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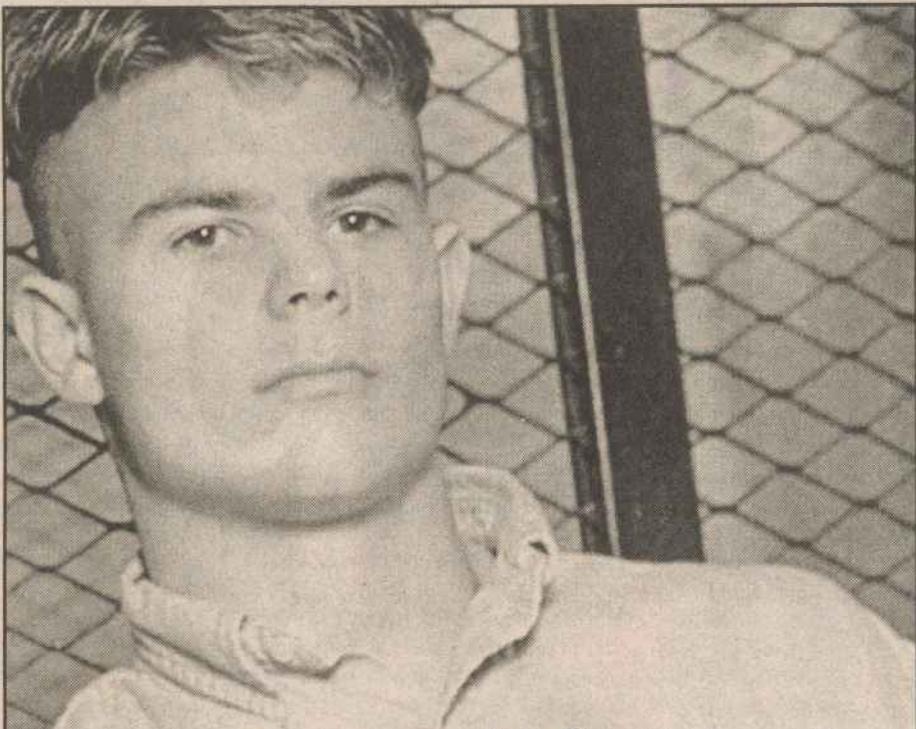
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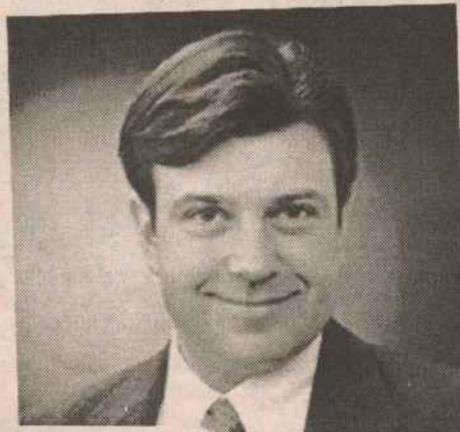
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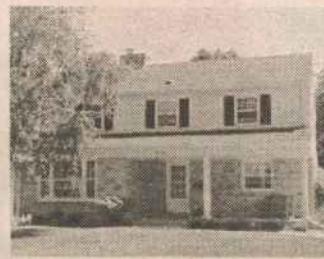


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editor's note

Welcome to a new century and a new IN Step. In fact, as our ad campaign of recent weeks alluded to, this is IN Step, version 5.0, it is the fifth time that IN Step has changed size and format in its 15 year history. What was a small 5"x7" bar guide in 1984 has grown into a Wisconsin institution, and our community's leading gay and lesbian publication. Long before there was a Quest, a Probe and even a Wisconsin Light, there was IN Step. Simply put, our mission is to ensure that IN Step will be here to serve our community for a long time come, while maintaining the integrity and professionalism our readers have come to expect.

IN Step has long been recognized for its strong design and readability. Our new bold format continues that tradition. The merging of the IN Step and Q sections into a single entity streamlines the reading process and eliminates the cumbersome need for two separate sections. For many of you, IN Step will no longer be folded, giving our covers much more visibility on the stands. To paraphrase Martha Stewart, "We think that is a good thing."

Along with our new design comes other changes. With this issue, I am very pleased to announce that Jamakaya has chosen to expand her role with IN Step, as she tackles the new job of Assistant Editor. Without dispute, Jamakaya is truly the most accomplished and respected lesbian journalist working in Wisconsin today. For those not familiar with her work, I can assure you that her track record of professionalism and experience is clearly unmatched. Her impact can already be felt in this issue with her outstanding account of a troubling gay bashing incident in Milwaukee's Third Ward.

Also in this issue you will find my complete report on the troubling news coming on the heels of Fr. Stephen Braddock's depar-

ture from St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry. I believe our week long investigation is of great importance to the community. However, I continue to believe in the strong support that St. Camillus provides for those living with HIV.

A word of thanks also goes to our long-time book editor, Ed Grover who has stepped down from that role to write his own book. Ed has been with us since the heady days of Q•Voice, contributing many, many hours to the success of our publications. He will continue to contribute a book review or two along with other juicy items. Best of luck, and here's to a job well done!

Special thanks also goes to our many advertisers. It is a humbling vote of confidence that so many have chosen IN Step for their advertising needs. It reflects positively, not only on the evolution of IN Step, but the continued maturing of our community as well. We are very grateful for their support and encourage you, our readers, to patronize and support those businesses and organizations that advertise in our pages.

It is only through their support that we are able to celebrate pride every two weeks and sponsor important events like Madison's Pink Party on New Year's Eve which saw a record 1,400 persons bring in the new century while supporting Madison's OutReach. Truly a worthy cause.

Until next issue.

William Attewell

OUT FRONT: Kurt Dyer of Project Q, Photo by Jorge Cabal. See our interview on page 14

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news

New Gay Mayor Opposes Gay Marriages

MONTPELIER, Vt. — One surprising person who thinks same-sex couples should not be allowed to marry is Dan Stewart, the openly gay Mayor-elect of Plattsburgh, N.Y.

Stewart, a Republican, made his remarks in an interview with WCAX-TV in Vermont.

He said he agreed with the Vermont state supreme court's recent decision that same-sex couples should be considered legally equal with married couples, but said he thinks traditional marriage is only for straights.

"I do not want to call it 'gay marriage,'" Stewart said. "I want domestic partnership benefits for people that are in same-sex unions. Call it something different but don't tread on the institution of marriage. I think the Vermont supreme court did just that with a domestic partnership line for the legislature to follow through."

Stewart said the Vermont court ruling could actually hurt the gay rights fight in this country by leading even more state legislatures to take preemptive action banning not only same-sex marriages but also domestic partnership benefits.

Michigan Foundation Suspends Grants to Boy Scouts

TROY, Mich. — According to a report in the Michigan gay and lesbian newspaper, Between the Lines, the Kresge Foundation, the largest in the state, has voted to cut off its grants to the Boy Scouts because of its policy of excluding homosexuals.

The newspaper quoted John Marshall III, head of the foundation, as saying, "The Kresge Foundation is proud to have supported scouting programs and has committed \$10 million in grants to BSA councils in its 75 years of operation."

But the foundation would in the future evaluate grant applicants' diversity policies that should include "race/ethnicity, gender ... and sexual orientation."

Adviser Quits Bush Presidential Campaign Post

WASHINGTON — Diane Ravitch, an education author who served as an assistant secretary of education during the Bush administration, has abruptly resigned as an adviser to Texas Gov. George Bush's presidential campaign.

The New York Times reported that Ravitch quit because of Bush's refusal to meet representatives of the Log Cabin Republicans, the gay and lesbian GOP group.

The paper said, however, that Ravitch refused to comment further on her reasons for resigning from Bush's campaign effort.

Misuse of Funds Suspected in Wake of Braddock Departure

Special Report
by William Attewell



Fr. Stephen Braddock, photo by Jorge Cabal.

Milwaukee — Members of Wisconsin's AIDS community are expressing shock and disappointment after reports began surfacing in recent weeks that Rev. Stephen E. Braddock, the founder and former executive director of St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry and chairman of the St. Camillus Health System, is suspected of inappropriate personal expenditures and mishandling of funds from the accounts of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry.

Early estimates on the amounts in question start at approximately \$25,000, much of that amount was charged to St. Camillus credit cards. Sources say a complete audit is expected by the end of January.

Representatives of St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry initially confirmed our story with a series of statements to *IN Step*, but subsequently withdrew them on advice of legal counsel.

Tim Reardon, an attorney representing St. Camillus told *IN Step* that no wrongdoing on Braddock's part was suspected, and that it remains to be determined if any funds from St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry were ever misused by Braddock.

Reliable sources have confirmed that a routine, internal financial review in early October of last year revealed financial irregularities which led some inside St. Camillus to believe that Braddock apparently used St. Camillus funds for personal use, including personal trips, hotel accommodations and personal purchases which may not have been related to his work at St. Camillus.

During this time, Braddock was on a trip which included passage on the luxury liner Queen Elizabeth II and possibly the Concord jet. However, there is no evidence St. Camillus funds were used to book passage, as Braddock may have been the guest

of friends, Dr. Michael Thomas of Tenn. and artist Keith Bland of Key West, Fla.

Several pieces of Bland's artwork were also purchased by Braddock to be displayed on the St. Camillus Campus.

Upon his return to U.S. in late October, Braddock abruptly resigned his post from St. Camillus and cleaned out his office. A statement from St. Camillus was subsequently released to *IN Step* citing Braddock's "brittle diabetic condition" and other health reasons for his resignation. However, sources say the discovery of the apparent misuse of funds actually led to his departure. On Nov. 22, Braddock released a second statement to *IN Step* indicating he had been reassigned to St. Mary Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church in Key West, Fla.

Braddock has not yet been charged with a crime. Sources tell *IN Step* that St. Camillus may be hesitant to pursue it as a legal matter given Braddock's current status within the Catholic Church. As long as Braddock remains a priest in the order, St. Camillus would likely be responsible to pay for any legal defense costs associated with a prosecution. However, some are now questioning whether Braddock was ordained with appropriate church credentials.

When contacted at his Florida residence by *IN Step*, Braddock declined comment, but indicated there was "no story here."

Braddock had been cited as being instrumental in establishing a state-of-the-art sensitive care unit at St. Camillus. In addition, he is credited with helping create the Raphael House, a group home for persons living with HIV. In 1999, St. Camillus was awarded the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's Red Rose Award which Braddock accepted at the annual Make a Promise Dinner.

ARCW sub-contracts with St. Camillus to provide supportive housing for persons living with HIV/AIDS through a Housing Opportunities for with People with AIDS (HOPRA) grant. *IN Step* has learned that ARCW suspended payment on that contract while the Braddock matter is reviewed by St. Camillus, and to assure that no HOPRA monies were involved. Reardon indicated to *IN Step* that the matter with ARCW had been resolved.

"This issue is not resolved, ARCW has stopped payment on its subcontract with St. Camillus until the allegations of misuse of funds are completely resolved," Doug Nelson, executive director of ARCW told *IN Step*.

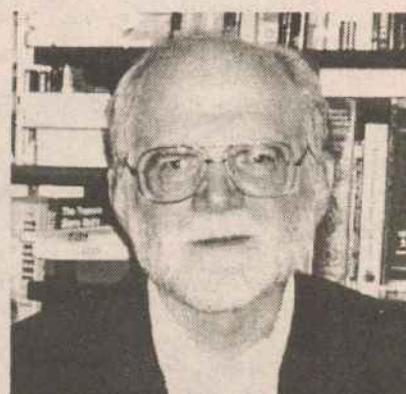
Madison DP "Hero" Seeks School Board Seat

by Mike Leon
of the *IN Step* staff

Madison — Before there was a Domestic Partners Registry in Dane County or Madison, Bill Keys the former President of Madison Teachers, Inc. (MTI) was fighting for domestic partnership benefits in Wisconsin.

During the last of his three terms as President of the Madison School District teachers' union, Keys earned a reputation as a hero in the LGBT community here for his part in the successful bargaining of contract language guaranteeing domestic partner (DP) insurance benefits for teachers.

Keys' 1997-98 term saw the Madison School District become the first governmental unit in Wisconsin to offer benefits to employees. Madison became the second



Bill Keys.

of the nation's some 16,000 school districts to offer DP benefits, preceded only by the Berkeley School District.

"During contract negotiations, I was intractable on domestic partnership language, that was a no-brainer," said Keys.

Now Keys, who retired last June after teaching English for 31 years, is running for election to the always-contentious Madison School board, and is drawing wide support for his past work.

"Bill Keys is what people fighting for equality need: a highly effective tactician with a passion for social justice," said State Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison). "If it were not for Bill Keys, the Madison School District would not have offered DP benefits. This was just a huge step forward."

Keys is uncomfortable with any hero language used in describing him. "A team of committed people made DP happen," said Keys. "You want to know a real hero? It was the young man who came out of the closet at the general membership meeting in 1997. He stepped up to the microphone in front of 2000 teachers and said we should not betray him. We didn't."

Asked about his goals should he be elected to the School Board, Keys said he wants the School District to continue recognizing human beings as human beings. "It's important students see a teacher living his or her life as a free person, that translates," said Keys. "Equity, liberation, civil rights are important values. And there are people who are generally uncomfortable with themselves and afraid of themselves, who don't like people being different from them—to live their lives as individuals."

Keys is quick to praise his community as he seeks public elected office for his first time.

"Madison is a wonderful city. There are just a huge brotherhood and sisterhood of wonderful people," said Keys.

"The people who are my heroes, a lot of them right here, are people throughout history who have taken stands for freedom, who have risked sacrificing themselves for a vision of the future."

The Madison School Board primary is on Feb. 15, the general election is on April 4.

Local Bashing Victims to Get Their Day in Court

by Jamakaya
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — After more than a year of run-a-rounds by law enforcement authorities, Milwaukeean Cory Jay Liebmann, who was the victim of a gay bashing along with a friend of his in Dec., 1998, may finally achieve some measure of justice.

On Feb. 10, Jason Anthony Mertens, 25, will appear before Milwaukee Circuit Court Judge John McCormick for sentencing in the attack on Liebmann, his friend Bob and several others outside the La Cage dance club on S. Second St. Mertens has pleaded guilty to one count of felony battery and one count of misdemeanor battery related to the assaults. But much to the dismay of Liebmann, Mertens has not been charged with a hate crime, despite his shouting of anti-gay slurs as he attacked the victims.

The incident occurred in front of La Cage around closing time in the early morning hours of Dec. 4, 1998. There, Liebmann, his friend Bob and others were standing on the sidewalk after exiting the club. As Liebmann describes it, Mertens and a companion approached from the

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south. Mertens, unprovoked, suddenly pushed one member of the group roughly against the brick wall of the building. When Bob asked what he was doing, Mertens turned on him shouting expletives and hit him in the side of the head, knocking him to the ground. Bob, in considerable pain, suffered a punctured eardrum.

At this point, Liebmann went to the aid of his friend and told Mertens to stop his violence. Mertens yelled, "I'm going to kill you, faggot!" and punched Liebmann, breaking his eyeglasses and inflicting bruises. Mertens repeated his anti-gay threats and menaced others in the group. Liebmann ran to call 911 from a nearby pay phone while the others (including Mertens' companion) tried to calm Mertens, who had started to push and hit women in the group. After hitting Bob again, Mertens fled, along with his friend, on foot. Liebmann hopped in a taxi cab to keep track of them. When the police approached, Liebmann was able to lead them to the assailant. Others also identified Mertens as the culprit. The officers interviewed victims and witnesses and placed Mertens in a paddy wagon.

It was only the next month after Liebmann received a letter from the City Attorney's Office inviting him to a meeting about the incident that Liebmann learned Mertens was given a municipal citation for assault and battery. At the meeting, Assistant City Attorney Charles Theiss interviewed Liebmann and his friend Bob as well as Mertens, who contested the charge. Mertens claimed the group on S.

Second Street that night were gang members who threatened him and that he had only defended himself. Liebmann told *IN Step* Mertens' claim was "ridiculous. None of us looked like gang-bangers. And nobody said a word to him. He just approached, started yelling and swearing and pushing people around. Even the friend who was with him said he couldn't understand why [Mertens] just lost it."

At that meeting, Liebmann wanted to raise the issue of a hate crimes charge but did not get the chance. Because "substantial injury" was involved in the assault, Asst. City Atty. Theiss decided to turn the matter over to the District Attorney's office.

Records Of Incident Disappear

Many months went by and Liebmann was not contacted about the case at all. Curious about its disposition, he called the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to see what was happening. The District Attorney's Office informed Liebmann they had no record of the incident at all and that he should check with the City Attorney's Office. When he called the City Attorney's Office, they also claimed to have no records. "I couldn't believe it," Liebmann said. "Luckily, I had made a copy of the citation report for myself. I was the only one who seemed to have any records about this at all."

