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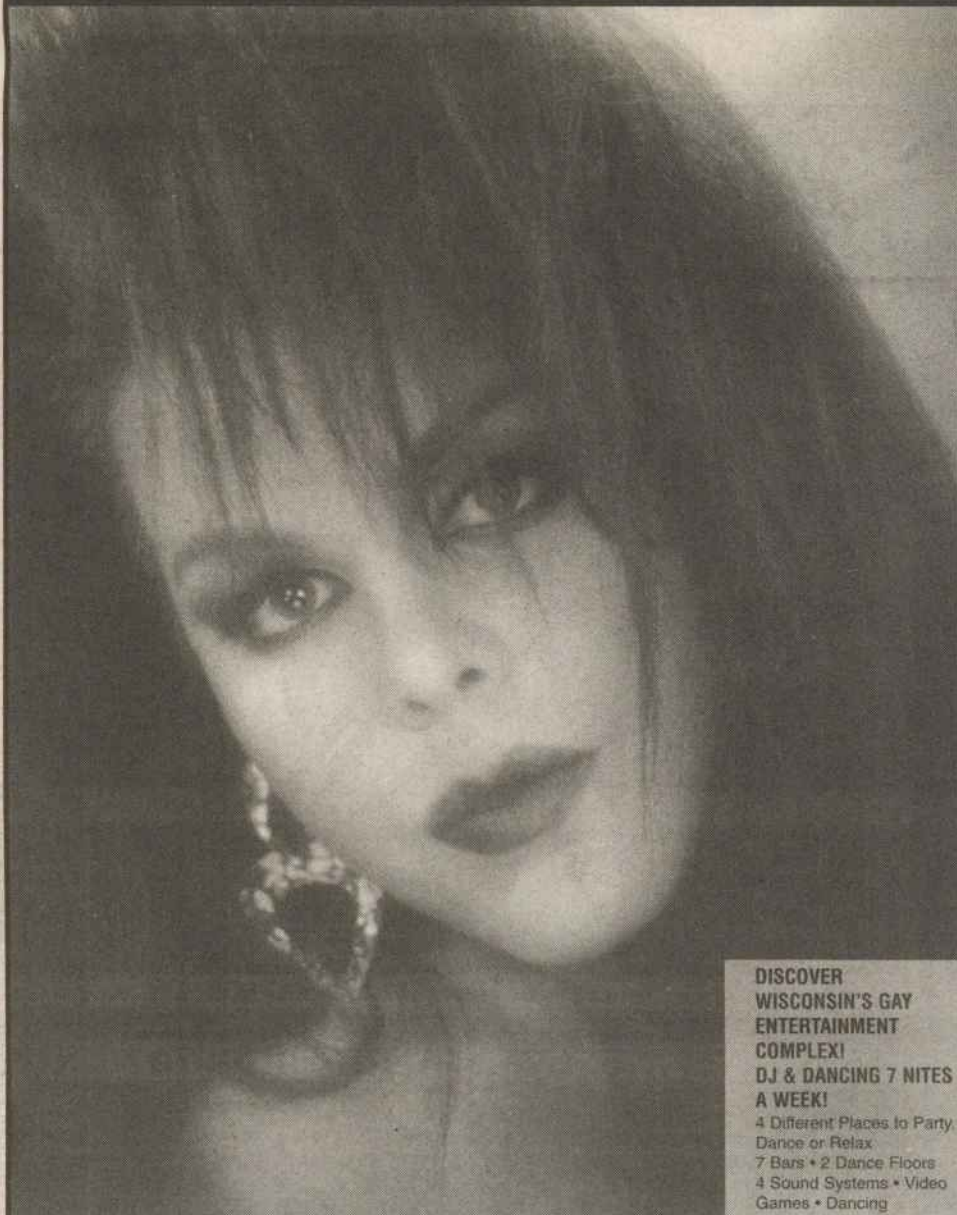


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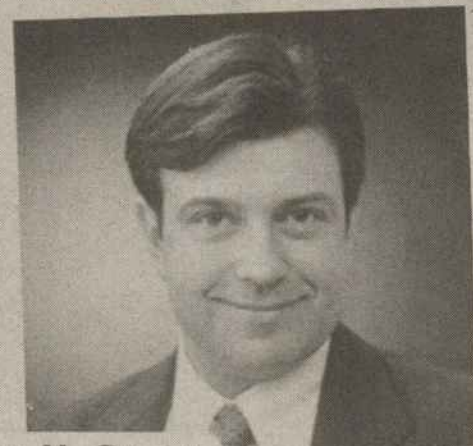
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**AP** Associated Press**PUBLISHERS NOTES****It's a Hit!**

There was more than bit of nervousness as we approached the formidable task of publishing weekly. Making *Wisconsin Light* the state's first weekly that is devoted to covering the diverse and wide-spread LGBT community is very expensive and extraordinarily time consuming, especially given the limited resources available to a niche paper such as ours.

Our initial concerns about editorial and production scheduling were met with a high level of cooperation by our pool of writers, photographers and graphic artists. I don't think the writers especially, realized the complexity in which each editorial piece is handled. Articles are edited by the editor, then sent for copy editing, then laid out, and then copy edited again. We also have to deal with timely and breaking news as well as reviews and articles that are not available until the last minute. It takes a lot of cooperation to get this done right. I believe our first steps have been good.

We have been publishing 24 pages (48 per two-week period) which also resulted in a substantial increase in production efforts. From your comments, people are noticing our magazine quality art direction that I believe now stands up with the best LGBT newspapers in the country. Wilight.com, updated every week, also compares favorably with other LGBT newspaper sites but certainly needs more "bells and whistles", which are coming shortly.

We just received our first comprehensive analysis of our operations since we went weekly. I'm pleased to report that on all accounts, things go well. With this issue, and because advertising support has increased 80% since going weekly, we begin publishing 28 pages per week (56 per two week period). Our readership has also increased by 30%, further establishing us as Wisconsin's largest and most read LGBT publication.

With all that said, we have much work to be done. Financially, this is far from a picnic and, of course, there are many areas in which we would like to increase coverage. We need to expand our staff and we must continue to position us for national advertising. We need your help. One thing newspapers like to do, is to print papers that are picked up. Get in the habit of picking up the *Light* weekly. While it doesn't cost you anything, it helps us tremendously. Take a copy for a friend. Just be sure it gets there.

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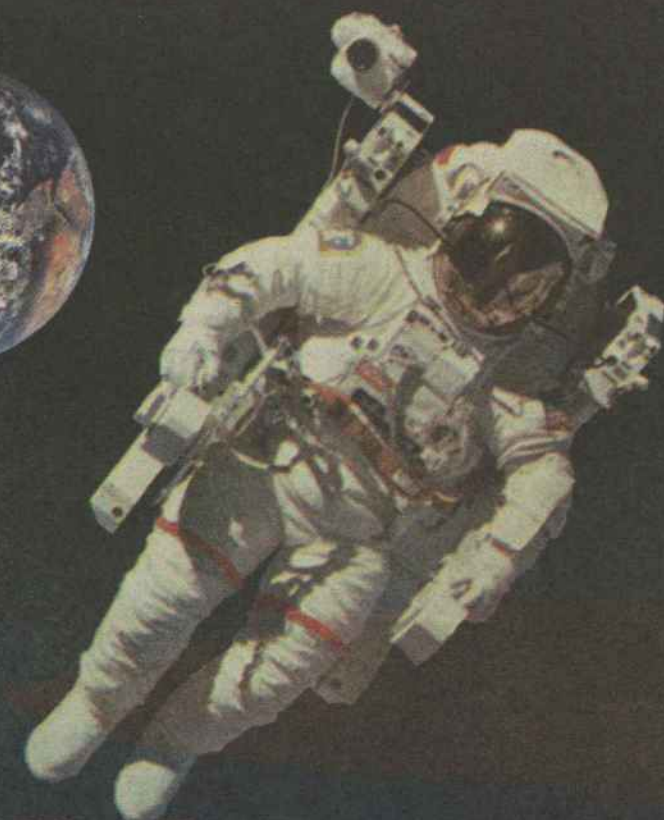
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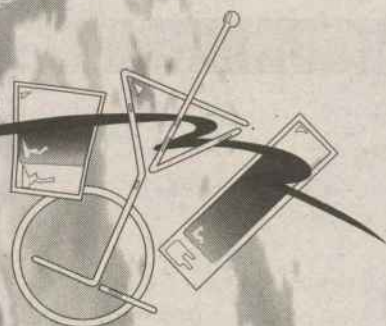


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## National Study Shows Support for LGBT Candidates

### Research Gives Clues for Winning Strategies

Washington, D.C. — An independent study commissioned by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a national organization that promotes the election of openly Gay and Lesbian candidates, showed surprising public acceptance of LGBT candidates running for public office.

A poll taken as part of the study reported that a bipartisan majority of 77% said they would consider voting for an openly Gay or Lesbian candidate for their state legislature or Congress. A surprising 67% said they would consider voting for an openly Gay candidate for President.

"What I found surprising was the level of agreement on certain issues from unexpected quarters," said pollster Diane Feldman, who conducted the research. "When you have a majority of Republican primary voters and people of a wide variety of religious beliefs — including fundamentalist Christians — agreeing that they would consider voting for Gay candidates based on the issues, and overwhelmingly agreeing that it should be illegal to fire someone from a job just for being Gay or Lesbian, I think you've got some startling data here."

In addition to the poll, the study included focus groups conducted in Tucson, Sacramento and Madison. The Victory Fund and Feldman said it showed LGBT candidates had strengths in some areas of concern to the voters. The statements were made during a telephone press conference to which several prominent publications including *The Advocate*, the *New York Blade*, Boston's *Bay Windows*, the *Seattle Gay News* and *Wisconsin Light* were invited.

Lynn Greer, Chair of the Victory Fund Foundation, explained that the study was conducted to determine the best ways to help qualified Gay candidates win election to public office. "There are 500,000 elected officials and we only have 151 who are openly Gay," she said. "It is our hope that potential Lesbian and Gay candidates will see this study and say, 'I can do this.'"

Greer, Victory Fund Executive Director Brian Bond and other officials participating in the teleconference said the study showed some keys to victory for LGBT candidates. Bond said the results showed that voters are looking for politicians who are not typical. "Voters value honesty and they understand that good openly Gay candidates are demonstrating that important political value," said Bond.

The study indicated the voters want non-typical politicians who are honest, willing to stand up to special interests and civil.

For example, when asked if there was a need to return to civility in politics, 48% strongly agreed and 40% agreed. When asked who was less likely to engage in personal attacks, 32% said a Gay candidate versus 11% who said a straight candidate.

The sample showed that 33% of the voters think a Gay candidate are more likely to be honest versus 11% for a straight candidate.

Voters also thought that Gay candidates were more likely to stand up to special interests (24% to 11%). Voters also view Gay candidates more highly than their straight counterparts on some issues like health insurance coverage and promoting equality.

The study showed that voters perceive Gay candidates to be more liberal. "That's not generally an advantage," said Greer, "but it is for primary elections in Democratic primaries."

The study also found some negatives for Gay candidates. Greer said that when the sample questioned about a race where a Gay candidate and a non-Gay opponent were described superficially, the Gay candidate lost 15% of the voters.

Greer believes that statistic tells Gay candidates to run issue oriented campaigns. "When there is a lot of issue information, people say that overcomes their reservations," said Greer.

Voters thought that straight candidates were more likely to share their values (40% to 13%) and that straight candidates were more likely to "care about people like me" (26% to 11%). Although voters rate Gay and straight candidates equally on education issues, they expressed reservations about voting for LGBT candidates running for positions on school boards.

The study showed some regional differences in support for LGBT candidates. The strongest areas of support were in the Midwest and the Northeast. The weakest areas were the South and West. Furthermore, younger voters were more likely to be open to supporting a Gay candidate than older voters were.

In addition to asking questions about voter perception of Gay candidates, the sample found support for expanding LGBT equality. A surprisingly broad based majority (77%) said that anti-Gay employment discrimination should be illegal. That majority included 67% of Republicans and even 70% of those calling themselves Christian Fundamentalists.

Furthermore, 56% said Gays and Lesbians should have the right to health coverage for their partners and 55% said Gays should not be discharged from the military because of their sexual orientation.

The Feldman group, the same firm that did the polling for Tammy Baldwin's successful Congressional Campaign in Wisconsin's Second District, conducted the poll. The poll questioned 1,000 people likely to vote in the 2000 elections. The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 3.1%. That means that if every voter in America was polled, the results would be within 3.1% of those shown by the sample.

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## AROUND THE NATION

### Log Cabin Republican Club Conference Held

by Jim McFarland

Washington, D.C. — A recent conference of the Log Cabin Republicans (LCR), the national Lesbian/Gay Republican organization, was seen by its organizers as a sign that the group has made progress within the Republican Party. Every year, the Lincoln Club, a key donor club for the organization, receives briefings from Republican members of Congress. This year, so many Republicans wanted to speak that some were turned away.

The mainstream media was most interested in the address of Rep. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.), a darling of the fundamentalist Christian movement. Some Gay civil rights activists have attacked Coburn. He said that disagreements on certain issues must not keep him and LCR from working together on others.

"We have a common enemy. It is called HIV," said the Oklahoma Republican. "We are fighting a disease — not somebody's lifestyle," he added. Coburn has been a leader in the House on AIDS issues, and is breaking the conventional wisdom with his work on those issues and with his cooperation with LCR, according to LCR Executive Director Rich Tafel.

The more mainstream conservatives addressing the LCR group included Congresswoman Mary Bono (R-CA). Bono said she urged Chastity Bono to come out to her parents when she first came out.

Rep. Brian Bilbray (R-CA), who faced openly Lesbian Christine Kehoe in his last election, also spoke. He said that he was hurt when a neighbor decked out in Kehoe buttons told him that, while she liked him and agreed with his views on issues, she had to support Kehoe because "she is one of my own."

Bilbray, who won the race by a narrow margin, told LCR that he had a better understanding of the discrimination Lesbians and Gays face. He thanked the group for standing with him and accepting him despite his differing sexual orientation.

Nine other moderate and conservative Republicans addressed the LCR conference in the short time that was available.



Rep. Tom Coburn (R-Okla.)

### Clinton Renews Call for ENDA

Washington, D.C. — President Clinton used his Law Day proclamation to renew his call for Congress to pass ENDA, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. ENDA would ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The proclamation cited the civil rights efforts of other Presidents and then read, "In May of 1998, I was proud to sign Executive Order 13087, which amends Federal equal employment opportunity policy to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in the Federal civilian work force."

"My Administration is working with more congressional leaders to pass the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, ENDA, which would prohibit most private employers from firing good workers solely because they are Gay or Lesbian. And we must secure equal pay legislation to ensure that women and minority employees receive fair compensation for their work."

Law Day is an annual commemoration celebrating American laws that protect freedom. ENDA was first proposed nearly ten years ago, but Congress voted on it on only one occasion. In 1996, the Senate came within one vote of passing it.

### Hate Crime Laws Advance

Milwaukee, WI — Datalounge reports that Hate Crime laws advanced in the State Legislatures of two states, Missouri and Alabama.

In Alabama, the House Judiciary Committee recommended passage of a measure that would add crimes committed because of the victim's sexual orientation to the State's hate crime law. The vote was 6 to 5. In February, an Alabama Gay man, Billy Jack Gaither, was murdered because of his homosexuality. The two men charged with the crime allegedly beat Gaither to death. After he was killed, Gaither's body was stuffed in a tire and burned. Despite the Committee's recommendation, the chances for passage of the bill are uncertain.

