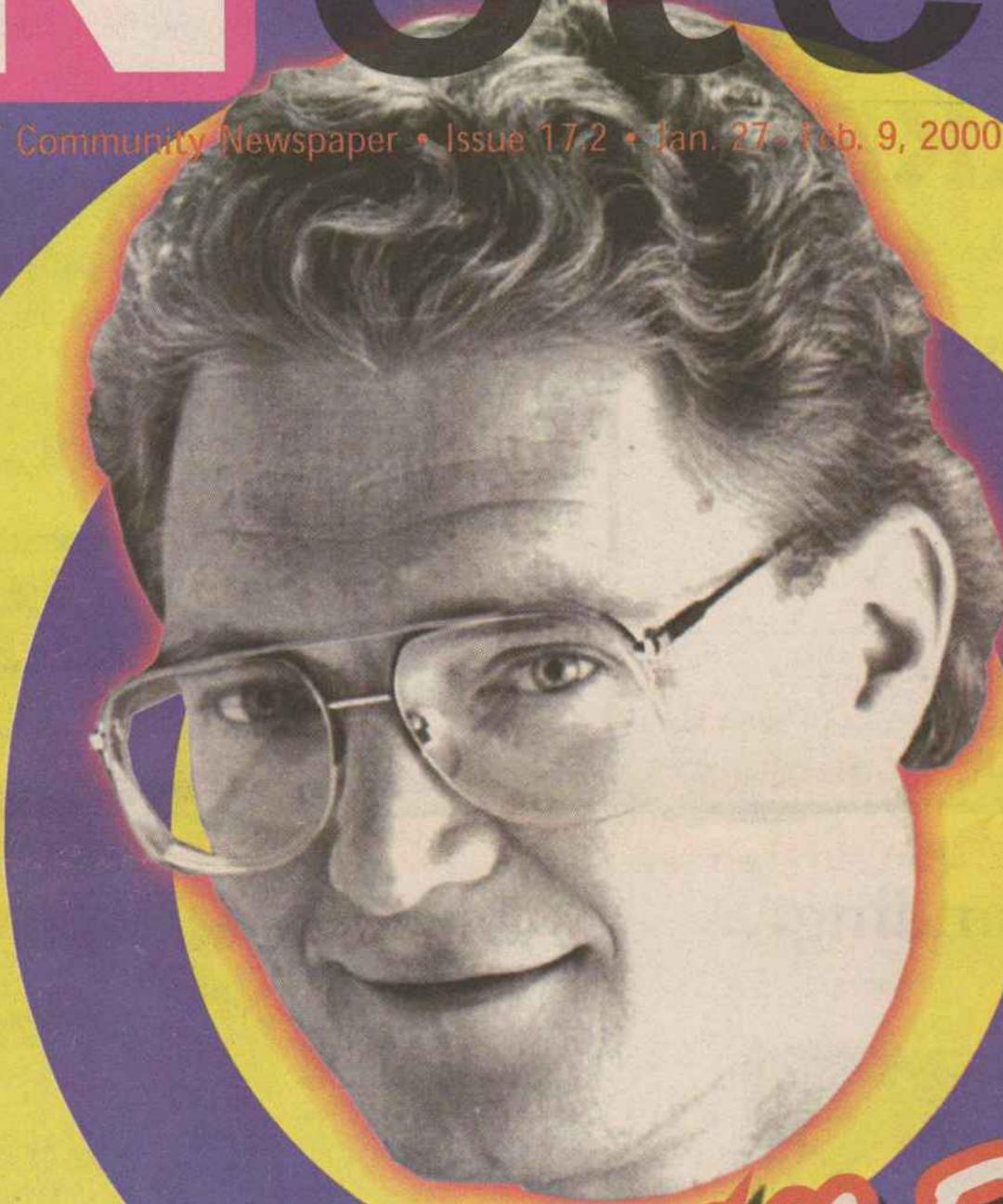


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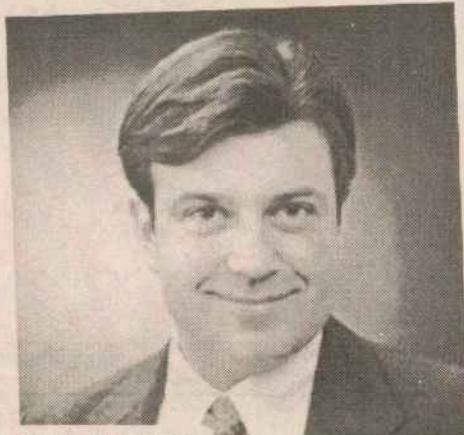
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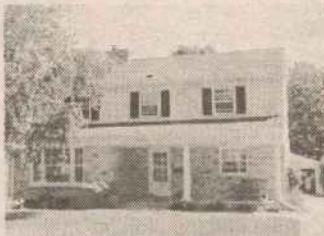
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With this issue, *IN Step* begins its extensive coverage of this year's elections. We are kicking it off with an important interview with Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, I'm sure you will find some of his comments enlightening.

Also, in this issue you will find our on-going coverage of the matters surrounding St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry. It saddens me to see that St. Camillus has made the decision to close the AIDS Ministry. It served our HIV/AIDS community well. Those who worked tirelessly and honestly for the Ministry deserve our thanks and support. By in large, those professionals and volunteers who worked with the AIDS Ministry were honest, dedicated individuals who are deeply saddened and disappointed by the closing.

Also in this issue you will find Mike Leon's interview with Madison Police captain and open lesbian, Cheri Maples. It is an interesting story of a woman overcoming obstacles while sticking to her belief system. I applaud her openness.



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Editor's Note

Finally, this item of note: While many of you may have been watching the Golden Globes, Rob Coughlin, a contestant on ABC's *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* embraced his gay companion onstage after winning \$500,000 before an TV audience estimated at 28.5 million viewers. The studio audience cheered, Regis Philbin, the host, grinned, and the network was not flooded with protest calls.

Twenty or even 10 years ago, there would have been serious problems with the embrace. That such a public show of affection is now a non-issue is evidence of the changing landscape of television and our society.

When the Mayor of Milwaukee is eager to confront issues important to gays and lesbians, a lesbian police captain in Madison can be out and loud and an average gay couple can display affection on national TV there is only one conclusion I can draw ... our society is making progress.

Yes, Regis ... that is my final answer.

William Attewell

news



Kuehl Says Knight Initiative Will Lose

by Rex Wockner

SAN DIEGO — The state ballot initiative to ban gay marriage will fail on March 7, says openly lesbian California state Assemblymember Sheila James Kuehl, D-Santa Monica.

Kuehl was in San Diego Jan. 22 to raise money for her state Senate campaign. Term limits prevent her from running for the Assembly again.

"I think we're going to defeat the Knight initiative," Kuehl said. "The most promising thing is that the more that people know about it, in polling or in long sort of question interviews, the less likely they are to support it. So that tells us that if we get the word out, people will be less likely to support it."

The initiative, formally known as Proposition 22, gets its nickname from its sponsor, state Sen. Pete Knight, R-Palmdale.

"The No On Knight organization needs half a million dollars from San Diego," Kuehl said. "If there's anyone who reads this [article], anyone who knows anyone who reads this, anyone who has not given money to No On Knight, they should give at least \$50 right away, and more and more and more if they can, because the other side is pouring millions of dollars in and there's only six weeks left 'til the election, and it's very important. And that's what it takes. It takes money to buy advertising, do mailers and send out tapes for house parties."

Several measures that gay activists had long sought passed the California legislature in 1999 — including a domestic partnership registration scheme, a beefed-up statewide ban on anti-gay discrimination, and a ban on anti-gay discrimination in schools — but Kuehl says there's still plenty to do.

"There will be some interest in increasing the number of benefits that you gain by registering as a domestic partner," she said. "There will be some attention still paid to AIDS research and treatment funding."

Kuehl was a TV star in the late 1950s and early 1960s. She played Jackie Erwin on *Trouble With Father* and Zelda Gilroy on *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis*. Her acting career came to an abrupt halt when network officials found out she was gay.

St. Camillus to Close AIDS Ministry

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

MILWAUKEE — The Order of St. Camillus has announced it has suspended all facets of the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, except those associated with the Sensitive Care Unit and home health initiatives. Among programs effected is the Raphael House, a supportive housing facility for persons with HIV. That program currently serves approximately 15 residents.

A brief statement released to *IN Step* on Jan. 17 by Rick Johnson, President and CEO of St. Camillus Health Center, cited an inability to secure adequate funding for the AIDS Ministry and added that efforts to secure new funding had not been successful. Representatives of St. Camillus indicated that they would work closely with community groups and programs to limit the impact of these decision on clients currently receiving services through St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry.

The announcement came on the heels of allegations that Father Stephen Braddock had misused and misappropriated funds from St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry. Those charges continued to be denied by St. Camillus.

"At this point in time ... these allegations don't have any foundation," Father Louis Lussier, vicar provincial of the North American Province of the Order of St. Camillus told *IN Step*. "When you are doing this kind of work you sometimes have to make judgment calls. Some of those calls were not good. Fr. Braddock has taken a leave of absence, he's working in Florida an associate pastor. That is his choice."

But a statement faxed to *IN Step* by representatives of St. Camillus on Jan. 10 seems to contradict the assertion that funds were not misused. The statement reads, in part: "We are confi-

dent that our external audit will confirm that in all but two cases our donors' wishes and their gift restrictions have been preserved. And with those two donors, whose gifts total a little under \$25,000, those contributions to the principles of stewardship."

While Lussier continued to deny allegations that Braddock had misused or misappropriated funds, he did confirm reports that indicted that Braddock's strong position at St. Camillus and the timing of his departure contributed to the decision to shut down the AIDS Ministry.

"That is a conclusion is hard to deny because Steve [Braddock] was so central to these components," Lussier told *IN Step*.

Lussier also indicated that grant money expected by St. Camillus fell through and that the decision to shut down the AIDS Ministry was a difficult one.

"It is something we had been struggling with for several months," said Lussier. "It was a decision that no one wanted to make. The order of St. Camillus is dedicated to HIV/AIDS care in the community and, as financial resources become available, we hope to be able to reassume our historic level of involvement; however, at this time the Order has decided to emphasize those areas of the HIV/AIDS Ministry where we believe we can serve the community best."

In a letter to *IN Step*, Eric Gravenkamp, current Director of the HIV/AIDS Ministry stated, "We will leave this ministry with heavy hearts, knowing that the need for support is greater than ever in the AIDS community."

Madison LGBT Candidate for County Board Running Strong

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

MADISON — The Dane County Board was the electoral starting point for such progressive stalwarts as open LGBT office-holders State Rep. Mark Pocan and U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin.

Now, local progressives here are rallying around County Board candidate Chuck Erickson as his campaign to unseat a controversial incumbent accelerates.

Presently, the Board has no open LGBT sitting supervisors. In his first run for electoral office, Chuck Erickson is seeking the seat of incumbent Karen Cornwell who represents District 10 on Madison's near-west side. Cornwell is under fire in this liberal district for siding with social conservatives in her vote that successfully elected the Board Chair and other leadership positions.

A common refrain here is that Cornwell, otherwise well regarded, voted as a "traitor." The openly gay Erickson has picked up the support of numerous LGBT activists and a majority of progressive board supervisors.

"Chuck is someone who will vote progressive 100 percent of the time, and that is crucial on this board," said State Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison). "He has an outstanding record of community involvement, and he is just the type of progressive activist the Dane County Board needs." Erickson, a 39-year old homeowner, lives with his partner of four years, David. Erickson works in technical sup-

port for a local company.

In an interview with *IN Step* he outlined his campaign to become a Dane County Supervisor.

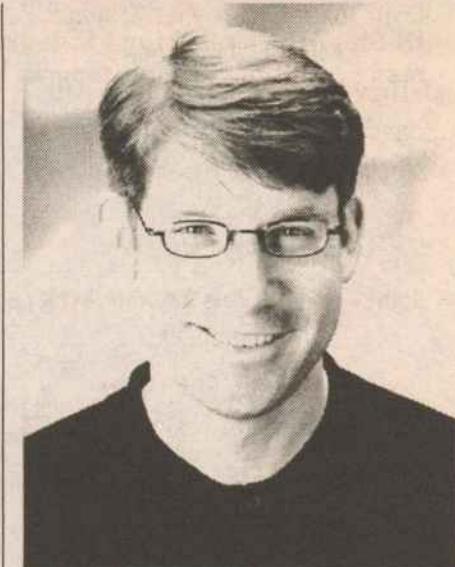
A member and former officer of his neighborhood association, Erickson is serving his second term on the Dane County Local Emergency Planning Commission. He says his long history of environmental work and other community organizing experience well prepares him to fight for specific quality of life and equity issues on the Board.

"As an openly gay County Board Supervisor, I will also advocate that gay and lesbian couples be afforded the same recognition, privileges, and rights as heterosexual, married couples. If such legislation, as introduced by State Legislator Mark Pocan, passes at the State level, then each county will offer this formal recognition," said Erickson. "Should this state legislation fail to pass, I will work toward implementing it here in Dane County."

Erickson supported the "City of Tolerance" resolution the Madison Common Council passed in 1998, and a similar resolution later passed by the Dane County Board.

"There were many allies for these sensible official statements that bigotry will not go unchallenged," said Erickson. "I'll never let bigotry go unchallenged. It's important that we have the open LGBT perspective in any legislative body. That person can bring insight and sensitivity into policy discourse—to speak from experience." Establishing equality and fighting bigotry are clear priorities of Erickson's.

"I'll give you another example. My partner is Asian-American. I thought I understood bigotry. But now I see firsthand other manifestations of bigotry. I'm gay, but I'm also white, male and privileged," said Erickson. "The privileges are



Chuck Erickson

very real, and there are clear advantages. It's important that you are able to recognize other people's experience with hatred and ignorance."

Erickson is hitting the pavement and knocking on doors as January gets seasonably cold.

"It's pretty cold out there now. But meeting folks, you establish warmth in a lot of ways. I met a woman with rainbow flags on her front door who has an LGBT kid. It's a real pleasure meeting people and establishing relationships," said Erickson. "It keeps me going. But I won't be outworked in this campaign. I'm prepared to do what it takes to win."

Erickson and Cornwell have no primary opponents this February. As the campaign season kicks into high gear, the powerful LGBT community here is mobilizing for one of its own.

Madison Cop Integrates Life and Job

Interview by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — Out lesbian, practicing Buddhist, mother, LGBT advocate, and community activist, Cheri Maples now can add captain and member of the Madison Police Department's management team to a description of her life.

Following a Capital Times scoop on the formerly Lieutenant Maples' promotion to Captain, a headline in a December issue of the Wisconsin State Journal's read: "Lesbian hits top police ranks."

Reacting to what some feel was the sensationalistic headline, a Madison activist said, "Well, what do you expect from the State Urinal (Journal)?"

But Maples is proud of her identification, and in an interview with *IN Step* recounts how the rank and file of the Madison Police Department were not all as welcoming to LGBT officers in 1984, Maples' first year on the force, as they are today.

Maples recalls the support and encouragement of Madison Police Chief David Cooper (1972-93) who proved the man of his progressive reputation when, during an 1984 interview with Maples, assured her that any bigotry would not be tolerated in his police department. LGBT activists and Maples agree that Cooper's specific support in the 1980's allowed Maples the opportunity to advance up the chain of command.