Liebmann spoke to Asst. City Attorney Theiss and reminded him of the meeting back in February and of his decision to turn the matter over to the District Attorney. Theiss acknowledged Liebmann's account but offered no reasons for why the paperwork was never received by the D.A. "He kind of admitted that he hoped they hadn't screwed things up," Liebmann told *IN Step*.

Frustrated with the situation, Liebmann wrote a formal letter to Theiss reiterating the entire incident and the lack of response from the City Attorney's and the District Attorney's offices. He sent copies of the letter to City Attorney Grant Langley (Theiss's boss), Alderman Paul Henningsen and Mayor John Norquist. In the letter, dated Sept. 9, 1999, Liebmann asked for a written response by Oct. 1. "The victims of this crime have suffered and waited long enough," Liebmann wrote, "we would like this to move forward as soon as possible."

But Liebmann did not hear from Theiss: "Not only didn't I hear from him in writing, I didn't get a phone call or email or smoke signal or anything."

Feeling stymied by the city, Liebmann did two things. He took his story to the media and he contacted several federal agencies. WTMJ-TV (channel 4) ran a story about the incident and the failure of the city to respond. Liebmann also went to the United States Attorney's office, which directed him to file a hate crimes report with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. "I just wasn't confident that anything was happening locally," Liebmann told *IN Step*. "I thought maybe this was necessary for accountability."

After Channel 4 televised the story, Liebmann received a call from an officer with the Internal Affairs Division of the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD). The officer indicated that the MPD would investigate the incident and interview the officers who had been on the scene. Two weeks later, the District Attorney's office

finally charged Mertens with two crimes, misdemeanor battery and felony battery.

"I can't believe how much I had to keep after them to get them to do something that should have been done in the first place," Liebmann told *IN Step*. "I'm not a big conspiracy buff, but it did make me wonder whether they treated it this way because it was a gay bashing. Then again, could it be that they just routinely lose track of things this way? I hope not."

Issue Of Hate Crime Ignored By D.A.

To prepare the charges against Mertens, the victims were again called in for a meeting, this time with Assistant District Attorney Douglas Simpson who took their statements. Liebmann used the opportunity to ask why Mertens was not being charged under the hate crimes statute given that he made loud and repeated anti-gay slurs as he attacked people on Second Street that night. Simpson replied that hate crimes are hard to prove. Liebmann had come prepared and actually read to the Asst. District Attorney the Wisconsin hate crimes statute which enhances penalties for crimes based "in whole or in part" because of the victim's status, whether it be race, disability, religion, national origin or sexual orientation. Liebmann recalled that Simpson was not happy with the legal lesson. In the end, he conceded that he would "consider it," but no hate crime charge was filed.

Over many years of reporting, this journalist has often asked why hate crimes charges have not been filed in local cases where anti-gay hatred is clearly a motivating factor in the crime. The standard replies from assistant district attorneys who handle prosecutions are "It's hard to prove," and, in the Ricky Roundtree and other murder cases, "It's superfluous since the suspect is already being charged with homicide." Probing deeper, four or five assistant D.A.'s have admitted to this reporter: "District Attorney E. Michael McCann believes the hate crime statute is bad law."

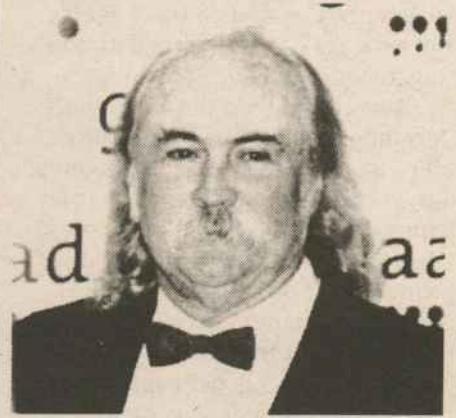
"I think it's very arrogant of them to ignore the hate crimes statute," Liebmann told *IN Step*. "They are supposed to prosecute the law as it exists today. If they don't like the law or they don't agree with the law, then they should take it up with the legislature."

Early this year, Liebmann was informed that Mertens, who has a previous record of battery and endangering safety by use of a weapon, pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the bashing attack outside La Cage. He and his friend Bob will appear at the sentencing hearing February 10 and present their own "victim impact" statements. He looks forward to his day in court when he can tell the judge how the crime affected him.

"I guess what I've learned more than anything," Liebmann told *IN Step*, "is that you can't always trust the professionals you're supposed to depend on, like city officials or police. Sometimes you have to take the initiative and pursue things to make sure your rights are being protected."

Mystery Solved: David Crosby Fathered Etheridge's Kids

LOS ANGELES — One of the best kept secrets in rock 'n' roll is out. The biological father of lesbian singer Melissa Etheridge's two children is none other than veteran rock star



David Crosby

David Crosby, according to the upcoming issue of Rolling Stone magazine.

Notwithstanding his frequent drug and health problems, Crosby, 58, made the grade because Etheridge is a fan.

"He's musical, which means a lot to me, and I admire his work," Etheridge, 38, was quoted as telling the magazine.

The children, three-year-old daughter Bailey and one-year-old son Beckett, were borne by Etheridge's partner, Julie Cypher, who was fertilized via artificial insemination.

"No kitchen implements were involved," said Cypher, a 35-year-old filmmaker who was once married to actor Lou Diamond Phillips.

The family appears on the cover of Rolling Stone, along with Crosby and his wife, Jan, who recommended her husband as the donor.

Crosby, who has four children of his own ranging from ages 35 to four, was not present at Bailey's and Beck-



Julie Cypher and Melissa Etheridge

ett's birth, and does not have parental duties, Etheridge said.

For his part, Crosby was happy to lend a hand.

"Maybe it's a good thing for a lot of straight families to see that this is not something strange," he said.

Rumors of the father's identity have been swirling for some time, with speculation ranging from screen hunk Brad Pitt to Etheridge's idol, Bruce Springsteen. The couple said they decided to go public because they were sick of the questions and wanted to live an open life.

Lesbian Lovers Rally to Aide of Bisexual Porn Star

LOS ANGELES — In what sounds like a sizzling movie script come to life, former lesbian lovers of Kathryn Gannon, better known in adult film circles by the name Marylin Star, have been holding fundraisers for her.

Among the items being used to raise money, mainly in Los Angeles and New York, are T-shirts with the slogan "Run Marylin Run."

Gannon, 30, fled the U.S. in late December after the U.S. Attorney's office issued arrest warrants against her on charges of insider trading. James McDermott Jr., an investment banking executive, was charged with giving tips about possible bank mergers to Gannon, who had been his mistress at the time.

Gannon, who is believed to be in hiding in Vancouver, was described by Marc Medoff, head of the Adult Press Service, as a bisexual and said she needs the help of her former on- and off-screen lovers to help fight the charges.

"She is like a lot of porno girls," Medoff said. "They make a lot of fast money but they tend to spend it fast."

Gay Mayor in Tiny Georgia Town

ATLANTA — According to a news report in the Southern Voice, Al Fowler, who is openly gay, has been inaugurated as the mayor of the tiny Georgia community of Pine Lake. He is the only openly gay or lesbian mayor in office in the state, and only one of five openly gay elected officials in Georgia.

Fowler, a member of the Pine Lake city council, had been serving as the town's acting mayor since 1998 after the elected mayor was discovered in a finance scandal. He ran for the post unopposed in 1999.

The tiny community of some 850 people has an anti-bias policy and is now working on adding domestic partner benefits for the town's 15 municipal employees.

Fowler said his sexual orientation had "never become an issue."

Protease Inhibitor Can Cause Severe Liver Problems

CHICAGO — According to a report in the Journal of the American Medical Association, a significant proportion of HIV patients who take the protease inhibitor Norvir experience serious liver complications.

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins University's School of Medicine studied some 211 HIV patients using Norvir in Baltimore and found that more than 10 percent of them had developed severe liver toxicity that can lead to total liver failure.

As many as 30 percent of the patients using the medicine were also found to experience lesser levels of liver toxicity as well, compared to patients using other protease inhibitors.

Y2K: A Look Ahead

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Head into the year 2000, a number of significant, perhaps even pivotal issues confront gays and lesbians in this country, from presidential races to what may be the most important step forward in the legal rights of same-sex couples in years to court rulings with broad civil rights implications.

On the political front, the Republicans and the Democrats will both be selecting their presidential candidates this summer in what will probably be an intense study in contrasts.

Presidential Politics

When the Democrats convene in Los Angeles Aug. 14-17 there will probably be more openly gay and lesbian delegates than at any previous national party gathering. Party officials in states around the country are recruiting gays and lesbians to meet goals the Democratic National Committee has set based on the compositions of their own state voters. The goals aren't mandatory and there's no penalty if they aren't met, but most state party leaders are in fact actively trying to include more gays and lesbians in their own delegations.

"We work with our state parties to set up a system of some goals—they aren't quotas, they're goals—to make sure our conventions look like America," said DNC spokeswoman Jenny Backus recently.

And this broadened inclusiveness isn't just something that's happening in bellwether states like New York and California. Rhode Island's state party also mandates gay and lesbian delegates, and this year Ohio's Democrats are the latest state party to join in recognizing these new delegate goals.

In contrast, the Republican National Committee doesn't set diversity goals for state parties of any kind and doesn't even bother keeping simple statistics on race and gender of its delegates.

Bill McCarthy, an RNC spokesman, said, "We do encourage, as broadly as possible, participation by men and women, young and old." He added that the Republicans also have a minority outreach organization that specifically recruits African-American and Hispanic voters. "We're confident of the diversity of our party that we don't have to dictate the makeup of our delegates," he said.

But when the Republican National Convention begins in Philadelphia for its July 31-Aug. 3 confab, don't expect to see lots of openly gay and lesbian delegates on the floor. They will be there, of course, but their numbers are likely to be few.

Where you may see a lot of gays and lesbians in Philadelphia this coming summer, however, is likely to be outside the convention protesting.

Philadelphia is one of those partisan enclaves where regis-

tered Democrats outnumber Republicans four-to-one, and a wide variety of activists in the City of Brotherly Love have already begun discussing plans for a broad-based coalition of protesters to greet the GOP. Welfare rights groups, environmentalists, labor unions, feminists, gay rights advocates, and others say they are likely to put on quite a show for the Republicans.

"I hope that we see another Seattle," said Rita Addessa, head of the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force, referring to the massive protests that virtually shut down that city during the meeting of the World Trade Organization in December. "I hope that we see a very serious collaboration between public policy organizations, labor, environmentalist, and all groups that are concerned about growing economic and social disparity in the United States."

Inside the conventions, the differences in the likely nominees also will be striking — no matter which of the frontrunners ends up getting their party's nod.

Gay and lesbian Democrats will be spoiled for choice with the two leading contenders—Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley—both campaigning heavily to win the "gay vote" in this unexpectedly intense contest.

Among Republican frontrunners, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the frontrunner by quite a bit based on virtually every poll taken to date, has said he wouldn't even meet with the gay Log Cabin Republicans. Such digging in of heels may play well among the party's far-right wing, but it's not likely to appeal to more moderate Republicans. In fact one of Bush's top campaign advisers has recently quit because of his refusal to meet the gay and lesbian Republicans.

The second most likely candidate—and at best he could be called a dark horse—is Arizona Sen. John McCain who has much broader appeal among centrist Republicans, but is virtually poison among the party's dominating right wing.

No one would exactly suggest that McCain is a champion of gay rights. He continues to support the "don't ask, don't tell" policy against gays and lesbians in the armed forces and opposes same-sex marriages. But he said he had no problem with meeting the Log Cabin representatives and late last year he met privately with Steve May, the openly gay Arizona state legislator who is facing an Army discharge, to see if he could help May. While the Log Cabin Republican have not yet endorsed any GOP presidential candidate, the group says many of their members are increasingly happy with McCain.

New Year in Vermont

The Vermont state legislature will convene early this year and one item it will doubtless be addressing that will get a lot of attention around the country is what it should do about a state supreme court ruling in December that same-sex couples must have all the legal rights and protections now extended to married couples in the state.

While refusing to extend marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples, the top court left to the legislature how to resolve the inequality. It said the lawmakers could change the state's mar-

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riage laws to include same-sex couples or they could set up a statewide domestic partners program that would assure equal treatment of same-sex couples.

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean was quick to say the legislature should set up a state domestic partnership registry.

Among other things, concerns about extremist anti-gay protesters showing up outside the state capitol while the legislature is meeting has prompted beefed up security throughout the building while the lawmakers are meeting this year.

But Gov. Dean also indicated he had some concerns that if the lawmakers don't act promptly on the issue, the state supreme court, which retains jurisdiction on the case, could step in and impose its own solution.

"For those of us who are not at this point favoring a gay marriage bill, the court has reserved the right to impose that interpretation of the constitution if we don't pass a domestic partnership bill," Dean said. "I think it's important for us to pass it this year and not wait."

Early indications are that most of the state's lawmakers are leaning in that direction, too. But hammering out a domestic partnership definition that fulfills the court's requirement of equality could prove problematic and bog the legislature down in a nasty debate.

Springtime in California

In March, California voters will face a proposed ballot measure that will also be closely watched.

Proposition 22, dubbed the Knight initiative after its sponsor, state Sen. William "Pete" Knight (R-Palmdale), would ban same-sex marriages in the state. While recent polls indicate support for the measure is eroding and opposition is growing among those who know about the initiative, what the polls also show is that most of the state's likely voters know nothing about the ballot measure and therefore don't have a clue how they're likely to vote. This huge number of undecided voters, in the most populous state in the country,

may, in the end, make up their minds based on ad campaigns from opponents and backers between now and March.

And that raises the issue of money — and religion — in a big way.

The money part is easy enough to see: Whichever side has the most money can run the most ads and doubtless influence more voters. The religious piece got mixed in last year when both the Catholic Church and the Mormons both started pumping in money in support of the Knight initiative. Leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) even sent out letters to church leaders in California in May urging Mormons to donate time and money to the measure. A follow-up letter provided fund-raising tips and warned that to avoid tax problems, no fund-raising should be done on church property.

Opponents of the measure have gotten some impressive financial support from Silicon Valley and Hollywood's entertainment industry, as well as formal statements opposing the Knight initiative from both Al Gore and Bill Bradley, but the measure's backers continue to have a substantially larger war chest. The support of the Catholic church and the Mormons of similar anti-marriage measures in Hawaii and Alaska turned into an unsurmountable obstacle in those states, many activists say. Now they're concerned the same could happen in California.

American Justice

The U.S. Supreme Court this year will also hand down one — and perhaps two — rulings in important cases that rights advocates say will have wide-spread impact.

The Boy Scouts has appealed a New Jersey state supreme court ruling that declared the youth group's prohibition against gays violated the state's bias laws that prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. The court has not yet agreed to hear the appeal, but state courts have handed down conflicting decisions on the

same question and because the Scouts insist in their arguments that there is a constitutional issue of the right of free associations, the chances are at least better than good the court will in fact accept the case.

The court is also expected to rule sometime this spring in the case of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents vs. Southworth et al in which a group of conservative students at the school challenged mandatory student fees that the university used to subsidize a range of campus groups, including gay and lesbian student organizations.

The students argue that their free speech rights were violated when they were required to pay the part of the student activity fee that helps pay expenses for groups they politically disagree with. Gay rights activists contend the fees ensure students access to a broad range of ideas.

The University of Wisconsin decision will have an enormous impact around the country because many state-run universities have similar student fee policies that help support a variety of campus groups, including gay and lesbian student groups. Without the university's financial support, many of these campus groups could have a very difficult time surviving, activists fear. And without student rights groups, America's campuses could again become much less gay-friendly.

The outcome of these events could easily add up to the most important single year for the gay rights movement in more than a decade — either as an enormous leap forward, an unprecedented disaster, or some mixture of the two. But politically the year 2000 isn't likely to leave the movement — or the country — quite the same. ▲

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Vermont Lawmakers Face Tough Session

by Keith Clark
 of the IN Step Staff

Montpelier, Vt. — It's nearly 10,000 square miles in size but with a total population that's smaller than the city of Indianapolis. New Hampshire and New York state both claimed it at one time. And it's so essentially all-American that its state beverage (yes, it has a state beverage) is milk.

But as Vermont's state lawmakers reconvened, it was a new millennium in ways that had more to do with social policy than with a debatable calendar date.

The returning legislators face, in the next four months they're in the current session, difficult issues many lawmakers face, from educational funding to health care. But they're also facing the question of same-sex relationships in a way that most of them probably didn't expect.

