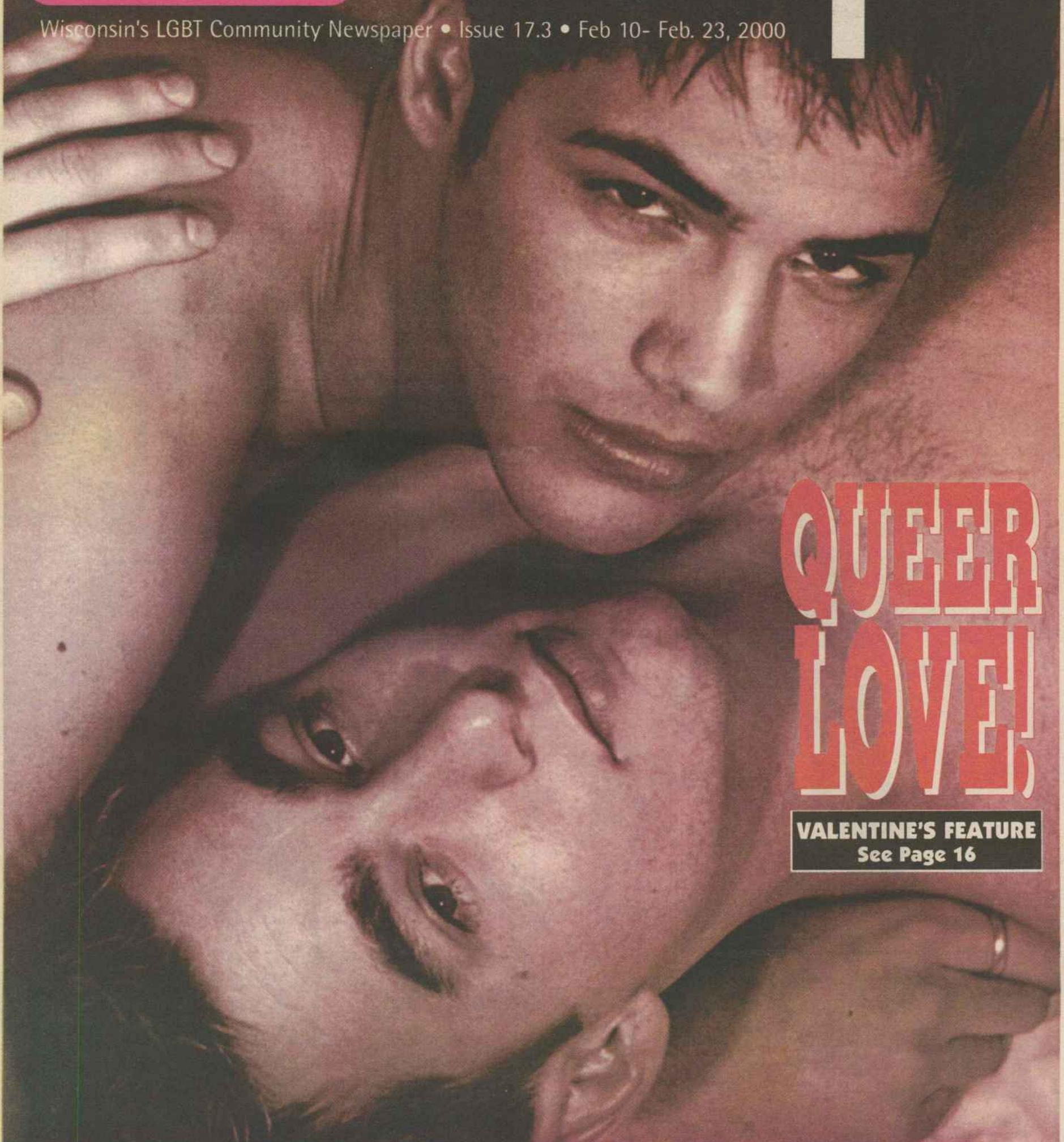


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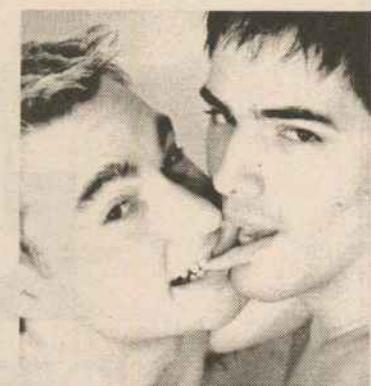
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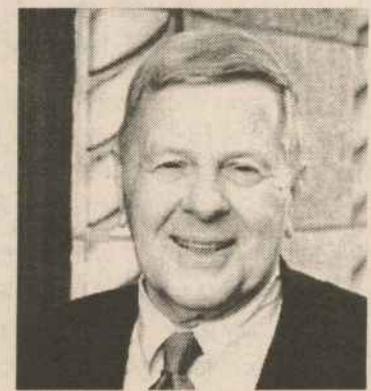
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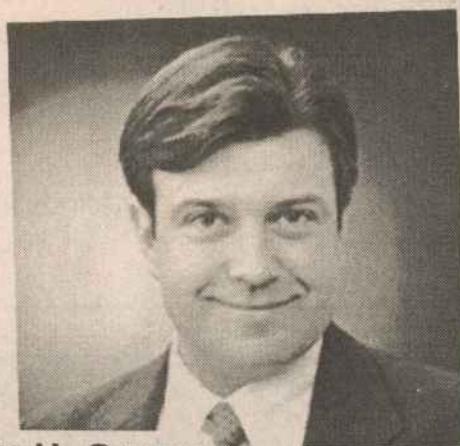
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Owner of Fannies Convicted of Arson

by Jamakaya
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — On Jan. 28, a jury in Milwaukee County Circuit Court found Sharon Dixon, owner of the popular lesbian bar Fannies, guilty of arson in the 1997 torching of her bar. The jury also convicted Dixon of illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Dixon maintains her innocence and vows to appeal. Sentencing is set for Feb. 21 at 8:30 a.m. before Judge Elsa Lamelas at the Milwaukee County Courthouse. Dixon could receive up to 40 years in prison for the arson charge and two years for the drug possession charge. As of Feb. 8, Dixon was in jail, awaiting sentencing, unable to raise the \$50,000 bail requirement.

Fannies, located at 200 E. Washington Street on Milwaukee's near south side, sustained extensive damage in the fire which occurred on October 28, 1997. A lengthy investigation by fire and police officials resulted in charges being filed against Dixon in 1999. The drug charge stemmed from the discovery of morphine in Dixon's apartment during a police search.

On the night of the fire, Dixon went out to dinner with a group of friends and was with them at the time the blaze was apparently set. Assistant District Attorney James Griffin argued that although Dixon may not have started the fire herself, she conspired with someone to commit the crime. She did so, he said, to collect on insurance which she needed to pay substantial debts and to remodel her bar. Griffin presented a steady stream of circumstantial evidence that convinced the jury of her guilt.

The state's evidence against Dixon included her own statements to friends that she would burn down the bar to avoid its seizure by the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS was after Dixon for taxes owed on a second business she operated, Mike and Anna's restaurant. Witnesses also testified that Dixon was desperately in need of money to renovate Fannies, which was in disrepair and facing competition from a new lesbian bar, Dish, that was scheduled to open a few blocks away.

The prosecution also cited Dixon's suspicious behavior on the day of the fire. Dixon allegedly removed valuable items from Fannies the day of the fire and placed them in a storage locker. Testimony indicated she ordered her staff not to set the fire alarm that night, something employees found unusual because Dixon was normally strict about security and fire prevention. Dixon usually parked her own vehicle at the bar, but that night she parked quite a distance away, the prosecutor's implication

being that she did not want it damaged by the fire. After the fire, authorities found a copy of the insurance policy for Fannies on Dixon's bed in her residence upstairs from the bar.

Dixon's attorney, Russell Stewart, countered that Dixon was not deeply in debt and that she could have raised financing through conventional means. He presented several witnesses who said they could have helped to raise financing for her. He attacked the other circumstantial evidence as inconclusive. The witnesses who heard Dixon say she would burn down her bar testified that the statements were made long before the fire and they believed that they were made in jest. Although some items were removed and placed into storage, most of Dixon's personal possessions, like clothes, remained in her upstairs apartment when the fire broke out. Dixon told investigators that the morphine pills found in her safe came from a friend with AIDS and her elderly mother, both deceased.

Late in the trial, defense attorney Stewart suddenly suggested that someone connected to Dish, the new lesbian bar, could have been responsible for the Fannies blaze. He speculated that their motivation might have been fear of competition from Fannies. Prosecutor Griffin objected and Judge Lamelas agreed that in the absence of any evidence introduced into the court record implicating Dish, Stewart could not pursue that line of argument.

Judge Lamelas went further and complimented Dish owner Julia Loggia, who had been called to testify by the prosecution. On the stand, Loggia said that she had developed a sound business plan for her bar and that she did not fear competition from Fannies. Judge Lamelas called Loggia a good businesswoman and a "highly credible witness."

When Sharon Dixon is sentenced on Feb. 21, it will end a long saga that has been the subject of much speculation in Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community. Dixon has a long history of bar and restaurant ownership in the city. She is especially well known in the lesbian community where, like other business and community leaders, she has developed her share of fervent loyalists as well as detractors.

Legal observers have told *IN Step* that in the absence of any previous felony convictions, Dixon may not receive the maximum sentence. But Judge Lamelas has a reputation as a tough judge and during court proceedings she sometimes seemed impatient with defense tactics.

Assistant District Attorney Griffin refused to speculate on the sentencing, saying only, "As in every case that I prosecute, I hope and expect that justice will be done."

Germ Warfare

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by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Des Moines — Failed far-right Republican presidential candidate Gary Bauer's campaign is asking Iowa officials to pursue criminal charges against Dan Savage, the Seattle-based sex columnist, for trying to wage what it considers a bizarre form of germ-warfare against Bauer.

Loras Schulte, head of Bauer's campaign for the Iowa caucuses, says he is planning to file criminal voter-fraud charges against Savage and is checking to determine if attempted assault charges could also be filed.

"This is not a laughing matter," said Schulte. "Mr. Savage is making quite a



Dan Savage

joke out of a process I take very seriously."

Savage bragged in his online column in *Salon.com* that he tried to spread the flu by licking doorknobs and coffee cups where Bauer might likely come in contact with them.

Savage filed a voter registration form in Des Moines certifying he was an Iowa resident and then worked as a volunteer at Bauer's Iowa campaign headquarters. And state officials have said that if Savage can't prove he signed the form

honestly, intending to establish permanent residency in Iowa, he could face a five-year jail term and fines up to \$7,500.

David Talbott, editor of *Salon.com*, however, said, "We took it [the Savage column] as a piece of political satire" and that the online magazine only hired Savage to write about how an openly gay man could volunteer with the Bauer campaign.

Marlys Popma, a top adviser to the campaign, said Bauer's real supporters genuinely liked Savage. She said the episode was a puzzling way to close the 2000 caucuses.

"It was really an odd feeling when I read the *Salon* magazine story and learned that someone could have been that gracious in our office and really have been so mean," Popma said. "I hope that the saliva stuff was embellished. It's really kind of grotesque."

Savage said he targeted Bauer because he disagreed with the conservative activists' stance against gays and lesbians. Savage has not yet said whether his column was literally accurate or just satire.

The Pageant Bows Out After 30 Years

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — Just two weeks shy of its 30th anniversary show, The Pageant, the longest running pageant in the state of Wisconsin was cancelled on Jan. 31st. Organizers cited a lack of contestants and lagging ticket sales.

For years, The Pageant was a tradition in Wisconsin. It was one of the first major gay events held in a non-gay venue with hundreds attending the annual formal affair. As many as ten contestants in two categories vied for the title of Miss Gay Wisconsin and Mr. Gay Wisconsin. Previous winners of the Miss Gay Wisconsin title include Ginger Spice, BJ Daniels and Mimi Marx.

"I'm not bitter, I'm just sad," Ronnie Marx, a long-time organizer of The Pageant told *IN Step*. "It simply boiled down to three things: Lack of interest, lack of contestants and lack of customers."

By many accounts, The Pageant had been struggling for several years. The event was previously cancelled in November of 1998 due to lack of interest and was later rescheduled for February of last year. Some people also blame organizers for its demise and cite a change of rules for contestants as contributing to the low turn-out of entrants.

Sasha Mitchell, current Miss Great Lakes USA, had entered this year's pageant and was upset at the news it was cancelled. Mitchell believes the rule changes scared people away.

"They changed all their rules," Mitchell told *IN Step*. "They wouldn't have had enough room for all the contestants that wanted to enter, but after they changed the rules, everyone was afraid to enter."

"They simply need new blood," stated Ron Thate, a former Miss Gay Wisconsin, who was also awarded a lifetime achievement award by Pageant organizers in 1999.

"I think they need a new committee, they are not with the times, they just stay with the same old format. They need something new to keep people interested," Mitchell said.

But Marx disagrees that fault lies with The Pageant, "I think we did a good job of providing good entertainment. We never got anything out of it. I was offering [The Pageant] to anybody who wanted to take it."

Marx asserts that support for The Pageant has declined over time and that the number of top-notch female impersonators has dwindled as well.

"All the old Pageant people are dead, all the important well-known performers are deceased. The young ones aren't interested and older people just aren't interested anymore either," said Marx.

While Marx stated he hoped to bring back The Pageant in a couple of years, others believe it should never have been cancelled.

"This is totally wrong," said Thate. "You do not cancel The Pageant because you have too few contestants, you put on the show or you make some adjustments."

Gay/Lesbian Press Making News

ST. LOUIS — The "News Telegraph," one of the oldest and most widely distributed gay and lesbian newspapers in the country's Midwest heartland, has folded after 19 years in print because of financial problems, editor and publisher Jim Thomas said following the Jan. 14 issue.

The paper, which had offices in St. Louis and Kansas City, had been having financial troubles for the past few years, but Thomas said the collapse of the Mulryan/Nash advertising agency recently was the "final straw" for his paper.

Mulryan/Nash sold blocks of ads to national companies and then placed the ads in various gay and lesbian papers. But the agency went bankrupt late last year with enormous unpaid accounts due to papers it had sold ads to. The agency had collected its fees from advertisers for the ads, but the papers that ran the ads were left with significant unpaid ad bills.

Thomas said the Mulryan/Nash bankruptcy aggravated financial problems the "News Telegraph" was already having, and he had been unable to find a way out of the difficulties.

Meanwhile, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., attorney Norm Kent has launched a new newspaper, "The Express," which he says will "be unlike any other gay publication in South Florida" in reporting on breaking news and local events that aren't bar-oriented.

It is the seventh gay and lesbian publication in South Florida now, although most of them focus on bar-related and social activities rather than hard news.

And finally, the Q Syndicate and gay.com have announced a planned Gay and Lesbian Press Summit slated to be held in Washington, D.C., on April 27-29, coinciding with the Millennium March on Washington.

UK Lets Gay Dads' Twins Stay

LONDON — Newborn twins, born to a surrogate mother in California and who have two gay men listed on their birth certificates as their only parents, have been given indefinite leave to remain in Britain, the Home Office has announced.

The infants, who were brought home to the UK by gay dads Barrie Drewitt and Tony Barlow, were not given British citizenship however.

The Home Office, which oversees immigration and naturalization services in the country, said the decision in the case was made by Home Secretary Jack Straw personally because of the exceptional circumstances of the case.

Although the two men are listed on the twins' birth certificates as their parents, under British law, the surrogate mother and her legal husband are technically the parents, even though the sperm of one of the gay dads was used to conceive the children.

Risky Business: How Safe Is Oral Sex?

The Debate About HIV & Unprotected Oral Sex

By Daniel Vaillancourt

"I've literally had men laugh at me and walk away," says Joseph (not his real name), a 36-year-old waiter in Los Angeles who insists that condoms be used during oral sex. "Whether I'm in the active or passive role doesn't matter. I use rubbers every time. I really do believe you can get HIV from fellatio."

"I just don't see it as a big risk," counters Alan (not his real name), a 40-year-old Manhattan businessman who eschews the

use of prophylactics with his male sexual partners when performing or receiving oral sex. "I don't like how they taste. I don't like how they feel. I use condoms for anal sex, of course. But for sucking? No way."

Joseph and Alan (who prefer to use pseudonyms for personal privacy reasons and claim to be HIV-negative) both have a point. The issue is far from black and white. Neither is it gay or straight.

"It tends to get looked at as an issue of sexual orientation," says Rebecca Denison, executive director of the Oakland, California-based Women Organized to Respond to Life-threatening Diseases

(WORLD). "But for me, it seems like it's really more a question of 'Does getting semen in your mouth, whether you're male or female, pose a risk? Does getting vaginal fluids in your mouth, whether you're male or female, pose a risk?'"

"I think there is risk," says Douglas Dieterich, MD, chief of gastroenterology and hepatology at New York City's Cabrini Medical Center and associate professor of medicine at NYU Medical Center. "It's mucosa to mucosa and it's not totally safe."

"There are now documented cases of oral-sexual HIV transmission from mouth to penis, penis to mouth, mouth to vagina, vagina to mouth," concurs Daniel H. Bowers, MD, a partner at Pacific Oaks Medical Group in Los Angeles, the largest private practice specializing in HIV in the United States. "However, the incidence is so low that statisticians cannot put even a ballpark quantifiable figure on what the risk is."

US AIDS Organizations Play it Safe

Are men and women who practice skin-to-skin fellatio and cunnilingus more likely to get struck by lightning than to contract HIV? Quite possibly. Still, most AIDS service organizations in the US are proceeding with caution.

In the "Oral Sex: How Safe is It?" section of its web site, the San Francisco-based STOP AIDS Project states "Unfortunately, we can't tell you 'just do it'

Study: Oral Sex a Risk

San Francisco (AP) — Oral sex, long regarded by many gay men as a low-risk practice, appears to be a surprisingly frequent way of spreading AIDS.

A study released Feb. 1 found that oral sex was probably the cause of 8 percent of recent HIV infections among a group of homosexual men examined in San Francisco.

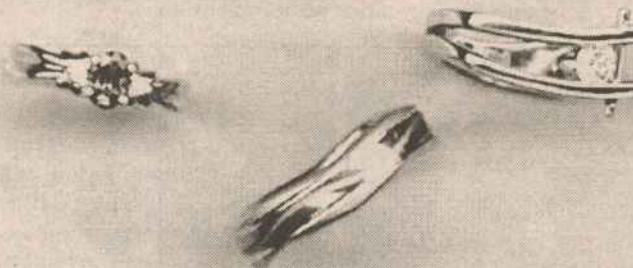
In the past, there have been occasional reports of people apparently catching HIV orally. But health investigators have had difficulty being certain, since gay men who have oral sex also may engage in other, riskier sex practices, such as anal intercourse.

Now diagnostic tests allow doctors to narrow down the timing of HIV infections. They were used in the latest study, described as the most definitive on the subject to date.

