying himself off like that. Those tight buns. Those thick, heavy, arms. Big chest from moving refrigerators all day ...

Where was I? Oh yes - my Trailer Trash Holiday.

Well, I'm glad it's over and happy to see that February is on its way. I just hope Pearl's pornographic snowman melts before Valentine's Day ... then again ... I think Pearl is hoping he'll stick around for a while. One thing about making it with a snowman - he's always hard. Anyway my friend, Gert, asked me how I justified calling my holiday "Trailer Trash," so in case you have the same question, I offer you:

Ruthie's Top Ten Signs That You had a Trailer Trash Holiday

10. "The panty hose were hung by the chimney with care."
9. Your mother-in-law wore a halter top to Christmas dinner.
8. Your Menorah consisted of 9 Bic Lighters and duct tape.
7. Popular gift items included tire irons, confederate flags, and metallic nail polish.
6. The Christmas tree was decorated with empty beer cans.
5. You reminded your kids to rinse with eggnog before going to bed.
4. Your New Years Eve buffet featured Sandwich Spread, olive loaf, and Kool-Aid.
3. Gifts were wrapped in back issues of "Field & Stream."
2. Barbie and Ken were an intrinsic part of your nativity scene.

And ... Ruthie's number one sign that you had a Trailer Trash Holiday ...

1. You stuffed the stockings with left-over Halloween candy.

I hope your Holiday was better than mine. Hey - enjoy the Super Bowl you Packer Backers and Denver fans! We'll talk to you later!!!!

Dear Ruthie,

I don't know why, but I'm very attracted to heavy men. I love them. Thin, guys are O.K. but give me a great big man any day. 250 pounds is a must in my book. Nothing kinky. This is just the type of man I picture spending my



Ruthie

life with. My friends say that I am dumb because I'm so thin. They say I could get normal guys instead. They laugh when I tell them that I like big, over weight guys. Is there something wrong with that? Is it bad to have a fetish such as this? A fetish at all? I like your column. Please answer this letter.

Your Fan,
Chubby Chaser
Dear Chaser,

First of all, there's nothing wrong with getting yourself a man with a little extra meat on his bones. All of my husbands tipped the scales a little bit, well, except the few I married while they were in intensive care units, but that's another story.

We are all attracted to different things. Some of us enjoy men with dark hair, others are attracted to men who are skin and bones. Some like them tall, some like them short. Others, like my friend Harriet, only require that a man have a heartbeat and a bank account - and the heartbeat thing is optional with her.

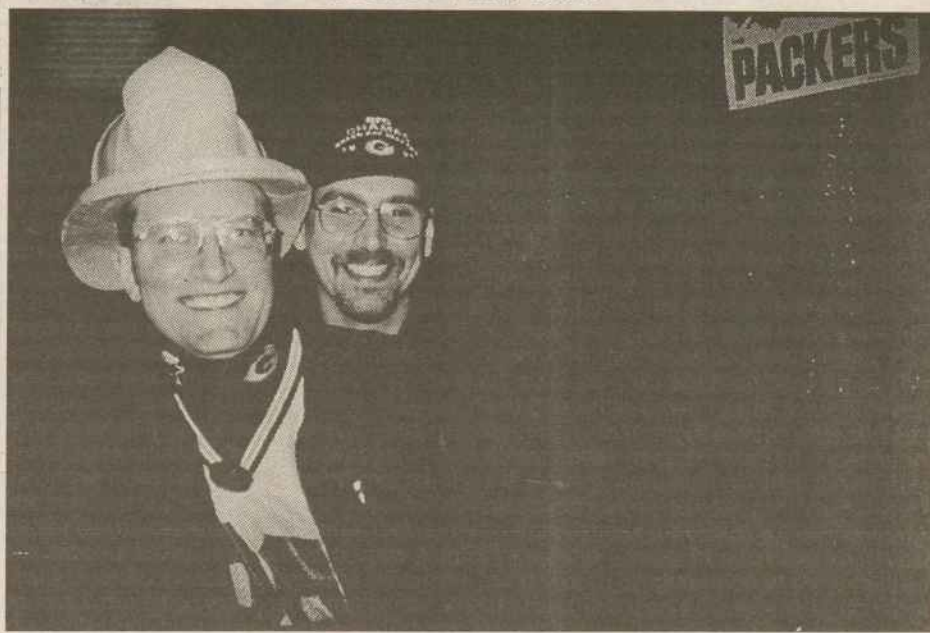
Everyone has physical preferences. Take a look at my friend in Washington D.C., Bill Clinton. Bill seems to be overwhelmed by women with big teeth. Oh God - someone better tell Marie Osmond to keep her legs together if she's ever invited to the White House. Too bad Bill can't keep his flagpole at half-mast.

I also feel bad for America. I mean it would be nice to think that the leader of our country could land a better-looking honey. I mean, if you're going to risk the presidency over punching some bimbo's ticket, you might as well make it one heluva ticket. That poor Hillary. Did you hear the title of her next book? It's called, "It Takes a Village To Keep an Eye on My Husband."