In December, the state's supreme court ruled that same-sex couples had to have the same rights and obligations as married couples in Vermont. But the justices left to the legislature how to achieve that goal, only saying that the state's lawmakers could change existing marriage laws to allow same-sex couples to legally wed, or they might want to enact some sweeping domestic partnership law, or some other solution.

The justices, however, also made it clear that the court was reserving jurisdiction in the case and that the state's anti-bias laws do in fact require equality. And meeting this equality requirement could be the lawmakers' most difficult task. As one Vermont gay rights advocate noted recently, simply passing a domestic partnership law doesn't mean gay and lesbian couples have achieved equality with married couples, noting that "separate but equal" isn't necessarily equal. The devil, after all, is in the details.

But concerns that demonstrations would disrupt the legislative session led to heavy security everywhere around the statehouse. Fred Phelps, the homophobic Kansas minister who leads family members in virulent anti-gay protests, had threatened to show up at the capitol. But the opening days were uneventful with only state police officers and a few Vermonters in sight.

Jace Sheppard of Burlington, Vt., said, "We are going to increase state revenue through tourism. I'm being realistic. The fact is that [heterosexuals] have rights that

we don't have. We want them and that's all we are here for."

But other state residents, like Chris Viens of Waterbury, were also there warning that Vermont would become a "haven for gays wanting to get married" if the legislature legalized same-sex unions.

And for the state's lawmakers, that's the crux of the issue: can they draft a bill that will satisfy the legal demands of the Vermont Supreme Court—and keep both opponents and advocates of same-sex unions at least reasonably happy.

Rep. Tom Little (R-Shelburne), who heads the judiciary committee in the legislature, said, "My goal is not only to keep the committee's eye on the constitutional principle but also to build consensus and avoid divisiveness with the general assembly and throughout the state."

Many—perhaps even most—of the state's lawmakers already seemed to be lining up behind the idea of not changing the state marriage laws to include same-sex couples but instead of creating a statewide domestic partnership law.

State Sen. Dick Sears (D-Bennington) said, "I think the vast majority of my constituents will be able to live with a domestic partners bill and I think that is the first step we need to take. I am really fearful of tearing the state apart."

Both Little and Sears say they want to get a partnership measure out of the legislature before it adjourns in April.

Gov. Howard Dean quickly endorsed the idea of a statewide partnership law after the state supreme court's ruling in December, and many people began to think that a state partners registry was going to virtually sail through the Vermont legislature.

But as the legislature started its third day, state Sen. Jeb Spaulding (D-Washington), who chairs the influential appropriations committee in the upper chamber, shook up his colleagues in a letter he sent to them all saying the lawmakers should seriously consider expanding the state's marriage laws to include same-sex weddings and not just enact a domestic partner law as the easier solution to the court decision.

"I realize that this is a highly charged and politically volatile issue," Spaulding said in his letter. "But I can't in good conscience just go with the flow and keep quiet on such a basic human fairness issue."

Among other things, Spaulding told his fellow lawmakers that it seemed "ludicrous" to set up a domestic partnership law giving same-sex partners the exact same benefits and rights that married couples have but simply to call it something other than marriage.

"I predict that a strictly semantic differentiation will please no one in the end and be extremely unwieldy as well," he said.

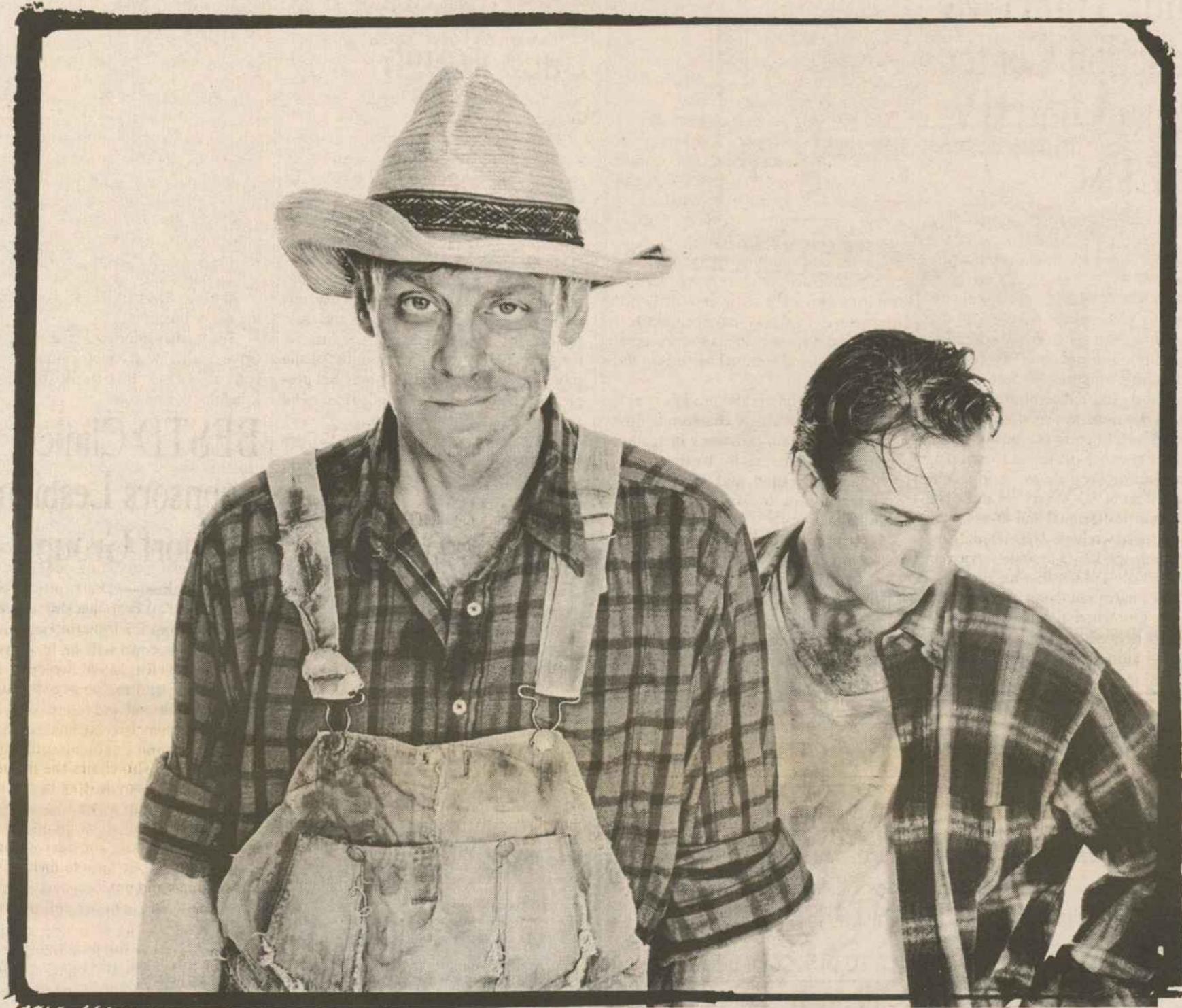
Rainbow Alliance to Honor Central Wisconsin Community Leaders

Wausau — The Rainbow Alliance of Central Wisconsin (RACW) has announced it will honor members of central Wisconsin's LGBT community for leadership and community service at their meeting here Jan. 15.

According to recently elected RACW president Douglas Bauer, the awards presentation will occur at the group's monthly potluck and social gathering scheduled from 2-7 p.m. at the Oz Bar, 320 Washington Ave. in Wausau.

Now in its third year, the Rainbow Alliance of Central Wisconsin has more than a hundred members primarily residing in nine counties. For more information about the social and other RACW activities, call (715) 592-6245, Ext. 5920200.

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Dennis Hill Harm Reduction Center to Focus on HIV, Drug Use

Milwaukee — Stopping injection drug use and the spread of HIV is the goal of the Dennis Hill Harm Reduction Center, a program of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. ARCW's Hill Center at 4311 W. Vliet St. is a place where people who use injection drugs can get free HIV education and prevention information, HIV counseling and testing, support to reduce and end drug use and certified alcohol and other drug abuse day treatment services.

"ARCW's Hill Center is a one-of-a-kind community resource dedicated to stopping HIV and ending drug abuse," said Jacque Stock, manager of AODA services at the Hill Center. "Our professional and diverse staff of nurses, social workers, AODA counselors and outreach specialists provide services in a compassionate and sensitive manner."

ARCW's harm reduction approach is a nationally renowned alternative to traditional abstinence-based programs which has helped almost 100 people through a

recovery process. Harm reduction moves people toward abstinence by stressing gradual reduction in drug use and HIV risk behaviors. A large menu of support options helps individuals set goals and choose a treatment path that measures success by improved quality of life.

Individuals may receive one-on-one counseling or access to AODA support groups. The Harm Reduction Support Group meets Monday nights, 6-7:30 p.m.; Family Issues Support Group, Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.; and the Women's Support Group, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m.

Other Hill Center treatment options may include acupuncture to reduce drug cravings and help with detoxification, alternatives to stress management techniques and allowing clients to incorporate their cultural and spiritual needs into their AODA treatment.

The Hill Center is also headquarters for ARCW's comprehensive community Street Outreach program providing drug abuse outreach and referrals for treatment, HIV prevention education, and HIV counseling and testing in locations throughout Milwaukee.

Outreach staff also meet one-on-one with women at risk for HIV at the Benedict Center, the Day Reporting Center, the Milwaukee Women's Center, the Milwaukee County Jail and street outreach sites in neighborhoods. While meeting with women, they teach HIV prevention

and risk reduction, and offer a series of self-esteem building groups, role playing and distribute safer sex materials.

Through the Street Outreach program, a men's support group that works on building healthy relationships, self-esteem, making positive choices and changing negative thinking is also available.

The Hill Center operates in conjunction with ARCW's lifesaving clean needle exchange program, Lifepoint, which works with hundreds of IDUs to provide HIV prevention information including HIV counseling and testing. Lifepoint exchanges 300,000 of needles a year.

A new collaboration between ARCW and the Center for AIDS Intervention Research is working with injection drug users and their partners to help them reduce their sexual risk for getting HIV. In the few months of the project, it has connected with over 160 people, several of whom have enrolled in the Hill Center's day treatment program.

For more information, contact ARCW's Hill Center at (414) 342-4333.

nor is it a HOG chapter. It exists as a means for gay Harley bikers to meet locally and while traveling on the road.

At the Swap Meet on Jan. 22, Wisconsin Leather Men Productions will launch a month long food drive to benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). The drive will begin at the Swap Meet on Jan. 22 at Woody's and end with the Wisconsin Leather Man Contest on Feb. 19.

In an effort to replenish food pantry shelves after the holidays, bars and other businesses have been asked to place a food pantry barrel in their establishments as well as to promote contributions. Individuals can bring non-perishable foods to the Swap Meet and/or to any participating bar or business.

For further information about the food drive or the Swap Meet, contact Larry or Joe at (414) 931-9760 or E-mail: LthrBikr76@aol.com.

BESTD Clinic Sponsors Lesbian Support Group

Milwaukee — The Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) is sponsoring a five-week support group for lesbians beginning on Feb. 2. The group will be facilitated by Linda Jo Martin, MSW, a mental health professional, and the series will cover topics such as societal and internalized homophobia, romantic relationships, raising children, degrees of "outness," religion, and more.

The series will run on Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 1, with each session beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at about 8:30 p.m. The sessions will take place at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St., in the south meeting room on the second floor. There is no charge for attending the group.

This mini-series is limited to 8 participants and early registration is important. To register, call the BESTD Clinic at (414) 272-2144 and leave your name and home phone number for Martin. Please indicate if return calls should be done with discretion.

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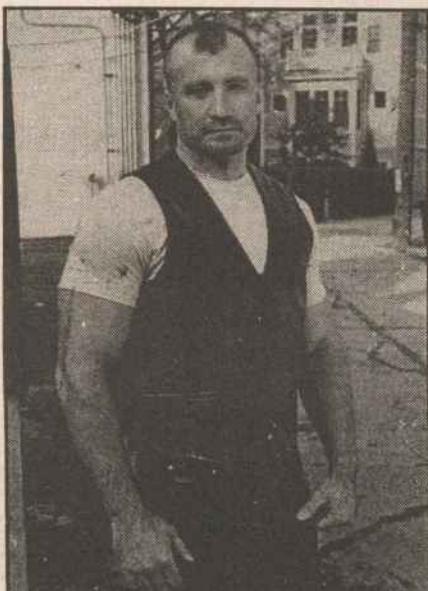
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Chicago — The Lesbian Community Cancer Project (LCCP) of Chicago is hosting its ninth Annual "Coming Out Against Cancer" benefit on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 7pm at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore Drive in Chicago. Almost 2,000 women from Illinois, Wisconsin and other Midwest states are expected to attend the event.

"The lesbian community's tremendous support has consistently made 'Coming Out Against Cancer' the can't-miss social event of the year," said LCCP spokeswoman Marsha East. "The gala will help LCCP open new clinics and work with other organizations to promote lesbian health."

The Hysterical Women, a lesbian comedy troupe, will emcee the live entertainment. Music will be provided by local artists highlighted on "High Risk," a 40-song CD produced by Outlines Newspaper benefitting LCCP. Artists include Patty Elvis, Lynne Mandarino, Ripley Caine, Laura Lee Moses, Diana Laffey, Minna Bromberg, the Lakeside Pride Freedom Jazz Ensemble and DJ Lora Branch.

A dinner buffet, cash bar, silent auction and dancing will be part of the event. In addition, awards will be presented to Jackie Anderson, Mountain Moving Coffeehouse organizer and former LCCP President, and Tracy Baim, Publisher and Editor of Lambda Publications, including Outlines.

The Hyatt Regency in Chicago is offering \$99 double occupancy rooms and a free next-day brunch for attendees. To reserve rooms, call (800) 565-1234 and ask for the "LCCP Block."

Tickets for the gala event are \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at Women and Children First, Afrocentric Books, Unabridged Bookstore and Thousand Waves Spa in Chicago or by calling the LCCP at (773) 561-4662.

ARCW's 'Have A Heart' Fund-raiser to Slated in Northeast Wisconsin

Green Bay — As the new millennium opens before us, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin is asking people around the state to give thought to what they will be able to tell the next generation what they did to make a difference in the most serious public health threat of our time.

"The challenges around AIDS continue to mount as HIV is increasingly affecting new populations of people and communities around the state," said Karen Dotson, ARCW regional director. "ARCW's Have a Heart auction and dinner is an excellent way for people to get involved and support the local AIDS services of ARCW in Northeast Wisconsin."

This year marks the ninth annual celebration for Have a Heart, which is being held on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Liberty Hall in Kimberly. Dotson said that attendees can expect a spectacular silent auction that will feature over 100 pieces of celebrity "heart art," a lively show by the ever popular Entertainers Against AIDS and a delicious dinner. The entire evening will provide a great opportunity for socializing.

Community Service Awards for outstanding work in the fight against AIDS over the past year will be presented to Dr. James Lacy, Dr. Barbara Lauderdale, Kevin Roeder, Wayne Thiele and Gary Vander Velden of Home Depot.

"The Have a Heart is a special night in Northeast Wisconsin, where hundreds of people will join to help raise needed money, which will allow ARCW to deliver AIDS services to local men, women and children," said Dotson.

This year's masters of ceremonies will be Teri Barr of WLUK Fox 11 and Kathy Larkin of WQLH-FM.

Ticket prices for Have a Heart are \$40 per person, \$400 for a table of 10. Individual and corporate table sponsors will be acknowledged during the dinner. Reservations can be made by calling ARCW at (920) 437-7400 or (800) 359-9272 x243.

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Unintended Consequences

by Bill Turner

Conservatives are up in arms about the Vermont marriage decision. Right-wing radio personality Dr. Laura has instructed her listeners to bombard the Vermont legislature with denunciations of the decision and calls not to extend marriage rights to same-sex couples. Gary Bauer, who hopes to position himself as the most conservative of the Republican presidential candidates, has called the decision "worse than terrorism."

It seems that the justices of the Vermont state supreme court anticipated this sort of backlash in the way that they framed the decision. On the one hand, they stated very clearly that same-sex couples must have the same rights as opposite-sex couples.

On the other hand, they left to the state legislature the responsibility to decide exactly how to implement the decision. They stated in their decision that the legislature may choose to create a new category of domestic partnership, with all of the rights of marriage, but not the name.

It's not clear how big a difference such a domestic partnership arrangement would make. On its face, it smacks of "separate but equal," the idea established in American law from 1896 to 1954 that racial segregation was acceptable so long as the facilities for blacks and whites were equal (which, of course, they never were).