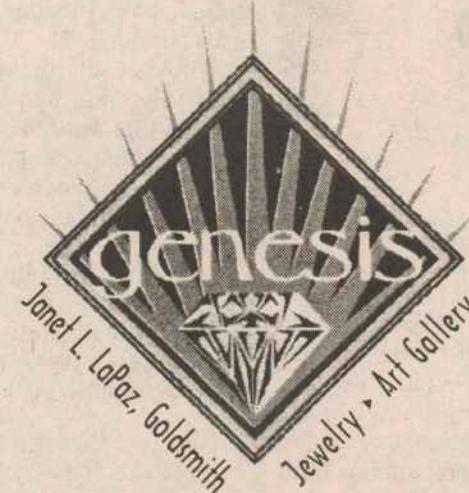
The work was conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of California at San Francisco, and was presented in San Francisco at a scientific conference.

"While oral sex may still be safer than anal intercourse or vaginal intercourse, it is not without risk and perhaps has higher risk than we would have expected otherwise," said Dr. Helene Gayle, the CDC's AIDS chief.

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The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is even more wary, choosing to answer men and women's "Frequently Asked Questions" in no uncertain terms.

"I THINK THERE IS RISK ... IT'S NOT TOTALLY SAFE."

"Yes, it is possible for you to become infected with HIV through performing oral sex," the CDC's web site asserts. "The risk increases if you have cuts or sores around or in your mouth or throat; if your partner ejaculates in your mouth; or if your partner has another sexually transmitted disease."

As to whether HIV can be contracted by being the recipient of oral sex, the CDC's answer is again yes. "If you choose to have oral sex, use a latex condom on the penis."

Finally, the CDC advises "if you choose to have sex and you are female, use a latex barrier (such as a dental dam or a cut-open condom that makes a square) between the mouth and the vagina. Plastic good wrap can also be used as a barrier."

According to Bowers, the guarded stance taken by the CDC and US community-based organizations speaks volumes about the litigious penchant of Americans.

"In the United States, the idea of informed consent before undergoing a surgical procedure is so much stricter than it is in Australia and in Western Europe," he says. "If we don't clearly identify a huge list of risks along with all the benefits, we haven't properly performed our duty and

are quite liable. Therefore, likewise, in America, we are much more conservative about sexual recommendations."

Oral Sex Encouraged Outside the US

Many HIV prevention professionals in other countries see unprotected oral sex as a safety valve that may give individuals full enough sexual expression that they will not feel compelled to have unsafe intercourse.

"I've had many European women with HIV tell me that they feel an absolute obligation to disclose their HIV status to somebody if they're having intercourse," says Denison, "but that if the person's gonna go down on them, they're convinced that the risk is so low that they don't have to [disclose]. And I don't know what to make of that."

"I would never say there is no risk [in oral sex]," says Dieterich. "I would say it's less risky. But I probably wouldn't advocate that as an alternative. It's not just HIV we're talking about, either. It's other sexually transmitted diseases, other viruses: herpes, chlamydia, LGV [lymphogranuloma venereum]."

Decisions Made Behind Closed Doors

When it comes down to it, men and women must exercise freedom of choice and make decisions on a case by case basis based on available information.

"People tend to talk to me pretty explicitly about what they're doing because I'm very out about being HIV-pos-

itive," says Denison. "I hear the range from people who haven't had sex in ten years, since they were diagnosed—they're married and they sleep in the same bed with their partner every night and they never have sex—to people who are doing unprotected everything."

"For some people the only amount of risk that's acceptable is zero risk," Denison continues. "And then there are people who will accept a lot of risk because oral sex is a great thing."

A New Year's Eve Analogy

Bowers likens the dilemma to choosing when and how to drive on the freeway. "If it's raining and it's rush hour and it's New Year's Eve, you may choose not to drive on the freeway," he says. "Or you may choose to drive very cautiously and to double check your seat belt; you're in heightened awareness. Or you may choose to take a surface street."

A person may choose to have unprotected oral sex with someone they've dated for some period of time. "You have a beginning of a trusting relationship," says Bowers. "You've used nothing but condoms when having intercourse in the past, and now you feel oral sex is safe because you trust that this guy's negative and you're comfortable with it."

Picking up a stranger in a bar, going home, and immediately deciding to engage in fellatio without a barrier, however, is to embark on an entirely different course, concludes Bowers. "You may feel that that freeway is too frightening to drive on."



Martina Navratilova

Martina Heads to Tennis Hall of Fame

NEW YORK — Martina Navratilova, long an icon in the professional tennis world and the idol of gays and lesbians around the world, will be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame July 15.

Navratilova's accomplishments would be difficult to overstate, most sports observers agree. She was the best female player the Czechoslovakia Tennis Federation produced. She won Wimbledon in 1978 and 1979. By the time she retired in 1994, her total wins stood at 1,438 in singles, 1,111 in doubles, 167 singles titles and 72 runner-up finished, 165 doubles titles, 18 Grand Slam singles championships, 37 Grand Slam doubles titles. She was ranked No. 1 in the world for 331 weeks during her career, and ESPN ranked her No. 19 in its list of Top 50 athletes of the century.

Now living in Aspen, Colo., Navratilova's up-front orientation and willingness to involve herself in gay rights campaigns she believes in has won her almost cultish admiration among gays and lesbians.

"Who would have thunk it when I practiced hitting balls off the wall at 6 years old and pretended to be Rod Laver?" she deadpanned in New York at the announcement of the Hall of Fame induction.

Famed Food Author Craig Claiborne Dies

NEW YORK — Food critic and gourmet author Craig Claiborne, a virtual institution at the "New York Times," has died in Manhattan at the age of 79. No cause of death was given.

Claiborne, who authored more than 20 food and cooking books during his career, was raised in Mississippi and was one of the first critics to actually receive formal training in cooking, studying in Switzerland. His best known work, "The New York Times Cookbook," sold more than 3 million copies.

In his 1982 autobiography, "A Feast Made for Laughter," Claiborne talked about being gay and his life in a boardinghouse that his mother ran in Mississippi as his first experience with food.

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George Watts was born in Milwaukee and started his own retail business in downtown Milwaukee. Now Watts has his sites set on the Mayor's office. He is now shy about his opinion of his opponent, Milwaukee's current Mayor John Norquist. Watts believes that Norquist is a professional politician who doesn't have the vaguest idea of how to run a big city.

Recently, I spoke with Watts about his run for mayor, the gay and lesbian community and much more.

IN Step: Why are you running for Mayor?

The city's is deep trouble, the city's in deep economic trouble. I don't know if you saw the article in Milwaukee magazine. It describes how our murder rate in Milwaukee is three times Boston's. Well,

ten years ago, Boston's murder rate was higher than ours. What's happened? The answer is that we have an economy that's failing us. The drug trade among minorities, for example, outbids us for their services because they get about \$10 if you're in the lower echelon of the drug business. And we should have jobs that

pay \$15, \$18, \$20 an hour. We don't have them in Milwaukee; it's because we have the wrong economy. This mayor has stuck with the old. For example, his helping Steeltech is ridiculous, because it's a dying economy. Why throw money after things that are dead? We should have the information economy here, a much bigger presence, and there are other things we can do too. I know how to make business grow. I'm an enterpriser. The whole theme of our campaign is built on the right to rise, a theme initially put forth by Abraham Lincoln in 1849 when he was in the legislature in Illinois. He said the greatest thing about America is you have the right to rise. And by gosh, you don't have the right to rise if you have a city that over-taxes and over-regulates and drives most people in business crazy. And that's what this man does.

IN Step: I want to talk a little about downtown. Many perceive the Grand Avenue as in decline.

He [Norquist] killed it. He carries the major responsibility for it going down. In 1995, he had a man named Steve Smith, who was hired away by Mayfair Mall, and Mayfair—since they got him—has just blossomed. Meanwhile, it was six and a half months before they got a replacement. Any mayor worth his salt would have gotten on his phone the next day when he found his star was leaving, and called the Rouse people and said "Listen," in suitable pejorative terms, "Get somebody out here right away, because we don't want to lose control of Grand Avenue."

They lost control. They lost control to the unsupervised kids who aren't going to be their customers under any circumstances unless you change the whole for-



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Who Is George Watts? And Why Is He Running For Mayor?

mat, and then you're left up with a business that, it wasn't what it was intended for. For example, to show how it works, the daughter of an important official in Madison came in with friends to shop at Grand Avenue Mall and all of a sudden, a whole flurry of young people ran through the store, ripping and running and snorting and jostling people and so on. And she said, "I was scared to death, I'll never come back. And neither will my friends." It's still going on today.

IN Step: What do you think of the community policing that Chief Jones has instituted, where he's focusing on the smaller crimes?

According to the Public Policy Forum ... 43% of the crimes in Milwaukee were not reported in 1998. That simply means, I believe, that they don't have confidence that the police are going to respond. I want everybody in our community to feel quick to report crime or suspicious behavior and I want them to feel that if they call the police, dammit, somebody's going to respond seriously and do something about it.

IN Step: If Mayor Norquist is re-

elected, what is going to happen in that four years that is so bad?

Crime rates will continue to increase. We are already losing people at the rate of 5 or 6,000 per year according to Professor Levine at the Institute for Urban Studies at UW-Milwaukee. He thinks it's escalating, up to 6 or 7,000 a year. Hell, that's the size of a small village.

IN Step: Why do you think people are leaving?

They're upset about crime. They're upset about the lack of employment opportunities. The one thing that seems to cure everything if you have enough good jobs, really good jobs, people will forgive a lot of your other failings. The taxes are outrageously high. We're in the top five of America. And he fakes you along. My wife and I have two mortgages we're paying on in Milwaukee. My wife says the one we have for our condo, she says, it's gone down. But that's fake. What he's done is two things: he's increased the assessments and then he has tripled the long-term debt, from \$258 million to \$739 million in the 12 years he will have been in. And that's

increasing your household debt.

IN Step: Some critics of the mayor have described him as vindictive and judgmental. What is your assessment?

He's a spoiled kid. He's spoiled and used to having his way. In a democracy, you don't always get your way. I don't personalize any of my disagreements, because I suspect that tomorrow, on another issue, that person will be on my side. ... I think the big failure with many businessmen here in Milwaukee and with governmental leaders, like Norquist for example, they don't like dissent, they don't want to listen to it, they're sure they're right, they're positive they're right, and that's their worst mistake. I'd rather hear dissent. I think that's the great thing about America. That, and the right to rise. Thank God for our constitution. Whenever somebody says they want to screw around with our constitution, it upsets me.

IN Step: You obviously have strong feelings about the way Norquist is running the city. I wonder how much of that becomes personalized?

I have no personal animosity toward him at all. I supported him in his first four years. He's just been a failure, that's all. In business, when you fail, they can you. And I'm asking the voters to can this mayor. Before it's too late.

IN Step: What are your plans for downtown?

Downtown is not going to happen overnight. The first thing we have to do is be sure that 1-45 doesn't come down. It supplies our basic economic life, 56,000 trucks and autos a day. You take those away and force them to be delayed in their arrival downtown by as much as 15 minutes, expose them to slow moving traffic which is much more pollutive and much more frustrating, and you'll just have massive road rage. It affects the people who are living here on the lower east side especially because it means they can't get to Green Bay or Madison or the ball game or the zoo quickly or easily which they can now. He wants to take down one of the things which determines the quality of life in Milwaukee, and its economic survival. He's different from me because I want to serve people. I want them to be able to ride around their city freely and easily, go to the stores they want to go to.

IN Step: Recently, the City of Milwaukee passed a Domestic Partnership Registry. Is that something you would support?

I would be supportive of that. We have friends, they happen to be a couple of lesbians who married recently. We attended the wedding, and it was an experience of love. We believe in fidelity and, above all, we believe in freedom. Today, it's my duty as mayor to see that people have an opportunity within the bounds of the law to express themselves as they see fit, without interference. You'd be pleased to know that this couple has had two children since then, and they're gorgeous children! It was a Quaker wedding. It was a great experience. But it only solidified what we already believed that gay and lesbian relationships, that the partnership agreement or marriage, lends stability. Lends stability not

only to the marriage but to the whole society. Some of the most productive, most wonderful people we know have made these choices, and if this helps their lives, and helps them get a fair share of the insurance or whatever when people die, hell, I'm all for it. And I feel strongly about it. So does Marty.

IN Step: If employees of the City of Milwaukee have a partner, would you also try to extend benefits to those partners?

Absolutely, absolutely, without hesitation. But I don't find any problem with it. I'm not defensive about my position at all. I'm not terribly eager for it to be promulgated, but I don't really care either.

IN Step: You have a wedding gift registry at Watt's. If a same-sex couple came in, would you allow them to register as well?

We do. So far as I know, we've done it. We're excited about that, we love to do that.

IN Step: Is there anything you would try to do to establish a strong relationship with the gay and lesbian community?

Well, I feel I already have. I believe, absolutely, in non-discrimination. I don't care if it's race or gender preference or whatever it happens to be. No discrimination. If you discriminate, you screw yourself, because you miss some good people. I believe of our employment of 48, somewhere between 4 and 6 [are gay]. And they're our best people, absolutely our best people.

I don't know if you know that this summer ... we went down during PrideFest ... we were outside shaking hands and I want you to know I was hugged and kissed by a lot of wonderful people. [laughter] I really was! People were surprised to see me, and I was delighted to be there. And while I had good receptions at all the other festivals, I

think my reception there was the best.

You know that at PrideFest, there were some protesters there. And they separated us from them and let us come closer to the gate because in that way we wouldn't get into any confrontations...

IN Step: You recently switched from parties ... from Republican to Democrat. Why?

Even though I admire [Wisconsin's Democratic Senator Russ] Feingold, I was supporting [Republican Senatorial candidate Mark] Neumann. I realize now that was a bad mistake. But what I did when the Christian Right put those billboards up, I wrote Neumann and I said, "If you want to get elected and if you also want to do the right thing, you will immediately run a sign of your own out there, I'll help pay for it. And the sign should say, 'Love one another' — Jesus Christ." And at the bottom you could put 'Paid for by the Neumann Campaign.' And that would defuse these people that think you're self-righteous."

He didn't even answer, and I'd given him a major amount of money. At that point I began to become a Democrat again. I was raised a Democrat. It's very easy for me to be a Democrat here in Milwaukee. I think the Democrats come closer to sensing people's needs here and acting to help them.

IN Step: As you look at who's on the Common Council right now, are there any who you feel are doing a really good job?

Yes, there are some. I really think we need a change. I think we need a fresh group of people coming in who aren't as entranced with the special interests. I'm very close to people like [Common Council members] Tom Nardelli, Annette Scherbert, Sue Breier, people like that. But I think we need a lot of new people. With the new form of government we have, the strong mayor government, the mayor dominates the council and it's not right.

IN Step: Have you been enjoying this run for mayor?

I love it. I love the people that I meet. And I don't mind, in fact I rather enjoy intellectual disagreements, debates. I'm always prepared to be swayed. I learned long ago to be positive, to be sure before I come out for something. And I've been swayed by my opponents. I think one of the things about saying what you believe out loud, if you're wrong, someone will quickly put you right, and that helps a lot.

IN Step: Is there anything else you'd like to add that you think is really important, or that you want to get out to our readers?

One of the reasons, perhaps the central reason why I love this city, is that I regard it as uniquely decent, as uniquely kind, and as uniquely loving. I see this because we try to help almost all the causes that come to us. This is a city involved in doing good. Believe me, they are doing good. I think we treat each other with more consideration here in Milwaukee, and more kindness. In our employment manual it says the central theme is the Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Is this the way you'd want to be treated? I think this should apply to the city as well, and it does to a large extent. People give directions in this city very nicely, they're kind to strangers, they're especially kind to people who are hurt or in trouble of some kind. To add onto that uniqueness, I want to say that our city employees are as courteous as they can be they way they'd want to be treated.

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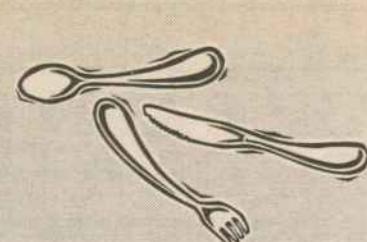
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HRL-PAC Makes Milwaukee Primary Election Endorsements

Milwaukee — The Human Rights League Political Action Committee (HRL-PAC), the first registered political action committee serving Wisconsin's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) community, has announced its endorsements for upcoming primaries in the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County. Primary elections will take place Tuesday, Feb. 15. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

HRL-PAC's board of directors sent surveys to all candidates in all contested races. The surveys asked for each candidate's views on key LGBT issues, including equal benefits for LGBT city and county workers, support services for LGBT youth and seniors, and funding for AIDS prevention and care. After an exhaustive review of survey responses and incumbent voting records, HRL-PAC has endorsed and provided financial resources to candidates who have demonstrated support for the LGBT community.

In some cases, endorsements have also been awarded to candidates in races where there will be no primary. HRL-PAC believes these candidates have shown particularly strong support for the LGBT community and are therefore deserving of an early

endorsement in anticipation of the general election on April 4.

"Milwaukee is at a critical point in its history with LGBT issues. The past two years have seen the passage of Milwaukee's Domestic Partnership Registry and the opening of the LGBT Community Center. Our community can keep the momentum going by flexing its political muscle at the ballot box," said Brenda Lewison, HRL-PAC board member.

Incumbents Paul Henningsen and Penny Podell have been extremely supportive friends on the city council and county board, respectively. They each face serious challenges. Henningsen, the incumbent 4th District Alderman, represents Milwaukee's downtown and Near West Side. He was the chief sponsor of legislation to establish domestic partner benefits for city workers in 1997, and he was a co-sponsor of last year's successful effort to establish the city's Domestic Partner Registry. Podell, running for re-election as the county's 3rd District Supervisor, is a senior member of the county board and a long-time friend of the LGBT community. Her district covers most of Milwaukee's East Side, as well as parts of Shorewood and two wards in Riverwest south of Chambers Street.

In the race to fill Dorothy Dean's seat for 13th District County Supervisor, HRL-PAC has endorsed Dawn Miller, a first-time candidate with a progressive platform. LGBT-friendly Dean is not seeking re-election. "Dawn Miller is running a fresh, ener-



getic campaign that includes a vision of Milwaukee County as a place that supports equal rights for all minorities, including the LGBT community," said HRL-PAC board member Patrick Flaherty. The 13th District coincides with the Riverwest neighborhood. It is bordered on the north by Hampton Avenue, on the east by the Milwaukee River, on the south by Park Place and on the west by the I-43 freeway.

HRL-PAC was organized in 1997 to provide resources to elect openly LGBT and LGBT-friendly candidates who will work for and defend equality, improve the LGBT community's quality of life, and oppose anti-gay legislation.

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Endorse Dawn Miller, \$

Voters can obtain information regarding voter registration, absentee ballots, and polling places by calling the City of Milwaukee at (414) 286-VOTE (8683) or visiting the city's web site at www.ci.mil.wi.us. The information is available under "Election Commission" in the "City Departments" section of the site. Voters in municipalities other than Milwaukee should contact their village or city clerk's office.

For more information about Paul Henningsen's campaign, call (414) 933-3043; Penny Podell's campaign, call (414) 961-0808; and Dawn Miller's campaign, call (414) 454-9774.

'City Project' to Focus on Younger Gay Men and AIDS Prevention

Milwaukee — Are you a young man looking for leadership training and an immediate opportunity to put your skills to work? Are you a person who is older than 25 but interested in creating a safe, healthy environment for young gay men? Do you work for a community organization with a mission to meet the developmental and health needs of young men? If you fit any of these descriptions, then get ready for CITY Project!

