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By Bill Meunier

Milwaukee - Cory Liebmann and Bob Wendorf entered Judge John McCormick's courtroom on Thursday, February 10 expecting to ask the Judge to give Jason Mertens a stiff sentence. They left feeling victimized again. The physical assault they say Mertens inflicted on them has now been joined by verbal abuse from a group of Mertens' church supporters. Liebmann and Wendorf case, which has aroused considerable interest within Milwaukee's LGBT community, remains unresolved due to Mertens' surprise "Not guilty plea."

Liebmann and Wendorf expected Mertens to plead guilty to misdemeanor and felony battery. So did Assistant District Attorney Douglas Simpson, who told *WI Light* that Mertens attorney led him to believe that the defendant would plead guilty.

Mertens has his own expectations. He brought a group of family members, his pastor and "prayer warriors," who sat in the gallery calling out verses of scripture just across the aisle from where Liebmann and Wendorf sat. "I felt intimidated," said Wendorf. "It was a large group of people. We were the only two who were actually there as witnesses."

"They knew who we were," added Liebmann, a former Assembly of God pastor. "I felt that they were targeting their remarks against us. It was like they were saying just because they are straight they have cornered the market on spirituality and the Bible."

Simpson was surprised to learn of the courtroom activities when *WI Light* called to ask for his reaction. "We will not tolerate this type of behavior in the courtroom," said Simpson. "Liebmann and Wendorf have told me, our

Victim Witness person or the bailiff."

Liebmann said that there was no opportunity to inform the DA's office. Glass windows and a locked door separate the gallery from the courtroom. "Mr. Simpson was late for court. He rushed right by us, went into the court room and closed the door behind him," he said. "No one from the Victim Witness Program was there."

Liebmann and Wendorf said they did their best to ignore the Mertens supporters. Nevertheless, the message the group was trying to convey came across. "They were saying they support him and would pray him into victory," said Liebmann. "It was like they didn't care what he did."

Wendorf and Liebmann say that because of the not guilty plea they are concerned that some of those who were attacked and/or who witnessed the attacks have not stepped forward. Wendorf said Mertens attacked him after he tried to help another victim, Steve, a young Asian man, who he said Mertens pushed into a brick wall. Steve later refused to press charges.

"He is always complaining about how justice is not being done for us and then he turns around and walks away when he could help us put a stop to one person attacking us because we are Gay," said Wendorf. *WI Light* Editor Nadine Walther said that like anyone who is victimized or who witnesses an Anti-Gay attack those with information about the incident may confidentially contact, *WI Light* at (414) 226-0075.

Liebmann and Wendorf say that Mertens attacked them and several others in a group of about 15 people who were milling about on the sidewalk outside of La Cage on December 4, 1998. Witnesses, including Mertens own brother in law, told Police that the attacks were

completely unprovoked. Mertens allegedly walked across Second Street into the crowd and began pushing and punching people while making homophobic remarks. Wendorf said that when he asked Mertens to stop, Mertens yelled, "I'll kill you too, faggot" before hitting him with enough force to puncture his left eardrum. Wendorf permanently lost some of his hearing in his left ear.

Simpson raised the possibility of pressing a hate crime charge during Mertens preliminary hearing last December. Observers felt that Simpson used the threat of a hate crime charge to elicit a plea bargain from Mertens. Simpson told *WI Light* that despite the not guilty plea, he would not issue a hate crime charge.

Liebmann and Wendorf are angry over Simpson's refusal to press a hate crime charge

against Mertens. That law provides for increased penalties when the targets of a crime are selected in part because of their race, religion, ancestry, ethnic origin or sexual orientation.

"He should issue the charge now," said Wendorf. "He was using it to get a guilty plea and now Mertens isn't pleading guilty. Even if he doesn't get the conviction, he can still raise the issue. Let the jury decide."

Liebmann agrees. "I would think if they were seriously concerned about anti-Gay violence they would prosecute this to the full extent of the law."

"I am disappointed in the criminal justice system," said Wendorf. "I feel like the victim more and more every time I go there." A trial date has been set for April 26.

Hate Crime Charges Not Pressed in Milwaukee

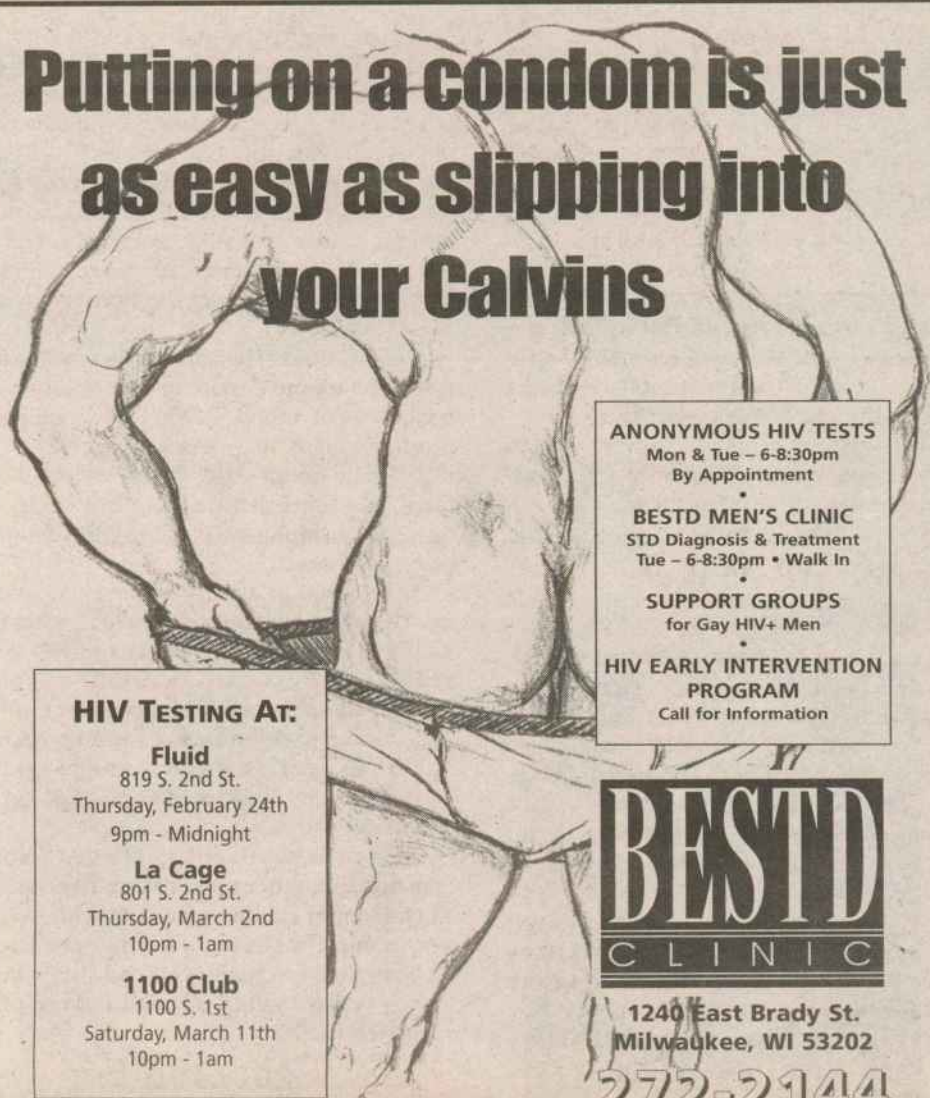
The lack of a hate crime charge in the case of Wisconsin versus Jason Mertens has again raised the issue of whether Milwaukee law enforcement officials take anti-Gay violence seriously. If the allegations against Mertens are true, they amount to what one anti-violence expert called "a textbook case of anti-Gay violence."

A *WI Light* check of FBI Hate Crime statistics and Wisconsin office of Justice Assistance records as far back as 1995 shows that the City of Milwaukee reports an average of three hate crimes a year. None of them were Gay related. The attack on Liebmann and Wendorf was not reported as a hate crime. Milwaukee is four times the size of Madison and is considered to be far more conservative. Yet, Madison reports an average of three anti-Gay hate crimes a year. Even conservative Brown County has successfully prosecuted an anti-Gay hate crime case.

The Milwaukee FBI office told *WI Light* that it has worked with the District Attorney on hate crime prosecutions, but none of them were related to anti-Gay bias. That led Jeff Montgomery, a nationally known Gay anti-violence expert to ask whether Milwaukee District Attorney E. Michael McCann doesn't like the hate crime law in general or is only against using it against Gay bashers.

That question is one that Cory Liebmann, Robert Wendorf and many members of Wisconsin's LGBT community would like to see answered. McCann did not return *WI Light* calls.

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NEWS**British Debate Anti-Gay Law**

London - British Prime Minister Tony Blair accused the opposition Tories of homophobia for opposing his efforts to allow homosexuality to be discussed in British classrooms. At issue is repeal of Section 28, a ban on the "promotion of homosexuality" by any local government. Section 28 was passed by former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government.

Blair's Labor party and Great Britain's LGBT community are against the ban. Blair has proposed an outright repeal. The Conservative party is demanding that its members in Parliament vote against the repeal.

During a debate that to some extent mirrored American discussions about classroom lessons, Blair said the Tories are exploiting homophobia for political gain. "They're quite open about that," Blair said. "Those are the oppressions I intend to take on."

Tory leader William Hague responded that the debate was about "millions of parents in this country having the right to determine what their children are taught [and] whether the mainstream majority have the right to have their views and values respected."

Blair and his party maintain that Section 28 keeps English school teachers from addressing homophobia and bullying of LGBT students. It wants to issue guidelines on sex education in the schools.

Education Secretary David Blunkett said, "The guidance will ensure that teachers are in a position to offer information and support to all young people as they develop into adults and address incidents of homophobic bullying."

In order to get the repeal through, Blair has to convince parliament to pass his local government bill. He then has to convince the House of Lords to ratify it. Last week the House of Lords voted against the proposal by a margin of 203 to 165. Blair's government is now working to overturn that vote.

Conservatives demand that Blair come up with guidelines on what can be taught in the classroom instead of moving towards an outright repeal of Section 28.

Last year, the Lords turned down his attempt to set the age of consent for Gay sex at 16, which is the age of consent for heterosexual consent. Following that vote, Blair rammed through a bill that removed 90% of the unelected members of the Upper House.

On Monday, the House of Commons approved a new bill that again set the age of consent for Gay sex at 16. The vote was 262 to 102 in favor of the change.

Canada Debates Couples Benefits

Ottawa - The province of Alberta has threatened to opt out of proposed changes in Canadian law that would give unmarried LGBT couples spousal rights that are equal to those enjoyed by unmarried common law couples. The Federal government plans to make 68 changes to Canadian law to bring into agreement with a Canadian High court decision that said the government must treat

all unmarried couples, Gay or straight, the same.

Unlike the United States, Canadian provinces are not bound by its High Court. The "not withstanding" clause of Canadian Charter allows individual provinces to pass legislation that voids the court's rulings within their borders.

The Alberta Premier Ralph Klein is warning that if the proposal pass Canada's parliament, his province will opt out of honoring them. "We would use the not-withstanding clause if at anytime Ottawa recognized same-sex marriages. We believe we reflect the feelings of Albertans on this issue," said Klein.

The governments of several other provinces indicated a reluctance to go along with the ruling, but all of them except for Alberta have now agreed to do so.

Trans MP Makes Impression

Auckland, New Zealand - The world's first transsexual Member of Parliament (MP) gave her maiden speech to New Zealand's national Parliament on Wednesday February 9 and initial reports are that she was a hit. In fact, *The New Zealand Herald* said that if timing were a measure for office, Ms. Beyer would be Prime Minister.

"I was quoted once as saying this was the stallion that became a gelding and now she's a mare," Georgina Beyer, the Labour MP for Wairarapa, began. "I suppose I do have to say that I have now found myself to be a member. So I have come full circle, so to speak."

Her fellow MP's roared with laughter.

Beyer's debut in Parliament was not without its occasional barb. While some came to her speech as a way of offering support, others were there to show their contempt and ridicule.

Ms. Beyer made a point of mentioning National MP Wyatt Creech, who she defeated in the last election. "We have had an amicable relationship," she said of Creech, "and I certainly hope that I shall do my best, as I'm sure he tried to do his best — his best has assisted me to where I am today. I say that in a loving way," she said to laughter and applause from other Labour members.

Beyer promised to pursue issues of concern to gay, lesbian and transgender people, which she said were not so different from those everyone in New Zealand was concerned about - health, education, training and sound employment. "There are a few other niggly ones that are just a little unusual, and we are certainly going to be trying to inform you better."

Tough Rules Over Gay Adoptions

UK - Gay couples and single mothers will find it harder to adopt under Tory plans to radically reform the adoption system.

A commission to identify ways of finding more adoptive homes for Children in care was announced yesterday by Dr Liam Fox, the shadow health secretary.

The inquiry, to be headed by David Davis, chairman of the House of Commons public accounts committee, will draw up standards for adoption that will apply throughout the country.

The new rules will put an end to

"politically correct" adoption criteria that have led to parents being rejected on the basis of their race, religion, class or weight. Under the Tory plans, a national register of couples who want to adopt will be drawn up to speed the adoption process.

Married couples in stable relationships will be regarded as the ideal adoptive parents under the new guidelines. Gay couples or single parents are likely to find it harder to adopt under the Conservative plans.

Mr. Davis said: "The aim is to get the best possible adoptive parents for children regardless of ethnic origin. My opening presumption is that married couples are usually the most stable. The absence of marriage means that we have to test that the relationship's stable. I am not in favor of gay adoption."

All children in care homes will be put up for adoption under the plans, which will form one of the Conservatives' first legislative acts if they are elected. The Tory commission will take evidence from leading children's charities, including the NSPCC, as well as religious groups and social service departments involved in adoption.

The commission has been charged with drawing up a scheme of making sure that all children in care have contact with outside groups, including church organizations, families or charities, so that they can have access to "values other than those of social services".

Equal Rights Bid For Gay Couples.

Scotland - Ministers are coming under increasing pressure to introduce legislation which gives homosexual couples the same rights as married men and women. Reports in Scotland's Sunday newspapers insist MSPs are concerned about the lack of harmony in the eyes of the law between same sex relationships and those who are married.

This marks the latest in an on-going debate about homosexuals in Scottish society.

Controversy is still raging over whether Section 28, which forbids the promotion of gay lifestyles in schools, should be repealed or left alone.

The Scottish Executive and a majority of Ministry Officials want to see it go, but they have been facing fierce opposition from Keep the Clause Campaigners, led by Scots businessman Brian Souter, who believe in the status quo.

It is understood that giving equal rights to gay couples could be incorporated into the Incapable Adults Bill being debated by the Scottish Parliament.

The legislation is aiming for the "nearest relative" of anyone who becomes incapable of taking decisions for themselves to be allowed new rights.

And the Equal Opportunities Committee is determined that the definition of "nearest relative" should not discriminate against same sex partners.

If the move is successful then it will be the first time in Britain gay relationships have been afforded legal recognition. It is felt that would set a precedent and then spark change in the rest of the UK.

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School District Reacts to Proposed Gay Group

Modena, CA - The Orange School District thinks it has an answer for the federal judge who ruled that it can't ban a Gay / Straight student alliance: a series of restrictive rules on student clubs. Late last week, the District banned middle and elementary school clubs that aren't directly related to class room studies. This week it is expected to require that non-curriculum related High School related clubs operate under a new set of rules. Among the rules being considered are requiring a C average, parental permission for students who participate in the clubs and a ban on discussions of sexual activity.

The ban on non-curriculum related middle and elementary school clubs was instituted so the Board would have the ability to refuse recognition to any Gay related organization in those schools. The new rules for High School clubs are intended to restrict access to the Gay/Straight alliance.