Given the current high divorce rate in the United States, one can't help but wonder if conservatives aren't going to kill marriage in their zeal to save it.

Imagine this scenario. The Vermont legislature creates a category of domestic partnership that allows two persons to register and receive all the rights of marriage without having to go through the brouaha of a wedding.

And, just like in the 1970s, when straight people began to suspect that gay men were having all the fun with their discos and casual sex, some number of opposite-sex couples begin to decide that domestic partnership is the perfect way for them to arrange their legal affairs without making the public commitment of a marriage.

In some cases, these relationships won't last. But in some cases, it may turn out that, for various reasons, many couples—same or opposite-sex—are actually happier with domestic partnership than they would have been with marriage. After all, we can't know in advance exactly how or why domestic partnership might appeal to different couples.

Eventually, those same-sex couples for whom old-fashioned marriage is very important will fight their way back to the Vermont Supreme Court, and even to the United States Supreme Court, and win truly equal access to marriage.

To some extent, this may have already started in Hawaii, where conservatives persuaded the legislature to create a domestic partnership sort of thing as a way of heading off the drive for same-sex marriages there. It's still too early to tell what the results are, but even as we continue to demand equal opportunity, we should take advantage of the law of unintended consequences by using domestic partnerships for our own purposes. ▲

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Reality Check

by Mike Fitzpatrick

Statement of Principles: If you're familiar with the movie Citizen Kane, you'll recall that after newspaper magnate Charles Foster Kane (the Orson Welles character) bought his first paper, he placed a "Statement of Principles" on the front page of his first editorial effort. Now I'm no media magnate and my only connection to Welles is that I'm starting to look more like him—not the young Welles, mind you, but the larger, salt and pepper bearded, Gallo "we'll sell no wine before its time" version.

However, sharing a few of my core beliefs in my debut column will serve either to illuminate your future reading or to save you reading time if you completely disagree.

1. There is truth and there is objective reality. On rare occasions, they are the same thing. Oscar Wilde once noted that truth is rarely simple and never pure. He also said that most of what we believe is simply not true. I concur.

Human history can be viewed as the ongoing process of reality orientation. Reality orientation can be a dangerous occupation. Just ask Galileo or Copernicus. It is also often very embarrassing to find your truths aren't grounded in reality. Just ask any naked emperor about his fashion sense.

Regularly reminding yourself that truth and reality are separate concepts allows you to check your assumptions regularly. It also allows you to be wrong gracefully. The world would be a much nicer place to live in if we prefaced every opinion with the words "I might be wrong, but..."

From this core belief, all others spring. Since I promised only a few, here are just two more.

2. Deciding is not doing. Quiz time: Four queers are sitting at the bar. Three decide to leave. How many are left an hour later? Many would answer "one" but the right answer is "four." Why? Because

deciding to leave doesn't get your butt off the barstool.

If excellence is a journey in the pursuit of some type of perfection, you've got to get moving. Planning the trip can be valuable but the real rewards lie in the taking not the talking. By the way, just going along for the ride only gives you the right to sit back and enjoy or to complain. And you always feel the bumps in the road worse than the driver.

3. Homosexuality is a trait, not a species. I'm also left-handed, Irish-American and middle-aged. I don't buy left-handed tools, I've learned to use those made for the right-handed majority. I make it a point to never consciously wear green on St. Patrick's Day—I leave that for the wannabes. And I have thus far resisted the entreaties to join the AARP. You can bet my views on being gay may be somewhat unconventional as well.

In nature, gay people are the exception not the rule. But minority and majority status are human constructions. Every racial and religious majority was created at some point in history by like attracting like, sometimes by force. Just ask any Native American or Palestinian.

Gay people are such a minority that it's taken a lot longer for the tribe to find itself. In 10,000 years gay people have only been able to capture West Hollywood, Provincetown and Key West. Of course, we did it the American way—we bought in low and created value.

However, the paradox of minority status is that it conveys both invisibility and uncomfortable visibility. Since sexual activity is still considered by most to be a private affair, invisibility ("the closet") had been the only option until that rascal Karl Uhlrichs came along about a century and a half ago and began that process of reality orientation known today as the gay movement.

Now fifty years after Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis and thirty years after Stonewall, we've become uncomfortably visible on the American scene. Just as African Americans have had to endure Stepin Fetchit, Amos and Andy,

Shaft and The Jeffersons, gay people have had to deal with Rip Taylor, The Boys in the Band, Ellen and—yes—Will and Grace.

But choosing to be openly gay simply makes sense. As the "La Cage Aux Folles" song goes "I am what I am." Funny though, Popeye said almost the same thing. But then again both drag queens and the sailor man are cartoons. Cartoons are caricatures—stereotypes if you will.

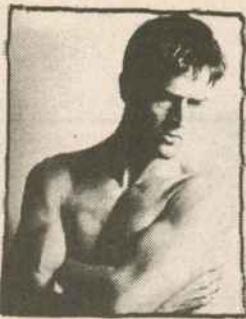
And what are stereotypes? Caricatures created by the majority to both identify and marginalize a minority. Just as the straight majority has created the stereotypical flitty, sex-obsessed gay man and man-hating, oversized lesbian, the gay majority has distilled those stereotypes into the essences of the bitchy drag queen and the menacing bull dyke.

I think this is what the Religious Right means when they talk about the "gay lifestyle." What the fundies forget is that they've bought into the stereotype their forebears took the lead in creating. What's sadder, however, are the large numbers of gay men and women also continue to buy into these stereotypes and "lifestyle" either in whole or in part.

Those who recognize that homosexuality is a trait and not a species can integrate their sexual orientation into the greater majority of their humanity and allow themselves to be both in the minority and the majority simultaneously. That position allows greater perspective and self-examination. And such perspective permits not a lifestyle, but a life with style. ▲

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Rupert Tap Dances?

"My acting career has nothing to do with my sexuality. I was gay last year, I'm gay this year, I'll be gay next year and I just can't be bothered to go on about it all the time. There must be more interesting things than just being gay. ... I don't want to be the Shirley Temple of the gay world."

—Actor Rupert Everett to *Playboy*.

Is He or Isn't He?

"I would like to say that if I were gay, I'd be out. But I think that's not fair because I'm not gay, and I don't know personally what pressure is brought to bear on you if you are. My short answer, without a lot of reflection, is that if you were out, your career would suffer. Would Rock Hudson have had the career he had if he'd been out? No way."

—Actor Matt Damon to *the Advocate*.

Vermont: It's a Good Thing

"I think that's a good thing [the Vermont Supreme Court ruling on equal rights for same-sex couples]. That's always been my position, that—you've got gay couples that, for example, have been together for years now. One of them—and I'm beginning to think about this, because I'm moving into this age bracket now—one of them has a heart attack, one of them gets sick, one of them is in the intensive-care unit in the hospital and only family members can come in and sometimes they're not allowed in—

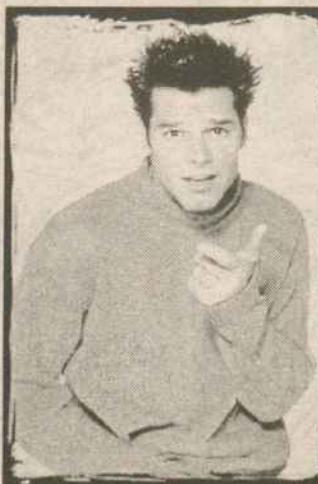
that kind of thing. You know, I think that—in terms of health-care coverage at work or in terms of property and willing of property to your closest family member, that sort of thing, I think they ought to be able to do that."

—Bill Clinton on *Larry King Live*.

Publishing Dinosaur?

"In the '90s, we ... find that gay issues are being reported in the mainstream press quite regularly. So, we have to look at ourselves and think, well, how does this affect us and how do we continue to operate? Does there continue to be a need for a gay and lesbian newspaper?"

Max McLean, editor of the *Melbourne (Australia) Star Observer*, to the daily newspaper *The Age*.



according to *Melbourne*, Australia's *Sun Herald*.

They'd Make Beautiful Music Together

"I'd love to make music with George one day. I've worshipped him for years. He's fantastic. I like his smile, as well."

Ricky Martin on George Michael

Trannyshack?

"[The weekly] Trannyshack [night at The Stud] might be the last stand of San Francisco's gay bohemia, decimated by a yuppie invasion, ever-rising rents and Banana Republic conformity."

San Francisco Examiner columnist David Bonetti.

The Power of Monogamy

"It [gay monogamy] is more threatening than a gay pride parade with drag queens because straight people can laugh at that and say: 'See, those queers, they're all like that.' But when they see these guys [portrayed] as best friends, athletes, jocks—just regular guys, it's just very confronting."

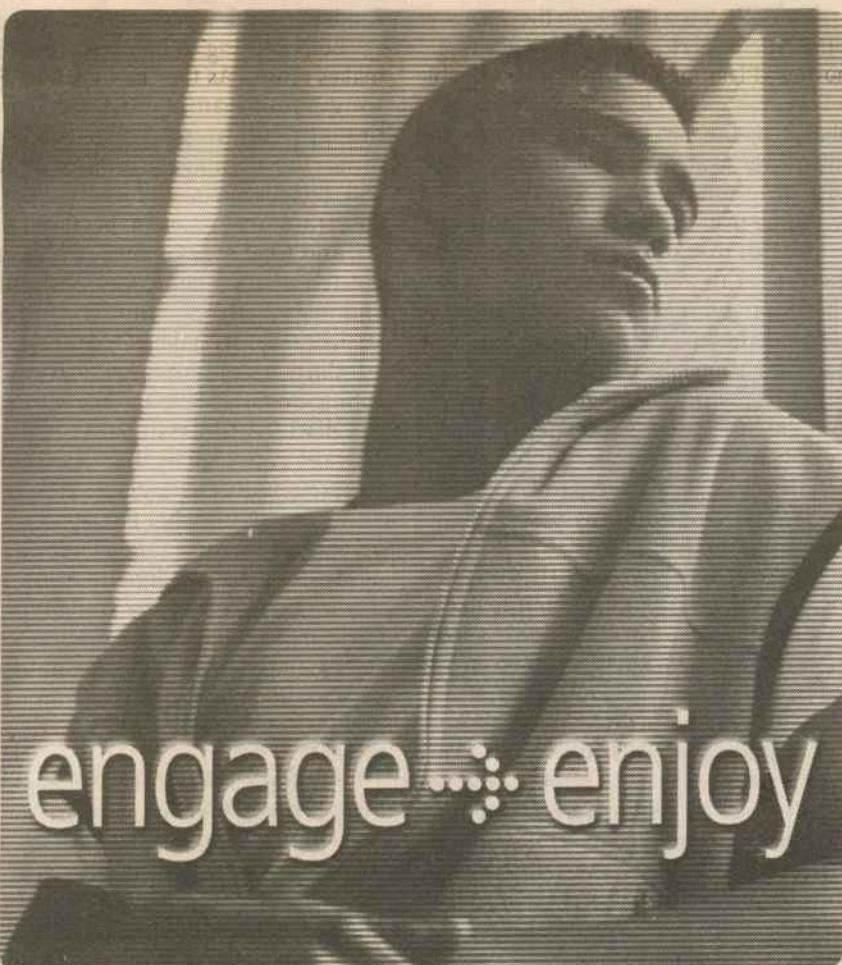
Hero magazine co-founder Sam Francis to the Salt Lake Tribune.

Laws of Desire

"Even people who work with me don't know [who I'm dating]. I just don't talk about it so that I won't implicate others. Just because they're dating someone famous doesn't mean they have to lose their privacy. But am I involved? Yes. It's nice to be wanted romantically, to be desired and, right now, I am."

Gay Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar to Atlanta's *Southern Voice*.

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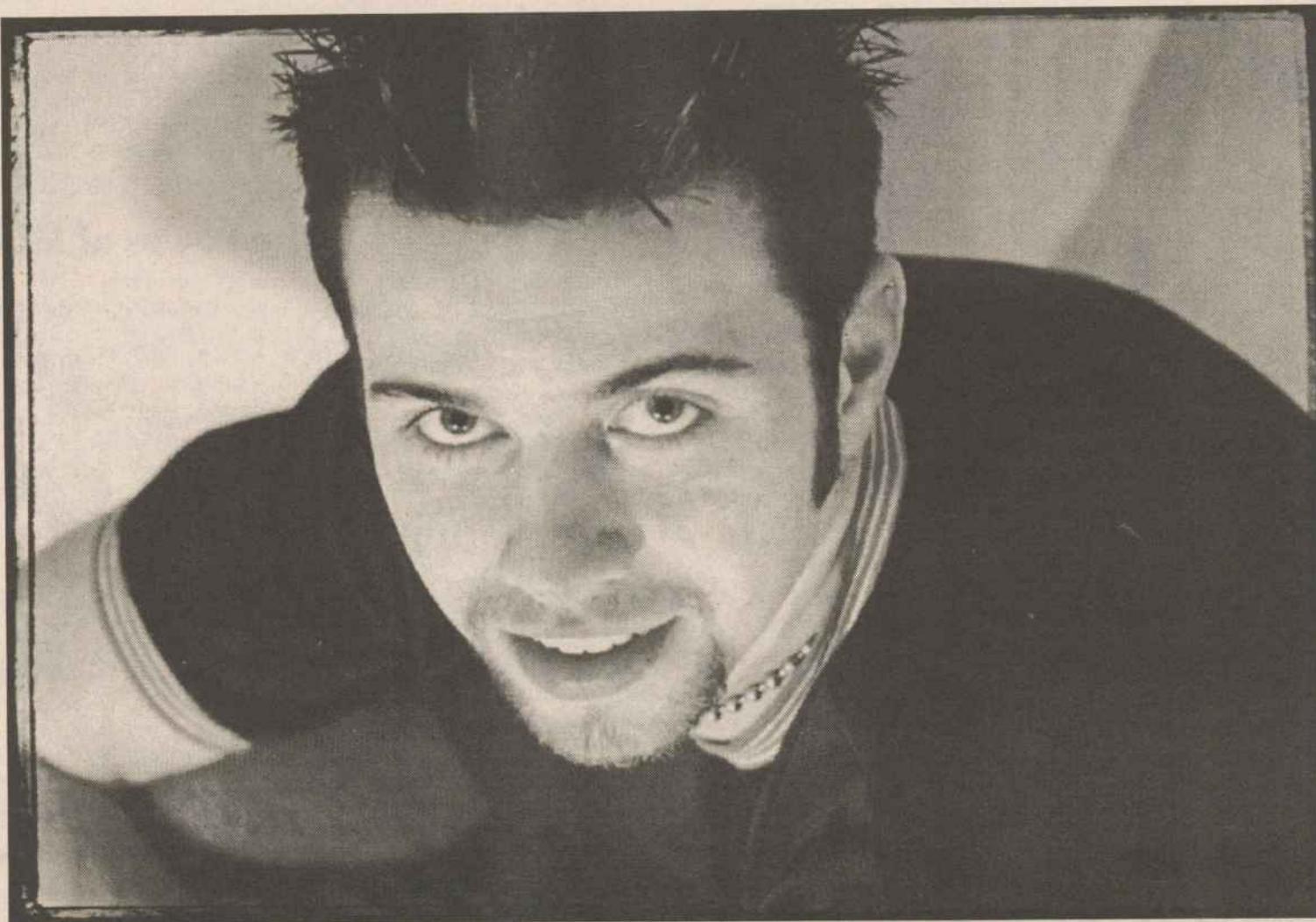


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NEW KID on the BLOCK

Project Q is the new youth-led development program now collaborating with Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center. Project Q provides a safe space and social activities to meet the diverse needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth ages 24 and under. Its goal is to foster youth leadership and empowerment using the slogan, "By Youth, For Youth."

In keeping with that mission, young LGBT people have developed Project Q. Kurt Dyer, 19, has been a Program Manager (along with Justin Lockridge) on a voluntary basis. But Dyer was recently hired as a "Public Ally" through Americorps, a government program modeled on the Peace Corps which places individuals in community organizations. His paid position, which lasts until June, has enabled Kurt to devote more effort to developing Project Q's activities.

In early January, at IN Step World Headquarters, I spoke with Dyer about Project Q, gay youth and more.

IN Step: What does it mean to be a Public Ally?

There's hundreds of youth that apply [to Americorp]. They select people who are community-oriented and have a strong desire to make change. They place them in well-known organizations within cities like Milwaukee. They work there and they get to know non-profits and they build professional skills, people skills. It's a good, intense ten months.

IN Step: So what do you do?

I was really lucky because I was placed at the LGBT Center. My job description is to do a youth program, which was Project Q. I'd already started it with Justin Lockridge. So basically, I just do the day-to-day operations of Project Q. I cover drop-ins [visitors], create new materials, hold some meetings.