Maples achieved a bachelor's and master's degree while raising her kids and blazing a trail as an outspoken LGBT advocate in the Madison Police Department. Maples' completed her law degree with Honors, in six years while working full-time as a sergeant and lieutenant in the department. She attributes her ability to climb in her various pursuits to a Buddhist-inspired mindfulness to the task and situation at hand.

Madison's LGBT community is proud of Maples' success and looks forward with hope to Maples' ascension one day to chief.

IN Step: The first thing I thought when I read your resume is: Why did this woman become a cop?

The million-dollar question everyone wants to know. One of the big reasons is David Cooper. I really liked what I saw about him in the paper. And, of course there's a little bit of a cowboy in being a

"THERE IS STILL AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF HOMOPHOBIA IN POLICING. ... IT'S PRETTY AMAZING THE LEVEL OF DISCRIMINATION THAT'S STILL OUT THERE."

lesbian—not that I practiced being a cop that way. I could not even conceive of myself as being a cop. But you come here; you start reading about David Cooper. He had the reputation as being the socialist police chief in the United States ... Quite frankly, there were a number of factors that converged into one. I realized there was no way I wanted to be in academia. I come from a very career oriented, working-class background ... I had worked in a battered women's program for quite a while, and knew some people, one person in particular who I really trusted and liked; she was in a Master's program when I worked for Advocates (Dane County Advocates for Battered Women). She became a cop. My partner and I had our first son—one of the first people in the city probably to that, in 1983. She had three other kids from a previous marriage. It was hard to survive on a community organizer's salary, so I was willing to try something for a while to give myself some breathing room.

IN Step: On a personal level, what's the significance of somebody achieving a certain level of success in this field and also being an out lesbian? What's the significance of that for you?

I don't know, personally, of any woman who is a Chief and has been an out lesbian her entire career. Maybe San Francisco. There is still an incredible amount of homophobia in policing. In states that still have old 'sodomy' laws on the books, you just don't get hired if you're gay. Actually, I did a policy paper when I was in law school on the history of gay and lesbian cops. It's pretty amazing

the level of discrimination that's still out there.

IN Step: How is that vis a vis Madison?

Madison is special. I came on the force in '84. People were wearing 'happily hetero' buttons at first. This was not a gay-friendly place when I first came on. But you had a leader who was not going to tolerate discrimination, racism, and homophobia.

Once those buttons appeared they were gone. If you have a leader who is willing to tolerate that, it's all over for you. Just like if you have a leader that's willing to tolerate closed-door politicking where an entire reality is created behind closed doors instead of out in the open where everyone has a chance to discuss...it's a para-military organization, it's so dependent on the tone that's set at the top.

How that relates back to your question is basically: I was not at 31 years old prepared to go back in the closet for anybody. I already fought too many battles. And I came out in my interview with Cooper, and I wanted to know if there was going to be support here. I was confident there would be... But I think it's really significant the changes we are achieving are so far-reaching now. Things are changing so rapidly. It is the most exciting time to be a part of that. Everybody everywhere needs to be a part of that. The battle has to fought on all fronts....

When people think of me as being a cop, they make assumptions about my politics that are totally incorrect. ... I'm probably the only Buddhist cop that I know. I can remember going to a meditation retreat with one of my favorite people. ... As far as Buddhist precepts, I was just going through hell about whether I could make a commitment about not killing anybody, not to condone any act of killing ... It was so shocking for me there, though, that experience almost made me cry, because these nuns were like: 'are you kidding, you're exactly the kind of person that should be carrying a gun—you do it mindfully. You're exactly the kind of person.' It was the first time that I experienced people accepting me as a cop. It was a while ago now, but I will never forget how good that felt.

IN Step: It's apparent that you have a coherent and pretty integrated conception of the world in your personal life, in your professional life, in your political life. What do you attribute this to?

It has become more and more important to me as a person that everything that I am doing, in my work, how I relate to people at work, the actions I take are mindful...Especially in an organization like this or the military, it's so easy to follow the rules and kiss the right ass to get where you want to go. To choose not to, that takes a different breed of person, I think. I'm not saying I have been always successful, but I try to integrate my mistakes.

Vermont Bishop Rallies Against Gay Couples

Monpelier, Vt. — Bishop Kenneth Angell, Vermont's leading Roman Catholic cleric, said in a pastoral letter read at all Catholic masses in the state on Jan. 16, "Today in Vermont the sacredness of marriage and the family as ordered by God is in jeopardy, and we are called to defend it."

Angell urged the state's Catholics to rally outside the Vermont statehouse on Jan. 25, to show their opposition to both same-sex marriage and domestic partnerships.

In December the state's supreme court ruled that same-sex couples are entitled to the same benefits and protections extended to married couples, but left it to the legislature to determine how to ensure those rights. The lawmakers have begun considering several possibilities, including changing the state's marriage laws to cover same-sex couples and creating a state domestic partnership program that would parallel marriage.

Although he offered no suggestions about how the legislature could comply with the court's ruling, Angell said that if the current law denies some Vermonters their civil rights, the problem should be addressed in some other way than same-sex marriage.

Atlanta Considers Barring Trans Bias in City Workforce

ATLANTA — The Atlanta city council is considering an amendment to the city charter to extend anti-discrimination protections to cover gender identity, along with age, color and disability.

The measure, introduced by Councilman Michael Bond, is almost guaranteed passage since it is also being co-sponsored by all of the other council members except one who was absent when the measure was introduced.

The categories of age, color and disability are already covered under existing ordinances but are not included in the city charter's "bill of rights."

Bond said including the three classes of protections in the city charter's protections would make enforcement more consistent.

Bond said that extending new anti-bias protections to transgendered individuals made sense because "it is just the right thing to do."

Only a handful of cities and counties now have anti-bias protections covering gender identity and only one state—Minnesota—has such protections.

The proposed change would only apply to employees or prospective workers for the city government.

Veterans Not Worried About Gays in the Military

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — In one of the more unexpected indications that allowing openly gay or lesbian soldiers to serve in the country's armed forces may be more of a political problem than a barracks one, the Fayetteville Observer in North Carolina reports that in interviewing military veterans on a number of presidential election issues the daily newspaper found most of them had no objection to gays or lesbians serving in the military.

The paper reported that "a common sentiment found by the newspaper" was that "being gay and being in the service can be accepted by military service members."

The paper quoted a number of veterans who seemed to have little or no problem with gays in the military. "Some people drink beer. And some people drink whiskey. Whatever flips your switch," the paper quoted one Vietnam veteran as saying, calling his attitude "common" among the vets they interviewed.

What the paper found the veterans didn't like was the current "don't ask, don't tell" policy that allows gays and lesbians to serve in the military only as long as they keep their sexual orientation secret.

"This 'don't ask, don't tell' is crap," the paper quoted one veteran as saying.

Even vets who said they didn't like homosexuals told the paper it should be a non-issue as far as the military is concerned.



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McCain Has 'Gaydar?'



Sen. John McCain

Barrington, N.H. — Rambling along back roads in quest of independent voters, Arizona Sen. John McCain said today that he can identify a gay person "by behavior and by attitudes" — an assertion that was disputed by one of the nation's leading gay political groups.

The Republican presidential contender made the assertion during a stop at Calef's Country Store, where he bought a block of extra-sharp cheddar. The topic had arisen as McCain chatted with reporters

aboard his campaign bus, the Straight Talk Express, where he said he had served in the Navy with many gays, although they had not told him of their sexual orientation. In the store, he was asked how he knew.

"Well, I think we know by behavior and by attitudes," he told a spray of television cameras. "I think that it's clear to some of us when some people have that lifestyle. But I didn't pursue it, and I wouldn't pursue it, and I wouldn't pursue it today."

Asked again if he can really tell when someone is gay, McCain backtracked. "I said I had suspicions, and I think that — I was told that they were," he said. "But, look: That, to me, was something — and still is something — that is private. It's very different from a manifestation of that behavior in the line of duty."

Although McCain disagrees with most parts of their agenda, gay rights groups have considered McCain the least objectionable of the Republican presidential candidates. He is the only one who has met with leaders of the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay group with 11,000 members, while Texas Gov. George W. Bush has said he probably would not.

After McCain's meeting on Nov. 8, he said he was eager to

work with the group to end discrimination. He is the only current presidential candidate to receive donations through the group, which has passed on \$40,000 to his campaign, according to Log Cabin officials.

McCain has said he would retain the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, which was designed to allow gays to serve, but not openly. "I think the policy works," he said at a town meeting

"WELL, I THINK WE KNOW BY BEHAVIOR AND BY ATTITUDES. I THINK THAT IT'S CLEAR TO SOME OF US WHEN SOME PEOPLE HAVE THAT LIFESTYLE."

tonight in Stratham, N.H., "but I am opposed to discrimination of any kind in America."

David M. Smith, communications director of the Human Rights Campaign, a gay political group based in Washington, said of McCain's ability to sense gays, "He has one up on me, because I can't tell just by behavior and attitudes."

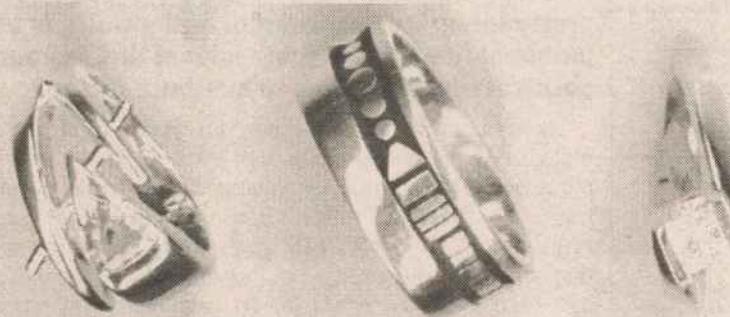
"He is clearly stereotyping based on mannerisms," Smith said. "This is a form of prejudice, and illustrates the struggle that gay people face."

But Kevin D. Ivers, public affairs director of the Log Cabin Republicans, took McCain's observation in stride.

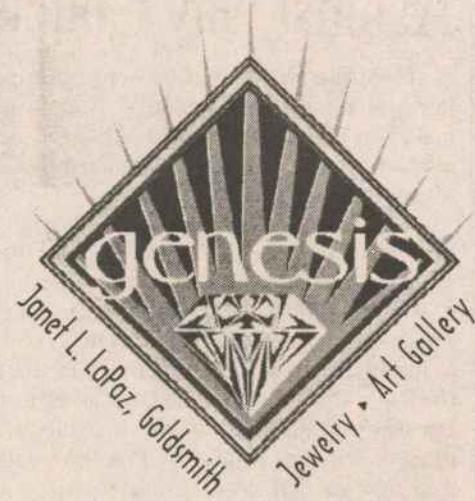
"If there's a gay person anywhere who says they can't walk into a room and tell who some of the gay people are, they're lying," Ivers said. He added that these comments show that McCain "has been thinking about his entire life and when gay people may have played a role in it. He has reached across and said he wants to understand gay people, even though he doesn't always agree with them."

The exchange showed the risk of the free-wheeling style that has drawn so much attention to McCain, who holds forth for hours every day in the big red captain's chair at the back of the Straight Talk Express. He seems to enjoy the give-and-take, although in remarks to the Rotary Club in Rochester, N.H., McCain said jokingly of the reporters, as he often does, "Most of 'em are either communists or Trotskyites."

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ROW Elects Officers, Announces Grant

Green Bay — Rainbow Over Wisconsin (ROW) reelected the foundation's executive board during its annual open meeting at Za's video bar on Jan. 17. Terry Tetzlaff of Green Bay will return as president and Todd West of Appleton as vice president. The group combined the position of secretary and treasurer and selected current treasurer Glen Paschen of Appleton to fill the revised office.

Following the election, ROW announced it had agreed to fund the printing costs of the recently-completed educational brochure "Paying for Hate - What the Radical Right Costs Wisconsin."

Targeted for the LGBT supportive community, the tri-fold color brochure details the negative economic and social impact of the Religious Right on the state and provides capsule summaries of all groups currently active in Wisconsin.

The right wing monitoring organization Wisconsin Research Center for Pluralism, Inc. of Milwaukee developed the brochure with key design and editorial focus input from Action Wisconsin. A review committee which included representatives from Action Wisconsin, the Human Rights League, the Domestic Partnership Task Force and other concerned LGBT individuals reviewed the material prior to publication.

With the grant, ROW joins Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation and Madison's New Harvest Foundation in underwriting publishing costs for the brochure.

Following the announcement, representatives invited

from a dozen regional and statewide LGBT groups provided brief updates on their activities. Cafe Bourbon and Rascals provided refreshments for the event.

Rainbow Over Wisconsin is a foundation providing funding for projects which improve the quality of life for the LGBT community throughout the state, with a primary focus on northeastern and central Wisconsin.

To fund its mission Rainbow Over Wisconsin sponsors a series of events annually, highlighted by the northeast Wisconsin Pride picnic in July.

Rainbow Alliance Picks New Leaders

Wausau — The Rainbow Alliance of Central Wisconsin (RACW) has chosen Doug Bauer of Madison as the group's new president. Bauer previously served as RACW's vice-president. Although Bauer resides in Madison, he is originally from central Wisconsin and spends the majority of his free time in the area.

RACW also selected Joan Glascock and Jackie Mallory of Wausau as co-vice presidents, Fran Cherney of Milladore as secretary and Larry Steltenpohl of Stevens Point as treasurer. Six others were selected to the group's Steering Committee.

Elections were held during the group's monthly meeting and social in Wausau on Jan. 15. Members were also invited to complete an interest questionnaire to assist the organization in its project planning for the coming year.

Following recognition of the outgoing leadership, President Bauer announced that RACW will sponsor a

presentation by openly gay Wisconsin Assembly representative Mark Pocan (D-Madison) in Spring, 2000.

With more than a hundred members in nine counties, the Rainbow Alliance is the largest LGBT civic and social organization in the center of the state. For more information about the group, call (715) 592-6245, Ext. 5920200.

WORT Offers LGBT Programming

Madison — WORT 89.9 FM, Madison's listener-sponsored community radio station broadcasting from 118 S. Bedford St., offers a variety of programming of interest to the LGBT community.

On Sundays, tune in to "Her Turn," featuring news and information by and about women, from 11-11:30 a.m., followed by "Her Infinite Variety," which spotlights all genres of women's music, along with interviews, live guests, and announcements for the Madison women's community. "Her Infinite Variety" airs from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

From 2-3 p.m. on Sundays, listen as hosts Bruce Wheeler and Earl Bricker present "Better Living Through Show Tunes."

On Wednesday evenings between 7-8 p.m., WORT presents "Queery," the local LGBT news and views radio show, and "This Way Out: The International LGBT News Magazine."

For more information on WORT programming, call (608) 256-2001, or visit WORT's web site at <http://www.netphoria.com/wort>.

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group notes

PrideFest Seeks Nominations for Awards

Milwaukee — Each year, PrideFest presents awards to individuals and organizations in Wisconsin which have demonstrated leadership, community service and notable achievements. The deadline for nominations this year is March 15.

The award categories include: Community Service, for individuals or organizations that have made exemplary contributions of time and energy to the community; Stonewall, to individuals or groups that have demonstrated the spirit of the Stonewall Riots by fighting to bring about change for the benefit of others; and Lifetime Achievement, for an individual who has demonstrated ongoing leadership and commitment to the LGBT community, changing the course of the community's history.