An acrimonious debate in the Missouri House resulted in approval of a measure to include crimes motivated by the victim's sexual orientation in the State's decade old hate crimes law. At one point, a Republican legislator tried to repeal that law. His move drew an angry retort from African American lawmakers, and he withdrew his proposal.

Chances for passage in the Missouri State Senate and approval by the Governor appear to be good.

### But Anti-Discrimination Bill Doesn't

Baton Rouge, LA — The House Labor Committee rejected a bill to ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation. The Labor Committee voted 8 to 3 against passing the bill. A State Senate Committee has already approved a similar measure. Local observers say the measure is unlikely to pass the House even if the Senate does vote for it.



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### HRC Answers Ad Campaign

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The anti-Gay ad features an "ex-Gay" who thanks his mother for "telling him the truth about homosexuality." His mother responds saying, "It's too late, Michael has AIDS." Religious conservatives are running the ads in the Washington, D.C. area. All three major commercial networks rejected it.

HRC's ad features a baby. An announcer asks, "Behold wonder. Who will teach him to tie his shoes? To ride a bicycle? To find faces in the clouds? Who will teach him to love and respect people for who they are... unless they are Gay? Who will teach him that? Will you?" The ad ends with the on screen words "Choose Tolerance" and a graphic reading "In memory of Matthew Shepard, 1976-1998."

### Shepard Trial Postponed.

Laramie, Wyoming – A court delayed the trial of Kirsten Le Anne Price, one of two women charged with helping Matthew Shepard's killers cover up evidence. The trial was to begin May 24. It was postponed at the request of the prosecutor and defense. The postponement could mean that a plea bargain is in progress.

### High School Club Rejected

Salt Lake City, UT – In the latest round of the battle over LGBT clubs in local high schools, the Salt Lake School System rejected the application of the Rainbow Club. The Club formed to promote understanding between straight and LGBT students.

In 1997, the school district banned all extra curricular clubs that weren't directly related to subjects taught in its schools. The ban was instituted to prevent the Gay Straight Education Network from forming a chapter at a local high school. The decision caused uproar as thousands of students boycotted classes in protest.

It was also the subject of the critically acclaimed movie *Out of the Past*.

### Flag Vandalism Gets Attention

Chicago, IL – *The Windy City Times* reports that when a Logan Square area man called the police to report vandalism to his Rainbow Flag, he got an unexpected response. Two Police officers showed up at the man's home. John Clifford came home from work to find the word "fag" along with swastikas scrawled on his flag.

Two teams of detectives responded to the non-emergency call. Chicago Police said that in view of the Littleton Colorado massacre, they are taking every hate-related threat very seriously. Despite all the attention, the perpetrator of the crime remains at large.

### Census Dress Rehearsal Reveals Surprise

Washington, D.C. – Over half the LGBT couples participating in a two city dress rehearsal of the 2000 Census checked the married box on their forms, says the *Washington Blade*. The couples, more than 2,300 of them, were among more than 300,000 households surveyed in Sacramento, California and Columbia, South Carolina and surrounding counties.

The identification of being married was very strong in Columbia, where 72% of the same-sex couples chose the designation "married" instead of "unmarried partner." Only 30% of the same sex couples in Sacramento joined them in making that choice. Regardless of which box they check, all same sex couples will be classified as "unmarried partners."

### Bashing Mars Conference

Washington, D.C. – A summit on Lesbian Rights was marred when some of the attendees were attacked while out on the town, according to *Impact*. The summit sponsored by the National Organization of Women (NOW) drew Lesbians from throughout the United States. One of the featured speakers was openly Lesbian Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D-WI).

On Friday, April 23, two men attacked a group of attendees from Ohio State while the women waited for a cab after leaving a bar. One of the men ran his hands up and down one of the women. When another woman attempted to intervene, the other man unbuckled his belt and unbuttoned his pants. The woman kicked the man away and he punched her dislocating her jaw.

The incident caused a furor at the conference. The next evening, hundreds of attendees marched in the street to call attention to it. Ironically, the conference ended with a demonstration against hate crimes outside the Supreme Court.

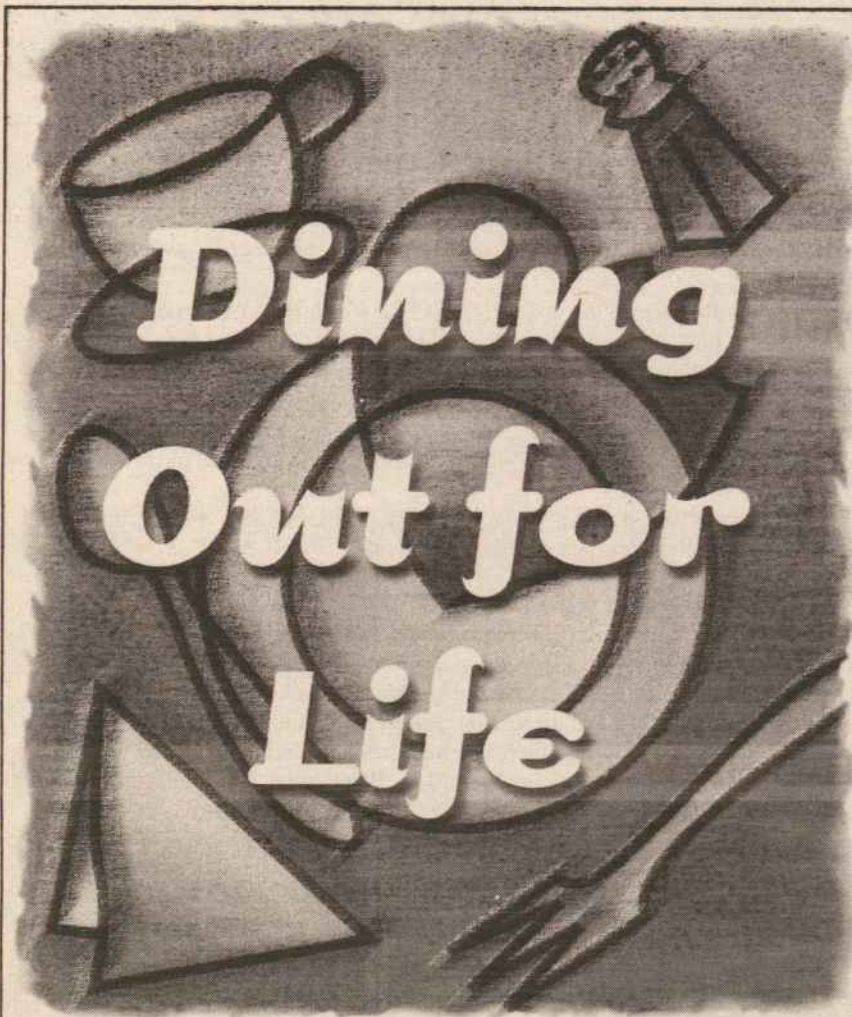
### AIDS Protestors Arrested

Atlanta, GA – Police arrested over 30 AIDS activists for disrupting a De Kalb County Commission meeting says *Southern Voice*. The activists were protesting budget cuts at a local hospital.

The controversy began in February when Grady hospital raised the prices of what it charges for prescription drugs. The hospital announced that patients would have to pay full price for drugs that had been free. It later relented and agreed to a \$10 co-pay plan.

Fulton County Commissioners voted to give Grady \$3.5 million to help it make up for a \$26 million shortfall. De Kalb's County Commission did not offer any money but did ask its Budget Committee to study the idea. The protestors said they are concerned that poor and indigent persons with AIDS/HIV and other health problems would no longer be able to afford treatments.





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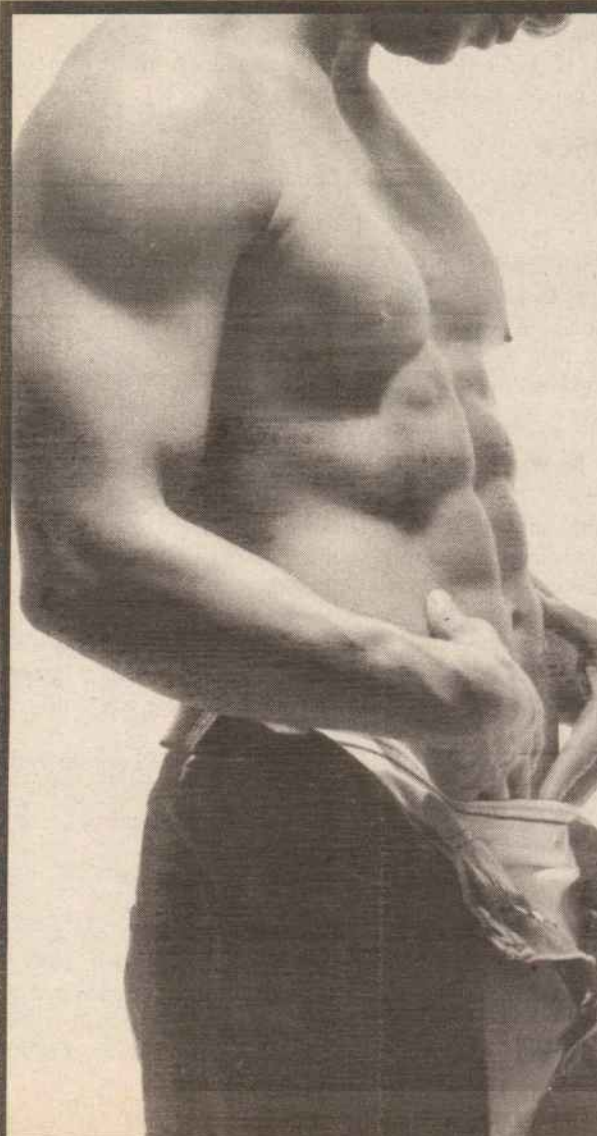
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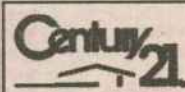
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**CommUNITY****Milwaukee MCC to Dedicate Church**

**Milwaukee** — The Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Milwaukee's first Christ centered church for Lesbian and Gay Christians, will dedicate its new building at 5pm, Saturday, May 22. The recently purchased building is located at 1239 W. Mineral Street, in the Walker's Point area, on the city's near south side.

Rev. Linda Stoner will facilitate the dedication service which marks the end of seven years of struggle and frustration for Milwaukee MCC. Until recently, the church was using a rented room at the Astor Hotel for its weekly services.

"Seven years ago, MCC was down to just six members and was preparing to shut its' doors, possibly for good," commented an MCC spokesperson. "Now, under the leadership of Rev. Lew Broyles, the Milwaukee church is up to almost 50 members and has just purchased its' first home."

MCC says that it is the largest organization of LGBT people in the world. For more information on the Milwaukee chapter and a schedule of services call (414) 383-1100.

**Black LGBT Task Force Meeting**

**Milwaukee** — The Black LGBT Task Force is hosting a showing of *The Great Debate: The Origins of Homosexuality in the Black Community*. The screening will be held Saturday, May 29 at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., at 6:30pm. This showing will start promptly.

The video is a live taping of a panel discussion and debate that took place in New York City. Same Gender Loving (SGL) activist women and men from around the country, including an SGL Black woman theologian, 'face off' against various Black religious leaders, including representatives of the Nation of Islam.

Come out and watch an exciting debate and see something you may have not thought possible: a frank discussion on this hot topic that left participants more committed to working together on shared grievances. The best part: the SGLs win!

The viewing will be followed by a facilitated discussion on the relationship that SGL organizations can play in Black communities. Refreshments will be served and children are welcome. Free and open to the public. A donation will be collected to help the Task Force do its important work. Every one is welcome to come out and enjoy.

**AIDS Memorial Day Service**

**Milwaukee** — The St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry will hold a celebration of remembering our brothers and sisters who have died of AIDS and honoring those who continue to live with HIV disease on Monday, May 31 at 11:30am.

All are invited to meet at the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Memorial Garden, 10101 W. Wisconsin Avenue. In case of rain, the service will be held in the Zingsheim Multi-Purpose Room at the St. Camillus Health Center at the same address.

For more information, call Joe at (414) 259-4664. The ministry provides spiritual, emotional and physical care and support for persons infected or affected by HIV disease.

**MAGIC Picnic Fundraiser**

**Madison** — A fund raising dance for the MAGIC Picnic Committee will be held Saturday, June 5 at Fyfe's Corner Bistro's Banquet Room from 10pm-2:30am. A donation of \$3 at the door is suggested.

The event will feature a live DJ and dancing, as well as a cash bar. DJ Ty, who has staffed the DJ booth at the Hotel Washington, La Cage and Maneuvers, will spin the dance tunes.

All proceeds will go to benefit the MAGIC Picnic Committee to help cover administrative and advertising costs as the group prepares for the Saturday, July 17 picnic. The popular annual picnic is part of Madison's weekend of Pride events. All profits from the MAGIC Picnic go to benefit local LGBT organizations.

**OutReach Announces Nominations Opportunity**

**Madison** — OutReach, Madison's LGBT community center, is accepting nominations for awards to be given during its Seventh Annual Community Awards Banquet. The banquet will be at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center Friday, July 16. It is part of Madison's Pride Weekend. "Help us honor the individuals and groups that serve as role models and inspiration to our community," said OutReach.

Interested people may submit nominations in the following categories: Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Organization of the Year, Ally of the Year (referring to individuals or groups that have worked to support LGBT rights from outside the LGBT communities), and OutReach Volunteer of the Year.

Nomination forms are available through OutReach. Please call (608) 255-8582 or stop by the center at 600 Williamson St. to pick up materials. The deadline for nominations is June 1. Late nominations will not be considered. A committee of community leaders will review nominations and select the award recipients.

**Volleyball to Wrap up Indoor Season**

**Milwaukee** — GAMMA's Social Volleyball has announced that the last chance to play indoors this season is Saturday, May 22. Play is held at UW-M's Engleman Gym, 2033 W. Hartford Avenue, from 1-3pm. Cost is \$2 for GAMMA members and \$3 for non-members.

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# Eldon Murray

LGBT Wisconsin can boast of many contributions to our national Gay community. They include the first ever statewide Gay civil rights law and the first ever openly Lesbian Congresswoman, Tammy Baldwin.

We have also made a number of contributions that aren't as well known. Eldon Murray is one of those. A true pioneer in the Gay civil rights movement, he is still going strong at the age of 69. Last year, the International Gay and Lesbian archives named him one of the "pioneers of the movement." He is 1 of only 32 people to receive that honor.

Born in Vincennes, Indiana, Eldon says, "I've been Gay for as long as I can remember. It was always the prince in the fairy tale that interested me. He was the one who went out and did wonderful things."

He began exploring his sexuality at an early age. Like most young Gays and Lesbians in the days before Stonewall,

Eldon turned to the local library. "When I was in the fifth grade, I had read everything in the children's section of the library. So, I was allowed to go to the adult section, he said. "I headed for books on sexuality and abnormal psychiatry. I read Freud and James. I was looking for answers to my feelings for other men."

He adds, "James held out the idea that homosexual acts and eroticism were quite normal in adolescence and that one outgrew them," he said. "I never worried about these things. Then when I was 17, I decided that I didn't want to outgrow homosexuality."