IN Step: Who is on your board?

Right now, there's 16 youth on the board. It's all youth, there are no adults on the board. But we've had tremendous adult support. We've had Elna Hickson [of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays] and Neil's been really helpful. [Neil Albrecht is Executive Director of the LGBT Community Center.] Gary Hollander has been extremely helpful. One of the les-

bians in our group, she's only 14, and her dad's been extremely supportive. He comes in and he helps out. He donated computers. We've had lots of adult allies. They always help us but they're not allowed onto the youth board. By youth, we say 24 and under.

IN Step: You're getting your own space at the Community Center?

We [recently] secured funds from the Wisconsin AIDS Fund of the Milwaukee Foundation, \$15,000 to that start up. We are extremely happy about it. We are talking to the landlord, and we get to move into our space March 1. We need about a month to build everything, so we're planning on a grand opening about the middle of April.

IN Step: Do you have an idea of what you need in that space?

Youth have talked about wanting a coffee bar area and couches and an area to sit and watch TV. They want pool tables and a dance floor or a stage area maybe to do drag shows and have dances—kind of like a nice, comfortable home-like atmosphere. The youth are going to be the only ones that are going to plan it and do the layout. It's exciting.

IN Step: How would you judge the state of gay youth in Milwaukee?

I think gay youth have done a tremendous amount of work. From not really having anything to do at all a year ago to now, when there's a couple different gay youth organizations. This is a tremendous accomplishment for gay youth. Show[ing] that we are willing to do all the work, and to secure money to get it done.

IN Step: How is Project Q different from Gay Youth Milwaukee or some of the programs run out of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin?

Project Q has worked in collaboration with all of those groups. Most of the youth are in all the different groups and we work with all the groups. But we think it's a necessity to have a special space for youth and that's kind of what we've always been focused on: A space by and for youth where youth can feel comfortable, take ownership and build skills. A place where youth can gain community experience and they'll learn how to organize, instead of having everybody do it for us and giving it to us. That's not really building leadership skills and empowering youth to do anything.

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IN Step: What are the big issues gay youth face?

There's nothing solely for youth to do, except for trying to sneak into bars, which places us at risk for numerous things. There's no place to call ours ... and not really feeling important enough because we're not old enough to do anything, not having the chances to show our potential, not being empowered to do anything. It's common for most adults to be afraid of teens.

IN Step: What gives you the idea that some adults are afraid?

If a group of five teenagers walk through a store, the people are really frantic. Or they have those silly notices, you know, "No more than two high school age people allowed in this store at a time." All these things putting all these limits, making society afraid of teenagers. It's crazy.

IN Step: How are you trying to change that perception?

Everything that Project Q does is going to be ideas of youth and it's going to show the gay community and the community at large that youth can organize, that youth can be leaders, that youth can take responsibilities to do what they need to do.

IN Step: What have you learned since you started this job that you didn't know before?

I've learned that it takes a lot of work to change somebody's opinion. It's really hard to get through to some people and some people aren't going to change. But also that if you have a commitment and you're honest about yourself that a lot of people will help you out, they'll do everything in their power to help you out.

IN Step: What has been your biggest struggle so far?

I think the biggest struggle is getting the word out, outreach, getting people to know the program. It is frustrating to have the same handful of people and not see many new faces. You're not sure how to go out into the community and get the word out. I put up fliers and they get torn down the same night, so it gets kind of frustrating ... I get mad at people who complain about not having this or that, and they sit on their butts. There's always opportunities for them to do something, to be active, to make change, and they're either sleeping or they're too busy or they don't want to do that. It's too cold outside, they can't come out. I hate people that complain and don't do anything to change it.

IN Step: How have your interactions been with the adult community there?

Every once in a while I see some struggles, but there's been many tremendous supporters who have done everything pos-

sible to help us. Then there have been some people who have just ignored the fact and not helped us at all.

IN Step: You're 19. Have you been out for awhile?

Yes. I am originally from La Crosse. I grew up in La Crosse and I came out at the end of my sophomore year in high school. We moved to Eau Claire, and then I came out there, then we moved back to La Crosse.

IN Step: Was it difficult being open there?

At my school it was very supportive. By the end of my senior year, there were about 15 to 20 kids who were out and really loud, so I never really had anything bad happen ... just here and there, people saying stuff to me, but it never really got to me, so I was really lucky to have a good school.

But, I got kicked out of my house when I lived in La Crosse, and moved in with my best friend. I was 17, just turning 18.

IN Step: Your parents kicked you out?

My stepdad.

IN Step: How is your relationship now with your family?

I talk with my mom every once in a while by e-mail, but it's not really strong at all. My support system is my friends, my roommate, the adult allies. Mostly my friends, and I heavily rely on them.

IN Step: Now you're in Milwaukee. What were you doing before you took this job?

Before I got this job I was doing the usual, waiting tables. I had tons of different jobs, at Starbucks and at other restaurants.

IN Step: So this is a big change for you. Is it personally fulfilling? Have you learned more about yourself?

This job has definitely helped me to become more stable. I know what I want to do, and I finally have a chance to put all my energy towards Project Q. Before, I was working full-time and trying to do as much as I could, and I'd burn out easily. Now it feels so much more fulfilling to know that I can work all week just trying to get Project Q started. It definitely takes a lot of stress off me.

IN Step: Do you see yourself as a leader in the community now?

A little bit. If you define leader, it's all different things. People listen to me. But I feel there's a lot of work, and there are many leaders. I think that I'm just doing the best that I can.

IN Step: Is activism something you see yourself doing even after you're done with this specific job?

Since I came out I've been into activism. I like going to schools and being loud. I like to be very visible. I think that's one of the biggest ways I do activism. I always want people to know, even when I'm walking down the street, that I'm a gay man. I think I'll always be doing it. I think I'll be doing it until I can't walk anymore.

IN Step: Are there issues in the LGBT community, other than Project Q, that you feel strongly about?

I did a lot of racism work before I came out. That was my outlet before I decided to come out.

IN Step: How is Project Q doing, racially? Is it a mixed group?

Yeah, a very mixed group. We elected

officers, and about 75% of officers are people of color. I think we do a really good job.

IN Step: How many people are active?

In the group, there's probably about 25 youth that are active, that come to the drop-ins and are doing work, all at different things. About 55% are women, at least half are people of color. We just got our board going and created committees, so it's growing more and more every day.

IN Step: Have you gone to the schools yet?

A couple weeks ago we went into Wauwatosa West. We presented, and they invited us back again. Most of the youth in the program have gone into schools before with Gay Youth Milwaukee. We're in the process of going into schools and asking to put bookmarks, Project Q bookmarks, into gay books and putting other resources into the schools. But it's really hard with the schools, you know, trying to get in.

IN Step: What have you learned about the politics of our community?

I see huge politics. Some people say "Oh, I can't work with you if you're part of that group or organization." It's really silly to me. I was trying to get somebody to donate web space. They asked me what kind of groups I worked with, and I mentioned some of the groups and they're like, "Well, I don't want to get anything bad." I guess they had a bad

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relationship with one group or another. It was all this politics and drama, trying to get something positive done.

People, for one reason or another, have prejudices against different organizations. They'll be fine to work with on Project Q, but they don't want to work with Gay Youth Milwaukee or they won't want to help out with this. To me, it doesn't really make any sense.

We're trying to collaborate with all the different groups we can. We're working with Gay Youth Milwaukee on getting space for the hotline. Most of the youth with Project Q have also been with Gay Youth Milwaukee, so there's all these interconnections.

With work with ARCW's True Colors program that James Pekrul does — we collaborate on events. We did a dance a couple months ago, and this month we're doing roller skating. In March, we're going to do a bowling activity. We collaborate and do big activities to attract larger numbers of youth.

IN Step: If a youth contacts you needing resources or help, where do you refer them?

Well, if we don't have the resources, if we know Gay Youth Milwaukee has them we'll refer them there. Down at the Community Center, we have lots of different resources. We'll refer them to either P-FLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) or the Counseling Center or True Colors. I know most of the

organizations around and what they can do, so Project Q will point them in the direction they need to go to get it.

IN Step: If you had to one thing you want to get across to the people reading this, what would it be?

I want to get across that, given the opportunity, youth can be great leaders, and they have very valuable opinions and ideas. Let youth express themselves without limiting them or changing what they say. Also, if you are an adult and you'd like to support us, we need adult allies. We need as much support as we can to get started. ▲

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Wild Space Dance Presents "Echoes" February 4-5

Milwaukee — The Wild Space Dance Company will share the stage with the acclaimed Corning Dances and Company for a performance called "Echoes" on February 4 and 5 at the Pitman Theatre of Alverno College, S. 39th and Morgan Streets in Milwaukee.

Wild Space's performance features the premiere of "The Body Remembers" in collaboration with sculpture artist Hillary Goldblatt. It explores connections between personal and collective memory, including the new solo, "fallen still." Artistic Director Debra Loewen created "fallen still" as a farewell to her daughter who will begin college in the fall of 2000. Loewen incorporates various themes that reflect what the body retains through the span of a lifetime, as portrayed by the Wild Space Dance Company and special guests from the community.

Minneapolis choreographer Beth Corning and her company will perform their celebrated work, "Echoes from the Ghetto," which examines themes of faith. Using the American Jewish experience of assimilation and search for identity, the production has resonance for any of America's immigrant communities and for those in search of spiritual meaning. The production features a 20th century feminist Job, a soiled angel in a union suit and a metamorphosing Guide. It won the New Play Commission Award from the National Foundation for Jewish Culture.

In conjunction with the "Echoes" performances, Beth Corning will facilitate a workshop called "Making Dances from a Collective History" on Feb. 3. She will also host a Master Class on Feb. 5 and a Senior Movement Class with Loewen on Feb. 9.

Tickets for the "Echoes" performances can be obtained by calling the Pitman Theatre Box office at (414) 382-6044. For more information on the classes and workshop with Beth Corning, call Wild Space at (414) 271-0307.

Madison Rep Presents "What Corbin Knew"

Madison — The Madison Repertory Theatre has ushered in the millennium with the world premiere of "What Corbin Knew," a new comedy by Jeffrey Hatcher ("Three Viewings," "One Foot on the Floor"). The play, commissioned specifically by the Rep, runs through Jan. 30.

Hatcher's satire takes aim at the rapidly shifting American class system based on perceived power and partial knowledge. What first appears as a simple social gathering turns out to be more than meets the eye. Richard Corbin and his guests play a swift game of social maneuvering that forces them to rethink their absurd lives. As if secrets, lies and misunderstandings aren't enough to ruin any party, this one also includes a crime. Conversations on the balcony, sounds from the bathroom and fumbling in the dark slowly reveal the truth.

Several Madison Rep favorites return to perform in this original work. Michael Herrold plays Corbin, Mark Ulrich is Arno, Carole Gutierrez is Margo, Jim Buske is Marshall, and Tracy Michelle Arnold makes her Rep debut as Theda. The production is directed by Seattle-based Leslie Swackhamer.

Tickets for performances of "What Corbin Knew" are available through the Madison Civic Center Ticket Office, 211 State Street, or by calling (608) 266-9055. For tickets at group rates, call (608) 256-0029.

"Music of the Forties" from the Wisconsin Conservatory

Milwaukee — Continuing its exploration of the musical currents of the 20th century, the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music's Faculty Artist Concert Series will highlight works from the years 1941 to 1950 in a program called "Music of the Forties: Forays Into Modernism." The concert will take place on Jan. 23 at 3 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Charles Allis Museum, 1801 N. Prospect Ave.

One of Milwaukee's favorite two-somes, the Duo Coriolan, featuring pianist Stephanie Jacob and cellist Scott Tisdal, will perform works by modern masters like Lukas Foss, Paul Hindemith and Elliott Carter. Lending a

witty touch to the afternoon, baritone Phillip Pearl, with Alice Brovan on piano, will sing three numbers by Noel Coward.

Single tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$7 for seniors and students. Registered Conservatory students are admitted free. For more information, call (414) 276-5760.

"Whatever Happened to Bette and Joan?" at Broom Street Theater

Madison — Madison's Broom Street Theater is currently presenting "Whatever Happened to Bette and Joan?" a hilarious two-person comedy about the infamous rivalry between two of Hollywood's most notable actresses, Bette Davis and Joan Crawford.

Much of "Whatever Happened to Bette and Joan" takes place in "the afterlife," neither heaven nor hell but a place with its own Hollywood system. The afterlife is also a place where you can look any age you want, live in whatever setting you want to live, and where every first take is perfect. The play is a collection of facts and tidbits involving Bette and Joan—traveling back in time to visit them on the set of "Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?" jumping forward to the after-life set of their new buddy action movie, and dropping in on their movie review program, "Bitchin' 'bout the Movies."

The entire production was written and directed by Rob Matsushita. The two stars are being played by men: Bette Davis by David Durbin and Joan Crawford by Nathan Caracter.

All performances of "Whatever Happened to Bette and Joan?" are at 8pm Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through February 13 at the Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson Street. Tickets are \$7 and available at the door only. Call (608) 244-8338 for more information.

Carmen Murguia To Read from "Amor"

Milwaukee — Chicana lesbian author Carmen Alicia Murguia will read from her forthcoming book, a collection of poetry titled "Amor," at Woodland Pattern Book Center's sixth annual poetry marathon on Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

"Carmen's work just gets stronger and stronger," said Anne Kingsbury, Executive Director of Woodland Pattern. This marks the fourth year Murguia has read for the fundraiser, which helps WPBC continue programming.

"Amor," Murguia's second collection of poetry, contains poems and prose on the variations of love, including self-love, loving, loss, politics and the pain of the world around her as well as music Murguia selected that accompanied her process of writing. These poems were written following her 1995 debut, "The Voice Inside: Mi Alma, mi Cuerpo y Mi Espiritu." Photographs by Carmen Valencio balance grace the covers of the books designed by Martha Louse Reyna. "Amor" will be published in Spring.



The 20th anniversary celebration of Woodland Pattern Book Center located at 720 E. Locust St., in Milwaukee's Riverwest neighborhood. The poetry marathon begins at 1 p.m. and often continues past 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES:**Saturday, January 15**

FrontRunners Milwaukee - Weekly Run/Walk (Milwaukee): This weekly run/walk starts at 9 a.m. from St. Mary's Water-tower. Join the group for brunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome. FMI contact Bill Morley (414) 278-0787 or wmorley@pitt.net.net.

Sunday, January 16

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Weekly Rehearsal (Madison): Meet and sing every Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church on Capitol Square from 7-9 p.m. Enter from the West Washington side of the court yard. FMI: (608) 232-0528.

Wednesday, January 19

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus - Weekly Practice (Milwaukee): Practice takes place at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI: (414) 276-8787 or (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, January 22

9th Annual "Coming Out Against Cancer" Benefit (Chicago): Sponsored by the Lesbian Community Cancer Project, featuring musical guests, dinner buffet, cash bar, silent auction and dancing. 7 p.m. to Midnight at the South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 South Shore Drive. \$45 advance, \$55 at the door. FMI: (773) 561-4662.

4th Annual Leather Swap Meet (Milwaukee): Buy, sell or trade leather and gear. Includes vendors, a beer/soda bust and raffle of leather items. Sponsored by Great Lakes Harley Riders. 8 p.m. at Woody's, 1579 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 931-9760.

BAR SPECIALS:**Sundays:**

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Beer Bash from 3 to 8 p.m. \$.50 off all taps, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live entertainment.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): \$1 tappers & \$1.50 rail drinks from 4 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Rotating Events!

Emerald's (Milwaukee): Men's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Open at 3 p.m. \$1 off all Miller products. \$4 pitchers of beer.

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): During the day there is a \$1 beer sale from 3 to 9 p.m. on selected varieties. Shirtless Sunday Nights with Jake and Steve M. Half-price tap & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2. Mimosas \$2.

Switch (Milwaukee): SIN Night

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50. Tap beer \$0.99 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. \$1 Bloody Marys!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Trivia Day/\$5 Beer Bust & \$2 Bloody's from 2-6 p.m.

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

Mondays:

The Barracks (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. \$2 specials on microbrews.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$9 Megabust - all you can drink, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands, \$10.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night-spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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

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

Scooter's (Eau Claire): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour: 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$1 off top and rail 9 p.m. to midnight.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 6 to 9 p.m. Girl's Night Out! 2-4-1 rails and taps for the girls from 9 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90. 9 p.m. to close.

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

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Wednesdays:

Barracks (Madison): 16oz. taps of Lite, \$2. All rails \$.50 off, shots of Cuervo, \$1.50.

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Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price - 3 to 7 p.m.

