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Albrecht Launches Bid for Milwaukee School Board

Milwaukee — Neil Albrecht, a former regional director for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and current co-chair of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, has announced he has entered the primary and will run for the 8th District Milwaukee School Board seat. The primary will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16.

Albrecht will face Steve Latin-Casper, Joe Dannecker and Sebastian Riccobono in the primary.

"I'm running because I feel strongly about public education and ensuring that Milwaukee public school children do not become a marginalized population," Albrecht told *IN Step*.

Albrecht believes the current administrative structure at Milwaukee Public Schools has become too political, and the process is moving into gridlock. Albrecht states he wants to work within the current school board structure to use successful school models from other areas and implement those models within MPS.

Albrecht sites his experience in non-profit management and indicates that he grew up in this district.

"I am very familiar with the schools in the district," stated Albrecht.

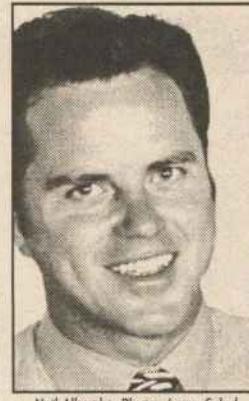
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a relevant issue to the gay and lesbian community," Albrecht added, "Everyone should be concerned with public education."

The 8th district seat is bordered by S. 27th Street, on the west, Lake Michigan on the east, Beecher Street on the north and College Ave. on the south.

Albrecht encourages anyone interested in assisting with the campaign to write him at 3262 S. Taylor Street Milwaukee, WI 53207.



Neil Albrecht. Photo: Jorge Cabral

Baldwin Sworn In as Historic New House Member

Washington — It's official: The 106th Congress is in session, and Rep. Tammy Baldwin is part of it, making history as the first woman to represent a Wisconsin district in Congress, the first open lesbian elected to Congress, and the first non-incumbent open homosexual to be elected to the nation's legislature.

Baldwin, 36, defeated Jo Muster in November to win the 2nd Congressional District seat. Baldwin had previously served in the Wisconsin Assembly for six years.

In Congress, Baldwin has landed positions on both the Judiciary and Budget committees. She's expected to be a key player in the House, particularly with respect to health care and hate crimes legislation.

Dozens of the new House member's friends, family and local supporters were at the swearing-in ceremony.

Committee Assignments

Baldwin was appointed to the House Budget Committee and the House Judiciary Committee for her first term.

"Both of these assignments will give me a great opportunity to have an impact on important policies the Congress will set forth," Baldwin said. "The Budget Committee has a huge impact on federal expenditures and will provide me the opportunity to set priorities for government spending. We must maintain our commitment to a balanced budget and fiscal restraint. But taxpayers also expect us to make clear, thoughtful and responsible decisions about the use of their tax dollars. Among other things the committee influences programs dealing with education, health care, seniors and the disabled — all central concerns to working families in Wisconsin. In the next Congress, one of our major concerns will be to wrestle with the size and use of any budget surplus and whether we protect those funds for Social Security and future generations."

The House Budget Committee has jurisdiction over the congressional

budget process generally, concurrent budget resolutions; measures relating to special controls over the federal budget, and the Congressional Budget Office.

Baldwin was also appointed to the House Judiciary Committee. "Given recent events, I think we all realize how important the Judiciary Committee can be," she said. "It's important that we have reasonable voices on this committee, which not only rules on such weighty matters as impeachment, but also will be drafting measures on juvenile crime, civil rights, and the courts."

The House Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over civil and criminal judiciary matters, bankruptcy, civil liberties, interstate compacts; patents, presidential succession and antitrust issues.

Baldwin Selects Staff

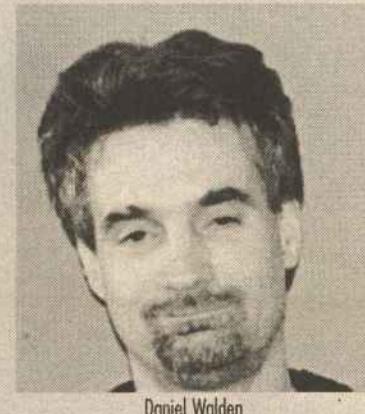
Baldwin also announced that she has named a chief of staff and a dis-

trict director for her new office. Congresswoman Baldwin has hired Brad Fitch, currently communications director for Sen. Herb Kohl, as her new chief of staff, and State Representative Bill Murat as her district director.

"These two people bring enormous experience and superior skills to their positions, Baldwin said. "I know they will do an excellent job in serving the needs of the 2nd Congressional District of Wisconsin."

Both positions were selected through a transition committee screening process. In Madison, a transition committee of residents with political and management experience interviewed candidates to narrow the list to finalists. In Washington, a transition committee of former and current House chiefs of staff interviewed candidates.

Milwaukee Area Man Still Missing



Daniel Walden

spirits and looking forward to seeing his family on Christmas eve.

According to police reports obtained by *IN Step*, Walden has been diagnosed with manic depression and has a history of psychiatric care and suicide attempts.

Persons with information regarding Daniel Walden are encouraged to contact the South Milwaukee Police at (414) 768-8060.

Editor's Note

As a sense of community is important to all of us. Whether it's a friendly smile from an area bartender or an encouraging e-mail message from a concerned community member, I look forward to my interactions and connections with members of our community.

Clearly, the community of digital queers is the fastest-growing segment of our community as more and more of us become hooked up (and hooked on) the Internet. In order to better connect with our community, I am very pleased to announce the debut of *IN Step's* Web site at www.instepnews.com.

Several weeks in the making, we have built *insteplnews.com* not only to be LGBT Wisconsin's news source on the

Internet, but as a gateway to all things queer in Wisconsin. We believe it will be an indispensable tool for our community.

Most of the popular features found in our print edition will also be found in our Web edition as well — along with features you will find nowhere else.

Perhaps most importantly, our indispensable Guide is now posted on our site. It is the Wisconsin's most comprehensive, statewide listing of LGBT supportive businesses, organizations and professionals. As always, listings in *IN Step's* Guide are *free of charge*. It is provided to the community as a public service. If you would like to be listed in *IN Step's* Guide or update an existing listing, simply e-mail us at guide@insteplnews.com.

In addition to the Guide, *IN Step's* Calendar will also be on-line. Nowhere else will you find a more extensive listing of events important to our community. Whether it's a town hall meeting, nightly bar specials or a special event, you can always find something to do simply by checking *IN Step's* Calendar. Listings in *IN Step's* Calendar are also free of charge.

As with our print edition, *insteplnews.com* is a work in progress. We promise to work to improve and expand its scope throughout the coming year and we look forward to your feedback on the site.

You already know that 1999 will be a year filled with anticipation and celebration as we approach the millenium. But there's another date that means a lot to those of us at *IN Step*. In 1999 we will mark 15 years since our first issue hit Wisconsin streets. What was once a thin, 5-inch x 8-inch, mini-magazine has since grown into a colorful, robust, professional LGBT newspaper.

The 15-year milestone holds great significance, making *IN Step* one of the

oldest, and longest continuously published gay papers in the country.

In recent months — from Minneapolis to Virginia — our community has seen string of failures by publications serving the LGBT community. Invariably, the rising influence of the Internet, competition with non-gay papers and poor business decisions have been cited as factors leading to their demise. It is an enormous loss for the communities they serve.

At *IN Step*, we have built a solid foundation for continued growth into the next millenium. We will continue to add new staff and writers and even have a few surprises in store for 1999.

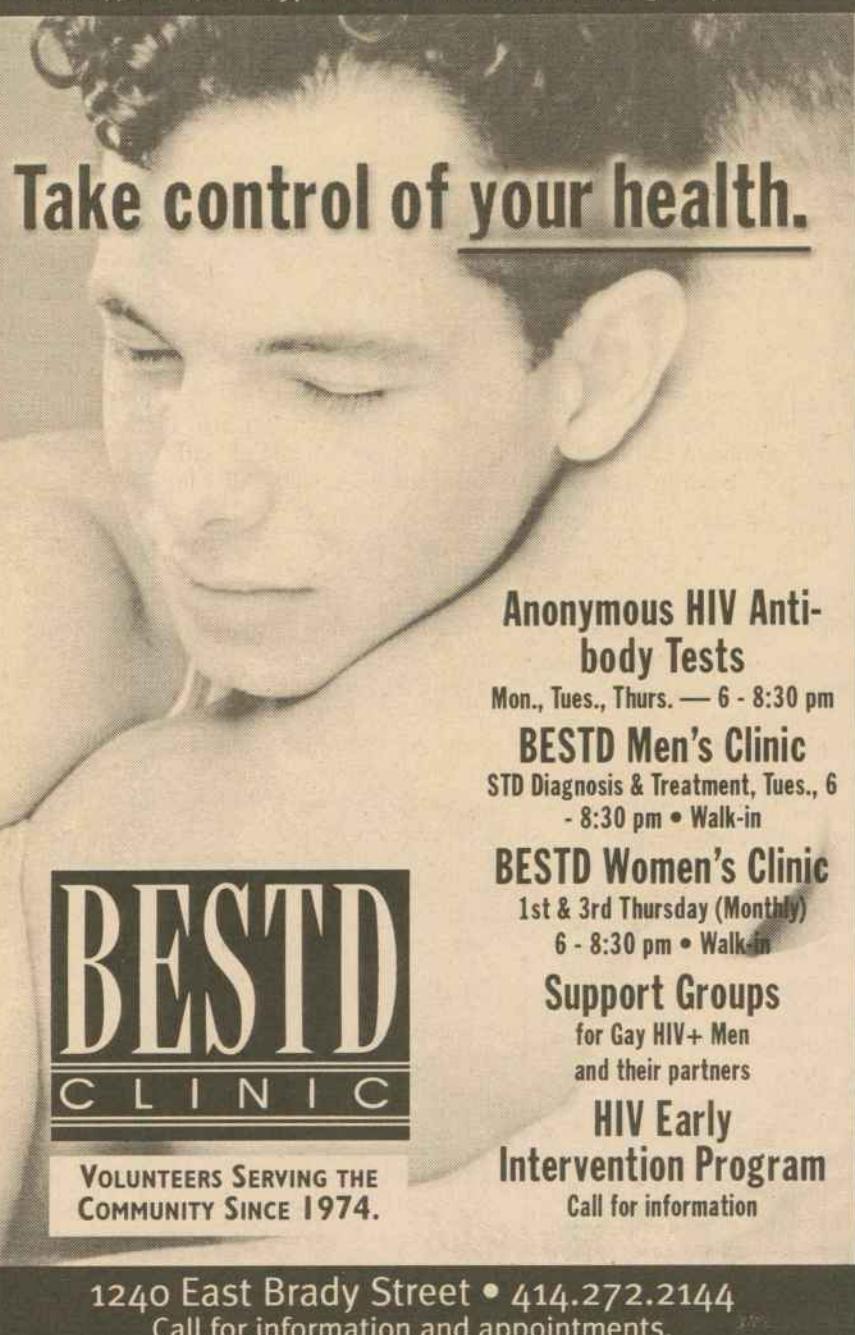
Speaking of writers, I am very pleased to welcome Shelly Roberts back to *IN Step*. Her popular column, "Robert's Rules" has spawned a number of wildly successful books that clearly demonstrate that life is much too short to be taken too seriously.

Enjoy the issue and see you in two weeks!

William Attewell

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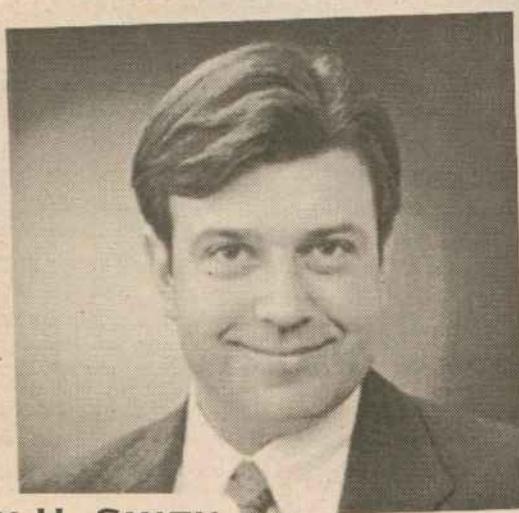


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News Wire

Lesbian Minnesota Student Admits Fake Attack Story

St. Cloud, Minn. — A lesbian student at Minnesota's St. Cloud State University, who claimed she was attacked following a candlelight vigil for Matthew Shepard, a slain gay University of Wyoming student, in October has now admitted lying about the incident, according to police.

Jennifer Prissel, 22, wrote a letter of apology for the reported attack in the *University Chronicle*. "I did not intentionally make up this incident to hurt anyone," she wrote. "I never wanted this to occur, especially never wanted it to hurt anyone close to me or anyone at all. The bottom line is that ... I am sincerely sorry."

Authorities said Prissel would not be charged with filing a false police report in the incident.

Prissel had told police that two men yelled slurs about her sexual orientation, punched her in the eye and head and cut her face. She was treated at a local hospital for a bruised right eye and superficial cuts to her face and the backs of her hands.

The reported attack prompted St. Cloud residents to create a reward fund, which raised more than \$11,000.

University president Bruce Grube said school officials will consult a lawyer to decide what to do with the money now.

Gay Commerce Dept. Official Resigns After Five Years

Washington — Bruce Lehman, one of the Clinton administration's highest ranking openly gay officials, has resigned his Commerce Department post, where he served for more than five years as an assistant secretary and commissioner of patents and trademarks.

Among other things, Lehman helped negotiate a number of tough new international trade agreements dealing with copyright and patent protections — an aggressive position the administration has adopted in its efforts to bolster America's high tech lead in particular, along with motion picture, television and other copyrighted material increasingly pirated in foreign countries.

Lehman said in announcing his resignation that he would be returning to his law practice.

Ten Best Lesbian Cities

New York — The edgy lesbian magazine *Girlfriends* has named its pick of the top 10 "Best Lesbian Places to Live" in the U.S. — along with an extra "editor's choice" award for an American Heartland town.