A year later, Eldon moved to "the big city, Chicago." It was there that he found his professional calling, the world of finance. He landed a job in a bank as a messenger boy.

The bank was soon to learn what activists in Milwaukee, and around the country, would later take for granted — Eldon Murray is a man with drive. "I worked my way to the Trust Investment section," he says. The bank was reluctant to give him a position there. "I simply told them that if they didn't, I would go elsewhere," he states in a matter of fact manner.

Soon, however, he was called away to fight a battle far from the quiet world of high finance, the Korean War. "I was a forward artillery observer," he says. "They normally used officers for that, but they lost too many officers that way." It was a dangerous assignment that meant moving close to the enemy and calling in artillery fire.

After the war, Eldon went back to work at his bank, but not for long. "I came up to Milwaukee in 1955 to visit a girl," he says. "I met a man here and came up to find work, because I couldn't advance where I was. I found a job in the brokerage business."

His life moved along like most others. Then came the watershed event in Gay history, Stonewall. Eldon got involved in what was then called "Gay Liberation" in a big way. "I was 39-years-old and established in my business," he says. "My clients didn't care as long as I made money for them. I could stand up and be openly Gay when few people could."

That ability launched a remarkable string of projects that established a legacy still felt today. Along with his friend Alyn Hess and a handful of others, Eldon founded Wisconsin's oldest LGBT group, Gay People's Union. Most of Milwaukee's LGBT organizations are in one way or another descended from GPU.

His influence reached outside of Milwaukee too. Eldon became editor of one of America's first LGBT publications, *GPU News*. "I was nominated for it during a meeting," he says. "I agreed because I saw a need."

He answered that need for the next ten years. The monthly *GPU News* was a glossy covered magazine containing news, commentaries, fiction and poetry. It had a national circulation and a national reputation. A lack of volunteers led to its demise in 1981.

Eldon didn't confine his activities to *GPU News*. He began what could have been the first LGBT radio program in the country. The program *Gay Perspectives* was a weekly prime time show, with news, music and an occasional interview.

He was also instrumental in founding the first Gay STD clinic in the country. The GPU STD Clinic later became the BESTD clinic.

In between all that he helped to establish the GPU Hotline, counseling services, support groups, a legal defense fund, and many other projects. Throughout it all, Eldon kept in contact with leaders around the country, exchanging ideas, helping where he could. Many of the projects Eldon began became models for others around the country.

Then a new disease hit the Gay community, AIDS. Eldon rolled up his sleeves and pitched



Eldon E. Murray receives his diploma upon completion of the Senior Statesman Classes from County Executive Tom Ament.

in. He was instrumental in getting the initial grants for what would become the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) which is now ARCW, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

Having been a founder of a community and a recognized national leader would have been enough for most of us, but not for Eldon Murray. Six years ago, the Cream City Foundation gave him a grant to attend a SAGE conference in New York. It was money well spent. Eldon came back to Milwaukee and founded a chapter of SAGE here.

The group currently has around 100 active members. Of course, Eldon wants more. Speaking of the problems faced by Gay Seniors he says, "The major problem is that there are all kinds of programs out there. Gay people don't choose to participate in them. They either don't know about them or they are in the closet."

*Our Village Elders*

So, as he has so many times in the past, Eldon Murray acts as a referral service. He also acts as a spokesperson for LGBT Seniors. He is a member of the Milwaukee County Council on Aging's Advisory Board.

Despite his busy schedule, Eldon still finds time for fun. He collects antiques and travels abroad and around the country. Although he is single, Eldon has a romantic life, but he won't divulge the particulars.

Assessing the Gay movement, Murray says, "If we make as much progress in the next 30 years as we have in the last 30, I would be very pleased. He adds, "There's still things to be done. The rights you have must be constantly guarded, or they'll be taken away." He cited the *Wisconsin Light's* coverage of controversial Police actions at two Milwaukee Gay clubs as an example of doing that.

Eldon's latest crusade is to help overcome ageism in our community and in society at large. "In the Gay community we can lead the way," he says. "If we can work to educate younger people so they do not have society's negative ageism, we can do the same thing. Gay people have taught society much."

Eldon has taught Gay people much, too. He says, "My position has been to start things, get them going and then move away."

Eldon Murray has been starting things for the last 30 years. He's planning to start even more in the next 30.

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# Our Families

Breeders. The first time I heard the word used, as it refers to heterosexuals, was when it was used by Greg. He was the very irreverent, Gay, department secretary for The Broadcasting Department at San Francisco State, where I worked. Greg had a couple of friends who had just had a child, the old fashioned way.

I remember my stomach giving a little leap. I guess I was slightly surprised to hear heterosexuals being reduced to the result of their sexual activity. That's how Greg was. Always trying to balance things out.

It seems that every politician strives to get back to "Family Values." As we LGBT'ers know, "family" is how we define it. For those of us from an older generation — myself included — Sister Sledge's *We Are Family* comes to mind. It seems to have a special place in the heart for many when blasted at PrideFest and other LGBT gatherings.

I lived in San Francisco during an LGBT baby boom period. Little self-defined families were springing up everywhere. Lesbians were having babies. I was at the San Francisco Pride Parade standing next to two women with babies in strollers. While eavesdropping, I heard one tell the other that she had found out their babies, along with seven others, had the same father via the sperm bank.

In 1983, with my former Lesbian lover, I asked a good friend if he would be the father of our child. His reply was somewhere along the lines of "I won't stand at stud so you can fulfill some sociological whim." I hadn't realized what an old fashioned kind of guy he was. He has a way with words, though.

Later, I found another good friend who was interested. He was and is Gay. Along with my former partner, we thoroughly researched it. San Francisco's Lyon Martin clinic held weekly workshops for potential parents. What issues there were to talk about. The legal ramifications. How much the father wanted to be involved.

We met many other potential parents. Some Gay men were looking for a single woman to bear a child for them. One Gay male couple had adopted a baby girl. Most were willing to have open relationships with all parents.

One workshop I attended was a panel of children whose parent or parents were Gay or Lesbian. They talked about what that was like. They ranged in age up to mid teens. Tom Ammiano, a Gay comedian, was featured at the same workshop. He spoke of donating sperm years earlier to some Lesbian friends and not wanting to be involved. They had a child, who wanted to find out what her dad was like. Tom was contacted. They began a parent child relationship. Tom later was elected to the school board.

The issues are complicated. If the father is involved, that's three people making decisions. It's a lot of negotiating. It's hard enough with two. Ultimately, my partner decided she couldn't do it. That ended it for me. My clock ticked out.

There are thousands of LGBT parents in Milwaukee alone. Many didn't realize or denied their attraction and love for someone of the same gender. They discovered it after becoming a parent and a new extended family was born.

Milwaukee is seeing something of a baby boom lately. My partner, Mary, and I were invited to a baby shower of one currently pregnant Lesbian. We know another couple that adopted a little girl from Eastern Europe. Still another couple had their son and moved to Brooklyn.

I heard from a midwife friend that artificial insemination usually results in a male child. There's a difference in sperm viability. If a Lesbian prefers a girl child, as I've heard is sometimes the case, maybe she can adopt one of the rejected Chinese baby girls we sometimes hear about. We need more balance. Most are just happy to be parents. You can be sure the children are wanted and never an "accident."

"Sociological whim?" I think that we all have the desire to love and we have oodles of love to give to each other. It's much more like "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." You know? What America was founded on. Question Authority has been the watchword since the '60s.

The fact is, there are very many non-traditional families.

My partner and I are dog people. We have three dogs. Simone, Roscoe and Josie are our family. Well, at least the ones we live with. We personalize little stories about each.

Roscoe always has some big investment going; I help him out by paying him to lick my legs dry when I get out of the shower. Simone is always recovering from some sad situation and likes to get drunk with the neighboring German Shepherds. And Josie, well Josie is a neat freak and likes to clear anything off tabletops. She also has a yard pruning business on the side.

Simone and Roscoe are Jack Russell Terriers and Josie is a big shaggy dawg from the Humane Society. We love 'em.

Mary is my family. I value that. As a couple we are not acknowledged by society. But when I get sick, it's Mary I turn to. She helped through the awful death by cancer of my mother. She's who I dance and sleep with. She's the one I am planning my retirement with. It's a fact. We wonder when the rest of society will acknowledge that reality.

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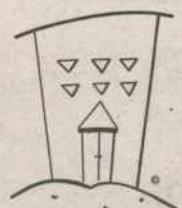
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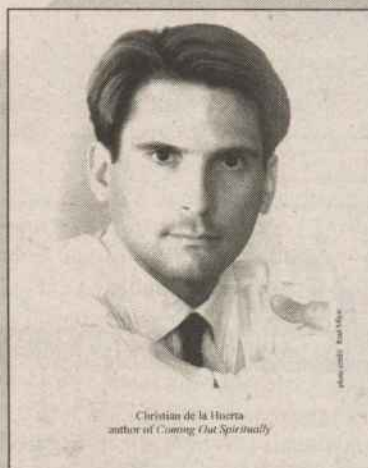
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## EDITORIAL

# Pass the Hate Crimes Act

The toll continues to rise. A recent report showing statistics taken from just 16 cities tells the brutal truth. By the time the day is over, two dozen or more Americans will be assaulted, stabbed, shot at, clubbed or beaten because of their race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation or gender status.

Under the current law, the Federal government can only prosecute hate crimes motivated by the victim's race, national origin or religion. Even then the crime must occur on Federal property or while the victim was engaged in a constitutional right such as voting.

For six years, Congress has refused to vote on expanding that protection through the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. HCPA would allow the Federal government to attack hate crimes in two ways. First, it would expand protection to include crimes motivated by the victim's gender status, physical challenges or sexual orientation. Second, it would authorize Federal prosecution of hate crimes no matter where and when they occur — if local authorities refuse or are unable to prosecute under their own hate crime law.

Those who say the threat of Federal prosecution would not prevent a brutal murder like that inflicted upon Matthew Shepard or James Bryd, Jr. are missing the point. Laws don't eliminate crime. They lessen it by promising punishment.

Furthermore, the vast majority of hate crimes do not result in death. Their perpetrators count on local authorities being unwilling or unable to prosecute them. Bringing the resources of the Federal government to bear would make it clear that even if local police are unwilling to act, the offenders will be brought to justice. The idea is to stop the offenders before vandalism escalates to assault and assaults escalate to murder.

The religious right opposes HCPA. Its leaders claim HCPA would regulate speech and thought. That's nonsense. The legislation would only punish hate motivated physical assaults on people and property.

The religious right also says HCPA would provide "special protection" because we choose to be Gay. Even if that were true, their argument would still be hypocritical. The same people making it find nothing wrong with adding extra penalties when a crime is motivated by something that clearly is a matter of choice: the victim's religion.

Their opposition is not due to any concern over fairness. It's their secret hope that the bashings, killings, vandalism and assaults will somehow intimidate us enough to go back to the closet.

Some HCPA opponents point out that there are laws to punish murderers and assailants. That is true. However, American jurisprudence has always recognized that some crimes are more serious than others are, even when they are essentially the same offense. For example, many states — including Wisconsin — rightfully impose stiffer penalties on those who attack senior citizens.

These laws are on the books because our society believes that some crimes are more reprehensible because of who the victim was, why they were attacked and the results of that attack. They send a message that such conduct won't be tolerated.

Polls show the public believes it's time to send a similar message to those who commit hate crimes. The American people recognize that hateful assaults terrorize entire communities and warrant extra punishment.

There is a federal law against car jacking. Had someone hijacked the truck used to drag James Bryd, Jr. down a dirt road because he was an African American, the Federal government could have prosecuted. Yet, it could do nothing to those who tied him to and then drove that truck until Bryd was dead. Is a bleeding Matthew Shepard, hung from a barbed wire fence and left to die on a cold Wyoming night, worth less than a car?

Our own Senators, Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl, have yet to sign up as co-sponsors of the Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Both received an overwhelming share of LGBT votes in their election campaigns. Both publicly denounce hate crimes. We, ALL of us, should remind them of the need to act on those statements.

The foremost duty of any government is to protect the lives and well being of those it governs. It's time Congress recognized its constitutional duty to protect America's minorities at least as much as it protects their cars. While the elected representatives of the people delay, the toll continues to mount.

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## LETTERS

Dear Mr. Meunier,

Recently I had the opportunity to read your article "Domestic Partners Registry Proposed for Milwaukee" in the April 28 - May 4, 1999 edition of *Wisconsin Light*. In addition, I reviewed the follow up article of the meeting on May 3, 1999 discussing the highlights of the evening, as it appeared on *Wisconsin Light's* web site.

I must say that I am excited about such a proposal being passed. As a University of Wisconsin Oshkosh student pursuing a Master's degree in Counseling, I have become increasingly aware of the unique needs of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgendered community members. Privileges that straight people take for granted, such as marriage and its associated benefits, at this point are often not acknowledged as privileges that same sex couples could, and should, be able to enjoy. The proposal in Milwaukee would grant such a benefit, creating an equality for same sex couples that few communities have thus far recognized.

Such recognition is, indeed, important. As your article pointed out, both the community and the individuals involved in same sex relationships would benefit. For the community, less tax money would be spent on uninsured medical expenses. And, perhaps more importantly, individuals would receive societal validation and recognition for his/her relationship that has been missing thus far.

The number of participants reported at the meeting was encouraging. Proposals of such significance are long overdue, and I look forward to any future activities, as well as the eventual results. I only wish that I were a community member myself, in order to be able to influence my alderman. Perhaps I could do some work within my own community.

Good luck to the registry, and please keep the rest of us updated.

Sincerely,

Laurie Slaght Puzs  
Oshkosh

To The Editor:

In a world where hate seems so prevalent, it is difficult to find reason for celebration or opportunity for a peaceful existence. It is a time when positive change needs to occur and people need to become more compassionate and understanding.

My partner and I have been together for 16 years and, because we are both women, our commitment is not recognized. We look forward to our anniversary each year and annually take part in the PrideFest commitment ceremony. It is a time when we can celebrate safely with brothers and sisters in our community. As a couple, we have shared in many blessings. We have enjoyed life, worked, paid taxes and grieved at the loss of our loved ones.

Passing the 'Domestic Partnership Registry' ordinance will be good for same-sex relationships and it will establish a verifiable definition of domestic partnership. There are no costs or mandates to the City or business. We want only what legally recognized couples are able to have. It is important that the government recognize our committed relationships as valid partnerships.

Partners for Life,

Monica K. Cassidy and Sheri S. Goldberg  
Milwaukee

To the Editor:

The opportunity has arisen for Milwaukee to stand up for its reputation as a cultured, diverse community while recognizing the importance of committed relationships. Recently, a piece of legislation called the Domestic Partnership Registry Ordinance was presented to the Common Council. This legislation allows same-sex couples the opportunity to register as domestic partners with no cost or mandates to the city or Milwaukee businesses.

The recognition of same-sex relationships through passage of this ordinance simultaneously provides recognition to the value of committed relationships and celebrates Milwaukee's continuing cultivation of diversity.

Saying no to such legislation is equivalent to turning our backs to the importance of long-term committed relationships and family values. It is through committed relationships that families and values are built and maintained.

The Domestic Partnership Registry Ordinance simply allows same-sex couples to show their commitment to each other at no cost to anyone but themselves. There is no cost or mandates to the city or Milwaukee businesses. A \$30 fee paid by the couple to register far exceeds any filing costs to the city. Plus, it will be up to Milwaukee companies to determine if any policy should exist within their respective organizations to recognize or establish potential benefits for domestic partners.