Late last year, the School Board refused to allow a Gay/Straight alliance of students and teachers from meeting on its property. That decision resulted in a federal court suit filed by the ACLU and People for the American Way. Previous Federal court rulings have prohibited schools from banning student clubs unless they can show that the clubs are disruptive or harm students.

The group held its first meeting at El Modena High School last week after Federal Judge David Carter issued a preliminary injunction ordering the School District to allow it to use school property. The meeting marred by protestors some of whom came from other states and violence.

Attorneys for the Gay group denounced the Board's actions. "The school board has never expressed any concern whether heterosexuals were discussing sex," said Attorney Judith Schaeffer, Deputy Legal Director of People for the American Way. Peter Eliasburg of the ACLU said that the Federal court may take a dim view of the Board's actions and see them as "an end around" its decision. There was no word on whether the Orange School Board's latest moves would wind up in court.

Methodists Dismiss Case Against Defiant Ministers

Sacramento - A United Methodist Church Investigative Committee dismissed a complaint against 68 ministers who defied church policy by officiating at a Lesbian couple's holy union last year. Bishop Melvin G. Talbert of the California- Nevada Conference announced the decision on Friday February 11. The ministers could have been defrocked if the matter would have reached a church trial.

Methodist conservatives denounced the decision not to move ahead against the ministers. James V. Heidner II, a Methodist evangelical, who publishes *Good News* an evangelic publication called the committee ruling "an arrogant disregard for the order and discipline of the church."

Last year, Rev. Jimmy Creech was stripped of his ministerial credentials when he was convicted of officiating at a holy union for two

North Carolina men. The Methodist Church officially prohibits its ministers from officiating at same-sex weddings, a policy that was upheld by its highest court last August. However, under church rules, each district is able to decide who is fit to stand in the pulpit. That leaves the denomination with the problem of some districts allowing its ministers to participate in holy unions for Gay couples while others refuse to allow them to do so.

The announcement sends a message to gays and lesbians that there are people in the church who are open to accepting them as brothers and sisters," said Rev. Don Fado of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Fado organized the ceremony. Ellie Charlton, who was one of the two women whose union Fado and the other ministers had blessed, joined him at a news conference. "A lot of gay people have left the church over the years," she said. "Hopefully now some of them will come back."

Episcopal Church Says Maybe

New York - An Episcopal Church Commission declined to issue a ruling on whether priests can preside over same sex weddings. The commission which was convened to advise the church on the issue said it favored the current unofficial policy that leave the decision up to the individual dioceses.

"We are not ready, theologically or scientifically, to say a defining word about the life of homosexuals in the church," said the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, whose recommendations will be discussed at the church's national convention in July. "In the context of reverence - and humility - it seems best not to take absolutist positions on a national level," the report says.

The issue of same-sex marriage is a divisive one for the Episcopal church and other denominations. Church conservatives have threatened to leave the American Episcopal Church over the issue.

Milwaukee's Episcopal Bishop Roger White disputed the significance of the report. He told *WI Light* "This is just a small committee report. It is a committee that deals with musical liturgy in the church. The general convention meets in July. This recommendation may not even get on the floor of the general convention. Therefore it has no impact on the church or the diocese as of yet. The diocese does not make decisions on their own ever. They follow what the national church decides. The national church must make this decision."

Bishop White added, "Our diocese does not talk about Gay marriages." He is neither opposed or for same sex marriage as of yet. "As a bishop I must uphold what the church teaches. The church has not made a decision on it. When the church makes a decision on it that will be my position."

White also said that he will not meet with Bishop John Shelby Spong, an ardent advocate of Gay marriage and LGBT inclusion in the church when he visits Milwaukee this weekend. Spong has performed holy unions for LGBT couples and has ordained openly Gay and Lesbian priests.

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Washington, DC - The Human Rights Campaign endorsed Vice-President Al Gore's bid to succeed his boss, President Bill Clinton. The endorsement, which is expected to help Gore in two key March 7 primaries in New York and California included a pointed slap at his challenger for the Democratic nomination, former New Jersey Senator, Bill Bradley.

"We feel that Senator Bradley's words of late have been very uplifting and quite inspiring. However, the vice president has toiled at our side through one issue after another over the last seven years," said HRC executive director Elizabeth Birch. "Senator Bradley didn't start speaking out on these issues until he started running for President. At the end of the day, that's late in the game."

Birch appeared with Judy Shepard, mother of Matthew Shepard and California Governor Gray Davis at a press conference called to announce the group's decision. The 40 member HRC Board voted unanimously to throw the organization's support behind the Vice-President.

The announcement seemed timed to give Gore a boost in the March 7th primaries. Analysts say that Gays and Lesbians may provide up to 10% of the vote in New York and California. Bradley has campaign hard to make inroads into the LGBT community, but his vote for the Defense of Marriage Act and Gore's equally strong public statements on behalf of LGBT civil rights have hampered his efforts.

The two Democrats are the only major Presidential candidates to state that they support federal hate crime legislation and ENDA, a proposed federal law that is aimed at ending job discrimination against Gays and Lesbians.

Vermont Republicans Want Court Impeachment

Montpelier VT - The House Judiciary Committee voted to draft a bill that would provide a domestic partnership system granting LGBT couples marriage like benefits. The committee vote came in response to last year's Vermont Supreme Court decision directing the legislature to either allow same-sex marriages or to provide LGBT couples with the same legal standing as that enjoyed by heterosexual married couples. The court ruled that a ban on Gay marriage violates the State constitutional guarantee of equal benefits for all of its citizens.

The 7 to 3 vote came after a spirited debate over whether the legislature should allow same-sex couples to marry. Committee chairman Thomas Little said the systems would be "different than and broader than" domestic partnership plans that have been discussed. "It is clear to me that the will of the committee is to initiate and work on a civil rights bill," said Little.

Referring to the chances of getting approval for same-sex marriages Little said, "Leadership untempered by careful assessment of the world we live in is not sound leadership. What is achievable in this General Assembly and this body politic this year is a broad civil rights bill and, speaking for myself, that does not cross the threshold of marriage."

Rep. Steve Hingtgen said the issue is a moral not a political one. "Full inclusion of Gay and Lesbian Vermonters in our state marriage statutes is the courageous, moral and timely thing to do," he said. Hingtgen said that

by not approving Gay marriage the Committee would be giving into the radical right.

"For all those who have come before this committee preaching hate in all its poor disguises, whether with a Bible, a law degree or Ph.D. in hand, those who have filled our ears with hate, they will not be sent a message of rebuke by this committee by us choosing domestic partnership," Hingtgen said. "The hateful will have been strengthened by our decision. Pursuing the domestic partnership path validates the hate," he said. "It does more than validate it. It institutionalizes the bigotry and affirmatively creates an apartheid system of family recognition in Vermont."

Governor Howard Dean praised the Committee's decision and vowed to help sell it to the people of Vermont. In a signal that Dean and others will try to sell the idea to Gays who want nothing short of same sex marriage, Dean said, "I am going to encourage the people of this state to support a broad civil rights bill. I am going to encourage the Legislature to pass a broad civil rights bill, and I am going to ask them to pass it this year." Vermont already has a comprehensive LGBT civil rights law on the books.

Same-sex marriage advocates are vowing to challenge the legislation. They argue that a Domestic partnership system is not equal to marriage since unlike marriage the benefits it provides can't be transferred outside of the state.

Meanwhile a dozen Republican legislators signed onto a resolution to impeach the Vermont Supremes over its decision on Gay marriages. The resolution also calls on the legislature to ignore that decision.

Anti-Gay Preacher Gets 40 Year Sentence

Amerson, IN - Earl Kimmerling, an evangelical minister who successfully fought an attempt challenged a Gay man's attempt to adopt a child he was caring for as a foster parent, was sentenced to 40 years in prison for molesting the girl.

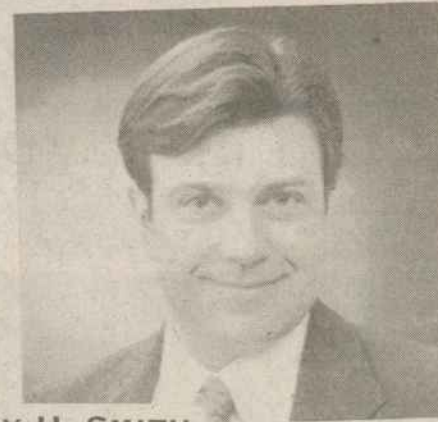
Kimmerling achieved statewide notoriety during his 1998 fight to keep Craig Anderson Amerson, a Gay man, from adopting the nine-year old girl. Anderson had already adopted her three brothers. As a result of the Kimmerlings fight a Republican legislator introduced an anti-Gay adoption bill. The bill, which was passed by the State Assembly died in the State Senate.

Eventually the Kimmerlings were allowed to adopt the child themselves. However, after the adoption, Kimmerling's wife Sandra learned of the molestation and went to the police.

During his sentencing hearing, Kimmerling - who pled guilty to four counts of child molestation - begged the court for mercy. The prosecution asked for the maximum 50 year sentence. Prosecutor Rodney Cummings told the court. "It's hypocrisy at its highest level. He holds himself out to be a person of God, as a representative of the Christian community, and at the same time engaging in this outrageous behavior."

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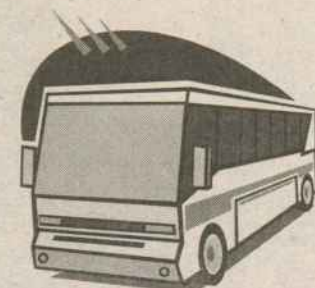
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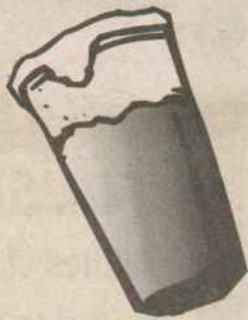


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Milwaukee Cyclist Will Ride 3,700 Miles

Milwaukee - Jeffery Kennedy, a 23-year-old Milwaukee cyclist, recently announced his plan to bicycle across the United States and raise \$100,000 for AIDS programs and services. Kennedy, who will ride in the Cross Country Challenge 2000 with the America By Bicycle touring company, will donate the proceeds of his ride to three organizations that sponsor AIDS programs, including the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

"After losing a friend to AIDS on April 19, 1998, I decided to commit the next four years of my life to raise money for AIDS organizations," said Kennedy.

ARCW, will receive 40 percent of Kennedy's earnings. Two other Milwaukee organizations to benefit from Kennedy's quest are Camp Heartland, a summer camp for young people with HIV, and the BESTD Clinic, a community-based STD clinic.

Kennedy explains that his motivation for such an undertaking is rooted in a personal encounter he had with AIDS two years ago.

In preparation for his trip, Kennedy has begun indoor training and hopes to be outdoors on his bike in April. In addition, he will begin his fund raising efforts at his current place of employment, Robert W. Baird Co. Inc., of Milwaukee in early February.

"I hope to make history as being an individual that will change the form of fundraising by devoting this period of my life to benefit AIDS program, services and research," he said.

Those interested in being part of Jeffrey's efforts to raise \$100,000 for

AIDS can call ARCW at 414-225-1543 or send a check to Cross Country Challenge 2000, 820 N. Plankinton Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53202.



WCF Executive Director, Steve Starkey and Tammy Johnson at her farwell Party

Johnson Moves To CA

Tammy Johnson, long-time friend of the LGBT community, is leaving Milwaukee to take a job with an Oakland, California social justice foundation. The former Executive Director of Progressive Milwaukee is leaving her position at Wisconsin Citizen's Action but will remain on the Board of Directors of Wisconsin Community Fund.

As a member of WCF's Grant Allocation Committee, she has supported numerous funding proposals for LGBT organizations throughout the State of Wisconsin. On February 9, local activists and friends gave thanks and wished her well, on her new endeavor at a sendoff party hosted by WCF.

Gay Theater to Open

A new theater space dedicated to presenting a full season of LGBT oriented theater will be opening in downtown Milwaukee later this year. Organizers expect the facility, to be located in the newly designated theater district, to be ready for the 2000-2001 season. Experienced Milwaukee media personnel are spearheading the effort. As of press time, further details have not been released.

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Positive Voice's Day of Discovery

Appleton - On March 11, 00 northeast Wisconsin's largest GLBT organization is presenting their 7th annual *Day of Discovery*.

This year three nationally known speakers will address the attendees.

Marsha Stevens, a well known Gospel singer, songwriter, and performer. Marsha has been bringing the 'good news' and great music to the GLBT community for years, assisting those who have felt the rejection of their church to regain a sense of hope.

Randy Bouche will be coming out of retirement to perform. A popular puppeteer, comedian and entertainer, known by many for his work with Entertainers Against AIDS.

Will Fellows, lecturer and author of the popular *Farm boys: Lives of Gay Men from the rural Midwest*. His latest book *The Fabulous Gifts of Gay Men* is a work that explores the extraordinary and pioneering role played by Gay men in historic preservation.

In addition to the presentations by the three speakers there will be political forums, discussion sessions as well as plenty of time to socialize and shop.

For more information regarding registration call Positive Voice at (920)-435-4404

Sassy Sapphire, Celestial Silver, Bananarama Ball

La Crosse - Nominations are being accepted for the GALAXY Awards! Nominations are being accepted for the following categories: Straight Ally of the Year; LGBT Adult of the Year; Community Organization of the Year; Family of the Year; Volunteer/Supporter of the Year; LBT Youth of the Year; GBT Youth of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Award. Winners will be announced at the upcoming ball.

These awards go to the individuals who have made a difference in and for the LGBT community in the LaCrosse area. All nominations are due by March 31, 00. For additional information you may contact galazy-youth@centurytel.net or write: 608-781-2783.

Action

Support GALAXY and help fight homophobia and oppression in the Coulee Region with your contributions of financial resources and services.

Ex-White Supremacist to Speak at Conference

Chicago - The Center for New Community announced that Floyd Cochran will be their Keynote Speaker. Floyd Cochran was the Director of Propaganda for the Aryan Nation, one of the nation's most notorious white supremacist organizations. After taking up residence at the group's Idaho compound, he rose rapidly in its ranks, becoming its public face and spreading widely the hateful ideology of Christian Identity and racial superiority. But within months after he was the featured speaker at the 1992 Hitler Youth Festival, Cochran left the Aryan Nation, renounced racism and organized hate groups, and began an ongoing public journey to counter the hatred he once

embraced.

Cochran now directs the Education and Vigilance Network, based in Pennsylvania. He works closely with organizations across the country committed to countering racism, anti-Semitism, and hate groups, using his dynamic speaking ability to help build an inclusive, democratic movement.

Mr. Cochran will be the Keynote Speaker at the 2000 Building Democracy Conference *Continuing the Journey Against Hate* on March 10-11, 2000 in Chicago, Ill.

Organized hate group activity is persistent throughout the Midwest and across the nation. The deadly white supremacist shootings of last summer and fall remind us that our own Journey Against Hate must continue to grow in strength, effectiveness, and endurance, and in wisdom, knowledge, and experience as we counter this danger in our midst.

The Center for New Community's 2000 Building Democracy Conference will provide participants the information and tools needed to build strong, community-based, and democratic responses to hate groups and hate activity. It is open to leaders and activists across the nation who are committed to strengthening - or joining - this work.

High school, university, college, and working youth are especially invited and encouraged to attend this year's Conference. The white supremacist movement is specifically targeting young people through music and other recruitment tactics, and the Conference will be addressing this new development in numerous settings.

For More information, conference brochures and registration material, contact the Center for New Community, P.O. Box 346066, Chicago, IL 60634

Bisexual Insurgence

In anticipation of the legions of queer activists from around the country who will descend on Washington for the Millennium March on Washington (MMOW) April 30, local activist group Bisexual Insurgence will offer a one-day conference on bisexual activism at the local level Saturday, April 29 in Washington.