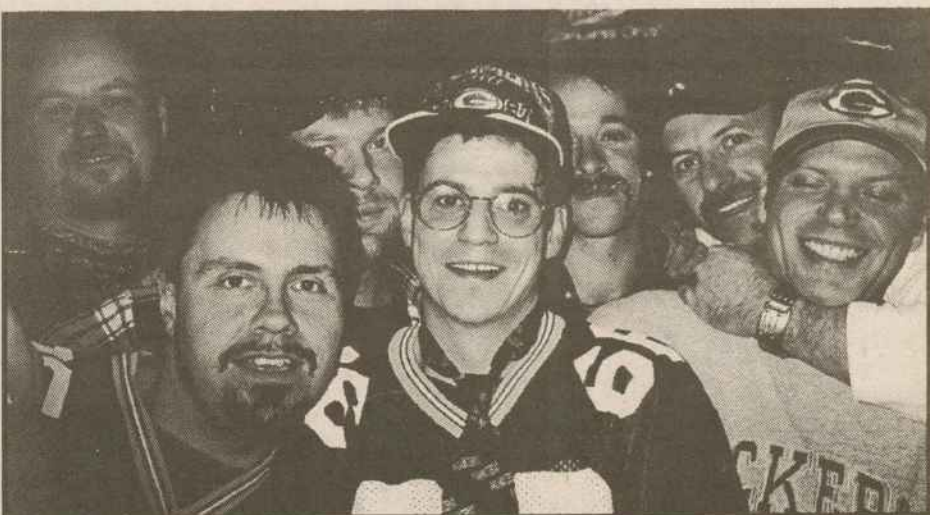
Anyway, it sounds like you're just attracted to guys with certain features - in your case they're big features. There's nothing wrong with that. I don't think I'd even call it a fetish as it's just a physical appearance you prefer over another. There's nothing wrong with you at all. Ignore your friends and follow your heart. You'll end up with a hunk-a-hunk-a burning love in no time.

Ruthie answers just about every message she receives, so feel free to write her care of: The Wisconsin Light 1843 N. Palmer Milwaukee, WI 53212. E-mail her at our web site at www.wlight.com or at wnovo@mixcom.com