To nominate someone, send a written statement describing your nominee's achievements and/or contributions. Include your name and phone number for verification and a contact name and number for the nominee.

Award recipients will be featured in the 2000 Pride Guide, serve as honorary parade

marshals, and receive their awards on stage at PrideFest 2000. The PrideFest Council has sole authority to select the award recipients. Send your nomination by March 15 to Award Nominations, PrideFest, Inc., P.O. Box 511763, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0301, or e-mail: pridemilw@aol.com.

'Positively Social' Gatherings Continue at BESTD Clinic

Milwaukee — "Positively Social," the group for gay men who are HIV+, will continue to meet during 2000 on the last Saturday of each month at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady Street. Drop-in times are from 8 p.m. to midnight on Saturdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 25 and April 29. The group is dedicated to sharing social and fun things — videos, music, board games and conversation. It is open to all gay men who are HIV+ and their partners.

Free off-street parking is available just

east of the BESTD Clinic on a space-available basis. Enter the clinic's side door and go directly to the 2nd floor meeting rooms. For more information, call Mark at (414) 277-7671.

Lesbian Support Groups Offered at Counseling Center

Milwaukee — The Counseling Center of Milwaukee offers a series of support groups for lesbians and women exploring their sexual or affectional orientation. All meetings are held at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave.

"Free Space" is a safe space for women to explore their sexual/affectional orientation. Members of this group may or may not have been in a same gender relationship. This group will meet Monday evenings beginning in mid-February. "More Space" is a safe environment for lesbians to give and receive support, develop trust and build a network of friends. Issues discussed by the group are chosen by participants themselves. "More Space"

will meet Wednesday evening beginning in mid-February. "Silver Space" is an ongoing discussion group where older lesbians talk about mutual interests and issues. "Silver Space" meets the 3rd Sunday of the month from 6-8 p.m. A \$3 donation is requested.

"Breaking Up Is Hard To Do" is for lesbians struggling with the loss of their partners. It provides a supportive atmosphere to share experiences and feelings. A "Married/Partnered Women's Group" exists for women partnered with men and dealing with sexual/affection feelings for other women. This is an ongoing group that meets one evening each month from 6-8 p.m.

For meeting dates on these last two groups, or for further information on any of the groups mentioned here, please call Cheryl at (414) 271-2565.

Gay Men's Discussion Group Set

Milwaukee — The next meeting of the Gay Men's Discussion Group will be at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13th. The topic will be

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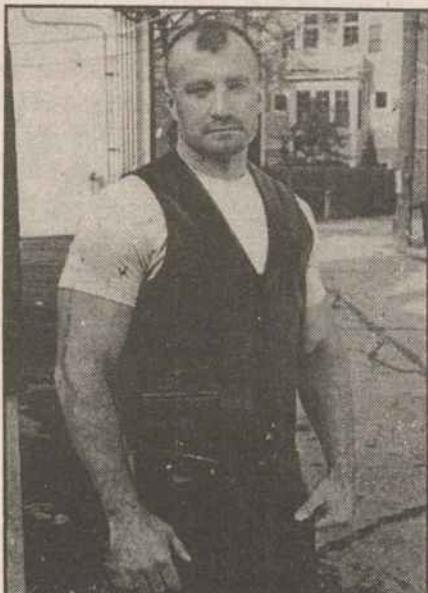
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New Study Urges Early Treatment of HIV

Milwaukee — A new study by Dr. Franco Lori of the Research Institute for Genetic and Human Therapy in Washington, DC, suggests that the period before HIV seroconversion may be a therapeutic window for effective treatment. The study, on ten patients who were treated with hydroxyurea, didanosine and indinavir during acute HIV infection before total seroconversion, saw better antibody response and T-helper response. The study also suggests that this early treatment provides an opportunity to prevent irreversible immune damage.

The positive implications of this study make it more important than ever for sexually active gay men, particularly those with multiple partners, to be tested regularly. The frequency of testing should be determined by the frequency of sexual contacts and the number of partners.

Anonymous HIV antibody testing and counseling is available, by appointment, at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 East Brady St. in Milwaukee. It is also provided by BESTD at bars and clubs throughout the community. Testing and picking up results promptly, coupled with immediate referral to early Intervention, and placement into treatment with the primary medical facility, provides the maximum effective therapeutic result for those who are HIV infected. The pre-test counseling session is an opportune time to discuss risk factors and suggested frequency of testing.

For an appointment, call the BESTD Clinic at (414) 272-2144.

Wisconsin Bicyclists Urged to Register for 2000 AIDS Ride

Madison — On the heels of the successful 1999 Twin Cities - Wisconsin - Chicago AIDS Ride 4, AIDS Network, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and other AIDS groups will again be a beneficiary of the 2000 AIDS Ride to be held July 10 to 15. Organizers are now urging people to register and support this growing AIDS fund-raising event.

"We are very pleased with the successful 1999 Ride in which 168 riders returned \$304,546 to the four 1999 benefiting agencies," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "We are looking forward to another great year and working to help this spectacular event continue building momentum in Wisconsin."

The AIDS Ride has become an important revenue source for prevention, care and treatment programs such as our HIV Specialty Dental Clinic, legal services and the Lifepoint clean needle exchange program," said Nelson. He added that for ARCW, the 1999 Ride generated the second largest amount in special event revenue next to AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

For the AIDS Network in Madison, lead agency for the Wisconsin beneficiaries, the Ride was the largest revenue generator in 1999.

"Undoubtedly, the great success of the 1999 Ride was a major benefit for our clients," said Bob Power, AIDS Network executive director. "We are working hard to make this another successful event for everyone in Wisconsin who depends on the services our agencies provide."

Rider recruitment is underway, and as of mid-January, over 122 riders are registered. In addition to rider recruitment, teams are forming around Wisconsin. Teams help each other raise funds, train and help make the Ride an exciting experience throughout the

spring and summer, peaking with the event itself.

The AIDS Ride is a six-day tri-state bicycle event through beautiful Midwest landscapes. Produced by Pallotta TeamWorks, the Wisconsin leg of the 2000 Ride will benefit three AIDS service agencies; ARCW, AIDS Network of South Central Wisconsin and the National Minority AIDS Council. Each rider registers with a \$45 fee, and raises \$2,300 before the event. Riders are provided a tent, meals and showers in an amazing mobile city.

The next Ride orientation is Thursday, Jan. 27 at UW Milwaukee's Union, room E240, 12-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m., 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

People can learn more about the Ride and register at the Greater Milwaukee Bike Swap/Show/Expo on Feb. 19, 8-3 p.m. at the Wisconsin State Fair Park, South 84th Street at I-94.

On Saturday, March 11, riders are encouraged to attend the Ride Expo in Chicago. This day-long event to be held from 9:30-5 p.m. at Columbia College, Hokin Student Center, 623 S. Wabash, Chicago, will feature fitness clinics, bike repair, nutrition tips and much, much more. People interested in going to the Expo should call Michole Madden, Wisconsin recruitment manager at (608) 663-8018 or e-mail her at wiadride@hotmail.com.

On Wednesday, March 15 there will be a special "call to action" orientation at the Wisconsin State Capitol, 9 a.m. This event is open to the public to learn more about and register for the Ride. Speakers include representatives from ARCW, the AIDS Ride and the AIDS Network.

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opinions

Dr. Laura:
Get Thee to
a Therapist

By Alistair McCartney

This year on Martin Luther King Day, in the "Counter-Punch" section of the LA Times, I found myself reading the most vicious expression of homophobia I've read in a long time. It came from none other than nationally syndicated radio-show host Laura Schlessinger, otherwise known as Dr. Laura. She breezily admitted that she had "...Spoken out against gay marriage, gone on record as describing homosexuality as a deviant sexual orientation, and had spoken favorably about reparative therapy for gays who wish to change their sexual orientation."

What a gal! Having to read this trash on MLK Day (a day set aside to remember the great man's dream of a future world based on respect and equality) would have felt ironic if it weren't so disheartening. These days, it being the 21st century and all, I like to fancy myself as immune to anti-gay rhetorical rubbish, adhering to the old fave of childhood demos "sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me." But I found myself shaking, upping the sugar level in my coffee, a small effort to sweeten the bitter taste her words were leaving in my mouth.

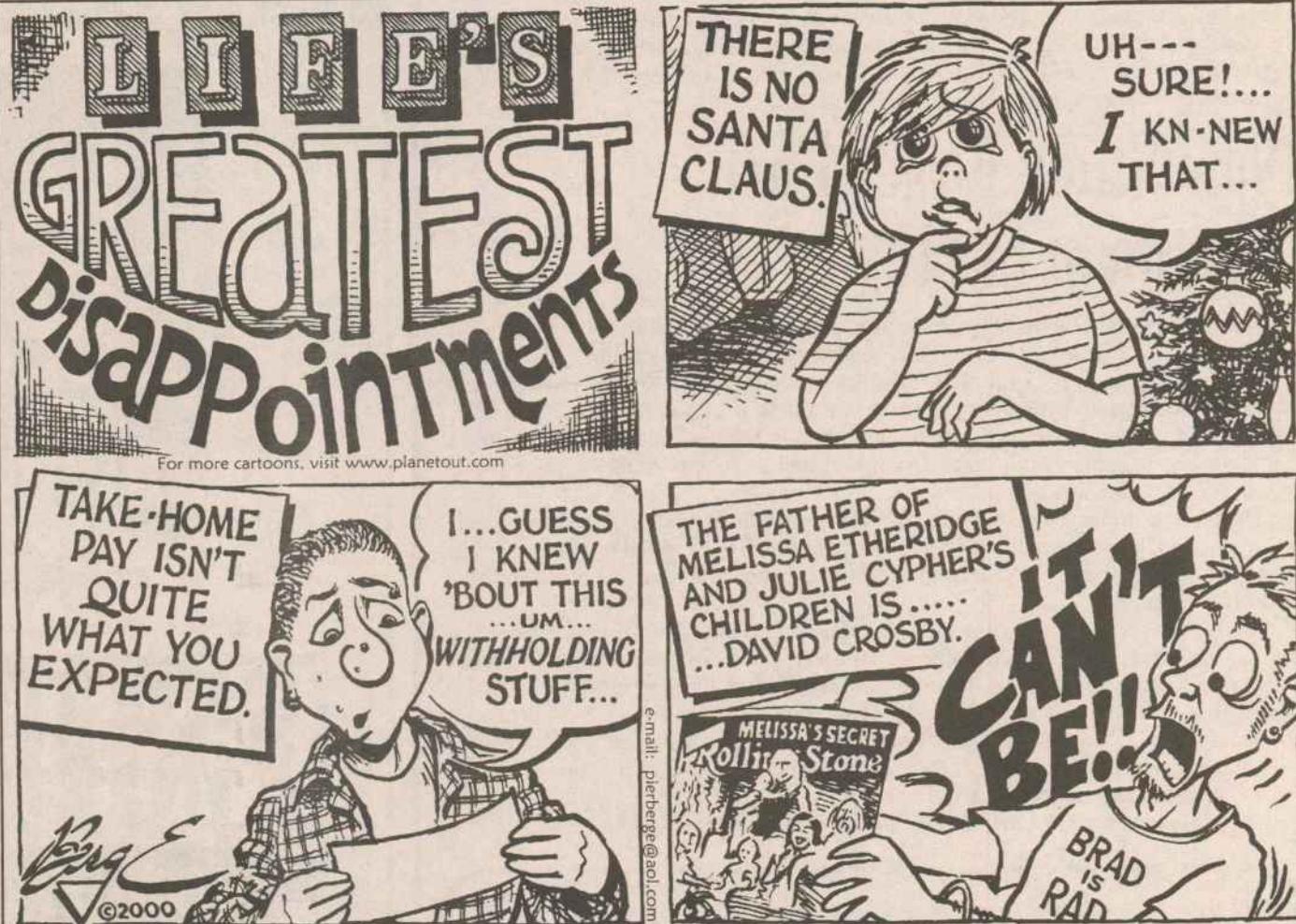
Oddly enough, her startlingly homophobic sentiments came forth in a column in which she was attempting to defend herself against charges of homophobia, leveled at her by GLAAD and LA Times writer Brian Lowry.

It seems the people at GLAAD are highly concerned about the fact that Dr. Laura is soon to be making her TV debut, on a chat show marketed by Paramount. Their concern seems more than warranted considering that these days power lies, not as Mao famously declared, in the barrel of a gun, but in that cradle of mass communications, the television set. The thought of her poison pumped daily into people slouching on their sofas has worried GLAAD enough for them to be meeting with Paramount officials at the end of this month. As GLAAD'S executive director Joan Garry stated: "We believe her words give people permission to put an entire group of people in a second-class place." Garry outlined GLAAD's aim as encouraging Dr. Laura to "curtail her defamatory vocabulary."

GLAAD isn't alone in its minor panic. In a rare instance of ethics taking precedence over ratings, some gay employees of Paramount are voicing disappointment and disgust that their company would (for the sake of profit) make such a cheap move as attaching itself to Dr. Laura.

Joe Keenan, an Emmy-winning writer-producer for Frasier expressed succinctly: "What gay person working for Paramount could be happy about this? We feel the way the Von Trapp children would feel if Dad decided to divorce Maria and marry Joan Crawford. She's not a happy addition to the family."

Another Paramount producer added, "I can't imagine the studio would be syndicating an openly anti-Semitic or anti-African American talk-show host."



In the rapacious world of the entertainment industry, driven as it is by profit margins (at the expense of everything else, including humans) such internal dissent is no small thing.

And Lowry (who excellently covered all the trouble brewing over in TV land) himself described Dr. Laura's "I'm just being a good Jew" stance on homosexuality as brute "prejudice adorned in a cloak of religion and morality."

Is this woman the ugly sister of Anita Bryant or what?

So the not so good Dr. Laura set aside to clear her good name. Her first line of defense against critics was precisely what

branding queers as "deviants" from the "biological norm" not constituted hatred?

She wears her psychological credentials proudly on her polyester sleeve, reminding us that she is also "a licensed psychotherapist" (An instance where indeed the cure is worse than the illness. I can't imagine what her clients feel like after leaving a session with her—perhaps like their psyches have been put through a meat-grinder, their souls savaged by a rabid pug dog!)

Science as a discourse occupies a dangerously privileged position. Historically it has been viewed as a neutral discipline; simultaneously it has been employed throughout history as a political tool of

SINCE WHEN, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, HAS BRANDING QUEERS AS "DEVIANTS" FROM THE "BIOLOGICAL NORM" NOT CONSTITUTED HATRED?

Lowry was incredulous about: "The truth is, I'm not [homophobic.] What I am is a serious Jew who has consistently stated my belief that same-sex sexual activity is incompatible with biblical Scripture."

Having been raised in a strict Roman Catholic upbringing (not exactly the most swinging of religions), I'm more than used to distaste for gays expressed biblically, so this barb ran off me like water off a duck's back. When bigots reach lazily for the scriptures to support their theses on the many evils of queers, it feels like old hat, positively medieval, not to say unconvincing.

But what was far more troubling to me was her second line of counter-attack, her smugly reaching for the weapon of science: "To point out that homosexuality deviates from the norm does not constitute hate speech. It simply means that homosexuality deviates from biological norms... a subject I know well, having received a doctorate in medical psychology from the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University."