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South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2 Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$4 pitchers 9 p.m. to midnight.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - Cocktail hour 5-9 pm. Nuts and Bolts Night Match and Win!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50. The Trading Company (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

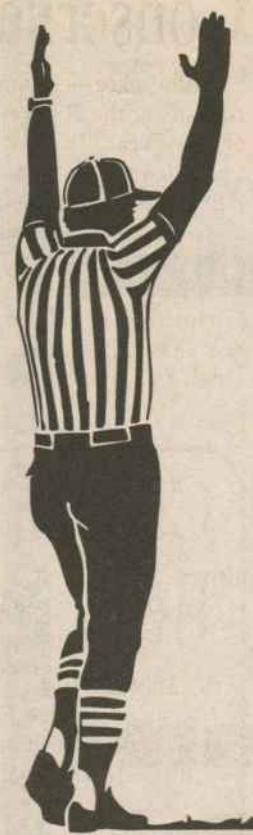
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9. Le Tigre (Mr. Lady) — Kathleen Hanna upends her screeching roots in Bikini Kill for a new wavy boho boogie that encompasses the joys of the Metro Card, John Cassavetes and other "Hot Topics." If only all such Manhattan migrations were so gushingly celebratory (and deliciously danceable).

8. Prince Paul: *Prince Among Thieves* (Tommy Boy) — A grand hip-hopera in search of financial backers in the film world. *Boast* of the year: "WW.I'mTheShit.Com!"

7. Eminem: *The Slim Shady LP* (Aftermath/Interscope) — I understand the Rolling Stones better and better. Public Enemy, too.

6. Randy Newman: *Bad Love* (Dreamworks) — The most legible music of his career. Too bad musical illiteracy is just as rampant as that other kind.

5. Latin Playboys: *Dose* (Atlantic) — No

other band (or side-project or whatever they are) has a better capacity to evoke a sense of place. And they do it with cars revving, feet shuffling, radiators humming...

4. Los Van Van: *La Colección Cubana* (Music Club) — This sat sans emotional response until the political ping-ponging of Elian Gonzalez in the front pages at which point it all came together. Most exchanges between Cuba and the States are vexed at best. This joyous grafting of cheesy synths and "Sympathy for the Devil" onto traditional Cuban sounds is a rare exception.

3. Old 97s: *Fight Songs* (Elektra) — Alt-country is the bin but only by past association. This is cheerful, invariably catchy ersatz pop music. Now if only the boy band demographic knew sexy, sexy frontboy Rhett Miller was alive, the pop would be a lot less theoretical.

2. Moby: *Play* (V2) — What color are the blues when you sample them?

1. Gay Dad: *Leisure Noise* (London) — I fell in love with these Brit altrockers the second I found out the lead singer was a rock critic. Then I learned the whole conglomerate was a mere concoction of a bunch of publicists and more rock critics. I fell deeper. Every time I succumb to their guitar melodrama and happy-go-lucky advice, I get the feeling they're laughing at me. As someone who can stand to learn better how to talk on the phone and chat online simultaneously, I welcome this feeling. And besides, as my gal Poly Styrene sang 20 years ago, "I am a poseur and I don't care."

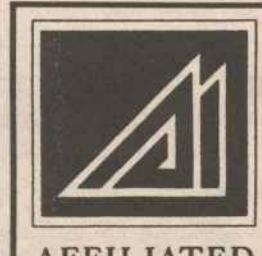
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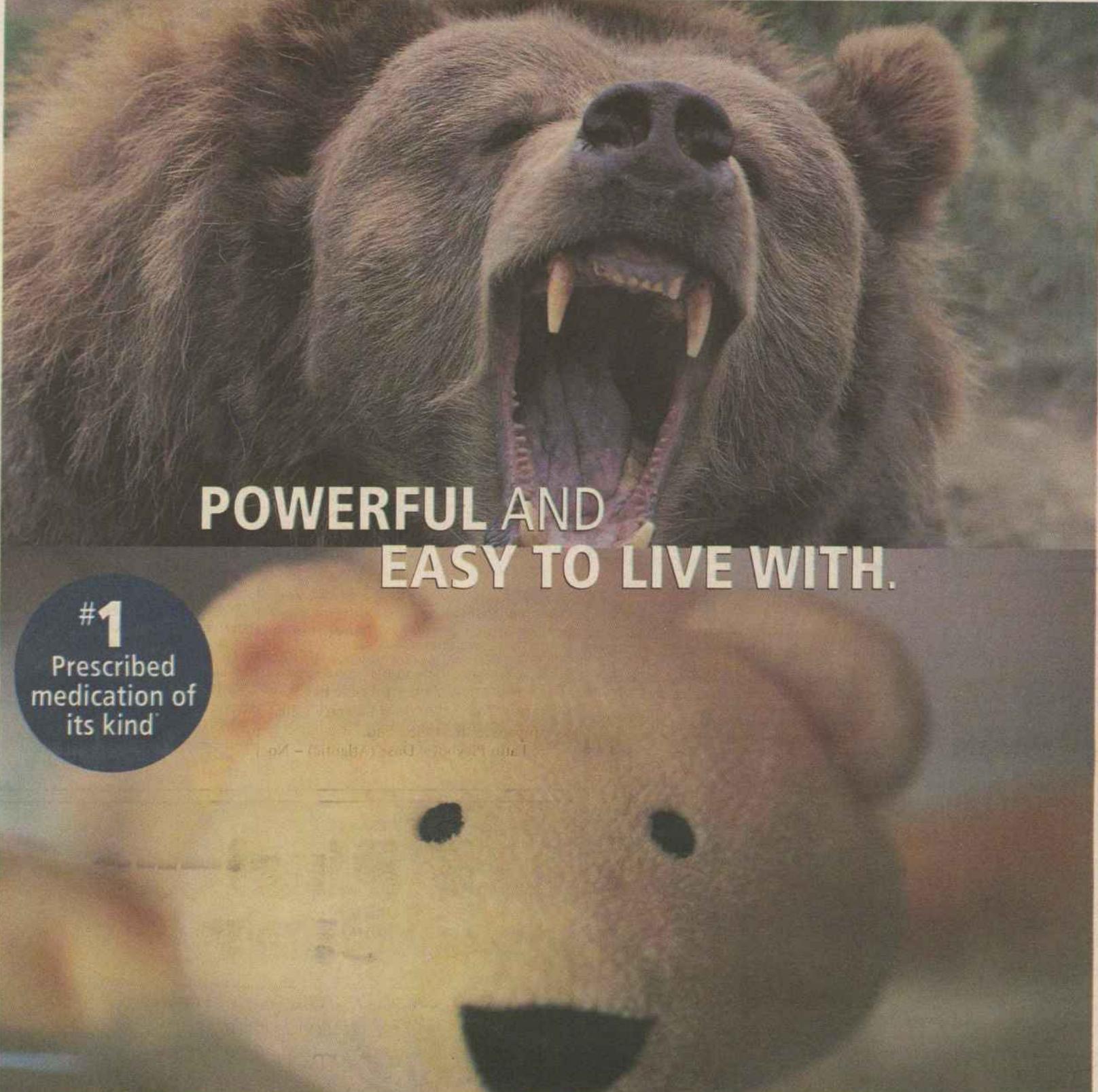
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VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

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Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

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Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

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A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
- Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

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Oral contraceptives ("the pill")
If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

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If you are taking both Videx (ddI) and VIRACEPT: Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

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When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

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- Other NNRTIs

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- Invirase® (saquinavir)

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WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using anti-diarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. The light blue VIRACEPT Tablets should be taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. You do not have to take VIRACEPT exactly every 8 hours. Instead, you can take it at normal times when you are eating.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label. The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, you should not miss any doses. However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 through 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily

Body Weight	Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
Kg	lb		
7 to < 8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1 1/4
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1 1/2
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1 3/4
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2 1/4
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2 1/2
≥23	≥50.5	15	3 3/4
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In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do not mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do not heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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From Christopher Isherwood photo album, circa 1930s left to right: W.H. Auden, Stephen Spender, Christopher Isherwood

Auden and Isherwood: The Berlin Years

by Norman Page

Reviewed by H. Murray

Norman Page's "Auden and Isherwood: The Berlin Years" is a good introduction to the city that so influenced these major English authors in their youths, writers whose works would reflect the excitement of pre-Hitler Berlin in various genres, including the film, "Cabaret." It is also an introduction to some gay rights history. Page contends that Berlin was crucial to both Auden and Isherwood in liberating their minds, and certainly their bodies, from the restrictions of family and convention in England.

Page discusses Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, the early sexologist and gay rights leader, and his Institute for Sexual Science. Isherwood resided in a building beside the Institute, one run by Hirschfeld's relatives, and the atmosphere is described in Isherwood's later work, "Christopher and His Kind." However, lengthier presentation of Hirschfeld's theories, particularly his notion that gays and lesbians constitute a third sex, should have been included. A short contrast between Hirschfeld's views on sex and those of Freud, Jung and other psychologists also would have enhanced this work.

Happily, Page does devote space to several others who influenced the pair, such as John Layard, his mentor, Homer Lane, as well as the young but prominent archeologist, Francis Turville-Petre.

But strangely missing from this book is any discussion of the Mann family. Thomas, who had won the Nobel Prize for Literature, was one of Germany's most famous literary figures. When Hitler came to power, the Manns fled Germany. One of Thomas's daughters, Erika, married Auden in the mid-1930s. The Encyclopedia Britannica politely called the reason for this union, "to provide her with a passport," as Erika was bereft of her German citizenship. Had Auden met Erika in Berlin during the pre-Hitler period? Furthermore, Erika's brother, Klaus, was something of a gay literary activist at that time. Had Auden or Isherwood met him during their stay in Berlin? Page never raises, much less seeks to answer, these questions.

Page rightly includes a reference to Richard Plant in the bibliography and quotes him several times. Plant, another refugee, wrote the powerful "The Pink Triangle: The Nazi War Against Homosexuals." Plant, grandson of a rabbi and son of an assimilated Social

Democratic physician who fought for the Fatherland during World War I, fled Germany in early 1933 because he was gay. Plant's father remained because, like many others, he assumed that it would not be so bad. Plant's sister left for the Netherlands, where she hid and ultimately survived.

Plant's book was an attempt to refute the left wing lie that Hitler and the Nazis were gay. Plant knew from personal experience how gay rights organizations were crushed in the earliest days of Hitler's Chancellorship and, how later, gays were rounded up and tortured, first in prisons, then concentration camps.

Page may be too simplistic in his assessment of gay politics in Berlin before the dictatorship. If many politically active gays sought solace on the Left among the large Communist and Social Democratic parties, hoping those politicians would keep their word and decriminalize homosexuality in Germany, still other gays thought the best way to end the Depression and discrimination was by joining parties on the Right. Though the Nazi Party had issued a statement in opposition to rights for homosexuals in the late 1920's, it was no secret that a leading Nazi, Ernst Roehm, chief of the Storm Troopers, was a gay man. Roehm had even joined Hirschfeld's gay rights organization, the Scientific Humanitarian Committee.

Attacks on Roehm were effective enough that Hitler had to remove Roehm from leadership of the Nazi youth organization.

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tion. But he retained leadership of the Storm Troopers which, by early 1934, had grown to 4 million men, constituting one of the largest armies in Europe. Leaders of the traditional German Army in Berlin and Joseph Stalin, head of the Communist dictatorship in Moscow, both feared this untamed military group led by Roehm and other homosexuals. To solidify support from the German Army, Hitler decided to act. In the summer of 1934, Hitler and the SS murdered Roehm and the Storm Trooper leadership and began a terror campaign against all homosexuals. (Almost simultaneously, Stalin revised the constitution of the Soviet Union to outlaw homosexuality.) The era of tolerance for gays in Berlin that had opened with the birth of the Weimar Republic in 1919 came crashing to a conclusion in the summer of 1934.

This raises the issue of why Auden and Isherwood decided to go to Berlin. Isherwood later summed it up in a word: "boys." However, from the photo of one of his "boys" included in this book, it is clear that Isherwood was not talking of having sex with children. Both writers sought young hustlers and visited the bars where they were to be found. Berlin in the 1920s and early '30s was tolerant; Britain, ever since the Oscar Wilde trial decades before, was not. Similarly, the 1920s, when a German-American tried to imitate

Hirschfeld and found a gay rights organization in Chicago, he and everyone else on his mailing list were arrested within a week. Although Roosevelt and the New Deal repealed the prohibition against alcohol, Hollywood at this time became ever more restrictive regarding homosexuality.

Page discusses the cinema of Weimar Germany and its influence on Auden and Isherwood, but I occasionally disagree with his assessment. For example, according to Page, the beautiful Louise Brooks, playing Lulu in "Pandora's Box," was the aggressive lesbian. I recall the Countess going after Lulu. More might have been included about the influence of Brecht on the two British writers, though mention is made of "Three Penny Opera." What did the young British authors think of "Metropolis?" "M?" "The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari?"

In summary, the Berlin of Auden and Isherwood is important for its influence on them and for their subsequent influence on us through words and films. Their involvement, in their formative years, with an era of gay tolerance cut short by ruthless dictators, had a significant impact on their lives and their writing.

("Auden and Isherwood: The Berlin Years," St. Martin's Press, 1998, HC: \$29.95, Pbk: \$16.95.)

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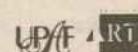


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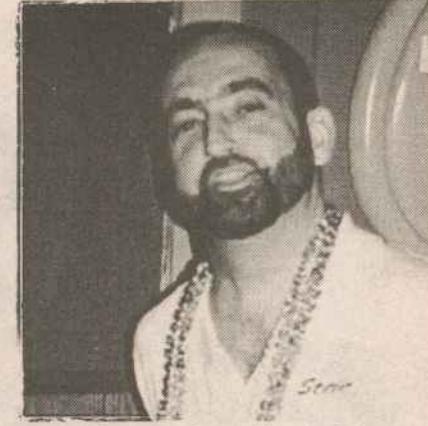
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The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Special Export \$5 pitchers and 90-cent mugs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/500 drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! South Park Wednesdays. \$5 All-U-Can-Drink Superbust (beer & soda).

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

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

Thursdays:

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

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): Pitchers of Lite \$5. Frozen cocktails, \$3. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10.

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Cosmopolitan Martinis \$3 from 8 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer, 500 drafts.

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottle and Can beers, 500 off. \$1 shots of cold Schnapps.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. Karaoke Night! 9 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Pull tabs... try your luck!

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

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

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$6 All-U-Can Drink Rail Bust!

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

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

Fridays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks. From 4 to 8 p.m. plus the Happy Hour wheel.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Patio open in June.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Bring on the Bears and Bikers! \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse. \$2.50 Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 6 to 9 p.m. Full Service Patio Bar open. Cocktail Lounge and DJ 9 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.50 bloodys screw and greyhound & 90-cent taps... 11am to 6pm.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cris.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 500 off all drinks if dressed in L/L/U. Bartenders discretion.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Hot Music to dance to. Two new DJs playing top 40, booty, house, funk, oldies etc.

Jo'Dees International (Racine): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.

Switch (Milwaukee): Full Service Patio Bar open. Cocktail Lounge and DJ 9 p.m. to close.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Trivia Challenge Day!

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, January 13

Fluid HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 9 p.m. to Midnight. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Friday, January 14

Shamrock Bar - Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group Happy Hour (Madison) The group meets at the Bar at 6 p.m. for cocktails every Friday night. Maybe grab a bite to eat afterwards.

Sunday, January 23

Hi Hat Lounge (Milwaukee): Music of Good Vibes, 8:30 p.m. 1701 N. Arlington. (414) 220-9919.

Monday, January 24

Hi Hat Lounge (Milwaukee): Music of The John Schneider Trio, 9 p.m. 1701 N. Arlington. (414) 220-9919.

Wednesday, January 26

Hi Hat Lounge (Milwaukee): DJ's Josh Modell and Dan Didier, 9 p.m. 1701 N. Arlington. (414) 220-9919.

Thursday, January 27

Dish HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 9 p.m. to Midnight. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Saturday, January 17

LGBT Community Center - Gay Men's Writing Group (Milwaukee): Meets 3rd Monday and 1st Thursday of the month. For writers, poets, essayists and all others to create an environment where members write together, share together and critique together. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Tuesday, January 18

Gerber/Hart Library - Lesbian Book Club (Chicago): The Lesbian Book Discussion Group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Library, 1127 West Granville Ave. Suggested donation: \$2 - Gerber/Hart members \$3 - non-members.

Thursday, January 20

Woodland Pattern Book Center (Milwaukee): "Words of Wonder: The Amazement of Poetry" with Anne Landre, Thursdays through March 16, 4-5:30 p.m. at 720 E. Locust Street. \$50. To register: (414) 263-5001.