Organizers of "Bi2K: Bisexual Community Activism in the 21st Century" hope the conference will attract not only bisexuals and their allies who will be in town for the march, but also will entice attendees who were not planning to attend the march. (Bisexual Insurgence neither supports nor opposes MMOW.)

B.I. is offering a discount for early registration of \$25 before March 5; registration is \$35 thereafter, with on-site registrants paying \$40. For more information on Bi2K, visit their Web site at <http://www.bisexualinsurgence.org/bi2k>.

Milwaukee NOW 2000 Woman of the Year

Milwaukee NOW is pleased to honor the Milwaukee area abortion clinic staff and escorts as 2000 Woman of the Year recipients for their dedication to assuring women's access to reproductive health choices.

2000 Woman of the Year Recipients: Milwaukee Area Abortion Clinic Staff and Escorts

Awards dinner and fundraiser will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2000 at the United Community Center Cafe El Sol 1028 South 9th Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Mail reservations to Milwaukee NOW 611 N. Broadway, Suite 505, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Women's Film

Angles magazine will present two programs from the Chicago based Women in the Director's Chair (WIDC) International Film and Video Festival at 7pm February 18 and 19 at the future home of the William F. Eisner Museum of Advertising and Design, 208 N. Water Street, in Milwaukee.

The screenings offers a rare opportunity for audiences to see a contemporary alternative media by women. A broad range of images, ideas, and styles not generally shown by mainstream media will be represented. The Friday program will be of particular interest to the Lesbian BI community. *"Essential Things: New Films and Videos from Les/BI Women."* Thirteen works including animation, documentaries on lesbian moms and the writer Dorothy Allison, and experimental piece on street harassment and a video poem about breaking up.

Admission is \$8 for one program. For more information call *Angles* at 963-8948

AIDS Network Red Ribbon Dinner this Friday

Madison - This year's Red Ribbon Chef's Collective Dinner will be held Friday, February 18 at the Sheraton Madison Hotel.

Support for the event comes from this year's hosts, a literal who's who in Madison. Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, Jonathan Gramling of the Madison Times, Juli Hinds Magic 98 Radio, School Board member Juan Jose Lopez, Mike McKinney of WMTV Channel 15, Representative Marc Pocan and the Rev. David Smith of the Boys and Girls Club of Madison have placed their support to this community event and will be assisting with the evening's silent auction.

The Pope Hindy Award for Volunteer Service will be presented to Mike Wonders. Other awards being given are the Director's Award for Community Leadership which will be presented to WMTV-NBC Channel 15 and the Cultural Diversity Ambassador Award to be presented to Madison Community Mental Health Center.

All proceeds from this evening of a five course culinary extravaganza, and silent auction will allow ADIS Network to continue their work throughout south central Wisconsin. Tickets are available by contacting AIDS Network at (608) 252-6540

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In The Life is produced by In The Life Media Inc. a not for profit, member supported organization, and is presented by Thirteen/WNET in New York. It is distributed by American Public Television.

In The Life a bi-monthly newsmagazine series chronicles the history and contemporary experience of the Lesbian and Gay community.

To be included in the next show are:

Queer as Folk

This feature story will look at the ground breaking and controversial British television series. Although this television series has never been aired in the US it has caused quite a stir here.

Dancing for Life discusses Choreographer Chris DC Ramos and David Rousseve.

Whatever is finally written about the AIDS epidemic, it will certainly be said that it has had a profound effect on the world of Dance. This story profiles the dynamic work of Ramos and Rousseve, and also looks at a New York group called Dancers Responding to AIDS, which raises funds to help dancers with HIV.

A Center Called Hope

This story looks at the work of Esperanza, Peace and Justice Center, a multi-issue grassroots organization in San Antonio Texas. Esperanza was founded by a group of Latina Lesbians who had a vision for social change that was broad in its scope, encompassing LGBT, anti-racist, and multi-cultural movements. Tune in and enjoy *In The Life*.



Harlie Hunnan who plays Natan on the program *In The Life*

Letters

The Pageant

Dear Editor

We as members of the Pageant Committee would like to thank all of the people who purchased tickets. We apologize to all applicants. The sudden decision to cancel the event saddened us all well as all of you.

We know this decision caused many people to wonder what happened. It was rather apparent there was not enough interest being generated in the community.

This event started 30 years ago, and was one of the few being held. As the pageant increased the support decreased. There were only 3 entrants for Miss and one entrant for Mr. Since the announcement to cancel was made we have heard from 6 or 7 different individuals who commented they had planned on entering.

Unfortunately it takes months of planning, and last minute decisions and requests are not easily handled.

The Pageant Committee

Editor's Note: We hope that "The Pageant" makes a comeback. Let us know what we can do to help!

GLSEN Article

Dear Editor,

Thank You for your excellent coverage of the Safe School Pledge being organized by several Gay-Straight Alliances in the Madison area (*WI Light* Feb 2-8). The GSA's are a major force for change in making schools safe for everyone and in changing society at large so I encourage everyone in the community to help support these organizations in one way or another. Ralph Ovadahl's fear of these groups is not unfounded, because they will ultimately lead to the collapse of homophobia.

I also wanted to let you know that this article was not written by me, but by Nelson Graff, a fabulous volunteer. Nelson is a former high school English and Science teacher and is currently pursuing his PhD in English at UW-Madison.

Nelson is just one of many volunteers who make the work of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) possible. If you are interested in volunteering your time with GLSEN or making a financial contribution, please email moreinfo@glsenwi.org or call 608-241-3009.

Sincerely,
Jason Rasmussen

Editor's Note: Apologies to Jason and Nelson for the mix-up. It was a great article, well written, informative, educational, and objective. I look forward to covering more on GLSEN and their activities.

Fannies

To the Editor

In reading the last issue of *WI Light*, it became painfully clear that your staff and publisher completely have missed the point.

I'd like to explain how I feel. Over the past year I have seen this publication go from a good source of Gay/Lesbian news to something resembling bad teenage underground newspaper. Even the early

articles on the fire were not well written.

You allude to wanting to be able to use humor in the headline. The point is there was nothing funny about a member of our community being convicted of arson. Whether you believe she is guilty or not doesn't change the fact that this is a woman who has supported the lesbian community for years, through many bar openings and closings and regardless of the fact that a lesbian bar is never a big money making proposition. There is also nothing funny about the fact that lesbians no longer have a dance bar. (Dish is at best lesbian friendly now that so many straight individuals frequent the club on the weekend)

This is not the first occurrence of poor reporting. It has consistently gone downhill. Please consider what your newspaper could do to better our community and how you could become a respectable news source. While this was a newsworthy event and needed coverage, there are many other issues that deserved coverage as well.

Carol S. Roberts

Dear Light,

Yes the gleeful headline and awful photo condemning Dixon were biased. And the sleazy second headline was a porno joke at all women's expense. But the 20 plus headlines and 30 plus paragraphs detailing the prosecution's case with only 2 headlines (one biased) and 9 paragraphs outlining the defense case seems to indicate not only bias, but active support for the prosecution. (The first thing I learned when working in the legal system was how easy it is to believe the prosecution before the defense has their say!)

Am I upset over the shoddy journalism? Not especially. I am disappointed at this woman hating and lesbian hating reporting in the *WI Light*. I had high hopes that with a Lesbian Editor, the *WI Light* white male perspective might have made room for reporting by and about Lesbians, and Gay men of color. I never imagined that Lesbians would be reported on with gleeful vengeance.

I do not know if Dixon tried to rob that multi-millionaire insurance company. But I do know that their wealth and her Lesbianism ("a jury of her peers") made their winning in the courts nearly inevitable. The *WI Light's* destructive coverage would make it appear that Dixon attacked the gay community, or beat a love or friend. I truly do not understand such divisive, vicious, prejudice. According to your reporting, apparently no one in the community is saddened over this awful ordeal that one of our few lesbian business owners is going through.

How does the *WI Light* justify so aggressively, publicly condemning a member of our community before she is sentenced? Besides reporting for the prosecution, you are sending a loud message to the judge to give her hell, since her community supposedly doesn't care.

And oh, yea, where are those many letters you received in protest? They didn't make it into print either! Just a long-winded defense from the guilty party, the publisher who suggests a life in prison for one

of our people justifies joking. Not even an attempt at balance.

Pat Gowan

PS I do not know Dixon personally. Obviously someone at the *WI Light* does - and has something against her.

Editor's Note: Three letters were received regarding Dixon, one printed last week, and two are printed this week. Porn? Not in my paper! Took me a long time to figure out what you were talking about. Finger meant point or accused! Sorry not used to everything in print taking on sexual connotations.

I highly recommend you buy a copy of the trial transcript, and you will see that we gave the defense more coverage than the transcript does.

Perhaps people who feel this strongly about the Dixon case should help her fund an appeal, or at least help post bail. Let us know. We will be more than happy to donate and put it in the paper!

Bill's articles have been very objective! I stand by him regarding the factual content. Facts you may not like but FACTS anyway. I make decisions on headlines. Know one thing about me, I am not a lesbian bashing, white male. You should read our paper more often and you will see: articles covering the entire spectrum of our community, photo's covering the diversity of our community. **WI Light** is

for ALL people in our community.

HRL-PAC's Response

Dear Editor,

As board members of HRL-PAC, the first LGBT political action committee in Wisconsin, we would like to congratulate the *WI Light* for devoting so much attention to the February 15th Milwaukee primary. Our community will never be heard unless we vote and are seen as an organized constituency.

We were happy to discuss candidates with *WI Light* writer Bill Meunier. We hope that this information sharing was one factor that led to the *WI Light* issuing a very similar list of endorsements (your editorial only taking exception to our endorsement of Dawn Miller out of our 17 total endorsements). What we were unable to do, however, was to grant Bill Meunier's request that we give him all of our candidate survey responses prior to our own review of them. All political action committees treat candidate surveys as proprietary information. No political action committee will release its surveys to the press before it has made its own endorsements. We have consulted with other local PACs and are pleased that our policy is consistent.

Respectfully,
HRL-PAC Board of Directors

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Justice in Milwaukee

The Conclusion, but not the End

Analysis By Bill Meunier

Milwaukee - We are a self-policing people. Our police, judges and prosecutors come from our general society. That is as it should be. The down side of that is that some of those charged with protecting us, prosecuting those who hurt us and judging those who are prosecuted carry with them the same anti-LGBT prejudices and stereotypes seen in society as a whole.

Most Gays believe that the problem of anti-Gay actions within the justice system is nowhere near what it once was. Nevertheless as the four incidents detailed in this series indicates to some Gays and Lesbians, there is still some distance to go.

Police Training

Efforts are underway to lessen that distance. Members of Milwaukee's LGBT community train Police academy recruits. The training includes a discussion of the Gay community, a question and answer session and the showing of two videos. One of the videos (made by a Dallas LGBT organization) shows a broad cross section of the LGBT community. It is intended to attack stereotypes about Gays.

The other video is taken from TV news-magazine. It shows an Houston, Texas undercover operation launched in response to Gay bashings in a Gay neighborhood. "It's hard even for me to watch," said Stephanie Hume, a local activist who works with the Police on LGBT issues. Hume said the video shows Police who are fearful of the bashers.

Hume says that the Police are working with an ad hoc group of activists to expand training on LGBT issues. That group, which is composed of representatives from seven organizations, is expecting to prepare an in service training component that would be part of the MPD's required in service training that all officers must attend.

She has other ideas as well. "They need to do some awareness that targets our community," said Hume. She believes the Department should put together outreach programs that are similar to the one it uses to teach women's safety.

Official Silence

There are other ideas too. In some cities, police department crime reports include a space to note the possibility that a crime may have been bias related. Milwaukee is not one of those cities. Anti-hate crime activists say these boxes make law enforcement officials more aware of the problem and encourages documentation.

Documentation, or the lack of it is an issue. The Liebmann-Wendorf incident seems to be a text book example of a hate crime. Yet investigating officers did not see it that way. How the Police view a crime can be an important factor in determining charges said Richard Voss a former Assistant District Attorney. Voss says that a Police statement to that a crime was motivated by hate, is much more likely to elicit a hate crimes charge.

It seems unlikely that such statements are being made. *WI Light* checked the FBI hate crime statistics reports back to 1995. The reports show that the City of Milwaukee reported an average of three hate crimes a year, none of them motivated by anti-Gay bias.

Over the years, this newspaper has received many reports of Gay bashings. Some were not reported to the Police but many were. The lack of anti-Gay hate crime reports is disturbing to many. As one activist put said "It's almost as if the Police think that when the bashers beat someone senseless while calling them 'faggot' they were really just angry about the guy's shoes." Madison reports around three anti-Gay hate crimes a year. Many may find it difficult to believe that Madison, a bastion of liberalism known for its tolerance has more hate crimes than Milwaukee, a city that is four times its size.

The Milwaukee County District Attorney's office does not keep records of hate crime prosecutions. That means there is no way to determine whether or not even those few non Gay related hate crimes reported by the Police are prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The result of the official silence on anti-Gay violence is that little is known about the extent of the problem. It's hard to see how the problem can be addressed without sufficient information on its extent. Gays and Lesbians are not the only victims of hate crimes. Ethnic, racial and religious minorities are also targeted. It may be time to for the LGBT community to work in coalition with other groups and seek ways to document the seriousness of the problem and ways to lessen it.

The Fire and Police Commission

In some cities, the Fire and Police commission use a mix of citizens, staff and commissioners investigate complaints. In Milwaukee all citizen complaints about the Police are investigated by one of the Commission's employees, David Heard. Heard is also in charge of Police and Fire recruitment.

He told *WI Light* that most of the complaints are handled on an informal basis over the phone. Heard said that for every one of the approximately 100 written complaints filed with the commission there are six or seven that are handled on an informal basis. He indicated that the vast majority of these are not serious matters. They include everything from getting a parking ticket to concerns about an officer's attitude.

Heard said that he tries to resolve many of the formal complaints through a mediation meeting. Officers are given a chance to apologize to their accusers if it is appropriate. An knowledgeable source, who was associated with the Commission, said that if the accused officers fail to cooperate the Commission has little recourse other than launching a formal investigation, which can be time consuming and costly. With only one staff person to investigate Police abuse, it can also be impractical. Formal investigations are reserved for the most serious of offenses.

A Fire and Police Commission outreach effort to the LGBT community may be needed. Conversations with LGBT bar owners makes it clear that there is a perception that the Commission will do nothing to discipline officers who act in a homophobic manner. Several bar owners will speak off the record about Police actions that may warrant a formal complaint. None of them filed one. While some said they were afraid of Police retaliation, others said

it wouldn't matter because "nothing would be done about it anyway" or because of the time involved in completing the process.

The Prosecutors

Calls to Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann were not returned. McCann is generally considered a liberal on many issues but he is rumored to be anti-Gay. Sources within the DA's office and former prosecutors say that McCann believes Wisconsin's hate crimes law to be a bad one. That law was upheld by the US Supreme Court in 1996.

Even conservative Brown County can point to a successful anti-Gay hate crime conviction. Milwaukee with a much larger Gay population can not.

Mark Libemann and Bob Wendorf think that the system does not take anti-Gay hate crimes seriously. Libemann had to go on TV to get action on his complaint after dozens of phone calls, letters and appeals for help made to various officials went unanswered. Should the charges against the man Liebmann and Wendorf say attacked them, include a hate crime charge?

Some experts like anti-violence authority Jeff Montgomery say that prosecuting a hate crime charge sends a message that anti-Gay violence won't be tolerated. That's a message that Montgomery believes needs to be heard not only by Gay bashers but by the Gay community as well.