By supporting this ordinance, we are giving same-sex couples the opportunity to show their commitment to each other. Failure to pass this ordinance would be a failure for the City of Milwaukee, and a slap in the face to the value of committed relationships.

Andy Kallies  
Milwaukee





# Spotlight

## A Gay Star Wars Character?

### First of a Two Part Series

by Tim Nasson

**New York City** – Where to begin? First of all, this article is far from a review of *Star Wars: Phantom Menace*, THE most anticipated

**STAR  
WARS**  
**EPISODE I**  
**THE PHANTOM MENACE**

movie of ALL time.

I was five years old when the first *Star Wars* film was released in 1977. I finally saw it and its two sequels, *The Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*, for the first time last year when they were all re-released.

Needless to say, I am not a psychotic *Star Wars* fan, groupie or expert.

I am, however, a 'movie' fanatic and can appreciate something amazing when it comes my way.

'Amazing' may not be quite the word to describe *Phantom Menace*, at least not in every sense. But, again, this is not a review.

One of the most amazing things about *Phantom Menace* is its out-of-this-world special effects, the most impressive being one of the newest characters to be introduced to the saga, Jar Jar Binks.

Jar Jar Binks is a clumsy creature, who speaks in a language of his own, reminiscent of an island tongue, maybe Jamaican. On screen he is completely computer generated, yet he actually interacts with all of the live action characters.

"Jar Jar is a cross between a salamander, frog and dinosaur, in my opinion," says 25-year-old black actor Ahmed Best, who portrays him.

Though we never actually see Best, we do see his movements which were captured on

film and then integrated with the animated character. It is also his voice that is used on screen.

While many may think that the animatronic character Jar Jar (pronounced Zsa Zsa ala Ms. Gabor) is the most fascinating special effect in *Phantom Menace*, I go one step further and say that it is his apparent Gayness that is one of the most amazing things about the film.

Jar Jar, you see, has been banished from his underwater community for "not fitting in." He is an outcast driven to live alone among humanlike figures and other creatures on land.

When we first meet him, Jar Jar is a helpless creature in need of a strong man's protection. It takes Liam Neeson's Qui-Gon Jinn to save him from certain death.

Jar Jar prances around and lisp in a much Gayer fashion than Barney and all of the Teletubbies combined. Additionally, and for good reason, many children will be playing with all of the toys that have been modeled after him. And why not? He is the funniest and most fun character in the film. (Aren't flamboyant Gay men always the life of every party?)

"Is Jar Jar Gay?" I asked *Phantom Menace's*

producer Rick McCallum. "Hmmm," he pauses before commenting. "Who knows? I did not write the film, so I cannot answer that," he continues with a devious smile.

That's enough for me to be comfortable with my opinion that Jar Jar is the biggest Gay role model in his galaxy and now a force to be reckoned with in ours.

When I asked Ahmed Best the same question, the actor who was featured prominently for three years in the San Francisco production of *Stomp* seemed to be at a loss for words.

"There is no mention of anyone's sexuality in this film. George is saving the love stories for the next film," Best says.

Of course, there were many, deemed to be insane years ago, who have commented on C3PO's and R2-D2's romance.

Apparent homosexuality is not the only provocative addition to George Lucas' *Phantom Menace*.

Anakin Skywalker, AKA Darth Vader in the first three of the *Star Wars* films released (*Phantom Menace* for those who are not aware is a prequel), is alleged to be the product of an immaculate conception. "How sacrilegious," some may say. How dare George Lucas imply that Darth Vader is Christ like?

"Most religions teach about immaculate conception in one way or another," says Lucas

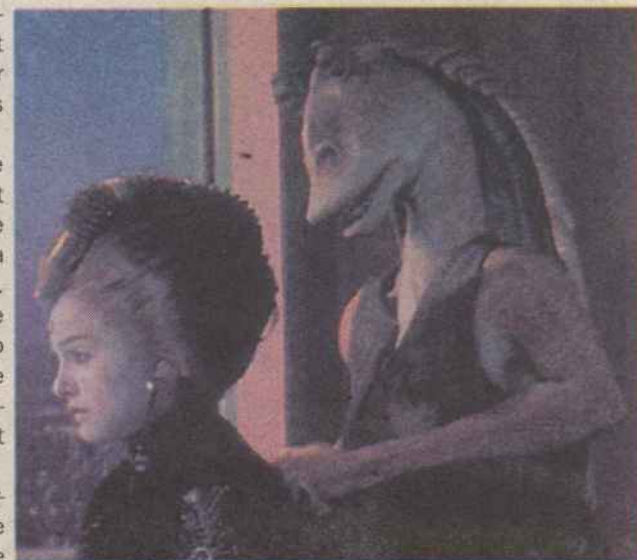
during the time he spoke.

"Aren't most superheroes conceived in an unusual way?" adds Lucas, who only did 20 or so interviews the weekend I spoke to him and everyone else involved with *Phantom Menace* in NYC at the Regency hotel.

As for the film's overhype? "Do you think I wanted this overhype?" he asks. "It just became that way. I don't know who or why anyone would have to compare *Phantom Menace* to *Titanic* in the sense that many are commenting that *Phantom Menace* is going to beat *Titanic* at the box office. I do not think that it will. I don't even think that it will beat the grosses of the original *Star Wars*."

Let's just hope it doesn't tank like *Howard the Duck*, one of Lucas' biggest disappointments.

(FYI — *Titanic* grossed \$610 million at the box office in the U.S. alone. The first *Star Wars*



grossed a little over \$300 million during its initial two runs in the late 1970s. Adjusting for inflation, they are about even with tickets purchased.)

*Editor's Note: Wisconsin Light is pleased to present our readers with this two part look at what is arguably the most anticipated movie of all time. The information in our two part series cannot be found in ANY other Wisconsin paper, straight or Gay. We invite you to pick up next week's issue when even more is revealed by the stars and makers of The Phantom Menace.*





# OUT ON FILM

## The Phantom Menace

Reviewed by John Jahn

It's finally here — the motion picture event of the decade — Episode I of *Star Wars*. The hype surrounding this film's premiere can either serve to build excitement or utterly turn off. My recommendation is to ignore all this as best you can and see it as "only a movie."

There will be plenty of time to buy *Phantom Menace* merchandise after you've actually seen it.

Hype has preceded movie premieres in previous years and decades, but nothing quite like this. We won't likely see anything remotely like it again until Episode II debuts three years from now. The problem for any film so intensely hyped is to live up to astronomically high expectations. Nervousness has set in among fans and filmmakers alike because thus far many reviews have been either mixed or negative. To be sure, it does fall short of being the Second Coming of Christ.

To be entirely fair, *The Phantom Menace* should be judged not by the hype, but simply as a movie. It should also not be immediately



Jake Lloyd plays Anakin Skywalker in *Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace*.

ranked against its brethren. Thankfully, Lucas has created a film that does stand on its own two feet, finely introducing us to the *Star Wars* universe (a generation before the events of the first film took place). While providing the starting point for a long saga, *The Phantom Menace* also has its own, self-contained story with beginning, middle and end.

*Star Wars* fans will surely have chills run up their spine as the now fabled opening occurs. "Lucasfilm" appears, followed by a black screen with blue lettering: "A long time ago...in a galaxy far, far away..." Suddenly, the orchestra crashes the silence with the first strains of John Williams' title music as the words "Star Wars" cover the screen, then slowly back away. The episode's setting is spelled out, the message retreating out into deep space. The impact is immediate, rather like meeting and old friend for the first time in years.

*The Phantom Menace's* plot takes a while to absorb, as many new characters and planets are introduced, but it's not hard to separate good from evil. We start with a Jedi Master, Qui-Gon Jinn (Liam Neeson) and his apprentice, Obi-Wan Kenobi (Ewan McGregor), finding themselves targets of the scheming Trade Federation. The latter is blockading the planet Naboo, ruled by the teenaged Queen Amidala (Natalie Portman). In league with the Trade Federation is the film's principle villain, Darth Sidious (Ian McDiarmid), who wants to rule the Galactic Republic.

From Naboo, the action shifts to the desert planet of Tatooine (Luke Skywalker's future birthplace), where Qui-Gon and Obi-Wan meet young Anakin Skywalker (Jake Lloyd), a child slave whom Qui-Gon quickly grows attached to. He also senses Anakin's inherent sensitivity to the Force. But Sidious is not far behind. His henchman, Sith Lord Darth Maul (Ray Park), is following the Jedi; Anakin and the Queen with evil intentions.

The acting in *The Phantom Menace* is remote from Shakespearean. The characters have never been the principle thing in *Star Wars* anyway, serving to move the plot forward but otherwise taking second place to Lucas' superb way with creating a new galaxy.

All the main characters are decently performed, none really standing head and shoulders above the rest. Jake Lloyd's acting needs

some work, but then again he's quite young.

Portman's role is rather too limited to fairly assess. Neeson and McGregor have a certain chemistry and earnestness about them.

Park is given almost no lines and scant screen time, alas. McDiarmid makes the grade as the evil Sidious, but not outstandingly so.

A major error occurred when Lucas made a computer-generated character, the frog-like Jar Jar Binks (Ahmed Best), into a major figure. He is virtually indecipherable and insufferably annoying. Obviously there for the under-12 crowd, Jar Jar carries on like a persistently troublesome child, tagging along with the main good guys.

While amusing at first, he doesn't exactly grow on you. Quite the opposite, I'm afraid: he's irritating and given way too much screen time.

Apart from all the new characters, *The Phantom Menace* connects itself quite nicely to the previous films, thanks to several tie-ins. We find comfort and familiarity in the presence of R2-D2 (Kenny Baker), a "naked" C-3PO (Anthony Daniels), Jabba the Hut and Yoda. We also meet Palpatine when he was a mere senator (he's the evil emperor by Episode IV).

Thankfully, series composer John Williams returns to score Episode I. He borrows a few individual leitmotifs from the previous films, producing additional continuity. But for the first time, Williams utilizes voices in his score. Principally associated with Darth Maul and the "Dark Side" of the Force, the lyrics take on an otherworldly sound (they're actually in ancient Sanskrit!).

Action sequences abound. *The Phantom Menace* offers its share of space battles, an exciting, *Ben-Hur*-flavored chariot race (actually jet-powered pods) on Tatooine, a dazzling land battle and finally an energetic, superbly choreographed light sabre battle involving Qui-Gon, Obi-Wan and Maul. Ray Park, in real life a gymnast and martial arts expert, propels this sequence with considerable muscularity.

If there's one area where *The Phantom Menace* excels indisputably, it's in creating an exciting, visually stimulating universe, populated by some 147 different alien species and monsters (rest assured, there are no Ewoks). All this is accomplished with exacting skill by an army of computer imaging wizards. *The Phantom Menace* is a textbook example of the best possible special effects technology. Indeed, there seems to be scarcely a scene in which the computer doesn't make its pres-

ence known, the film containing a couple thousand special effects shots.

Settings are frequently awe-inspiring, such as Coruscant — the Republic's capital — a planet which is fully urbanized. Jar Jar's race of beings live in an underwater city on Naboo, surrounded by huge, menacing sea monsters. Tatooine features a stadium reminiscent of ancient Rome.

*The Phantom Menace* is far from perfect, but I think really negative reviews are entirely off base and wrong-headed. You can't go into this film using your adult brain and expect the same sense of excitement and wonder you had as a teenager seeing *Star Wars* for the first time back in 1977.

If at all possible, try to see it through those kid's eyes once again. Not to say that this is a movie only suitable for kids. Only that Lucas has remained true to his original vision — he saw the series as a Saturday morning serial, writ big. It paints with broad strokes and simple, child-like themes, but what's wrong with that?

You won't get more visual excitement at the movies for the rest of the year. This is definitely a "see it on the big screen" film that will lose 95% of its impact on home video. It is also not simply a computerized, special effects showcase, despite the overwhelming presence of all that. Besides the impressive visuals, there is an interesting plot and highly watchable characters.

Lucas' vision is what sets *Star Wars* apart from similar film projects, and he remains by-and-large faithful to that vision here.

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Queen Amidala (Natalie Portman) isn't above taking matters into her own hands to thwart the occupation of her planet in *Star Wars: Episode I The Phantom Menace*.



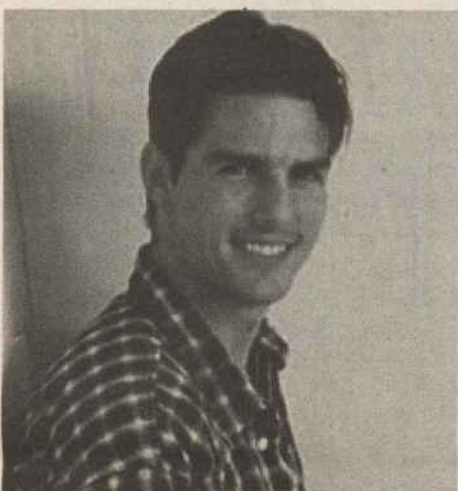
# DEEP INSIDE HOLLYWOOD

by Romeo San Vicente

## Cruise and Kidman Get an R

It looks like all the hype about the super-charged sexual heat in the new **Tom Cruise/Nicole Kidman** flick *Eyes Wide Shut* may have been a lot of hoopla over nothing. The MPA ratings board recently granted the pic a tame R instead of a sizzling NC-17.

Considering that such films as *American Pie* (a kind of latter-day *Porky's*) had to be re-cut several times before qualifying for an R,



Tom Cruise

the late **Stanley Kubrick's** final effort could be desperately in need of Viagra.

That's a great relief, however, to the folks at Warner Bros., who probably would have been forced to re-edit the film if it had gotten the MPA's scarlet NC-17 rating. And that would have set off a Cruise missile: the star has been quoted as saying, "no one is going to touch it." (The late Kubrick was a control freak of mythic proportions.)

The milder rating has Romeo wondering. After all, Tom and Nicole are busy suing *Star* magazine over an article it ran that claimed sex therapists had to be brought onto the set to teach Mr. and Mrs. C. how to get it on. The couple denies they needed any marital aids, but the tabloid is standing by its story.

*Eyes* is slated for a July 16th release.

## Elton Goes Broadway

Looks like the **Elton John/Tim Rice** musical *Aida* is Broadway-bound. The rock retread of the classic Verdi opera is supposed to open on the Great White Way next spring. **Adam Pascal**, who originated the role of Roger in the Broadway production of *Rent* (another operatic spin-off), has been picked to star.

*Aida* will have a run in November at Chicago's Palace Theater to work out any

kinks before braving the New York theater critics. Until then, you can check out the concept album, which features **Janet Jackson**, the **Spice Girls**, and adolescent country crooner **LeAnn Rimes**.

## Rent Overdue

And speaking of **Jonathan Larson's** Tony Award-winning musical — after waiting three years to produce the film version — Miramax is going to have to wait a while longer before it collects its *Rent*.

The company won the film rights to the show back in 1996, but the Broadway producers managed to stall the sale for three years. Now, in what's rapidly becoming a case of musical litigation, they have caused a further delay by slapping a lawsuit on the Larson family, claiming a right to creative input in the film version. It looks like the folks on Broadway just don't want their cash cow to compete with a star-laden film version (at a much cheaper ticket price).