The Medical College of Wisconsin's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) invites the community to a town hall kickoff meeting for the Community Intervention Trial for Youth (CITY), a new program and research study seeking to build a dynamic, healthy environment for young men who have sex with men. The meeting will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Bodolino's Restaurant, 3124 N. Downer Avenue. Pizza and soda will be provided.

Milwaukee's CITY Project is part of a national effort to study and reduce the incidence of HIV infection among young men ages 15-25 years. Some metropolitan areas have reported yearly HIV infection rates for young gay men that are higher than for gay men over 25 years old. In research studies, over one-third of young men who have sex with men reported that they had recently engaged in unprotected sex. Young, minority men are particularly vulnerable to the disease.

"With all of the issues young men face as they enter adulthood, HIV prevention can be overlooked," said David W. Seal, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine and principal investigator of the study. "Through collaboration between researchers, the community, and youth themselves, CITY Project will seek to integrate HIV risk reduction into other issues that are important to young men."

The project offers young men ages 15 to 25 the opportunity to combat the threat of HIV to their peers by becoming CITY Project community health advisors. These community leaders will use their creative energy to plan and carry out educational and social events for young men, provide advice to help their peers make healthy decisions, and assist other young men in getting connected to supportive community services. All community health advisors will receive extensive training.

Prevention staff from CAIR and its primary collaborator, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), have already done over a year's worth of planning, networking, and research to set the stage for the project.

"We are putting out a general call for support from the community. All persons and organizations with an interest in reducing HIV among young men are encouraged to attend and learn how they can be involved," said Dr. Seal.

For more information, call the CITY Project hotline at (414) 456-7702.

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ARCW Expands Dental Services Statewide

Milwaukee — Following a year of record levels of dental services that provided care to 717 people with HIV and AIDS in 1999, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's HIV Specialty Dental Clinic has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services to help meet increasing patient loads.

"Good dental care is crucial for a person with HIV to maintain their health and often times their AIDS medication regimens," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "This much needed grant will substantially help ARCW expand its HIV Specialty Dental Clinic and ensure that more people with HIV statewide will receive necessary access to dental care."

This new funding will assist ARCW's HIV Specialty Dental Clinic with the expansion of its three, all-purpose dental operatories. The clinic will see 3,200 patient visits for over 800 clients in 2000. ARCW's HIV Specialty Dental Clinic serves all people with HIV with an emphasis on providing care to multicultural, low-income and hard-to-reach persons living with HIV. The grant will also provide funds to reimburse individuals who receive care from qualified local dentists in communities throughout the state.

In February, ARCW will complete the expansion of its HIV Specialty Dental Clinic which includes the addition of

a third operatory and hiring a dental hygienist.

To schedule an appointment, call (414) 225-1561 or (800) 359-9272 x261.

OutReach Awarded \$15,000 from Gill Foundation

Madison — The Gill Foundation has awarded OutReach, Madison's LGBT center, a \$15,000 grant for educational programs and advocacy efforts directed primarily at LGBT youth. It is the largest grant ever given to OutReach by a private foundation.

"LGBT teens and young adults encountering harassment have very few places to turn for support," said Debra Weill, Executive Director of OutReach. "While area school districts are addressing anti-LGBT harassment with varying levels of success, clearly more needs to be done."

The Gill grant will fund the development of workshops and materials for educators. It will also allow OutReach to expand its Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau sends trained presenters to area middle schools, high schools, colleges and other community groups to talk about LGBT issues. Gill funds will also allow OutReach to expand community outreach through in-services and expanded public campaigns.

The Gill Foundation, based in Colorado, was founded by the owner of Quark, the software company that pro-

duces the publishing program Quark Xpress. Gill is the largest funder of LGBT organizations in the country.

UW Gay Alumni Set Spring Socials

Madison — The GLBT Alumni Council of the UW-Madison has finalized the spring schedule of Third Thursday Socials at the University Club: Feb. 17th, March 23rd, and April 27th. These Socials, held at 803 State Street from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., are free and open to all GLBT alumni, faculty and staff, graduate students and friends. Refreshments and a cash bar are provided.

Each Social also includes a short program. On Feb. 17, Professor Joe Elder will speak briefly about the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender course being offered this semester for the first time and the status of the GLBT certificate program.

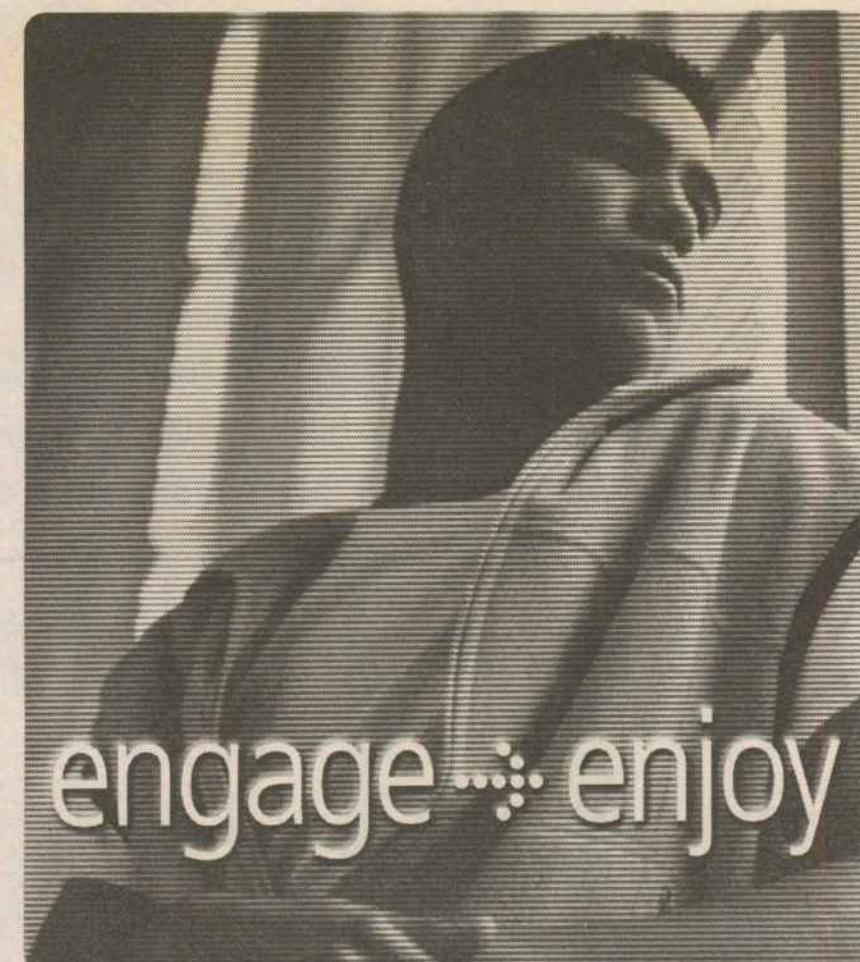
On March 23, Sara Hinkel, the new Dean of Students' liaison to the GLBT student community, will discuss student life and a special program that is designed to provide career connections to undergraduate and graduate students. Her office will hold weekly student programs February through March on various career and job issues for GLBT students. The program for the April 27 Social will be announced at a later date.

Guests do not need to be a member of the GLBT Council, WAA or the University Club. Please call Russell Betts at (608) 262-5895 with questions, comments and suggestions for future programs or see the GLBTAC at: www.wisc.edu/waa/waa/index.html.

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Attorney Addresses "Maybe Baby" Group

Milwaukee — Attorney Kathleen Hume will speak about legal issues facing LGBT families at the February meeting of Maybe Baby, a support group for LGBT people who are considering parenting. Maybe Baby meets every second Thursday of the month. Members of the group discuss the wide variety of issues involved in donor insemination, adoption and foster parenting.

Kathleen Hume is a well-respected lawyer with a long history of involvement in the LGBT community. Many individuals and families benefit from her counsel on topics ranging from estate planning to family law. The meeting will be held Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street. It is open to all members of the community. For more information on Maybe Baby, call Andrew at (414) 964-1513.

New Harvest Presents Grant to OutReach

Madison — OutReach, Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community center has received a \$2,500 grant from the New Harvest Foundation. The grant will fund the Phone-Line Program, a service that provides over-the-phone information, referrals and peer counseling.

Last year, the Phone-Line Program provided more than 10,000 services to thousands of individuals. Anyone may use the service, free of charge; it is available Monday through Friday, 9am to 9pm. The Hot-Line number is (608) 255-4297 (255-GAYS).

People use the Phone-Line Program for referrals to LGBT-friendly health-care providers, lawyers, accountants and other professionals and businesses. The Phone-Line Program also offers information on LGBT organizations, events, socials, and meetings.

Trained peer counselors are also available through the Phone-Line Program to help with the coming-out process, relationship issues, and other concerns.

The New Harvest grant will fund phone expenses and volunteer training sessions.

LAMM Holds Annual Meeting, Potluck

Milwaukee — The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will hold its annual membership meeting and potluck on Thursday, March 2, from 6-9 p.m. The event will be held at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street in Milwaukee. LAMM's headquarters is in the Center. Current members, members in years past and newer women interested in getting involved are all invited to attend.

Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share at the potluck which will run from 6-7 p.m. At 7 p.m., the LAMM-produced video "Visible Lives, Invisible Women"

will be shown. The annual membership meeting will follow the video. The evening will conclude with socializing and networking.

LAMM is hoping to re-energize in the year 2000. The group has set the goal of recruiting 2000 members this year. New ideas are needed to chart the direction of LAMM. Any women interested in joining can come to the annual meeting or stop in at the LAMM office on Wednesday evenings between 6-8:30 p.m. when there are open office hours. For more information, call (414) 272-9442 or email: helperbee@yahoo.com.

Project Q Sponsors Ice Skating, Valentine's Dance

Milwaukee — Project Q and True Colors invite all lesbian, gay, bisexual and questioning youth to a late afternoon ice skating party on Monday, Feb. 14, at Red Arrow Park (N. Water and E. Kilbourn) from 3:30-6 p.m. The event is free but the organizers ask that you RSVP to Kurt Dyer at (414) 223-3220 or via email at projectqyouth@yahoo.com.

Project Q is also hosting a "Red & Wild" Valentine's Dance for LGBTQ youth on Friday Feb. 18. The dance runs from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the LGBT Community Center at 170 S. Second Street in Milwaukee. Admission is \$3. There will be door prizes. For more information, call (414) 223-3220.

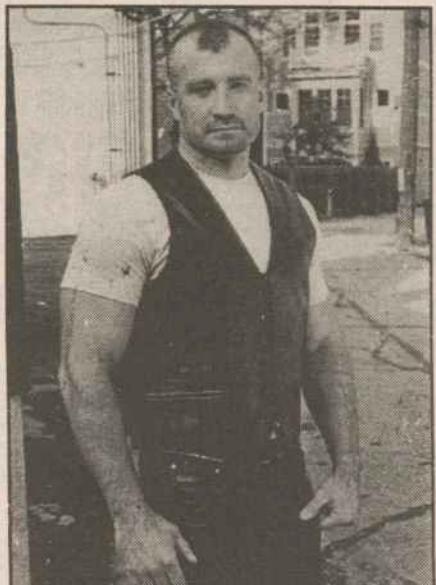
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Leather Archives & Museum Set to Open in Chicago

Chicago — The world's first Leather Archives & Museum will have a grand opening in its permanent home Feb. 17-20 on Chicago's Far North Side. The 12,500-square-foot facility is in the former home of the Greenview Arts Center, and includes a 164-seat theatre, a museum and gallery, an archives, and museum store.

The grand opening weekend includes a sold-out Centurion Awards Program to honor those who have made an impact on the leather community in the 20th Century. There will be a ribbon cutting Feb. 17, open house hours, and events held at Buddies and Cellblock bars. Open hours at the facility, 6418 N. Greenview, just north of Devon and east of Clark Street, will be Feb. 18, 4-8 p.m.; Feb. 19, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Feb. 20, noon-6 p.m.; and Feb. 21, noon-8 p.m.

The theatre will feature leather workshops, films, theatre, music and other productions starting in June, and will be called The Etienne Performing Arts Center, named for famous Chicago artist and dancer Dom Etienne Orejudos.

The Leather Archives & Museum was created by internationally known leatherman Chuck Renslow, a Chicago businessman who ran one of Chicago's first leather bars, the Gold Coast, in 1958. Renslow is also the founder and executive director of International Mr. Leather, which brings thousands of visitors to Chicago each Memorial Day Weekend.

The Archives is a 501(c)3 non-profit

organization, with a board of directors from around the country. The Leather Archives & Museum already has thousands of items, including magazines, newspapers, newsletters, books, photos, letters, videos, minutes from organizations, posters, flyers, brochures, tickets, banners, buttons, patches, sculptures, titleholder sashes, medals and trophies, and oral histories from men and women in the leather community.

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opinions

Strange Bedfellows

by Mike Fitzpatrick

Ask a typical gay activist about their views on the Religious Right. You're likely to get an earful. Ask their fundamentalist counterpart their views on homosexuality. Ditto. However, ask just about anyone else and you're likely to hear one or two stock answers and an offer to change the subject.

It's no secret that the gay community and the Religious Right have been at each other's throats for more than a decade. The Gay 90s took on a whole new meaning with Colorado's Proposition 2, Hawaii's and Vermont's Supreme Court cases, and the Defense of Marriage Act. Recent news reports allege the Vermont ruling has "polarized" the populace. Maybe, but I'm betting media hype here. It has surely brought out the local representatives of the two warring sides—the rest of the state is getting ready for syrup season.

The longer the battle rages, the weirder it gets. The last few months have seen two events no tabloid psychic could have conjured no matter how cracked their crystal ball. Last Fall we witnessed Mel "Just Call Me the Gay Gandhi" White's pilgrimage to sup with Jerry "Tinky Winky's a Homo Subversive" Falwell. Now we have Al Gore and Bill Bradley taking a page from the GOP's presidential pandering play book, changing the target audience, and having a

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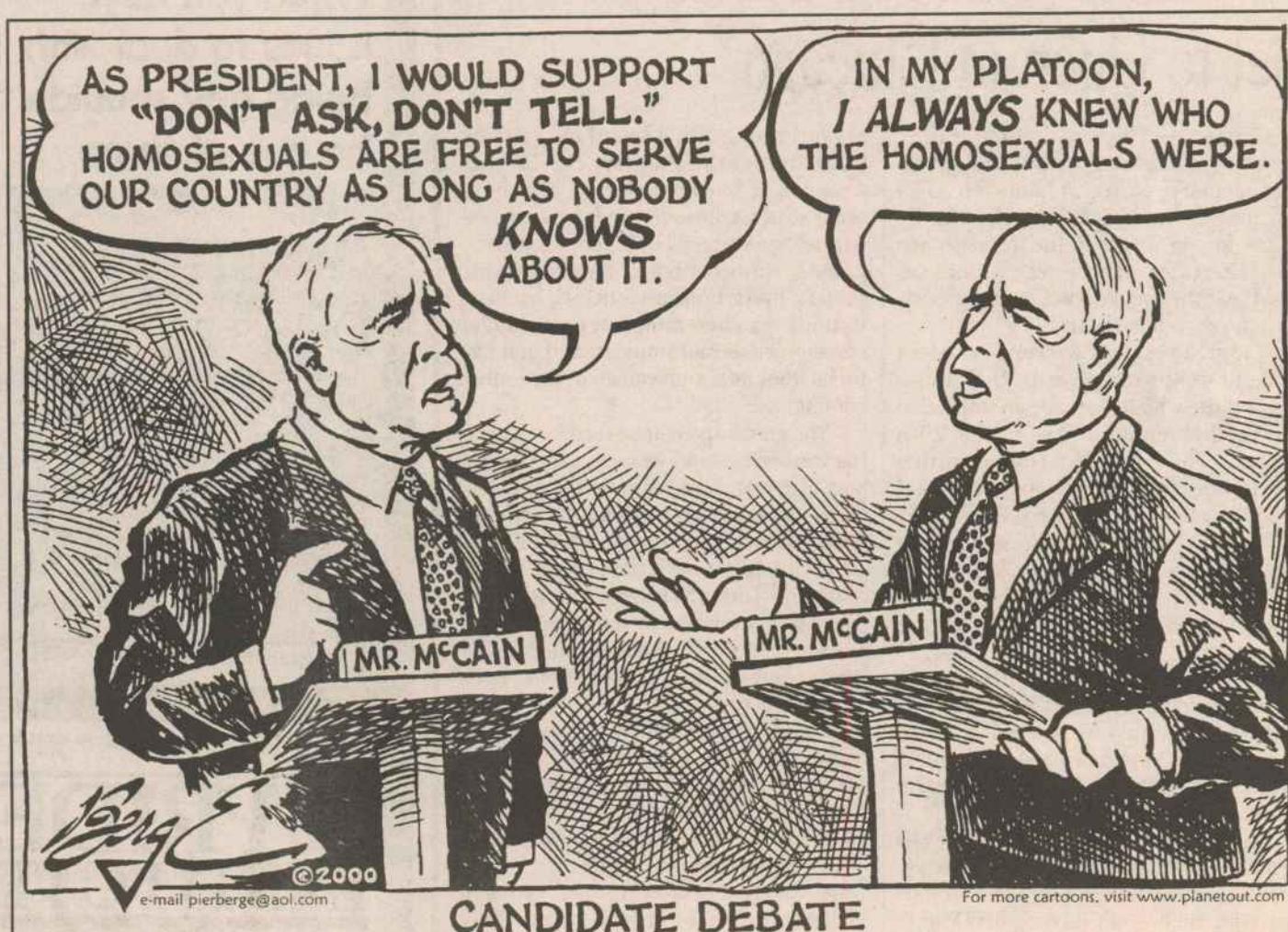
public pissing contest over who's more gay-friendly. Meanwhile the water cooler chatter across America centers on who wants to be a millionaire.

It's not that the "mushy middle" doesn't get it or doesn't care, as our activist friends on both sides would tell us. For the most part they got it and don't want to hear about it any more. If the latest objective polling is correct, the gay community has won.

Maybe I should say winning since the laws haven't all changed yet—but history shows that legislative progress lags social awareness by about a generation. But we're on the goal line. The fundies' only hope is if we fumble big time and they use a "Hail Mary" pass with the real Mary or, more likely, her Son.

Second comings and liberating legislation aside, what fuels this level of rancor between gay and fundie folk? Some might suggest that the two sides are worlds apart. I believe it's just the opposite: Both sides are too much alike.

Look at our similarities. We both have a wonderful array of symbols. Pink triangles and rainbows for us, crosses and stylized metallic fish for them. Mediocre music

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has been written for both sides: Jars of Clay and Stevens Curtis Chapman for them, Right Said Fred and the Village People for us. (Just remember Elton John does whoop Amy Grant in the quality music category.)

Both sides love public displays of affection. You can't watch a sporting event or an awards show these days without someone making the sign of the cross or thanking Jesus personally for all those wise career moves. We, of course, have cruisingforsex.com and pride parades.