One of those who would like to hear it is Jacob Weinstein the bartender who suffered a broken nose. He identified his attacker and brought a witness who also identified the man who punched him. No charges were filed by Assistant DA Dan Jackson, who demanded additional witnesses.

Jackson told *WI Light* that he didn't think he could prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt. Perhaps he should have tried. Dantrae Baker, then man Weinstein and his witness say attacked him, has been implicated in another attack. The second attack occurred at 219. Baker is reported to be Gay himself. Nonetheless, some people feel that the DA should have prosecuted a defendant accused of causing serious harm in an incident that received a high profile within a community that feels physical violence against it is not always being taken seriously.

A Call for Action

Hume and others think that the LGBT community can help assure that justice is done for its members. Many anti-LGBT hate crimes go unreported. There is historical mistrust of the Police even among LGBT leaders. David Heard,

a Fire and Police Commission staff member says that when the Commission asked minority leaders for their opinion of Police services, only the Gay community failed to respond. An FBI agent told *WI Light* that a similar survey conducted by its office also met with no response.

Anti-violence advocates say that many bashers count on Gay victims to keep quiet. Many of them do. Failure to report a crime not only allows the bashers to go unpunished, it also allows them to attack others. The Police can't react to crimes they do not know exist.

Cities that have anti-LGBT violence projects report dramatic increases in the number of reported Gay bashings and crimes committed against Gays. Hume says that such a project is needed here. She believes that it could perform a variety of tasks. They include making the LGBT community aware of how to use the services provided by the Police, providing advocates who can assist with reporting crimes and filing complaints when those services are not delivered properly. It could also help follow up on those complaints.

Following up on complaints can be critical. According to some of those who were associated it, the Fire and Police Commission processes are not adequate. In the case of Mark Knickelbine, his complaint about a nearly nine hour wait for a Police response to his call for help remains unresolved seven months after he filed it. Five months ago, the Commission asked Police Chief Jones to look into the matter. They are still waiting for a response.

So are others who are asking the question of whether or not Gays in Milwaukee can consistently expect justice. Knickelbine wonders why it took the Police so long to respond. Cory Liebmann and Robert Wendorf wonder why their attacker is not being charged under Wisconsin's hate crimes law. Jacob Weinstein asks why no charges were pressed against the man, who he says broke his nose. The owners and staff at 219 and La Cage ask when someone will apologize for the Police raids on their bars.

The four incidents examined in this series point to concerns over how Milwaukee's LGBT citizens are treated by the Police and the prosecutors. The concerns raised by these incidents did not begin with this series nor will they end with it.

Just like any other newspaper, this one can raise an issue but it is up to the community as a whole to develop ways to that will lessen the problem. The question is not only whether Milwaukee's LGBT citizens can consistently expect justice, it's also whether what will they will do to make sure that they get it.

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Health Issues

No Matter the Act, Unprotected Sex is Dangerous Oral Sex Traced to HIV Infections

Compiled By Ron Geiman

Over 3,500 AIDS Researchers gathered in San Francisco early this month for the 7th annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, heard both good and bad news on the AIDS front.

One of the most striking presentations is that oral sex is a higher risk activity than previously thought. That warning came from the largest study to date by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Many Gay men embraced oral sex as a low risk activity, yet at least 8% of them contracted HIV even though oral sex was their only risk behavior, according to the study. Many Gay men had made oral sex their primary or sole sexual activity because earlier studies had proven anal sex was an extremely high-risk activity.

The study has a devastating affect on prevention activities causing a restructuring of safer sex messages and education. AIDS outreach educators now must emphasize that oral sex, previously taught as low risk, does not mean no risk.

The study contains more reliable information than was previously available thanks to sophisticated DNA testing that identifies very recent HIV infections. Those tests enabled researchers to selectively interview the men and get more accurate, recent reports of sexual activity.

102 Gay or Bi men were in the study, and eight (7.8%) were determined to have been infected through oral sexual activity. Researchers cautioned that while the risk of transmission for each individual oral sex act may be low, if oral sex is the sole sexual activity that person participates in, the frequency of the act increases, along with the chance to be infected. Another words, it increases the cumulative risk.

AIDS Traced to 1930

At last year's AIDS conference, the genetic evidence linking chimps to HIV was established, and since then researchers developed the most sophisticated computer and data analysis capabilities to trace viral evolution. Computers analyzed DNA from more than 100 early human strains of HIV and various strains of SIV, the primate version of HIV.

Their study showed that the main HIV strain (there are about a dozen today) began to spread in humans around 1930. That date also marks the point in time where humans started to spread HIV and it started to mutate, as it continues to mutate today.

Somehow - perhaps through a bite from a subspecies of chimpanzee found in a specific area of the Congo, or by consuming its meat - the oldest known case of AIDS was confirmed in a blood sample taken from a man in the Belgian Congo, in 1959. The first American documented was a 15 year old boy in St. Louis.

CD4 Counts Always Drop

One study concluded that while CD4+ cell decline is delayed in patients experiencing failure of a Protease Inhibitor-based regimen and is slower compared with patients receiving only antiretroviral therapy, it will eventually occur at a median time of about 36 months.

The take-home message here is that while "tight" control of HIV at undetectable levels may not always be feasible with available anti-retroviral agents (or even necessary in the short-term), patients cannot be maintained indefinitely on failing regimens. The strategy of "loose" control (maintaining HIV RNA at a detectable level) should best be looked upon as a temporizing measure until more effective or better-tolerated agents become available.

This data makes it clear that the effectiveness of currently available anti-retrovirals remains inadequate and that novel pharmacologic and/or immune-based approaches to HIV treatment are needed.

Do PIs Cause Sexual Dysfunction?

A recent case series described 14 men who complained of erectile dysfunction after starting Protease Inhibitors (PI's) plus NRTIs (nukes). To investigate this further, a study at Harvard followed 274 males who started PI therapy. After a median follow-up of 1.6 years, 90 of these men (33%) had sexual dysfunction. Depression was significantly associated with impotence; however, after adjusting for age and depression, men were 3.4 times as likely to experience impotence after using the PI.

The investigators point out that there are a number of potential confounds in this study, including the fact that overall disease severity could have increased over time. More important, Viagra was approved during the post-PI observation period, which might have prompted men to seek evaluation for erectile dysfunction in order to gain access to this drug. In light of these possible confounding variables, the possible role of PIs in sexual dysfunction in men must be considered as yet unproven.

Post-exposure Treatment

A San Francisco study enrolled participants who reported either sexual HIV exposure (receptive or insertive anal or vaginal intercourse, or receptive oral intercourse with exposure to semen) or exposure from injection drug use within the past 72 hours.

In addition to counseling and testing, all participants were offered 4 weeks of anti-retroviral therapy (most often AZT/3TC) and were followed for 1 year. During 16 months, 401 persons were enrolled. The vast majority (94%) reported sexual exposure, with 40% reporting unprotected anal receptive sex. The majority had not used condoms, although about one third reported that a condom was used but failed. Nearly half reported that they knew their partner was HIV-infected.

There were no seroconversions reported in this study by the end of 1 year. All except 5 took anti-retrovirals, and 80% reported they completed the 4-week course despite the typical adverse effects associated with anti-retroviral therapy. Nearly 70% remained in follow-up for the entire 12-month period.

While there were no seroconversions, because everyone received the same intervention it remains unclear to what extent this study provides a model for how care should be provided. It may, however, be reasonable to continue the practice of offering antiretrovirals to those with a high-risk exposure, given the lack

of transmission observed in those who were treated. In the absence of a control group who were untreated, however, this recommendation can only be made tentatively.

Attitudes About Risk-Taking

Researchers at the CDC surveyed nearly 2000 HIV-negative people to assess their attitude about maintaining safer sex or safer injection-drug-use practices, given the successes in treatment achieved in the past few years.

Participants were surveyed in 7 states in the US, with about 300 per state. Just under 700 were men who have sex with men (MSM) recruited in gay bars. (This is the group this article will highlight.) The men provided informed consent for the survey.

About 25% of Men who have Sex with MEN (MSM) reported being less concerned overall. That is lower than in Injection Drug Users IDUs (40%), or with either HETs (30%). Compared with other races, African-American IDUs or HETs were statistically significantly more likely to report less concern about HIV infection, but this relationship was not seen among African-American MSM.

A major finding of this study concerned the relationship between reported attitude to HIV and reported risk behavior. There was concordance between attitude and behavior among MSM: 71% of those who were less concerned about HIV reported receptive anal intercourse, compared with 43% of those who reported they did not feel less concerned. In contrast, there was no reported change in behavior among IDUs and HETs despite attitudes about being "less safe."

Immune Reconstitution

Potent antiretroviral therapy has clearly improved immunity in patients with HIV infection, although the degree and completeness to which immune reconstitution occurs varies among individuals based on the patient's age, genetic makeup, duration of HIV infection, baseline CD4+ cell count, baseline viral load, and the effectiveness and durability of the antiretroviral treatment. Results of studies presented at the conference expanded our knowledge of the process and predictors of immune reconstitution in patients with HIV infection and presented new and updated information on several approaches to immunotherapy in patients on effective anti-retroviral therapy.

- Not all patients with chronic HIV infection who are treated with HAART have good immune reconstitution. That suggests that poor thymic response, as reflected in a relative depletion of naive CD4+ cells, may underlie the failure in some patients to restore CD4+ T cells after effective HAART therapy.
- Structured Treatment Interruption (STI): One of the hottest topics in anti-retroviral therapy today among both patients and physicians is structured treatment interruption (STI), sometimes referred to as "drug holidays." With effective HAART, HIV-specific cell-mediated immunity may actually decrease due to the lack of exposure to HIV antigen. This approach may be useful in acute primary HIV infection after HAART therapy where the patient with chronic HIV may offer some degree of immune reconstitution with HAART. STI may also be useful for patients with multidrug-resistant HIV where stopping therapy may allow emergence of wild-type virus and permit use of

recycled anti-retroviral drugs to suppress virus replication.

Like everything else in HIV medicine, initially promising and even unpromising results need to be confirmed in larger, prospective, randomized controlled studies, stratified by possible important confounding factors, before the question of STI, "to stop or not to stop," can be adequately answered.

Clinical Implications

The clinical implications of metabolic toxicities, which include osteoporosis and bone loss in addition to lipodystrophy (abnormal fatty accumulations) include the possibilities that more therapies will be needed to counteract the effects of lipodystrophy, patient behavior may need to change (eg, exercise and diet), drug therapy may need to be changed, or medications will need to be discontinued.

Implications for the future include reassessing the goals of therapy, when to start therapy, what drugs to use initially, and when to change therapy.

The goal of therapy up until recently had been maximal suppression of viral replication. This approach reached its zenith at a previous AIDS conference, where eradication was positioned as a realistic treatment outcome. Eradication, however, is no longer a reasonable goal of therapy.

The goal of therapy in HIV infection in the 21st century may be the same as in all diseases: promotion of a long and healthy life.

It is now suggested that perhaps the only absolute indications for therapy are constitutional symptoms or CD4+ counts less than 200 cells/mm, or an opportunistic infection. Other criteria, such as those based on plasma HIV RNA contents, are arbitrary. It should be emphasized that no conclusion can be reached about this question. In fact, further studies could show that early onset of therapy is beneficial. Treatment at or near seroconversion may be important, irrespective of CD4+ lymphocyte count, as early treatment may preserve anti-HIV immunity, and could set the stage for more successful structured treatment interruptions. But "early," as such, remains to be clearly (and practically) defined.

The idea of intermittent therapy as a strategy to prolong treatment effectiveness. Since discontinuation of suppressive therapy leads to recurrence of wild-type virus that usually retains its sensitivity to anti-retroviral agents, treatment periods designed to keep CD4+ lymphocyte counts above a safe threshold is a strategy worthy of consideration. It must be stressed that the benefits of these strategies are speculative and are not without their risk. The real-world consequences of intermittent therapy and/or discontinuation of suppressive therapy will need to be tested in appropriate trials before widespread clinical application.

It is a measure of our maturation in treating this disease that we can discuss these propositions. It also is a sign of progress to be able to take the long view and think of strategies that are in keeping with normal life spans for Persons With AIDS.

Attention PWA's Taking Indinavir:
As we were going to press, the medical journal *Lancet* warned that the herbal supplement *St. Johns Wort* drastically lowers the levels of the protease inhibitor Indinavir (Crixivan) in the blood. *St. Johns Wort* could prompt a dramatic rebound in HIV viral levels in a drug resistant form.

Spotlight Premiere Events

February

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Story Teller Laura Simms, UWM School of Dance (Milwaukee): 30 plus year story teller has been instrumental in the development of oral tradition as a sophisticated art in the western world. Stories are drawn from mythology, fair tale, folklore, epic, teaching tales and personal narratives. UW School of The Arts Recital Hall; 7:30pm, \$8 (\$5 students), (414) 229-4308.

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New Films & Videos from lesbian Women, Angles Film & Video with MIAD (Milwaukee): Angles Magazine presents this 1st of 2 programs from Women In The Directors Chair Intl. Film and Video Festival. A Rare opportunity to see contemporary alternative media by women. A broad range of images, ideas and styles not generally shown by mainstream media. Tonight features 13 works including animation, documentaries, a video poem and an experimental piece. \$8 for one program, \$14 for both. Student tickets are \$6/\$10 for two. Again tomorrow night, MIAD's Eisner Museum, 208 N. Water St. 7pm; (414) 963-8948.

Surviving in Round Rooms, Adambomb Gallery (Milwaukee): Reception tonight from 6-10pm for artist Shawn Stephany, with his large mixed media works. 524 S. 1st St.; (414) 276-2662.

Uncle Vanya, Boulevard Ensemble (Milwaukee): A main stage production of celebrated Russian playwright Anton Chekhov's comedic drama, directed by Maureen Kilbury. Chekhov paints a disturbing portrait of self-deception, mediocrity, and ennui overshadowing the urge for excellence and personal meaning. His gallery of characters trapped in webs of their own making emerges with a pointed clarity that rings as both timeless and universal. Continues thorough March 19, Boulevard Studio Theatre, 2252 S. Kinross Ave., times vary. Prices from \$5-16, call (414) 744-5757.

Verdi's epic Nabucco, Florentine Opera Co. (Milwaukee): This is the work that successfully launched Verdi's career as, arguably, Italy's greatest operatic composer. Arthur Fagen returns to conduct the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and Canadian Director Irving Guttman debuts as Stage Director of this production. Sung in Italian with English supertitles. Continues through Sunday, Uihlein Hall, Marcus Center; 7:30pm, 2:30pm Sun.; Single tickets: \$22-100, (414) 273-7206.

Music of Darkness and Light, UWM's Concert Chorale & Lawrence Univ. Choir (Milwaukee): present a concert featuring Hebrew, Ladino and Yiddish music from all eras, conducted by UWM's Prof. Sharon Hansen. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knaap St.; 7:30pm, \$8/\$5 students and seniors, (414) 229-4308.

The Gin Game, Milw. Chamber Theatre (Milwaukee): D.L. Coburn's Pulitzer Prize winning play, directed by Montgomery Davis, features a battle of the sexes between two inhabitants of a nursing home. Exasperating, funny, witty and frustrating. Continues through March 5, Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway, From \$23-30; (414) 291-7800.

Womyn's Poetry Open Mic, Kuumba Productions (Milwaukee): Kuumba presents A Revolution of Womyn Poetry open mic. Revolution of Womyn is a monthly multi-cultural gathering bringing women together through poetry and performance art. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, 7:30pm, (414) 271-2656.



Next Act Theatre's production of A Night in November continues through Feb. 27th. Box Office: 414-278-7780

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Beyond the Body Beautiful (Women), Angles Film & Video with MIAD (Milwaukee): Angles Magazine presents this 2nd of 2 programs from Women In The Directors Chair Intl. Film and Video Festival. A Rare opportunity to see contemporary alternative media by women. A broad range of images, ideas and styles not generally shown by mainstream media. Tonight features ten works from around the world that examine, disrupt and delight in the myths and varied experiences of physical femaleness. \$8, student tickets are \$6. MIAD's Eisner Museum, 208 N. Water St. 7pm; (414) 963-8948.