## Dostoevsky High?

**Christine Vachon**, the unofficial godmother of Queer Cinema, has jumped on the current teen-film bandwagon. The Lesbian filmmaker, who counts *Velvet Goldmine* among her credits, is producing a new film version of one of **Dostoevsky's** darkest novels set — guess where? — in an American high school.

*Crime and Punishment in High School* will feature **Ellen Barkin** — along with the requisite WB starlet (**Monica Keena**, who just kicked the bucket on *Dawson's Creek*). The cameras roll later this month.

*Romeo San Vicente* would be happy to give *Tom Cruise* pointers on lovemaking. You can contact Romeo care of Wisconsin Light or e-mail [RomeoDeep@aol.com](mailto:RomeoDeep@aol.com).



Monica Keena

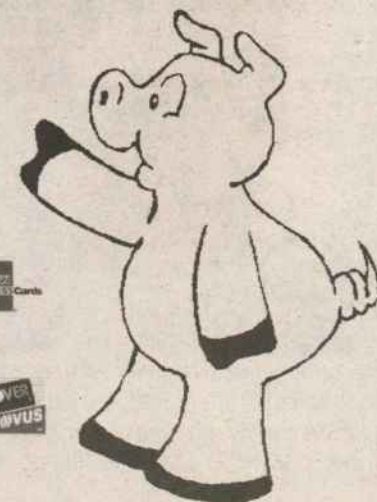
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# Events CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

**Art Elements Gallery** (Mequon), Christian Henri Thirion, *Light Waves*, new works in glass, 10050 B. Pt. Washington Rd., (414) 241-7040.

**Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys** (Madison), Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman. 7pm lessons for beginners Two Step by Gary; 8pm advanced Line Dance by Walt or Bill H. Open dancing follows lessons. \$3 donation and cash bar, everyone welcome.

**Wisconsin Corporate Alliance** (Milwaukee). This umbrella organization made up of and serving corporate LGBT employee groups in Wisconsin, holds their monthly meeting, 5:30pm, at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. All professionals welcome.

## THURSDAY, MAY 20

**Florentine Opera** (Milwaukee), Chorus Auditions today through May 23 for '99-00 season. Singers should prepare one to two arias, one in a foreign language. The Florentine provides an accompanist. Interested? Call June at (414) 291-5700, ext. 10 to schedule.

**LGBT Community Center** (Milwaukee), 170 S. 2nd St., 271-2656: Lesbian Discussion Group, 6-9pm. FMI call Pat Walsh, (414)329-8404.

**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra** (Milwaukee), Celebrated pianist Andre Watts joins conductor Janos Furst and the MSO. Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Arts, through Sunday May 23. Tickets range from \$18-50, times vary, call the box office (414) 291-7605, (800) 291-7605.

**Theater X** (Milwaukee), Late Night Series presents Harvey Fierstein's comedy *Safe Sex*. 10:30pm, \$10, 158 N. Broadway (414) 291-7800. Every Thurs., Fri., Sat. through May 29.

## FRIDAY, MAY 21

**Adambomb Gallery** (Milwaukee), Gallery night featuring sculptures and paintings by Michael Mercade. 6-10pm. (414) 276-2662.

**Michael H. Lord Gallery** (Milwaukee), Exhibition of recent paintings and drawings by Richard Knight. Continues through June 19. Opening reception for the artist tonight from 6-9pm. 420 E. Wisconsin Avenue.

**SAGE** (Milwaukee), Film screening: *A Chorus Line*. Milw. LGBT Community Center, small meeting room, 6:30pm.

**Woodland Patten Book Center** (Milwaukee), 720 E. Locust St., FMI (414) 263-5001. As part of Urban Voices, the poetry writing group Sparks will perform, open mic for local writers. \$3, 7pm.

## SATURDAY, MAY 22

**GAMMA** (Milwaukee), Last chance for Social Volleyball for the season. 1-3pm at UWM Engleman Gym, 2033 E. Hartford. \$2 for GAMMA members, \$3 for non-members. FMI John (414) 540-1202.

**Empty Bowls Benefit Bowl-a-thon** (Milwaukee), Raise public awareness of hunger in the community through art. Create a handmade ceramic bowl to benefit local food banks and meal programs. FMI (414) 332-8828. Murray Hill Pottery Works, 2458 N. Murray from 1pm-4pm.

**Gay Video Club** (Madison), *Pecker* by director John Waters and *Spi-n-Leather* by Chi Chi LaRue. 8pm, (608) 244-8675 (eves.).

**LGBT Community Center** (Milwaukee), 170 S. 2nd St., 271-2656: Saturday Night at the Movies, six films to choose from, bring snacks, free (donation encouraged).

## SUNDAY, MAY 23

**LGBT Community Center** (Milwaukee), 170 S. 2nd St., 271-2656: Drumming Circle, 10am-noon. FMI call Kris Uitts at the Center.

**Woodland Patten Book Center** (Milwaukee), 720 E. Locust St., FMI (414) 263-5001. *The Power of Metaphor* workshop with Karen Howland. 1-4pm, \$30 fee. Pre registration encouraged.

## TUESDAY, MAY 25

**Afterwords Bookstore** (Milwaukee), Author appearance by Julia Watts. Ms. Watts will read from her latest best-selling novel, *Wedding Bell Blues*. 7pm, 2710 N.

Murray, FMI call (414) 963-9089.

**Borders Book Shop** (Madison), Christian de la Huerta discusses his new book, *Coming Out Spiritually: The Next Step*. 7pm, 3416 University Ave. FMI (608) 232-2600.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

**Afterwords Bookstore** (Milwaukee), Author appearance by Christian de la Huerta, the co-founder of Q-Spirit, an international network of LGBT's in spirituality. He will discuss his new book, *Coming Out Spiritually*. 7:30pm, 2710 N. Murray, FMI call (414) 963-9089.

**Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys** (Madison), Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman. 7pm lessons for beginning Line Dancing taught by Elaine or Joan; 8pm advanced Two Step by Kris D. Open dancing follows lessons. \$3 donation and cash bar, everyone welcome.

**LGBT Community Center** (Milwaukee), 170 S. 2nd St., 271-2656: Rainbow U Lecture on LGBT domestic abuse by Professor Tess Meuer. Call center for more information.

**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra** (Milwaukee), Pabst Theater, 7pm, Young Artists Concert, Andrew Sill, conductor. Tickets \$5, (414) 291-7605.

## THURSDAY, MAY 27

**LGBT Community Center** (Milwaukee), 170 S. 2nd St., 271-2656: Entrepreneurs Network, 7-8:30pm. Meeting open to any LGBT small business owners interested in networking with other entrepreneurs in the LGBT Community. FMI call Pat Walsh, (414) 329-8404.

**Milwaukee Ballet Co.** (Milwaukee), Farewell performance of principal dancer Anne Finch in the full length ballet: *Giselle*. Marcus Center for the Performing Arts through May 30. Guest conductor Carmon DeLeone. Opening night showtime 7:30pm, call the box office for full schedule and tickets (range from \$15.50 to \$64.50). Ballet box office: (414) 643-7677; Marcus Center box office: (414) 273-7206; and at ticketmaster outlets: (414) 276-4545.

## FRIDAY, MAY 28

**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra** (Milwaukee), Pabst Theater, 7:30pm, *Classical Conversations: Mozart and the Sounds of Symphonies*, Andrew Sills conductor. Tickets \$15-29, (414) 291-7605.

**SAGE** (Milwaukee), Co-ed discussion group plus screening of the short film: *It's In The Water*. Milw. LGBT Community Center, small meeting room, 6:30pm.

## SATURDAY, MAY 29

**Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys** (Madison), Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman. Lessons at 8pm, followed by general dancing, 9pm-close. Bill H. is the DJ, \$3 donation and cash bar, everyone welcome.

**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra** (Fish Creek), *Run Out Concert*, Andrews Sill, conductor. Door County Auditorium, call (920) 868-2728 for tickets.

**Woodland Patten Book Center** (Milwaukee), 720 E. Locust St., FMI (414) 263-5001. Readings by poet Roberta Hill and writer Jackie Dettloff, 8pm, \$6.

**Black LGBT Task Force** (Milwaukee), Screening of *The Great Debate: The Origins of Homosexuality in the Black Community*, followed by a group discussion. 6:30pm, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. Refreshments served, children welcome, donations accepted.

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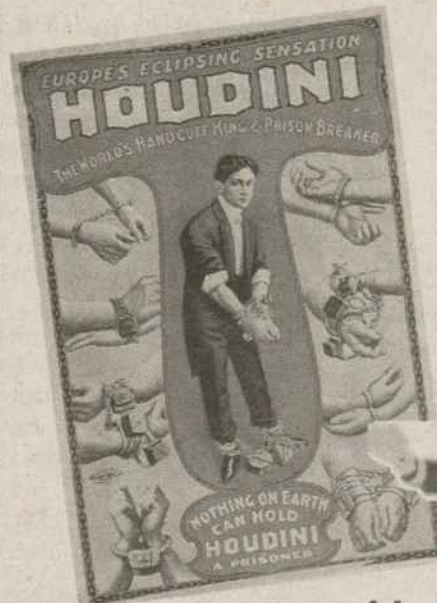
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# LifeStyle

## Coming Out Spiritually

Author to Make Wisconsin Appearances

by Carmen Alicia Murguia

Christian de la Huerta thought he had it made. "Javier," as he was born, was living an enviable life in beautiful South Beach during his late 20's: he drove a sports car and wore Armani suits. He had the perfect, handsome lover, and was socially popular. Nevertheless, over time de la Huerta realized he had all of this and still felt empty. "One day I started looking for something to fill this empty hole I felt in my gut; I had this incredible life but still there was something missing."

Like many people in our LGBT community, de la Huerta found himself at a crossroads searching for the answers to "I came out, I'm dating, having sex or I have a lover, I'm out at work (or am I), and I'm a part of this community. But how is my presence an important part of the world? Of my cultural community and my spiritual upbringing? Where do I go from here?"

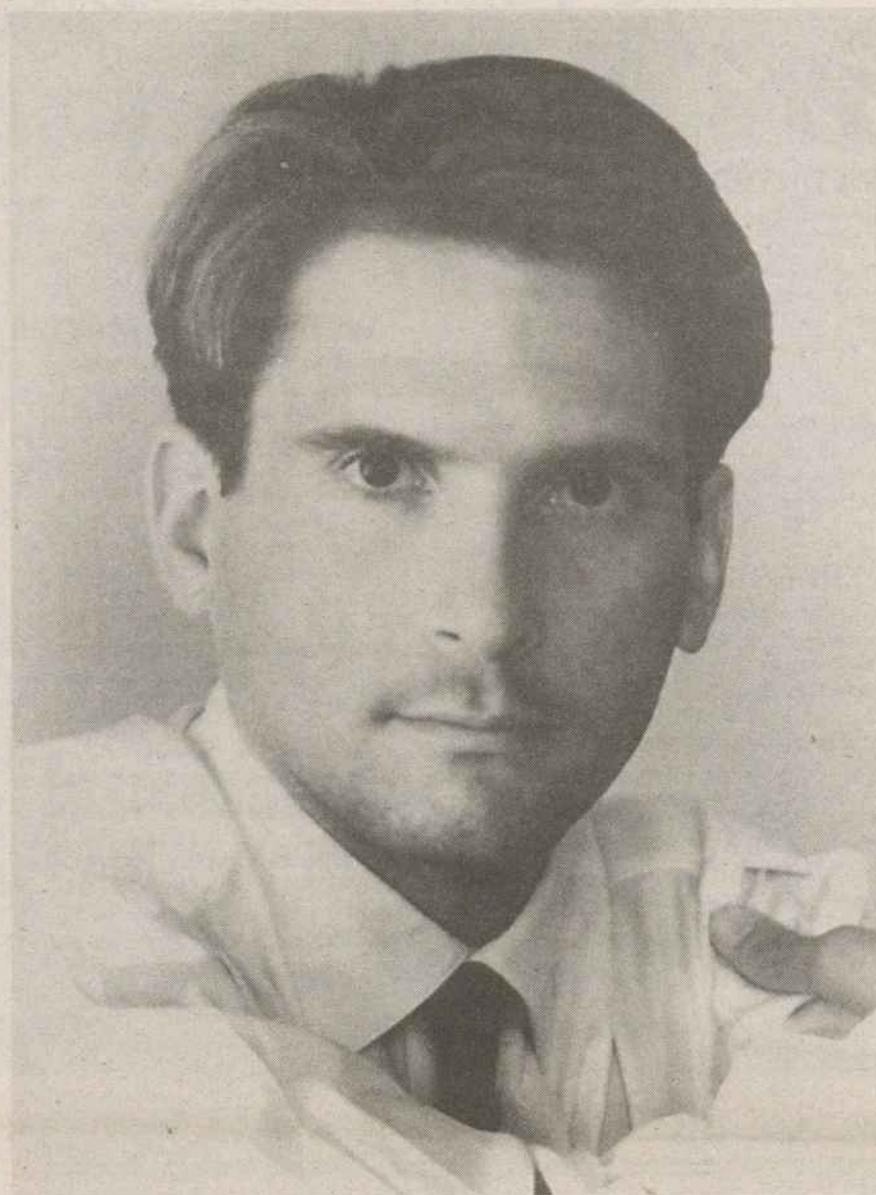
In his own spiritual journey, de la Huerta sold his possessions (keeping his clothing and books) and studied with a spiritual teacher and breath work practitioner which led him to

the Bay area. Today, Christian de la Huerta is a spiritual coach, breath work practitioner, and the founder/Executive Director of Q-Spirit, an international network of Gays and Lesbians interested in spirituality.

In his book, *Coming Out Spiritually: the next step*, de la Huerta provides a courageous look at spirituality for Gays and Lesbians who want to reclaim a deeper connection within. "I wrote this book because I got tired of standing by while seeing people of my tribe continue to get HIV when its transmission can actually be avoided. I had enough of seeing people slowly

destroying their bodies and their lives with excessive abuse of alcohol and drugs. I had seen friends in endless cycles of empty and unhealthy relationships, unable to find one that works or supports their growth. I've had enough of seeing many of us in anger stuck in adolescent rebelliousness and feelings of separation," de la Huerta said in a telephone interview.

"I think its tragic that too many people in our community turn away or shut down at the mere mention of religion or spirituality. It's no wonder really



given the way we've been scapegoated, demonized, mistreated, and ignored by most religions of the world. However, what I find sad and tragic is that there is a lot of evidence indicating that historically across many different cultures, people that today we call queer were not only spiritually inclined, honored and respected, they were also revered for assuming roles of spiritual leadership."

Born in Havana, Cuba and raised in Miami, de la Huerta was one of nine children raised "in an extremely Catholic family." He attended Jesuit schools and wanted to become a priest in high school. De la Huerta changed his mind in college after taking a class in existentialism, falling in love with a man, and discovering hallucinogenics. "I was angry with religion, angry about the needless pain and suffering that I had felt," he said. "I developed a context for my pain. I didn't want to be carrying that anger for the rest of my life, so I began my journey to reclaim my spirituality."

What does de la Huerta hope readers will gain from *Coming Out Spiritually the next step*?

"I think it's important to reclaim our spiritual heritage. I believe we need to do so for our sake and for the healing of our community and the world at large. We need to reclaim our humanity, *spiritually and sexually*, before we can be completely at ease in the world and find lives that are fulfilling and that allow the expression of who we are in the world."