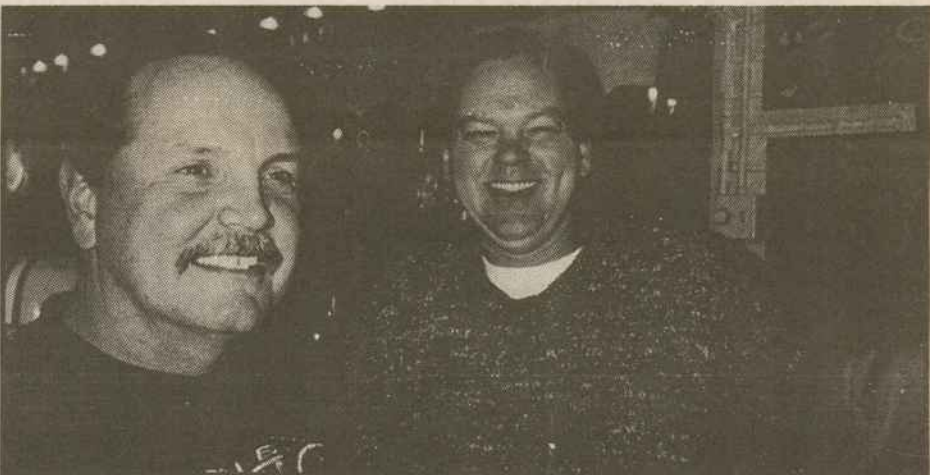
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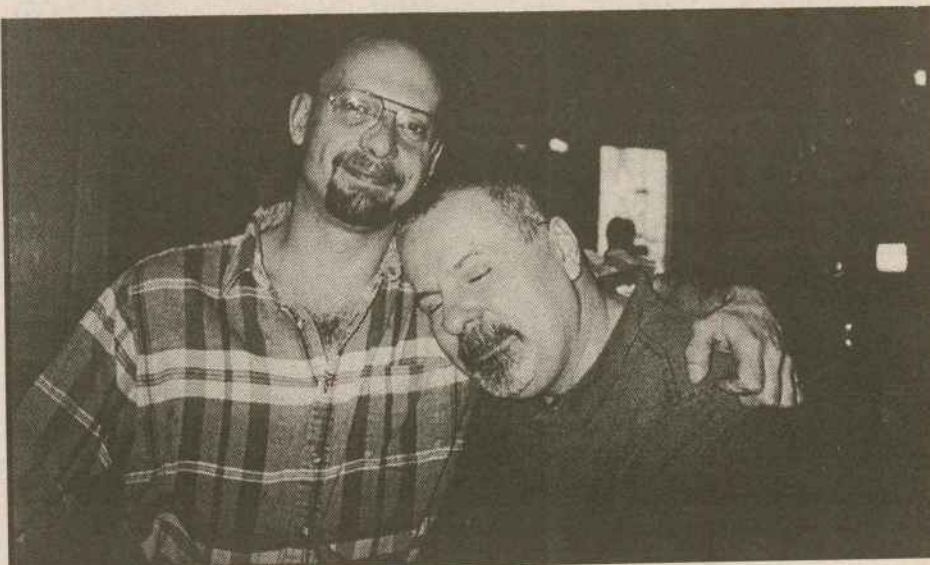
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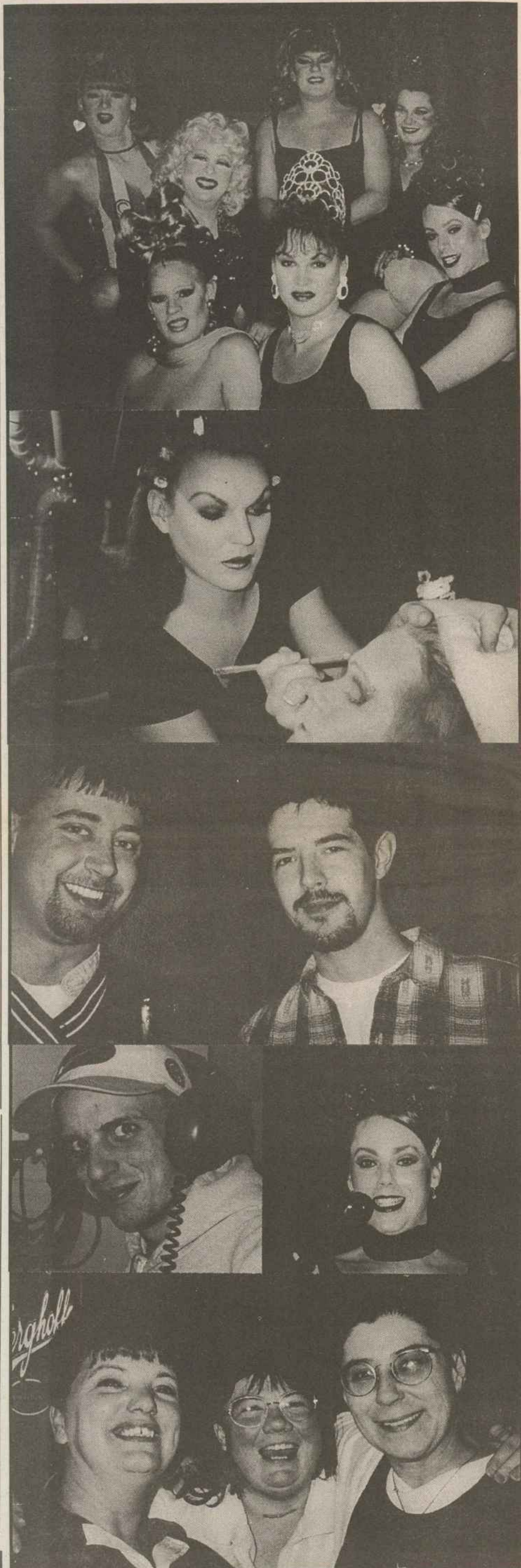
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Profits For Pets - A great time was had by all at the "Profits For Pets" show at Kirby's Klub in Madison on Saturday, January 24. The show was a benefit for the Dane County Humane Society and raised \$1,000. Shown at the top are the performers who kept a packed house very entertained. Next is Cass Marie Domino helping a performer with his make up in Kirby's new dressing room area. In the middle are two out of towners who came in to enjoy the festivities, second from the bottom is Kirby's new DJ, "Jammmin' J. Jackson" and Margo who was a co-emcee for the show and last but not least are three friendly gals who were on hand to enjoy the festivities. Kirby's next big show is on Saturday, February, 14. It's a benefit for the Madison AIDS Network's Emergency Services Fund.

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Illinois

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Handsome, smooth, 21 year old, White male, 5'11, 165lbs, with dark hair and Blue eyes, is a virgin looking to change into something more. If you're around my age and can help me gain some experience, give me a call. (Aurora) #11855

SEX AND SOCIALIZING Good looking, athletic, masculine, White male, 30, 160lbs, with a nice build, seeks discreet sex and good company. I like music, auto racing, and lots more. (De Kalb) #12789

TEACH ME TRICKS Very attractive, White male, 27, 5'9, 220lbs, with Brown hair, Brown eyes, and a stocky build, seeks a real person for a real relationship. Ideally, you'll have a decent body, be well hung, and enjoy teaching me how to be a great bottom. (Joliet) #7660

ALL THAT WAY Slim, attractive, 32 year old, White male, seeks another man, 22 to 40, for mucho, mutual pleasure. I'll travel, even to Chicago, for the right guy. (McHenry) #10898