Jerome Rothenberg Reads, Woodland Pattern Book Center (Milwaukee): American Book award winner an internationally known poet and anthologist Rothenberg reads as part of the Intl. Arts Festival celebrating Jewish heritage. 720 E. Locust St.; 8pm, \$6/\$5 members, (414) 263-5001.

L'chaim! A Jewish Tapestry, Tapit/new works (Milwaukee): Madison's musical theater company TAPIT/new works' critically acclaimed play explores 150 years of Jewish life in Wisconsin. Actors and musicians interweave



Linda Roark - Strummer "Abisailh" in Nabucco production from L'Opera de Monteal, at the Florentine. Box Office 414-273-7206

live music and slides and a little tap dance to boot. Prelude the 18th at 9:45am, Alverno College's Wehr Hall, 4100 W. Morgan; tonight at 8pm, \$15, students get discount; (414) 382-6044.

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Sunday Afternoon at UWM: Jewish History/Culture, School of the Arts (Milwaukee): Campus visitors can tour Jewish History and Culture: Exploring resources in the Golda Meir Library, including maps, manuscripts and other pieces. Light Refreshments available. 1pm: Exhibit opens; 1:30pm Lecture: From Remember to Never Again; Can Jewish Memory Prevent Future Genocide? by Dr. Rachael Baum of UWM (No Charge). Then at 3pm move to the School of the Arts Recital Hall (tickets \$12/\$6 students) for a concert by Music from Almost Yesterday, in collaboration with the Jewish Community Center.

Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel, Pabst Theater (Milwaukee): Celebrating Milwaukee's Intl. Arts Festival celebrating Jewish culture: Keyboard Conversations, Music for the Young and Youthful. 144 E. Wells, 2pm, \$10; (414) 286-3663.

Writing Voice, Woodland Pattern (Milwaukee): With Mark Anderson, asking What voice speaks to your reader? Through writing exercises, examine the concept and function of voice by reading the work of others and playing with our own narrative voices. 720 E. Locust St.; 1-4pm, \$30, \$25 members, (414) 263-5001.

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Author Chaim Potok, UWM School of the Arts (Milwaukee): Acclaimed author speaks about his life and work as sponsored by the Professional Theatre Training Program. Born and raised in NYC, he has been called the most powerful story teller living, author of *The Chosen*, *The Gift of Asher Lev*, *The Promise* and *Davita's Heart*. In conjunction with Intl. Arts Festival. His daughter, Naama, will perform with the PTPP 2/22-26 (Please see listing under 2/22.) UWM School of the Arts Mainstage Theater, 2400 E. Kenwood, 7:30pm, \$15, \$9 students and seniors, (414) 229-4308.

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Bookmaking in the Year 2000, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD)

(Milwaukee): Marshall Weber, multi-disciplinary artist, educator and writer will narrate a multi-media presentation about Brooklyn a dynamic new artist/bookmaker alliance based in Brooklyn. Future home of Eisner Museum, 208 N. Water Street; 7pm, Free, limited seating, (414) 276-7889.

Davita's Harp and Other Stories by Chaim Potok, UWM School of the Arts (Milwaukee): Acclaimed author's daughter, Naama Potok, in residence with the PTPP performs through Feb. 26 as part of the PTPP Lab/Works series. In conjunction with Intl. Arts Festival. UWM School of the Arts Studio Theater, 2400 E. Kenwood, 7:30pm, \$15, \$9 students and seniors, (414) 229-4308.

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Jewish and Israeli Classical Music, UWM's Center for Jewish Studies (Shorewood): Cello, flute and piano by the Vardi Trio, Jewish Community Center, 6255 N. Santa Monica, 7:30pm, \$6; (414) 229-6121 or 967-8235.

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Alcoholism and Co-Dependency: Bookfair, Bayshore Mall Barnes and Noble (Milwaukee): IMPACT (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, Inc.), presents *Dear John... Love Letters and Lessons Learned from the Wife of an Alcoholic* author Mary Gjetson Levin, P.D. and Catherine Turmo Forde, the woman whose life the book chronicles, will discuss the issues. Discussion from 7-8pm, book signing 8-8:30pm. (414) 256-4808 (Impact).

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Aussie Band FRUIT, Civic Center (Madison): Fruit Packs a Punch, a four girl, one guy Aussie band that sent shock waves throughout three continents this past year returns to the continent for a six week tour including tonight's concert. From tender love songs to revealing and raucous tunes to cafe culture funkiness with added java juice zing. Civic Centers Starlight Theater, 211 State Street; 8pm, \$17.50 tickets, (608) 266-9055.

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Reflections on the Collection, Madison Art Center (Madison): The following event will take place by an opening reception featuring a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. Celebrate the opening of the exhibitions *Work in Progress: The MAC Collects, Reflections on the Collections* presents several special guests to discuss an object of personal significance on view. Speakers have a long-term relationship with the museum and its collection. Madison Art Center, Civic Center, 211 State St.; 7-10pm, Free admission, (608) 257-3734

Trinity Irish Dance Company, Pabst Theater (Milwaukee): Milwaukee's own, in a world premiere of *Current Event* by cutting edge NY choreographer Sean Curran, trained in Irish Dance has constructed some progressive Irish dancing that is truly experimental, asking the dancers to come up with their own outrageous collection of favorite steps. Continues again on Sunday at 3pm; Pabst Theater, 144 E. Wells St.; tonight at 8pm; tickets \$14-26, (414) 286-3663.

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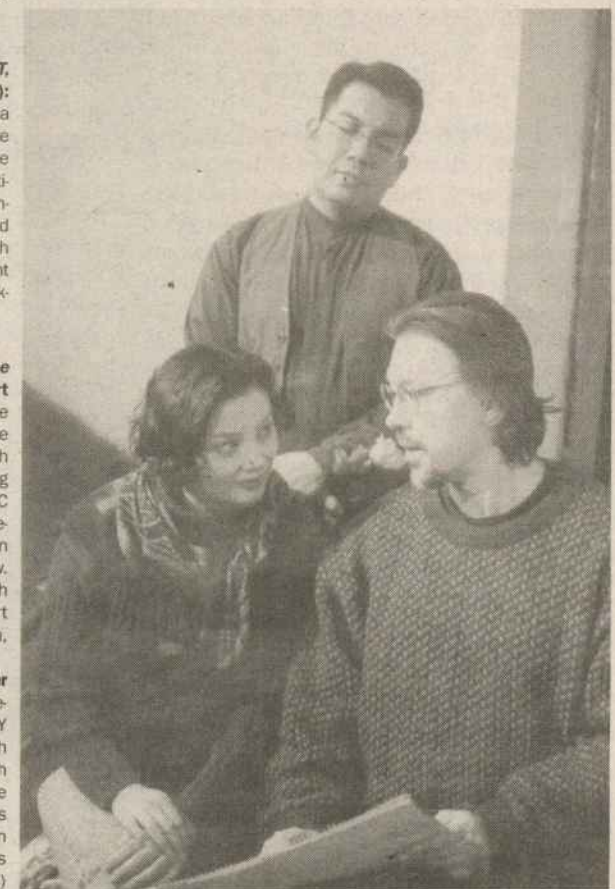
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Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's production of The Gin Game opens the 19th and runs through March 5. Box Office 414-291-7808.

Exploring resources in the Golda Meir Library, including maps, manuscripts and other pieces. Light Refreshments available. 1pm: Exhibit opens; 1:30pm Lecture: *Polish Wooden Synagogues: Jewish Art and Architecture in Eastern European Context* by School of Architecture Prof. Thoams Hubka. (No Charge). Then at 3pm move to the School of the Arts Recital Hall (tickets \$12/\$6 students) for a concert by the UWM Woodwind Arts Quintet with guest soprano Valerie Errante.

UWM Symphony Band/ Wind Ensemble, Wisconsin Lutheran College (Milwaukee): The UWM Wind Ensemble performs at 7:30pm, at Lutheran College, 8800 W. Bluemound Rd. General Public \$8, student/seniors \$5. (414) 229-4308.



Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre production of Uncle Vanya. Running from February 17th through March 19th. Terry Tuttle (Yelena), David Flores (Uncle Vanya) and John Starmer (Dr. Astrov) Box Office 414-744-5757.

Gotcha!

Someday *they'll be together...*" From time to time, we've all hoped that our favorite groups from yesteryear would reunite. Last summer, we had the **Go-Go's**. This summer, the **Bangles** take to the stage.

But when, oh when, will **Wilson Phillips** return? Surely **Chynna's** given up all hope of a solo career (both as a singer and an actress – although she really was plausible as Roxanne Pulitzer. You could almost visualize Chynna and that trumpet doin' the nasty). I'd just hate to think that **Carnie** stapled her stomach in vain.

For those of you who have been salivating at my hints about the proposed [Supremes] reunion, it's time for me to come clean and give you some details. On January 14, 1970, **Diane Ross** left **Mary Wilson** and **Cindy Birdsong** to launch a solo career.

After that, four different women filled in various vacancies in the trio (Birdsong came and went twice, while Wilson never left) until the group officially disbanded in 1977. In recent years, many people have used the **Supremes** moniker. There's a group in France called **The Supremes**. A woman who sang backup for Mary Wilson as a solo artist has since started her own group called **Sounds of the Supremes**.

Members of the post-Ross Supremes have been part of a trio called the "**FLOS**" (or "Former Ladies of the Supremes"), joined at times by a no-talent, hideous singer affectionately known as **The Poodle**. Mary Wilson herself has been billed as "Mary Wilson of the Supremes". Even Diane has been called "The Supreme Lady".

Fans of the original Supremes had to contend with these alternate groups because a real reunion seemed impossible – *until now*. After releasing a quite impressive CD that no one cared about, Ross came to the realization that her career as a solo artist pales in comparison to her former glory as one of the Supremes.

Originally, her idea was to bury the hatchet with Mary Wilson, enlist the aid of Cindy Birdsong, and do two special reunion concerts – one in New York and one in Los Angeles. If these went well, the reformed group would do a full-scale tour, release an album and a video, etc.

Then Diana received a call from one of the 70s Supremes – **Scherrie Payne** (sister to **Frieda Band of Gold Payne**). Ross was appalled to learn from Scherrie that all of the Supremes (except for herself and Wilson) are virtually penniless, having signed away what little royalties they had years ago. Payne was curious if there was any way the other living Supremes could be included in this reunion.

Ross was moved by this plea and called all of the Supremes and asked them to come to NYC for a

photo session with **Albert Watson** and to plan the reunion. Problem – Ross neglected to check if Mary Wilson was available. As it turns out, Wilson is touring the UK. For now, the meeting and the photo session have been rescheduled until Mary can zip back to NYC.

However, both Mary and Cindy have concerns about a sprawling reunion of all of the living Supremes – especially since Mary and Cindy are the only ones who ever sang with Ross (their point makes particular sense when you realize that this reunion will be billed as **Diana Ross and the Supremes** – and that lineup was Diane, Mary and Cindy, period).

For her part, Diana has made it clear that without Mary and Cindy, there's no reunion. Someone close to Ross tells me that the current plan is for Mary, Cindy, and Diane to be the focus of the entire extravaganza. They will open the show with an hour revisiting some old material, doing some covers and Broadway numbers, and even performing a new original song or two.

After the intermission, the various post-Ross lineups will take to the stage and perform their hits. *Finally*, Ross will reappear on

Roth).

One reunion *not in the cards* is the long-anticipated **ABBA** reunion. The defunct Swedish group turned down one **BILLION** dollars to launch a comeback tour (their first in over 17 years). Although **Benny** and **Bjorn** were tempted by the idea, the women (in particular **Agnetha**) have no interest in public performance. **But it was one BILLION dollars!** *Mamma mia!*

Could it be that **Adam Rickett** really isn't gay? That's what the buff boy would have us believe, and he's going to an awful lot of trouble to convince us (funny – I never feel the need to defend my homosexuality). In an interview with the UK **Sunday People**, Adam



Diana Ross



The 8 Supremes (L to R Rear) Florence Ballard, Scherrie Payne, Diana Ross, Susaye Greene; (Front) Lindax Lawrence, Mary Wilson, Cindy Birdsong & Jean Terrell.

says, "I am blond and pretty but I am not gay."

He spells out his sexual proclivities with startling frankness – he has sex with female fans (*I do the same with male fans*), has been awakened in his hotel room by female fans (*guys do this to me ALL the time*), longs to get married and have children (<OK, maybe the part about the kids>), and sleeps in the nude (*darlings, I'm naked now!*).

Adam says, "Often when I meet people they are surprised that I'm straight. Because I'm blond and single, people assume I can't be straight." *Yeah, that's the reason!*

Could it be that a certain romantic crooner has his soul set on male supermodel **Marcus Schenkenberg**? So say my sources, who have seen the R&B superstar doting on Marcus (granted, I'd be the same way, but I'm gay – see above). The power of love must have driven our hero to follow Marcus and his girlfriend, **Kylie Bax**, to the Exit nightclub in New York

stage, and the entire group will sing *Someday We'll Be Together*.

No word yet on if the Poodle will be invited! To prove how serious she is about this reunion project, Ross' company (RTC Management) has registered the following web addresses –

www.supremesreunion.com,
www.supremesreunion.net,
and **www.supremesreunion.org**
– Just thought you'd want to know!

By the way, reunion fever is not limited to the Bangles, Go-Go's, and Supremes. Look for a **Jackson 5** reunion and even a possible **Van Halen** reunion (with **David Lee**



Mary Wilson



The Bangles



Scherrie Payne

City. At this hotspot, Marcus wasn't the only focus of attention as the singer stopped to love the show on stage, which included women ripping off a man's clothes with their teeth.

Where do you sign up for that job?

When I'm not sure if I'd rather be the ripper or the rippee, it's time to end yet another column. You can head over to my website of **www.filth2go.com** or drop a note to my e-mail address of **Billy@filth2go.com** and I promise to get back to you before I finish touring with Stone Sparrow (I already know every song and am ready to go on the road). So, until next time, remember, one man's filth is another man's bible.

Theatre Review

Midnight and Moll Flanders

Review by John Jahn

English author Daniel Defoe's 1722 novel, *Moll Flanders*, tells the life story of a wayward woman who eventually finds redemption. It is, on its surface, strictly a morality tale written from a heavily Protestant point of view and, as such, our secular society some 278 years later might find it to be an amusing anachronism. But, in the hands of a modern playwright, it can still speak to us and be more than just a lesson in Protestant ethics.

Midnight and Moll Flanders, by Marie Kohler, not only tells the fascinating life story of its title character (in a "free adaptation" from the Defoe original), but also peers into the soul of a Puritan preacher. Moll has found herself sentenced to death for trying to steal a gold necklace from a young girl. As her final hours of life on Earth tick away, she tells her story to a preacher. He takes it all as something of a confession; she assures him, much to his chagrin, she means no such thing.

Moll is, indeed, an interesting character, best summed up by Defoe himself on his work's title page. She was "...born in Newgate (a prison), and during a life of continu'd variety for threescore years, besides her childhood, was twelve year a whore, five times a wife (whereof once to her own brother), twelve year a thief, eight year a transported felon in Virginia, at last grew rich, liv'd honest, and died a penitent..."

Midnight and Moll Flanders is an ambitious new play, with no less than three different actors portraying Moll, and 25 supporting characters. It centers on the (supposedly) final hours of Moll's life awaiting the gallows, as she tells her story to the preacher. The prison cell is at stage left, while the events of Moll's life take place on the rest of the stage. The set design is quite effective, with lots of wooden staircases, a circular, central platform, and what appears to be a dockside at the back.