*Coming Out Spiritually* is also a great source book of spiritual practices. I believe de la Huerta offers an excellent book for discussion groups. It's a thought provoking, Gay

man's perspective on sexuality and spirituality.

Unfortunately, de la Huerta missed a great opportunity in his page and a half in his section on *Lesbian Sexuality*. A great deal of rich information, thoughts, sexual and spiritual experiences from the Lesbian perspective was clearly missing — this I shared with de la Huerta.

"I feel that on a community level once we reclaim our archetypal roles, (that is, roles and functions that we have played throughout history and across many different cultures) we'll see a decline in self-destructive, less-than-life-affirming behaviors that are still prevalent in our community."

"I think the world at large would benefit as we reclaim our spirituality. I think the world has been functioning off kilter because its been suppressing and ignoring us and our contributions, the same way, of course, that the world suppresses another group whether its women or people of different skin color. And so I do very deeply believe that we as queer people that reclaim our heritage, we will benefit our community and the world at large."

Christian de La Huerta will see some of the world at large during a visit to Wisconsin. He will be at a book signing and reading at Border's Bookstore in Madison, 3416 University Avenue, at 7:00. He will also be at Afterwords Books, 2710 N. Murray, on Wednesday, May 26 at 7:30pm.

These appearances present a great opportunity to meet with the author and to discuss the issues de La Huerta brings out in *Coming Out Spiritually: the next step*.

**"I think it's important to reclaim our spiritual heritage. I believe we need to do so for our sake and for the healing of our community and the world at large. We need to reclaim our humanity, spiritually and sexually, before we can be completely at ease in the world and find lives that are fulfilling and that allow the expression of who we are in the world."**



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*Coming out Spiritually* offers a fresh and inspiring outlook on gay spirituality, focusing on the various archetypes of gay spiritual roles (mediator, shaman, healer, creator of beauty, among others). Christian de la Huerta is founder and executive director of Q-Spirit, an international network of gays and lesbians in spirituality.

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## Dykes To Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel

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Panel 1: "HI, SPANKY! UH... WHAT'RE YOU DOING?" "OH, I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D MIND. YOUR MODEM'S SO MUCH FASTER THAN MINE. I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR SOME REAL INFORMATION TO COUNTER THIS REGURGITATED PENTAGON BRIEFING THAT PASSES FOR TV NEWS."

Panel 2: "I'D RATHER YOU DON'T FOOL AROUND ON MY COMPUTER, UH... I JUST FINISHED ALL MY GRADING AND I HAVEN'T BACKED IT UP YET." "HEY, SYDNEY, DID YOU HAVE THAT GAME 'NANDSAUR'?"

Panel 3: "I DON'T HAVE ANY GAMES, MO. I REALLY WISH YOU WOULDN'T..." "OH, NO? THEN WHAT'S IN THIS FOLDER? THE ONE SO CRYPTICALLY LABELED 'GAMES'?" "IS THAT WHERE YOU HIDE YOUR CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS?"

Panel 4: "DON'T OPEN THAT!" "WHY? WHAT'S IN HERE?" "AAA! DOOPS."

Panel 5: "...ERECTILE DISINHIBITION. IN FACT, I HAVE A HARD ON RIGHT NOW."

Panel 6: "COMING UP NEXT ON THE ABS EVENING NEWS, COOL COCKPIT VIDEOS OF THE CRISIS IN YUGOSLAVIA."

Panel 7: "HI, I'M BOB DOLE, AND I SUFFER FROM E.D."

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## BIFF 'N BUNKY by KEITH N ANDERSON

Panel 1: "NOW THAT YOU'VE MET YOUR FUTURE SON-IN-LAW, WHAT DO YOU THINK?"

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Panel 3: "AND HE HAS A GREAT BUTT."

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# Sports



by Bob Melig

## "FAN - NIFICENT" SSBL SOFTBALL SEASON SHAPING UP

This could be the year of the FAN. SSBL's Opening Day was "even Steven" for five of the seven teams. All five are tied at 1 and 1 after 1st day double header action. Only 219 and Riverwest, both at 2-0, differ from the pack.

This even-up parity means that every game could be a thriller with just a break here or there making the difference on any Saturday. Fans will love the chance to see games that are nip and tuck until the final out. Enjoying the sun and the game could be a lot more fun than over recent seasons.

It was great to see the vast improvement of last year's new players, who now have a full season of competition under their belts. They're the League's future and from what this reporter saw, will be fine representatives in the years to come.

Capping off a nice day at the park was the Mr. SSBL fundraiser at the Ballgame. David Fre was crowned with the title for 1999. As always, with this first day event, the house was packed and comradeship reigned. If you missed it, then be sure to catch the SSBL Follies on May 22nd at 219. It's your last chance to see all the teams at one place, other than at the park, for the rest of the season. Off the field the players always let their hair down!

### TEAM MILWAUKEE ORGANIZING FOR TORONTO JULY 4TH

Tom Salzsieder is organizing a Team Milwaukee to play in the Canada Cup Tournament in Toronto over the July 4th weekend. If you are interested, see him or leave a note with a phone number at the Ballgame. He's looking for 12 players to travel with him for this event.

This is one of the older and better tournaments around. Teams from all over Canada and the East travel there to compete. With an A, B & C division, it rivals the World Series as the top attraction in this part of the continent. Milwaukee has been represented for 17 years and it would be great to have another representative there in '99.

### SOME SOFTBALL SCHEDULING & FAN MARKETING QUIRKS

If you're a Woody's fan, you better be a morning person. On 6 of the 9 Saturdays, they are scheduled to play at 11:30 — that's AM. Here's a comer team of young guys who deserve a better showcase for their talent. Complicating that is the fact that only one diamond is used at 11:30am, so even the other teams aren't there to watch the action. They'll be a hidden gem. Any team plays better with an audience. Well, at least they'll get to know the cute park attendant really well. He might be their only onlooker.

On the marketing side, SSBL is missing the boat by not putting its feature games in Prime Time. On opening day the teams figured to be fighting for first place were inked in at just after the noon hour. That game would have been more appropriate at the 1:50pm slot when all the other teams were at the field and the fans had a chance to negotiate the traffic to Sijon, or even at 3:00pm, to top off a great softball day.

In future weeks, two of the leagues top teams, Balistreri and 219, will play a feature game on June 26th possibly for 1st place at — you guessed it — 11:30am. Even during the crucial two "position weeks," the teams with the best records play each other — you guessed it again — at 11:30am.

Let's hope SSBL can redo its product presentation in what is shaping up to be a fan-friendly year. It's not too late at all. As in a fine restaurant, presentation is the thing that makes the fine product and effort work well.

There is a lot of effort expended in putting on a season, so it's easy to overlook marketing aspects of scheduling. Just getting the logistics in place is no easy project. However, scheduling the main events when more people can enjoy them, is for the benefit of fans this year and for many more fans in the years to come.

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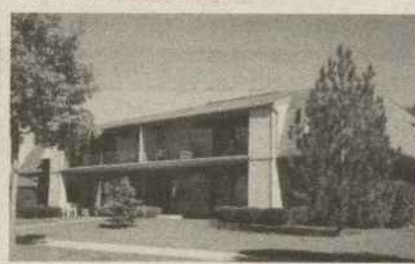
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- LGB Business Alliance • c/o PO Box 1722, 537012 ..... 256-6214
- LGB Law Student Assoc. • Box 17, Rm. 208, 500 Lincoln Dr. 975 Bascom Hall 53706
- Lesbian Parents Network • PO Box 8423, 53708 ..... 255-8582
- New Harvest Foundation • PO Box 1786, 53701-1786 ..... 256-4204
- OutReach Inc. • 600 Williamson (Gateway Mall) 53703 ..... 255-4297  
Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Center • Drop in or call  
Support groups, peer counseling, info & referral. Open 9am-9pm, M-F.
- PFLAG (Parents, Friends LGBTs) • 1112 Grant St., 53711 ..... 243-1208 or 255-0533
- UW Ten Percent Society • PO Box 260394, 53726 ..... 262-7365
- UW-LGB Alumni Council • 650 N. Lake St., 53706 ..... 262-5865
- UW-LGBT Campus Center • 2nd Floor, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 ..... 265-3344
- Unicorns • levi/leather club • PO Box 536, 53701

### MEDICAL / HIV

- AIDS Network / Southern WI • 600 Williamson St., Madison 53703 ..... (800) 486-6276  
Madison, Janesville, Beloit Counseling, Testing, Referrals, Help
- Blue Bus STD Clinic • 1552 University Ave, 53705 ..... 262-7330

### RELIGIOUS

- Integrity/Dignity • LGBT Christians • PO Box 730, 53701 ..... 836-8886

### BED & BREAKFAST

- Ivy Inn Hotel & Restaurant • 2355 University Ave. .... 233-9717

### RETAIL / SHOPPING

- Community Pharmacy • 341 State St., 53703 ..... 251-3242
- A Room of One's Own • Feminist Bookstore • 307 W. Johnson, 53703 ..... 257-7888

## MILWAUKEE (414)

### ORGANIZATIONS

- Alternative Business Assoc • PO Box 511778, 53203 ..... 299-9271
- Bi Definition • Bisexual Organization • PO Box 07541, 53207 ..... 483-5046
- Castaways MC • PO Box 1697, Milw., WI 53201-1697 • Call Corey ..... 372-9253
- Counseling Center • LGBT Support Groups • 2038 N. Bartlett ..... 271-2565
- Cream City Foundation • PO Box 204, 53212 ..... 265-0880
- Fest City Singers • PO Box 11428, 53211 ..... 263-SING
- Galano Club • Alcohol Free Recovery Club • 2408 N Farwell, 53211 ..... 276-6936  
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Nightly Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Narcotics Anonymous and/or  
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous, 12-step meetings.

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- GAMMA • Social/Recreational • PO Box 1900, 53201 ..... 365-3453
- Gay Youth Milwaukee • PO Box 090441, 53209 ..... 265-8500
- Gemini Gender Group • TG Support • PO Box 44214, 53214 ..... 297-9328
- Human Rights League • PO Box 510684, 53203
- Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMB) • 170 S. 2nd St, 53204 ..... 272-9442
- Milwaukee LGBT Community Center • 170 S. 2nd St., 53204 ..... 271-2656  
www.mkelgbt.com • Meeting & office space. Info, referral, support, library
- MU GLB Student Group • AMU236, PO Box 1881, 53201-1881 ..... 288-6873
- PFLAG-Milwaukee Chapter • PO Box 210853, 53221 ..... 299-9198
- PrideFest Inc. • PO Box 511763, 53203 ..... 272-FEST  
e-mail Pridemilw@aol.com • www.pridefest.com
- The Queer Program • Tuesdays 7pm • PO Box 090441, 53209 ..... 265-8500
- Rainbow Alliance at UWM • PO Box 413, 53201 ..... 229-6555
- Riverwest Rainbow Assoc. • 1001 E. Keefe, 53212 ..... 225-1645
- SAGE-Milwaukee • Box 510492, 53203-0091 • Older Gays & Lesbians ..... 271-0378
- Saturday Soft Ball League (SSBL) • PO Box 510615 Milw., WI 53203 ..... 454-9204
- Shoreline • Country Dancing Fri. night, LaCage • PO Box 510283 Milw., WI 53203
- Sherman Park Rainbow Association • PO Box 76115 Milw., WI 53216 ..... 277-3986  
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- Wisconsin Corporate Alliance (WCA) ..... 284-3295
- Wisconsin Cream City Chorus • 170 S. 2nd St., Milw., WI 53204 ..... 276-8787

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- Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) • STD & HIV Testing • 1240 E. Brady St. .... 272-2144
- St. Camillus AIDS Ministry • 10101 W. Wisconsin, Milw., 53226 ..... 259-4664

### RELIGION

- Dignity • LGBT Catholics • PO Box 597, 53201 ..... 444-7177
- Lutherans Concerned • LGBT Lutherans • PO Box 1676, 53201 ..... 372-9663
- Milw. Metropolitan Community Church • 1239 W Mineral, 53204 ..... 332-9995
- St. Matthews Catholic Church • 1138 S. 25th St., Sunday worship 10:30am

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- Scott Perkins, Shorewest Realtors • <http://shorewest.com> ..... 476-7100
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- TNT Graphics • Ad design, graphics • [tntgraph@execpc.com](mailto:tntgraph@execpc.com) ..... 372-9TNT

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- Afterwords Bookstore • 2710 N. Murray, 53211 ..... 963-9089
- Designing Men • Gay gift items & t-shirts • 1200 S 1 St., 53204 ..... 389-1200
- Out of Solitude Jewelry • 918 E Brady, 53202 ..... 223-3101
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- Aurora Lesbian Center • 32 E. First Street, Duluth, MN 55802 ..... (218) 722-4903
- Northland Gay Men's Center • 8 N. 2nd Ave, E #309, Duluth, MN 55802 ..... (218) 722-8585
- Out Up North • PO Box 695, Washburn, WI 54891 ..... 682-2890
- UW-Superior 10% Society • UW, Superior, 54880 ..... 394-8091
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# NIGHTS OUT

## News...

Well the big news — as you probably know if you read the Sports column — is that it's SSBL time again. Yes those butch boys — and girls — are out on the fields, tromping around the base paths, running through the grass and getting all sweaty again.

What that means for you who aren't playing is lots of cool Saturday afternoon parties with those who are. Milwaukee bars sponsoring

people of all ages. Of course, it's fun to be at the **Ball Game** at other times as well. That's true of **Fluid**, too. I don't think I have ever been in the place when there wasn't a full bar. The atmosphere and the fine service at **Fluid** make it a very popular stop. Last Saturday, some friends and I had a great time sitting on those comfy couches while we chatted away.

Speaking of comfortable furniture, **Dish** also has some nice couches and chairs off to the side of the bar. Wouldn't you know it, we left **Fluid** and went to **Dish** and sure enough, all of them were filled. It was okay, though, because we wanted to dance to some hot tunes. We managed to squeeze in the crowded dance floor and have a great time. Somehow, even if I am tired, I can't help but get out on the dance floor at **Dish**. Great atmosphere and hot tunes really charge me up!

Speaking of getting charged up, my spies tell me that DJ TONY R is really revving up the crowds at **Club 5**. Well, that's not really news. Anyone who has been to **Club 5** is well aware of Tony's skills with a turntable and a CD player and all the rest of the stuff they put in the DJ booth. I thought I'd mention it because like other great DJs, Tony works hard at what he does. When people take the time to call me — long distance at that — to tell me they appreciate the effort, I will mention something in my column.

Speaking of columns, that's a wrap for this one. I hope to see YOU out and about soon. Meanwhile be fierce, stay safe and be proud!

Speaking of great DJ's, one of my — and LGBT Milwaukee's — favorites, Kim at **219**, celebrated his Birthday with a great party at the bar. There were tons of well wishers who gathered there to salute him. There were some hot strippers, too. We won't divulge Kimmy's age here. Let's just say that she would be legal in any two states and leave it at that. The party was a blast, like when aren't parties at **219** lots of fun?

**Recaps...** I stopped in **South Water Street Docks** last week and had a great time. There were about 25 people hosted by bartender Steve G. Poor Steve, he was running from one man to the next. Hmmm not bad work if you can get it.

I also stopped in at **This Is It** where, as usual, people were grooving to the jukebox. Of course, in addition to the jukebox, This Is It has great service at great prices, and there's always a friendly crowd.