WEAR ME OUT I'm a very attractive, submissive, White male, in my 30's. I need to meet a dominant, professional male, in his 50's, who wants to train me to do his bidding. I'm thinking of moving to Chicago. (Oak Park) #7765

THE LITTLE WOMAN I'm an attractive, African American, Transsexual, 5'7, and I've been dressing like a woman all my life. I'm ready to meet a gentle, Black male, who's a real man, to share my life with. I'm financially secure and stable. I just need some romance to make my life complete. If you need companionship too, we might be fated for each other. (Rockford) #11405

THE HANDY MAN Friendly, personable, educated, healthy, Bi, White male, senior, working in advertising and public relations, seeks a casual and safe JO buddy, for hot fun. Age and race are not important. (Rockford) #11411

LAID BACK LAD Fun loving, clean cut, Irish and Italian, White male, 6ft, 185lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks other White males, 22 to 30, who are good looking, masculine, down to earth, and humorous. I enjoy movies, concerts, music, travel, dining out, and much more. I want to make new friends and hope to find a relationship with the right guy. (Western Suburbs) #12216

Minnesota

SUBMISSIVE SORT I'm a handsome, 48 year old, White male, 6ft, 220lbs, and I want to be your sex slave. I'll do whatever you'd like. (Burnsville) #12339

U.S.M.C. Masculine, Blond male, 5'8, 150lbs, good looking, hung, with furry peccs, seeks other masculine guys, for adventure and friendship. (Gaylord) #11065

ALL SHAPES AND SIZES This big, Black male, 6'2, 370lbs, seeks to meet smaller guys, in the area. (Minneapolis) #12701

TOP OF THE LIST I have a variety of interests but my main one is meeting a nice guy to have a relationship with. I'm a nice looking, White male, 5'7, with Blond hair and Blue eyes, into golf, bowling, movies, and lots more. I'm especially interested in meeting a man who's also involved with women. (Minneapolis) #12337

PEOPLE PERSON I like to do just about everything with all sorts of people. I'm a handsome, somewhat heavy set, White male, with a mustache and goatee. I smoke. Let's hook up and have some fun. (Minneapolis) #12149

SHOW ME SOME SKIN This attractive, hairy bodied, White male, 6ft, 170lbs, with Brown hair, Blue eyes, and a good build, seeks an uncut guy, for mutual, uninhibited, man to man contact. (Minneapolis) #29332

NO RESTRICTIONS I'm a 35 year old, White male, open to just about anything with an older guy. (Minneapolis) #11025

SIMPLY RED Smooth, lean, well muscled, well endowed, White male, 5'10, 160lbs, with dark hair and eyes, is mostly into red hanky play, although I can get into lots of other stuff. Call and find out. (Minneapolis) #12060

NOT QUITE BUSY ENOUGH Very well built, White male, 25, into exercise and working out, seeks to date someone, 25 to 35, who also takes care of his body. I work full time and am a part time student. (Minneapolis) #11755

CHANGE OF PACE Good looking, White male, 34, 6ft, 170lbs, with dark hair and Blue eyes, seeks cute, White and Italian men, who are spontaneous, fun, and passionate. (Minneapolis) #11067

BE MY MUSE Good looking, White male, 38, 6ft, with dark hair, eyes, and a mustache, seeks a hot, young guy, 18 to 30, to inspire me in my work. I need you to come over, strip off your clothes, lay around, and show off for me. You should be under 5'9, and have a proportionate, or slightly stocky build. (Minneapolis) #8907

FOR YOUR SATISFACTION This expert in pleasure wants to meet Black men, over 30, who need to be satisfied. (Minneapolis) #7615

NEW FEVER Nice looking, horny, White male, 34, 5'8, 135lbs, seeks hot top men for fun times. I've been thinking about trying some 2 on 1 action, or light B&D. (Rochester) #11628

SEXUAL BIZARRE My husband and I are looking for passable, attractive Transvestites, Transsexuals, and full figured She-males, to help us fulfill some of our more kinky and bizarre fantasies. The more feminine and beautiful, the more my old man gets off. We have a beautiful Harley Davidson for ride taking, and it also makes a great prop for hot photo shoots, which I love. (Rochester) #10615

Wisconsin

SOCIAL SCENE I'm searching for friendship and fun times with other men in the area. I'm a Gay, White male, in my 50's, 5'8, 165lbs, who enjoys talking, socializing, movies, dinners, and more. (Columbia County) #12674

GOT TO GET YOU INTO MY LIFE Good looking, slim, 27 year old, Gay, White male, with dark hair, seeks a very masculine, well built, Gay, White male, 30 to 40, who's interested in a special relationship. (Eau Claire) #12236

WINTER SPORTSMAN Very well built, good looking, masculine, White male, 28, 5'8, 170lbs, with Brown hair and eyes, seeks buddies for good times. I like working out, the outdoors, 4-wheeling, jetskiing, snowmobiling, hiking, and many sports. (Ironwood) #9488