The best performances are, happily, in the central roles. Laurie Birmingham expertly plays the older Moll, and Emma Bates plays Moll as a young woman. The old preacher is played by Brian Robert Mani (who most recently played Teddy Roosevelt in *Teddykins*), and the same character as a younger man by Shawn Douglas. Particularly strong are the often heated, thought provoking exchanges between Douglas and Birmingham.

Midnight and Moll Flanders is still a

morality tale, but one with a modern twist. It is not just a wayward sinner who finally faces up to her past and repents, but also a sanctimonious, unbending preacher whose eyes and mind are opened to the "real world;" a world with lots of gray area, not just black and white, right and wrong. The final redemption is not Moll's, alone.

The UW-Milwaukee Mainstage Theatre production of *Midnight and Moll Flanders* runs through February 27. For tickets and further information, call (414) 229-4308.



Emman Bates as Young Moll and Laurie Birmingham as Moll in the PTP and Renaissance Theaterworks present *Misnight and Moll Flanders* by Marie Kohler through February 27th at UWM School of the Arts Box Office: 414-229-4308

Paragraph 175 premieres at Berlin Film Festival

Paragraph 175 a documentary depicting the persecution of homosexuals by the Nazi's premiered at the Berlin film Festival on February 13.

These Oscar winning filmmakers Jeffrey Friedman and Rob Epstein have seen *Paragraph 175* win the directing award at the *Sundance Film Festival*

The 1871 anti-homosexual law called Paragraph 175 stayed on the books until 1969. This resulted in the fact that any survivor of the Nazi Concentration Camps who requested assistance or aid as a victim could have been arrested for the same violation that Hitler used in persecuting homosexuals.

Filmmakers Friedman and Epstein point out that the Homosexual dimension to the Holocaust is not common knowledge.

The Pink Triangle a common symbol of Gay, originates from the Holocaust. Homosexuals were required to wear it on all of their garments in a similar manner that the persecuted Jews were required to wear Stars of David.

Cinema Review

Cradle Will Rock

Review by John Jahn

Cradle Will Rock is Director **Tim Robbins'** third movie, and although these three films are very different in many regards, they nevertheless share one thing: a social conscience. *Bob Roberts* was a blistering satire about how the media can both make and break politicians; *Dead Man Walking* offered a frank and uncompromising view of the death penalty from several perspectives; now this new film addresses both freedom of expression and what it means for an artist to "prostitute" himself.

Cradle Will Rock, mostly based on a true story, comprises five episodes that are linked thematically and, at times, narratively. The main focus tells of the efforts of Director Orson Welles (**Angus MacFadyen**), Producer John Houseman (**Cary Elwes**), Writer Marc Blitzstein (**Hank Azaria**), and their cast to put on a controversial play named *The Cradle Will Rock*.

Other tales involve the struggle of Hallie Flanagan (**Cherry Jones**) to keep the Dies Committee from cutting government financial support for the Federal Theater Program because of alleged pro-Communist propaganda. Nelson Rockefeller (**John Cusack**) hiring artist Diego Rivera (**Ruben Blades**) to paint a mural in the lobby of Rockefeller Center (then balking when he sees the final product). Steel magnate Gray Mathers (**Philip Baker Hall**) flirting with Mussolini's mistress, Margherita Sarfatti (**Susan Sarandon**), while his flighty wife, the Countess (**Vanessa Redgrave**), pursues social causes. And finally an alcoholic ventriloquist (**Bill Murray**) believing that Communists are infiltrating vaudeville.

Together, these tales do a good job capturing the somewhat paranoid spirit of the '30s.

Many social issues of that decade are excellently addressed in the film, including anti-Communist paranoia, flirtations with Fascism and the

rising influence of labor unions. In part, this is accomplished by careful attention to detail in terms of set design and costumes. It asks some interesting questions, such as: how far does freedom of expression go? Does the government have the right to arbitrarily determine what art it will or will not fund? When a person owns a piece of art, does the owner have the right to determine when or how it is displayed, or whether it can be changed, defaced, or destroyed? Important questions with contemporary relevance. Even though the film tackles serious issues, the tone remains light throughout - this is as much of a comedy as it is a drama.

One of *Cradle Will Rock's* assets is also one of its detractors. With so many char-



Susan Sarandon and John Cusack in *The Cradle Will Rock*.

acters involved in several different plotlines, it never loses your attention, but you also don't get to know any of the characters very well. There really isn't a weak performance in the film, but again, that also means that some of your favorites have less screen time than you might have liked them to have.

Cradle Will Rock is on the whole a satisfying combination of screwball comedy and period piece drama. Intertwining the stories of more than a dozen characters, Robbins generates a pace that is often frantic. The film isn't without flaws - but, as always, it's far more agreeable to experience a movie that occasionally stumbles because the filmmaker is over-ambitious as opposed to the opposite.

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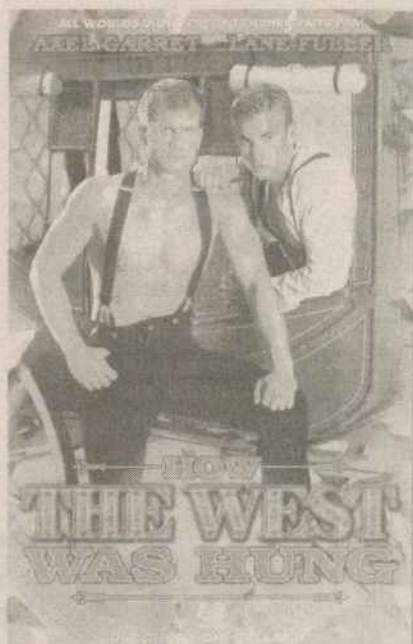
Crowd Scene from the movie *The Cradle Will Rock*.

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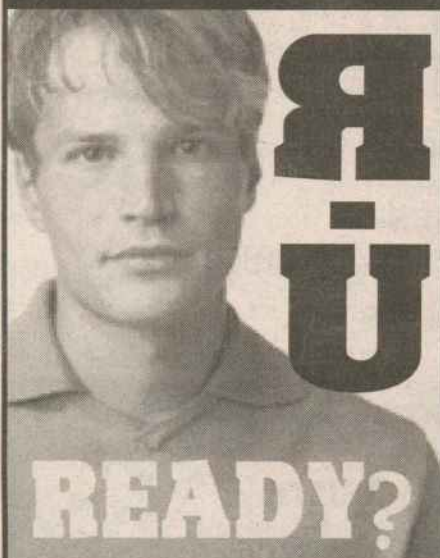
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CD Reviews

By Ryan D. Williams



Warning!!! Warning!!!

Do not listen to Suzanne Westenhoefer's *I'm Not Cindy Brady* while driving! It will interrupt your rolling in the aisles!

This CD is hilarious; nothing is sacred, not even Tinky Winky, Pat Robertson, or the Hell's Angels.

Your face will hurt, your side will split from laughing and hours afterward you will still be chuckling.

This CD is appropriate for all ages, all sexes and sexual preferences. I listened to this CD at the WI Light offices, work stopped, everyone rolled on the floor and the entire staff is fighting over who gets to keep the review copy!

WI Light staff are currently working out a group custody agreement and will all be heading to Madison on March 25 to the Barrymore Theatre to see Suzanne Westenhoefer in person! Don't miss the performance but if you do Buy The CD!

Cinema Review

Sweet and Lowdown

Review by John Jahn

Woody Allen has become something of a recluse in recent years, but he has nevertheless continued to put out a movie a year, most of which having semi-autobiographical content. Allen, himself appears in most of his own films, but his latest, *Sweet and Lowdown*, is his second consecutive movie in which he has not played the protagonist. In *Celebrity*, we were faced with the creepy situation of Kenneth Branagh doing a Woody Allen impersonation.

In *Sweet and Lowdown*, Allen pays homage to his love of jazz music by honoring an obscure, fictional, '30s jazz guitarist named Emmet Ray (**Sean Penn**). The resulting film is



Sean Penn plays Emmet Ray in the new movie by Woody Allen

a little like a jam session: often mellow, occasionally meandering, and elevated by tremendous riffs and bursts of intensity. Presented as if it's the biography of a real person, *Sweet and Lowdown* freely mixes reminiscences with legends and contrived facts to present a fragmented portrait of Emmet Ray.

Penn plays Ray as a brilliant, egotistical, erratic artist whose personality traits include an inferiority complex to a French Gypsy guitarist, a mild case of kleptomania and a tendency to show up for gigs late, if at all. Ray's life is observed through a series of episodic vignettes, many of which are more in the nature of tall tales than historically believable recreations. While *Sweet and Lowdown* includes a good dose of drama with its comedy, Penn understands the film's tone perfectly and excels in the role, emphasizing the right aspect of his character for each scene.

Other characters in the film include Samantha Morton, a real scene-stealer as Emmet's girlfriend, Hattie. **Uma Thurman** plays Blanche, the socialite who coaxes Ray into an unhappy marriage. **Anthony LaPaglia** and **Gretchen Mol** have supporting parts as, respectively, a gangster and one of Ray's would be conquests. All are creditable performances, with Morton the real stand out.

Sweet and Lowdown is a pleasant surprise after the unsuccessful *Celebrity*. It's unambitious and lacks an obviously Woody Allenesque character. Ironically, perhaps, it's all the stronger for these reasons. It has a good look and sound about it (featuring a top-notch jazz score), and ultimately succeeds as a small, diverting film.

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Book Note

By Ann Thoreau



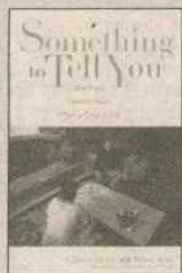
"When It's Time to Leave Your Lover"

Neil Kaminsky, a licensed clinical social worker, wrote this informative helpful book. It is primarily for Gay men who need help ending a relationship that is no longer viable or for the family or friends of a man in those circumstances.

The book provides coping techniques, encourages emotional growth and what psychological and social changes to expect during and after the process of breaking up.

This is a subject no one really likes to think about, but an experience many have faced. This book will aid and assist as well as enhance your understanding of the break-up experience. It is very reader friendly and the author comes across as a very sincere interested party.

Like numerous Gay press items the price is a bit high, but well worth it (Haworth Press Inc. \$24.95 soft)

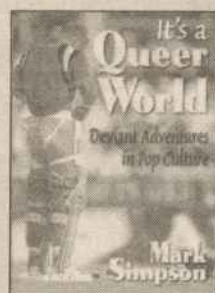


"Something to Tell You"

A well written book for parents and family of Gay individuals. I sent this book to my mother, for her comments. She wanted to know why it was not available many years ago when she had to deal with her daughter's "gayness." My mother who has "dealt" very well with my lifestyle still found information and enjoyed reading it. "I think all children should send it to their parents, it helps, even when you have known all along," said mom.

Listen to my mother, buy it, read it, send it to your parents.

(Columbia University Press, \$22.95)



"It's a Queer World"

In this hilariously perverse collection of essays, celebrated British writer and satirist Mark Simpson takes a warped look at fin-de-siecle world of pop culture where nothing is as straight or gay as it seems. Publisher's Weekly commented "Erudite, incisive, sassy, and gay, British journalist Mark Simpson reports on pop culture from the trenches."

I found it to be good reading for these long cold nights in Wisconsin. The laughter will warm you, and your neighbors will wonder what you are doing.

(Harrington Park Press \$14.95)



"Here I Stand"

This is absolute must reading for every LGBT person. John Shelby Spong's autobiography is superb reading. For those of you not familiar with this great man, he is a Heterosexual ordained Episcopal bishop, who has championed the rights and causes of LGBT for those of you not familiar with this great man, He has been harassed for his viewpoints, threatened with excommunication, faced trial for heresy but has always stood firmly in his belief that Homosexuality is not condemned by the Bible.

He has challenged Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, and Pat Buchanan. He supported the ordination of women, ordained a non-celibate gay man.

I admire his work, his life, and enjoyed reading his personal thoughts of his life. He is a humble man, who shares his life of faith, and the passages his journey of faith has taken him. Frank, honest, a book to be remembered, a man to be applauded.

As a matter of fact on February 19 at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops Bishop Spong will be there in person discussing his lifetime of struggle and signing books. He will be at 17145 West Bluemound Road at 2pm in Milwaukee. Join me, say thanks to this man for all the struggle and work he has done for the LGBT Community.

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General Gaiety

Searching for Signs of Gay Life

By Leslie Robinson

I'm going through Gay withdrawal.

I don't mean I am ex-Gay. Perish the thought. I mean I am living in an area where there aren't a lot of people, any kind of people. This has distinct charms, but the shortage of Gay life isn't one of them.

My little town is no hick haven, but it's still possible to experience what I did at the video store. I asked the clerk if they had *Love! Valor! Compassion!* He handed me *Gone With the Wind*. Said it had all three.

A gal can start to regret moving to a small town. A small town can start to regret letting a gal move in.

Consider the bookstore manager who didn't take kindly to my caressing the cover of a Rita Mae Brown novel. I tried to fondle the book by Robert Parker to throw him off the scent, but no go.

Recently I heard Dorothy Allison was coming to speak at the local college. I cer-

tainly didn't want to miss that. Imaging my surprise when campus police pitched a fit because I pitched a tent in the auditorium the night before.

"You don't understand," I told them. "There will be lesbians here tomorrow."

"If you're going to protest do it outside," they said. "Now let go of the podium."

A friend of mine has had the dubious pleasure of coming out here.

Picture it: she finally figures out who she is, has all that pent-up energy, and with joy and zest bursts forth into a world...that doesn't give a hoot.

She told me about passing a clutch of Lesbians at they entered a restaurant. She wanted to tackle them by their ankles, blurt "Thank You, thank you for being here!" and grill them on whether they live locally. I certainly understood, but praised her for her restraint. Casually affixing a tracking device is the way to go.

She and I have reached the point where we are willing to travel to be around other Gay people. We get into the car, turn on our Gaydar detector, and drive. And drive, and drive, and finally we arrive at a Pride celebration, a club, a feminist bookstore. We throw ourselves across the threshold like it's an oasis and we've been wandering for days in the desert. Well, it is and we have.

I should point out, though, that we who live rurally have connections to the Gay world previously unavailable. Like all the magazines out now. And with the Internet,

I can talk to gay people around the globe. Which only screams the fact they ain't here!

Sometimes I get a tad desperate. The other day I called up a friend. "Talk Gay to me," I begged.

"Gertrude Stein," she said. "Harvey Milk, U-Hauls, Fire Island, Torch Song Trilogy, 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' rainbow flags, Melissa um..."

"Don't stop," I implored

"The Castro, softball, ACT UP, Candace Gingrich, Stonewall, Rock Hudson, dyke drama, Ellen, pink triangles, and Tinky Winky."

I sighed. "Bless you. I think I can carry on now."

"You're so brave."

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16 wed. **Lesbian Support/Discussion Group, BestD Clinic (Milwaukee):** 2nd of 5 week mini-series led by Linda Jo Martin, MSW, CICSW covering various topics of interest to women. Limited space, call and leave name and number at BestD for Linda for information. BestD, 1240 E. Brady St., 7-8:30pm, (414) 272-2144.

17 thu. **Leather Archives & Museum Opening Weekend, LA&M (Chicago):** Opening of LA&M building, ribbon cutting and reception provided by the Chicago Eagle. This 12,500 square foot building includes a 164 seat theater, a museum and gallery, an archives and a store. Continues all weekend, New building: 6418 N. Greenview, 6pm tonight, (773) 761-9200.

Rainbow U Lecture Series, Milw. LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee): John Goldstein discusses LGBT and labor movement history. Every 3rd Thursday, Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., 6:30-8:30pm; (414) 271-2656.