Another great place to stop at is the **Ball Game**. The BG has these neat table and chair setups. Their cocktail hours are crowded with

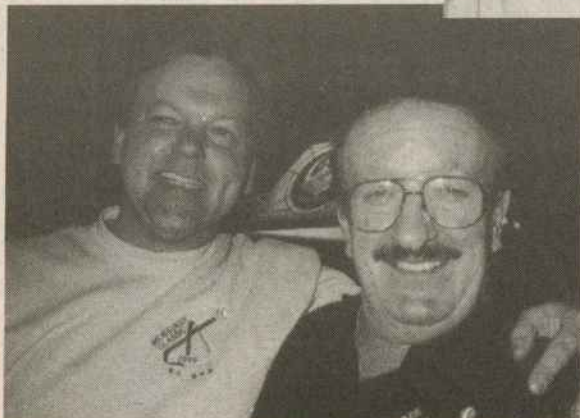
## Dusty AFTER DARK

teams are: **219**, the **Ball Game**, **M&M's**, **Mugshots** and **Woody's**. There are parties after the games in every one of them. The **Woody's** team is especially fun to party with.

You can also party at the field, Sijan, which is located deep in Bay view. It's on KK across the street from the Kohl's store. Teams play two games before heading to their sponsor bar to have fun. So join them on the field and join them in the bars. It's a great time and it's free. Plus, you get to see what some people look like in the daylight. Speaking of **Woody's** I forgot to mention that owner Steve was at **In Between's** closing party in my last column. Steve can party with the best of them!

I'm happy to report that DJ Tanya AKA Tony at **La Cage** has recovered from her leg injury.

## MR. SSBL Contest at The Ball Game



## Going Out

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

**Fluid** (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 9pm-midnight.

### FRIDAY, MAY 21

**M&M Club** (Milwaukee), The vocal stylings of John Scoots.

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

**Brandy's II** (Green Bay), 2-4-1 drinks all day, special excludes shots/pitchers.

**Club 219** (Milwaukee), SSBL Follies show to benefit the Milwaukee Classic, after the games.

**Club 94** (Kenosha), Anita and Natalie invite you to an evening: Live and Unplugged. Special guests and unexpected fun, 10:30pm showtime.

**Napalese Lounge** (Green Bay), Turnabout Show, a Rainbow Over WI fund-raiser.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

**Fannie's** (Milwaukee), Karaoke at Fannies, hosted by Marlene.

**The Triangle** (Milwaukee), BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 9pm-midnight.

### LIVE WEEKLY ENTERTAINMENT

**C'est La Vie** (Milwaukee), Female Impersonators on Sat. & Sun., 10:30pm.

**Club 5** (Madison), Female Impersonators on Sun., 10pm.

**Club 219** (Milwaukee), Female Impersonators on Thurs. & Sun., 11:30pm; Strippers every Wed., Fri. & Sat., 11pm.

**Fannies** (Milwaukee), Karaoke hosted by Marlene. First Sunday and second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

**Kathy's Nut Hut** (Milwaukee), Lingerie and Bikini Revue, every Wed., 4:30-6:30pm.

**Kirby's Klub** (Madison), Female Impersonators on Sat., 10pm.

**La Cage** (Milwaukee), La Cage Showcase every Fri. & Sun. at 11pm.

**Shoreline** (Milwaukee), Practices at La Cage, 8-11pm plus Free Lessons.

**This Is It!** (Milwaukee), Sylvain appears live every Sun. night at 8pm.

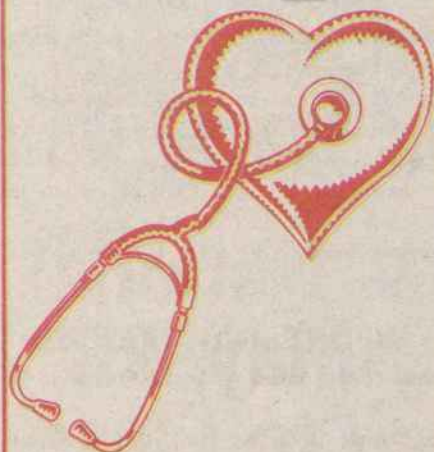




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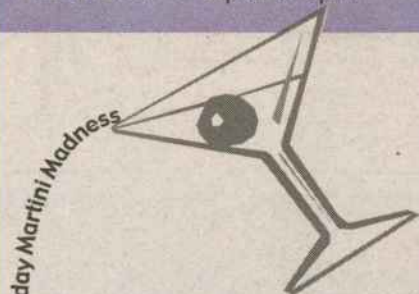
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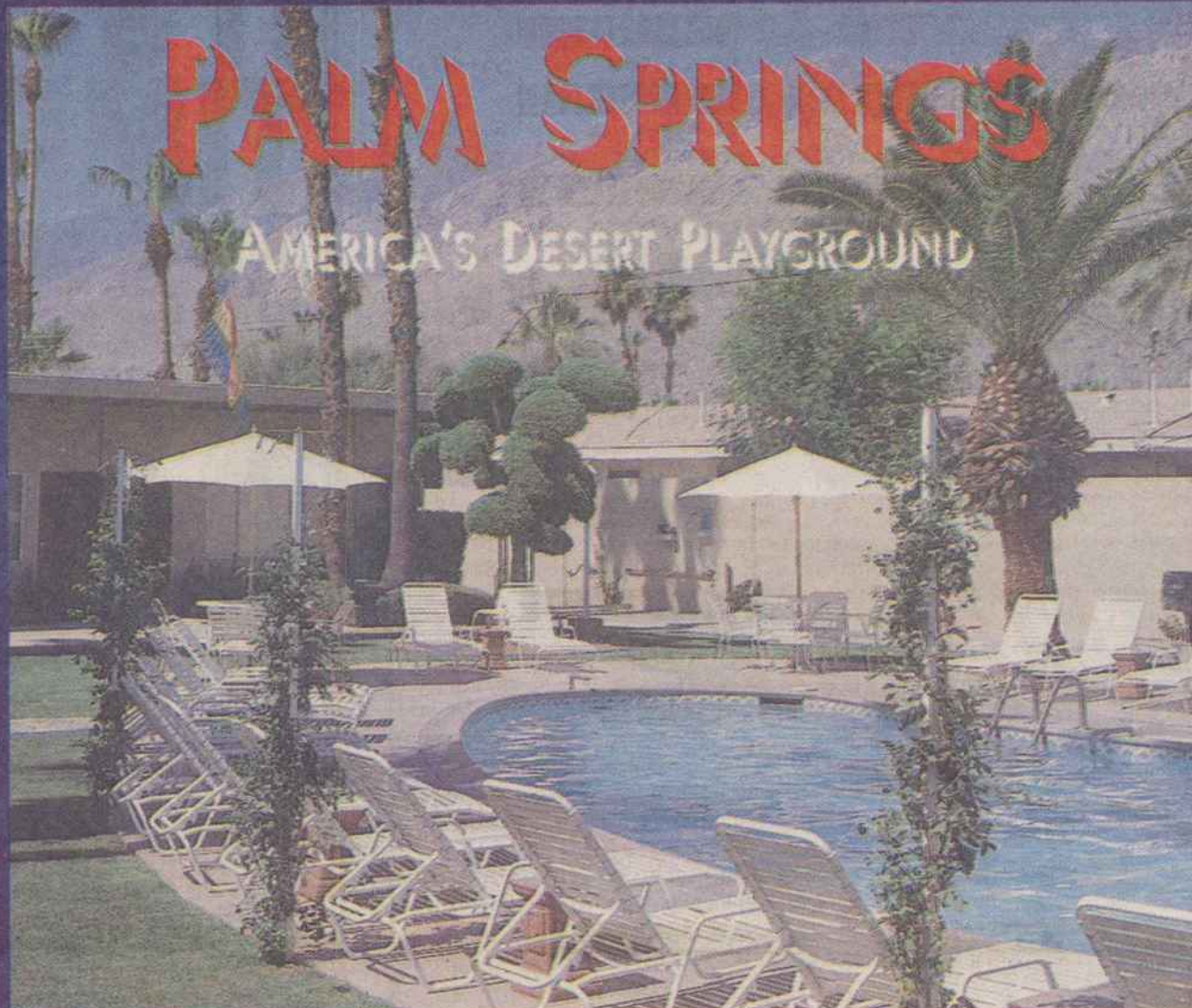
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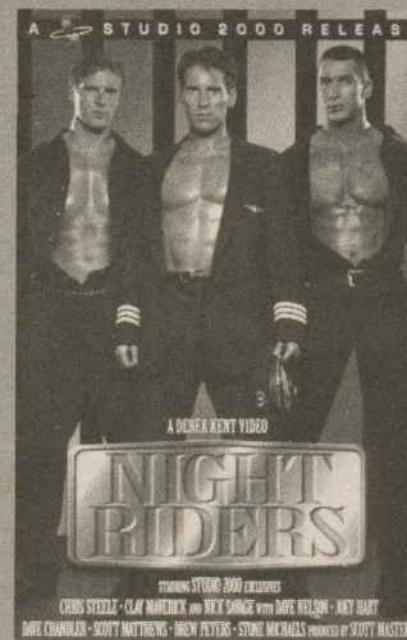
<b>APPLETON (920)</b>			
Rascal's Bar & Grill	MW, F	702 E. Wisconsin, 54991	954-9262
<b>BELOIT (608)</b>			
Kloset	MW, DJ	232 Shirland Ave, 53511	363-8764
<b>CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)</b>			
Oz	MW, DJ	320 Washington, Wausau, 54401	842-3225
Platwood Club	G/S, MW, DJ	1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481	341-8862
<b>EAU CLAIRE (715)</b>			
Scooters	Wm	411 Galloway St., 54703	835-9959
Wolf's Den	MW, G/S	302 E. Madison, 54703	832-9237
<b>GREEN BAY (920)</b>			
Brandy's II	Mw	1126 Main St., 54304	437-3917
Buddies	MW	1264 Main St, 54304	437-9256
Napalese Lounge	MW, DJ	515 S. Broadway, 54303	432-9646
Sass	WM, S	840 S. Broadway, 54304	437-7277
Za's/Java'	MW, DJ, E, F, V	1106 Main St., 54301	435-5476
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Cafe Bourbon		1106 Main St., Upper, 54301	435-5476
<b>LA CROSSE (608)</b>			
Cavalier Lounge	Mw	114 N. 5th St., 54601	782-9061
Players	G/S, MW	218 Main St., 54601	782-9279
<b>MADISON (608)</b>			
CE's	W,m	2415 Winnebago St. 53704	241-5042
Club 5/Planet Q	MW, F, DJ, V, E	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fox Hole	W	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Kirby's Klub	MW, DJ, S, E	121 W. Main St., 53703	251-5838
Mens Room	M, L/L	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Ray's Bar & Grill	WM, DJ, F	3054 E. Washington, 53704	241-9335
Shamrock	MW, F	117 W. Main St., 53703	255-5029
The Barracks	M, L/L	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-8700
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Club 5	Fine Dining	5 Applegate Ct., 53713	277-9700
Fyfe's Corner Bistro	Fine Dining	1344 E. Washington	251-8700
<b>MILWAUKEE (414)</b>			
1100 Club	M, L/L, Food	1100 S. 1st St., 53204	647-9950
<b>Ballgame</b>	M, S	196 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-7474
<i>(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 11am)</i>			
Barbie Dolls Playhouse	MW, S	700 E. Meinecke, 53212	374-7441
Boot Camp	M, L/L	209 E. National Ave., 53204	643-6900
<b>C'est La Vie</b>	M, D, E	231 S. 2nd St., 53204	291-9600
<i>(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat &amp; Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)</i>			
Club 219	Mw, DJ, E, V	219 S. 2nd St., 53204	271-3732
Dish	W, DJ	235 S. 2nd St., 53204	273-DISH
Emeralds Lounge	MW	801 E. Hadley St., 53212	265-7325
Fannies	Wm, DJ, E	200 E. Washington St., 53204	649-9003
<b>Fluid</b>	MW	819 S. 2nd St., 53204	645-8330
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Kathy's Nut Hut	Wm, S	1500 W. Scott St., 53204	647-2673
<b>La Cage</b>	Mw, DJ, E, V	801 S. 2nd St., 53204	383-8330
<i>(Open 8pm; DJ 7-nights-a-week; Sunday show; Thur. Super Bust)</i>			
M&M Club	MW, E, F	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
Milw Eagle/Shaft	M, L/L, DJ	300 W. Juneau, 53203	273-6900
South Water St. Docks	M, L/L	354 E. National Ave., 53204	225-9676
Station 2	Wm, S	1534 W. Grant, 53204	383-5755
<b>This Is It</b>	Mw	418 E. Wells St., 53202	278-9192
<i>(Open 7pm every day; Cocktail hour special)</i>			
Triangle	M	135 E. National Ave., 53204	383-9412
<b>Woody's</b>	M	1579 S. 2nd St., 53204	672-0806
<i>(Open 4pm-Close, 7 days a week)</i>			
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Annex Cafe	Late Nite	1106 S. 1st St., 53204	384-7999
Glass Menagerie	Fine Dining	124 N. Water St., 53202	347-1962
<b>RACINE/KENOSHA (414)</b>			
Club 94	MW, DJ, E	9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-9958
Clubhouse Filling Station	MW, F, DJ, E	6325 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3744
Capers/Illusions	MW, DJ, E	6305 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140	857-3813
JoDee's	MW, DJ	2139 Racine St., Racine, 53403	634-9804
What About Me?	MW	600 6th St., Racine, 53403	632-0171
<b>SHEBOYGAN (920)</b>			
Blue Lite	MW	1029 N. 8th St., 53081	457-1636
<b>SUPERIOR (715)</b>			
Bev's Jook Joint	Wm	820 Tower Ave., 55880	392-5373
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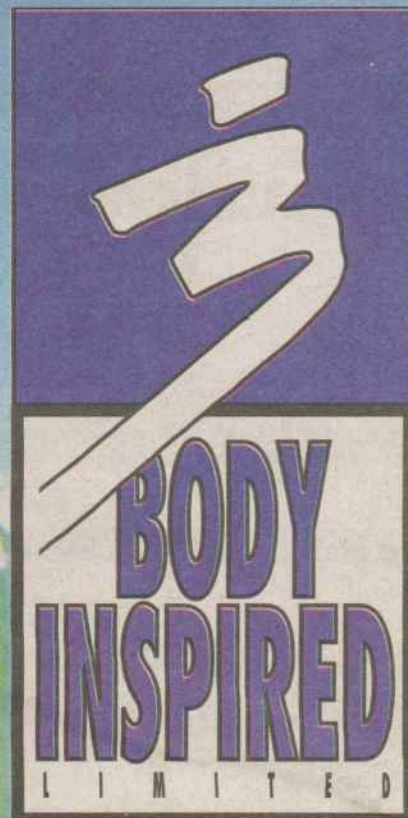
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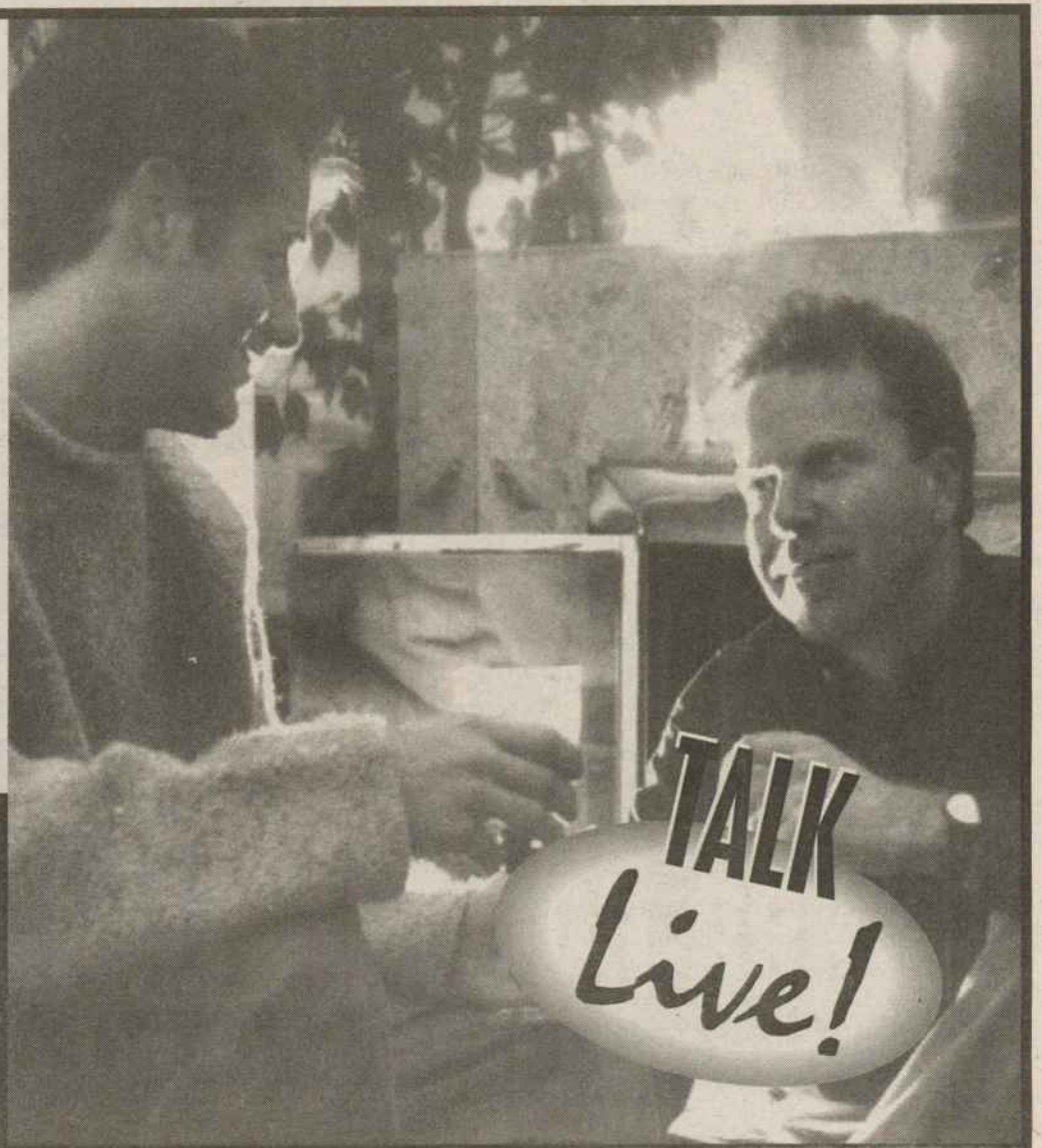
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# In BED with ED