Since when, I would like to know, has

oppression and hatred, a means of giving rational legitimization to wildly irrational bigotry. Remember how the Nazis shrouded their anti-Semitism in pseudo-scientific claims to the "genetic inferiority" of Jews? And slavery in this country was also enabled and perpetuated by 18th and 19th century biological stupidity masquerading as scientific authority, so-called knowledge that placed African peoples at rock bottom of the chain of being, and Europeans firmly at the top. Humans have a nasty habit of forgetting history. People are aware that religions have their biases, forgetting that science has its own deeply biased and violent story. But science still somehow gets away with its claims to innocence. More than ever, as we blindly speed into a new century, many have lost faith in religion, are wary of its dogmatic terms. In turn they have (re)placed their faith and trust in science. And if there is any dominant religion in the USA at this point in time, it is the lowest level of science, in the crudest forms of pop-psychology such as Dr. Laura's.

Despite all, (or is it because of?), her supposed psychological and scientific credentials, she shows all the worst reductionist tendencies of traditional psychotherapy, shrinking down the splendid subterranean complexity of gay identity into a mere source of "psychological angst."

She has gone on record describing homosexuality as "a biological error." What do you do with an error of a body, a mistake of a human, but cure it (she is highly in favor of reparative therapy) or do away with it? Either way, the identity is erased.

For such a "serious Jew" she seems remarkably ignorant of the fact that her pseudo-scientific reasoning closely resembles the logic Nazis used and still use to support their own hateful claims that all Jews were deviants (not sexual deviants but racial ones), deviating from so-called Aryan biological norms. If Dr. Mengel (I mean Dr. Laura) is as she claims a "serious Jew" she should know better than to follow the same sinister path.

She spews out all this bile, and still feels comfortable in saying (as a highly religious woman no doubt,) that "homosexuals are as entitled to love and respect as all other human beings." Like science, religion allows the believer the privilege of contradiction and blindness. Having the nerve to spout such blatant bullshit shows not only bad faith, but also a tremendous degree of unconsciousness for a "licensed psychotherapist." Not only is this woman devoid of humanity, but devoid of any sense of the effects her hateful views are very likely to take on in the world, material as the world is, vulnerable as our bodies are. We live in a world where metaphors and words are all too-often transformed into wounds, into physical violence. A world where names translate very easily into sticks and stones. Maybe that's why I found myself shaking as I read her column. I could feel her rhetoric settling in my bones. Names CAN hurt me. Keep this woman off the TV! And get her to a good therapist, before she does any more harm!

letters

Cheers for Mike

To the Editor:

Congrats on [Mike Fitzpatrick's] debut column with the *IN Step*. I found his 'Reality Check' somewhat sophisticated, a bit saucy, and very entertaining. It was certainly worth my time in reading and I'm finding so few things are these days. You set a good standard and I'm appreciative of your creative energy and the views presented. Again, congrats and good luck with future columns.

Kevin Roeder

The Waterboy?

To the Editor:

I'm not referring to Alderman Paul Henningsen's unplanned swim in the Milwaukee River behind The Harp tavern, but to his services for a "special interest group," Milwaukee's gay community.

I don't object to Henningsen's activity for that group or any other. In fact, I commend him for hard work on issues of basic civil rights and equality, even though the work for domestic partner benefits for city employees was singularly inept and would have been judged inept even if done by a knowledgeable person without Henningsen's legal training.

But Henningsen still has not cured himself of his fatal flaw, which is the perception that he works for special interest groups and downtown businessmen, while ignoring the concerns of people in the "neighborhoods."

In the last election and in this, the serious opposition to him comes from those neighborhood people. The discontent is quite intense, and it's probably more accurate to say that the last election was lost by an inept blunder of Bob Bauman, Henningsen's opponent, than that it was won by the Alderman.

Now we see the waterboy being given his reward, in the form of a fund-raiser being held for him by two gay bars and this gay newspaper. Paul has come a long way since the day he allegedly told another Paul and his gay partner that he had too many gay bars in his district, and they had to assure him (fingers crossed behind their backs, no doubt) that theirs would not be such an operation. (I say "allegedly," because the bar owner who told me the story is long since dead, and how do I prove it?)

In the last election, of more than \$15,000 in donations to the Alderman's campaign that I investigated, over 75% came from people who lived outside his district and couldn't vote for him, and more than 20% came from holders of liquor licenses.

I certainly hope the gay community isn't betting all its money on a losing horse. There are others in the election race that might be supportive of gay issues, even if not willing to be a new waterboy. It's not unusual for special interests to spread their money around during an election campaign. But, I certainly hope Milwaukee's gay community is hedging its bets.

Al Geiersbach
Milwaukee**Ripley Review
Reviewed**

To the Editor:

Carl M. Szatmary's review of "The Talented Mr. Ripley" was quite interesting but I saw things differently. I thought the movie was excellent in many respects provided that I let pass the blatant homopho-

bic messages it revealed. Tom Ripley's character was essentially a serial killer who also happened to be gay. That is problematic in a number of ways. First, it reinforces old stereotypes that gays are insane in some form or another. Old movies routinely highlighted this portrayal and Ripley does too. Second, the only positive gay character, Peter, falls in love with and is eventually killed by Ripley. What kind of message does that send?

Whether we like it or not, we are socially constructed by these subtle messages. The "good" gay character isn't allowed to live and the "bad" one sails off into the sunset. This suggests that he may stalk and kill again all because he loves the "wrong" sex. These messages are all logged into our minds and both internal and societal homophobia results.

Some may think that I am inappropriately reading into this movie but I beg to differ. We must examine how these movies affect societal views on homosexuality—regardless of how cute Matt Damon and Jude Law may look on screen.

Mark Schwingle
Madison**Strike Up the Band!**

To the Editor:

As you may or may not know, at the parade at PrideFest 1999, there was a group called the Milwaukee Pride Band. At the time, the band consisted of some seventeen members or so. After PrideFest, the band began rehearsals on Tuesday nights at the MMCC church at 1239 W. Mineral St. I was not a member of the band for PrideFest, however when I did join I was one of six members. Within two months of playing (when possible due to the shortage of players) the band was depleted down to only two, possibly three members at most. The band had posted fliers at local bars, colleges, coffeehouses, etc. trying to recruit members and inform interested people of our rehearsal times and locations. The band even went so far as to add an additional day to rehearse when asked, for those who could not make Tuesday night rehearsals (none of whom showed up).

Where is the commitment in our community? Where have all of the responsible people gone? Wake up, Milwaukee, and let's become dedicated to something. The band is not judgmental of playing ability or lack thereof, its members are friendly, and the director is phenomenal and ever so patient. PrideFest is less than six months away and we have no band. So let's get it together Milwaukee and make this happen for PrideFest, the community, and for people who just want to hear a little music during their parade!

Any questions regarding the band? Stop by The Annex Cafe at 1106 S. 1st St. and pick up a flier.

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cover story

Since he took office in 1988 as the 37th Mayor of Milwaukee, John Norquist has compiled an impressive record of streamlining city government, improving public safety and spurring job growth.

Norquist has also received criticism for his handling of the police pension fund, high taxes and what some have termed as a hands-off attitude with Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community.

In my first interview with Norquist in 1997 we talked about domestic partners benefits, the downtown and politics. Recently, over coffee at downtown's Cream City Cafe, I revisited those same topics and more.

IN Step: I interviewed you two years ago for Q-Voice. At that time, you indicated that benefits for city employees' domestic partners might be implemented within a couple of years. That hasn't come about yet. Why?

I think the major factor on that is not an aversion to [same-sex] partners. I think the city council and the city has shown how it feels on that with the Domestic Partner Registry. I think the fiscal uncertainty generated by the pension deadlock that we've had is the major factor. The financial implications of that are serious enough that to contemplate any kind of new benefit in that sort of situation — it just postponed discussion.

The key concern on benefits is just the unknown of how much it would cost. There have been some cities that have done it ... so we have better numbers on what the cost would be. We also would like the bargaining units to incorporate it as part of their [contract language]. Maybe not all of them will, but progressive unions like AFSCME [American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees], might incorporate it in their requests. But I think the biggest single reason it's gone slow is the pension problems.

The good news is that the three biggest bargaining units in city government have now reached agreement with the city on the pension thing, and we have the retiree group which is almost about ready to sign up. Then the other units, hopefully, will come together fairly quickly so the pension issue can be formally resolved sometime this year. I think the [main thing with] an issue like this is selling it on its merits. I think if you're looking at it, look at our Council. The Council went through a very vigorous debate over the Partnership Registry. The opponents expressed their views and tested it against the proponents and, ultimately, I think the majority of the Council was comfortable enacting that ordinance. I was comfortable signing that ordinance. People should have the opportunity to express their long-lasting devotion toward another person. I think that's another example of how Milwaukee is a very civilized city. People can live in diversity.

IN Step: What do you see as the

major issues facing the LGBT community in Milwaukee?

I think first of all it's important to understand that the gay and lesbian community contributes to Milwaukee in a number of ways — economically; there's a lot of gay businesspeople and gay and lesbian workers. There's a lot of contributions from the gay and lesbian community culturally and in neighborhoods. Some of the rapidly revitalizing neighborhoods in the city of Milwaukee have a significant gay population. So you have to look at things from that framework. Like any other people in the community, gays care about

costs, they care about taxes and services. They care about the culture of the community. It's really important to understand that to the gay community the overall well-being of the community is a big issue, a very prominent issue.

We can get into more particular issues that are of far more concern to gays than to others, but before we get into that I just want to make that clear. Because I think to understand the political preferences of people that are gay and lesbian you have to understand that they are citizens and they feel all the sense of responsibility and duty and expect all the privileges of citizenship as any other member of the community.

IN Step: Can you identify any specific issues that you feel are important to the gay and lesbian community?

Yeah. I think civil rights for lesbians and gays and the progress that's been made since the big disturbance that happened in Greenwich Village — Stonewall — incident of some 20 or 25 years ago, there's been a lot of progress on that front. There's a long way to go.

Our police are being trained to better understand gays and lesbians as part of their regular training at the academy. There's also continuing education that happens from time to time. I think that the issues of tolerance, mutual respect — it's important for the city to be a forum where gays and lesbians are always welcome. That's true of even groups that can be hostile to gays and lesbians. What is sometimes called the "Christian Right" — they have a right to be part of the dialogue in Milwaukee too.

Just the idea of someone being [openly] gay or lesbian 30 years ago in America, to even have a conversation about it in America 30 years ago — you'd have to be in Greenwich Village or San Francisco or something. A sophisticated city was the only place that kind of discussion could happen.

IN Step: What do you do as mayor to promote that kind of openness?

I think that attending gay and lesbian events as both County Executive Tom Ament and I do. Even the most conservative members of the City Council have attended events like that. That's something that wouldn't have happened a while back. Now that's not a legislative item, but I think it's important. I think it's more about building community now, and building mutual respect between people than it is about particular legislation.

There are some exceptions to that. I know for the gay and lesbian community the partnership registry isn't fully manifested until it takes on other forms like benefits and things like that. There's always a place to push on the political spectrum for more recognition, but I think that the gays and lesbians that I talk to, many of them are pleased that they are able — increasingly in Milwaukee at least — to live lives as respected citizens, because there's a much greater community acceptance.

I'd say of any place in the state of Wisconsin, this city, the big city of Milwaukee is a place where gays and lesbians can live their lives and get involved in the areas, whether they be economic or cultural or whatever, that help them feel they're fulfilling their life's goals. I'm very proud of Milwaukee as a place that does that. You look at Milwaukee as a place where people are welcome.

I know there can be an impatience with the legislative agenda, the partnership thing for example, may have taken years longer than some people would have liked. But there was a certain rhythm to it.

IN Step: Some people in our community were critical that you didn't really come out in front for that. They felt you held back.

Well, I was for it. I made it clear that I wasn't against it, I was for it. When I became the key player in an issue then instead of it

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being the issue itself, it ends up being about somebody prominent, like the mayor.

In this particular case, my feeling was that the merit of the issue itself was something that would appeal to most Milwaukeeans as something reasonable. Voting for it was something a person of reason would do. After they'd had a chance to fully think about it and digest it.

I wouldn't do it any other way than I did it. I was supportive. When I was asked about it, I said I was for it. But I didn't crusade on it because I think the issue itself was one that people needed to think about. The debate the Council had was very respectful.

People that opposed it were very careful to always say, "Well, it's not that I don't like..." Some people may feel that they're insincere, but I wouldn't look at it that way. Because 20 years ago, people would have got up on that floor and said very disparaging things about gay and lesbian people and been able to be re-elected as a result. The fact that the elected members of the Council, whatever their motives are, respect gays and lesbians as a political force is something gays and lesbians should be proud of.

IN Step: Who do you look to in the gay and lesbian community as leaders?

Well, I don't want to anoint the leaders — but, the publications, *IN Step* and Jerry Johnson's publication, the Light. I think the gay press is important for setting issues and sometimes moving the boundaries of discussion—it's the first place you'll find discussions, certainly. I think that the Cream City [Business Association], especially early on, did a real good job of helping to educate the business community about the talents and investment capabilities of gays and lesbians. It's nice when people have good intentions but when it's about financial transactions it has a lot more staying power. Cream City played an really important role early on. We worked with a variety of gay and lesbian groups in dealing with sensitivity training for city employees. But I don't want to single out any particular individuals.

IN Step: Have you seen an emergence of the gay and lesbian community here in terms of political issues and political strength?

I do, and I also see them as big supporters of the prosperity of the city, understanding that having a city that is friendly and tolerant toward gays and lesbians as Milwaukee is, that having a healthy economic situation is important. I think these city building issues are really important to gays and lesbians. If you look in any major neighborhood organization in the city, you're going to find gays and lesbians that take a role in the promotion of the neighborhoods, they're involved. We often say if a neighborhood is on a rehabilitation track, whether it's Brewers' Hill or Walker's Point or the Third Ward, that the artists, musicians, craftspeople are the first ones to go in and see the beauty of the neighborhood. A component of that has been gays and lesbians. They tend to be the pioneers in revitalizing a neighborhood.

IN Step: Do you want to talk about property taxes? Many people feel they are too high.

Compared to communities immediately around us it's low. But if you compared it to property taxes in Illinois, it's high, and property taxes in the farther-out parts of the metropolitan area, it's high. We need to continue to strive to get it lower. We need to hold costs below the rate of inflation, and that's difficult. Almost no government has done that. Milwaukee's been one of the few in the whole state that's done that. The state government's spending has grown about 9% a year. The City of Milwaukee's has been about 2% per year, which is below the spending increases of almost all other city governments in the state, maybe the lowest. So, we've been really working on economizing, and it's very important to do that because the more money you leave in the hands of the people, then the more valuable their lives can be. Property values have been increasing, especially in the inner city recently, which I am very happy about. There was that article in the paper on Monday, a researcher over at UW-Milwaukee, has now documented the increase in incomes in the inner city, the whole entrepreneurship, suddenly the marketplace in the inner city's starting to look like a real marketplace not like the social service sector.

IN Step: What do you attribute that to?

I think that low taxes is important, not as you say compared to other parts of the country, but in the metro area. We're moving in the right direction with taxes. That's particularly important in the inner city where high taxes can chill the desire of people to own property and present a neighborhood with challenges. If you have neighborhood

with a high concentration of low-income people, there's a lot of things that go with that, one of them usually isn't high real estate prices. So, if you're a property owner, whether you're a home owner or a landlord, high taxes can drive you right out of a marginal situation. And that's what was happening ... home abandonment, more board-ups instead of less board-ups. If the desire to own is up, then board-ups go down. That's what we see when the property values go up in the inner city.