The top 10 cities named by the magazine's readers were: Long Beach, Calif., Seattle, Portland, Ore., Brooklyn, N.Y., Oakland, Calif., Dallas, New Orleans, Columbus, Ohio, Provincetown, Mass., and Portland, Maine.

Iowa City, Iowa, was selected for special recognition after women in the small town felt they were getting short shrift from the magazine. The town ranked a depressing 55th in the listing last year.

So they invited editor Heather Findlay to visit Iowa City and decide for herself.

In citing Iowa City for the "editor's choice," Findlay wrote, "What we discovered was a quiet haven populated by feminist intellectuals, queer activists, and a backbone of straight supporters."

Court: Navy Secretary Must Reconsider Sailor's Discharge

Washington — A federal District Court has ruled that discharging Navy Petty Officer Jim Turner was "arbitrary and capricious" on the part of the Navy and a violation of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" provisions enacted by Congress.

Legal experts say it is the first time a branch of the nation's armed forces has been cited for violating the administrative law provisions of the act.

A naval review board had previously determined that Turner's discharge had a number of procedural and substantive errors and should not be left standing. But a deputy assistant navy secretary ignored the board's recommendation and instead ordered Turner discharged.

District Court Judge Paul Friedman ruled in the case that the Navy erred when it approved Turner's discharge but gave "absolutely no indication of the grounds" for refusing to accept the board's majority recommendation in the case.

Some Charities Not So Charitable

Two Charities That Use Your Money Against Gays and Lesbians

by Gip Plaster
of the IN Step staff

Charities send notices in the mail, stand ringing at shopping center doors and sometimes even talk you into letting them take money directly from your paycheck. Two of the nation's largest charities, however, take positions that demonstrate a lack of respect for the gay and lesbian community — in very different ways.

The worst offender seems to be the Salvation Army, but discrimination issues involving the United Way have arisen because they continue to support one organization that unapologetically denies gays access.

Who Said We Need Salvation?

The Salvation Army shares as much in common with the Religious Right as it does with social service organizations. While the group does provide much-needed help to some of the country's most needy people, it has also recently demonstrated its belief in discrimination against gays and lesbians in such a dramatic way that it required the organization to cut programs in San Francisco.

The group is not just a charity but also an ultra-conservative Christian church, complete with worship services, that chooses to model its organizational structure after the military.

The Salvation Army requires that its soldiers, or members, sign a declaration known as the Articles of War and provide mandatory "volunteer" service to the organization. Soldiers with at least six months of service can apply to be become officers, the clergy of the denomination.

The church believes in an 11-point doctrine that is similar to the policies of many conservative Christian churches. The doctrine states that they believe in one, three-part God made up of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. They also believe that humans were created as innocents, but lost their purity as a result of the "fall" in the Garden mentioned in Genesis.

The doctrine also states that the church believes in "the eternal happiness of the righteous, and in the endless punishment of the wicked." They believe that salvation is dependent upon continued good deeds rather than the "once saved, always saved" doctrine of most Christian churches.

The Salvation Army in San Francisco turned down \$3.5 million in funding from the City of San Francisco in June 1998 because it said it could not comply with the city's equal benefit ordinance because the law violates the group's religious beliefs. It requires all entities that do business with the city to offer domestic partner benefits.

The City of San Francisco confirmed that the Salvation Army did not accept the money although 90 percent of agencies have complied with the ordinance, according to city spokesperson Kandace Bender. The money was reallocated.

"They're just one provider out of hundreds in San Francisco," she said.

San Francisco Salvation Army officials refused to be interviewed, stating that enough information about the controversy was already available in the media.

"This [ordinance] conflicts with our basic theological position which recognizes the importance of the family," Lt. Col. Richard Love, who heads the Salvation Army in San Francisco, told Ecumenical News International. "We must speak with a national voice. We couldn't do anything in San Francisco that we couldn't do nationally."

The loss of \$3.5 million from its \$18 million budget in San Francisco meant that 60 of the group's employees lost their jobs and caused cuts in services, including meals for the elderly and a drug rehabilitation program.

Catholic Charities, which also objected to the ordinance, reached a compromise with the city that allowed it to continue offering service, but despite months of negotiations, the Salvation Army and the city did not reach a compromise. Catholic Charities agreed to offer benefits to anyone an employee designates, rather than benefits only for domestic partners.

Col. Tom Jones, a spokesperson for the Salvation Army's national office, said that while they refused to comply with the ordinance, that does not mean that gays and lesbians are being refused services.

The church's services are "made available to anybody," Jones said. The only qualifications are whether the person needs help and whether

resources are available locally to provide the help.

Jones said it is fair to say, however, that the Salvation Army does not approve of homosexuality. "The Army is a religious organization based on spiritual principles," he said.

When asked if the group has a written position statement regarding service to gays and lesbians, he said the Bible is their position statement.

Is This The United Way?

While the United Way has a nondiscrimination policy and is even preparing to offer domestic partner benefits at its main office, its long-standing relationship with Boy Scouts of America, which openly prohibits gay men and boys, troubles many, including United Ways in several cities.

The United Way gave almost \$84 million nationally to the Boy Scouts in 1996, the most recent year for which statistics are available. Boy Scouts, however, openly prohibit gays from participating in their organization.

Boy Scouts claims 4.5 million members and 1.2 million adult participants. The organization's prohibition of homosexuals is rooted in the Scout Oath that all boys and men must take to become a part of Scouts. The oath, which has been in place since Boy Scouts of America's founding in 1910, reads in its entirety:

"On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

Those last two words cause the controversy. Many contend that at the time the oath was written in 1910, "straight" did not have the same meaning it does today, although some argue that homosexuals are not morally straight, even if "straight" is taken to mean "correct" or "properly-ordered."

Ironically, Chapter 24 of the Boy Scout Handbook does not suggest any discrimination in its elaboration on each phrase of the oath. Regarding the "morally straight" phrase, it says: "To be a person of strong character, guide your life with honesty, purity, and justice. Respect and defend the rights of all people. Your relationships with others should be honest and open..."

Whatever the reasoning, Boy Scouts continues to discriminate against gays, and the court system has not yet reached a definitive nationwide conclusion about whether the discrimination is legal.

Each of the nation's 1,400 United Ways make their own decisions about who to fund and whether to affiliate with the United Way of America (UWA). The national group has issued a position statement regarding their relationship with the Boy Scouts which states that "United Ways have a long history of support for the Boy Scouts, and local United Ways continue to honor that relationship."

UWA has announced that the about 190 employees at its headquarters will be offered domestic partner benefits, but a start date has not been announced.

The national group also has an employment nondiscrimination policy that includes protection based on sexual orientation and a diversity statement that specifically mentions sexual orientation.

"United Way of America's vision is to be the national model of championing diversity, welcoming and serving everyone," the statement begins. "We need diversity because our work has taught us its value."

Boy Scouts are either not funded or will probably not be funded in the future by several local United Ways that have adopted nondiscrimination policies. In California, these include Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and San Francisco. Elsewhere, they include New Haven, Conn., Santa Fe, New Mexico and Portland, Maine.

While both United Way and the Salvation Army fill much-needed roles in many cities, contributing money to either of them may send the message that you agree with their policies. While no one can tell you what groups you should give money, these facts may help you decide which ones to avoid.



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'Trojan Horse' Molecule

Radically New HIV Therapy Approach

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Washington — The medical news carries what by now are familiar caveats: It is unclear how long-term the therapy may be and if it can be fully developed the treatment still remains several years away.

With those cautionary notes made, however, some AIDS researchers are expressing great interest in a development reported in the January issue of the journal *Nature Medicine* that they say could dramatically change the way doctors treat patients infected with HIV.

The technique — known as "protein therapy" — offers a radical approach that might also successfully treat a range of other viral diseases.

The idea for the new approach came to molecular oncologist Steven Dowdy one day as he was riding his bicycle to work at Washington University's school of medicine in St. Louis.

Why not, he asked himself, let HIV use its scissors-like protein, known as protease, to destroy itself?

Dowdy led a team of scientists that created a poisonous "Trojan Horse" protein that they slipped into cells infected with HIV. When the virus used its protease to snip bits of the Trojan Horse protein that it needs to reproduce, the action released a human enzyme — called caspase-3 — that instantly caused the infected cell to self-destruct.

The stealth protein doesn't have the same effect on healthy body cells because there simply is nothing in them to activate the suicide enzyme.

Professor Dowdy and his colleagues made this sort of protein therapy possible by figuring out a way to get whole proteins into human cells.

"The ability to transduce proteins has been sitting out there," Dowdy says, "and nobody just sort of pursued it further as far as we can tell. We pursued it, and then we started thinking about what we could do with it. And I think this is just the first example of an entirely new field of protein therapy that we've never been able to think about because we've never been able to introduce large protein molecules into cells before. But now that you can, not only can we use them against infectious disease, we're also currently modifying this killing molecule to go after prostate cancer cells and leave the rest of the body intact."

If the treatment proves even moderately feasible, this aspect alone could prove a major advance since most anti-viral treatments are themselves, of necessity, highly toxic and sometimes cause several side effects. The "protein therapy" that Dowdy and his colleagues have developed, however, would probably have no side effects and would not be toxic since the protein used is benign — except for HIV itself.

Another concern in both cancer and AIDS treatments is the drug resistance that often takes place when an invading virus or mutated cell eventually builds up defenses against a particular drug or form of therapy.

But Dowdy says that, based on his studies with HIV, resistance to protein therapy is "nearly impossible." And should it occur, he says it's relatively easy to repackage the protein molecule being used so that the HIV trips the self-destruct mechanism begins attacking a new cell.

"And if we can adapt it to different strains of HIV, we can also adapt it to other infectious diseases that also have proteases required for their life cycle," Dowdy says. "And several examples are hepatitis C ... that has a protease that is absolutely required for its life cycle. Cytomegalovirus also has a protease that is also very specific and absolutely dependent for that virus' life cycle."

Dowdy also noted that malaria — which kills some 3 million people worldwide each year — has six proteases that might be vulnerable to this form of therapy.

The greatest unknown facing the scientists studying the new treatment, however, is how effective it might be as a front-line tool in battling HIV.

It may be, some researchers say, that standard anti-HIV drugs like AZT and the newer class of protease inhibitors — or even other drugs not yet tested — will be the main form of combating the infection, with protein therapy used as an adjunct to help flush out viruses that other drugs have failed to eliminate.

Another potential stumbling block of the new treatment — as it is for nearly all anti-HIV therapies — is the dormancy of HIV when it hides out in an inactive state in the body. The new treatment Dowdy and his colleagues developed depends entirely on the virus itself being active and attempting to invade body cells. The inactive virus would simply not trigger the self-destructive protein molecule, which eventually would become useless when its host cell died — leaving the way clear for HIV to resume its attack when it becomes active again.

But this problem, researchers say, is present and real for virtually any therapy aimed at HIV, one of the craftiest and most elusive known to medicine.

White House Releases Gay Report

Washington — The White House last month released a 15-page booklet titled, "The Clinton-Gore Administration: A Record of Progress for Gay and Lesbian Americans." The booklet lists what it says are President Clinton's accomplishments on Gay and AIDS-related issues since Clinton took office in January 1993.

Richard Socarides, the openly White House liaison to the gay community and a special assistant to the president, said that although the White House released at least one previous report on Clinton's accomplishments on gay issues, the most recent report is the first to be bound in a cover with the official White House seal.

To read the full document, go to www.pub.whitehouse.gov, and under "Retrieve documents," choose "A-6, all publications by date." Then click on publications for 1998, for November, and then scroll down to document No. 171.

Prosecutor Seeks Death Penalty in Shepard Murder

Laramie, Wyo. — Two men charged with slaying University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard will face the death penalty if convicted, prosecutors in the case indicated in court documents filed in the case.

The men — Aaron McKinney, 22, and Russell Henderson, 21 — could face execution by lethal injection if they are found guilty of the first-degree murder charges.

Authorities say Shepard was killed, at least in part, because he was gay. He was beaten in the head at least 18 times with a pistol-butt, tied to a wooden fence outside the city and left to die in freezing weather in October.

Wyoming hasn't executed anyone since 1992, although two men are currently on the state's death row.

Wyatt Skaggs, an attorney representing Henderson in the murder case, said the death penalty filing was "heavy-handed to say the least and somewhat politically motivated."

He added, "There have been other cases in this county that have been just as heinous or more heinous in which he has not requested the death penalty."

'Hostile Work Environment' Suit Over Gay Pix

New York — Earl Harris, a 31-year-old heterosexual, has filed a federal lawsuit charging he was fired because he complained about photos of naked men having sex that he says were on the walls at the city's Office of Gay and Lesbian Health.

The suit says the photos, depicting "male genitalia and buttocks" and "genitalia ... in an erect position," were in plain sight on walls at the agency, which is part of the city's health department.

The suit charges that "the unwelcome sexually oriented work environment in which [Harris] found himself created an intimidating, hostile, offensive, oppressive and abusive work environment."

Harris was hired in November 1997 as a temporary employee and was fired in March 1998.

His suit claims he complained about the photos "but nothing was done" about them.

Suit Against 'Frugal Gourmet' Settled for \$5 Million

Seattle — News sources report that a sexual harassment lawsuit filed by seven men who were under legal age at the time against once-popular PBS cooking show host Jeff Smith, known as the "Frugal Gourmet," has been settled for a whopping \$5 million by Smith's personal and corporate insurance companies.

Smith's lawyer has confirmed a settlement in the suit, but declined to comment on the amount or its distribution among the seven plaintiffs. Smith, 59, is an ordained Methodist minister and the married father of two adult sons.

When the lawsuits were initially filed, Smith said he would fight them in court and show that the seven men were "crooks" who had fabricated their claims to try to extort money from him.

But later it was revealed in court documents that in 1991, before these suits were filed, Smith had agreed to pay an eighth man \$1.5 million in exchange for silence about the man's claims of being sexually assaulted by the chef.

According to documents filed in the case, the seven men claimed the assaults took place between 1973 and 1981 when they were teenagers who worked in a special youth program Smith ran for Frugal Gourmet Inc.

Library Books Controversy Continues

Barron, Wis. — Three of four books banned because of what officials considered vulgar language have been put back on library shelves, while educators search for less explicit books on homosexuality, according to a report in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*.