There's also the penchant amongst the true believers on both sides for defining "political correctness" and demanding adherence from the larger majority within each group. Falwell's followers transformed his planned Lynchburg luau with Mel White into a 7-Up soiree by quoting Biblical chapter and verse. Most gay activists hold true to the 11th Commandment: "Thou shalt not be a Republican".

However, in all seriousness, both sides share a very disturbing similarity: fear. The overwhelming majority of both sides are well-versed in the inner and outer workings of fear.

The born again and the coming out processes are two sides of the same coin. The acting out and addictions which stem from self-loathing precede the revelation of a better, self-accepting way. Get a fundamentalist to share his life story and almost every time you'll find an ex-something—alcoholic, gambler, sexual obsessive, etc. For gay people it's the realization that their sexuality is normal albeit outside the norm. With lyrical meaning felt in the deepest part of their respective hearts, gay and fundamentalist both can sing "Amazing Grace".

But both sides hold the memory of what used to be and deep down fear its return. For the born again, it is whatever debauchery they reveled in and ruined themselves for in their earlier life. For openly gay people, it is at least returning to the closet or at worst forcing themselves to live the expected norm, not the personally normal.

I can only imagine the torment of those who try to live on both sides of this coin. I understand why the rhetoric of the ex-gay movement continues to persuade some to follow. I also anguish over the psychic destruction it causes.

It is that fear of return which motivates the current war between the gay and fundamentalist communities. That fear goes to the primordial heart of our animal nature—the fight or flight syndrome. Those who believe that the Religious Right will simply go away after society grants legal recognition of the gay reality are just as foolish as those who believed science would spell the end of religious belief after Darwin published "The Origin of the Species."

There seems to be hope however. By recognizing and honoring our common

experiences, we can begin to understand the other side much better. Mel White's meeting with Falwell was a first attempt to do just that. Unfortunately both White and Falwell seemed to have a common hidden agenda of converting the other.

That's not going to work. Until both sides understand that the only way to "win" is to live well according to their respective personally held beliefs and hold the common belief that it's okay for the other side to do the same, the gay and fundamentalist communities will remain in bed together forever, star crossed lovers who always have a headache. Could stranger bedfellows ever exist? ▲

letters

A&F is "Faggy"

To the editor—

In December, I saw the word "faggy" used on the Abercrombie & Fitch Web site. The same "article" also appeared in the A&F winter quarterly. The context was an "interview" with "Joe Model Dude" about some hot new car. Dude loved the car, but dissed what he called "faggy BMWs."

The use of "faggy" by a less-than-evolved straight boy is, sadly, all to common. But it was unconscionable for A&F to print this idiot's hurtful, gratuitous remark. How many people at A&F had to sign off on this slur and deem it OK for publication? Remember, this is the company that uses half-naked, pouting boys in ALL of its marketing—to lure... whom exactly?

The three letters I wrote to A&F received no reply. I finally e-mailed GLAAD which sent a generic response, and has not publicly reported the offense by A&F.

When GLAAD wants to renew your membership, let them know about the A&F incident and that you will not be renewing. When the new A&F quarterly arrives in the mail, or when you're thinking about heading to the A&F web site or store, ask yourself, "should I give them my 'faggy' money?"

I encourage every reader to contact A&F and GLAAD about this shameful episode.

Robert Bass
San Francisco

Parental Rights

by Attorney Christopher Krimmer



The United States is experiencing an explosion of gay and lesbian families. It is estimated that there are between 1.5 and 5 million lesbian mothers and between 1 million and 3 million gay fathers residing in the United States. Much like married couples, many gay and lesbian parents raise their children with their significant other, lover or partner. And much like our married counterparts, these relationships are not immune to "marital" difficulties and separations. However, unlike married couples, both partners are not treated as equals under the law as to the child that they may have raised together.

The right of a parent to raise a child as she sees fit is recognized as a fundamental right prescribed by the U.S. Constitution. What this means is that it is extremely difficult for someone else to interfere with that right—including a same-sex partner. This places the nonbiological partner in a very vulnerable position if the relationship deteriorates.

In Wisconsin, as in most states, the biological parent will be the only partner recognized as the child's legal parent. The nonbiological gay or lesbian partner, who may have invested as much if not more time, into raising the child is seen as no more than a "friend" to the child. In the majority of the states, the parent-like relationship of the partner's relationship with the child—which may be very intensive on psychological and nurturing terms—is completely disregarded. Fortunately, Wisconsin takes a somewhat more progressive approach.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court recognized the importance of these non-traditional families in 1995. The case involved the relationship of Sandy Holtzman and Elisabeth Knott and their son who was conceived by artificial insemination. Ms. Knott gave birth to the couple's son on Dec. 15, 1988. The family thrived for several years with Holtzman providing the primary financial support and both partners sharing in the child rearing duties.

On Jan. 1, 1993, Knott broke off the relationship with Holtzman. Much like their married counterparts, the couple initially decided to remain in the same household for the sake of their child. Nevertheless, within only a few months the effort to stay together under one household proved to be too difficult and Knott moved out of the residence with their son. Shortly thereafter, Knott notified Holtzman that she would no longer be permitted to contact the child.

Holtzman responded by going to the local county courthouse and filed a petition for custody and visitation. She alleged that she was entitled to custody because Knott suffered from depression and was not able to properly care for their son. Under Wisconsin law, the only way a person other than a parent may remove a child from his or her biological parents is if the person can prove that the child's physical or mental health was in significant danger by remaining with the biological parent(s). In the Holtzman case, the court found that Knott's depression did not amount to a

legally speaking

direct correlation that the child's safety or health would be in danger.

The circuit court went on to find that Holtzman could not even request visitation with the child since she was neither the child's biological nor adoptive parent. The court reluctantly found in Knott's favor and denied Holtzman custody and visitation with her child.

Holtzman appealed the court's decision and the case eventually was accepted for review by the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The state supreme court agreed with the lower court that the visitation statute did not provide Holtzman with a remedy to request visitation. However, the Court went on to find that the Wisconsin legislature did not intend for the statute to be the exclusive means for judges to order visitation.

Notwithstanding the visitation statute, the Court found that the courts have an inherent equitable authority to permit a nonbiological parent to visit a child if to do so would be in the child's best interests. The "best interests" standard is a broad and often vague legal standard often utilized by the courts in making custody and visitation decisions within the context of a divorce or paternity. In cases of nontraditional families, the Court held that the circuit courts must balance the biological parent's constitutional right to raise her child as she sees fit with the best interests of the child.

The Court provided some direction in how to balance the interests of the biological parent with the best interests of the child with a two-part test that was to be employed by the lower courts.

Part one of the test requires the nonbiological parent (in this case, Holtzman), to prove that she had a parent-like relationship with the child.

The second part of the test requires the nonbiological parent to establish that there has been a significant triggering event in the child's life that would justify the court's intervention in the child's relationship with the biological parent. It is easy to understand this requirement if you compare it to married couples. While the couple are married, the court will generally not interfere with the couple's raising of their children. The couple must divorce or separate before the state will intervene in the family's privacy and make decisions regarding child custody and visitation. Hence gay couples must present a parallel requirement by showing that a significant triggering event has occurred in the course of the couple's relationship (e.g. the biological parent is denying the partner visitation) to warrant the court's involvement.

If the nonbiological parent can establish all of the above elements, then the court may exercise its inherent equitable authority and order the parent to allow the ex-partner visitation with the child.

Although Wisconsin's approach to visitation for nonbiological parents is more progressive than many of the other states, it may unfortunately not be long lived. The second installment on gay and lesbian parenting, will discuss how these rights may be significantly undermined by a case currently in front of the United States Supreme Court.

This article is the first of three installments on gay and lesbian parenting.

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cover story

Looking for Love in All the Wrong Places?

by Carl M. Szatmary
of the IN Step staff

Have you been looking for love in all the wrong places? Valentine's Day approaching and everyone but you has a hot date all set for the big night? Fear not! All the answers you need are in the stars. A perennial favorite is Michael Jay's *Gay Love Signs*, which has long offered Gay men answers to their many



Anita and Elaine, photo: Chloe Atkins

questions about love and sex with prospective boyfriends and current lovers.

In *The Lesbian Love Companion* Marny Hall uses anecdotal and personal accounts of breakups, distancing and other lesser breakups, revitalizations, and splits, all to shed some measure of light and hope on the slippery slopes of relationships, exploring and celebrating lesbian relationships in all their complexity - and humor.

New this past year are Jill Dearman's hilariously irreverent yet insightful astrological guides, *Queer Astrology for Men* and *Queer Astrology for Women*. Her approach to astrology is lively, revealing-

and naughty! Sections include: in life, in bed, how to seduce her, doing him and dating him, how to last over the long haul, and if necessary, how to get rid of anyone.

Serious guides for gay men at the millennium include Brad Gooch's widely popular exploration for tapping into each and everyone's own source of love, happiness and respect, *Finding the Boyfriend Within* as well as Craig Nelson's *Finding True Love in a Man-Eat-Man World*.

In *Husband Hunting Made Easy*, Patrick Price offers an essential guide for the gay man who is out, proud, and yet still single. Price offers readers tips about finding, getting, and keeping the husband of one's dreams. Easy-to-use chapters, lists, quizzes, and of course, homework, lead readers through all the pitfalls of landing the (nearly) perfect man.

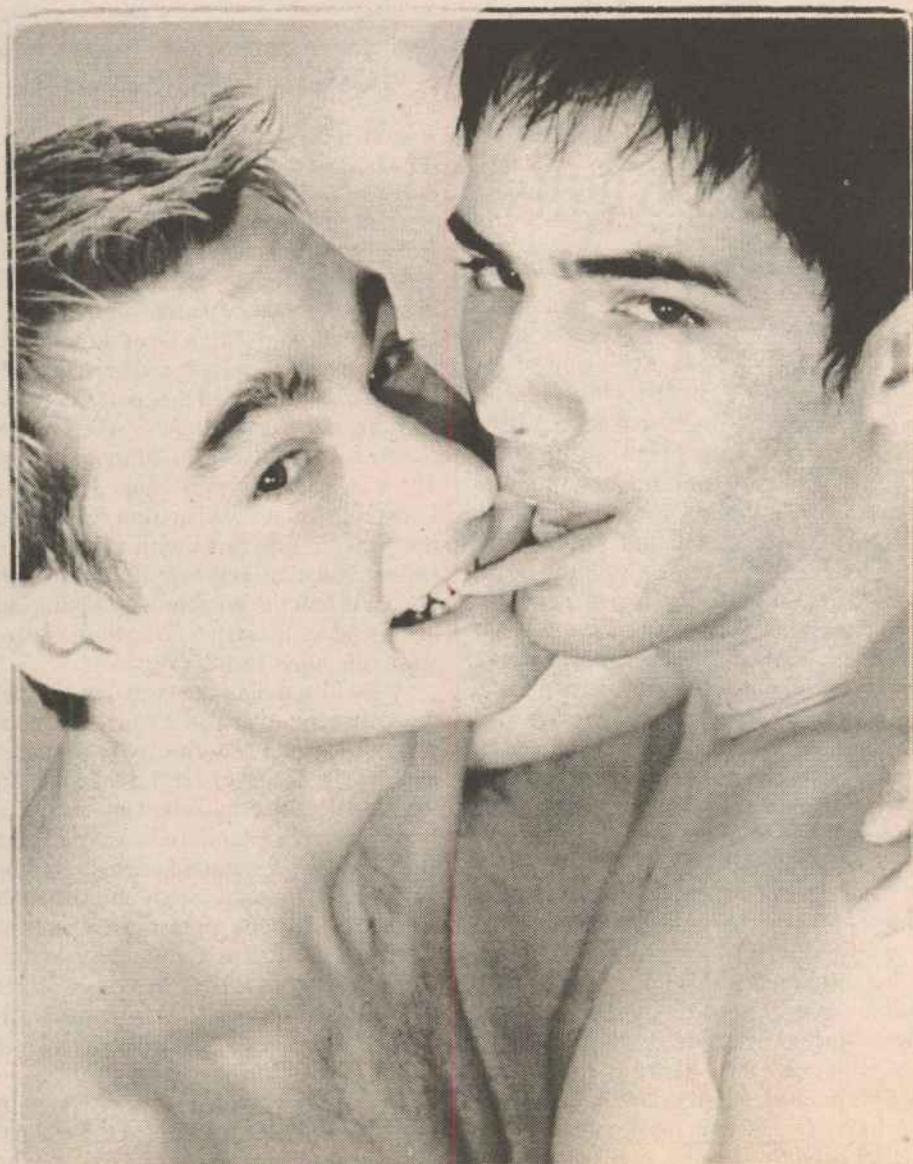
Love is like a Rose...

A rose, a heartfelt Valentine card plus a small volume of Gay love poetry, what more perfect way to show the one you cherish just much you care?

In the simply titled, *Gay Love Poetry*, Neil Powell offers a wide-ranging and superbly entertaining anthology of poetry celebrating Gay male love from Catullus and Ovid through Marlowe and Michelangelo, on to Walt Whitman and Oscar Wilde, and finally to such moderns as Thom Gunn, and C.F. Cavafy.

With a much more contemporary focus is Michael Lassell's *Eros in Boystown*. Thanks to its inviting small format, appealing design, and involving selection of erotic poems, this is the perfect book for Valentine's Day. It includes contributions by such authors as W.H. Auden, Stephen Spender, Hart Crane, Allen Ginsberg, Tennessee Williams, James Baldwin, and Paul Monette.

The Name of Love, also edited by Michael Lassell, is a third delightful vol-



Jonah Marciniak, Markus Barrington, photo by Jorge Cabal

ume of gay love poetry. Including works by more than a dozen living poets, this collection pushes the notion of "love poetry" to its limits, at the same time opening doors to understanding gay male love in African-American, Asian, Latino, and Native American communities.

Surprisingly enough, lesbian poetry did not end with Sappho. In *Poems Between Women*, Emma Donoghue offers a marvelous collection, revealing secrets, longings and startling friendships, in an eloquent tribute to love shared by women.

Those looking for a delightful little vol-

ume of Lesbian love poetry need look no further than *Portraits of Love*, edited by Susan Fox Rogers and Linda Smukler with a beautiful Michele Serchuk photograph gracing the cover.

How to Spice Up your Valentine's Day!

Think you know whatcha doin'? If you're not sure and want to guarantee a night of passion this fourteenth of February, there are a few manuals at you're disposal.

For all those women who have bemoaned the absence of the long out-of-print *The Joy of Lesbian Sex*, there is a sensational and informative new guide, *The Whole Lesbian Sex Book* (reviewed in InStep issue no. 17.2). The first lesbian sex guide of the new millennium may well also be the first comprehensive lesbian sex guide ever. Felice Newman's guide offers lesbian and bisexual women information and encouragement for all sexual practices, from cunnilingus to vaginal fisting to S/M and role-playing.

The final word in Gay sex instruction has long been *The New Joy of Gay Sex*, written by Dr. Charles Silverstein and

Reflection on the Meanings of Love

by Dr. Jeffrey Chernin

Valentine's Day can be a difficult time. If you are single, you are made to feel like a homebound Cinderella while everyone else is at the Ball. For couples, there's pressure to have a perfectly romantic evening or give the perfect gift. How can you enjoy the day if you're one of the people who struggle with it?

Before turning my attention to how to make the day more enjoyable, I'd like to offer some notions on love. While contemplating Valentine's Day, I thought about our culture's idea of Love. In this culture, we are taught that love is purely romantic. Indelibly etched into our minds is the idea that we should meet the right person, fall in love, and live happily ever after.

This idea has made fools of every one of us, and we seem to have forgotten that there are many kinds of love. Just as we as LGBT individuals want the general culture to accept same-gender love, we need to expand the definition of love to include its various forms of expression.

Not only is there romantic love, there's platonic love. Even within those categories, there are still different ways of feeling and expressing love. The love for your current partner may be different from the way you felt toward your prior partners, for example.

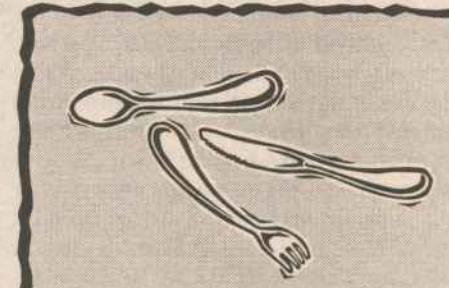
Also, love for your spouse is distinct from the love you have for your families of origin, which is different from the way you feel toward friends, your pet, and yourself.

The reason for expanding the definition of love is not only to enjoy Valentine's Day, but to make love more real—to take it out of the abstract and bring it to everyday reality. Sometimes, expressing love takes a word, a gesture, or a token of affection. One of the greatest forms of love is giving time, thoughtfulness, and attention to another person. Giving love—and not attaching strings or expecting anything in return—can do wonders.

Another way to expand the definition of love is to include forgiveness. Often, people think that if you forgive someone else, you are letting them off the hook. Rather, it's important to forgive others because ultimately, forgiveness is for you and you only. Not only can it give you peace of mind, but it can make you a more loving individual.

I've come to the conclusion that, like most other qualities in our personalities, love is not a thing—it is a process. As we grow, we are capable of more love. And we can learn to express it in ways that others receive it. Like happiness, love must come from the inside.

In this article, I have attempted to expand the meaning of Valentine's Day—to give you the big picture, so the actual day doesn't have to be a burden. This February 14th, remember that romantic love for a partner is only one kind of love, that passionate love must fade, and that you have to build love for yourself, your partner, and your community.



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Still with questions? Sex advice columnist Tony Palermo answers the 100 most often asked questions about sex between men in the recent published, *Sex Advisor*.

Say cheese...

True love in the LGBT community really isn't all that new - as can be seen in *Affectionate Men: A Photographic History of a Century of Male Couples*. Russell Bush and Ron Lieberman have assembled a unique assortment of antique prints from all parts of the world, forming an idiosyncratic record of love between men. Over a period of 100 years (1850-1950), we can see the changing styles in clothes, hair, and attitudes, but what remains constant is their expression of affection and love.

Fans of the Bel Ami models probably don't need an excuse to snap up any book featuring these gorgeous young men but available this Valentine's Day is their most sumptuous volume yet, *Bel Ami: Perfect Couples*. Folks, it doesn't get any better than this!

The last word in Lesbian photography has long been Judy Francesconi's hauntingly romantic nude studies. Yet there is a wonderful new book celebrating Lesbian couples, *Women Together: portraits of Love, Commitment, and Life* which features photographs by Cyndy Warwick. This new exemplar of the photo-book-about-

relationships genre is visually outstanding. Warwick's black-and-white dual portraits of 29 lesbian couples are beautifully composed, attractively varied in pose and camera placement (from close-up to the opposite end of a room), and often tonally gorgeous.

An attractive little gift book is Chloe Aikin's *Girls' Night Out*. As the official photographer of San Francisco's first Drag King Contest, Ms. Aiken's delights in photographing hot club dancers, punk dyke, dream girls, flirting bartenders - alone, in couples, or in small groups.

Breaking Up is Hard to Do!

Okay, it is probably pretty heartless to break-up with him on Valentine's Day but hey, you gotta do what you gotta do. But you don't know how to do it? No problem. Just out this past autumn is the ideal guide to *When It's Time to Leave Your Lover: A Guide for Gay Men* by Neil Kaminsky.