TV - Frontline: Assault on Gay America, Public Television TV Channel 10 (Milwaukee): The Cream City Foundation takes great pride in supporting Milwaukee Public Television's airing of this special show, 12:30am.

Lesbian Singles Discussion Group, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee): Every 3rd Thursday, 170 S. 2nd St. 7-8:30pm (414) 271-2656

18 fri. **Author Reading: Marilyn Annucci, Room of One's Own (Madison):** Celebrate the publication of her newest chapbook of poems entitled Luck as she reads selections that are both wryly playful and deadly serious. 307 W. Johnson St., 6:30pm, (608) 257-7888.

Leather Archives & Museum Opening Weekend, LA&M (Chicago): Opening of LA&M building, exhibits open at 4pm. LeatherFest welcome at the Block Bar, 3702 N. Halsted. Continues all weekend, New building: 6418 N. Greenview, (773) 761-9200.

Same Sex Violence Seminar, Dane Co. Response to Domestic Violence (Madison): Special one-day seminar on same sex domestic violence from 9am-3:15pm; *Acknowledging Same Sex Domestic Violence* is designed for police and social service workers but is open to all interested. Keynote speaker Paula (P.B.) Poorman, Ph.D., a nationally known expert on same sex domestic violence from UW-Whitewater. Sponsored by the Same Sex Domestic Violence Committee of the Dane Co. Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence. Cost is \$35 for the seminar, lunch will be provided. For more info on the committee or to register, please call Stacy Seibert at (608) 266-4211.

19 sat. **AIDS Ride Orientation, ARCW (Milwaukee):** Learn about the Twin Cities, Wisconsin, Chicago AIDS Ride (July 10-15) today from 3-4pm at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, (800) 825-1000.

Discussion with author Jay Hatheway, Frontiers Men's Club (Madison): This Edgewood College Professor previews his timely book about being boot-ed from the Green Berets 25 years ago. Hear his insiders perspective on an injustice that continues today. Call (608) 274-5821 for location and directions. 7:30pm.

Leather Archives & Museum Opening Weekend, LA&M (Chicago): Start the day with a LeatherFest brunch at Buddies, 3301 N. Clark; exhibits open at LA&M from 11am-10pm. Leather Swap Meet at Cell Block after 2pm, Mr. Cellblock Contest, 9pm? Continues all weekend, New building: 6418 N. Greenview, (773) 761-9200.

Line/2 step Dancing, Dairyland Cowboys and Cowgirls (Madison): Review by Sharon or Bill from 8-9pm, general dance, 9-close. Dance in a smoke free environment with a cash bar. Everyone is welcome, \$3 donation. Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N.

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Video Screenings for Men, Gay Video Club (Madison): *Alive and Kicking* and *<Hot Times in Little Havana, Thick as Thieves*, 8pm, call (608) 244-8675 for location, more info.

Womyn's Poetry Open Mic, Kuumba Productions (Milwaukee): Kuumba presents *A Revolution of Womyn Poetry* open mic. Revolution of Womyn is a monthly multicultural gathering bringing women together through poetry and performance art. Milw. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, 7:30pm, (414) 271-2656.

20 sun. **AIDS Ride Orientation, ARCW (Madison):** Learn about the Twin Cities, Wisconsin, Chicago AIDS Ride (July 10-15) today 9am, State Capital room. (800) 825-1000.

Leather Archives & Museum Opening Weekend, LA&M (Chicago): exhibits open from Noon to 6pm, Centurion Awards from 2-4pm. After show wine and cheese reception. Continues all weekend, New building: 6418 N. Greenview, (773) 761-9200.

PFLAG Guest Speaker, PFLAG-Milwaukee (Milwaukee): Special guest speaker, *WI Light's* new editor, Nadine Walthers. Nadine has a rainbow tribe of 7 children, one is coping with HIV, and in '88 another son became the focus of national media attention when he was expelled from a Christian nursery school due to his AIDS diagnosis (the child died in '92). As an accomplished writer and photographer and is working on the 23rd Psalm, a photographic interpretation of the psalm in an urban setting.

22 tue. **Discussion on Shared Use Kitchen, Hunger Task Force (Milwaukee):** Discussion group to explore and share ideas about the development of a shared use commercial kitchen. Those who currently operate or are considering investing in a food related business and want to learn more about a great opportunity, should attend. For more info contact Melisa Santimo at (414) 777-0483, 201 S. Hawley Court, 4-5pm.

Minority Outreach Group Meeting, OutReach Inc. (Madison): Anyone interested in finding ways to make OutReach more accessible and welcoming of all communities, plan ways to make the agency more visible in minority communities and to encourage more minority participation. OutReach Community Center, 600 Williamson St., 6pm, (608) 255-8582.

Sex, Guys and Viral Load, AIDS Network (Madison): An HIV+ Gay and Bi Men's speak easy, discussion group; refreshments provided 6th of 6 weekly meetings. RSVP appreciated but not necessary. Continues through Feb. 22, Wilmar Community Center, 953 Jennifer St., 5:30-7pm; (608) 252-6540, ext. 14.

23 wed. **Lesbian Support/Discussion Group, BestD Clinic (Milwaukee):** 3rd of 5 week mini-series led by Linda Jo Martin, MSW, CICSW covering various topics of interest to women. Limited space, call and leave name and number at BestD for Linda for information. BestD, 1240 E. Brady St., 7-8:30pm, (414) 272-2144.

Visibility Committee Meeting, OutReach Inc. (Madison): Talk about how to make OutReach more visible by communicating better; address brochure and poster development, writing and sending press releases and article, agency involvement in the community. OutReach Community Center, 600 Williamson St., 6pm, (608) 255-8582.

24 thu. **Social Activities Group Meeting, OutReach Inc. (Madison):** Help us decide on more activities outside of bar settings that are open and accessible to all community members, organize and publicize these alternative activities. OutReach Community Center, 600 Williamson St., 6pm, (608) 255-8582.

26 sat. **HIV+ Gay Men's Social, BESTD Clinic (Milwaukee):** Premiere of new monthly event. Tired of bars? Looking for people like yourself to spend time together? Drop-in center provides the setting and opportunity. Last Saturday of every month. 1240 E. Brady St. (side door, closest to street) 8-Midnight (414) 353-4798

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Thu.

Millennium Men, Rainbow Room (Madison): These manly male dancers are guaranteed to make you break your Y2K resolutions!

19
Sat.

Unicorns Club Night, Barracks at Club 5 (Madison): Sirl! Come in attire and join the Leather Daddies and Boys every 3rd Saturday of the month for drink discounts.

20
Sun.

The Men of OverExposed, Club 5 (Madison): Don't you want to just lick those luscious men dancing for you? They make poor hostess Desiree Mathews, get all sweaty (just don't get wet plz), 10:30pm.

24
Thu.

HIV Testing and Counseling, Fluid (Milwaukee): Provided cheerfully, discreetly, anonymously and Free by the BESTD Traveling Clinic volunteers, 9pm-midnight. (It wouldn't hurt to drop some cash in their donation jar, ya know!)
Millennium Men, Rainbow Room (Madison): Male dancers take it off for your visual enjoyment.

26
Sat.

Jazz Hot Baby, Rainbow Room (Madison): Featuring the best female impersonators Madison has to offer. How Dragocious!
Levi/Leather Night, The Main Club (Superior): Last Saturday of each month all you butch ones are invited to walk those boots on in.

out in Cyberspace



by Michael
Stewart

Something for Nothing

In past issues, we've touched on some of the ways Internet surfers can use their time on the web to earn premium merchandise or even cold, hard cash. Then as now, programs such as MyPoints (online at <http://www.mypoints.com>) reward loyal netizens with goods and services for agreeing to receive advertising e-mail, while AllAdvantage (online at <http://www.alladvantage.com>) sends out checks to those who browse the web accompanied by the AllAdvantage ViewBar.

Lovely programs though they are, these and others like them can work for you only if you're already net-capable and able connect to the Internet. Suppose you just didn't feel like forking out \$20 or more a month for the privilege?

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program. If you're a Windows 95, 98 or NT user - a Macintosh version is promised soon - and have Microsoft Internet Explorer version 4 or greater installed, a few minutes spent downloading (or having a friend download), a small program will get you full Internet access at no charge. Like most ISPs, service is concentrated in more heavily-populated areas. If you're fortunate enough to be a resident of Milwaukee or Racine (in the 414 area code), Beloit, La Crosse or Madison (in the 608 area code), Eau Claire or Wausau (in the 715 area code), or Appleton, Green Bay, Kaukauna, Oshkosh or Sheboygan in the 920 area code, you're in luck, as 1stUp.Com offers the free ISP service in your area.

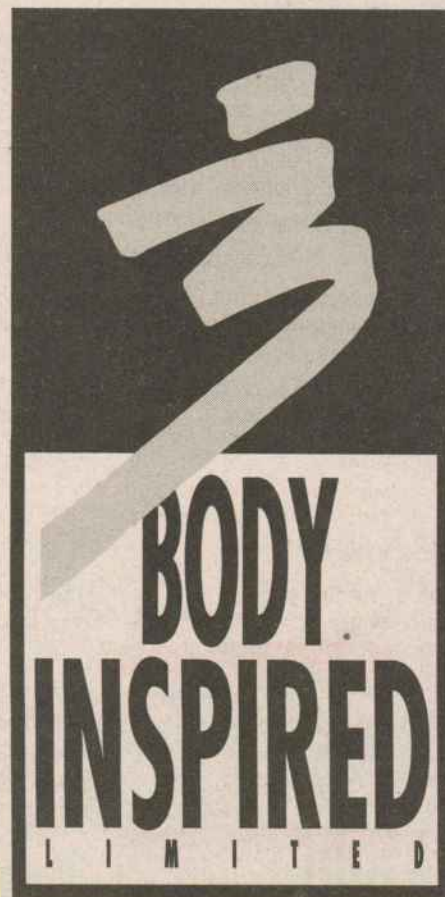
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Recaps... Did you have a happy Valentine's Day? If you didn't its probably your own fault. There were plenty of parties in the bars to help those who didn't have a sweetie to take out for night on the town. In fact the 2nd and National area was almost like Valentine's Day central.

Over at **Fluid** they had the Supreme Valentine's Day party. Leave it to Billy and Jimmy to know how to throw a theme party. Craig over at **Switch** also knows how to party. His Heart On party was a real blast. I didn't win anything but I had an excellent time. Across the street at **La Cage** there were drink specials for one and all.

The day before V-Day, the **Ball Game** had a Valentine's party. I thought that was a really nice idea because not every one wants to go to a bar with their special someone on V-Day itself especially when they have to work the next morning.

Anyone who had to work ANY morning in Madison last weekend was either late or missed a super time at the **Rainbow Room**. They had birthday party, a fab show and all kinds of great things going on throughout the V-Day weekend. Course they also had a great Valentine's Day party too.

And for that romantic touch, **Club 5** had some great Valentine Day dinner specials. Two friends of mine, who stopped there for din-din said it was fabulous. Way to go Ed and staff.

Speaking of good ideas, Si over at the **Boot Camp** combined a good idea with civic duty. Last Tuesday was primary election day. He sent an email out to the bar's list reminding people to vote. He also offered a free drink to anyone who came in with one of those "I Voted" stickers.

Last Friday, at **Club 219** we saw that **Portfolio Men** is very interested in signing up one of our own cover boys, Bounty Hunter, who appeared on the front page of our Purely Personal section a few weeks ago. Well so much for my idea of a touring company of *W Light Men*!

There were plenty of men (and women) over at **Barbies** when one my spies stopped there last Friday. She said that Barbie herself was somewhat tardy in her arrival, but that she more than made up for it by being her usual friendly, vivacious self. You go girl!

One of my spies braved the snowy weather last Saturday. He reports that there was a nice crowd at **This Is It** and also at **Club Boom**. The hot new dance

bar seems to be doing quite well so far.

Coming Up... If you pick this paper on the day it comes out (Wednesday February 16) there is still time to head for the **Triangle** and it's fabulous marguerita party. If you picked it up after that date, you can still stop by. James, Rob and company will be happy to see ya!

Thanks to everyone who let me know they appreciated the comments I made about drugs in our bars a few issues ago. It's nice to know that people are reading this column. What was even nicer was the individual who told me that after reading what I had to say, he decided not to buy or use in our clubs anymore. Let's hope he keeps his word. It's up to all of us not just any one individual or any group of individuals to change things. The bottom line is that change starts with you!

That's a starting point but this is an ending point. I have to get this column in before they start dragging the river for it. I hope to see you out and about soon. Meanwhile stay and be proud!

Dusty Sass who would love to be someone's valentine would also love to hear from you! You too can be a Dusty spy and let him know what's coming up or went down at your favorite hang out. You can reach Dusty via e-mail at dusty@wilight.com, phone (414) 226-0075 or fax (414) 226-0096.

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CENTRAL WISCONSIN (715)

Oz MW, DJ 320 Washington, Wausau, 54401 842-3225

Platwood Club G/S, MW, DJ 1730 Hwy 10W, Stevens Point, 54481 341-8862

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Scooters Wm 411 Galloway St., 54703 835-9959

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GREEN BAY (920)

Brandy's II Mw 1126 Main St., 54302 437-3917

Buddies MW 1264 Main St, 54302 437-9256

Napalese Lounge MW, DJ 1351 Cedar, 54302 432-9646

Sass WM, Sp 840 S. Broadway, 54304 437-7277

Za's/Java' MW, DJ, E, F, V 1106 Main St., 54302 435-5476

RESTAURANTS

Cafe Bourbon 1106 Main St., Upper, 54301 435-5476

LA CROSSE (608)

Cavalier Lounge MW, J, DJ 114 N. 5th St., 54601 782-9061

Rainbow's End Wm, J, E 417 Jay St., 54601 782-9802

My Place Mw, J, K, E, F 3201 South Ave., 54601 788-9073

MADISON (608)

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, J 5 Applegate Ct., 53713 277-9700

Mens Room M, L/L 3054 E. Washington, 53704 241-9335

Rainbow Room MW, DJ, E 121 W. Main St., 53703 251-5838

Ray's Bar & Grill WM, DJ, F 3054 E. Washington, 53704 241-9335

Shamrock MW, F, J 117 W. Main St., 53703 255-5029

The Barracks M, L/L 5 Applegate Ct., 53713 277-8700

RESTAURANTS

Club 5 Fine Dining 5 Applegate Ct., 53713 277-9700

Fyfe's Corner Bistro Fine Dining 1344 E. Washington 251-8700

MILWAUKEE (414)

1100 Club M, L/L, F, J 1100 S. 1st St., 53204 647-9950

Ballgame M, S, E, J 196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474

(Open 2pm, Cocktail Hour 2-9 Mon-Fri; Sat & Sun open 11am)

Barbie Dolls Playhouse MW, E, K, D 700 E. Meinecke, 53212 374-7441

Boot Camp M, L/L 209 E. National Ave., 53204 643-6900

C'est La Vie M, E, J, D 231 S. 2nd St., 53204 291-9600

(Open 5pm, Cocktail Hour 5-8 Mon-Fri; Sat & Sun open 2pm, Daily Specials)

Club Boom M, E, J, D 625 S. 2nd St., 53204 277-5040

Club 219 Mw, DJ, V 219 S. 2nd St., 53204 276-2711

Dish W, M, DJ 235 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-DISH

Emeralds Lounge MW 801 E. Hadley St., 53212 265-7325

Fannies Wm, DJ, E, K 200 E. Washington St., 53204 649-9003

Fluid MW 819 S. 2nd St., 53204 645-8330

(Open 5pm everyday; 2-for-1 Drinks 5-8 Mon-Fri; Wed & Thur specials, 8pm-close)

Kathy's Nut Hut Wm, Sp, J 1500 W. Scott St., 53204 647-2673

La Cage Mw, DJ, E, V 801 S. 2nd St., 53204 383-8330

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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, J 354 E. National Ave., 53204 225-9676

Station 2 Wm, Sp, J 1534 W. Grant, 53204 383-5755

Switch Mw, Sp, J, K, DJ 124 W. National, 53204 220-4340

(Open 5pm, outdoor patio, Cocktail hour 5-9pm, nightly specials 9-close)

This Is It Mw 418 E. Wells St., 53202 278-9192

(Open 3pm everyday; Cocktail hour special)

Triangle M 135 E. National Ave., 53204 383-9412

Woody's M, J 1579 S. 2nd St., 53204 672-0806

RESTAURANTS

Annex Cafe Late Nite 1106 S. 1st St., 53204 384-7999

Glass Menagerie Fine Dining 124 N. Water St., 53202 347-1962

RACINE/KENOSHA (414)

Club 94 MW, DJ, E 9001 120th Ave., Kenosha, 53140 857-9958

Clubhouse Filling Station MW, F 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

SHEBOYGAN (920)

Blue Lite MW 1029 N. 8th St., 53081 457-1636

SUPERIOR (715)

Bev's Jook Joint Wm, J 820 Tower Ave., 55880 392-5373

JT's Bar & Grill MW, DJ 1506 N. 3rd St, 55880 394-2580

Main Club MW, L/L 1217 Tower Ave., 55880 392-1756

M-Men • W-Women • G/S-Gay/Straight • F-Food • DJ-Disk Jockey • V-Video
L/L-Levi/Leather • E-Entertainment • Sp-Sports • K-Karaoke • J-Jukebox • D-Dancing



by **Jill Dearman**

ARIES: An old lover could try to come back into your life. You may be tempted by this person, but it's an ego less you're meant to learn, so tread carefully or risk looking like a sap. A Libra is full of fire and passion for you, but you've got to fan the flames.