The Barron Area School Board restored the books, *The Drowning of Stephan Jones*, *Two Teenagers in Twenty* and *When Someone You Know Is Gay*, for 90 days at the Barron High School library.

School media director Irene Cooley was directed to find a replacement book dealing with homosexuality, but "without profanity and vulgarity."

The books and one other were banned because school board members said they contained profane language. The board voted to continue the ban on the other book, *Baby Be-bop*.

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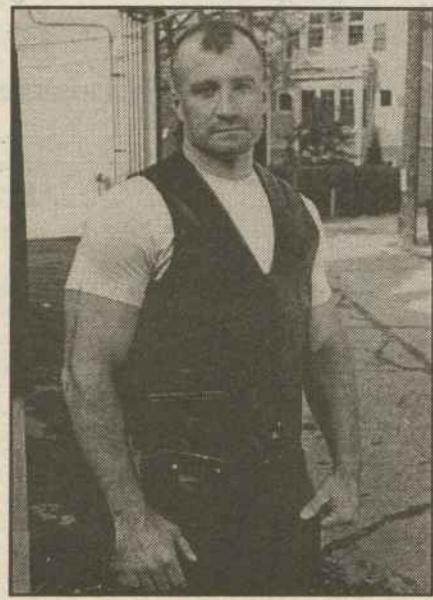
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LGBT Community Center Receives Pridefest Donation

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center went on a shopping spree and came back with a fax machine, 25-inch television set with video player and stand, microwave oven, two automatic coffee makers, two publication racks to be used as mailboxes, a display rack, four heavy-duty shelving units, and three cork boards.

"This is the best kind of shopping," commented board member John Wirth, as he navigated a flat-bed cart through the aisles at Sam's Club. That's because the \$3,500 shopping spree was paid for by Pridefest as its donation to the Community Center.

"Pridefest always knew it was going to support the Community Center in some way," commented Pridefest Treasurer Chris Klein. "We finally asked the Community Center to write up a wish list and Pridefest would see what it could do about making some of those wishes come true."

The idea to purchase the mailboxes came from Pridefest Vice President, Michael Lisowski, who believed it would be a great way for some of the smaller organizations to have a presence in the Community Center. The mail boxes will be made available to organizations free of charge and will serve as a single distribution site for newsletters, flyers and announcements that would otherwise be mailed for a fee.

Pridefest elected not to have an office at the Community Center since council

members already work from home offices. "Council members have been e-mailing and faxing materials to each other for more than a year, pretty much eliminating the need to have an office altogether," commented Co-Director Michael Hall. "Besides, providing the Community Center with equipment that can be used by everyone seemed more in line with our mission."

Donations Received by 23 Organizations in 1998

The donation to the Community Center brings Pridefest's 1998 contributions to \$14,500, for a grand total of \$36,500 for the past four years. Twenty-three organizations received donations which included cash pay-outs to organizations that volunteered to work at the festival, scholarships, sponsorships and Pridefest merchandise for raffles and door prizes. The Hunger Task Force also received 1764 pounds of food that was collected at the festival's front gates.

Pridefest donation recipients in 1998 include AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin; AIDS Walk Wisconsin; Alternative Business Association; Argonauts; Brew City Bears; Castaways MC; Charles Daniels Productions — Mystique Pageant; Galano Club; Gay Youth Milwaukee; Hope House; Human Rights League; Hunger Task Force of Wisconsin; International Association of Gay/lesbian Pride Committees; Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee; LGBT Community Center; Magic Picnic; Make-A Promise Dinner; Pageant Productions; Saturday Softball League; Sherman Park Rainbow Association; Village Church; Washington Heights Rainbow Association; and Wisconsin Light Decade of Light Celebration.

Boot Camp Fund-Raiser a Success

Milwaukee — The Boot Camp Saloon announced its 1998 Benefit Dinner and silent auction was attended by over 65 guest and raised \$3,441 for Milwaukee LGBT organizations. The event was held on Sunday, Dec. 6, 1998, at the M&M Club.

Si Smits, organizer of the event, indicated that most of the funds raised will go to the G/L Community Center and Trust Fund. Special donations to designated groups in the community will also be distributed.

A special thanks to Buds by Brenda, Club 5 (Madison), Gray Line Tours, La Perla Restaurant, Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Miller Brads, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee World Festival, Pageant Productions, Potawatomi Bingo, and Skylight Opera Theater, and many others for their donations to the silent auction.

ARCW Seeks Volunteers

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin is seeking volunteers to provide support to those living with HIV and AIDS, to prevent the spread of HIV and to help with upcoming fund-raising events.

"Volunteers are needed more than ever. They are an integral part of ARC's ability to deliver comprehensive services to people living with HIV," said Mike Gifford, ARC executive director.

"The need for continued HIV prevention services coupled with people living longer due to improved HIV drug treatments has created an all-time high need for volunteers," Gifford added.

During the winter, several service areas are in need of volunteers, particularly the emotional support programs. "Our emotional support program matches volunteers with a client. The volunteer then offers help and support, which is particularly important during these winter months," said Gifford.

In addition to emotional support, the community education program, special events, and general office support need volunteers. Volunteering offers individuals or groups the opportunity to personally respond to this community issue.

All volunteers need to complete an application and attend a general orientation. General orientations are held throughout the state. Upcoming volunteer orientations are: Kenosha area, Jan. 30, 10 a.m.; Feb. 2, 6 p.m. and Feb. 27, 10 a.m.; call Jennifer at (414) 657-6644; Milwaukee area; Jan. 23, 10 a.m. and Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m.; call Jennifer Baumer at (414) 225-1556; Eau Claire area, Jan. 27, 6 p.m. and February 25, 6 p.m., call Annette Truitt at (715) 836-7710; La Crosse area, Jan. 26, 6 p.m., call Shannon Ransom at (608) 785-9866; Green Bay, Feb. 24 6 p.m., and Appleton, Jan. 23, 9 a.m., call Daryl Dietz (800) 773-2068; other ARC offices also have volunteer opportunities, call for more information; Superior (877) 242-0282 and Wausau (800) 551-3311.

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Leather Events to Heat Up Wisconsin Winter

Milwaukee — The organizers of the Mr. Wisconsin Leather Man [MWL] Contest will join the Great Lakes Harley Riders for the 3rd Annual Leather Swap Meet to be held Saturday Jan. 30, at 7 p.m. at Woody's 1579 S. 2nd St. Pizza and a beer bust will be also be held throughout the evening to help raise funds for the MWL contest.

The swap meet brings together individuals wanting to sell no longer needed leather, fetish items, materials, gear and related magazines. Table space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for a nominal fee and may be reserved through contact information below.

Also, The 1999 Great Lakes Harley Riders Calendar is now available at the Milwaukee Eagle or will be available at the swap meet. The calendar, with photos of the hot men on their Milwaukee Iron can also be ordered by sending \$12 to Larry Self at the address below.

The Mr. Wisconsin Leather Man Contest will be held Sat., Feb. 20 starting at 9 p.m. at the Milwaukee Eagle. Contestants will compete for cash and prizes of \$1,500 and the right to represent Wisconsin at International Mr. Leather, Memorial Day Weekend in Chicago.

For more information about any of these events, contact Larry or Joe at (414) 931-9760; mrwilthrmn@aol.com; P.O. Box 342873 Milwaukee, WI 53234.

SAGE/Milwaukee Moves to LGBT Community Center

Milwaukee — SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) has announced that it has signed a sublease rental agreement with the LGBT Community Center, 170 South Second Street. SAGE/Milwaukee will be renting an office cubicle space beginning Jan. 1. The group has also arranged with the Center for the use of the small meeting room every Friday evening for their member events, beginning Jan. 8, 1999.

SAGE/Milwaukee serves older gays and lesbians with educational, recreational, and individual services. Founder Eldon E. Murray said, "We look forward to working with the center and will probably schedule additional events at times other than Friday evenings. However, for the present, all one now needs to remember is that there will be an event every Friday evening for older gays and/or lesbians at the Center."

All correspondence should continue to be sent to SAGE/Milwaukee, PO Box

510492, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0091. You may also call the LGBT Community Center at (414) 271-2756 for further information and times regarding SAGE/Milwaukee functions.

HIT Thanks Sponsors

Milwaukee — Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT), the longest running Gay and lesbian bowling tournament completed another successful run over the Thanksgiving weekend with over 350 participants. H.I.T. awarded over \$26,000 in cash and prizes. This tournament could not have had successful results without the sponsorship of Miller Brewing Company, the Cream City Foundation and all of their sponsors.

The board of directors would like to thank these sponsors as well as the local bars for their support, the club members for their donations, their advertisers, the many volunteers and friends of HIT, and everyone who had any part in producing one of the best events in the country. Your support year after year is immensely appreciated by HIT and you are all a large part of their continued success.

Preparations are being made for the 21st annual tournament, "HIT Me!" to be held Nov. 25 through 28, 1999. If you would like further information or would like to become involved in the tournament, please call the H.I.T. Hotline at (414) 332-7142.

ARCW Awarded \$1 Million Housing Grant

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin was recently awarded a \$1 million, three-year grant to serve over 150 residents across Wisconsin living with HIV and AIDS.

The U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department grant will specifically serve people with HIV and AIDS who also have severe alcohol or drug addiction and/or mental health diagnoses that lead to problems maintaining permanent, stable housing. The new housing initiative, starting in 1999, is designed to test ARCW's model that will holistically support lifestyle changes for multiply diagnosed chronically homeless clients. If successful, the ARCW's housing model would be replicated nationwide.

"This grant is addressing the most urgent AIDS housing issues we have," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "The \$1 million, three-year grant will allow us to provide intensive and intermediate housing case management, counseling, and rent assistance to people throughout the state."

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center Schedules Annual Meeting

Milwaukee — The board of directors of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center is pleased to announce its annual membership meeting will take place on Sunday, Jan. 24, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. While this is the membership's second annual meeting, it will be the first time it meets in the Center's new home at 170 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee.

"The annual meeting is an opportunity for the board to report to the Center's members our past, present and future activities. Additionally, through a voting process, the board will seek membership approval of the Center's 1999 budget, amendments to the Center's bylaws and the election of board

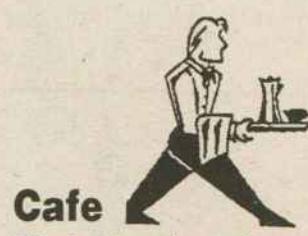
members," said Neil Albrecht, Center co-president.

"Membership attendance at this meeting is very important. The Center's bylaws determine that only Center members can vote. However, the community at large is invited to attend," Albrecht added.

For more information, visit the Center's web site at www.mkelgbt.com or call the Center's Hotline at (414) 483-4710. Please note that their address has changed to PO Box 511189, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0201.

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Why The Republicans Will Fail

Part two of a series

by Dave Runyon

Have you ever heard of Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas? He's the GOP Whip in the House of Representatives, a former cockroach exterminator known as *The Hammer* for his muscular style politicking. DeLay is the Christian Right's chief enforcer and is the point man whose hubris and arrogance pushes the power button to the extreme. He is said to be "hated within his own party," and this is quoted from "Power Grab" by Doug Ireland, published in the most recent issue of *In These Times*. He works hand-in-glove with their shock troops and their field commanders, Paul Weyrich, Gary Bauer, James Dobson and Randy Tate. DeLay ensured that all but five Republicans (in the House) voted for impeachment by threatening waivers with expensive primary challenges.

Larry Flint, of *Hustler Magazine* fame, who offered only a miserly million dollars for information about congressional sexual sleaze, says he's got the goods on another dozen House and Senate members — of whom only one is a Democrat. One wonders who volunteers this information if it is that cheap to get the "dirt" on these legislators. Republican extremists, like Newt Gingrich and Bob Livingston, were terrible losses to the GOP, and the fun has just begun. It's going to be a slaughterhouse. Republican Extremists are learning that two can play hard ball.

A Know-Nothing was a member of a political party in the United States during the 1850s. They were antagonistic toward recent immigrants and Roman Catholics. It was the Know-Nothings who were further to the right of the conservatives. The word "conservative" used to mean "middle of the road". With the emergence of the extremist Religious Right, who co-opted the word conservative unto themselves, we now have only Moderates and Conservatives in the Republican Party. I have coined a new phrase. How about using Neo-Know-Nothings and Moderates — and, they are eating each other up.

The Democratic Party enjoys the self-indulgence of being scattered ideologically. It has Progressives, Moderates, and Conservatives. The Democrats are so alarmed by the extremist Religious Right Neo-Know-Nothings, that they are re-

focusing their attention away from themselves and are, in some sense, in a spiritual union with moderate Republicans in their common hatred and fear of these people.

It seems amazing that the Southern leadership in Washington, should wield such enormous and disproportionate power. This doesn't sit well with those concerned with "checks and balances". It certainly bothers the majority of American voters who are not aligned with the Neo-Know-Nothings. Is this not what was once meant by the tail wagging the dog? In *Robert's Rules Of Order* as well as in law, there are certain "no no's"; questions that are not permissible ... *out of order*. If you are forced or pressured to take an oath, the oath is invalid.

In the four-year, \$40 million investigation of Clinton's involvement in a real estate deal called Whitewater, there was nothing discovered that was out of line, so Ken Starr's team of investigators went on a fishing expedition. They started exploring beyond the scope assigned them, and when they came upon the hostile testimony of Linda Tripp, they began forging articles of Impeachment around her testimony. They were out to unseat a sitting president. Was this treason? Let's let wiser heads than mine deal with that issue.

What's at issue is that Clinton's private behavior—well, he thought what he did in the Oval Office was private — had nothing to do with government, per se. The point is this: Let's not confuse *public* with *private*. This is exactly the current agenda of the extremist right wing Neo-Know-Nothings, in the same sense that they think they have the right to dictate what you do in your own bedroom with a consenting adult and, among other things, their need to forbid abortions.

The Right Wing is barking up the wrong tree when it violates that good ol' American cultural value of "personal" space. American males tend to see this area as "sacred" space when it comes to sex. Has the right wing bitten off more than it can chew? The point is that the perjury issue is not really an issue at all, since the questions dealing with personal privacy were out-of-line, off-limits, and out-of-order in the first place.