More and more of Milwaukee is now getting private capital for housing and that's the key because then you have the real market. I'll give you the best example right now in the inner city. Jewel-Osco bought up \$375,000 worth of land in the Park West corridor. They paid for it with no subsidy from the city, and they're putting a big grocery store and drug store at 35th and North. Who would have thought that? In the past, we've talked to these grocery store companies and they'd say, "Well yeah, if you pay us a lot of money we'll go there." But ... you have lots and lots of spending power per square mile in the inner city. People don't have as high incomes as they would, say, in Brookfield, but they live so close together that for a commodity like food a grocery store can really do well.

IN Step: Let's talk about the downtown. Last time we talked, Marshall Field's had closed. Now there is some development going on there, but it still seems that downtown is struggling in some ways.

Well it's struggling in some ways and booming in others. It's booming in the housing industry where the market's taking off. There's a huge demand for renovated condos, townhouses all the way from the riverbanks from Holton Street down to the mouth of the river where developers are scouring buildings trying to find places for condos because the demand is so great. They sell them as fast as they open them. The Nelson Bros. Furniture building which sold for a song to a developer who, I believe, is from Chicago. He bought it, as I understand, for less than a million bucks and he's sold its 40 units of housing for over \$200,000 a unit. The top floor unit facing the river, he marketed it for \$730,000 and it sold, as I understand it, for \$750,000. There's a market. That's a market without subsidy, without the city doing anything other than giving fast permitting and easy-to-understand zoning and permit process. Reforming that permit process was really key. The other key to the downtown housing boom is the Riverwalk. The city spent money on the Riverwalk, about \$10 million. Riverwalk creates an environment where investors want to invest in these buildings and people want to live in these buildings. So on the housing end it's very good.

IN Step: Mayfair has seen some success.

Mayfair has seen some success, of that genre it's been the most successful. But the national trend on malls is that they need to be reformed. A lot of the malls now on the east coast and west coast are actually trying to urbanize themselves, trying to create more of the impression of being a street or a village, restoring the characteristics of what you traditionally felt.

IN Step: Where do you want to see the green market?

The green market's going to be between the Third Ward and downtown. The Grand Avenue people already worked with the Third Ward people, and they tried to put it together a couple of times. They had a thorough discussion over a period of time. The people in the Third Ward who are leading the effort, Wendy Workmeister from the women's investment group, they have thoroughly analyzed it and they're comfortable where they are and they've raised a lot of money and they're just going to move ahead. I think [Alderman Mike] D'Amato's idea was an idea worth looking at. What he may not have been fully aware of is that it had already been done.

The Grand Avenue is going through a transition, which is to rediscover its urban-ness. It's in the vicinity of one of the biggest housing booms in metropolitan Milwaukee, that's downtown, and I think it's going to attach itself to that success. The Marshall Field building is redeveloping nicely. The retailers will go through some transitions. It will be a little bumpy for a little while, but it's going to reconnect with the marketplace. The downtown retail center will get its feet and it'll be able to go on to a prosperity that's beyond anything they've had when it was converted into a mall. I think that there's a real chance for downtown retail to vault ahead in the three, four, five years

Really, I see the acceleration of the housing market

downtown, that's really going to drive retail. The more people who live downtown, the more retail benefits from downtown citizens, then the more other people are going to want to visit. The reason people want to visit Brady Street is they know that everybody who lives around Brady Street loves to visit Brady Street. And that's going to happen downtown. The temptation is always to think, well what if we come in with some big Marshall Plan with tons and tons of tax dollars? I think that would actually do more harm than good.

IN Step: Your primary opponent, George Watts has been critical of your management style, the way that you run your office and the city. How would you describe your management style?

I'm really into setting a vision and goals and focusing on outcomes, not inputs, and I'm proud of my management style. The only thing about it though is you can always learn. I make it a point to read management training magazines. I've gone to training programs myself because I want to try to always improve as a manager. But my big thing with running the city of Milwaukee is to focus on easily understandable goals. One of the things I use in talking with my cabinet members is "add value." What adds value to Milwaukee? If something doesn't add value, then maybe it's something you shouldn't do. You get into particular areas like crime, reduce crime and improve the quality of life. That's the mission of the police department. We used to have a mission statement that was three pages long; nobody knew what the mission was. Now they know the mission is to reduce crime. That's the key thing. It's a lot easier to understand an organization when you're in it when you know what the mission is. I'm not a micro-manager. I try to set broad goals and vision and hold people accountable and make progress. I look at property values and I'm very pleased that job growth, entrepreneurial growth and property values in the inner city of Milwaukee are going up. To me, that's what I want. I'm not saying I know everything I need to know, so if George has some suggestions on management, I'm going to be listening carefully to hear those things. I know he says he doesn't like my style. Then he should articulate the style he does like.

IN Step: You used to have a liaison in your office for the gay and lesbian community. Is that no longer happening?

I'm not big on desks. When Tony Earl was governor, he had a desk for just about every ethnic group and concern. I really want all of my department heads and people within city government, whether they are gay or straight, to respect and work with the gay community when it's appropriate and relevant to what they are doing. When I was at the PrideFest event last week [an open house at the new PrideFest office], somebody asked me about that. I said, well why don't we just say that my chief of staff, Mike Soika, if anybody wants to feel that there's a liaison, it's him. He's in contact with every part of city government, has my backing and the power of my office behind him to deal with any part of city government. So they should just look on him as their liaison. I've been very supportive of gays and lesbians in the past, and I think it's really important for them to get out and vote and support me this time to keep Milwaukee moving in the right direction.

IN Step: Is there any important message you want to get across to people who will read this interview?

I think it's important for gays and lesbians in Milwaukee to understand the significant contributions they've made to the city. They should be proud of that. They should realize they are citizens of Milwaukee and their mayor is proud to be their mayor. I appreciate the support I've had from many gays and lesbians. I listen, I try to have the city make progress and be a place where gays and lesbians feel they're being treated fairly and where they can make contributions to the community, which is I know deep down what they want to do. They want to be a part of the community, and I think increasingly they are a big part of the community. ▲

Next Issue: IN Step interviews Norquist's opponent downtown businessman George Watts.

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Johnny Mathis Performs with Milwaukee Symphony

Milwaukee — The legendary romantic crooner Johnny Mathis will perform in concert with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra for one night only, Sunday evening, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. in the newly refurbished Bruce Hall of the Wisconsin Center (the Milwaukee Auditorium).

Mathis's velvety voice has been entertaining millions over the past four decades of his astonishing career. His hit singles like "Chances Are," "The Twelfth of Never" and "Wonderful, Wonderful" have become classics of American popular music. His Feb. 12 appearance, which is billed as "A Johnny Mathis Valentine," is sure to include these and many other romantic ballads.

Tickets range from \$25-\$85 and can be obtained by calling (414) 291-7605.

Skylight Soars with "Triumph of Love"

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's Skylight Opera Theatre continues its 41st season with the bawdy, frolicsome musical comedy, "Triumph of Love." The musical romance runs at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, from Jan. 28 to Feb. 13.

In "Triumph," Agis (Curt Dale Clark), the rightful heir to the throne of Sparta, prepares to kill his mortal enemy, Princess Leonide (Tari Kelly), and reclaim his throne. But unbeknownst to Agis, the Princess has fallen in love with him and vows to do whatever it takes to win his love. To accomplish this, she uses four different disguises and seduces not only Agis but his aunt and uncle as well, all in the course of one afternoon.

For show times and tickets, call (414) 291-7800.

Next Act Presents "A Night in November"

Milwaukee — Next Act Theatre will present the Midwest premiere of the acclaimed Irish comedy "A Night to Remember," Feb. 3-27 at its new performance space, the Off-Broadway Theatre at 342 N. Water Street in Milwaukee.

A one-man, multi-character comedy, "A Night in November" is a hard and humorous look at the tensions between Protestant and Catholic communities in Northern Ireland. Kenneth McCallister (played by James Ridge) is a government clerk who tolerates his job, his marriage and his complacent life until one fateful night in November. At a soccer match in Belfast where the Republic of Ireland qualifies against Northern Ireland for

the World Cup, he finds himself viewing the sectarian hatred of the crowd rather than the match. Changed forever, Kenneth embarks on a rebellious journey of self-discovery and rebirth. The play conveys a plea for an end to prejudice and violence in Ireland and wherever it may occur.

"A Night in November" was written by Marie Jones, a Belfast-based playwright who has written extensively for BBC radio and TV. The play debuted in Belfast in 1994, toured throughout Northern and Southern Ireland and Britain and played off-Broadway in 1998.

"A Night in November" runs from Feb. 3-27. Talkbacks will be held following the performances on February 6, 10, 17 and 24. Information on show times and single tickets are available by calling (414) 278-7780. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available by calling (414) 258-5140. Seniors and students receive a \$5 discount per ticket on advance sales.

"Beauty Queen of Leenane" at Milwaukee Rep

Milwaukee — "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," the Irish-flavored Tony Award-winning play by Martin McDonagh, is playing in the Stiemke Theatre of the Milwaukee Repertory, 108 E. Wells St., through Feb. 13.

Some of the Rep's best-loved veteran actors are appearing in "Beauty Queen." In a small house in the Irish countryside, 40-year-old Maureen (Laura Gordon) fights for control with her iron-willed mother, Mag (Rose Pickering).



Laura Gordon as Maureen and Jonathan Smoots as Pato in "The Beauty Queen of Leenane."

When an old family friend reappears and offers Maureen a chance at love and a new life, the conflict between the women reaches fever pitch. Rep vet Jonathan Smoots plays Pato, Brian Vaughn is Ray. "Beauty Queen" contains the rich language, brash humor and dramatic pathos for which playwright McDonagh has been praised.

For show times and ticket prices, call (414) 224-9490.

Readings of "Vagina Monologues" Planned in Madison



Madison — As part of the national "V-Day" College Initiative, three readings of Eve Ensler's award-winning play "The Vagina Monologues" will take place in Madison in February. On Saturday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. a reading will take place at A Room of One's Own Bookstore and Coffeehouse, 307 W. Johnson St. Two readings will be held at the Fred March Play Circle in the UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13, and at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 14.

The performances are sponsored by the Madison V-Day Collective, a group of UW-Madison and community women. V-Day is a campaign seeking to proclaim Valentine's Day as a day to celebrate women and to push for an end to crimes of sexual violence against women. The first V-Day performance of "The Vagina Monologues" was held in an off-Broadway theater in 1998 and featured such notable actresses as Glenn Close, Whoopi Goldberg, Susan Sarandon and Winona Ryder. The author, Eve Ensler, is currently starring in a critically acclaimed one-woman version of the play in New York.

"The Vagina Monologues" delves into the mystery, humor, power, pain, wisdom, outrage and excitement buried in women's bodies and experiences. Based on interviews with a diverse group of women, from a Long Island antiques dealer to a Bosnian refugee, the monologues brazenly explore such questions as: Do women like their vaginas? What do women call their vaginas? What can you tell about a woman by the way she moans when she is aroused? These and other risqué questions are discussed in the individual testimonies, which are alternately humorous, traumatic, poignant and wise.

For more information about V-Day performances, call Heather at (608) 262-8093.

ACTIVITIES:**Saturday, January 29**

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

Marathon Benefit Reading (Milwaukee): A daylong celebration of writers and words featuring dozens of Wisconsin's finest scribes and poets, 1-10 p.m. at the Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust St. Admission: \$6/\$5 members. FMI: (414) 263-5001.

Sunday, January 30

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.

Bette Davis Bowling League (Madison): Bowling for gays and lesbians every Sunday, with 5 person team format. 3 p.m. at Bowl-a-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Springs Dr. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

Tuesday, February 1

"Stars on Ice" (Milwaukee): Scott Hamilton, Kristi Yamaguchi, Tara Lipinski, Ekaterina Gordeeva and other skating stars at the Bradley Center, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: (414) 276-4545.

Womansong Chorus (Madison): Rehearsal of women's chorale at the Beth Israel Center, 7 p.m. FMI: (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, February 2

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.

Thursday, February 3

Madison LGBT Business Alliance (Madison): Meeting of Madison area GLBT Business Alliance, 5:30 p.m. at 122 W. Washington Ave., Suite 900. FMI: (608) 245-1611.

Friday, February 4

DANCE 1 Taping at Za's (Green Bay): DANCE 1, the nationally distributed club video series, will be taping at Za's, 1106 Main St. FMI: (920) 435-5476.

"Whatever Happened to Bette and Joan?" (Madison): Original comedy about rivals Bette Davis and Joan Crawford presented by Broom Street Theatre. 8 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through February 13.

\$7 at the door. 1119 Williamson Street. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

Sunday, February 6

LGBT Catholics (Milwaukee): Monthly discussion group for LGBT Catholics meets from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe School, 613 S. 4th St. This month's discussion: "Older and Better: Issues of faith and Aging." FMI: (414) 481-8543.

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 tops, 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.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - \$2 a mug.

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Underwear Night! \$1 off all alcoholic beverages for those in their underwear. DJ Eddie.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open volleyball. Food available from 2 to 6 p.m. 2/4/10 p.m. to close.

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.

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In keeping with this fiery February tradition, local poets Robin Chapman, Andrea Potos, Rhonda Lee, B.C. Brown and Nicky Sund will seduce, arouse and incite with their love- and lust-themed poetry.

This event is free and open to the public. Call (608) 257-7888 for more information.

Pabst Hosts Eclectic Mix in Feb.

Milwaukee — In February, Milwaukee's historic Pabst Theater at 144 East Wells St. will host an eclectic mix of musical acts, including some of the best practitioners of klezmer, chamber music and jazz.

On Saturday, Feb. 5, as part of Milwaukee's celebration of the International Arts Festival, the Maxwell Street Klezmer Band will perform at 8 p.m. Credited with sparking the klezmer revival in the Midwest, Maxwell Street is one of the most successful folk music ensembles in America. They present a veritable theater of Yiddish culture through music, from authentic old country dances to music of the silver screen, from comedy to Yiddish swing.

On Thursday, Feb. 10, one of the world's preeminent violinists, Joshua Bell, will perform in recital with pianist Simon Mulligan as part of the Pabst's Chamber Music Series. The concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will include Aaron Copland's Sonata for Violin and Piano and Brahms' Sonata No. 3 in D Minor.

Then on Saturday, Feb. 12, the incomparable jazz master Herbie Hancock will perform in concert at 8 p.m. Hancock's explorations of music have transcended limitations and genres while establishing his own unmistakable imprint. His success in expanding the boundaries of musical thought have earned him the title of "visionary."