Wednesday, January 26

Woodland Pattern Book Center (Milwaukee): "Writing Through Structure" with Nicholas Frank, Wednesdays through March 1, 6:30-8 p.m. at 720 E. Locust Street. \$80. To register: (414) 263-5001.

Sunday, January 30

A Room of One's Own (Madison): Patricia Lynn Reilly will read from her new book "Imagine a Woman in Love With Herself," 3:30 p.m. at 307 W. Johnson Street. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Thursday, January 13

Diversity 6/L Resource Center (Rockford, IL): Located at 610 E State St. Open from 4 to 9 p.m. Teen Drop-in Hours. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay, WI): There are five open AA Meetings for the gay and lesbian community each week in Appleton and Green Bay. FMI & Locations call (920) 336-2868 or (920) 954-9169.

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5810 8th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison, WI): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989. South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison, WI): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

HIV/AIDS Support Group & Hotline (Upper Peninsula, MI): These projects serve Dickinson, Iron, & Menominee Counties. For information on the support group which meets in Iron Mountain, Michigan on the first Thursday of each month, call the HIV/AIDS Hotline at (906) 779-2904.

HIV Self-Help Group - Monthly meeting (Baraboo, WI): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served & transportation assistance is available. FMI: (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milwaukee): this group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ongoing discussion about unique challenges and rewards of being single, open to all lesbians. The group will pick a different topic each month. FMI call Pat Walsh, (414) 329-8404.

LGBT Community Center - Parenting Support Group (Milwaukee): This group meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The group grew out of the "Maybe Baby" Rainbow U lecture. The group is for people who are considering adoption or conceiving their own children. FMI contact Andrew Warner at (414) 964-9505.

LGBT Community Center - Rainbow U Lecture Series (Milwaukee): The series takes place every 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The series is to encourage awareness and discussion of issues important to the LGBT Community. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison, WI): This weekly group provides an outlet for gay/bi students at UWM and has a number of social outings and great discussion. It is hosted by University Health Services and Sex-Out-Loud and meets on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center, located on the second floor of the UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street.

South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison, WI): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

Triangle Coalition - LGB Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meet to establish and explore friendships & relationships. Discuss a variety of topics every Thursdays at 8 p.m. FMI call (319) 583-1834.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison, WI): Meets weekly at 5:30 p.m. at 122 State St. Suite 403. FMI call (608) 250-6775.

Unitarian Universalist Church - Lesbian Support/Discussion Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets weekly from 7-8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

Friday, January 14

High Tea & Talk - Men's Group (Madison): High Tea & Talk is an organization-free opportunity for men of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men to have a bull session and graze the goodies at Monty's Blue Plate Diner at 3 p.m., wheelchair accessible.

LGBT Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 - 57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield, WI): Come every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to Marshfield's #1 spot at 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Carry-in Alcohol accepted.

FMI: Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

ProjectQ Drop-In Night (Milwaukee): LGBT Youth 24 and under are welcome to stop in Fridays, 5-10 p.m., at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street, 5-10 p.m. FMI: (414) 223-3220.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 3



New Year's Glamour. Photo by Jamie



New Year's Hugs. Photo by Jamie



New Year's Wild Child. Photo by Jamie

Gay/Bi Men's AA - Closed Meeting (Madison, WI): The group meets at 8 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. FMI: (608) 222-8989.

LGBT Community Center - Membership Drop In Nights (Milwaukee): These are low-key, casual nights on the first Monday of the month. Board games, pool and Ping-Pong are available, along with snacks and coffee. Not a member? Stop by and see about the benefits. Free for members, \$2 for non-members. FMI: (414) 271-2656

LGBT Youth Pride Support Group - New Meeting (Green Bay, WI): This group will be available to youth every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Counseling Center, 311 Jefferson St. FMI: (920) 437-4325.

WISH - Generic AA 12-Step Meeting (Madison, WI): The group meets weekly at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Community Ctr., 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI: (608) 249-5096.

UWM Rainbow Group (Milwaukee): University LGBT group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Student Union Room E307. FMI: (414) 229-6555.

Tuesday, January 18

HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha, WI): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The meetings take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Assn. of Fox Valley, Midway Rd., 1488 Kenwood Drive. FMI: (920) 739-4226 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian 12-Step Al-Anon Group (Milwaukee): Al Anon is a 12-step recovery program for relatives or friends of alcoholics. This group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism with a relative or friend. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop In Night (Milwaukee): The group meets Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. Drop In nights provide a variety of youth activities in a space that is welcoming, safe and accessible to LGBTQ (questioning) youth. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Madison Community Health Ctr. - HIV Testing (Madison): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV testing from 3 to 5:45 p.m. at 1133 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 255-0704.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

PFLAG - Milwaukee - Open Office (Milwaukee): A representative of the Milwaukee Chapter will be at the LGBT Community Center and be available to speak to parents, youth or anyone who wants to stop and say hello each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison, WI): This discussion group for Gay/Bi students meets in the Memorial Union at 12 p.m. every Tuesday. FMI: (608) 265-4901.

Womansong - Rehearsal (Madison) This singing group meets at Beth Israel Ctr. at 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Yoga Spirit - Free Classes (Milwaukee): Every Tuesday there are free classes for all people living with HIV. Among other things you can reduce stress and ease neuropathy & joint pain. Classes are held at 301 N. Water St., Suite 410 at 3:30 p.m. FMI: (414) 289-9660.

Wednesday, January 19

Diversity G/L Resource Ctr - Coming Out Support Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets every Wednesday at 610 E. State St. from 7 to 8 p.m. FMI: (815) 964-2639.

Gay/Bi Men's Alanon Group (Madison, WI): Meets at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. every Wednesday at 6 p.m. FMI: (608) 256-4107 or (608) 846-2860.

HIV/AIDS Support Group (Green Bay, WI): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meetings take place at Renaissance Healing Arts Ctr., 311 S. Jefferson from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI: (920) 437-4325 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGBT Campus Center - Les/Bi Curious Women's Group (Madison, WI): This weekly group, which is open specifically to lesbian, bisexual and curious women who are UWM students, meets every Wednesday night, 8 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center. The center is located on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Landong St.

Madison Vet Center - GLB Veterans Meeting (Madison, WI):

FILM, TV AND RADIO:

Saturday, January 15

Auditions for "True to Desire - The Movie" (Milwaukee): Auditions for the two-hour made for TV sequel to the locally produced TV series. 1 p.m. at 316 N. Milwaukee Street, Room 444. FMI: (414) 617-9598.

Sunday, January 16

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

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison, WI): "Nothing to Hide" runs LGBT programming every week from 2-3 p.m. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

Hotel Milwaukee - Live Taping (Milwaukee): This weekly taping of the radio program of Hotel Milwaukee takes place at 5 p.m. at Hotel Metro in downtown Milwaukee. It is rebroadcast over WHAD 90.7 at 7 p.m. Fridays and 4 p.m. Sundays. FMI: (414) 352-3331 or (414) 276-7889.

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

Wednesday, January 19

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison, WI): "Nothing to Hide" runs LGBT Programming every week from 9-11 p.m. Re-runs from 12:30- 2:30 a.m.

WORT, 89.9 FM - G/L Radio (Madison): "Queery," Madison's local GLBTQ radio show, followed by "This Way Out," the international LGBT show, which runs from 7:30-8 p.m.

Friday, January 21

SAGE Film Showing (Milwaukee): Senior Action in a Gay Environment presents the 1986 film, "Parting Glances." 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street.

Sunday, January 22

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

Monday, January 24

Frontiers Film Circle (Madison): "Lilies," an engrossing gay-themed drama of jealousy, love, revenge and redemption. 7pm. FMI: (608) 827-8262.

VISUAL ARTS

Tuesday, January 18

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (Milwaukee): "Three Views of Social Awareness in Art," featuring illustrator Sue Coe, photographer Paul Calhoun and Peruvian art. Runs through February 19 at 273 E. Erie Street. FMI: (414) 276-7889.

Friday, January 21

ALLERY NIGHT IN MILWAUKEE!

Grava Gallery (Milwaukee): The Return of Randy James - A showing of recent works by city artist Randy James runs from January 21 through March 3. Reception with artist on opening night from 6-9 p.m. 1209 E. Brady St. FMI: (414) 277-8228.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts (Milwaukee): "Breach Broach," an exhibit of mixed media works by Lauren Garber and Mark Klassen. Reception opening night with exhibit running through March 11. FMI: (414) 672-2787.

Adambomb Gallerie (Milwaukee): "Forever and Ever," a new show of acrylic paintings by Kurt Fredericksen. 6-10 p.m. 524 S. Second Street. FMI: (414) 276-BOMB.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee): "Interventions: New Art in Unconventional Spaces," includes recent work by 12

Keepin' IN Step

Hangover!

by Josh

Well, the New Year has come and gone. I don't know about everyone else, but as the clock counted down I felt a little uneasy. Shortly after midnight, I realized everything was going to be okay. There were no riots, no fires, no nuclear meltdowns or supernatural events. As always, the media worked us all up over nothing. Now if you haven't heard, many people say the bad stuff will hit the fan in 2001. For most of us, if something did happen on the first, we were too drunk to care.

The New Year celebration wasn't what I thought it would be. I imagined hoards of people cramming into bars to the point where you couldn't move. I guess there must have been a lot of house parties or private functions. Well anyway, Jamie and I visited club after club after club. Around 2 a.m. we invited a few good friends over to our house and partied 'til the wee hours of the morning. I feel compelled to thank the bartenders for all their hard work. They're the ones that had to bust some butt while the rest of us partied our asses off. On the other hand, I'm sure they made fat cash off of us. Everywhere we went the bartenders were working very hard.

This year things are very weird. In December the moon was the closest it will ever be for any living human. I went out that night and things were too much for me to handle. Also sometime in August, all the planets in the solar system will be in perfect alignment. For some reason, that seems a little too scary. Oh come on, we have all seen movies about the coming of Satan or the end of the world. Maybe sometime this year spaceships are going to come and take us back to our home planet. We were all left here as an elaborate experiment to see how we could handle our fragile planet.

Besides all the New Year's hoo-hah, things are slowly getting back to normal. The bartenders love you again, there's always somewhere to park, and you can get a drink within five minutes. (Unless you're at **Triangle** and **Lana** is behind the bar. If she would just stop flapping her gums! Love you, girl!) **Dish** had a great turnout with attractive guys and gals everywhere. **Club 219** was packed as well. We closed out the year at **Triangle** with the usual countdown. Everyone was kissing everyone else.

I've never been comfortable kissing strangers, for fear of getting a little tongue so it was just with Jamie and a couple people I know. To **Fluid**, **La Cage**, **Switch**, **Boot Camp**, **Triangle**, **Woody's**, **SWS Docks**, **M&M Club**, **Dish**, **219**, **The Ball Game**, **1100 Club**, **This Is It**, **Fannies** and anyone I have forgotten, thanks for everything. Without these guys we wouldn't have anywhere fun to hang out.

A little good news and bad news ... first the bad, **Milwaukee Eagle** has closed its doors for good this past weekend. Thanks **Gus**, **Mike** and the rest of the crew for giving us a fun club for the past few years and good luck on future ventures. And the good ... a new dance venue, **Club Boom** is expected to open its doors in a matter of weeks, occupying the old **In Between** space on S. 2nd. From what we've seen of the space so far, it looks pretty hot!

To all of our readers, have a prosperous and fun filled year. This is Josh saying, Slower traffic keep right or get off the frickin road, okay! ▲

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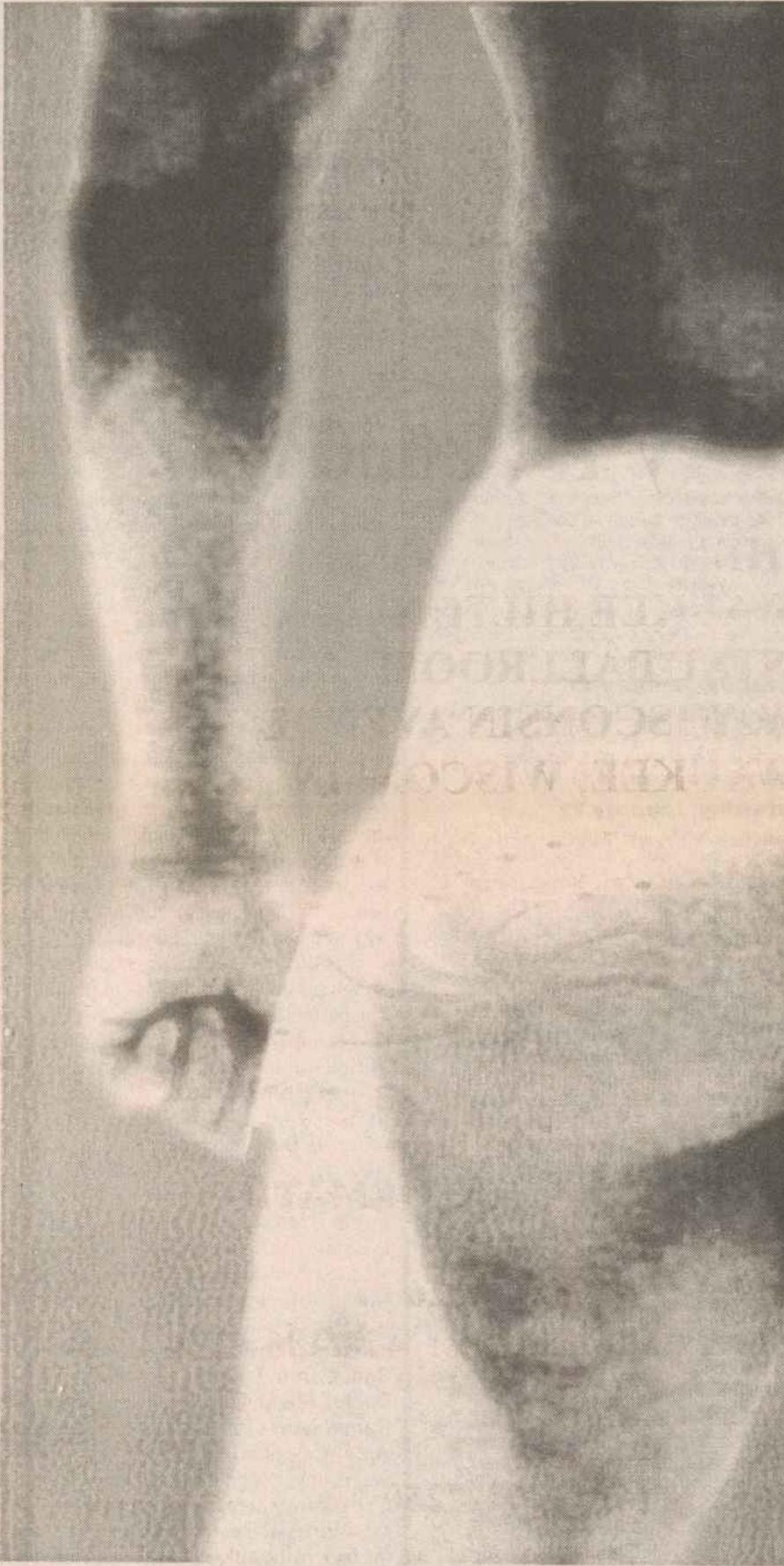
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"Imagine a Woman" Author in Madison on January 30



Madison — On Sunday, January 30, at 3:30 p.m., Patricia Lynn Reilly will read from her new book "Imagine a Woman in Love With Herself" at A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore and Coffeehouse, 307 W. Johnson Street in Madison. The event is free and open to the public.

From the author of "A God Who Looks Like Me," Patricia Lynn Reilly's lat-

est book, "Imagine a Woman in Love With Herself," is based on the twenty stanzas of her popular poem, "Imagine a Woman." A practical and poetic shopping list for self-belonging, the book is filled with woman-affirming reflections meant to empower women to move from self-loathing to self-love, from self-criticism to self-celebration.

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by Michael Johnston

And now it's "CORDIALLY YOURS" we've all turned the Century, and hopefully we're all the better for it — trust me, it gets easier...

KEY WEST was in a word "PARADISE". I strongly suggest it, to any of you out there looking to shake away the

Winter blues. I will never forget ringing in this Millennium, ocean-side! BIG RUBY's GUESTHOUSE is without a doubt THE place to stay. The service, accommodation, staff extraordinary! Even things they didn't have control of like the weather and the guests were way above average. And there's something decadent about tanning your hide in January!