Dear readers,

I'm just going to let this one speak for itself.

Dear Ed,

I'm a 26-year-old woman. My best friend and roommate, "Dave," is having unsafe sex. I don't think he knows I know, but I do. Every once in a while, he'll bring a guy home and they'll have sex.

Last Saturday, he brought someone home and they had sex (from the sounds of it anal sex). The next day, I needed to get something from his room (he'd kill me if he knew). I noticed an unopened condom on the floor near his bed. I know this is the condom he was supposed to have used because on Saturday afternoon he said that he forgot to get more at the store and that he only had one left.

I couldn't breathe when I thought about what he had done. We're best friends, damn it! Why can't he tell me he's doing this?

Dave and I have always talked openly about sex. We grew up together. We have nothing to hide from each other. So why now? What's going on?

I have read a couple of articles about "barebacking" in some of his Gay magazines and we've talked about it. We even made a pact. We swore to one another that we'd always have safer sex and that we'd let the other one know when we've slipped up. If slipping up is all he did, why hasn't he told me yet? I'd give my life for Dave and I know he'd do the same for me. And yet here I sit crying my eyes out.

Ed, I'm really scared, angry, and confused right now. I love Dave with all of my heart. I sometimes think he doesn't see his own self worth. He's funny, intelligent, caring, and an all around nice guy.

There is not a single Gay man who wouldn't want to be with him. Sometimes when we're watching TV, I'll just turn and stare at him for a while. I'll watch his eyes move

across the screen; I'll watch his dimples grow with every smile, and then he'll catch me staring at him and he'll get all embarrassed.

I don't want to have to stare into his eyes as he's lying on a hospital bed with tubes up his nose and gasping for his breath as he drowns because of the fluid in his lungs. I don't think he'd recognize me, and I don't think I'd be able to take it.

Once, Dave and I talked about death. I had mentioned in passing that it would suck to get eaten alive by a shark. Dave said it would suck to die from AIDS. It would suck; plain and simple, it would suck.

He told me that when he dies, he wants to be cremated. He said that half of his ashes should be tossed into the water right off the coast of the Carolinas. The rest of it should be tossed into the faces of those who have hated him for living his life as a Gay man, yet who have not known him.

Dave's got this way about him that makes people fall in love with him. I love him and several ex's love him too, but I'm shaking with the thought that Dave doesn't love himself.

I can't stand the thought that he doesn't love himself enough to always protect himself. Yeah, we both know that some people say unsafe sex is better, but we're smarter than that. I don't want to get pregnant and he doesn't want to get HIV. Come to think of it, I don't want to get HIV either.

So, why didn't he use the condom? Was he drunk? I heard him stumbling around and laughing with this other guy. And what about this other guy? Why didn't he ask for the

condom? Why didn't he just put one on? Was he so wasted that he just wanted to fuck the hell out of Dave, cum in his ass and leave? God, I can't stand this!! If I ever run into the guy who fucked him without a rubber, I'll kill him.

But what if it was Dave who wanted to get fucked without a rubber? Oh God, please don't let that be true. Please, please don't let it be true. I'm crying because I'm thinking of a life without Dave. Life without Dave would be a summer morning without sun. It would be a flower with no petals and music with no notes.

I don't want to stand in front of his family and tell them that Dave didn't love himself enough to protect himself from HIV. I don't think I'd be able to witness the look of horror and confusion sweep across his mother's face. I wouldn't want to see the disappointment in his father's eyes and the disgust in his sister's scowl.

I hear a key turning in the door. It's Dave.  
Sincerely,  
"Jenny"

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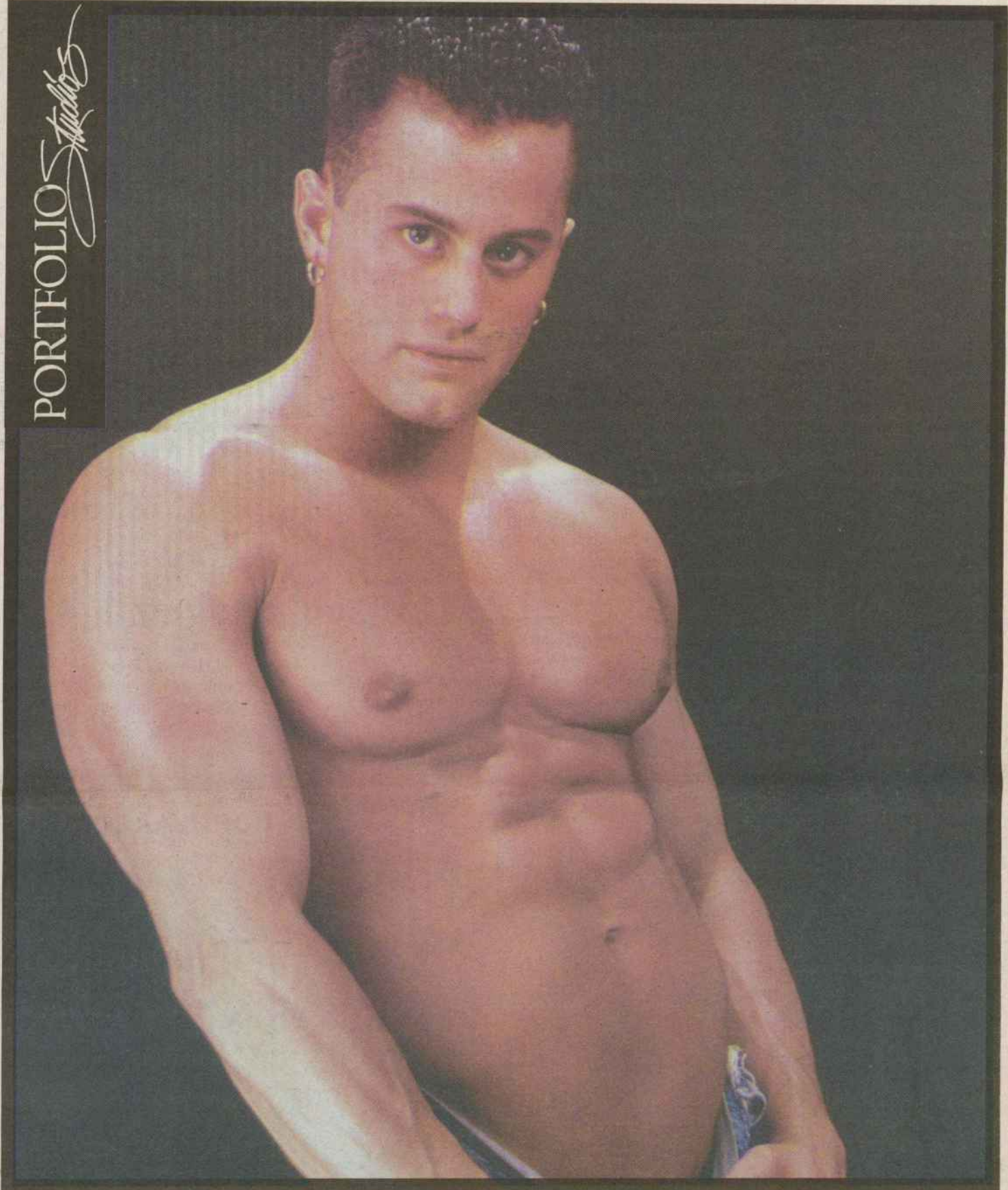
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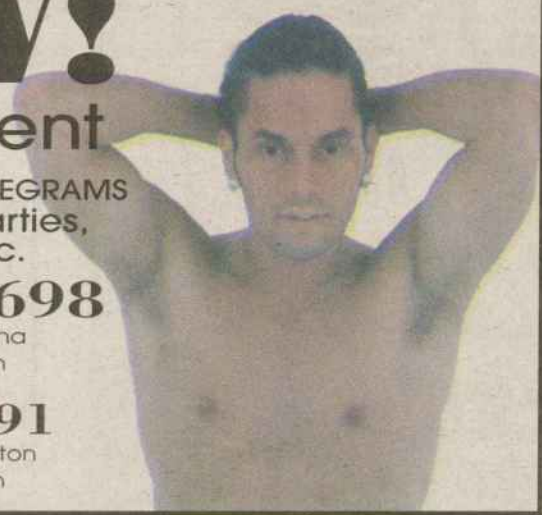
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## Getting Straight

a Studio 2000 film

Produced by Scott Masters, Directed by Derek Kent

Reviewed by Sam Edwards

Do you like chicken? These kids are so young that only one of them has a couple of tiny tattoos. I'm reminded of the quip by Bernard Shaw who said, "Youth is wasted on the young."

After a couple of paragraphs of roll-over print about how young guys who can't get along at home often go to halfway houses, we are introduced to Tony Donovan who is arriving at the halfway house for the first time. He is a sullen boy, but never mind; he will warm up as the film progresses.

The first scene is in the kitchen where Kristian Brooks and Ethan Marc are preparing dinner. After they throw mashed potatoes at each other, they (of course) have to lick

them off, which gets the first sex scene going. Brooks, who has been bottom in other films, is top this time. Donovan walks in just as they are finishing the sex and seems to turn away in disgust.

He goes to the pool table when a couple of the other guys walk in and one offers to play pool with him "winner gets whatever he wants from loser." In a huff, Donovan declines and leaves the room. The other two guys play the game on those terms and winner tops loser. These kids are good lookin' but kinda scrawny.

In the next scene Donovan asks Brooks if he likes doing it with another guy and if he and Marc are in love. Yes and no, just friends. So Donovan approaches another guy and bluntly asks him for sex. The guy agrees and when our Tony drops his britches, the guy is surprised to see such large equipment. He finds that he can handle it both orally and anally, although it ain't easy.

Next scene is four kids horsing around in the swimming pool. (I guess halfway houses in California all have pools.) Horsing leads to two twosomes.

Last of the four scenes is, naturally, a round trip around the world with Donovan and Marc. Marc groans a lot, but he also finds that he can handle Donovan's enormous equipment. The last little snippet shows Brooks tasting a new batch of mashed potatoes. Lots of good, clean, innocent same sex in this film.

This film is available at Video Adventures.

## Classic Video Fox Hole

Reviewed by Andy James

This 1989, Catalina production was a blockbuster when it came out. The plot such as it is revolves around a letter to home written by hunky Michael Parks. It involves a series of sex scenes that are quite hot and performed by a very attractive cast.

The film opens with Rick Coleman and Neil Thomas getting it on in a jeep. Thomas is Coleman's driver. "Lt." Coleman catches him jerking off — and shooting a big load — while he waits for the Lt. to leave a staff meeting.

Needless to say, the two of them are soon chowing down on each other. Thomas fucks Coleman to within an inch of his life and both spray the jeep with wads of cum.

Scene two is even hotter. Cal Jensen and Parks go at it in an outdoor shower via a glory hole. Jensen gets so hot that he nearly shoots his load in Parks' mouth. After they cum, the two studs go at it again with Jensen topping Parks. The only problem with this scene is that both are bottoms and the fuck portion of the scene showed it.

Next is the highlight of the film. It's a hot night in the foxhole. Two very attractive studs start talking about how horny they are. Next thing you know, dog tags, helmets and clothes and spurts of cum are flying every-

where. These guys go at it like there's no tomorrow. The guys in this scene have that boy-next-door quality, but they aren't wimpy or boyish. That plus some hot action makes this one hot scene.

Meanwhile back at the base, Parks' tent mate sees him writing his letter. The uncredited actor playing the role of the tent mate wastes no time letting Mike know that he is interested in some R&R. He pokes Parks' in the back with his raging hard on. The two of them suck and fuck like they hadn't had any in weeks.

There is also a scene in the infirmary where Lee Jennings and Chris Dano get it on. There's nothing like a little personal attention from the doctor.

What makes this movie great goes beyond good direction and a nice looking cast. This isn't one of those "let's fuck" and the next thing you know the dudes are naked films. In scene after scene, the sexual tension visibly builds. The action is hot and the camera angles are fabulous. (In some scenes, you would think your screen is being stained with lube.) Even the background music is decent.

*Foxhole* is an all around great porn flick. It's one of the reasons why in the late '80s Catalina reigned supreme in the world of Gay adult videos.

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