HEAVY METAL MEN Bi, White male, 40, and a Bi, White male, 22, seek other Bi and Gay males, under 26, for fun times. We like heavy metal music and concerts, not bars. We're social drinkers but we prefer to do it at my home. (Kenosha) #11979

MUSCLED IN MADISON Muscular, very solid, professional, White male, 30, 5'10, 180lbs, seeks similar friends, 21 to 35, who are also muscular and big. I prefer guys around 200lbs who lift weights and work out. Hairy bodies are a plus. You should like to go out and have fun without smoking, drinking, drugs, and sleeping around. (Madison) #12638

GOOD OL' COLLEGE TRY This good looking, horny, college student, 23, seeks someone into a little bit of kink. I'm submissive and will try anything. (Madison) #10844

YOU WEAR THE PANTS This hot, Bi, White male, seeks men to dominate me. One at a time or groups. I'm especially interested in Transvestites and Transsexuals. (Madison) #7890

FEEL MY WARMTH This well endowed stud likes to be on the bottom. I'm looking for a hot guy, 25 to 30, to share good times with. (Madison) #7613

PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION I'm new to this area and want to meet guys to hang out with. I'm an attractive, White male, 26, with Blond hair and Blue eyes. I like men around my age with Brown hair. We can work out together, listen to music, go out dancing, and enjoy each other's company at home. (Marshfield) #10849

SOMETHING'S GROWING This Gay couple wants to meet, and get together, with other couples and singles for friendship, fun, and more. We like gardening, walks, cooking, football games, and quiet times in front of the fire. I'm 6'2, 170lbs, and a former marathon runner. He's 5'10, 165lbs, with a hairy chest. Let's talk. (Milwaukee) #12243

START OF SOMETHING GOOD I'm a good looking, 18 year old, White male, 6'4, with Brown hair and eyes. I'd like a relationship with someone, 21 to 27, who will love me. I'm a unique, caring, humorous guy, with lots of good qualities. I have good self esteem and feel that I'm a pretty nice catch. I hope you'll agree. (Milwaukee) #11895

TIED UP TRYST My partner and I are into group scenes and light bondage. We're both good looking and fit. I'm 33, 5'6, 145lbs, with dark hair and Brown eyes. He's 6'6, 200lbs, with Reddish Brown hair and Brown eyes. (Milwaukee) #2788

FATHER, MAY I? Seeking a father/son relationship. As your father, I'm nurturing, gentle, generous, respectful, affectionate, and open minded. As son, you're respectful, obedient, drug and alcohol free, full of love and patience, well mannered, clean shaven, smooth, thin, and 140 to 150lbs. You're able to think and act like a good boy. (Milwaukee) #11321

Oil IT UP This well built, White male, 5'9, 167lbs, with a nice chest and arms, and great legs and butt, seeks muscled, gym studs, who like to oil up, pose, and show off their bodies. I'll worship every inch. (Milwaukee) #10632

NEED A GENTLE TOUCH This attractive, shy, Bi curious, White male, 20, 5'9, 165lbs, seeks another White male, 18 to 30, to help me change the fact of my total inexperience. If you're honest and understanding, patient and gentle, you may be able to teach me all I need to know. If you're the man, I hope you'll call soon. (Milwaukee) #10543

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HALLEY'S COMET This masculine, total top, White male, in my 40's, 5'7, 160lbs, with Blond hair, Blue Green eyes, and various interests, seeks a spirited, Black male, for a sensual journey, and maybe more. (Milwaukee) #10756

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Marry Day
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Freedom to Marry Day is an opportunity to help everyone understand the hardships and unfairness caused by denying same-sex couples the Freedom to Marry. Working toward National Freedom to Marry Day's commemorations on February 12 gives us the chance to focus on winning more allies."

Tying the Knot

Many of the events on National Freedom to Marry Day will center around the Marriage Resolution, a statement of support for equal marriage rights endorsed by hundreds of organizations, clergy, and prominent individuals. (See list at bottom.)

In addition to unveiling the names of new allies and introducing couples and families for whom the Freedom to Marry is urgently important, organizers are asking allies across the country to participate in a show of support by "Tying the Knot." "Tying the Knot" will entail knotting ribbons around trees, lamp posts, buildings, door knobs, and car antennae. Individuals are asked to tie a knot around their ring finger or arm, or to wear a knot on their lapel.

"Every person who 'Ties the Knot,' on February 12 will be starting conversations," says Kevin M. Cathcart, executive director at Lambda. "When someone asks what the ribbon represents, each of us can explain: it represents support for the Free-

dom to Marry, equality for Lesbians and Gay men, and love."

"We're asking everyone to think about their important life ties," Cathcart added. "That's what the knot represents. By refusing to recognize those ties, the state forces terrible risks on Lesbian and Gay families and couples - in effect, often severing those ties. Whether it involves hospital visitation, child custody, immigration, or other legal securities, Lesbian and Gay couples and families need the same basic family-survival rights that everyone else can enjoy."