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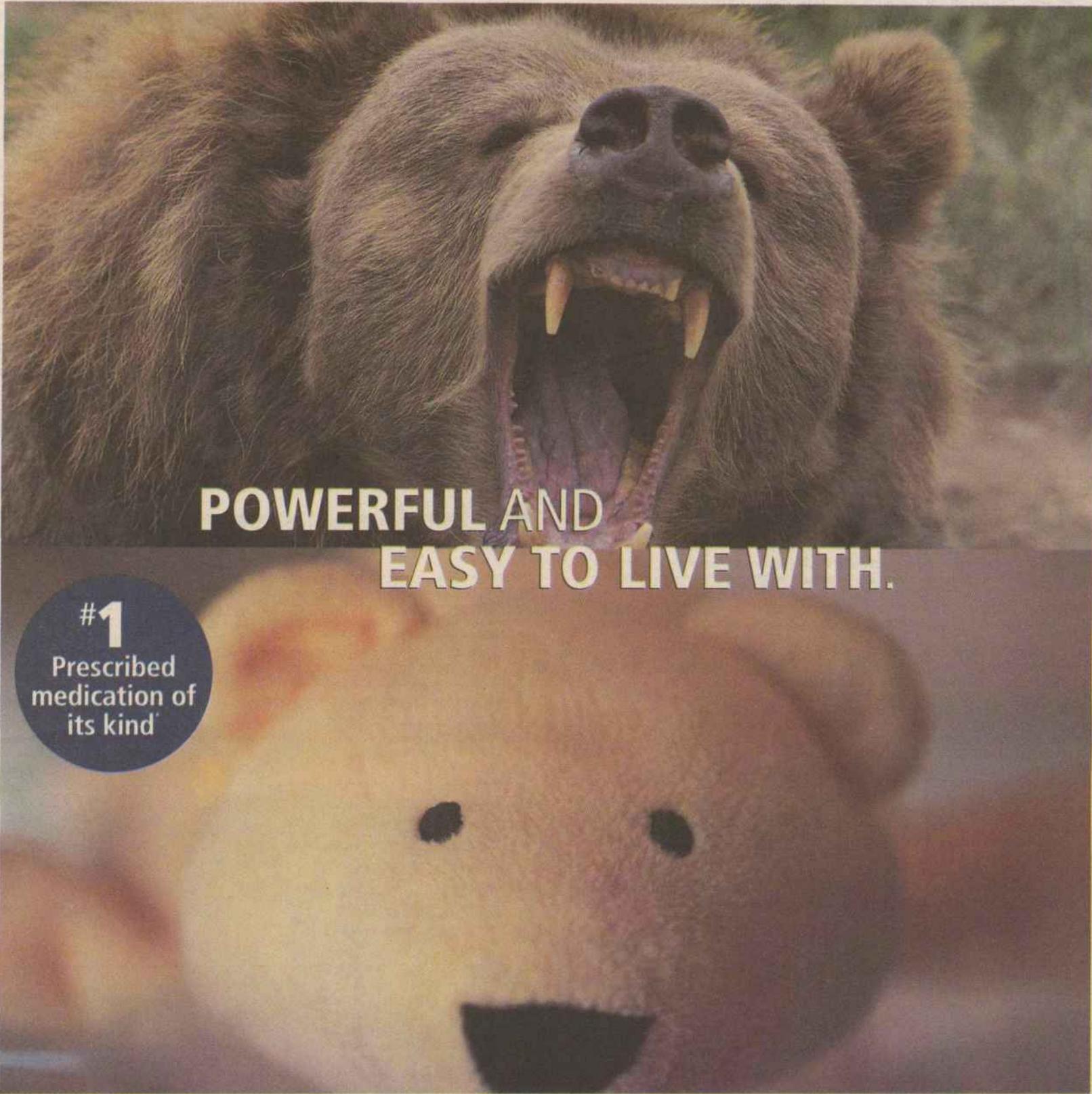
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(Refer to the important information on the next page.)

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For the Treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Infection

Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in their CD4 cell count.

VIRACEPT is usually taken together with other antiretroviral drugs such as Retrovir® (zidovudine, AZT), Epivir® (lamivudine, 3TC), or Zerit® (stavudine, d4T). Taking VIRACEPT in combination with other antiretroviral drugs reduces the amount of HIV in the body (viral load) and raises CD4 counts.

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:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

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.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

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.

Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

- Seldane® (terfenadine, for allergies)
- Hismal® (astemizole, for allergies)
- Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)
- Cordarone® (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
- Quinidine (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute®, Cardioquin®, Quinidex®, and others
- Ergot derivatives (Cafergot® and others, for migraine headache)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Versed® (midazolam)

Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.

- Rifampin (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®

This drug reduces blood levels of VIRACEPT.

Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

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

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

These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

- 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:

- Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)
- Epivir (lamivudine, 3TC)
- Zerit (stavudine, d4T)
- Videx® (didanosine, ddI)

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.

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

- Viramune® (nevirapine)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

- Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

- Crixivan® (indinavir)
- Norvir™ (ritonavir)
- Invirase® (saquinavir)

The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. If used in combination with saquinavir hard gelatin capsules at 600 mg three times daily, no dose adjustments are needed. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

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 antidiarrheal 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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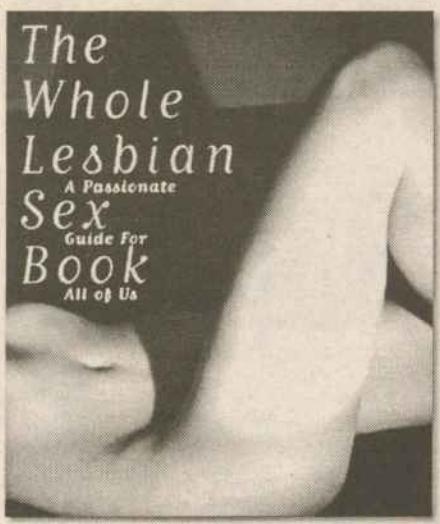
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The Whole Lesbian Sex Book

by Felice Newman

Reviewed by Barbara Raab

In the days of the late great Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show," one of my favorite running audience games was "Stump the Band." Members of the studio audience would challenge Doc Severinsen's group of been-there-done-that musicians by naming a tune so obscure that nobody in the band had ever heard of it.

I had a flashback of that game somewhere in the middle of Felice Newman's *The Whole Lesbian Sex Book*, a book so thorough, so inclusive, and so gosh darn Up-With-People about hot lesbian sex, that I bet no lesbian on the planet could stump Newman. Desire, fantasy, every twist and turn of the erotic imagination—it's all here, complete with suggestions for girls who aren't sure where to start. Fetishes?—here. Porn, videos, pocket rocket vibrators at lunchtime—here. Internet chat rooms, personal ads, masturbation—here. Breasts, clits, shaving, piercings, oral sex, anal sex, even girl-on-girl cocksucking—she knows those tunes! Strap-ons, sex toys, lubes, BD, S/M—all here, with detailed riffs on endorphins, negotiation, risk, surrender, intimacy, adventure, safety, and play parties.

Newman calls *The Whole Lesbian Sex Book* the first lesbian sex guide of the new millennium, what "may well be the first comprehensive lesbian sex guide ever." She promises and delivers lesbians and bisexual women detailed how-to information on sex techniques, from cunnilingus to fisting and everything in between and beyond. The book includes excellent discussions of body image, female anatomy, sexual health (including how to choose a health care provider), gender identities, aging, even childbirth and sex during pregnancy.

Newman, publisher of Cleis Press since 1980, admits she's no traditional sex expert. She's just a woman who has always loved women, who has known she's been a

lesbian as far back as she can remember, who loves sex, and who believes passionately that "we all deserve as much erotic pleasure as life can offer." She pays tribute to other lesbian sex writers and pioneers whose work changed her life: Susie Bright, Frederique Delacoste, Pat Califia, and Carol Queen, among others. She draws on the work of these and other writers, as well as 300 responses to her own detailed and graphic questionnaires, which are quoted anonymously throughout the book.

This book is proudly politically incorrect, beginning with the cover photo, a lushly lit image of a woman's nude torso and thighs, all alabaster and smooth, with a hint of pubic hair, and, if pictures could actually talk, a soft moan of ready desire. There's no face here, no actual person—correct me if I'm wrong, but wasn't it exactly these kinds of objectifying images that once sent angry women into the streets in protest? Oh well, it's the new millennium, and Newman tells us that her book "avoids making political judgments about desire," and is deliberately different from other lesbian sex books that "insist on a 'right' way for women to have sex with women," as well as those emphasizing dating and romance, or issues of concern to long-term couples (a distinction ironically erased by the folks at Amazon.com, which plugs

titles like Judith McDaniel's *The Lesbian Couples' Guide: Finding the Right Woman and Creating a Life Together*, Eric Marcus's *Together Forever: Gay and Lesbian Marriage*, and Rhona Sack's *The Art of Meeting Women: A Guide for Gay Women*, to browsers who express interest in Newman's book). Newman does, however, remind readers who hold "play parties" to make them wheelchair-accessible and ASL interpreted. And she does touch on the difficulties of keeping sex alive in long-term relationships, the reasons why some lesbians may wish to choose celibacy at times, even what to do about that awful crick you can get in your neck from going down on your date.

Besides its breadth, what is most impressive about this book is its vast listing of resources, available to readers almost no matter where they live. Newman has suggested Web links at the end of most chapters. The book ends with a wonderful bibliography of books, audiotapes, CD-ROMs, e-zines, magazines, and videos, many available by mail, as well as an impressive resource guide to organizations, web communities, support groups, health care centers, retail stores, workshops, classes, and mailing lists.

I do have a few small bones to pick: the few illustrations in this book could be better—why so small? Also, I fear that

Newman's cheerleading tone—"Lesbians love sex;" "There's nothing like tongue and lips on vulva;" "Anal sex is delicious"—could make some women feel anxious if that's not how they feel. To read Newman's book, sex is almost always a mind-blowing, earth-moving, joyful romp—I wish she had acknowledged that sometimes it's difficult, sometimes it's sad, and sometimes, it's just downright ordinary. I also wish she'd offered suggestions for those women who find that sex can physically painful, orgasm impossible, and desire consistently low.

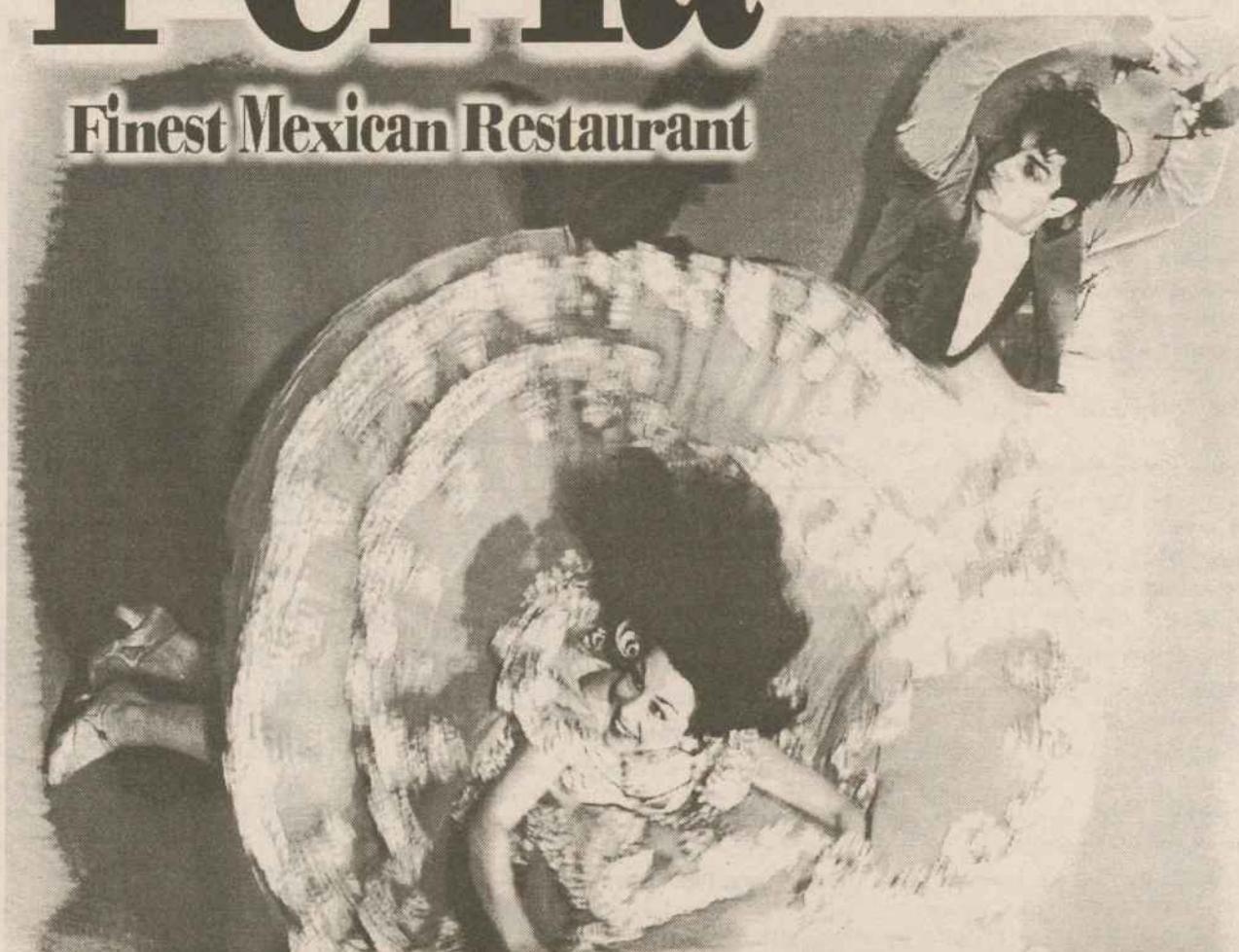
Those problems are always assumed to be "all in your head," and I wish this guide had touched on (albeit controversial) medical and therapeutic approaches to helping women who experience distress in their sexual lives.

That said, this is a book that belongs on the shelves of lesbian and bisexual women, the way *The Joy of Cooking* lived on many of our mothers' shelves. Even women who could cook really well kept a copy around, just in case.

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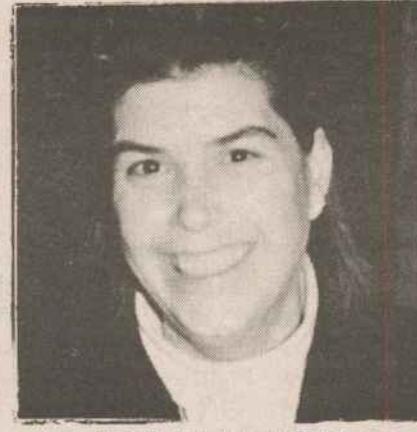
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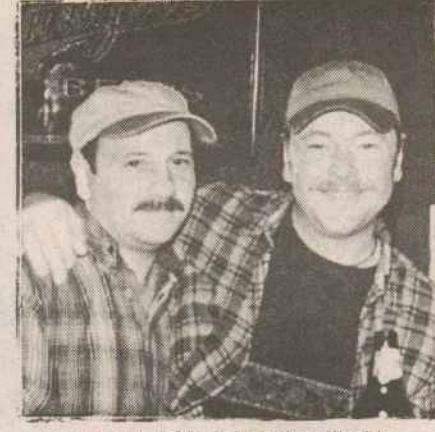
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Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$.50 off all Tops and Rails. \$1.75 Coronas, \$1.50 shots of Cuervo and Dr's. Karaoke from 8-11 p.m. Pitchers of Long Islands, \$10.

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

Dish (Milwaukee): It's Point Night! There are pints of Point for \$1. 2-4-1 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Karaoke Night! Pull tabs. Drinks as low as 25¢. Dart leagues starting the 2nd week of January. Sign up now!

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Bottles of Corona & shots of Cuervo \$2 from 8 p.m. to close.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Hump Day! Everything's a buck. Open to close.

The Closet (Beloit): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$5 Beer Bosh! DJ spinning the hits starting at 9 p.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50, Soda & juice are 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

Scooter's (Eau Claire): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. 2/4/1 all day, all night (open to close).