Shutting down the Government is what the brash Neo-Know-Nothing right wing extremists tried to do by failing to fund the government. That eventually failed, and in case they didn't get the message, the last elections put a few nails in

that coffin.

What's really going on with the Clinton thing? There are two issues, which should not be confused. Of course, the Neo-Know-Nothings are out to get Clinton, because he is seen as a traitor to the old South's cultural values of racial discrimination, low quality education for the poor, subservience of women, hatred of gays, and hetero male control, to mention but a few reasons.

The South is rebelling once again, only this time they have already taken over the government with the weapon of redneck, simple-minded Southern Baptist moralisms. The South has taken over the leadership of the federal government with its seniority in Congress; so much for the Republican slogans of term limits — that is, term limits for those races which serve the interests of the Neo-Know-Nothings. Seniority is the South's weapon.

Presidents have lied before — over much more important issues, especially in foreign policy that involved the death of American military. Presidents have had extramarital sexual encounters, too, so why all the fuss over this president? The Southern strategy is very clever; it uses the media as propaganda for what it assumes middle class puritans would, so to speak, drop to their knees for: A titillating sexual peccadillo to sidetrack the real issues. Well, as we see in the polls, the American public ain't buying it. After all, they went through the sexual revolution of the 1960s and 1970s.

The sad thing is that the typical American may not have the political smarts to see the Southern conspiracy, but quick enough to see how foolish and out of proportion to reality the "quickie" is in the over-all scheme of things. That a blowjob should mount such proportions tells even the most naïve Middle-American that there's "something rotten in Denmark." Why should this tiny episode cause such a stir? The cigar is just so much smoke and mirrors trying to hide bigger issues — the Neo-Know-Nothing coup d'état.

This will infuriate the electorate by the time of the next major election, when the Republicans will take such a fall that it will be a decade before anyone will take them seriously. That's why the Republicans will fail! ▀



The Gay Scene in Wisconsin

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How to Stop Worrying About the News

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Nineteen-ninety-eight in many ways was a year of significant and serious news developments. But, as always, it was also a year reflecting profound foolishness as America continued its endless quest to figure out which end is up. Whether it was blaming gays and lesbians for the decline of the family farm

For the more ambitious neo-virgins with a greater technological sensibility, the Society for the Recapture of Virginity, showcased at a Web site, signs up people to take the un-plunge for a variety of reasons. Some just want that "kaboom" of the first time; others seem to want to erase what they see as a past mistake.

People who go through this rigmarole at the Society for the Recapture of Virginity receive a framed certificate, a wearable "virgin badge" and the Virginator, a special ring developed by a software program called the VRS 3000. "The VRS 3000 takes in factual information from the non-virgin, performs complex and rigorous calculations and through a process called virgination finds the algorithm to restore your virginity," the Web

Using a \$7 million National Institutes of Health grant, researchers at the University of Toledo say they've discovered that lesbians grow fingernails more slowly than heterosexual females.

or hawking born-again virginity, the year's capacity for the absurd showed no sign of slackening off.

A lot of folks started 1998 wondering exactly why the anti-abortion group, Operation Rescue, was protesting what it called the "pro-homosexual policies" of the Disney Company outside Disney World in Florida. Then there were the fashion experts at a school in Denver who booted 18-year-old honor student Jeremy Garza out because he "dressed like a gay boy."

In South Carolina, Jim Gordon, who was running in the Republican primary to become the state's agriculture commissioner, showed he had more than a passing acquaintance with manure when he declared in a campaign speech that homosexuals were responsible for the demise of the country's family farms. "I see the cultural upheaval we're in right now as an attack against farming," Gordon told the mystified farmers. "The homosexual movement, which has come to South Carolina, needs to be reversed."

The year's silliness ended with a nice flourish from Fred Phelps, the perennial Topeka, Kan., crackpot-cum-minister who took his familial flock of a dozen or so to Lynchburg, Va., to protest outside Bob Jones University, the arch-fundamentalist school that's so right-wing it forbids interracial dating. The university had recently threatened to arrest any gay alumni who set foot on the campus, but later amended its position so the school's museum wouldn't lose its federal tax-exemption. Phelps said the university was wrong to back off — and he thought there must be something wrong with the school to begin with if it even had any gay alums.

While he and his band of unhappy campers were in the neighborhood, they dropped by Jerry Falwell's Thomas Road Baptist Church to protest there too. Phelps said Falwell was being too liberal about homosexuality by saying Christians should hate the sin but love the sinner. "It's not OK to be gay — or to even associate with someone who is gay," Phelps fumed. "Now he [Falwell] says people should love homosexuals. He is a heretic."

But one of the strangest trends that came to the fore this past year was the movement in conservative Christian circles encouraging people to "reclaim their virginity."

No one knows how many of these folks there are, but there are fundamentalist Christian groups, Web sites on the Internet and even pregnancy counseling centers that are hyping this retro virginity. Anybody ready to quit having sex now is eligible, they say, including people who've tramped around, been married or even had children.

At some of these organizations, you can simply take a vow not to do "it" again until your honeymoon night and get a nifty little virginity certificate documenting your new status as a fully bona fide sexual innocent.

site promises. Supposedly, a microchip embedded in this ring releases harmless radio waves which adjust and correct a person's biorhythms, thereby somehow restoring their virginity.

There is, of course, a fee for all this high-tech restoration work. A deed to the Brooklyn Bridge is *not* included in the deal, although presumably these newly re-certified virgins at least will now know which end is up.

So, stay tuned to see if 1999 can top last year's wackier news. Peering into my crystal ball, here are a few possibilities for the coming year:

Pat Robertson announces that he has documented proof that the Y2K virus was intentionally brought into the world's computer systems by "homosexual computer programmers" in an attempt to disrupt the expected Second Coming of Christ in the millennium.

The Southern Baptist Convention will declare the Republican Party "too soft on homosexuality" and will form its own political party, known as "God's Old Party," which promptly nominates Charlton Heston as its presidential candidate — with the provision that he must campaign dressed as Moses.

Using a \$7 million National Institutes of Health grant, researchers at the University of Toledo say they've discovered that lesbians grow fingernails more slowly than heterosexual females. They develop the "Toledo Fingernail Inventory Profile" test to help identify lesbians for the Ladies Professional Golf Association, which says it now fears there may not be enough lesbians in the organization to keep women's golf alive.

Utah lawmakers enact a measure outlawing the use of all "same-sex words" in the state. The Utah Supreme Court later declares the law unconstitutional because, in banning words like "pansy" and "bull-dyke" the lawmakers themselves violated their own legislation.

The TV comedy series "Friends" gets a new cast member, a new orientation and a new title — *Ellen's Friends* — when Ellen DeGeneres joins the three female comics to open a lesbian-feminist bookstore-coffeeshop while the three male cast members give up their lame skirt-chasing to help organize the George Michael Fan Club.

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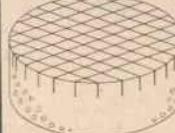
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IN STEP CASUAL OBSERVER**Snow, Soup
& Other Stuff!**

by Ed Grover

I start my first column of 1999 without a clue as to what to write about! Maybe that snowstorm we had at the beginning of January is perfect. I snuggled beneath my comforter as I heard the winds whistling outside my bedroom window. When I finally greeted the second day of the New Year, I looked out the living room windows to see my garden buried beneath two-foot drifts of snow. Mother Nature sure let us know who was in charge.

Cable TV was down, so I turned on the kitchen radio as I started coffee and poured some OJ. I made sure to call Time Warner to get credit for the day — every penny helps — and went and turned on the computer to check my e-mail. The "Dairy of a Snow Shoveler" popped up. I know my sister has her own snow to deal with up north, but I hardly think she stayed up late to find that piece of humor. She asked if I had any of the Christmas cookies left that she had so kindly hand-delivered in December. Then she asked about New Year's Eve in the country.

Fifteen years ago when I got myself into AA and recovery, I was lucky enough to meet some people who became a superb support group. We rally around each other in times of joy and sorrow. I am especially grateful for two friends who regularly host our holiday get-togethers, where we party and laugh as much as we ever did while we were celebrating with Bacchus and his crowd.

This year our celebration was spectacular with clear, cold weather, and 25 recovering people gathered at one long table for a wonderful food marathon. By the time we got to dessert, it was near midnight. By 1:30 in the morning we had everything pretty well cleaned up and most of us were on our way out the door.

Friday night it started snowing and you all know how that ended up.

Being stuck inside with nothing exciting to do, I did my annual "clean the kitchen cupboards," put up a male nude calendar, and started a batch of potato and leek soup with a ham bone I had inherited from Christmas dinner. The

lots of wonderfully thick soup. A large container went to my New Year's hosts and I made some CARE packages for hungry friends. They came in handy for those folks who didn't get to the store.

One day after the snow had stopped, I ventured out for a long walk to see if Bally Total Fitness had finally gotten the mes-

It's been ages since I logged onto the newsgroups. You know which ones I mean ... alt.binaries.pictures.erotica ... use your imagination!

house was soon fragrant with the smell of cloves, onions, carrots, celery and bay leaf. After four or five hours of simmering I strained the steaming broth, tossed the spent vegetables and bones and started over with a large, clean pot.

More finely diced onions and celery were added along with chopped leek, a bit of grated carrot and a handful of peeled garlic cloves. I started to peel potatoes, adding them as I went along, and soon realized that I needed a bigger pot. I transferred everything to a huge enamel kettle and went to play on the Internet while things simmered.

It's been ages since I logged onto the newsgroups. You know which ones I mean ... alt.binaries.pictures.erotica ... use your imagination! I found one called "oldermen" and had a look. Fuhgeddaboudit! If it wasn't the sight of several 300-pound darlings cavorting on the same double bed that turned me off, it was certainly the bitchy e-mails being exchanged between some old queens who thought they owned the site. I found the same thing going on at abpe.black.male where some queen named ReMy mArTiN was sending nasty messages written for the most part in Ebonics. I soon had enough of that!

The soup had to cool overnight in the kettle because it was much too large to fit in the fridge. After adding a pint of heavy cream and some herbs, I ended up with

sage and shoveled their part of the sidewalk on Jackson Street. They hadn't. Last year they never shoveled or put one ounce of salt or sand on the four to five inch build-up of ice and snow that was there all season. This fall they had a huge dumpster parked on the sidewalk for two months. Shoppers who wanted to get to Pick 'n Save had to walk in the road — just like they did all last winter.

As I stood there fuming, I figured if they can plow out their parking lot, they can certainly plow that stretch of sidewalk — or the City will do it and bill them. I made up my mind that this year they would get reported. These people are NOT good neighbors. I got my shopping back home, reported Bally's to the City listing for ice, snow and dirt covered sidewalks — it's (414) 286-3341 in case you want to make a note of it — and wrote a letter to my alderman on the same subject.

A few days later as I was having a steaming bowl of soup, the phone rang and someone from my alderman's office told me that the City was proceeding with my complaint. I leaned back and gazed at the pots of multicolored Primula that stood on an antique glass cake stand in the center of the big oak table. Spring had come early to my house. I really felt great!

QUIPS & QUOTES**Pass the Ear Plugs!**

"I'm coming screaming out of the closet — I'm a great, screaming queen and I'm glad to be that way."

—Canadian Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Tewksbury to the Calgary Sun.

**Schick Shtick**

"My life didn't start until I shaved my eyebrows."

—RuPaul to Australia's Outrage.

Family Ties

"Kansas' chief anti-gay nut case Fred Phelps and his screwball family [make] the Addams Family seem like the Brady Bunch."

—Jeff Epperly, of Boston's Bay Windows.

More or Less

"[The average American is] less homophobic than he thinks he's supposed to be and more racist than he's willing to admit."

—Gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to the Washington Post.

Buckle Up for Safety

"Life, to be sure, is not worth living, but if you think it is, then buckle up."

—Gay actor, writer, and celebrated wit Quentin Crisp, 90, to The New York Times.

Clintonian Monogamy?

"My boyfriend and I are very realistic about the fact that we're both men. He's much better at monogamy than I am. The agreement we have is that if something happens he doesn't want to know about it. It's Clintonian, I think: I can neither confirm nor deny that I've had sex outside my relationship. Because denying it may not be true, but confirming it would be the same as telling my boyfriend, and I can't do that. I promised."

—Syndicated gay sex-advice columnist Dan Savage to San Diego's Gay & Lesbian Times.

Doh!

"It's as if someone at NBC took Homer Simpson's directive: 'I like my beer cold, my TV loud, and my homosexuals FAMING!' and turned it into the charac-

ter of Jack. Whether he's toting around his pet parrot Guapo, spurning a secretary's advances ('I took a vow before God and my mother: I'm here, I'm queer, get used to it!') or flirting with a handsome UPS man (when the delivery guy says, 'I just need a signature, I don't need your phone number,' Jack snaps, 'Don't be so sure'), Jack is out, proud, and in your face."

—The Philadelphia Inquirer on Jack McFarland, Will's flaming best friend on the NBC TV series *Will & Grace*.