THE MARRIAGE RESOLUTION
Because marriage is a basic human right and an individual personal choice, RESOLVED, the State should not interfere with same-gender couples who choose to marry and share equally in the rights, responsibilities, and commitment of civil marriage.

National Freedom to Marry Coalition Select Signatories of The Marriage Resolution January 8, 1998

Among the signatories of the Marriage Resolution are: Coretta Scott, King Gillian Anderson, Bea Arthur, Avery Corman, David Crosby, Ted Danson & Mary Steenburgen, Ellen DeGeneres & Anne Heche, Lea Delaria, Laura Dern, David Duchovny, Melissa Etheridge & Julie Cypher, Mike Farrell, Harvey Fierstein, Rev. James Forbes, Al Franken, Whoopi Goldberg, Helen Hunt, Billie Jean King, Werner Klemperer, Hon. Sheila James Kuehl, Ricki Lake, Lucy Lawless, Norman Lear, John Leguizamo, Judith Light, Hon. Carole Migden, Martina Navratilova, Paul Reiser, The Cast of Rent, Bishop Walter Righter, Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong, Gloria Steinem, Marlo Thomas & Phil Donahue, Lily

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Select Religious Organizations

American Friends Service Committee (Quakers), American Humanist Association, California Council of Churches, Central Conference of American Rabbis, Dignity/USA, Ecumenical Catholic Church, Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations & Havurot, Lazarus Project, Mission of the Presbyterian Church, National Council of Jewish Women, Riverside Church (New York, NY), Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Unitarian Universalist Association, United Church of Christ Board for Homeland Ministries, United Church of Christ Office for Church in Society, Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, Women's Rabbinic Network, Reform Women Rabbis

From the Gay Right

"With the police off their backs, many [Gay men] simply did what men have empowered themselves to do for centuries: they became as sexually adventurous and indulgent as they wanted to be, denying any responsibility for themselves or others in the process." -- Michelangelo Signorile, *Life Outside* (1997).

Kelly Jones

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home, she has been involved with teacher inservice trainings.

And on a national level, she and her moms traveled to New York where she spoke at a national educators' conference on a panel moderated by Martina Navratilova.

Through a website created by her uncle on the internet chronicling her civil rights activism, Sol has heard from people in more than 30 states and a dozen countries. In July, Madison's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual agency, The United, named her its Ally of the Year.

And in late December, The Wisconsin State Journal recognized her as one of the year's outstanding young newsmakers.

In addition to Gay and Lesbian issues, Sol takes a special interest in learning about the larger civil rights movement as well as working on eco-justice issues. She is a child who enjoys a happy family life, drama, African drumming, and basketball. On the eve of her eleventh birthday, we recognize a young woman who inspires us by the courage with which she challenges injustice and holds forth a vision that includes all people and all families. Please join me in recognizing Sol Kelley-Jones.

Sol Kelly-Jones

Thank you very much for this award. It is a real honor. I have great respect for the ACLU because you not only believe in a rainbow of diversity, you live out your beliefs by securing and protecting human rights for ALL people, as well as rights for our Earth. It takes a lot of courage to go all the way with this kind of work. I want to live my life with that kind of courage - even when it's scary.

Tonight my heart feels full of the concerns of the hundreds of Gay and Lesbian families with children and Gay and Lesbian youth I have heard from in this last year. I've heard from young people, like 17 year old Casey, who said he wanted to end his life, because he couldn't imagine continuing to live in a world where people hate him because he is Gay; where he is denied the most basic of human rights, including the right to, someday, marry who he loves.

I've received letters from Gay and Lesbian parents all over the world, who are denied the basic civil rights needed to protect their children under law.

I know firsthand what this is like. I have two moms but one of my moms, Joann, is denied all legal rights of parenthood, simply because she is Gay. She cannot marry my other mom, Sunshine, her partner of 19 years. She cannot legally adopt me. I would not receive her social security benefits if she died. We are denied family health insurance.

In this past year I have, also, heard Gay and Lesbian youth and Gay and Lesbian families speak out with unbelievable courage - even risking their jobs and physical safety.

I have heard our Allies speak out. The ACLU spoke out in New Jersey where they helped to win adoption rights for Gay people in that state. This gives me lots of hope.

In seventeen states it would be legal for my mom, Joann, to adopt me. With the help of the ACLU we can make second parent adoption happen in Wisconsin. Kids like me can be protected. With the help of the ACLU and each of you we can secure domestic partnership health insur-

ance benefits in Wisconsin. Families, like mine, are worthy of these rights and protections.

There's too much silence on these issues. Silence is taking a stance. We need to break the silence on these issues. One of things I've learned over the past year is that all people from the youngest to oldest can make a difference. And I learned how important it is to trust what you have to say in your heart, even when you're scared. We each have a part of the truth to speak and we need to find a way to bring that into the world. I really promise you that I will keep working for justice and I hope you will too.