THANK YOU, to all my generous, genteel, genial hosts. I never say no to an invitation, so Halloween to New Year's can really fill a calendar. RICHARD & ROBERT, RAY & CHAD, ROBERT, MICHAEL & CRAIG, MIKE & ROGER, BRIAN, CHARLOTTE, JOE at THIS IS IT, CRAIG at SWITCH, BOB at M&M CLUB and of course my special Christmas dates: Ms. RONA and CHARLOTTE LORRAINE. You all provided for me memories I will long treasure.

I've been enjoying with great pleasure pianist KEVIN DISH, from "FOREVER PLAID" he's been moonlighting at THE M&M CLUB. He is quite good with his hands and hopefully will be on reoccurring status. The production is here through March and then onto Seattle. Check with the M's staff, Friday's seem to be his night...

"THE WIZARD OF OZ" anniversary celebration was quite the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The evening started with JOHN FRICKE, world renown GARLAND Expert, signing his latest book commemorating one hundred years of OZ. Afterwards the movie was played with the most fascinating anecdotes and commentary from FRICKE. The book, the film, the host all made for an adventure as exciting as our friend Dorothy's.

THE CREAM CITY FOUNDATION's MAJOR DONOR PARTY held last month, exceeded their goals of raising necessary funds. Remember, the monies they raise in turn, help LGBT causes throughout the entire state. It was an elegant evening, with a great turn out of a cross section of Our Town. The buffet, courtesy of THE BOULEVARD INN, was as always way above par and the locale of the event just as tasteful.

Recently, I had the opportunity to dine once again at MIMMA's. The food was as excellent as I remembered and the service excellent. My hat (if I wore one) goes off to JIM, who was the acting host that night and a wee bit nervous. Trust me every-

thing went like clock work, you have a lot to be proud of...

While, normally I don't go for the mock NEXT ACT's production of: "ROOM SERVICE" — THE MARX BROTHERS hilarious vehicle of yore, was smashing! Even though "A NIGHT AT THE OPERA" is my all-time favorite. Special mention must be given to the men who brought the brothers back to life, so vividly: RAY JIVOFF as HARPO, MICHAEL HEROLD as CHICO and NORMAN MOSES as GROUCHO, Bravo — bros.

Between Holiday gatherings I had the invitation to celebrate my friend/neighbor EMILY's "Golden Birthday." The festivities took place at one of my pet stand-by's: LA PERLA. A marvelous meal, natch, but the thing that put the zing into our dinner, besides the salsa; was when various members of THE FLORENTINE OPERA CHORUS (celebrating their sterling performance of AMAHL AND THE NIGHT VISITOR) serenaded the guest of honor. The song, stopped the entire place to an appreciated silence. Oh what a moment ... ole!

It's always delightful to be able to do a "getaway", and just as delightful to return. Next time, I'll share some more magical moments from the Island with you.

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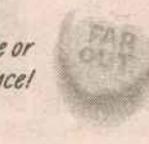
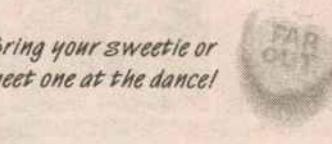
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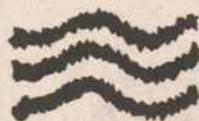
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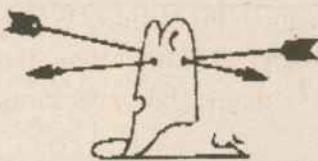
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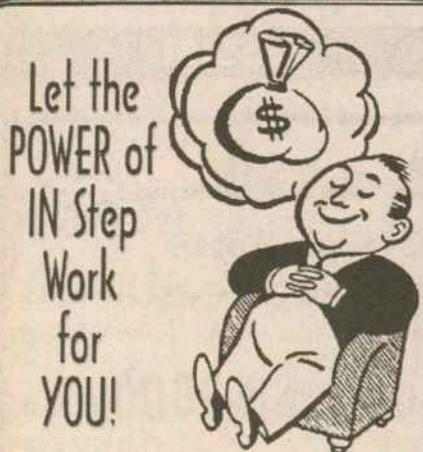
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PO Box 44211, 53214 voice mail 297-9328

Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee
P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862

GLEAM (GLBT Employees of Ameritech)
P.O. Box 254, 53201 482-4310

GL Community Center Trust Fund
P. O. Box 1686, 53201 643-1652

Great Lakes Harley Riders

PO Box 341611, 53234-1611

Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)
PO Box 899, 53201 831-4038

Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
PO Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 548-4344

LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
PO Box 93323, 53203 264-2600

Lesbian Gay Bisexual Awareness Alliance (LGBAA)
Stephanie King, Carroll College 524-6966

LOC/Women of Color
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Log Cabin Republicans (Gay Republicans)
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MGALA (MU Graduates)
PO Box 92722, 53202

Marquette LesBiGay Student Group
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott) 543-9643

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center (www.mkelgbt.org)
170 S. 2nd St, 53204 271-2656

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1532 N. Astor (c/o Murguia)

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Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
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1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212 225-1645

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PO Box 92605, 53203-0091 454-9204

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2717 E. Hampshire 964-1513

The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)
1636 W. National 647-9199

St. Ann's Church

5933 W. National Ave., 53214 259-1229

St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664

St. James Episcopal Church
833 W. Wisconsin Ave. 271-1340

First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
1342 N. Astor St. 273-5257

Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
130 E. Juneau Ave. 273-7617

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
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(800) 359-9272

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Family Care Center, 1834 W WI, 53233 933-3600

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Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)
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Positive Health Clinic
Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233 219-7908

St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry
(Nursing Care)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664

STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N Holton, 53212 264-8800

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4 Dish (Wm, DJ)
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21 Milwaukee Eagle (Mw, DJ, D)
300 W. Juneau Ave., 53203 273-6900

10 M&M Club (MW, F)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962

29 South Water Street Docks
354 E. National Ave., 53204 225-9676

20 Station 2 (Wm, D)
1534 W. Grant 53215 383-5755

30 Switch (Mw)
124 W. National Ave., 53204 220-4340

13 This Is It (M)
418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192

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Silver Dollar Cafe
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The Force
(referrals to GBLT counselors) 276-8487

Gay Information Svcs.
(referrals) 444-7331

Gay Bash Hotline (confidential) 444-7331

Gay Youth WI Hotline 272-TEEN

888-GAY-TEEN

Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123

Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling/referrals)
271-1560

Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymous) (414) 273-AIDS
(800) 334-AIDS

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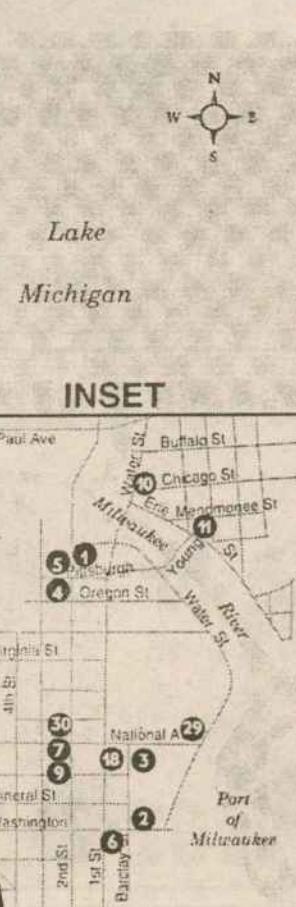
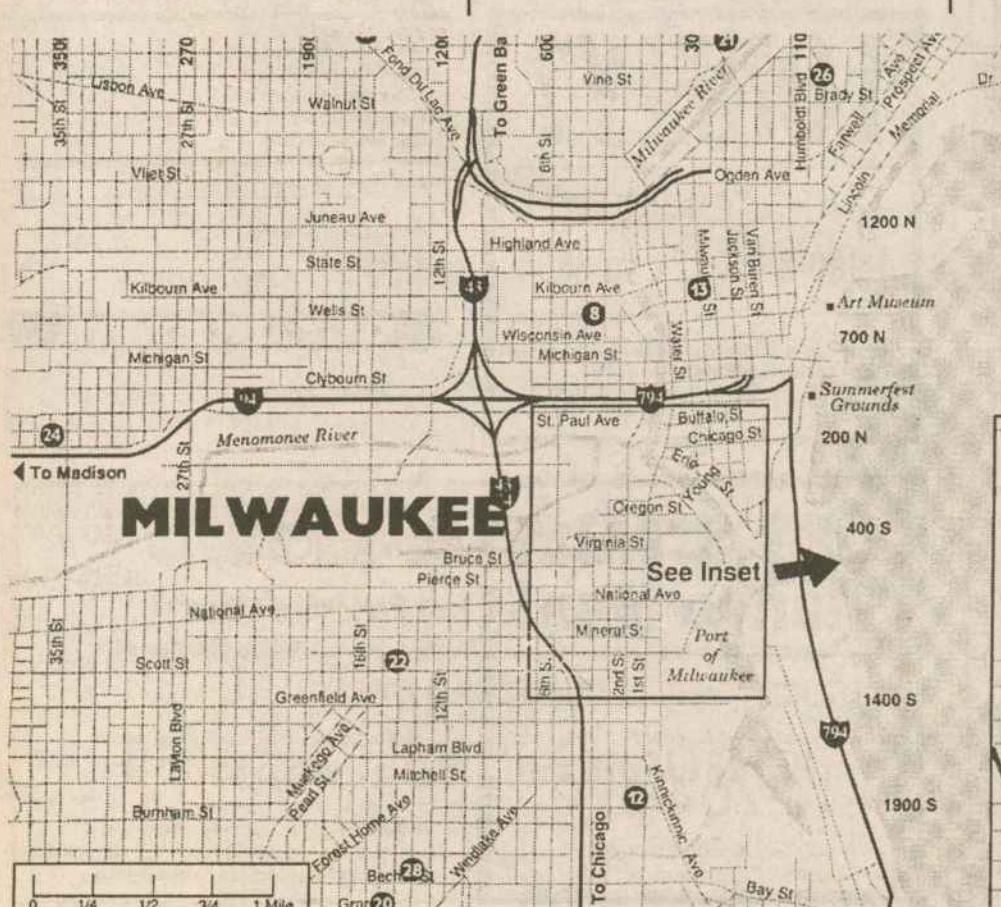
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Campus Activities Complex, Box 68
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Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim: (715) 384-6731
Platwood Club (MW, D)
701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481 341-8862
Prince Edward B&B
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Wausau Narcotics Anonymous
(ask for Gay meetings) 536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 346-4851

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
Oneida County Health Dept. (715) 369-6228
P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501

Gay/Lesbian Support Group
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave, Ashland 54806
Northern WI Lambda Society
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of
Gays/Lesbians/Bis 359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
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6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140 857-3744
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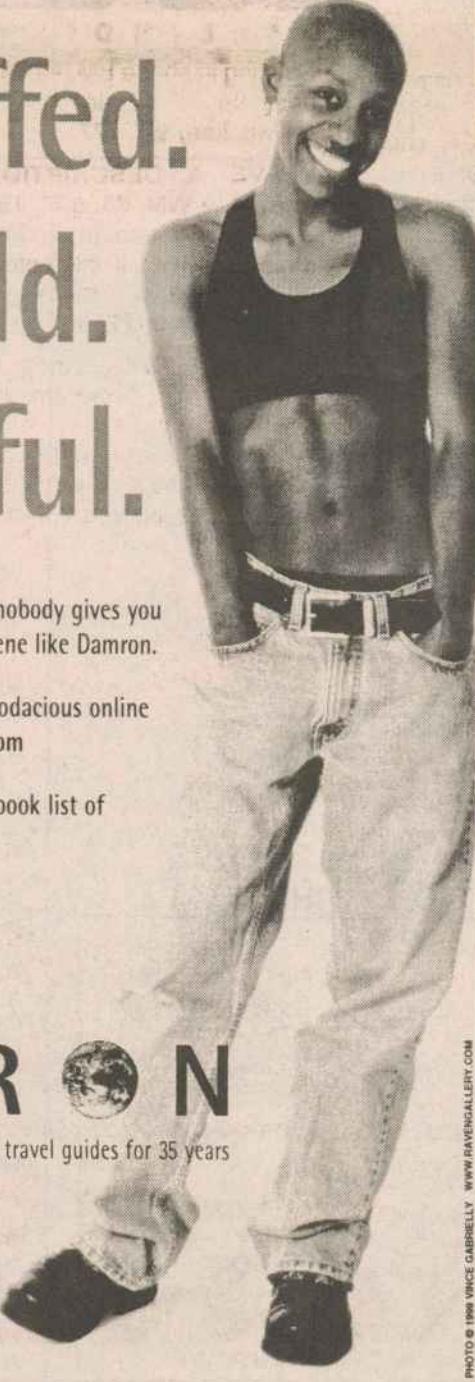
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(800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.arcw.org)
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PO Box 152, Wausau 54402 842-1377
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W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750 448-4302
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105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, Eau Claire 54701 477-8802
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Code 4419, e-mail to pioneerrs@uol.com
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Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) (202) 628-4160
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483
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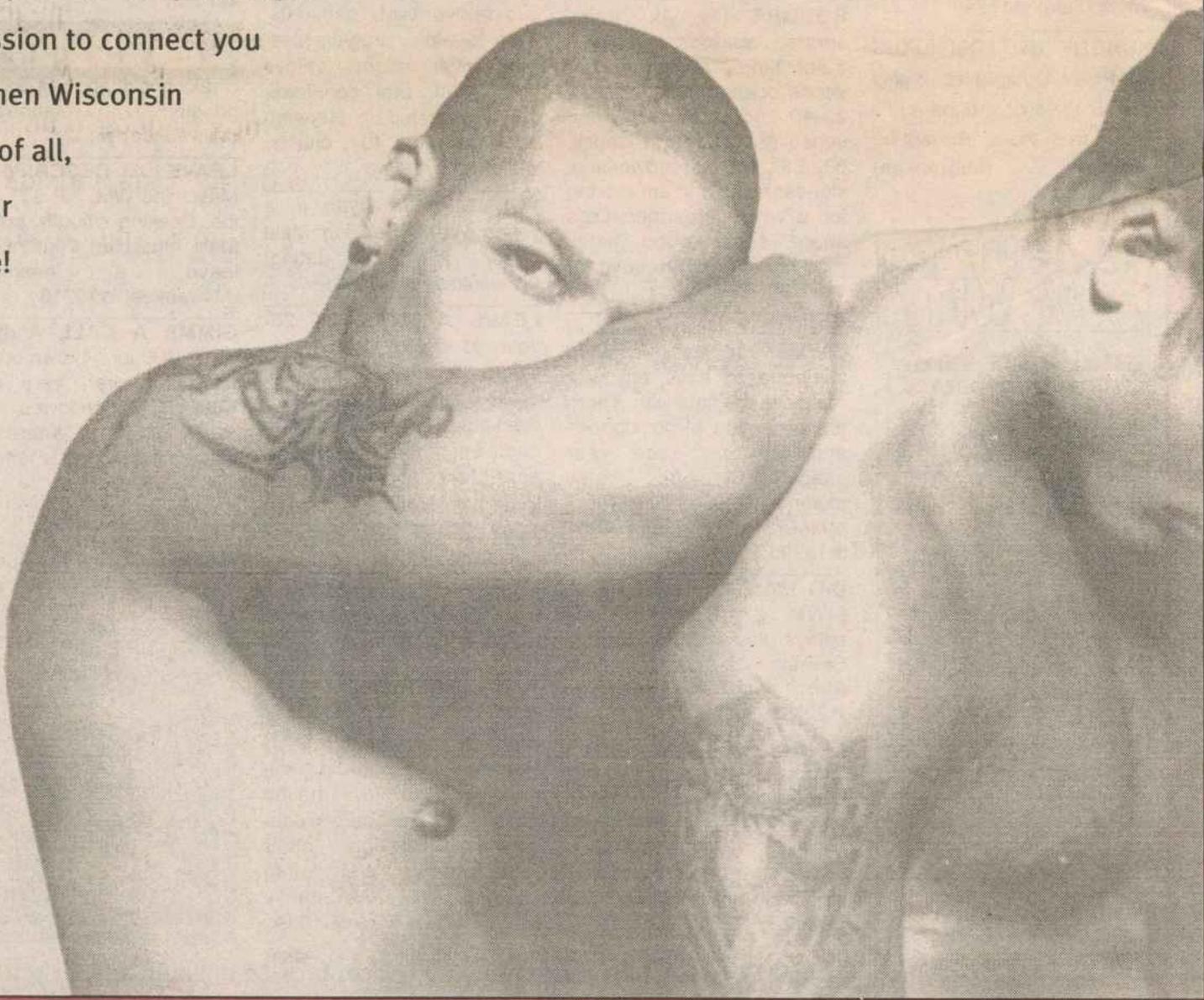
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