Not new but an invaluable classic guide uses by many, many Lesbians is *Unbroken Ties* by Carol S. Becker, Ph.D. Less a "how-to" than a extensive collection of accounts by Lesbian ex-lovers, *Unbroken Ties* is all about breaking up and beginning all over again.

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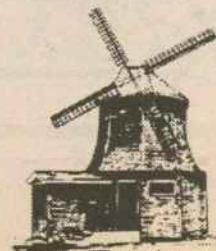
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Williamson and Fure Split Up

By Jennifer Vanasco

After almost 20 years of personal and professional partnership, women's music legends Cris Williamson and Tret Fure have parted ways. Both will go on solo tours in the spring.

Williamson and Fure, the singer-song-

writers behind such albums as 1999's *Radio Quiet*, posted a message on their website www.cris-tret.com in mid-January saying, "An earthquake is sending shock waves through many layers of love. ... But we do believe the shift is good for everybody even amidst the gut wrenching pain. ... And so dear friends, with deep regret, we must inform you that we are parting ways, personally and professionally."

Fans have responded by posting messages of disbelief, grief, anger and support on a website message board hosted by Williamson and Fure.

Asked why they announced their breakup so publicly, Fure responded via email: "There is a sense of family with our audience that I don't think many artists get to experience. We have a community forum on our home page that has become a refuge for many. ... [S]ince we have shared so much of our love and ourselves on stage, it is important to also share this loss and tragedy."

Williamson, 53, a women's music pioneer with 21 solo and joint albums and the co-founder of Olivia Records, met Fure, 49, in 1981 when Fure engineered Williamson's award-winning children's record *"Lumiere."* Since then, they have continued to put out solo albums, though their last three, *"Postcards from Paradise"* (1993), *"Between the Covers"* (1997) and *"Radio Quiet"* (1999) were produced jointly.

Fure and Williamson acknowledged that they have had a tremendous influence on each other's music and careers. "My career changed dramatically when I started collaborating with Cris," Fure said. "Cris helped get me out of the recording studios and back on stage. ... It's been the Cris & Tret show for many years. I will sorely miss that."

Williamson said via email that by working with Fure, "I learned more about working well with others, which is harder for a solo person like myself. She helped bring me into the techno age, for sure."

Both Fure and Williamson intend to play new songs on their spring tours peppered with songs they have written as solo artists. Williamson has taken over the duo's tour dates. Fure, says she plans on making an acoustic album and returning to her rock and roll roots.

"I'll play lots of older songs those which I can still climb into with some dignity, and the new songs will make their debut," Williamson wrote in an e-mail interview. "I wish they [the new songs] never had to be written. I am, however, eternally grateful to still have words and music there when I need them the most."

Williamson and Fure say they plan to remain in contact and hope to eventually sing on each others' albums, though Williamson said, "but not for awhile, I think."

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Saturday, February 12

Women's Valentine's Dance (Milwaukee): Annual dance sponsored by Full Moon Productions, 8 p.m. in the Harbor Lights Room of the Transit Center, 909 E. Michigan. Women only please. \$8.

Johnny Mathis with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee): Special Valentine's concert at 8 p.m. in Bruce Hall of the Milwaukee Auditorium. For tickets: (414) 291-7605.

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@pitnet.net.

Sunday, February 13

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-o-Vard Lanes, 2121 E. Springs Dr. FMI: (608) 271-8889.

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

Monday, February 14

Ice-Skating Party for LGBT Youth (Milwaukee): Sponsored by project Q and True Colors, 3:30-6 p.m. at Red Arrow Park Rink, N. Water St. and E. Kilbourn Ave. Free. FMI: (414) 223-3220.

"The Vagina Monologues" (Madison): A reading of Eve Ensler's play, 7:30 p.m. in the Fred March Circle of the UW-Memorial Union. FMI: (608) 262-8093.

Wednesday, February 16

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 17

Social of UW-GLBT Alumni Council (Madison): Professional. Joe Elder talks about GLBT studies courses. Open to all GLBT alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends. Free. 5-6:30 p.m. at the University Club, 803 State Street. FMI: (608) 262-5895.

Friday, February 18

Transgender Group (Madison): Support group for transsexuals, cross-dressers and friends, 7:30 p.m. at Outreach, 600 Williamson St. FMI: (608) 257-4297.

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. \$5.50 off all taps, 8 p.m. to close. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live entertainment.

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

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

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.

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 top & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

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

Switch (Milwaukee): Service Industry Night. \$1 off all cocktails, bottled beer and taps, 5 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50. Tap beer 90¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

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

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

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

Mondays:

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

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

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

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

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night-spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues - sign up now.

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine): \$6 Super Bust! by MGD and Miller Lite, all the MGD or Miller Lite you can drink - ALL NITE! (\$4 Packer Bust for televised Monday night Packer's games. Open 1 hour before televised games).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. Girl's Night Out! 2-4-1 rail drinks and tops for the girls, 8 p.m. to close.

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

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

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$4 pitchers of beer. Melrose Place Mondays.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m. Barkeeps Drink Cheap to 2 a.m.

Za's (Green Bay): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

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

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

Emeralds (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to 7 Tacos \$1.75 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75.

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

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - \$2.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Free pool with drink purchase from 9 p.m. to close.

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour, 5 - 8 p.m. Nuts and Bolts night, match and win, 8 p.m. to close.

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. It's Leather Night! Prizes throughout the night.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): \$1.50 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.

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Mardi Gras Rakes In \$99 Million

Sydney — New figures reveal that Sydney, Australia's gay Mardi Gras celebration infuses almost \$99 million dollars (US\$63 million) into the inner-city Sydney economy.

It is the highest-earning sporting or cultural event on the Aussie tourism calendar.

The estimated 5,190 foreign visitors who attend Mardi Gras stay in the country an average of three weeks and spend an average of \$347 per day compared to \$265 for other foreign tourists.

This year's celebration runs from Feb. 11 to March 4. For more information, visit <http://www.mardigras.com.au/home.html>

Vatican Upset Over Pride 2000

Rome — The Vatican is irritated over gays' plans to stage World Pride Rome 2000 this summer during the Roman Catholic Holy Year.

Up to hundreds of thousands of gays and lesbians are expected to descend on the city June 28 to July 9 for the festivities.

which will include a large parade July 8.

On Jan. 28, the pope's number-two man, Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Angelo Sodano, urged the Rome city government to ban World Pride because thousands of Catholic pilgrims will be in the city at the same time.

"Rome is ... a city apart because of the presence of the Roman Pontiff," Sodano said. "I am sure the authorities will reconsider the matter. The civil authorities know how to deal with public order. They know the rules and know how to avoid things that can harm the sensibilities of a city such as Rome."

The city has given \$180,000 to pride organizers to help fund cultural activities, and Mayor Francesco Rutelli said Jan. 28 the event continues to have his support.

"You might not go along with the gay pride event, but it would be a mistake to ban it," he said. "Rome has a millennium-old code of welcome and respect that won't change in 2000."

Polish Senate Votes To Abolish Porn

Warsaw — Poland's Senate, the upper house of parliament, voted to ban all pornography Jan. 16. Dissemination of any pornographic content would result in a prison sentence of up to two years.

The measure now moves to the lower house and then to the president for his signature.

Poland's nascent gay press is a combination of porn, news and entertainment coverage. The most successful publication, the glossy magazine Nowy Men, fills half of its pages with hard-core photos of men having sex and the remainder with high-quality news reporting, entertainment coverage and travel writing.

Euro MPs Support Gay Protections

Paris — Parliamentarians from across Europe voted Jan. 26 to recommend that anti-gay discrimination be banned via the European Convention on Human Rights.

The vote occurred as the Council of Europe's Parliamentary Assembly reviewed a draft of a new "Convention Protocol" put forward by the Council's governing body, the Committee of Ministers.

The recommendation now moves back to the Committee for consideration.

"The inclusion of 'sexual orientation' in the new Protocol to the Convention would make it clear that sexual orientation discrimination is as odious and as pernicious as the other grounds specifically mentioned, such as race, sex or religion," said Nigel Warner, a spokesman for the

International Lesbian and Gay Association.

The Council of Europe's main role is to strengthen democracy, human rights and the rule of law throughout its 41 member states. Founded in the wake of World War II, it is the continent's most important human-rights organization. The European Convention on Human Rights is the most significant of the Council's many human-rights treaties. Violations of the convention are settled by the European Court of Human Rights. The Council is governed by the foreign ministers of its member states who form its decision-making body, the Committee of Ministers, and by representatives from national parliaments, who make up its Parliamentary Assembly. For more information, visit www.coe.fr.

Pele Had Gay Sex

Rio de Janeiro — Brazilian soccer legend Pele has acknowledged that his first sexual experience was with a man, the London Evening Standard reported Feb. 2.

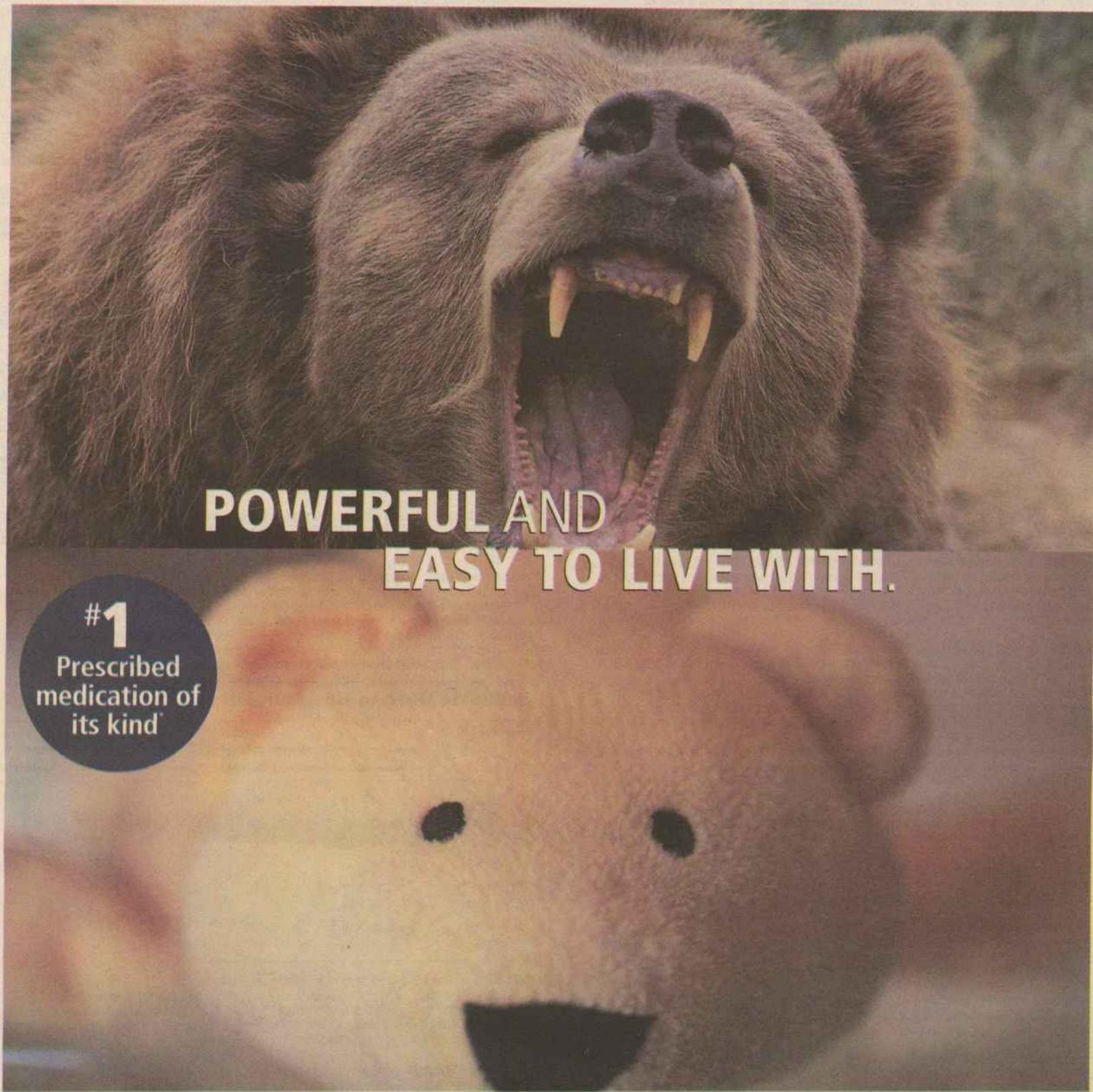
"It was with a homosexual," Pele said. "I was scarcely 14. But let's be fair, it wasn't just my thing. It was with a homosexual that all our team used to go out with. But after that I never again started this type of relationship."

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medications should not be taken with VIRACEPT. For some people, protease inhibitors have been associated with the

onset or worsening of diabetes mellitus and hyperglycemia, and with increased bleeding in patients with hemophilia. Ask your doctor. For more information, call toll free **1-888-VIRACEPT** or visit www.agouron.com.

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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 drugs 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)

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.
- Norvir™ (ritonavir)

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.
- Invirase® (saquinavir)

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 1/4
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
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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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Pro-Gay Bishop Spong at Schwartz

Brookfield — John Shelby Spong, the former Episcopal bishop of Newark, NJ who is famous for his pro-gay and other liberal Christian views, will speak at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 17145 W. Bluemound Road, on Saturday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

Spong will discuss his latest book, "Here I Stand: My Struggle for a Christianity of Integrity, Love & Equality." His commitment to liberal Christian values, including support for gay and lesbian couples, often put him at odds with his church leaders. "If someone had told me years ago that I would have created

these enormous levels of both appreciation and hostility in my ordained life, I would have been dumbfounded, shocked and probably deeply hurt. How did it happen? That is the story I seek to tell."

Spong's previous books include "Rescuing the Bible from Fundamentalism" and "Why Christianity Must Change or Die."

For more information on his appearance, call (262) 797-6140.

Int'l. Arts Fest Focuses on Jewish Culture

Milwaukee — Arts groups throughout Milwaukee are celebrating Jewish culture during the month-long International Arts Festival. Theatre X is presenting an original production called "To Lift Ourselves Up: The Yiddish Theatre in Milwaukee." Alverno College is presenting TAPIT/new works' "L'Chaim! A Jewish Tapestry." Woodland Pattern Book Center is hosting Jewish authors Marjorie Agosin and Jerome Rothenberg.

"To Lift Ourselves Up: The Yiddish Theatre in Milwaukee" is the latest play in a decade-long series by John Schneider on Milwaukee's cultural history. It opens on Feb. 17 and runs through March 12. The play tells the story of the Peretz Hirshbein Folk Theatre, Perhifft for short. When Perhifft celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1971, it was the oldest non-professional Yiddish theatre in the world. Two company members, Paul Melrood and Bess Lerner, joined Perhifft in 1946 and continue to perform today. They will alternate in the Theatre X production and read in Yiddish from Sholom Aleichem's work.

The play interweaves the story of Perhifft and Milwaukee's eastern European Jewish community with scenes from some of the greatest Yiddish plays, readings by Melrood and Lerner and Yiddish folk songs. Schneider's script is constructed from the memoirs of Howard Weinshel, actor and driving spirit of Perhifft from 1925-91, from interviews with Melrood and Lerner, and with Larry Orenstein who has attended many of Perhifft's plays.

Performances take place in the Studio Theatre at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. For show times and tickets, call (414) 291-7800.

"L'Chaim!" presented by the Madison-based musical theater company TAPIT, will be performed Saturday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. in Wehr Hall at 4100 W. Morgan Ave. There will also be a special matinee on Friday, Feb. 18 at 9:45 a.m. "L'Chaim!" features actors and musicians interweaving live music, slides and tap dance. The play recreates the stories, glories, wishes, worries and celebrations of Jewish Wisconsinites from the 1790's to the present. The play, by TAPIT associate artistic director Danielle Dresden, is based on interviews and archival research, with four actors performing all 63 characters in the show. For tickets and more information, call (414) 382-6044.

Woodland Pattern will present a reading by Marjorie Agosin, the acclaimed Latin American Jewish poet and memoirist on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 8 p.m. Poet Jerome Rothenberg will hold a master class from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, Feb. 19. He will conduct a reading that evening at 8 p.m. Both events have an admission fee and are at Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust St. For more information, call (414) 263-5001.

Room of One's Own Hosts Feb. Events

Madison — In February, A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore and Coffee House is hosting a reading of "The Vagina Monologues," an "Afternoon of Alternative Love Stories" and a poetry reading with Marilyn Annucci.

All events are free and open to the public.

Local women will perform the different characters in Eve Ensler's woman-affirming play "The Vagina Monologues" as part of the national V-Day observance on Saturday, Feb. 12. The reading at Room is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The "Afternoon of Alternative Love Stories" on Sunday Feb. 13 will feature readings of original works by Teresa Elguezabal, Janis Van Brunt, Rachel Mooney, Megan Laws, Nydia Rojas and Catherine Jagoe. The readings begin at 2 p.m.

The poetry reading by Annucci on Feb. 18 at 6:30 p.m. is timed to celebrate the publication of her new chapbook called "Luck." Annucci's poetry is both wryly playful and deadly serious. Her work reveals overlooked beauty, everyday cruelties and small acts of heroism. Annucci, who teaches in the Languages and Literature Department at UW-Whitewater, has had her poetry published in Southern Poetry Review and Poet Lore.

For more information on these events, please call (608) 257-7888.



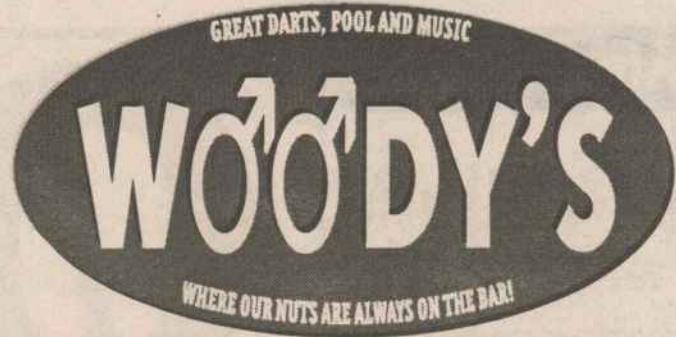
Teren Carter, Trent Armand Kendall and Carl Thornton in "From My Hometown"

"Hometown" Brings R&B to Stackner

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Repertory Theater's latest offering at the Stackner Cabaret is a return engagement of "From My Hometown," a celebration of American rhythm and blues that first packed them in during the Rep's 1997-98 season. The musical revue runs through March 12. The Stackner Cabaret is located at 108 E. Wells Street.

"From My Hometown" tells the rags-to-riches tale of three performers from Memphis, Philadelphia and Detroit who journey to the Big Apple in search of success. The musicians are played by Teren Carter, Trent Armand Kendall and Carl Thornton. The show features 30 R&B songs by artists such as Jackie Wilson, The Isley Brothers and Otis Redding.