Editor's Note: All of us here at Wisconsin Light offer our heartiest congratulations to Sol Kelly-Jones for her well-deserved reward. It is our hope that this young woman's dream of equality and fairness for our people will one day become reality. With people like Sol in the fight, that day will come soon.

Jack Nichols

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used it all up passing prohibition which then had to be undone. The country became a bootlegger's turf and in 1924—when Clarence Darrow presided over the Scopes trial in Tennessee—the "Monkey Trial"—the one that coincided with the first fundamentalist assault on evolution.

Thing is, though, there's not that many of them. Fourteen percent, maybe. They're just well organized. We gotta be just as organized. And yeah, they're out there in cyberspace.

Evans: The credentials of fundamentalists went way down during the eighties due to the shenanigans of Falwell, Robertson, Dobson et al. Aren't they more or less a done deal?

Nichols: I wish. They're taking over school boards, city and county commissions, hospital boards, local government across the board in every state.

Usually they're people badly wounded by life and they think they need what they mistakenly believe is a religious cause—a fight against evil—to give their boring lives meaning. They can't think their ways out of bags. They assert. They believe. But they don't think.

The price of gay and lesbian liberty is eternal vigilance. The fundies are going to keep us on guard—high alert—for a long time. If you're ever tempted to think they're harmless—just remember the want you dead.

And don't forget either that the churches will seize every opportunity to wrangle support from your taxes. That's what this school-vouchers controversy is about. They want you to help them send their kids to religious schools. Parochial. These people think big money all the time.

By the way, that's one word we shouldn't let the fundies use: lifestyle. Sounds like you can take it off and put it on as a whim. We all know our emotional and sexual lives can't be reduced to "lifestyle." Life styles of the Baptist Buggerers. How does that sound?

Evans: What are your own beliefs about religion? Are you a spiritual man? Certainly not sprung from the head of Zeus... How did you arrive at your philosophy?

Nichols: I've continued throughout life wondering about my thought- roots. How did I happen to grow up thinking like I do? James T. Sears, in his new book, *Lonely Hunters: An Oral History of Lesbian and Gay Southern Life* (Westview Press-HarperCollins) gives me two great chapters. He followed my early development, how I got the Scottish poet Robert Burns recited to me three times daily at meals, and how I was influenced by the philosophy behind Walt Disney's film, *Pinocchio*. And finally, by Whitman.

But first came the Baha'i World Faith, when I was only fourteen. It was a world-unity religion—all faiths, it teaches, are evolutionary steps in a ladder of the One Religion—it was born in 19th century Iran and, among other things, Bahai's taught the equality of the sexes. Racial oneness too. I kept such beliefs as these but graduated, I think at fifteen, into philosophy.

I read Tom Paine's *Age of Reason*. Few people know that the man who inspired the American Revolution also wrote this book to debunk the Bible. He said, "My own mind is my own church." Now, that's a zinger.

After I got that far, then, in chronological order I was influenced by Kahlil Gibran, Clarence Darrow, Robert G. Ingersoll, Bertrand Russell, Zen, Lao Tzu, and Walt Whitman. I never really was a believing Christian, though I have very much admired the character of Jesus.

If I've ever had any bibles, books to which I always return, I'd put *Leaves of Grass* at the top of the list.

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SATURDAY JANUARY 31

LEATHER SWAP AT WOODY'S

Woody's one of Milwaukee's newest Gay bars will be the site of a Leather Swap meet beginning at 7 PM. They promise that you will find all of your leather needs in a one stop, shop till you drop trip.

School Board

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benefits had been structured differently, things might have been different, but the union refused to bargain on who the carriers would be.

"That's not true," said Nan Youngerman, a member of the MTI bargaining committee. Youngerman told *The Wisconsin Light* that during the negotiations, the union seriously looked at the School Board's proposals to switch to a different insurance carrier. But in the end the problem, Youngerman said was the carriers proposed by the Board would not have offered the same benefits or did not provide domestic partnership coverage. "The difference in cost was not very much, but the difference in some types of coverage was," said Youngerman.

"Domestic partnership benefits were a high priority for us," said Youngerman. "It wasn't a matter of economics it was a matter of fairness." When asked about Rosenak's statements that the district could not afford the benefits, and gave the domestic partnership benefits away without getting anything in return, Youngerman replied "That's ludicrous. There was a lot of give and take on the part of both sides."

Youngerman added that during the negotiations, even the School Board negotiators and several members of the Madison School board indicated that they understood the need to provide the benefits. She credited Bonnie Augusta, a Lesbian school teacher, for educating both sides about the issue. "Bonnie did a wonderful job in giving a presentation about this issue to the bargaining committees on both sides."

Youngerman added that due to Augusta's work, members of the teacher's union had put a high priority on getting Domestic partnership benefits for its membership included in the new contract even before the bargaining got underway.

For her part, Rosenak said that she didn't see her vote against the benefits as an issue in the upcoming election, "It's done and the matter has been settled," she said.