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. Boyz Night! 2-4-1 top shelf and rail mixed drinx and tops for the guys.

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

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

Barrocks - Levi/Leather (Madison): All whiskey drinks, \$.50 off, pitchers of Lite sm., \$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.

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

Dish (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Groove with Amy! Amy entertains!

Fannies (Milwaukee): \$1 off almost everything including top shelf.

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!

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottle and Can beers, 50¢ 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 rail 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:

Barrocks - 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 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. No cover before 9 p.m.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN SSScash & prizes. DJ at 10 p.m. with the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s.

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2.

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.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): All chilled shots \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m.

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

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

Saturdays:

Barrocks - Levi/Leather (Madison): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ 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 Top MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschor 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: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

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 27

Dish HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTO Traveling HIV Clinic will be at Dish, 235 S. Second St., from 9 p.m. to Midnight. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Friday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 29

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 40th Birthday Extravaganza for John, Brett, Dale, All, Bill, Keith and Deb, 8 p.m. Portfolio men at 10:30 p.m. benefit for Mil-Mads 2000, \$1 donation. 3052 E. Washington Ave. FMI: (608) 241-9335.

Thursday, February 3

La Cage, HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTO Traveling HIV Clinic will be at La Cage, 801 S. 2nd St., from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

Friday, February 4

Za's - DANCE 1 Taping (Green Bay): DANCE 1, the nationally distributed club video series, will be taping at Za's, 1106 Main St. FMI: (920) 435-5476.

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

Saturday, February 5

The Grieg Club (Madison): Scrawl: All-Girl Spoken Word. Open mic poetry/fiction/journal reading. Sign-up at 7:30 p.m. Open mic at 8 p.m. 1249 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 256-5685.

Monday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 9

Hi Hat Lounge (Milwaukee): Music of Def Harmonic, 9 p.m., 1701 N. Arlington. (414) 220-9919.

Friday, February 11

Kathy's Nut Hut, HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTO Traveling HIV Clinic will be at Kathy's Nut Hut, 1500 W. Scott St., from 6-9 p.m. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Saturday, January 29

Woodland Pattern Book Center (Milwaukee): Marathon Benefit Reading, featuring dozens of Wisconsin's finest writers, 1-10 p.m. at 720 E. Locust St. Admission: \$6/\$5 members. FMI: (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.

Tuesday, February 1

Schwartz Bookshop (Mequon): Abby Frucht, author of "Polly's Ghost," conducts a reading, 7 p.m. at 10976 N. Port Washington Road. FMI: (262) 241-6220.

Wednesday, February 2

A Room of One's Own (Madison): Dyke Poets meet, 5:30-8 p.m. at 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Thursday, February 3

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.

Saturday, February 5

A Room of One's Own (Madison): Science Fiction Book Club, 3 p.m., 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Schwartz Bookshop (Brookfield): Tom Feiza, radio host and columnist known as Mr. Fix-it and author of "Just Fix It," conducts a home repair demonstration, 1 p.m. at 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

Friday, February 11

A Room of One's Own (Madison): 7th Annual "Love and Lust Poetry Reading," featuring Robin Chapman, Andrea Potos, Rhonda Lee, B.C. Brown, Nicky Sund. 6:30 p.m. at 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

(Please read carefully. Some meetings occur the same day weekly, others the same day bi-weekly or monthly.)

THURSDAYS:

Diversity G/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): 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): 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): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:



I am Number One! Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game

Angels of Hope MCC - Religious Services (Allouez and Appleton): Services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 3607 Libal St. in Allouez, and 5 p.m. at 815 N. Richmond St. in Appleton. FMI: (920) 991-0128.

LGBT Catholics (Milwaukee): Monthly discussion group for LGBT Catholics meets from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe School, 613 S. 4th St. FMI: (414) 481-8543.

Gay Men's Discussion Group - Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee): The group meets at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., every second Sunday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics range from relationships and dating to HIV/AIDS to spirituality and mental health. FMI: Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison): Services at 9 and 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 242-8887.

LGBT Community Center - Meditation Circle (Milwaukee): The Circle will begin with centering and grounding exercises followed by guided meditation. 10 a.m. to Noon on the 1st Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Conversations With God (Milwaukee): The group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Drumming Circle (Milwaukee): Meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 4th Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Rainbow Friends - Quaker Worship Group (Madison): Meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Diversity is encouraged, feelings honored, and boundaries respected. FMI & location, call (608) 250-7989.

Seeking Sobriety - Non-Religious Recovery Group (Milwaukee): This recovery group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday at BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (use side door). FMI: Danny at (414) 540-0961 or Richard at (414) 442-1132.

Silver Space - Older Lesbian Discussion Group (Milwaukee): Meets on the third Sunday of the month at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., from 6 to 8 p.m. \$3 donation. FMI: (414) 271-2565.

University Congregational Church - Worship Service (Madison): Weekly services are at 10 a.m. at 1127 University Ave. FMI (608) 256-2353.

MONDAYS:

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Cole Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI: Irene (920) 722-7572 or Bernie (920) 982-0220.

LGBT Community Center - Membership Drop In Nights (Milwaukee): These are casual nights 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): 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.

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

TUESDAYS:

HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month 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): 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): Meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Open 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 Milwaukee's PFLAG Chapter will 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. at the LGBT Community Center. FMI: (414) 271-2656.



Cuties of the Week. Photo by Jamie at Woody's



Belated holiday smooch. Photo by Jamie @ Fluid

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

Womansong - Rehearsal (Madison) This women's chorale meets at the Beth Israel Center 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.

WEDNESDAYS:

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

Gay/Bi Men's Al Anon Group (Madison): 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): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. 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): This weekly group, open specifically to lesbian, bisexual and curious women who are UWM students, meets every Wednesday night, 8 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Landgon St.

Queer Chicks - Social Group (Madison): Meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI: (608) 265-3344.

FILM, TV AND RADIO:

Friday, January 28

Vincent Price Double Feature! (Milwaukee): "House on Haunted Hill" and "The Raven" thru Feb 3 at the Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

Sunday, Jan. 30 & Every Sunday

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 Tapings (Milwaukee): Weekly taping of the radio program "Hotel Milwaukee" 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. Saturdays. FMI: (414) 352-3331 or (414) 276-7889.

Womyn's Radio (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM - 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 women's community. FMI: (608) 256-2001 or <http://www.netphoria.com/wort>.

"Better Living Through Show Tunes" (Madison): WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Hosts Bruce Wheeler and Earl Bricker, 2-3 p.m. (608) 256-2001.

Wednesday, February 2

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

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

February 4

"The Big Sleep" (Milwaukee): The original 1945 cut of this Bogart-Bacall noir classic, including 36 minutes of footage comparing the versions. Thru Feb. 10 at Times Cinema, 5906 W. Vliet St. FMI: (414) 453-2436.

Saturday, February 5

Gay Video Club (Madison): Showing "Common Ground" and "Dream Team." 8 p.m. FMI: (608) 244-8675.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:

Ongoing Exhibits:

Alverno College (Milwaukee): "The Guild of American Paper Cutters Trav-

Cordially Yours

by Michael Johnston

And now it's "CORDIALLY YOURS," Look out, after three weeks I'm finally over that hideous cold/flu bug, hal-llelujah!!!

What a time I had in KEY WEST, no wonder why THE VILLAGE PEOPLE sang of it's many charms. Truly the best way to say farewell to the 90s and hello to this new, exciting century, ahead!

Even though I was slightly impaired, the hot sun, men and weather did work wonders...

Of my favorite memories: An elegant, formal dinner party given by TOM REED & JON MARTIN at the tres exclusive PIER HOUSE. Ex-Milwaukeeans PAUL MASSE & LES VOLLMERT were in attendance, (they now have their very own quaint guest house in KEY WEST, THE KNOWLES HOUSE) as well as a dozen or so other "Who's Who". If you ever have the chance to visit the KEYS, a meal at THE PIER HOUSE is a must!

The service was extraordinary, the food quite impressive! After our regal repast we adjourned to THE PIANO BAR. Naturally I was in seventh Heaven! PEGGY, the breath-taking vixen was our capable bartendress extraordinare.

In the "clap if you believe in fairies" department—while I'm reminiscing about warm memories Holiday and otherwise—I must make mention of the CHRISTMAS FAIRIES. Last year, my dears' Ms. RONA and CINDY O. decided instead of exchanging gifts among ourselves we should really help out others.

Thank God this circle of friends I have are all healthy, resourceful and solvent, but fortunately there are sooooo very many people that aren't. Their solution write out a check and a cause, when you put your contribution in one container, your cause goes in the other one. One charity is selected at random and the entire kitty is theirs.

Last year the CREAM CITY FOUNDATION received over one thousand dollars, and this year with more participation the HUNGER TASK FORCE OF MILWAUKEE was the worthwhile recipient. Just a little warm and fuzzy, to heat-up the old heart.

I love post-holidazing, to avoid the blues ... I had a heck of a good time at TIM & MICHAEL's "Doing" last week. It was such fun ushering in the new century with old friends... even after the fact!

And "Happy New Home" LANCE & TIM, your brunch maybe wasn't so timely, but like all good things, well worth the wait!

"Happy Belated B-Day" to SWITCH'S LOTTA MISERY, good luck in Vegas!

What do you think of this publication's "new look"? I've always been a proponent for a healthy lift, nip and tuck — can I be next? I mean my face, not my column...

Until next time, maybe with a younger look, I shall remain, CORDIALLY YOURS.

January 30

"Winter Toontzen Y2K/Winter Dances 2000" (Milwaukee): A concert of new dances by UW-Milwaukee faculty and guest choreographer Heidi Latsky. 3 p.m. FMI: (414) 229-4308.

stage



Lee E. Ernst as George and Joseph Hanreddy as Lennie in "Of Mice and Men."

Rep's Mouse Roars

Review by Carl M. Szatmary

Prior to last Saturday evening's performance of the Milwaukee Rep's latest production, *Of Mice and Men*, their management requested the audience to "turn off all phones, beepers and those watches that make annoying little noises on the hour." This is an increasingly common (and welcome) request these days but considering what simple lives the characters of this Steinbeck's classic live, it here takes on a rather poignant irony.

John Steinbeck is perhaps the most quintessentially American writer of the last

century. Dramatically set against a uniquely American landscape, his novels and plays define and invariably embrace the dreams, the hopes and the disappointments that we've come to recognize as "the American Dream."

Nowhere is this more evident than in Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*, set in an America mired in the Depression and which follows the fortunes, or rather the misfortunes of two drifters, George (Lee Ernst) and Lennie (Joseph Hanreddy).

As with so many Steinbeck protagonists, George and Lennie are on the fringes of life. Carrying all of their belongings on their backs and possessing barely \$10 between them, George and Lennie find themselves on their way to yet another ranching job as the play opens.

Still, George and Lennie are special. Unlike most of the other drifters of their ilk whose journeys in life are invariably a solitary one, George and Lennie travel together. Lennie might be big and extraordinarily strong but is slow witted and George watches out for him.

Yet even with George looking out for him, Lennie nevertheless manages to find trouble wherever he goes. Hadn't they fled from their last job because of Lennie, forced to hide out a whole day in an irrigation ditch with water up to their necks? Yet

somehow the two manage to keep going. Why? Because they have a dream, George's dream really, of a spread of land, with a little house, some chickens, maybe a cow or a goat and rabbits, which Lennie will tend.

All they need to do is to stick with this new job long enough to get "a stake", the money needed if they are ever going to turn their dream into a reality. What they find is a tough ranch boss (Jim Pickering), his overbearing son Curley (Russ Benton) who is made all the more overbearing by his wife, referred to simply as "Curley's Wife" (Deborah Staples).

Despite a run-in with Curley, George and Lennie's dream looks as if it just might be possible. Old Candy (Jim Baker), an aging, one-armed rancher who has been put to pasture has some money set aside and is quickly seduced by their dream of a spread of land.

If only George and Lennie can last a couple of months. If only...

Not just a piece of Americana, *Of Mice and Men* is Steinbeck at his best. All of his large cast of characters are made of flesh and blood, all possess flaws and weaknesses and all dream of a better existence. Although trapped together by circumstance, each is uniquely isolated and alone. Steinbeck depicts the pains and the disappointments of each character in terms so plain and clear that it seems impossible they themselves can't recognize it in those around them.

Lennie barely exists within a world he can't even comprehend while Curley's Wife is trapped in a loveless marriage and spends her days regretting her lost chances to leave

for Hollywood and a career in "pictures." George might complain about how much better off he'd be without Lennie but just how well could he survive without him?

Director J.R. Sullivan and this talented cast transform Steinbeck's marvelous play and make it seem fresh. Steinbeck's themes of friendship and betrayal, of hopes and disappointments and of isolation make this work remarkably timely.

Lee Ernst and Joseph Hanreddy shine in the central roles of George and Lennie. Jim Baker, so sensational in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, is equally splendid here as Candy. Also terrific are Daniel Whitner as Crooks and Deborah Staples as Curley's wife.

Hanreddy, who serves as Artistic Director of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, is making his acting debut for the company he leads.

This is a wonderful production of an American classic and not to be missed!

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Top Ten Films of 1999

by Kevin John

Since this is a queer publication, I suppose I should give a brief overview of the queer images we saw in 1999. I see the future of queer cinema in glances on the fly and intense, sassy investigations into heterosexuality. But kudos to *The Talented Mr. Ripley* for forcing the itchy audience to care about the motivations of a gay character. *Get Real* touched on something primal (in gay men, at least). But like *Trick*, it shrugged off the realities of the female sidekicks. *Happy, Texas* ignored the radical potential in the film it essentially remade – 1969's *The Gay Deceivers*, one of my very favorite gay films. Then there were a bunch of flawed artistic successes which threw their hands up when it came time to film gays and lesbians.

American Beauty and *Being John Malkovich* insured that homosexuality, male and female respectively, remained a lost continent. *Summer of Sam* did the same but went further and made it easier for the audience to scapegoat it. *Eyes Wide Shut* was a masterpiece until, about three-quarters through, it started warning against non-monogamy and condemning anyone who wasn't Tom Cruise (for a similar but more polymorphously perverse friendly take on erotic play, you'll have to seek out former Kubrick producer James B. Harris' 1973 *Some Call It Loving* which just so happens to be my favorite film of all-time). So we're perpetually half-way there. But we're also always something else as well. The list below is a perpetual attempt to articulate what that something else is.

10. *The Omega Code* (Robert Marcarelli) — This fascinating slab of pre-millennial paranoia, funded by the Trinity Broadcasting Network, actually got busy at the box office yet still escaped mainstream notice – a reminder not just of the relative isolation but also the power of the Christian entertainment dollar. I was presold on it purely as a perverse curiosity item especially after discovering that a lot of Christians were embarrassed by how bad it

was. But really, this was the closest any movie got in 1999 to my beloved *Confessions of an Opium Eater*, Albert Zugsmith's lovely 1962 fever dream (home of the greatest drug freak-out scene I've ever witnessed). The *Omega Code* isn't as stylish or poetic but it's certainly as delirious and hypnotic, which means I'm really not sure what it was about. It goes a little something like this — evil businessman Michael York has a megacomputer that combs the Torah for prophecies which he can exploit to self-aggrandizing ends. He ropes in motivational speaker Casper Van Dien to his masterplan but soon Casper gets hip to the overall evil and plans to stop it. Beyond that, it gets awful hazy for, as one wag put it on the Internet Movie Database, the plot is apparently none of our business. So if tight storytelling and three-dimensional characters are your bag, keep away. Me, I'm always up for not being sure if the world blows up at the end of a film or not.