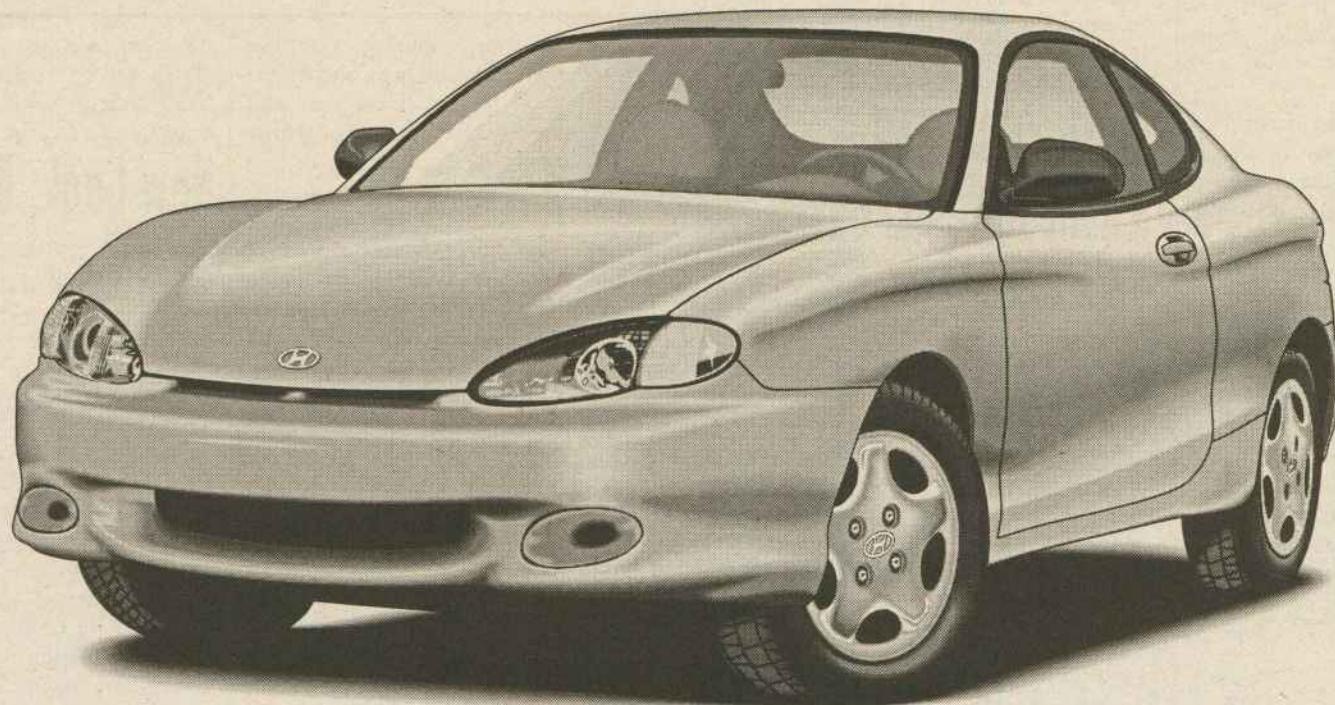
**Royalties?**

"You guys kept me in beads for 30 years!"

—Cher, in a recent appearance at the London gay club Heaven.

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Community Center Death Match

Instead of a thoughtful selection process, we know some people in town were pushing for a celebrity death-match-style event to determine who would become the first executive director of Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center.

But, cooler heads prevailed as nearly a dozen very qualified applicants have responded to the ads for the post. That number is more than expected according to Community Center Co-director Sheila Zelinski.

The field has now been narrowed to less than half that number for the job which is expected to pay somewhere in the \$30k range. If all goes well — after interviews by the Center's board — look for an announcement by the end of February.

'Star Trek' Data Does Not Compute Rumors

In an interview in Melbourne's *Sunday Age* newspaper, **Brent Spiner**, who plays the role of android **Data** in TV's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, says that persistent rumors that **Captain Jean-Luc Picard** and **Commander William Ryker**, the first officer, are lovers just aren't true.

Spiner, somewhat disingenuously, says he's never even heard such a thing mentioned before.

"You know — you won't believe this — but I have never heard this before and I don't think there's any subtext to that whatsoever," Spiner is quoted as saying in the interview. "I swear to you I have never heard this before."

Spiner is touring to promote the TV series' latest movie spin-off, *Star Trek: Insurrection*.

Sherry Street Hits the Road

Sherry Street, the bubbly, long-time liaison from Milwaukee Mayor **John Norquist's** office to the LGBT community moved on to a new job at the end of 1998. That leaves the city without an ambassador to our community.

Norquist spokesman **Jeff Fleming** tells the **Latest Dish** that Street's post has yet to be filled, but promises someone from Norquist's office will get the plumb assignment to Milwaukee's queers.

We'll keep you posted.

Rosie O'Donnell Launches Chub Club

Don't expect **Rosie O'Donnell** to pull an **Oprah Winfrey** and lose weight.

"I'm the fattest I've ever been. I'm like 208 pounds, and when I stepped on a scale it shocked me," the daytime talk host says in the February issue of *Ladies' Home Journal*.

But O'Donnell isn't headed to a doctor-prescribed diet anytime soon. Instead, she has started the Chub Club on her talk show — encouraging groups of people to create a diet and exercise support group.

"If you think it's what you put in your mouth, you're wrong. It has to do with why you do it. If I could lose 67 pounds like Oprah did, I would do it," she said. "I'm not there yet. She's obviously there and then some."

Godzilla's Condom?

Hoping to draw attention to the threat of AIDS, activists recently paraded an enormous inflated condom through the streets of Colombia's third-largest city

The mock prophylactic — 12 feet in diameter, stretching over a half-mile in

length and weighing roughly 3,000 pounds — was exhibited during an annual holiday street fair in Cali.

A troupe of dancers performed inside the enormous plastic structure on a tree-lined sidewalk alongside one of Cali's main boulevards. Armed police in olive-green uniforms escorted the giant birth control device, guarding against possible punctures.

Construction of the huge plastic condom was the idea of doctors specializing in sexually transmitted diseases at Santiago de Cali University and workers from drug rehabilitation programs.

"The idea is for people to realize that the disease exists, that it's here, and that it represents a far greater threat than the condom we're displaying," **Dr. John Jairo Palacio** told reporters.

Palacio said the condom took two months to build and cost \$13,000. It was paid for by the university and a condom manufacturer.

The Health Ministry reported 170,000 Colombians have been diagnosed with AIDS and warned the number will increase if measures aren't taken.

We think it would make a great Pride-Fest float.

Toot Your Horn!

Here's your chance to meet and play music with other gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender musicians from across the country!

The Minnesota Philharmonic Music Festival will be hosted by the Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra (MPO), America's first gay and lesbian orchestra. The Festival runs from June 6 - 13, 1999 on the campus of Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra, an established group made up of primarily professional and part-time musicians, is a community orchestra with a mission to "provide a positive statement to the public at large, gay and non-gay, con-

cerning the talents and capabilities within the gay and lesbian community."

During this very special festival week, musicians will have the unique opportunity to rehearse and perform with members of the MPO, attend a master class with a professional violinist, or be part of a brass quintet. Participation is open to adults, 18 years and older.

The festival is being produced by LunaTune Productions, a music festival company located in Minneapolis. For more information, contact executive producer JoAnn Gilbaugh de Luna, at 612-531-2008, or e-mail her at joann@ix.netcom.com. On-line registration and more details will be available after January 11, 1999 at www.mnphil.com and <http://lunatune.conk.com>.

New Look, Better Book

After 35 years, **Bob Damron's Address Book** is no more. But have no fear! With the 1999 edition, the classic gay travel guide for men has a new look and a new name: the *Damron Men's Travel Guide*.

The Address Book, known since 1964 to its thousands of loyal readers simply as "The Guide," was originally no more than a list of addresses with colorful descriptions of bars and cruisy areas across the U.S. Today it has grown into a 900-page travel guide to gay resources and entertainment throughout North America and Europe. The price is only \$17.95; for more information, visit their Website at www.damron.com.

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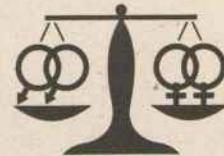
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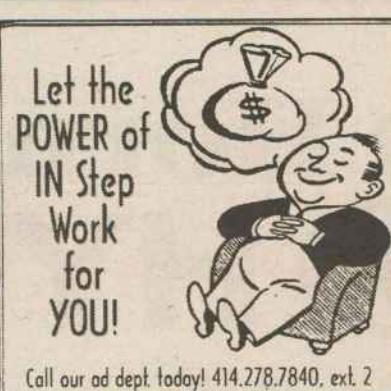
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"Stiffie" Explores Sexual Addiction

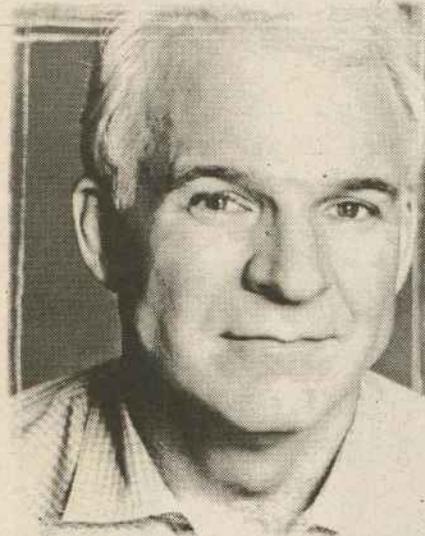
Broom Street Theater invites you to review its latest production, *Stiffie*, a new comedy about sexual addiction, written and directed by Ron Collins. All shows are at 8 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and will run from Friday, Jan. 15 through Sunday, Feb. 21, at the Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St. Tickets for this production are \$7 at the door only. Sorry there are no reservations.

This is a comic and insightful look at what happens to people who want sex all the time because they think about sex, nothing but sex, all the time. The cast includes Broom Street veterans Kevin Bosley, Shelly Johnson, Philip Strowman, and Nathan Caracter. Making their debuts are Richard DaWalt, Dave Durbin, Amy Hess, Richard Kilmer, Wendy Sandrow, Todd Seguin and Kari Zabel.

Milwaukee Rep Presents Steve Martin's "Picasso at the Lapin Agile"

That "wild and crazy guy," Steve Martin's award-winning first play *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* is currently playing in the Quadracci Powerhouse Theater in the Patty and Jay Baker Theater Complex at the Milwaukee Center, 108 East Wells St.

Picasso is set at the dawn of two celebrated masterpieces; the birth of cubism and the theory of relativity. Steve Martin takes two of the greatest minds of the 20th century at the



Steve Martin

threshold of their fame and turns them into ordinary guys sitting in a bar and having a drink. This stroke of creative genius depicts a fictional meeting in which a passionate Pablo Picasso, a fiery Albert Einstein, and a time-traveling visitor from the future engage in a hilarious battle of wits in a Paris bar.

Tickets to this comic spectacle range from \$10 to \$32. Students and senior citizens with proper ID may purchase "rush tickets" at half price 30 minutes prior to curtain at the Rep Box Office. Group rates are available by calling (414) 290-5361. For more information or to charge tickets, call (414) 224-9490.



Pictured above: composer Lowell Liebermann.

"The Picture Of Dorian Gray"

The Florentine Opera will mount its first ever American Premiere in the 65-year history of the Company when it presents *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by American composer Lowell Liebermann. The Florentine Opera will be remounting the original production from L'Opera de Monte Carlo where Liebermann's opera premiered in May of 1996.

"I first became interested in Dorian Gray as an opera when I was 13 when I read the book," Liebermann told *IN Step*. "Even at that age I had the idea of turning it into an opera."

Liebermann's exquisite musical setting of *Dorian Gray* is based on Oscar Wilde's 1891 novel of the same name. General Director, Dennis Hanthorn says, "I am very impressed with the way that Lowell Liebermann has developed the potential of Wilde's work into this composition. It is not avant garde but rather easy-to-absorb modern music. His music is honest and not afraid to appear old fashioned; above all, it strives to please the ear and be listener friendly. . .

Liebermann offers up lovely, melodious music that draws upon the heritage of former great composers such as Wagner and Berlioz; because of this, one is aware of the harmonious tie of vocal line and orchestral score."

According to Liebermann, the novel is musically constructed and lends its self to an opera.

"One of the reasons it works so well is because it has something of a mythic quality to it," says Liebermann. "The story can be applied to any time or situation. It is the basic story of good versus evil, and appearances versus reality."

For the Milwaukee premiere, the Florentine Opera Company will be using the original sets and costumes designed by Stephen Brimson Lewis and Jon Morrell. Also from the original L'Opera de Monte Carlo production is internationally renowned conductor Steuart Bedford. One of America's most creative and imaginative directors, Linda Brovsky, will direct the American Premiere of the Florentine Opera Company's production.

The cast will include tenor Mark

Thonsen in the title role of Dorian Gray. Baritone John Hancock will sing the role of Lord Henry Wotton. Jan Grissom will sing the role of Sibyl Vanne and Soprano Nancy Shade will appear in the role of the Whore. *The Picture of Dorian Gray* will have three performances on Feb. 5, 6 and 7, in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts as part of the Florentine Opera's 1998-1999 season.

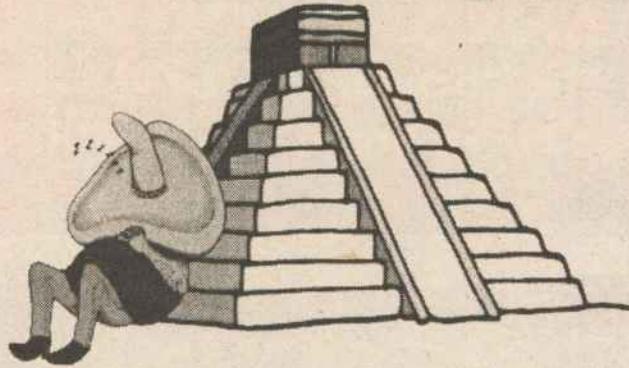
The Florentine Opera is producing the opera in conjunction with Milwaukee's 2nd Annual International Arts Festival, which will focus on Irish culture, and is a fitting tribute to Wilde's own Irish heritage. There will be an exhibition of the Ivan Albright painting at the Milwaukee Art Museum, and book exhibits at the Milwaukee Public Library, the Haggerty Museum of Art at Marquette University, and the Golda Meier Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

There will also be an exhibit of Oscar Wilde photographs at the Haggerty Museum of Art, Theater readings by the Milwaukee Chamber Theater, a lecture by Oscar Wilde's grandson, Merlin Howard, and an Oscar Wilde related film festival. For more information, please call (414) 291-5700.

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Monster Vision

Bill Condon Directs "Gods and Monsters"

by Tim Nesson
of the IN Step staff

Aside from recently bombed, updated "Psycho," the new Lionsgate release, "Gods and Monsters," may be the gayest movie at the local cinema. First off, "Gods and Monsters" is based on gay, B-movie director James Whale. The gay, master of horror was best known for the films "Frankenstein" and "Bride of Frankenstein."