Whether, Rosenak wants her vote to be

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

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an issue or not, it may become one. The vote angered many Gay and Lesbian activists. "When you run for re-election you run on your record, you don't ignore it," said one observer.

Ray Allen, the incumbent in Seat Four is also up for re-election. Like Rosenak, Allen voted against the contract, but he told *The Light* that his vote was based in part on the cost of the domestic partnership benefits. "I am not opposed to the benefits. I supported them at first. Then I found out that they weren't costed out."

Allen said the School Board had set aside money to pay for increased benefits to the Teachers union, but that several items including Domestic Partnership were added to the contract that brought it's cost above the amount that was set aside. He said these items when added together exceeded a million dollars.

"We have to find that money somehow," said Allen who emphasized that if the benefits had been covered by what was set aside he would have had no problem with them. Allen said that the partners of 45 teachers have already signed up for receiving the coverage which is slated to begin with the 1998-99 school year. But he wonders how many will actually take advantage of the program.

"Under the law, these benefits are fully taxable," said Allen who added that for some people the increased taxes may make it cheaper for them to purchase their own coverage. Allen is opposed in the April election by Kaleem Caire. Caire is viewed as a liberal whereas Allen is seen as a conservative by most observers.

Jack Siebert an activist in Madison's educational issues confirmed Allen's early support of Domestic partnership as did

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Augusta.

Both however, take issue with Rosenak's statements about costs. "This is about equality," said Augusta, who called Rosenak's concern about cost and the state spending cap "a smoke screen." Augusta also said that the issue is about more than just the benefits themselves. "It sends a signal to staff and to students that the Madison School District is committed to and values diversity."

That signal is especially important to Madison's students says Augusta, who helps counsel teens through Madison's United. "I know of one case right now where the young man is entering heavy duty counseling because the kids at his school think that he is Gay. Maybe he will identify with being Gay, maybe he with being straight, but in the meantime he has become suicidal because of the harassment he has endured."

In the race for Seat 5, incumbent Ruth Roberts who voted for the contract is being challenged by Norris Carden. Siebert told *The Wisconsin Light* Carden has been described as a former Louisiana shock jock. He has publicly stated that he is running against Roberts due to her vote for the domestic partnership benefits.

Siebert said that in addition to the issue of Domestic partnership, there are other Gay related issues to be concerned about in the election. He would like to see a one time in service training session for district employees to teach them how to recognize anti-Gay harassment. He would also like to see a "safe space" program in Madison's schools. The "safe space program" would provide a space in each school for students to gather and talk without fear of harassment or retribution. He emphasized the need for a School Board that will be sympathetic to the needs of Gay students and staff for these programs to become reality.

Editor's Note: The Wisconsin Light was unable to reach Ruth Roberts, Norris Carden and Kaleem Caire for comment on this story.

Sailor

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Glass argued that the 1986 law restricts online services from giving up confidential information but contains no limits on how investigators can go about seeking information.

Judge Sporkin appeared to embrace this argument, noting that police routinely collect evidence volunteered to them that they would otherwise have to obtain through search warrant. He said McVeigh may have a stronger case against AOL, and Wolf said after the hearing that he and his client "are keeping our options open with regard to (suing) AOL."

Sporkin closely questioned Glass about the don't-ask, don't-tell policy.

"You're saying once somebody in an electronic instrument says that they're gay, that that's enough for the Navy to go out and start these (discharge) proceedings," Sporkin said.

"That's correct," Glass replied. He said the Navy investigator who called AOL "was entirely within the bounds of the statutes."

The case may hinge on whether McVeigh's online communications, none of which contained his full name, represented an open, public statement of sexuality. McVeigh has denied he is gay and told the Navy he had once been engaged and attends social events with women.

The case began when McVeigh sent a routine e-mail to Helen Hajny, wife of a shipmate of McVeigh's aboard the USS Chicago, a nuclear-powered attack submarine. Mrs. Hajny was serving as an on-shore ombudsman for sailors aboard the sub, and she communicated regularly with McVeigh. This message, signed "Tim," was about buying presents for children of crew members for an upcoming Christmas party.

Mrs. Hajny noticed that the screen name

top the message was "Boysrch." She then went to the profile page in the AOL system and found under that screen name a profile by "Tim" from Honolulu, home port of the Chicago. Under marital status, the author wrote, "gay." Under hobbies the profile page listed "driving, boy watching, collecting pictures of other young studs." The woman turned this information over to her husband, who passed it up the chain of command until the submarine squadron commander ordered an investigation.

The Navy investigator who telephoned AOL testified at McVeigh's discharge hearing that he told the AOL representative he was a "third party in receipt of a fax" and wanted the full name of the sender.

AOL spokeswoman Ann Brackbill challenged that account Wednesday. In a telephone interview, she said that in AOL's internal inquiry, the company's representative reported the investigator "said he was a good friend" of McVeigh.

McVeigh's honorable discharge is to take effect at midnight Friday night. But Sporkin told Glass, "I assume you'll keep him on while I decide this case."

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