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by Michael Johnston

Shall we dance... I don't know if it was a question, as in an invitation or if it was an order, an edict from the Emperor, but I was more than willing! "THE KING & I" waltzed ever so briefly into our part of the world to usher in the new year at THE MARCUS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. I had the definite pleasure of being in attendance opening night. There seemed to be a capacity crowd and everyone seemed to be as thoroughly entertained as me. In the crowd, albeit, not mine was DAVID DAVIS from WISN TV, looking by far more handsome in person than on the News, you go DOUBLE D! As always, I went with THE M&M CLUB. It's just so easy and convenient to do their package. We started our adventure with delicious formal dinner upstairs, a super soup, followed by a sensational Caesar salad and the entree being a scintillating steak and twice-baked potato, washed down by a winning red wine. The production was first rate, beautiful costumes and sets that made for an exquisite visual. The music/singing was a credit to, in my opinion the best works of RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN. "HELLO YOUNG LOVERS," "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" and to quote yet another one of my favorites from this all-time favorite the entire production was—"SOMETHING WONDERFUL". The role of ANNA LEONOWENS was played by: JILL VAN VELZER, remember her name I have a feeling she will go far... she put me in mind of the jubilant DAME JULIE ANDREWS. LEGO LOUIS embodies the Emperor, THE KING OF SIAM, while it's hard to see anyone other than YUL BRYNNER in this throne he did a respectable job.

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To show what a vacuum I live in, it finally dawned on me that it is election year! One year from now we'll have new tenants in The White House. Where did the last four years go? PAUL HENNINGSEN, a friend of the community, recently was the subject of a fund raiser held upstairs at THE M's, hosted by: BOB of THE M&M CLUB, SY of THE BOOT CAMP SALOON, and this fine publication. As you know our vote is a very sacred, powerful act we must all wisely exercise.

Before he takes his annual pilgrimage to his "Motherland" of Mexico, make sure to wish Ms. RONA a Happy Birthday! Next year marks his "Golden" Birthday, 2001: A RONA Odyssey.

Which brings me to my favorite of all Holidaze—VALENTINES DAY! Every year I have to have the City put up road blocks to my home, because it's a continuing parade of cards, invitations, flowers, candies, gifts, calls... It's a blessing, it's a curse! Of course to all of you I wish a wonderful day of love, don't forget to have your heart on. And to my favorite alter Karen—enjoy!

"THAT JOHN McGIVERN THING" will be returning to the Cream City. JOHN, a local Gay boy who has done quite well, brings his unique, sublime and clever repartee home to THE STIEMKE THEATER AT THE MILWAUKEE CENTER. Thursday, Feb. 17th—Sunday, February 20th. I came to know about JOHN and his hysterical shtick by listening to WKLH's DAVE & CAROLE. JOHN is a recurring West Coast connection for the popular morning radio show.

In sick bay: flowers & bonbons to: JACKIE O'GASM, who is flat on her back and not in a pleasurable state! May your knee surgery be successful and soon may you be tripping the light fantastic!

Writing about the outrageous JACKIE O'GASM, I always remember all she has done for the community by raising necessary monies for POSSUM QUEEN. She is after all a two-time winner, back-to-back.

Keep in mind Readers, before we know it the unsinkable CHARLOTTE LORRAINE will soon be coordinating THE TENTH ANNUAL POSSUM QUEEN CONTEST 2000—weeeell doggies!

Rumor has it THE BALL GAME's very own TORTILLA FLATTS is quite the contender for the tiara...

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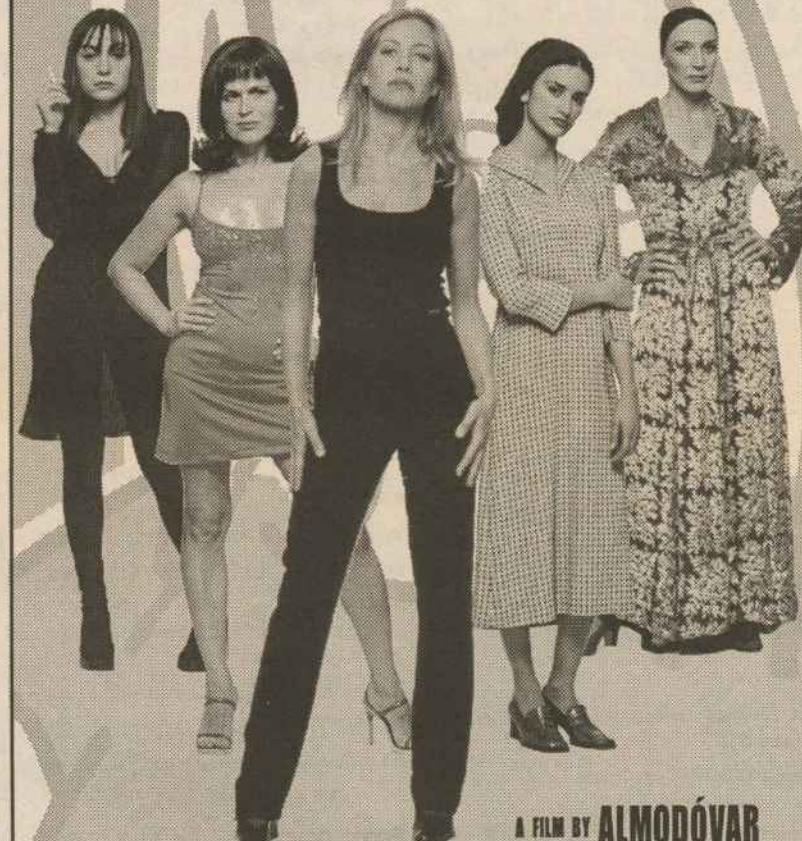
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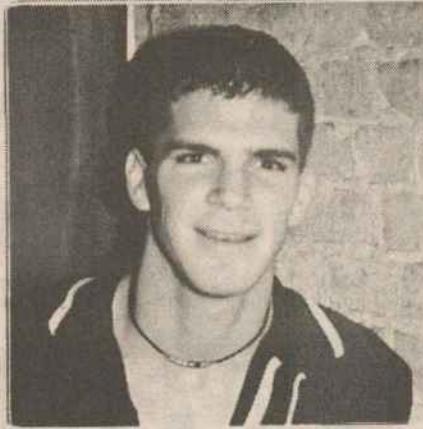
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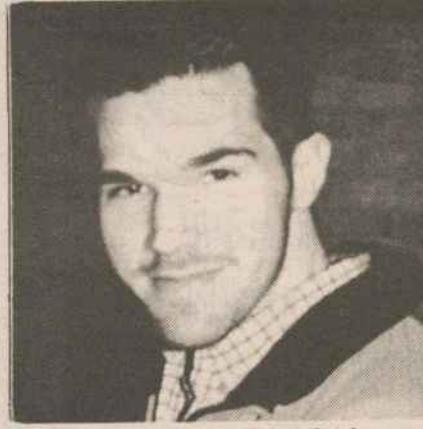
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Pepsident Girls! Photo by Jamie @ Woody's

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!

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 8 p.m. Boyz Night Out! 2-4-1 on all cocktails, bottled beer and tabs for the boyz. 8 p.m. to close.

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

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

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

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

Thursdays:

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

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! Ice Tea \$2.50.

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!

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Tex-Mex Night! \$2 bottles of Corona, \$2 shots of Cuervo and Tequila Rose.

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer. 50¢ drafts.

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottle and Can beers, 50¢ off. \$1 shots of cold Schnapps.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m. Karaoke Night! 8 p.m. to close.

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

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

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

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

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

Fridays:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN \$5 cash & 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.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Fetish Nite! 50¢ off all beverages for those who are Fetish dressed from 10 p.m. to close. 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced. DJ Eddie.

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 - 5 to 9 p.m. DJ and dancing after 8 p.m.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.50 bloody's screw and greyhound & 90-cent tabs... 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:

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

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 Leinen's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.

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

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ Eddie!

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.

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

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour, 5-8 p.m. DJ and dancing after 8 p.m.

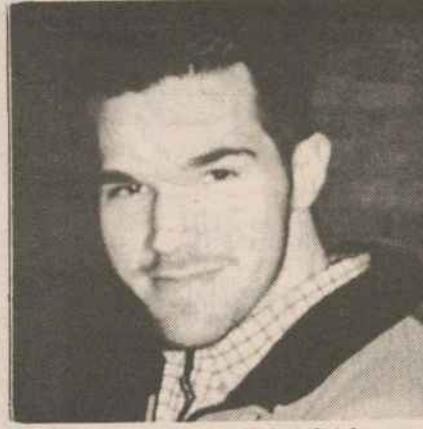
The Ball Game (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Trivia Challenge Day!

BAR EVENTS:

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:



First runner-up. Photo by Jamie @ Club Boom

(414) 272-2144.

Sunday, February 13

Hotel Washington Reunion (Madison): Everyone welcome! 9 p.m. at Fyfe's Corner Bistro, 1344 E. Washington Ave.

Monday, February 14

St. Valentine's Day Massacre at Woody's (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust, \$2 Bloody Mary's. For everyone that hates this holiday.

Switch Heart On Party (Milwaukee) Come with your Heart On and your drinks are 1/2 price.

There's Nothing Like a Supreme at Fluid (Milwaukee): Valentine's Day Party at Fluid.

Friday, February 18

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. Decides where to dine at 7 p.m. 117 W. Main St. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

Thursday, February 24

HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTO Traveling HIV Clinic will be at Fluid, 819 S. Second St. Second St., from 9 p.m. to Midnight. FMI: (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES AND CLUBS:

Friday, February 11

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

Sunday, February 13

A Room of One's Own (Madison): Local writers group reads "Alternative Love Stories" at 2 p.m. at 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Monday, February 14

AfterWords Book Club (Milwaukee): Discussion of Felice Picano's "The Book of Lies." 7:30 p.m. at AfterWords, 2710 N. Murray. FMI: (414) 963-9089.

Wednesday, February 16

Schwartz Bookshop (Milwaukee): Reading by Peter Guralnick, author of "Careless Love: The Unmaking of Elvis Presley," 7 p.m. at 2559 N. Downer Ave. FMI: (414) 332-1181.

Friday, February 18

A Room of One's Own (Madison): Poet Marilyn Annucci reads from her new chapbook, "Luck." 6:30 p.m. at 307 W. Johnson St. FMI: (608) 257-7888.

Saturday, February 19

John Shelby Spong at Schwartz (Brookfield): The pro-gay Episcopal bishop speaks at 2 p.m. at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 17145 W. Bluemound Rd. FMI: (262) 797-6140.

Womyn's Poetry Open Mic (Milwaukee): Revolution of Womyn is a monthly multi-cultural gathering of poetry and performance art organized by Kuumba Productions. Sign-up at 7:30 p.m. Open Mic at 8. LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 271-2656.

Monday, February 21

LGBT Community Center (Milwaukee): 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.

Thursday, February 24

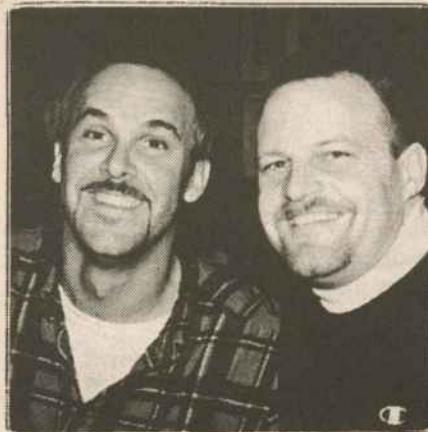
Chitra Divakaruni at Schwartz (Shorewood): Award-winning Indian poet Chitra Divakaruni reads at 7 p.m. at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 N. Oakland Ave. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

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-



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West Mifflin Street. FMI: (608) 255-4927.

SATURDAYS:

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison): Meets from 10 a.m. to noon at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Ave. in K6/Rm. 280, 2nd floor. FMI: (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6272.

GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison): Every Saturday at 6 p.m. at Out-Reach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from 6-9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

SUNDAYS:

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 Raeb 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 BESTO 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 Coleman Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI: Irene (920) 722-7572 or Bernie (920) 982-0220.

Gay AA/Gay Al-Anon - 12-Step Meetings (Racine): These recovery groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI: Art at (414) 694-0115.

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

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

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

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

TUESDAYS:

HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha): Free, confidential and



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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 Opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI: (218) 722-8585.

PFLAG - Milwaukee - Open Office (Milwaukee): A representative of 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.

Sober Seniors - AA Meeting (Milwaukee): This meeting is focused on the unique recovery needs of elders, and meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 3200 W. Highland Blvd. FMI: Eldertlink (414) 289-6874.

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 UW students, meets every Wednesday night, 8 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.

Madison Vet Center - GLB Veterans Meeting (Madison): The group meets every Wednesday at 147 S. Butler at 5 p.m. FMI: (608) 262-7084 or (608) 264-5342.

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

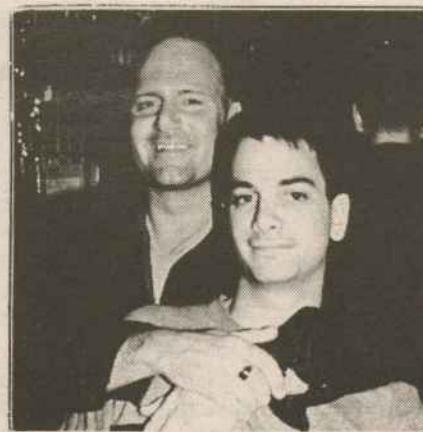
FILM, TV AND RADIO:**Sun., February 13 & Every Sunday**

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): "Nothing to Hide" runs LGBT programming every week from 2-3 p.m. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

"Hotel Milwaukee" - Live Taping (Milwaukee): 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



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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.

Tuesday, February 15

"The Queer Program" (Milwaukee): Live weekly telecast on MATA Public access cable channel 47 (96 in some areas) at 7 p.m. Hosts: Michael Lisowski and Charles Daniels. Re-broadcast Saturday at 12:30 a.m. and Sundays at 10 p.m. FMI: (414) 265-8500.

Wed., Feb. 16 & Every Wednesday

"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 GLBTQ radio show, followed by "This Way Out," the international LGBT show, which runs from 7:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, February 19

Gay Video Club (Madison): Showing "Alive and Kicking," "Hot Times in Little Havana" and "Thick as Thieves." 8 p.m. FMI: (608) 244-8675.

SAGE Film & Discussion (Milwaukee): "Not Angels But Angels," a riveting documentary on boy prostitution in Prague. 6:30 p.m. at LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street.

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES:**Ongoing Exhibits:**

Adam Bomb Gallerie (Milwaukee): Mixed media works by Shown Stephony. Opening reception, 6-10 p.m. Feb. 18 524 S. Second St. FMI: (414) 276-8080.

Alverno College (Milwaukee): "The Guild of American Paper Cutters Traveling Exhibit" thru March 11. 4th Floor of Liberal Arts Building, 3401 S. 39th St. FMI: (414) 382-6000.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (Cedarburg): "Patterns Through Time," runs thru Feb. 27 at W62-N546 Washington Ave. FMI: (262) 375-3676.

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

John Michael Kohler Arts Center (Sheboygan): "Ever Green: Mixed Media Works by Helen Altman," thru end of Feb. 608 New York Ave. FMI: (920) 458-6144.

Madison Arts Center (Madison): Leonardo Drew's free-standing sculpture and prints; Erik Weissenburger's paintings; Cesar Pelli's drawings and a video on his architectural projects. Thru Feb. 13 at 211 State Street. FMI: (608) 257-0158.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee): "Interventions: New Art in Unconventional Spaces," includes recent work by 12 international artists, including Robert Gober, Cheonan Kim, Inigo Manglano-Ovalle and Ilya Kabakov. Through April 23. 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. FMI: (414) 224-3200.

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

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

Wustum Museum of Fine Arts (Racine): "The View from Southeast Wisconsin" thru Feb 13. 2519 Northwestern Ave.

THEATRE/MUSIC ARTS:**Now Playing:**

"Forever Plaid" (Milwaukee): In its fourth record-breaking month! Must close March 12. At Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center, 123 E. State St. FMI: (414) 273-7206.

"From My Hometown: A Celebration of Rhythm & Blues" (Milwaukee): Presented by the Milwaukee Rep in the Stocker Cabaret thru March 12. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"The Gin Game" (Milwaukee): Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's production of the two-character farce. Through March 5 at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men" (Milwaukee): This Milwaukee Repertory Theater production runs through Feb. 20 in the Quadracci Pow-



Surprise Belly Inspection. Photo by Jamie at Woody's

erhouse Theater. FMI: (414) 224-9490.

"Midnight and Moll Flanders" (Milwaukee): World Premiere of Marie Kohler play, produced jointly by Renaissance Theaterworks and the Professional Theatre Training Program at UW-Milwaukee. Through Feb. 27. For tickets and show times, call (414) 229-4308.

"A Night in November" (Milwaukee): A one-man, multi-character comedy about the "troubles" in Ireland produced by Next Act Theatre thru Feb. 27 in the company's new space in the Off-Broadway Theater, 342 N. Water St. FMI: (414) 278-7780.

"To Lift Ourselves Up" (Milwaukee): Theatre X's staged history of the Yiddish Theater in Milwaukee, written by John Schneider. Through March 12. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Triumph of Love" (Milwaukee): A romantic musical romp at the Skylight Opera Theatre, 158 N. Broadway thru Feb. 13. FMI: (414) 291-7800.

"Whatever Happened to Bette and Joan?" (Madison): Original comedy about rivals Bette Davis and Joan Crawford presented by the Broom Street Theatre. 8 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through February 13. \$7 at the door. 1119 Williamson Street. FMI: (608) 244-8338.

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Timeless Standards: New Releases and Re-Issues

by Wayne Brassler

The interest in classic American popular music rekindled many moons ago by Linda Ronstadt in her Sinatra-indebted albums with Nelson Riddle still shows no sign of waning, even with the lady long gone on to other interests and the gentleman long gone, period.

Two new CDs show that the great pop music of the pre-rock universe still has plenty of legs and, in the right vocal hands

so to speak, can prove contemporary.

Though around for awhile, Steve Tyrell's "A New Standard" on Atlantic has gone all but unnoticed. I came across it in the International Music Shop at Peachtree Plaza in Atlanta and, astounded I hadn't seen it anywhere back home, was told by the store owner he'd gotten his hands on some copies because the album hadn't found an audience in New York or Chicago, much less Milwaukee.

I don't know if that's true, but I do know the album is simply terrific. Tyrell is a mucho handsome veteran artist-and-repertoire man highly regarded in the business (Burt Bacharach does the liner notes). Tyrell sounds like a combination of Louis Armstrong, Jack Teegarden, Louis Prima and no one you've ever heard before, with a flavor-packed voice redolent of New Orleans, real feeling for a lyric and melody, and a relaxed approach Celine Dion needs to hear.

Tyrell is backed on "A New Standard"

by Harry "Sweets" Edison, Clark Terry, "Toots" Thielemans, Joe Sample and Plas Johnson, and there's a brass section which doesn't just play — it detonates.

The songs include "I Can't Get Started," "A Kiss to Build a Dream On" and "I'm Through With Love" (in a version nearly as good as the definitive performance by Joni James). In other words, this guy has taste as well as chops. Find this album if you can; you won't be sorry.