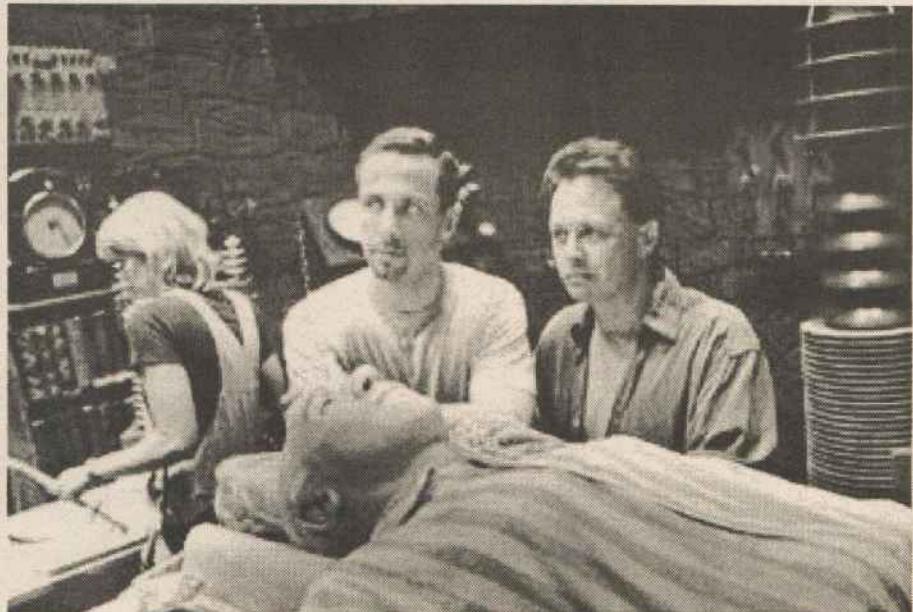
Playing the role of Whale, of course, is openly gay British actor Ian McKellen, who stresses when I spoke to him a few weeks back that he was "not nearly as old as the Whale character of 85" that he plays in the film.

of acting awards. I guess it would be nice for the studio to get some recognition for their film," he said to me recently, "but honestly, if I was concerned about awards and trophies, I would have gone into athletics."

On the surface, it may seem like acquiring Brendan Fraser was a coup. "Yes and no," says Condon. "When we were filming "Gods and Monsters," the big summer of 1997 hit, "George of the Jungle" had not yet been released. Brendan's stock was still low," he says laughing. "Who knows what may have happened if we had approached him a few months later?"

During the making of "Gods and Monsters," Condon was thrilled that "McKellen was a part of the creative process of the film. He came to many meetings and was proactive. It was nice to see him get involved with the film to the extent that he did."

Condon's foray into filmmaking began when he was a teen. "I wrote a story in



Producer Clive Barker (L) and director Bill Condon on the set of "Gods and Monsters."

The executive producer of "Gods and Monsters" is openly gay film maker, painter and author Clive Barker (who happens to have also just finished another supernatural novel entitled "Galilee").

Finally, since all can assume (even though it would be nice to think otherwise) that co-star Brendan Fraser is heterosexual, the other gay person involved in a major way with the making of "Gods and Monsters" is its director, Bill Condon.

I spoke to Condon recently, by phone from his Los Angeles home.

The 42-year-old director of such films as "Candyman 2" (another Clive Barker production) and art house hit "Sister, Sister," had been eager to make "Gods and Monsters" for some time but did not have enough A-list talent attached. Without big name stars, studios often hesitate to throw down the money needed to finance a picture, thinking that it would go unnoticed when released.

"I sent Ian McKellen the script for "Gods and Monsters" and he liked it a lot," says Condon. "He came over to my place for a meeting, but it was apparent to me that he was a little nervous about taking on the role of James Whale. It had nothing to do with the character's sexual preference rather, it had everything to do with the character's age."

"We had our meeting when Ian was trying to make a run in the movies but was always being depicted as an ancient crone. He had a lot of reservations about playing someone 30 years his senior," Condon adds.

"Finally, after some more thought, Ian realized that he would more or less overlook the character's age and concentrate on the role itself."

That may have been a wise decision. Many insiders in Hollywood are suggesting that McKellen is a shoo-in for a Best Actor Academy Award nomination.

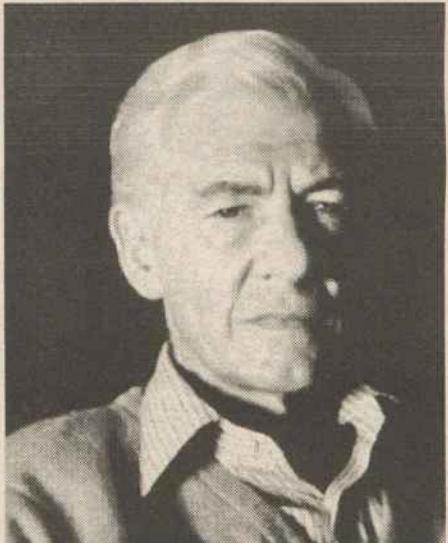
McKellen is not at all phased by the hoopla surrounding him. "I am not a fan

high school," he says, "and turned it into a very short and cheap film called "Millimeter" which is hidden away somewhere in my house at the moment. Ironically, I never made it to film school. I grew up in Queens (N.Y) and went to Columbia University where I majored in philosophy," he says chuckling. "It was when I got out of school and decided to move to L.A. that I pursued the career in film."

At the moment, Condon is very content with his life. He has had a boyfriend for two years and is hard at work on a new film, rather a faux documentary in the vein of "Waiting for Guffman."

"The film I am will be working on soon is called "Vicky Oberoune: Alone in the Night,"" says Condon.

For now, Condon continues to spend time promoting "Gods and Monsters" which opened in mid October in Los



Ian McKellen stars as James Whale in "Gods and Monsters."

Angeles and New York and (finally) this Friday in Milwaukee.

"I have been traveling for over three months," says Condon. "It has been an intense three months. But well worth it."

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Skylight Opera Unveils World Premiere of New American Opera

The Skylight Opera will mount the first-ever commission of an opera in the 40-year history of the company when it presents a World Premiere of a new opera *Ballymore*, by American composer/librettist Richard Wargo.

The work was co-commissioned by the Opera Company of Philadelphia. Milwaukee arts donors Lloyd and Mary Ann Gerlach and the National Endowment for the Arts have given major support to the project, which will be co-sponsored in Milwaukee by Midwest Express Airlines and Lloyd and Mary Ann Gerlach.

Skylight Artistic Director Richard Casey will conduct the world premiere, which is scheduled to run Jan. 29 through Feb. 14 1999, in conjunction with Milwaukee's International Arts Festival celebrating the Irish heritage.

The two-act opera is based on an early work called "Lovers" by Irish writer Brian Friel, and marks the first time that the author of "Dancing at Lughnasa" has allowed a musical adaptation of one of his works.

The production will be staged by Dorothy Danner, who has worked closely with Wargo on throughout the creation of the opera. Composed for a cast of eight singers and scored for an orchestra of sixteen players, *Ballymore* will be approximately two hours in length.

The first part "Winners," a comic tragedy, depicts the last day on earth of two young lovers who are destined to die by day's end in a boating accident. The second part, "Losers," a tragic comedy, concerns the efforts of two middle-aged lovers who pursue a romance amid a barrage of obstacles that include a bed-ridden mother and the daily arrival of the pious next-door neighbor with her daughter for the nightly Rosary to St. Philomena.

Performances of this new opera will take place in the Cabot Theater of the Broadway Theater Center. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$44.

Discounts are available for seniors, students and groups of 10 or more. Following the Friday and Saturday evening performances of the opera, *Rírá*, (gaelic for mischievous merriment), the fiddle and piano duo of Ed Paloucek and Kathleen Congleton, will be performed in the Skylight Bar at 10:30 p.m. For more information on either performance, please call (414) 291-7800.

Alverno Presents Ragamala Music & Dance Theater

Ragamala Music and Dance Theater will blend Eastern and Western cultures in their performances of dance, music and poetry on February 12 at 8 p.m. at Alverno College in the Pitman Theater, 39th and Morgan Ave.

Ragamala's work provides a bridge between cultures both ancient and modern, reflecting the multicultural world in which we live. Artistic director David Whetstone has created original music for East Indian sitar, tabla and ensemble as well as Western orchestra and opera. Ranee Ramaswamy's choreography draws from the exquisite Pandanallur style of the ancient classical dance of India.

On Friday, Feb 12, Ragamala will hold a student matinee from 10 to 11 a.m. For more information on this event call Jennifer LaPorte at (414) 382-6151. Tickets

for the evening performance are \$14 and \$16 with discounts for students and senior citizens. To order tickets, call the Alverno Presents Box Office at (414) 382-6044.

MIAD Presents Dual Exhibit

The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) will present *A Social Event Archive* and *Into Light* from Jan. 26 to Feb. 20, 1999. There will be an opening reception on Friday, Jan. 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. *A Social Event Archive* consists of informal photographs of social occasions, which normally exist within personal nostalgia and are given breadth, significance and an interactive context. The photographs cover a time span from the turn-of-the-century to yesterday, and include submissions from around the world.

Into Light is explored by New York artist Karen Fitzgerald and Arizona-based photographer Kathleen Velo. The monotypes and pinhole photographs contrast abstraction and representation in ethereal images suffused with light. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (414) 276-7889.

Milwaukee Rep's "Rocket Man" Blasts On Stage

Milwaukee Repertory Theater presents Steven Dietz's new play *Rocket Man*, a wildly theatrical time-traveling ride through one man's fantasy. This latest comic adventure from the author of "Private Eyes" opens Jan. 24 and runs through Feb. 14, 1999 in the Stackner Cabaret at the Milwaukee Center, 108 E. Wells St.

The comedy features a wannabe landscape designer Donnie (played by John Walcutt), who empties the contents of his house and rummages through the memories and mementos in his attic in preparation for a journey that transcends the boundaries of his life. With a "Here's My Life — Make An Offer" sign stuck up in his front yard, Donny embarks on a flight of fancy in which he re-examines the choices he's made and the opportunities that have slipped through his fingers over the years.

Rocket Man is directed by Andrew Traister. Others in the cast are Ron Fraizer (Buck), Carrie Hitchcock (Rita), Laura Gordon, (Lisa) and Kirsten Potter (Trisha). The design team includes Kent Dorsey (Scenic and Lighting), Christine Dougherty (Costumes), Barry G. Funderburg (Sound), Judy Berdan (Production Mgr.), and Leslie Woodruff (Stage Mgr.).

Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$25. Students and senior citizens with proper ID may purchase "rush tickets" at half price 30 minutes prior to curtain at the Rep Box Office. Group rates are available by calling (414) 290-5361. For more information or to charge tickets, call (414) 224-9490.

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So When Can We Go Back?

Advice For First (and Second and Third) Trips to San Francisco

by Christopher Ott

I am enough of a natural Midwestern worrier that for several hours at the start of a recent first trip to San Francisco, I kept noticing tables and doorways that could offer shelter in case the Big One hit. This apocalyptic outlook wasn't helped when a friend remarked on the first night that our downtown hotel was no doubt built to sway if the earth quaked. "We would be OK," he said nonchalantly as we admired the view from the 25th floor, "but anything over an eight on the Richter scale and all of these places would fall down."

I am pleased to report that not even a perceptible tremor shook my visit to the country's gay mecca. Not only that, there was so much to see and do that within a day, my boyfriend and I were planning future visits and wondering, "How bad could an earthquake really be?"

Visit San Francisco and you may become as reckless as us, and begin to wonder when and how often you can go back.

The heart of gay life in San Francisco (or perhaps for the entire country) is the Castro. Decked out with rows and rows of rainbow banners and a massive rainbow flag at Harvey Milk Plaza, the Castro looked a little like a gay version of the way

the Soviets used to decorate Red Square. It didn't take long, however, to realize that it's friendlier-- a whole lot friendlier. We had breakfasts in lively local hangouts like Orphan Andy's, a 50s-style diner serving gargantuan pancakes, and Cafe Flore, a great place to take a date or find a new one. There are also gift shops and bookstores selling more gay bumper stickers, buttons, and coffee-table books than you could ever hope to haul back home to Sheboygan.

Not far from the Castro is Buena Vista Park. We showed up early on a foggy Sunday morning and were surprised to find the park filled with an amiable mix of dog walkers, practitioners of yoga, and more than a few neighborhood boys curiously absent from church. By mid-day when we returned the fog had burned off, and the park, a quite nice arboretum, was a little less amorous and provided the promised *buena vista* of the hilly (almost mountainous) city around us.

Northwest of Buena Vista and the Castro is Haight-Ashbury (neighborhood of "Tales of the City" fame), which is even funkier than the Castro if you don't mind the straight people. As die-hard supporters of Ralph Nader in the last presidential election, we were pleased to be approached with a petition by members of California's Green Party. We had lunch at a cafe called the Squat and Gobble, where we devoured massive sandwiches of grilled chicken, pesto and roasted red peppers that left us too stuffed, alas, to even try the dessert crepes. Gazing out the window, Dave counted five other cafes within sight of where we sat, and estimated that you could probably try a different cafe every day for a year and never visit the same one twice.

Golden Gate Park, just west of Haight-Ashbury, offers miles more paths for wooded strolls, as well as several of the city's best museums. The California Acad-

emy of Science is worth a visit, but don't go just for the widely advertised earthquake simulator. The Academy does have a great exhibit and film on the city's infamous geological proclivities, but even we weren't scared when the platform beneath us shook mildly. Attached to the Academy is an aquarium with a 100,000-gallon doughnut-shaped tank that you can stand in the middle of and watch the fish swim in endless circles.

San Francisco is a walking city, and it's a good idea to amble through the Castro and Haight-Ashbury at your own pace, stopping for whatever interests you. To get to the area's other main attractions, however, all you need to know is that the city's two transit systems, Muni and BART, can get you nearly anywhere cheaply. For a buck, Muni buses and trams (some of them vintage) run every few minutes and take you all over the city to famous destinations like the Golden Gate Bridge (which my Milwaukee grandmother mysteriously warned us not to walk over), Fisherman's Wharf, and Chinatown.