9. *Black Cat, White Cat* (Emir Kusturica) — There's not a director around today with a more exhausting, exhilarating mise-en-scene. With this film, an Eastern European Satyricon, Kusturica reinvigorates the art of direction by literalizing it — he swims this way, the boat goes that way and everything else explodes.

8. *My Parents Read Dreams I've Had About Them* (Neil Goldberg) — Picks up the queer ass torch passed on down by Andy Warhol's *Blow Job*. Conceptual coup of the year.

7. *eXistenZ* (David Cronenberg) — More yucks (and yuks) than *The Matrix* and without the heterosexual cop-out ending. Reality — what a joke!

6. *The Iron Giant* (Brad Bird) — My hope is that "I am not a gun" will replace "Mother..." as the pinnacle of cartoon pathos. Quite possibly the greatest animated feature ever made.

5. *An Autumn Tale* (Eric Rohmer) — To paraphrase from the film, there are a lot of ways to waste time; this is an absolutely exquisite one.

4. *Fight Club* (David Fincher) — Ugh, way too much to get into here. But if you've ever gotten excited about the term "revealing the apparatus," this was unquestionably to film to see in '99.

3. *Amerikanos* (Christos Dimas) — A classic portrait film or video or whatever it is that says more about portraiture than it does the subject being portrayed.

2. *Lovers of the Arctic Circle* (Julio Medem) — L'amour fou lives — in palindromes, in magic realism, in ridiculous coincidences, in temporal discontinuities, in Spain, in Finland. And also in its glorious sister in romance, Paul Quinn's *This Is My Father*. Sigh — if only we all could have John Cusack fly down to us on a beach.

1. *Crazy in Alabama* (Antonio Banderas) — Has ever a film been better named? This deeply schizophrenic first directorial effort starts off as a square reminiscence of a Deep South childhood that touches on the fight for civil rights in 1965. But the tone switches drastically when goofy aunt Lucille (Melanie Griffith) offs her husband and heads for Hollywood to star in *Bewitched*. Some viewers complained that Lucille's story betrayed the more serious tale of the civil rights movement and allowed the film to degenerate into camp. But as someone who frequently gets branded as a degenerate, camp is my language. *Crazy in Alabama* includes the most outrageous courtroom sequence in cinema history (outrageous in the sense of a total travesty of justice) and polishes the narrative off now and then with bizarre sound effects and cutaways. Yet despite all the madness, the two stories inform one another a lot more deftly than anyone noticed. Ultimately, the intertwining uncovers America's inability to deal with matters of race in a coherent and consistent fashion. Is it a fluke? Do we blame it all on Banderas' inexperience? Am I crazy? Whatever the "truth" may be, it was the most jolting cinematic experience of the year.

I didn't have the stomach to actually rank the worst films of 1999. They're rank enough as it is. So they appear here alphabetically in an attempt to whisk them off to Blockbuster limbo as quickly as the mind will allow.

Worst: *American Pie*, *Detroit Rock City*, *The Dinner Game*, *Dogma*, *An Ideal Husband*, *Jawbreaker*, *The Mod Squad*, *Mystery Men*, *The Out-of-Towners*, *Star Wars Episode 1 - The Phantom Menace*.

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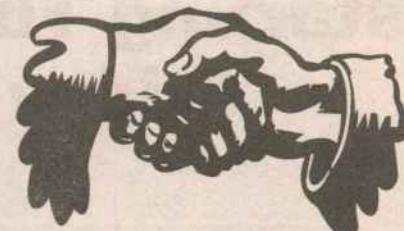
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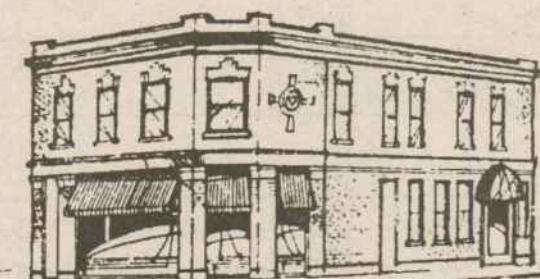
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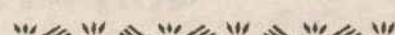
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"Lately, some people have been talking about the state tax refund they have received. I for one, have not fallen for this (for lack of a better term) joke. Let me tell you that I am spreading the word via the internet, newspapers and conversation with friends what you people in Madison are doing. I am tired of you throwing pennies at me while at the same time taking hundreds of dollars out of each of my paychecks. Don't think you have me fooled. As far as I'm concerned you can take that insult of a tax rebate and shove it. Just because the economy seems to be pretty good at this time does not give you the right to keep pillaging the taxpayers of Wisconsin. Believe me Mr. Grobschmidt, I will remember you while waiting in line to vote. It's time to give a real tax rebate in the form of a TAX CUT (based on what I've paid). This minuscule amount sent back to the taxpayers was an insult. Not just because it was a tiny amount of what should be given back to us but also because it didn't matter what I paid in last year. Why on earth would you give the same amount to someone who made \$5,000 as someone who made \$50,000? It makes no sense at all. Is this just another way to re-distribute wealth? Why should someone who paid a relatively small amount (and I use the term "small amount" while my blood pressure starts to rise) of taxes get the same amount back as someone who paid huge amounts?"

Stop sticking your hands in my pocket Mr. Grobschmidt! Believe me, I will be voting for someone who will not only promise not to dig into my pockets, but

who will start cutting the amount you take from my pocket. And if they don't live up to that promise, I will keep mine by voting appropriately. Tired of being over taxed, Jamie."

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OK, I'm done venting for now.

A couple of weeks ago, **Fluid**, **La Cage** and **Switch** got together for a post holiday road trip, destination Chicago. **Michael** from **La Cage**, armed with a camera, was my roaming reporter for the event. I'm told it was one of the best road trips ever. After a fabulous dinner here in Milwaukee, they took two bus-loads to the Windy City for a night on the town.

They visited lots of clubs including the **Manhole** where as you know, you have to get half naked to get into the back where the dance floor is. Michael told me there were hot sweaty bodies all over the place, including a hot bartender that kept buying them shots. Hmmm, wish I would have been invited.

Brunch at **M&M** continues to draw a huge crowd with some of Sunday's best bartenders and waiters. After brunch I like to stop over at the **Ball Game** for a couple bottles of juice (yea right, juice?). Then I like to go over to **Fluid** to see Tammy light her boobs on fire. Talk about a hot Sunday afternoon.

We stopped in at **Woody's** to play NTN Interactive Trivia this past Sunday night. I gotta tell ya, it was lots of fun. We held our own at second place while a guy named Mark held the top score all night, even making 71st in the entire network.

Over at **Triangle**, **Heath** brought his mother out for dinner and a few cocktails. Rumor has it (from Heath) that mom used to know how to "put them away." I asked her about it and she said Heath was just exaggerating. Shame on you Heath!

I ran into the owners of the new club in town, **Club Boom**, and I'm told the big Grand Opening weekend is Feb. 5-7. They have lots of things in store for the entire weekend. The place has a great look. Make sure you stop in and check it out.

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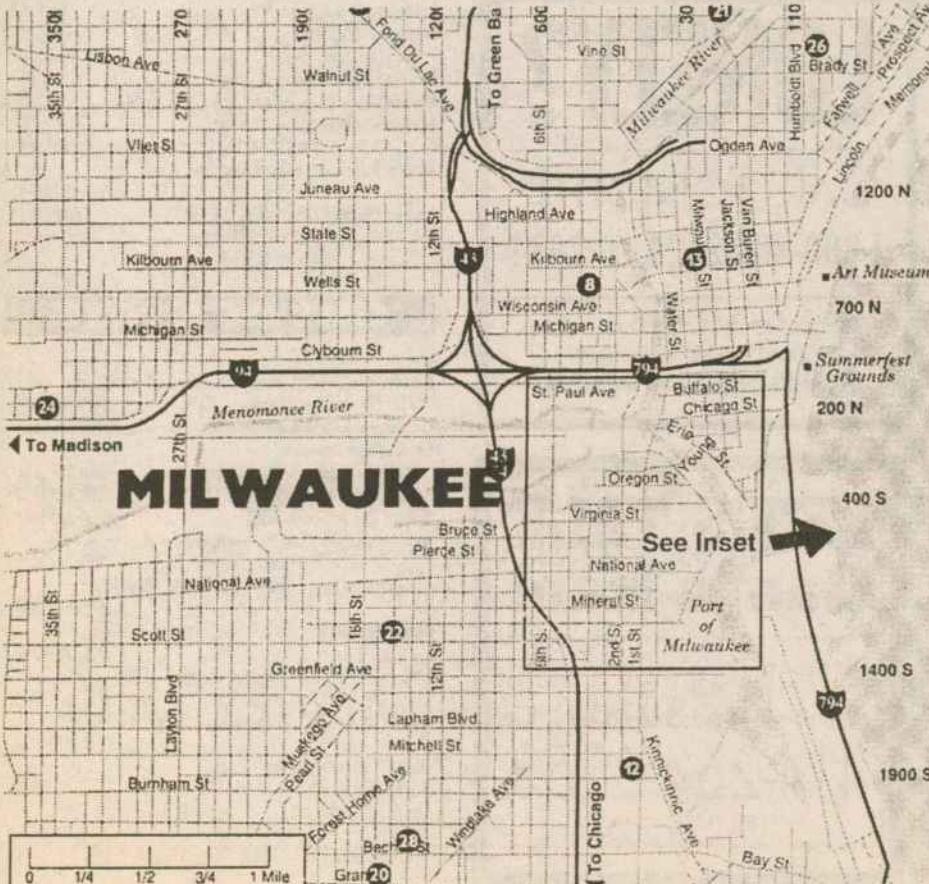
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HAIRY CHEST, NONSMOKER John is a GWM, 38, 5'10", 175 lbs, employed, enjoys movies, dining, travel, light drinker. Old-fashioned in many ways but modern in my thinking. Seeking GM, age and race is open, for casual dating, friendship and possible LTR. (Palatine) **13954**

WHAT'S BLOWING IN CHICAGO? Jim, 6'2", 185 lbs, 9 inches cut, shaggy legs, seeking GM, dark hair, 4 o'clock shadow, who is steady, dependable and commitment-minded. Right person can have a great future. (Chicago) **13286**

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RACE IS NOT AN ISSUE Mac is a GBM, 21, who loves to be spoiled is seeking a GM, 21-28, straight-acting, very masculine for friendship, possible partnership. Please give him a call. **10657**

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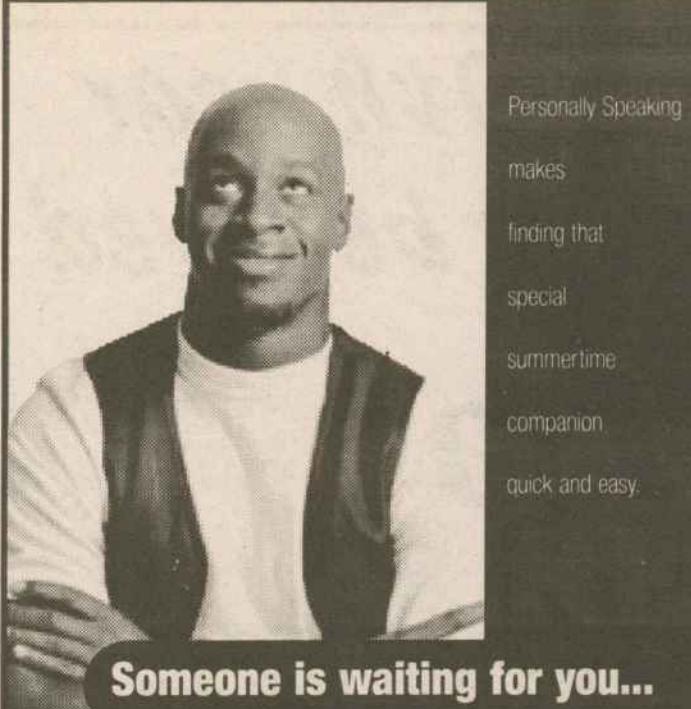
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NO GAME PLAYING 23-year-old BM, 5'11", 140 lbs., black/brown, swimmer's build, slim, smooth, clean-shaven, college graduate, enjoys movies, going out, dining out, bars, clubs, working out. Seeking a masculine, in shape, honest, sincere, attractive, WM with a good personality, good sense of humor, n/s, n/drinker, no games, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. (Milwaukee) **13646**

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GIVE ME A SHOT Gary is a 43-year-old Male, 6'3", 200 lbs., blonde/blue, in fairly good shape, loyal, sincere, playful, enjoys animals, traveling, reading, good conversation. Seeking Male for possible long-term relationship. **23121**

USE ME ANYWAY YOU WANT Very submissive WM, early 40s, 6'0", 185 lbs., foot fetish, very oral, loves being humiliated. Seeking a dominant WM, 40+, overweight or chubby a plus. **16640**

WORKS OUT REGULARLY Dan is 38, 5'10", 195 lbs, very much a bottom is seeking a GM, age and race is unimportant, for good times and exploring our new frontiers. You will be very pleased as I am very versatile. Help me live out my fantasies. (Milwaukee) **17011**

HEADS UP! GWM, 23, is seeking his counterpart, 18-23, for a no strings attached relationship. We can have good times together if we take it nice and slow. Please give me a call. (Milwaukee) **16864**

PONY TAIL, BOTTOM John is 35, 6', 165 lbs, is a sexy bottom and he is looking for a top who is physically fit, healthy and fun to be with. If this sounds like you don't miss this opportunity. (Madison) **15919**

GET BACK TO ME 23-year-old Male, 6'2", 180 lbs., very good-looking. Seeking GM, tall, attractive, intelligent, down-to-earth, easy-going, funny, and fun to be around. (Milwaukee) **16033**

NOT INTO THE BAR SCENE James is a 38-year-old Male, 5'8", 161 lbs., bottom, n/s, n/drinker, clean-shaven, not into bars. Seeking H/WM top, for possible relationship. (Milwaukee) **15746**

FIRST TIME 36-year-old BiWM seeking hot Male, for first Bi experience. **12894**

WORKOUT Do you enjoy sports, outdoors, movies, quiet times at home, bar scene occasionally. Are you, 20-40, good shape, good sense of humor. I'm Chuck, 33, 5'8", 145 lbs, brown/blue, slender build, and am looking for a workout partner. Let's share some good times together. (Sheboygan) **15402**

HUNGRY BOTTOM LIKES TO PLAY. Doug loves to play with Singles or groups. Let's take it from there. You will be pleased. (Milwaukee) **15255**

BIG GUY Very discreet BiWM, 210 lbs, seeking someone to have fun with and pass the time with. There are a number of possibilities and you can use your imagination for new experiences. Should be very open-minded. (Green Bay) **15395**

BIG MAN TOYS Jake is a BiWM, 37, 6'2", 185 lbs., enjoys playing with hot toys. Seeking hot, masculine WM, with similar interests. **20790**

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YOUNG WPM Ryan is a young WPM. Seeking Male under 25, for dating. (Milwaukee) **13704**

NICE FEET? BM mid-40s, top, foot fetish. Seeking submissive bottom with nice feet. (Milwaukee) **12926**

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