TAURUS: Jupiter's transit through your sign is bringing lots of weird and wonderful folks into your life. You need allies now, not gurus. Take more chances and give less power to the know-it-alls. A Scorpio can boost your confidence - and your sex drive.

GEMINI: The Sun is traveling through your career house, which means you have to spend less time surfing the Net and more time promoting a clear, focused agenda. If anyone can whip you into shape, it's a Taurus. You need, girl!

CANCER: Take a class in a subject that turns you on intellectually and sexually. Plan a trip to an exotic place, or just dress up in the clothes of that nation and then tease a Pisces into stripping them off you. Reconnect to your sense of adventure, you old poop!

LEO: The time has come to go into business with a partner (or partners) you trust. I know you've been burned in the past, but this "me and me against the world" attitude has grown tired. A Gemini is there for you: take her up on her offer.

VIRGO: Love will come to you in many forms as February winds down. Accept them all. Healing begins when you admit how much you've lost, and what you really, really want. An Aquarius wants to make you feel whole again, emotionally and sexually.

LIBRA: While Venus, your ruler, is transiting your house of creativity you should put some energy into an artistic baby of yours. Nurture it and love it, and it will grow up to love you. Save the breast-feeding for a Sag, though. She's got a bit of a fetish for you.

SCORPIO: If you're feeling restless or a little depressed, for God's sake get out of the house! You may not be 17 anymore, but you need to act like you are. Clubs, parties and other attention-grabbing places are calling you. A Gemini may start off feeding your ego, and then pretty quickly get to your soul.

SAGITTARIUS: It could be hard for you to express in words what's in your heart these days. So be more creative. Use your body and your imagination. People are picking up on the gentle side of your personality. Who knew you had one? An Aries is beginning to trust you. Don't blow it!

CAPRICORN: Mars in your house of home and family suggests you may have to fight a few battles before you can get the peace you desire with relatives, roommates, and lovers. Stand up for what's important to you. Be firm and clear. A Leo needs boundaries (and some new bondage equipment).

AQUARIUS: You and a lover need to do something sexy and serious to prove your mutual passion. Stop taking such a milquetoast attitude toward romance. A Cancer needs something more from you. Rise to the

occasion, dammit!

PISCES: Now that the stars are lining up to serve you, focus your energy on the one lover, the one career project, and the one spiritual matter that mean the most to you. Don't let the tedious details of everyday life distract you.

A Capricorn can help you make something of yourself.

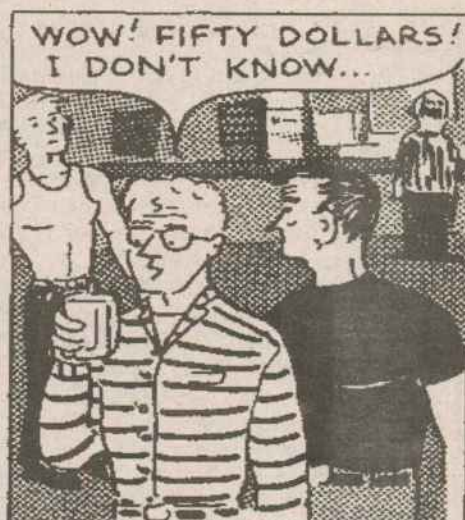
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 AIDS Action WI • 820 N. Plankinton Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53202 (800) 359-9272
 Chapel of Hope • Independent online Evangelical Ministry of LGBT's www.chapelofhope.org
 Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) • PO Box 259502, 53725 (608) 241-3009
 www.glsenwi.org, email: moreinfo@gslenwi.org
 Gay Youth Wisconsin Hotline • F/S 7pm-11pm (888) 429-TEEN
 Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT) • PO Box 899, Milw., 53201 (414) 871-4172
 Log Cabin Republicans of WI. • PO Box 199, Milwaukee, WI 53201 (414) 299-9443
 www.lcr-wi.org • for Lesbian/Gay Republicans and GOP allies
 Pride in WI Government • c/o OutReach, Box 168, Madison, 53701 (608) 255-8582
 Wisconsin Community Fund • 122 State St. #507A Madison 53703 (608) 251-6834
 1442 N Farwell #100 Milw. 53202 • wcf@IGC.org www.wisconsincommunityfund.org
 Social justice fund provides grants & technical assistance statewide
 WI Research Center • Rightwing Watch Dog Group • PO Box 92041, Milw., 53202 (414) 272-9984

MEDICAL / HIV

- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin • Offices Statewide (800) 359-9272
 providing HIV prevention, health & social services, research and advocacy
 Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) • Medical College of WI. (800) 644-1615
 2071 N. Summit Ave., Milwaukee, 53202 (414) 456-7700
 Fax (414) 287-4209 • www.mcw.edu/psych/cair.html .A national research center dedicated
 to developing strategies for HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Please call for information to
 join any of our ongoing studies.

GREEN BAY / NORTHEAST WISCONSIN (920) ORGANIZATIONS

- Alcoholics Anonymous • LGBT Meetings Appleton 731-4331 • Green Bay 469-9995
 Entertainers Against AIDS • Local entertainers, supporters • PO Box 2040, Green Bay, 54306
 Positive Voice Inc. • Box 1381, Green Bay 54305 435-4404
 Rainbow Alliance @ St. Norbert College • GLBT's on campus • Danialle Horenet,
 c/o SNC, PAC 106, DePere, 54115 403-3963
 Rainbow Over WI (ROW) • LGBT Charitable group • 702 E. Wisconsin Ave, Appleton 54911-4830
 Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays PFLAG •
 PO Box 213, Sturgeon Bay, 54325 743-8663
 PO Box 195, Neenah, 54957-0195 735-1025
 Green Bay/Brown County 433-9104
 Pineapple • Social/Activity Group • PO Box 834, Sheboygan, 53082 451-8722
 Pride/Lawrence University/LGBT Group • Appleton 832-7695
 UW-Green Bay 10% Society • Social, Support, education • 2420 Nicolet Dr., Green Bay, 54311. Brian 465-2343
 UW-Oshkosh H.O.P.E. • GLBT's Alliance • Reeve Union, UW, 748 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh 54901 960-2249
 GLBT Youth Partnership • Appleton, meetings & hot line 731-4847
 GLBT Youth Pride • Green Bay, weekly meetings Patti @ 437-4325

RELIGIOUS

- Angel of Hope MCC • 3607 Libar, Alloeux, 54301 983-7453
 Angel of Hope MCC • 815 N. Richmond, Appleton, 54914 991-0128
 Union Congregational Church UCC • Multicultural • 716 S. Madison, Green Bay, 54911 996-0055

BED & BREAKFAST

- The Chanticleer • 4072 Cherry Rd (HH), Sturgeon Bay, 54235 746-0334

PROFESSIONAL / SERVICES

- Bob Loberger/Castle Realty • 7770 S. Main, Fond du Lac, 54935 922-5300 x26
 One Voice Counseling Service • 222 1/2 E. College Ave., Appleton, 54911 996-0055

MEDICAL

- ARCW Office • 120 N. Morrison St., Suite 201, Appleton 54911 800/920-733-2068
 ARCW Office • 824 S. Broadway, Green Bay, 54304 437-7400

MADISON (608) ORGANIZATIONS

- Brew City Bears • Bears & Admirers • PO Box 8815, 53701
 Campus Women's Center • 4th Floor, Memorial Union, 800 Langdon 53706 262-8093
 Delta Lambda Phi • Gay Frat • Memorial Union, 800 Langdon, UW-Madison 53706
 Frontiers Men's Club • Social group • PO Box 310, 53703 274-5959
 Gay And Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVANize) • PO Box 1403, 53701 255-8582
 LGBT Business Alliance • c/o PO Box 1722, 53701 256-6214
 LGBT Law Student Assoc. • Box 17, Rm. 208, 500 Lincoln Dr. 975 Bascom Hall 53701
 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, www.outreachinc.com 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
 Perfect Harmony Chorus • 5570 Woodland Dr., Waunakee, 53597 849-3861
 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
 ARCW Office • 222 State St., 53701 258-9103/800-518-9910
 Blue Bus STD Clinic • 1552 University Ave, 53705 262-7330

RELIGIOUS

- Integrity/Dignity • LGBT Christians • PO Box 730, 53701 836-8886
 Affirmation • LGBT United Methodists • University Church, 1127 University Ave. 53705 256-2353

BED & BREAKFAST

- Prarie Garden B&B • W13172, Hwy 188, Lodi, 53555 (800) 380-8427

RETAIL / SHOPPING

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

NORTHWEST WISCONSIN (715)

- ARCW Office • 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior, 54880 (877)-242-0282/(715)-394-4009
 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-Stout 10% Society • c/o 153 C. Harvey Hall, UW-Stout, Menomonee, 54751
 UW-Superior 10% Society • UW, Superior, 54880 394-8091
 Out Up North • PO Box 695, Washburn, WI 54891 682-2890

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- ARCW Office • 1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53141 (800)-924-6601
 LGBT Youth Group • ARCW Office • 1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53141 (800)-924-6601
 UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union • 309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater, 53190
 UW-Parkside GL Organ. • 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha, 53144 595-2244

PROFESSIONALS / SERVICES

- Patricia Pearson, American Family Insurance • 1024 60 St., # 4, Kenosha 53143 654-1006

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- ARCW Office • 1105 Grand Ave. #3, Schofield, 54476 (800)-551-3331
 Marshfield Gay and Lesbian Organ (MGLO) • c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3, 54449
 mglo@webtv.net, Victor (715)-387-2068
 Rainbow Alliance (RACW) • Box 390 Stevens Point WI 54481 592-6245 X 5920200
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 UW-SP 10% Society • Box 68, Campus Activities Office, U-C, Stevens Point, 54481 346-4366

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 Diversity Resource Center • 1741 State St., #223B, La Crosse, 54601
 Galaxy • La Crosse, surrounding area • PO Box 602, Onalaska, WI 54650 (608) 791-1963
 G/L Alliance/The Alliance • Box 131, Platteville, 53818 (608) 348-5596
 PFLAG-GCV • PO Box 0011, Eau Claire, WI 54702 (715) 235-4567
 Rainbow Club • PO Box 11, Eau Claire, 54702 (800)-750-2437
 Pioneers • Rural WI Gay & Lesbian Alliance, PO Box 53, Richland Center, WI 53581 (800) 484-8131
 pioneerswi@aol.com • Code 4419

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- ARCW Office • Onieda Co. Health Dept., Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501 715-369-6228
 Northern Lambda Society • PO Box 802, Rhinelander, 54501

MILWAUKEE (414) ORGANIZATIONS

- Alternative Business Assoc • PO Box 511778, 53203 299-9271
 Bayview Rainbow Association • Contact Neil 271-2656
 Bi Definition c/o LGBT Comm. Center • Bisexual Organization • 170 S. 2nd St, 53204 774-5055
 Black & White Men Together (BMWt) • Men's Social Group • PO Box 100608, 53210
 hppt:/members.aol.com/Milw4bwmt 461-4586 box 3
 Castaways MC • PO Box 1697, Milw., WI 53201-1697 • Call Corey 372-9253
 Cream City Squares • Square Dancing • djdilges@execpc.com 445-8080
 Counseling Center • LGBT Support Groups • 2038 N. Bartlett 271-2565
 Cream City Foundation • PO Box 204, 53212 225-0244
 Delta Lambda Phi • Gay Frat • PO Box 413, Union Box 51, UW-Milwaukee, 53201
 Fest City Singers • PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING
 Front Runners • Runners Group 332-1527
 Galano Club • Alcohol Free Recovery Club • 2408 N Farwell, 53211 276-6936
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 GAMMA • Social/Recreational • PO Box 1900, 53201 365-3453
 Gay Youth Milwaukee • PO Box 090441, 53209, www.gym.8m.com 265-8500
 Gemini Gender Group • TG Support • PO Box 44214, 53214 297-9328
 G/L Community Trust Fund • PO Box 1686, 53201 643-1652
 GLBT Employees of Ameritech (GLEAM) • PO Box 254, 53201 482-4310
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 The Queer Program • Tuesdays 7pm • PO Box 090441, 53209 265-8500

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Rainbow Families • (Alternative Family Situations) Call Wendy	447-0251
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
Call for meeting schedule and updated events.	
Wisconsin Corporate Alliance (WCA) Corporate Professionals Network	284-3295
Wisconsin Cream City Chorus • 170 S. 2nd St., Milw., WI 53204	276-8787
MEDICAL / HIV	
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 • 11am Sun. service • 1239 W Mineral, 53204	383-1100
Prince of Peace • 1138 S. 25th St., • 9:30am Sunday service	
Rebuilding Faith • Discussion Group • for LGBT Catholics • Fred	481-8543
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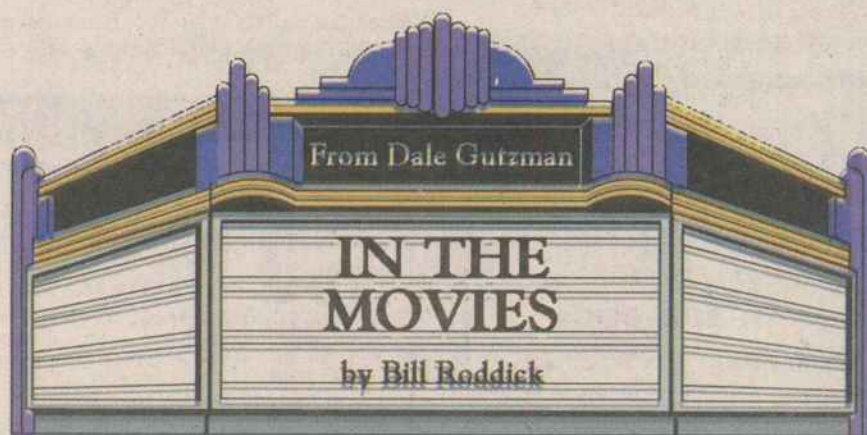
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