In Chinatown, dinner at the ridiculously crowded House of Nanking is inexpensive, delicious, and widely known. When we mentioned that friends were taking us to their favorite Chinese restaurant, a native correctly guessed, "the House of Nanking?" Try the chicken and Yam dish. Brave souls may also want to try the Stinking Rose, where the specialty is garlic, and lots of it.

BART can take you further afield, across the Bay to Oakland and Berkeley, home of the once-revolutionary University of California at Berkeley. Telegraph Avenue, which runs east out of campus and is packed with shops and restaurants, is surprisingly lively even when school's out. Telegraph Ave. is also home to a collection of Rastafarians, Generation X street urchins and Rastafarian Generation

X street urchins that makes Madison's State Street look like day care.

If you have your own wheels (or a gracious host with a car) take a trip just north of the city over the Golden Gate to the Muir Woods, with towering redwoods and moments of unbelievable quiet. If you can, stop along the highway that runs up north along the coast at scenic bluffs and watch the Pacific. After a day of this, David and I returned to our hotel room and were mystified by red patches that had appeared on our faces. We thought at first that we were having an allergic reaction to the hotel's soap until we figured out that it was (doh!) a sunburn. In December! This really isn't Wisconsin.

After dark there is plenty to do every night of the week, with everything from friendly neighborhood bars in the Castro like Harvey's, which has a trivia contest every Monday night (quick: What was the 80's hit by Quarterflash?), to big dance clubs like Club Universe. Unfortunately, a lot of the city's bars and clubs outside of the Castro are located in the usual deserted and treacherous neighborhoods, but a notable exception is Eros, which is what it sounds like and is a short walk from the Castro and one block from the Church St. Muni station. For more details on plenty of bars, clubs, restaurants and other places for women and men, check local publications like San Francisco Frontiers and the San Francisco Bay Times.

Maybe my first paranoid instincts were correct and San Francisco will be hit by another major earthquake. But even if it does, this is a city that has been through it before and not only recovered, but became a truly world-class city. Visiting San Francisco can only make you wonder why the rest of America's cities, which after all are built in places that aren't going to fall into the ocean, aren't nearly as beautiful, interesting and cosmopolitan as this one. ▼



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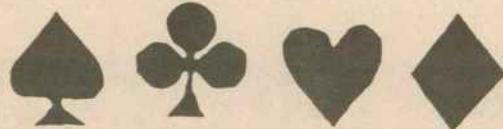
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ROBERT'S RULES

State of Mass Hysteria

by Shelly Roberts

You gotta love Utah. Several years ago, Salt Lake City banned ALL non-curricular student clubs, because some students wanted to form ONE gay-straight alliance support group. Obviously better to have all the kids sitting at home quilting, which, as we know, is THE most likely activity for non-otherwise-occupied adolescents, than to entertain the barest possibility that teens might be a few light years ahead of their elders in entertaining the barest glimmer that an alliance between "gay" and "straight" might be of some benefit to both.

Add to that a recently reported incident where a 13-year-old at a school gathering in Provo, Utah called for "all gays to be hung and all lesbians burned at the stake." (Hmmm. I wonder where an idea like that might have been birthed? Can we say "At home!", Boys and Girls? Can we say "Mormon Church" Class? Can we say "Eagle Forum" or "Promise Keepers" or "Fercryskate, at least join the Twentieth Century if not the Twenty-first!" Students?)

Utah. This is a State of Anachrony. It would still prefer, I think, that a man be legally able to own more than one wife. Laws are professed openly to be "divinely inspired" (like Utah had a particular corner on this market). And there is probably an undercurrent initiative toiling and troubling somewhere in a back county to bring back good old-fashioned stoning. Yee ha!

And now there's Wendy Weaver.

For those of you who haven't been paying much attention, which lately I think includes most of us, browsing for horoscopes, affinity roommates, and to find out if, when, and where there's going to be a dance, here's the back story:

Wendy Weaver is a pretty good high school psychology and gym teacher. (GYM teacher. Is the picture getting any clearer?) She's been doing it for nearly a couple of decades. Her teams win metal. And she was even selected as Teacher of the Year once. But, as the story goes, all too often, Wendy left Ol' What'sname, her husband, and took up with another (gasp) woman. It's a story we've mostly all heard a billion or two times in the last decade.

Except. Wendy lives and tries to work in the Sorry State of Utah. Mormon fundamentalist heaven. So, as you would expect, Wendy got sanctioned. And fired from her coaching job in spite of four state titles. Not only the usual drivel about "role model-

ing of negative conduct for children," and "immoral, illegal and unhealthy sexual activities outside of marriage" (as though immoral, illegal and unhealthy sexual activities INSIDE of marriage would be OK), but a gag order. Ms. Weaver was enjoined from talking about her affinity inside and outside the classroom. The district told Weaver "not to make comments, announcements or statements regarding your homosexual orientation or lifestyle," threatening that if she did, it "may jeopardize her job and be cause for termination."

Naturally, she is suing. Some tiny little civil rights thing about free speech. All of which is to be duly adjudicated and none of it unexpected.

But now we get to the point that has me totally tickled, but not tickling off Utah on my triptic of immediate relocation destinations.

Taking a chapter from the "If the gays want in, let's close everybody down!" book of high school demeanor, (sic) one moral-minded citizen (sick) is proposing legislation to rescind compulsory education throughout the state. That's right. If you don't like school, you don't have to go! That way NO ONE has to go to school with those queers. Or anyone else!! That'll show her, all right.

If you don't want your kid to be in a school where there might be homosexuality mentioned, discussed, or, heaven forefend, present, why, you should just, by gumption, have the right to not have your kid go to any school at all. Apparently that makes perfect sense. In Utah logic.

Although... hmmm. Maybe there actually is a good thought in there somewhere. What if we all decided to just quit teaching. We know that if the gay teachers, and the allies of gay teachers just upped and outted the system one day, there'd be practically nobody left to consume the tomato-beef-corn casserole in the cafeteria. And they'd be hard pressed to find enough replacements willing to put life and limb at risk for the paltry pittances it pays. We could just stop teaching their kids. Maybe set up separate-but-superior schools for ourselves and just start concentrating on our own children.

You'll have to excuse me, I have to go phone my travel agent and make sure that she never schedules a flight of mine through Utah airspace. They might try to shoot down the plane with bows and arrows. Or, more likely, blunderbusses.

What do they call Bubba's in Utah? "Morons" would be my best guess.

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Jan. 14 through Jan. 29, 1999

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, January 15

SAGE/Milwaukee - New Location & Times (Milwaukee): Most SAGE/Milwaukee events will be held at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., on Friday evenings. The Men's Discussion Group meeting has an Open Topic tonight. The meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2, Beer Bust \$1, Tap beer \$0.50.

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer Busts hosted each week by various groups. Check your monthly planner. \$4.25 pitchers all night. Holding Cell opens at 6 p.m. Dominic DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

Club 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison, WI): Open 1/2 hour before Packer games! \$5 Miller Lite Beer Bash in Club 5 & the Barracks from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday Drag shows or Karaoke in Club 5/Planet Q at 10 p.m. with DJ & dancing to follow.

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$4 Packer Beer Bust by MGD and Miller Lite, Packer touchdown shots, FREE hot dogs & snacks! (Open 1 hour before televised games. \$4 up to the start of the 3rd quarter, then \$6 all night. Packer bust participants: 25 cents per mug after the game)

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

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Join them on Packer Sundays for brunch. Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Levi/Leather Dance Bar. Bartender's Specials from 8 p.m. to close

Naples Lounge (Green Bay, WI): \$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, WI): Open for breakfast 1 hour before Packer Games. \$2 Screwdrivers & Bloody Marys. Free shot with every Packer TD! \$6 Beer Bash from 60 to 10 p.m. Period Drag Shows!

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Beer Bust (top beer \$6) 3 to 8 p.m. \$8 rail mixers, \$10 call mixers, \$2 dbl. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers all night.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Shirtless Sundays. Half-price tap & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

The Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special! DJ Eddie.

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Open 30 minutes prior to Packer games of 4 p.m. Beer Bust to 8 p.m. Free shots for Packer scores.

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

Mondays:

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

Club 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50 and under. Drinks over \$3.50 are \$1 off from 4 p.m. to close. Shots of Hot Sex \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. DJ & Dancing begin at 10 p.m.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

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.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Margarita Mondays! \$2 - 8 p.m. to midnight.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed until March 1999.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$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!

The Klosar (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. After 7 p.m. It's Guy's Night Out! \$1.75 well drinks, \$2.25 call drinks, \$1 Special Ex, and 50¢ Pabst on tap.

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

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay, WI): 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, WI): 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, WI): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 7 p.m. Pull tabs 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.80. 9 p.m. to close.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

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.

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

Tuesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks

up to \$3.50 and under, plus Spin the Happy Hour Wheel to win beer bash, free drinks, fish fry & more. Customer Appreciation Day. Free taps of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only \$1. 9 p.m. taps of Lite, domestic bottles of beer & rail drinks are \$1.25. Price goes up 25 cents every half hour until 11 p.m. From then to close taps of Lite, rail & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) 2-4-1 Happy Hour 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on all drinks \$3.50 and under. All other drinks are \$1 off. Customer Appreciation Day. Free taps of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only \$1. 9 p.m. taps of Lite, domestic bottles of beer & rail drinks are \$1.25. Price goes up 25 cents every half hour until 11 p.m. From then to close taps of Lite, rail & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

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

Dish (Milwaukee): Closed

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1.70 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75.

The Klosar (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$1 shots (Liqueur or Schnapps) and 75¢ taps. Starting at 8 p.m. Karaoke with Pam!

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

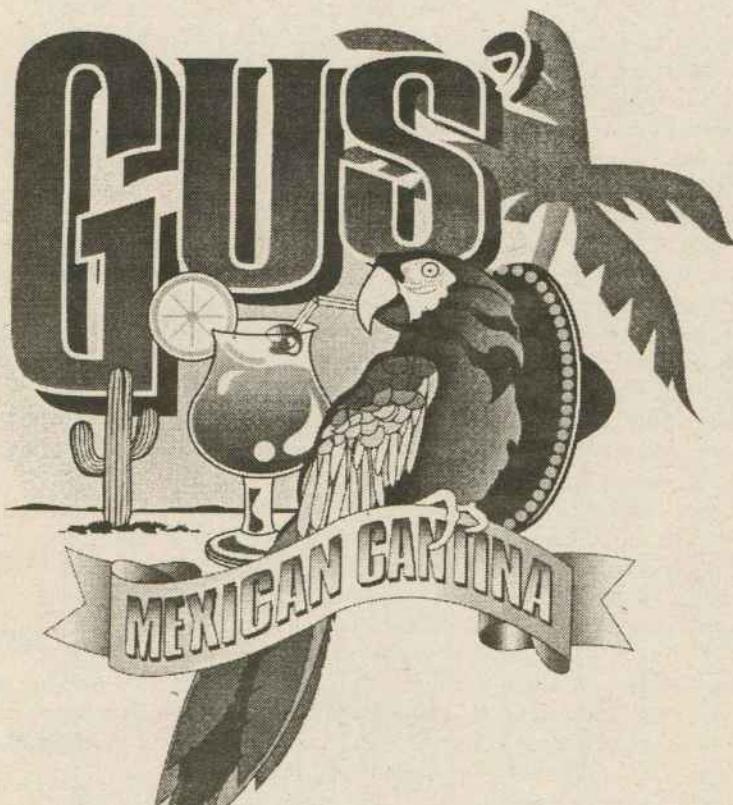
Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Levi/Leather. Open 8 p.m. Free pool. \$4 pitchers of domestic beer.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay, WI): 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, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1 Lite taps from 9 p.m. to close Karachi from 8:30

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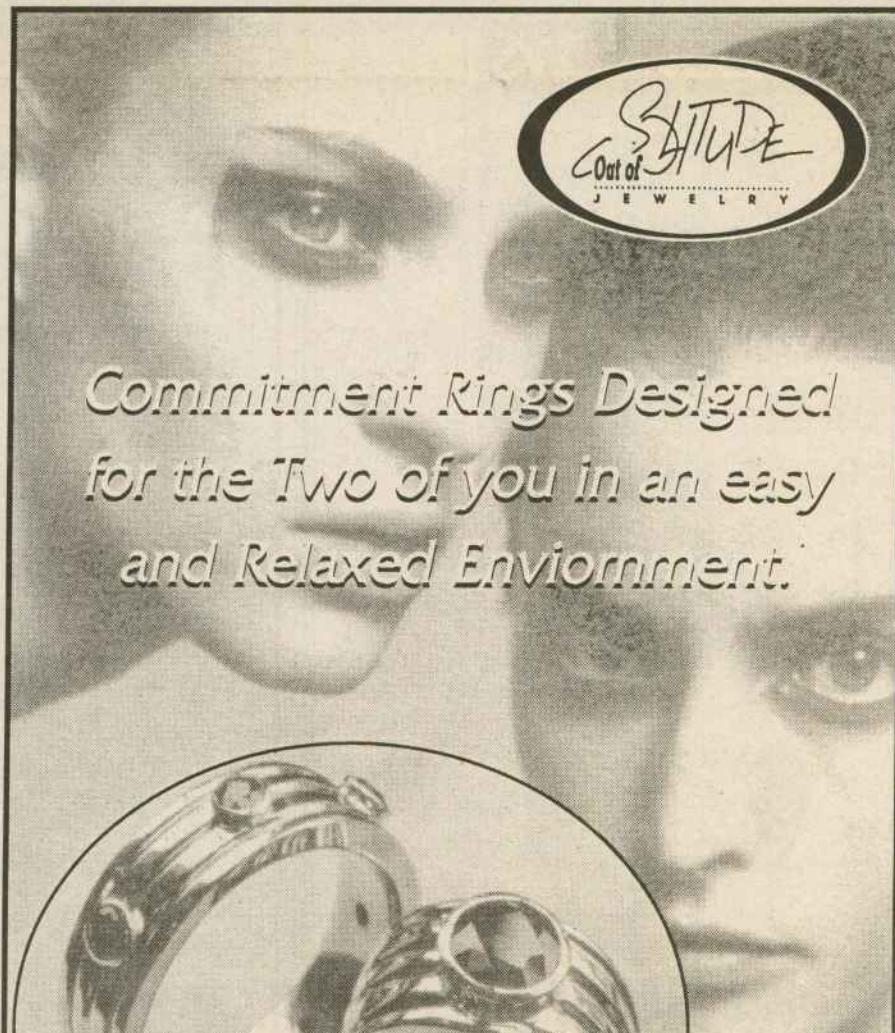
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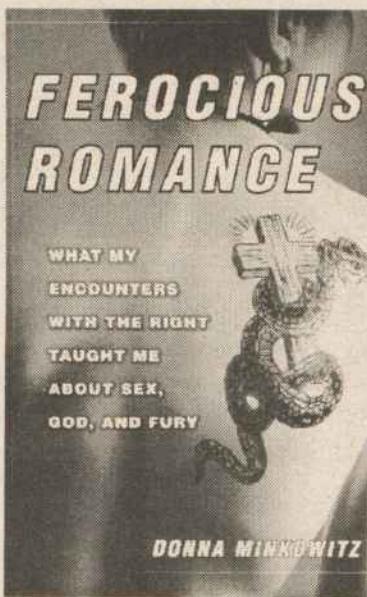
Ferocious Romance: What My Encounters With The Right Taught Me About Sex, God, and Fury

By Donna Minkowitz

While she explores the "other side," Donna Minkowitz comes face to face with some of her worst enemies during the two years she spends pursuing the religious right. What she discovers, along with empathy for these anti-gay crusaders, antifeminist zealots and born-again believers she has opposed for years, is her own dark side as a practicing S/M lesbian.