Bobby Caldwell, much better known and a big seller in New York, Chicago and L.A., has a recent album out too. It's a follow-up to his first album of standards, "Blue Condition," which was heavily shaded by the Sinatra School of Singing but, buoyed by sensational big band arrangements and Caldwell's own vocal idiosyncrasies and inherent sexiness, marched out on its own two feet.

"Come Rain or Come Shine" is more of the same but the song palette is broader, including "Indian Summer," "Ill Wind" and a corker of a Caldwell original, "April

Moon," that you'd swear was written in the early '20s. Unfortunately, Caldwell has the bad habit of resurrecting tracks from previous albums for new releases and he does it here twice, with "Beyond the Sea" from "Blue Condition" and one of his earliest recordings, "Come to Me."

"Beyond the Sea" was played ad infinitum on radio so it's hard to figure who Caldwell thought hadn't heard it "Come to Me" doesn't sound like the rest of the album (you think maybe you're hearing a guest vocalist) and has nothing to do with the rest of the music on the album. The cover photos are also downright spooky, but you have to see it for yourself.

Caldwell is great at both ballads and swing, has great timing and doesn't sound like anyone else, even when he's singing through a Sinatra mask. I have everything this man has ever recorded and guarantee you a swell time with this album and all the others.

As for the real thing, real albums from the real era of real pop, Collectibles Records, after major nagging, has released two Polly Bergen masterpieces for the Columbia label from 1957, "Bergen Sings Morgan" and "The Party's Over."

The Morgan album tied in with Bergen's Emmy-winning performance as legendary torch singer Helen Morgan in a sort of biographical TV special. Both the stunning album cover and TV special grabbed public attention as the record shot into the Top 10. And the album over the years has proven one of the best classic pop recordings ever created.

Bergen's smoky voice, knowing demeanor, world-weary touches, self-deprecating and witty moments and unerring musicality are supported magnificently by orchestral arrangements by Luther Henderson which prove continually inventive but never intrusive. Every track on this album is a highlight, but if you've never heard "Sand in My Shoes" you're in for a narcotic moment.

Other highlights include "Can't Stop Lovin' That Man," "Mean to Me," "Why I

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Was Born" and "Bill," which should give you some indication of the quality of the material here. Bergen also dared to throw in a Johnny Ray hit, "Broken Hearted," just 'cause she liked it, and it fits perfectly.

"The Party's Over" is almost as good, with "I Guess I'll Have to Change My Plans" a standout. She also does "I'm Through With Love" and, guess what, it's almost as good as the definitive performance by Joni James.

Bergen's recording career didn't last long. She is a great singer but she also proved to be a great actress, a great TV panelist and a great business executive, so she couldn't devote total attention to sustaining a string of hit releases. She did do some more great albums for Columbia, however, and with luck they also will appear on CDs.

After Bergen's tribute to Morgan, a movie was made starring Ann Blyth and it also was accompanied by a hit album, this time with Gogi Grant doing the songs for the soundtrack and getting the album cover. Grant's 24-song (on one LP!) opus was magnificent and, likewise, deserves a CD release. But the movie was a disaster and had little to do with Morgan's life. Why have Blyth, one of the great light opera voices of film, lip synch to someone else's voice? By the way, Helen Morgan sounded like a gin-soaked canary down on her luck, and neither Bergen nor Grant sound anything like her. But that's another column.

As you read this, more standard pop is being created by some very big guns. The great Joni Mitchell (not to be confused with the definitive Joni James) has a standard pop album on its way for Valentine's Day. I've seen the list of songs and, wowy-pow, is this one going to be incredible. There's lots of Star Dust yet to shower down upon us.

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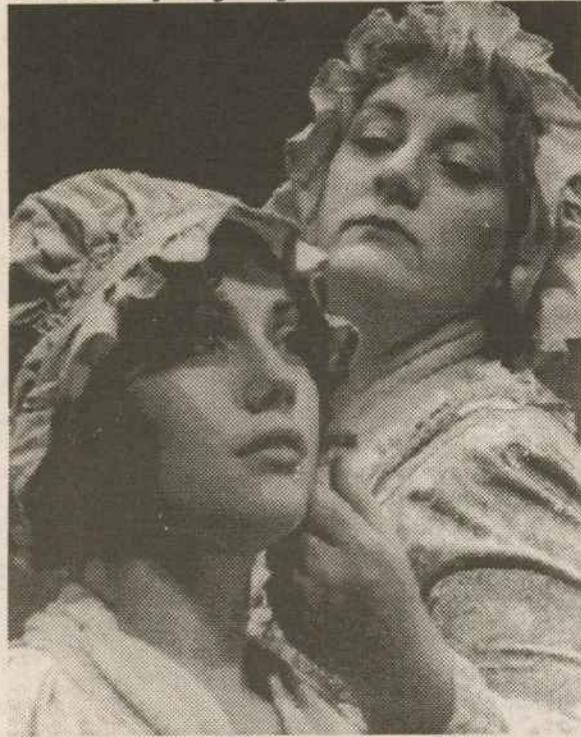
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VIDEO ADVENTURES

News from the Second Floor!

Our Newest Arrivals...

Jennifer Tilly stars with Mitchell Anderson and Lori Petty in a charming comedy called "RELAX ... IT'S JUST SEX." The film was scheduled for the Oriental, but missed a play date. Highly recommended for gays and lesbians. You'll Love It!!

The Apprentice (Paladin) Joe Landon, Chris Rock, Scott Matthews. Manshot says, "Quite simply one of the finest films of the year."

Twisted (Studio 2000) Mark Slade, Clay Maverick, Tommy Lord

Exhibition (Chanel) Johnny James, Tuck Johnson, Blake Harper "Beautiful cast and artful photography" says Advocate Men

Durec's Journey (Star Video) Durec Crucek, Bobby Baldwin. Follow Durec from Prague to his California poolside sex plunge.

The Heartland (Junior Studio) Ashton Ryan, Christian Taylor. A bevy of beauties from America's heartland. Right!!

Bringing Up Daddy (Jet Set) Marco Martinelli, Clint Benedict. When daddy comes home the fun begins!

Trust Me (Studio 2000) Chris Steele, Buddy Jones, Anthony Cox

Uomo Italian #2 (Inferno Films) Shot entirely in Italy with Massimiliano, Domenico, Umberto. Arriva d'eci, roma!

Sexy Summer Surprise (YMAC) From the Czech Republic with Milton Chunk, Mark Skowicz, Chris Leonard.

Journey Down the 101 (Bacchus) Bam, Chico, Coby Bird. This is a must-see journey!

Tattooed Homeboys (Catalina) Dave Casino, Tony Acosta.

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Curt Dale Clark and Tari Kelly in "Triumph of Love" Photo by Katherine Biehl.

Triumph of Love

reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

As Valentine's Day grows near, hearts everywhere begin to turn to love. Cards, flowers, chocolates are just a few of the tokens given to celebrate the love one has found. Although for many, February 14th is merely a day to reflect on some love lost or possibly to contemplate love yet to come.

Appropriate to the season, the Skylight Opera Theatre has chosen to offer *Triumph of Love*, a charming if ribald musical comedy based upon Pierre Marivaux's 18th-century comedy.

Triumph of Love is set in a French fantasy of an ordered Greek garden, all sculpted topiaries, marble benches and striking bits of classically sized pillars. Imagine a dreamily sun-drenched afternoon. Enter the crowned princess, Leonide (Tari Kelly) who spies Agis (Curt Dale Clark), a handsome young man entirely lost to the world while contemplating his scholarly texts.

It is, as they say, love at first sight. Still, girl may have found boy but the journey to their inevitable climactic "happily-ever-after" ending will not be an easy one.

Leonide, ably assisted by her trusted servant Corine (Lisa Dames), must take up male attire if she is to enter the garden of Agis's uncle. When she does, she and Agis quickly become fast friends. Finding a moment to sing, *The Bond that Can't Be Broken*, Leonide learns that Agis is really the true and rightful heir to the throne of Sparta and has vowed to kill his mortal, if adorable, enemy. Not only that, but Agis manages to coerce his new friend to assist him in his task.

Now there's a dilemma. Not that the course of true love can ever be too smooth.

As visitors are not welcome in this sun-drenched garden, Leonide must plot and scheme just to stay long enough to manage to win Agis's heart but to do so she must first win over first Agis's aunt Hesione (Anne Kamengeiser) and later his uncle Hermocrates (David Edwards). She does such a terrific job that both are soon totally besotted with her/him.

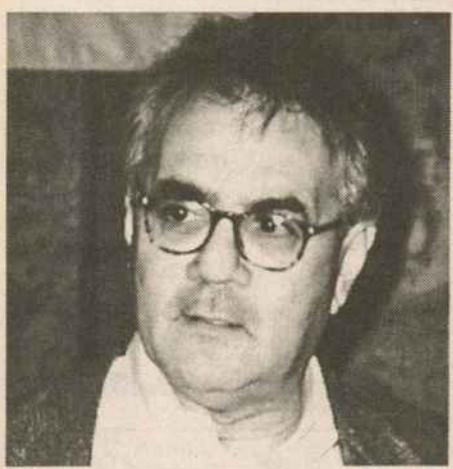
Meanwhile, in another part of the garden, Corine manages to seduce first Harlequin (Reginald T. Kurschner) during the hilarious Mr. Right and later the gardener, Dimas (Jonathan West).

Quite simply love is in the air.

In director Paula Suozzi's hands, *Triumph of Love* might make us laugh but never really tugs at our heartstrings. In the central role of Leonide, Tari Kelly is engaging, knows how to put a song across but is not always a convincing lover. Only Anne Kanengeiser's Hesione is the only character to be believably in love with Leonide in any of her guises, her touching rendition of *Serenity* offering this production's only substantial emotional resonance.

Scenic designer Dipu Gupta, with a delicious simplicity, creates and then maneuvers a few set pieces into a suitable backdrop for the musical's romantic frolicking. Brian C. Hemesath's costumes for Agis and Hermocrates offer little assistance in the actors' valiant efforts at playing convincing non-gay lovers.

Those in the audience looking for wise, profound meditations on the subject of love are likely to be disappointed with this delightfully charming farcical confection. Instead, this *Triumph of Love* is filled absolutely to its brim with comic-crossdressing, groan-generating puns, some of the broadest physical comedy the Three Stooges ever inspired plus a bevy of pleasant if not exactly hummable tunes.



When Enemies Like These...

"He's so stupid and so offensive that we're blessed with such outrageous enemies. Phelps is such a fool and so virulent that he wins us support."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., on gay-hating Kansas preacher Fred Phelps, to the Kansas gay magazine *Liberty Press*.

A Spatula?

"No kitchen implements were involved."

—Julie Cypher, singer Melissa Etheridge's lover, on getting artificially inseminated by singer David Crosby, to *Rolling Stone*.

Porn-King

"When I first got started in 1979, I was gay doing straight, but I was young enough that I could get hard. I guess I got lucky because back then all they were concerned about was beautiful women. The men were ugly, and then I came along and got a lot of work."

—Porn producer Gino Colbert to *Fab.*

Love All

"When you are happy in your life, you do your job better. I think she makes me feel good and we have a great relationship and she brings me a lot of confidence. I didn't have as much in 1998, but bit by bit it is coming and I am getting stronger in my mind, and on the court it helps a lot."

—French lesbian tennis pro Amelie Mauresmo on lover and coach Sylvie Bourdon after winning the Sydney International.

Jewish Homophobe?

"Am I anti-gay? According to several activists quoted by The Times' Brian Lowry in a recent 'On TV' column ('Dr. Laura: All Is Fair in Syndication,' Jan. 11), the answer would appear obvious. After all, I've spoken out against gay marriage, am on record as describing homosexuality as a deviant sexual orientation and have spoken favor-

ably about reparative therapy for gays who wish to change their sexual orientation. Well, the truth is, I'm not. What I am is a serious Jew who has consistently stated my belief that same-sex sexual activity is incompatible with biblical Scripture and, in the same breath, that homosexuals are as entitled to love and respect as all other human beings."

—Dr. Laura Schlessinger writing in the *Los Angeles Times*.

Ellen in Mourning

"I was sad [when my show got cancelled]. I was going through a grieving period, and there was a little bit of bitterness. I made mistakes publicly. There are things I acted out publicly that should've been my grieving period alone, in my corner, in my basement, rocking naked."

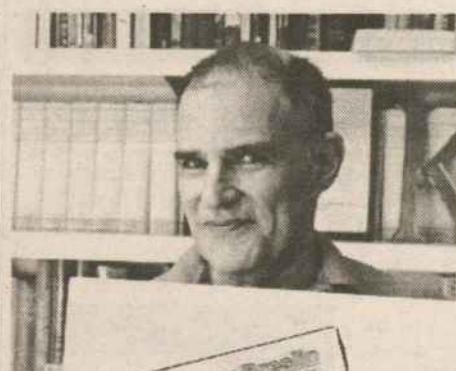
—Ellen DeGeneres to the *Dallas Morning News*.

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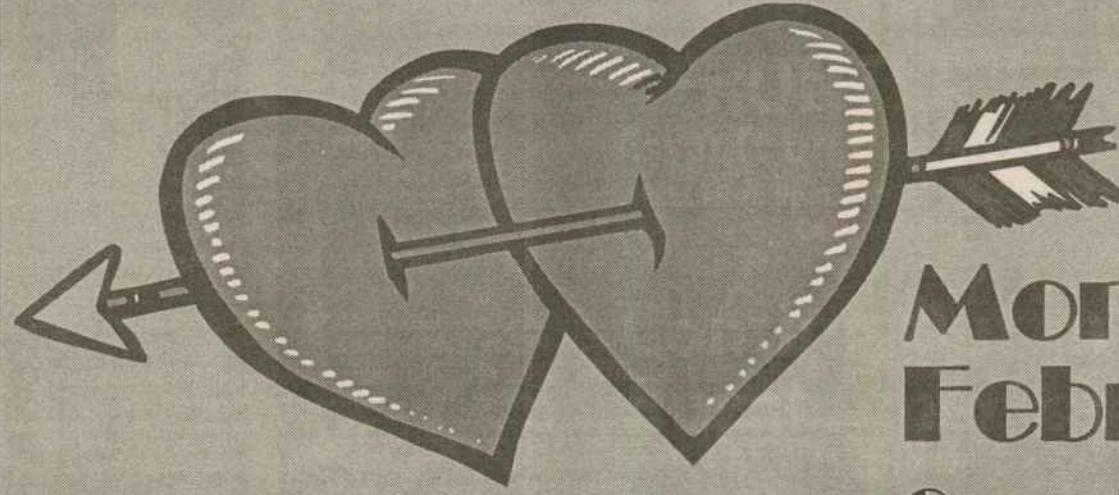
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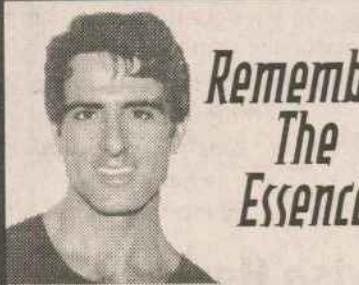
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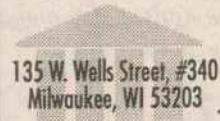
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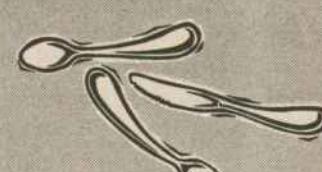
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Having the right tools is half the battle and I don't feel like purchasing some very expensive tools just for this one job. That's where my plumber friend comes in. As it turns out, we will be losing some of the floor space in the kitchen due to new cabinets and all but with some careful planning and rearranging of appliances, everything should turn out just fine. We will actually gain some badly needed counter space giving us around 7 running feet as opposed to the 1-foot we have now. I'm tellin, you, it's gonna be nice having a place to bake those pies I like making all of the time. (yeah right.) Yes, we are losing the pantry but with all of the new cabinets (I plan on building myself) storage should be no problem.

As far as the club scene goes this past couple of weeks, there hasn't been a whole lot going on. We had the Super Bowl parties all over town that turned out to be lots of fun. Josh got the day off from work so he tagged along with me all day long. We stopped at **Triangle** first so we could give Anna a hard time and to make sure she wasn't having fun without us. The next stop was over to **SWS Docks**. We had a couple of drinks there and a couple of free shots and we were on our way to our next destination, the **Ball Game**. All of the regulars were there hootin' and hol-

larin' for one team or the other. **Rick** was kind enough to make sure we had a couple of drinks on him. Thanks a bunch **Rick**. After that we stopped in on **Scott** over at **Switch** where he was doting over the fabulous food he spent many hours preparing. It smelled wonderful there. It's a shame I was full from a pretty large lunch or I would have scoured up some of the goodies.

Over at **Fluid**, **Tammy** heading up the bar not paying much attention to the game. We had one of her wonderful martinis and then headed over to **Woody's**. Once again, lots of yummy food was prepared for anyone wanting to soak up all the alcohol they had filled themselves with while watching the game. The place was one of the busiest in town. Must've been that big-screen television they have.



Ball Game Gang. Photo by Jamie

Or could it have been that **Steve** was there half-naked again. Hell I don't know, whatever works right?

I'm pretty proud of the fact that I'll bet I didn't see even one minute of the game. That also meant that I was not paying attention to the commercials either. I heard that they weren't as good as they have been in the past. So, we had lots of fun on Super Bowl Sunday and didn't have to watch the game how cool is that?

The other big news is the Grand Opening weekend of **Club Boom**, located at the old In Between location. As promised, the place has a great new look and an up-beat atmosphere. I was impressed by the site of a DJ booth, dance floor and what looks to be a great staff. Make sure you stop in and check it out.

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PO Box 1722, 53707

Gay Mens Video Club

PO Box 8234, 53708 244-8675

GALVAnize (Madison LesBiGay Pride)

PO Box 1403, 53701 256-4289

GLBT Phone Line (Outreach's Out-line) 255-4297

Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events)

PO Box 6091, 53716

Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence
Support Group) 255-7447

LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)

Dean of Students Office,

75 Bascom Hall, Madison 53706 263-5700

LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge,
Resource Center) UW Union 265-3344

LesBiGay Teen Support Group 251-1126

(Briarpatch & Picada) or 246-7606

Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union

UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706

Madison Volleyball Group (Jeff) 251-8716

Madison Wrestling Club

PO Box 8234, 53708 244-8675

MAGIC Picnic Committee

c/o Outreach 255-8582

Mens Alanon 255-8582

New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)

PO Box 1786, 53701

Nothing to Hide (gay cable) 241-2500

OutReach, Inc.

600 Williamson St, 53703 225-8582

email: outreachinc.com, web: www.outreachinc.com

Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians

PO Box 1722, 53701

Rainbow Community Collective (L/G/B/T Social Org)

Wil-Mar Neighborhood Ctr. 2nd & 4th Thursdays

953 Jenifer Street (Lira) 608/238-9150

Rainbow Friends (Quaker Worship Group)

..... 250-9789

Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org)

http://www.mailbag.com/users/dkr/shake.html

4701 Judy Lane, 53704-1723 241-2500

10% Society (student organization)

http://tps.storg.wisc.edu, e-mail:

execs@tps.storg.wisc.edu

P.O. Box 260394, 53726 262-7365

Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)

PO Box 536, 53701

UW LesBiGay Alumni Council (Russell Betts)

..... 262-2551

Womonsong (Woman's Choral Group) 246-2681

RELIGIOUS

MILWAUKEE (414)**ORGANIZATIONS**

Aeon Group (Interactive Fiction Gaming)
P.O. Box 93953, 53203-0953 291-0530

AIDS Awareness Group
(Sue Hall, Carroll College) 524-7764

Alcoholics Anonymous
(Request gay meetings) 771-9119

Beer Town Badgers
PO Box 840, 53201

Bi Definition (Bisexual Community Events)
PO Box 07541, 53207

Niki 774-5055

Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136

Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club)
PO Box 1697, 53202-1697

Community Elections Coalition
P.O. Box 92722, 53202

Counseling Center (LesBiGay support & discussion groups)
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565

Cream City Chorus
P. O. Box 1488, 53201 344-9222

Cream City Foundation (CCF)
170 S. 2nd St, 53204-1409

PO Box 204, 53201 265-0880

Cream City Squares
(G/L Square Dancing Club) 445-8080

DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201

Delta Lambda Phi (Gay Frat)
PO Box 413, Union Box 51, 53201 229-4054

Fest City Singers (Gay choral group)
PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING

Firebirds (L/L group)
P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159, 53202

Front Runners (Running Group) 332-1527

<http://execpc.com/~blackjion/frontrun.html>

Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)
2408 N. Farwell 276-6936

GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)
P.O. Box 1900, 53201 365-3453

Membership Information 264-9180

<http://www.execpc.com/~mkeggamma>

Gay Father's Group
1240 E. Brady St., 53204 372-8008

Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM
Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555

Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.
(GLEEMM), Larry 462-8404

Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM 229-6402

Gay & Lesbian Tavern Guild
209 East National, 53204

Gay People's Union
PO Box 208, 53201 645-0585

Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings)
PO Box 09441, 53209 265-8500

Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill)
276-7626

Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG Support/Social)
PO Box 44211, 53214 voice mail 297-9328

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

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

G/L Community Center Trust Fund



P. O. Box 1686, 53201 643-1652

Great Lakes Harley Riders
PO Box 341611, 53234-1611

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

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

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

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

LOC/Women of Color
PO Box 93594, 53203 454-9300

Log Cabin Republicans (Gay Republicans)
PO Box 199, 53201 299-9443

MGALA (MU Graduates)
PO Box 92722, 53202

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

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott) 543-9643

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

Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs) 543-4850

Orgullo Latino/a Latin Pride
1532 N. Astor (c/o Murgua)

Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
PO Box 21853, 53221 299-9198

Pathfinders (Youth counseling, shelter)
1614 East Kane Place, 53202 271-1560

PrideFest (Pride Committee)
PO Box 93852, 53203 272-FEST

The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)
PO Box 09441, 53209 265-8500

Riverwest Rainbow Association
1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212 225-1645

SAGE Milwaukee (For older LesBiGays)
PO Box 510492, 53203 after 4pm 271-0378

Saturday SoftBall League (SSBL)
PO Box 92605, 53203-0091 454-9204

Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 299-0755

Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.
PO Box 76115, 53216 777-3986

Shoreline (Country Dancing, Instruction)
PO Box 510283, 53203-0051 962-9822

Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians)
c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett 271-2565

S.O.S. (Alcohol/Addiction Recovery) 442-1132

Wi. Leather Mens Assoc. Inc.
PO Box 897, 53201-0897

RELIGIOUS

ARCW Spiritual Care
PO Box 92487, 53202 225-1565

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St. 344-1746

Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
PO Box 597, 53201 444-7177

Lake Park Lutheran Church
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211 962-9190

Lutherans Concerned
PO Box 1676, 53201 372-9663

Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church
UFCM PO Box 1421, 53201-1421 332-9995

Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
5226 W. Burleigh St. 445-2696

Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)
2717 E. Hampshire 964-1513

The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)

1636 W. National 647-9199

St. Ann's Church
5933 W. National Ave., 53214 259-1229

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203 273-1991
(800) 359-9272

Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/ Primary Care)
Family Care Center, 1834 W WI, 53233 933-3600

BESTD (Brady East STD Clinic)
(STD diagnosis and treatment; HIV tests)
1240 E. Brady St., 53202 272-2144

Health Options (Holistic Health Services)
823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202 225-9303

Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)
4311 W Vliet, 53208 342-4333

Positive Health Clinic
Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233 219-7908

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

STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N Holton, 53212 264-8800

BARS

1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)
196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474

Barbie's Playhouse (Wm)
700 E. Meinecke, 53212 374-7441

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209 E. National Ave., 53204 643-6900

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231 S. 2nd St., 53204 291-9600

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625 S. 2nd St., 53204 277-5040

5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)
219 S. 2nd St., 53204 271-3732

4 Dish (Wm, DJ)
235 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-DISH

Emeralds
801 E. Hadley, 53206 265-7325

6 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)
1100 S. 1st St., 53204 647-9950

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200 E. Washington St., 53204 649-9003

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

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1500 W. Scott, 53201 647-2673

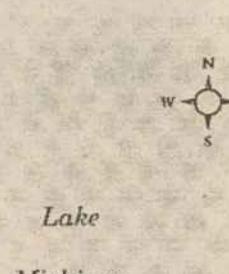
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801 S. 2nd St., 53204 383-8330

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

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354 E. National Ave., 53204 225-9676

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1534 W. Grant 53215 383-5755

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418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192

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1205 E. Brady St., 53202 291-5233

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1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon, 241-9589

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W2596 Hwy E.S., East Troy, 53120 642-7999

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3539 N. Oakland Ave., 53211 694-6800

La Fuente
625 South 5th St, 53204 271-8595

10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962

North Shore Bistro
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer 351-6100

Silver Dollar Cafe
831 South 16th Street, 53204 645-8860

HELP LINES

The Force
(referrals to GLBT counselors) 276-8487

Gay Information Svcs.
(referrals) 444-7331

Gay Bash Hotline (confidential) 444-7331

Gay People's Union 645-0585

Gay Youth WI Hotline 272-TEEN

888-GAY-TEEN

Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123

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

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

Milw. Mayor's Office LesBiGay Problem Resolution
286-2200

SERVICES

Able Amazon (Home Repair, Remodeling) 447-0251

Affiliated Mortgage 453-6700

1233 N. Mayfair Rd., Wauwatosa, 53218

Barney H. Moore Agency (Insurance) 536-7575

7655 W. Luscher Ave., 53218

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B&G Construction 405-7843

Sean Buckley (Individual Psychotherapy) 562-2403

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Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel) 964-5945

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3425 N. Holton Ave. 964-7170

Roland E. Daneau, CPA (Accounting/Tax Service)
962-1400

Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling)
6510 W Layton Ave, 53215 282-6160

Financial Planning Services (Investments/Insurance)
445-5552

Insignia Sales (Printing) 783-7456

Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 272-2427

Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters)
N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010

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Voice Mail 797-7600

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1618 N. Jackson, 53202 289-8640

e-mail sales@gn1.net

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Klaus & Meyers (attorneys)
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners 53130 529-2800

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 e-mail: redtail@execpc.com
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 (energy balancing) 668-8860
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 2009 E. Kenilworth Place 272-8622
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Red Wheelbarrow Bookshop
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CENTRAL (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
 1105 Grand Ave., #3, Scholfield, 54476 (800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance
 P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481 (715) 592-6245, extension 592020
Joseph T. Chojnicki, PH.D. (Psychologist)
 Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449 387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort
 Eagle River, 54521 1-888-334-3987
 http://www.edgeinn.com
Empowerment/PAWS (Newsletter for PWAs)
 1932 Strong Ave 342-0576
G&L Society/Wausau 848-0608

UWSP 10% Society
 Campus Activities Complex, Box 68
 UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481 346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)
 P.O. Box 152, Wausau, 54402 848-0343
Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)
 320 Washington, Wausau 54401 842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education
 2108 4th Ave., Stevens Point 54481 345-6500
Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO)
 c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449
 Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim: (715) 384-6731
Platwood Club (MW, DJ)
 701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481 341-8862
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 203 W 5th, Shawano 54166 526-2805
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous
 (ask for Gay meetings) 536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP
 336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 346-4851

NORTH CENT. (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
 Oneida County Health Dept. (715) 369-6228
 P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501
Gay/Lesbian Support Group
 Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave., Ashland 54806
Northern WI Lambda Society
 P.O. Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bis 359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
 P.O. Box 695, Washburn, 54891 682-2890

SHEBOYGAN (414)

Blue Lite (Mw) 1029 N. 8th, 53081 457-1636
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
 Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422
Sheboygan Antiques
 336 Superior Avenue 53081 452-6757
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Congregation)
 823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan 458-4889

RACINE/KENOSHA

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
 1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140 657-6644
 (800) 924-6601
Clubhouse Filling Station (Mw)
 6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140 857-3744
Club 94 (MW, DJ)
 9001 120th Ave (Hwy C & I-94)
 Kenosha 53140 857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)
 6828 Sheldon Road, Kenosha 53143 657-5667
JoDee's (MW, DJ)
 2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403 634-9804
What About Me? (WM)
 600 6th St. Racine 53403 632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting) 554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
 625 College, Racine 53403 634-0659
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 11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563 868-6646
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 Mineral Point 987-2612
CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W)
 W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551 648-8457
The Kloset (MW, DJ)
 232 Shirland Ave., Beloit 54991 363-8764

NORTHWEST (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.arcw.org)
 505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701 836-7710
 (800) 750-2437

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.arcw.org)
 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880 394-4009
 (877) 242-0282

Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)
 P.O. Box 264, Superior 54880
Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)
 P.O. Box 152, Wausau 54402 842-1377
Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast)
 33 E. Spruce St., Chippewa Falls 723-0943
Eagle Cove B&B (eglcove@comcast.net)
 W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750 448-4302
GLOBE (Campus LesBiGay group)
 105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ct., Eau Claire 54701
JP Creations (WEB Design) 477-8802
The Trading Company (MW, DJ)
 304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701 838-9494

The Main Club (MW, DJ)
 1217 Tower Ave., Superior 54880 392-1756
Northland Gay Men's Center
 8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 722-8585

Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)

Greater Chippewa Valley

P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702 836-7710

Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)

P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702 835-9959

Scooter's (MW)

411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703 835-9959

Trio (Wm)

820 Tower, Superior, 54880 392-5373

Twin Ports Pride

P.O. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803 (218) 728-5825

UW Stout 10% Society

c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UW-S

Menomonie, 54751 UW Eau Claire

Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
 Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420 (608) 785-9866
 La Crosse, WI 54601 (800) 947-3353

The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)

P.O. Box 131, Platteville 53818 348-5596

Cavalier Lounge (MW, DJ)

114 N. 5th St., La Crosse 54601 782-9061

Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat

735-4829

GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)

P.O. Box 602, Onalaska, 54650-0602 791-1963

Gay & Lesbian Alliance

Box 131, Platteville, 53818

LaCrosse L/G Support Group

c/o Campus Ministry Center 784-7600

Leaping La Crosse News

Box 932, La Crosse 54602

LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays

782-6082

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783-8181

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CD National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-2437

Gay & Lesbian Americans

P.O. Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013 (800) 889-5111

Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) (202) 628-4160

National G/L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483

Crossroads (LesBiGuy Real Estate National Referral) (800) 442-9735

Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406 (616) 857-1401

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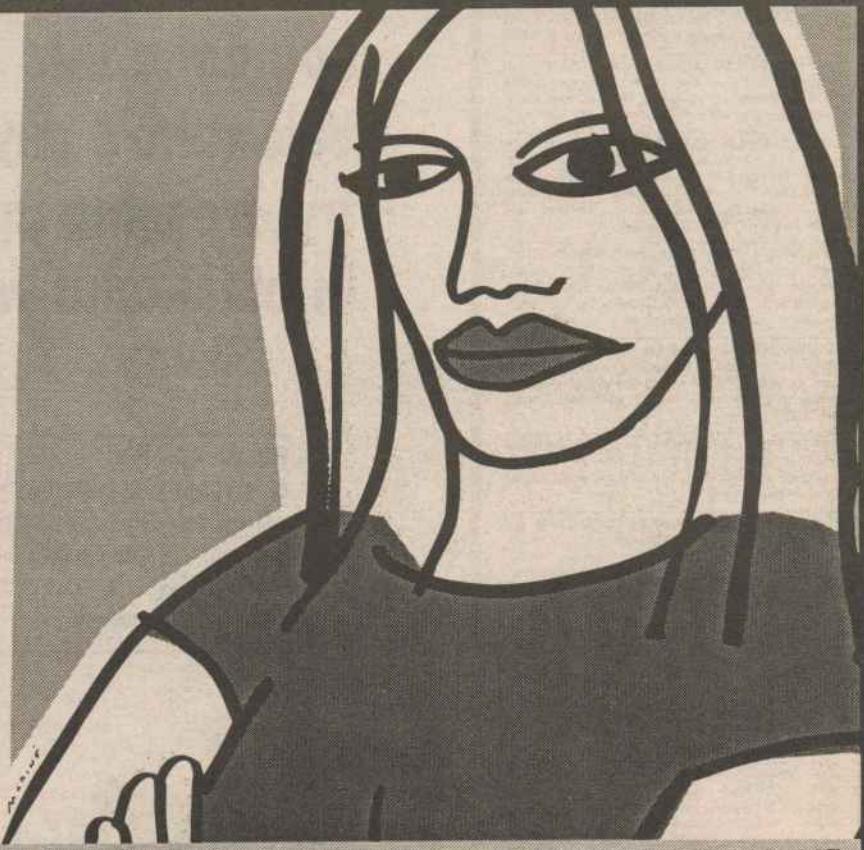
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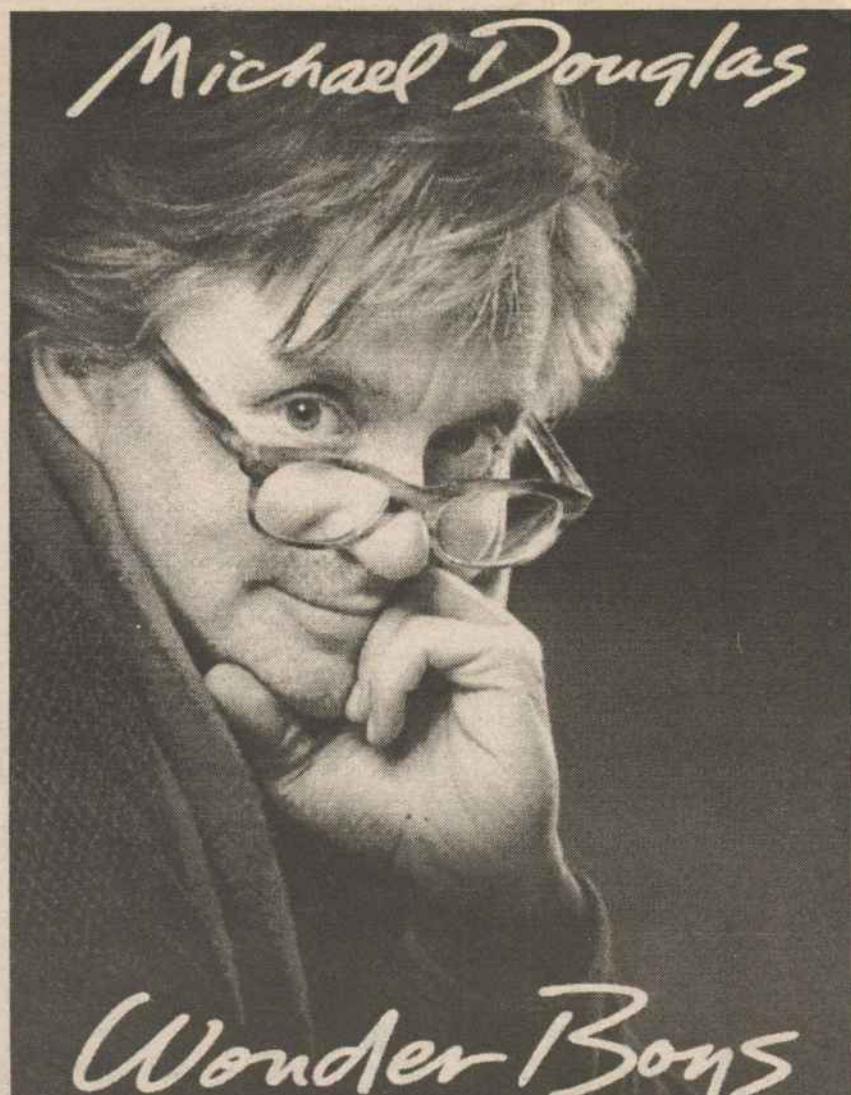
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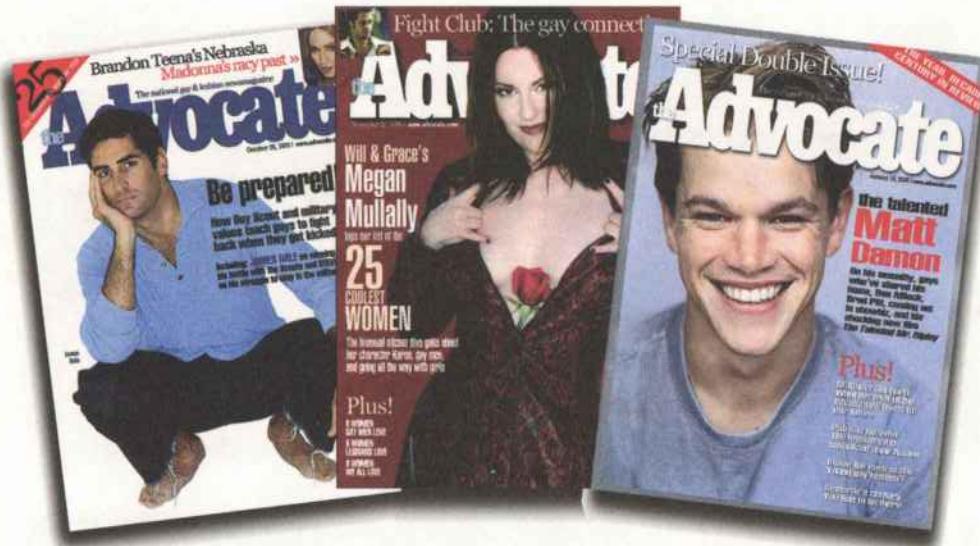
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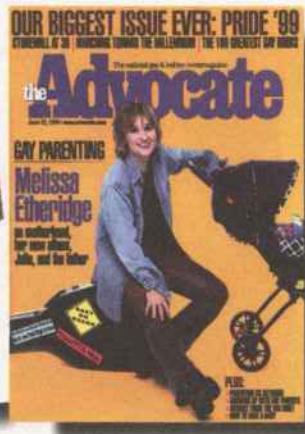
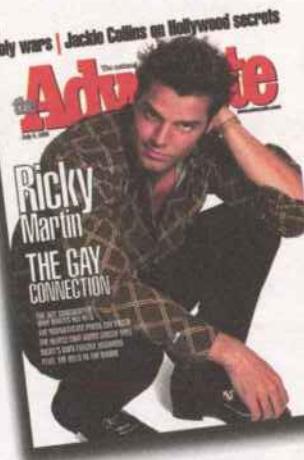
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