As we go along with her to these events, we get her reactions to the laying on of hands at the outrageously ecstatic church services of the Toronto to Airport Christian Fellowship. We go to a Promise Keepers meeting in the St. Petersburg, Florida Thunderdome (she sneaks in disguised as a 16-year old boy), and with her to the most recent Promise Keepers meeting in Washington DC, as herself.

There are interviews with executives of Focus on the Family and we sit right there at the table with her as she talks with an ex-gay twit who works for this group. She says she feels, "divine grace--as an incalculable gift from Somewhere--that I



have gotten to tell these men my anger in person ... not two thousand miles away from [them], in published writing."

In the final chapter she attends Grace N' Vessels, a Christian Beauty-makeover session run by Total Woman Ministries. It takes place in "one of those trailer-ish prefabricated buildings [that] are chosen by more and more right-wing churches in these 'End Times' days . . ." Minkowitz says that Total Woman's notice stated that it was, "designed to equip women: spirit, body & soul." The notice also showed "before-and-after photos of the women whose skin, clothes and hair

had been restyled for the Lord." There were lots of Mall hairdos and turquoise eyeshadow. And--wait 'till you get a load of "Grace," the belching dominatrix who is the head of this church.

Along the way, the author compares the goings-on of these, "by now, intimate enemies and their ecstasies, with her own feelings of sex, joy, wildness, beauty and freedom." She attends the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1987, and the flagellation and flogging workshops at the Marketplace of the International S/M Leather Fetish Celebration in June of 1994 during the Stonewall Celebration in New York City. Minkowitz comes to realize that religious ecstasy and sexual ecstasy have far more in common than the adherents of either usually realize. She says, "For the evangelical right and the gay and lesbian left, such ecstasy is imbued with the magic power to transcend all the evils of life."

For a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon read and an understanding of where the religious right is coming from, I suggest you take a glance at this author's tongue-in-cheek look at herself and the opponents she has come to understand. She discovers that neither she nor they have been getting what they're looking for. (The Free Press, ISBN: 0-684-83322-0, \$24 HC).

ART Review

All That Glitters

First off, let's state the obvious. The Mariko Mori show at Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art is campy, fun, a visual tour-de-force, and guaranteed to elicit gasps of wonderment from its viewers. Second, let's say that a Funjet to Las Vegas, with a ticket to see Siegfried and Roy, is also campy, fun, and wondrous. Watching a pair of queens prance around the stage with a troupe of white tigers may be great entertainment, but it ain't art.

Mariko Mori is a former Japanese fashion model, now posing as an artist in New York City. She first came to the attention of the international art world with works such as *Play with Me* a large scale photograph from 1994. It depicts Mori standing outside a Tokyo video arcade, sporting immense blue hair and a space-age suit. The costume makes its creator look like a cross between Barbarella and Geisha Girl Barbie.

With great sincerity a museum placard tells us that Mori's work from this period "questions the traditional role of women in Japanese society and suggests future possibilities for women." Hmmm. Future possibilities for women, huh? All I get from this work is that bimbettes of the future will have some nifty new outfits. The photographs are fun, but not exactly a strong statement for women's lib.

To be fair, the level of technical expertise in this show is at times awe-inspiring. In a museum world that too often exhibits heaps of literal garbage coupled to mounds of artspeak bullshit (something on the order of "the artist's concern for meanings of refuse as applied in the context of urban environmental continuums") it's always refreshing to see contemporary art that demonstrates somebody's ability to actually, skillfully, handle materials.

The problem with the Mariko Mori show is, just who is this somebody? Mori, who inherited a not too small fortune from her father (an inventor in the fiber-optic revolution), spends enormous amounts of money on her art. She employs a small army of costume fabricators, make-up artists, audio and visual technicians, videographers, and computer experts. Placing herself squarely at center stage, Mori seeks

desperately to emulate Cindy Sherman. But, unlike self-portraitists such as Sherman, Frida Kahlo, or Gilbert and George, Mori's work never transcends self-absorption to deal with universal human themes. Rather, she succeeds only in revealing a lust for fame. One suspects that Mori is not so much an artist, but rather, the pre-fab Spice Girl of the artworld.

A case in point is the mammoth *Empty Dream*, which depicts Mori as mermaid on the fake sand beach of an indoor pool. Indeed, everything in this image is fake. Men stand in high-camp pink inner tubes next to mechanically generated waves beneath a billboard sky. Mori is seen in mermaid costume lounging in various places throughout this scene. The computer wizardry that produces these multiple images is not necessarily Mori's own. The piece unfortunately epitomizes the duplicitous new world of fauxtography. *Empty Dream* might have been more appropriately titled * Vacuous Nightmare *.

The exhibit culminates in the three part installation titled *Nirvana*. Part one of this extravaganza consists of wall-size representations of the traditional four elements of existence: earth, wind, fire, and water. Any one of these images could have made excellent cover art for a Pink Floyd album, if Mori hadn't insisted on plastering her own image smack-dab in the middle of each. Part two of this installation is a 3-D video complete with cute little blue smurfs that surround Mori as she moves mystically to the tune of her very own theme-song. Part three is a lotus shaped sculpture illuminated with sunlight piped in through the museum's roof. Dad was an inventor of fiber-optic technology, remember?

We are suppose to cut through all this glitz to find a vibrant spiritual quest. Sort of like looking for Buddhist enlightenment while high on acid in Times Square. An ever-helpful museum placard informs us that Mariko Mori "paradoxically combines intensely personal spiritual reflection and the spectacle of today's mass media." Gee whiz. And here I thought she was just a poor little rich girl creating billboard advertisements of grotesque self-indulgence.

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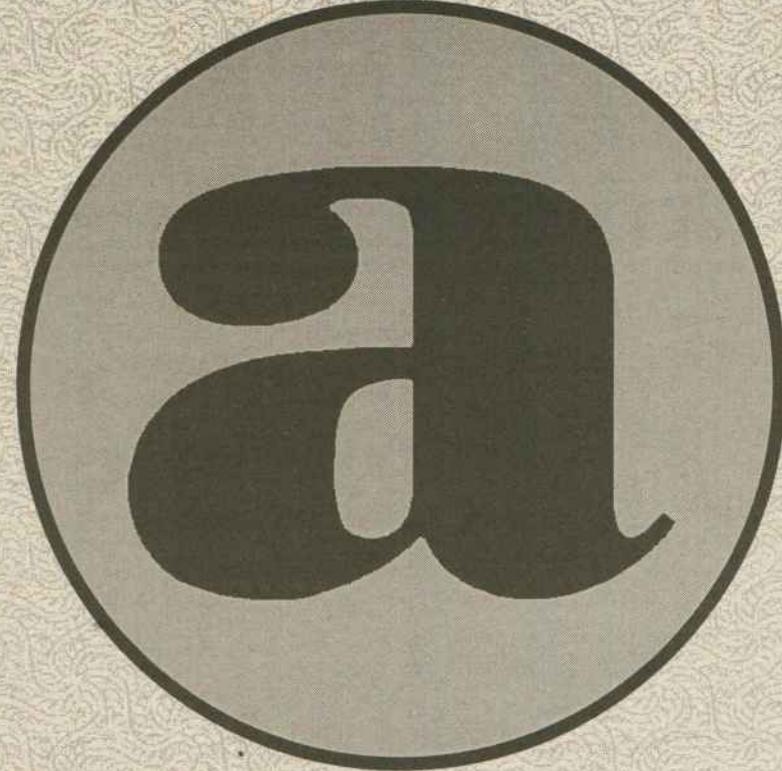
Mariko Mori is on view in Chicago at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 East Chicago Avenue, through March 14th, 1999.

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The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.90 top-shelf, \$1.80 rail drinks from 9 p.m. to close.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire, WI): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): Snack Night! Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close pints of Lite \$2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or Doctors \$1.50

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

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on drinks \$3.50 & under. All other drinks are \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close pints of Lite \$2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or Doctors \$1.50. Korachi Night from 8 to 11 p.m. with free drink if you win and bar tab awarded to best singer of the night. DJ & dancing follow.

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

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

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

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

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Miller Time! \$1 taps, \$1.25 bottles of Miller brands. DJ Eddie.

Naples Lounge (Green Bay, WI): 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): Karachi! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens. Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Pints of Lite are \$2 from 9 p.m. to close. Free Pizza. Every other pool game is free with drink purchase.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails open to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Tappers \$1. Captain Morgans \$1.50.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Tap beer Special Export 80¢ a glass. 9 p.m. to closing.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

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, wine & soda).

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

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

Thursdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour plus the Happy Hour wheel from 4 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m. All whiskey drinks (rail, Jim Beam, Jack Daniels etc) are 50¢ off. Pitchers of Lite \$4 for small & \$5 for large. Shots of Doctor \$2.

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 & under. \$1 off all other drinks from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. All whiskey drinks (rail, Jim Beam, Jack Daniels etc) are 50¢ off. Pitchers of Lite \$4 for small & \$5 for large. Shots of Doctor \$2. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

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): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$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!

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Tex-Mex Night! \$1.50 bottles of Corona.

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Blue Moon steins are \$2 from 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 8 p.m. 75¢ tops from 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Beer, wine & rail. 2-4-1 all night!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$1.80 rail drinks 9 p.m. to close.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

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

The Trading Company (Eau Claire, WI): 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): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m. Specialty Beer Night (Sam Adams, Corona, Becks, Rolling Rock & More). \$1.50 a bottle from 8 p.m. to close.

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

Fridays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 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.

Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Check your Monthly Planner. \$100

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drawings. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Club Night. Chicago's Leather and S&M Clubs welcome. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. All other drinks are \$1 off from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

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'.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN \$5 cash & prizes. DJ at 10 p.m. with the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

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

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

The Closet (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. DJ spinning the hits starting at 8 p.m. \$1.50 bottles and \$1 shots (Liquor and Schnapps).

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

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight. Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. 2-4-1 mixed drinks from 8 to 10 p.m. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour! Fish Fry \$6.95. DJ (p.m. to close. Men's Room Bar on 2nd floor open at 9 p.m. Movies - Pool - Darts!

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): \$1 domestic bottles 9 p.m. to close.

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 7 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Dr. McGillicuddy \$1.50, Pumpkin Pie \$1.

Ballgame (Milwaukee): Cocktail hour from 2 to 9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

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

The Trading Company (Eau Claire, WI): 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, WI): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off every drink for proper L/L/Uniform attire. 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all drinks over \$3.50, plus spin the Happy Hour Wheel from 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot 'til 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bane DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Drawings for Eagle Leather all night. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks from 4 to 8 p.m.

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

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, WI): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry

Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Bartender's Special from 8 p.m. to close. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced.

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): \$2 Lite pints from 4 to 8 p.m. Men's Room Bar on 2nd floor 9 p.m. to close. Movies - Pool - Darts!

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Hot Sex \$1.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer \$0.50 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Badger Game Day. Free shots for Badger scores.

BAR EVENTS:

Friday, January 15

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miss Gay Rockford Pageant! It's all happening in the second floor lounge.

Sunday, January 17

This Is It! - (Milwaukee): Sylvain, a keyboardist & vocalist will appear every Sunday at 8 p.m. with his Lounge Nouveau Act.

Friday, January 22

Milwaukee Eagle - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Thursday, January 14

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

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

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

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sored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served & transportation assistance is available. FMI & location call (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

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

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

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

Friday, January 15

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

High Tea & Talk - Senior Men's Group (Madison, WI): High Tea & Talk is an organization-free (no long associated with SAGE/Dane) opportunity for senior men, and their friends of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men on Friday afternoons. The group meets at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Ave, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible.

MGLO & MGLO - Red Light Night (Marshfield, WI): Come every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to Marshfield's #1 spot at 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Come and meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Carry-in Alcohol accepted. FMI call Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. This is an opportunity for all men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

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

Latino Arts Presents - Friday Night Perlas (Milwaukee): These gatherings take place in the Cafe El Sol at the United Community Center, 1028 S. 9th St. from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and include presentations of dance, music and an accompanying fish fry for \$7.95. Tonight: Canciones Soico-politicas de Latino America. FMI call (414) 384-3100.

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison, WI): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-F and F-M), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI (608) 255-4927.

Saturday, January 16

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison, WI): This group meets from 10 a.m. to noon at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Ave. in K6/Rm. 280, 2nd floor. FMI call (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6276.

G/L/B AA - Open Meeting (Madison, WI): This meeting takes place every Saturday at 6 p.m. at OutReach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Integrity/Dignity - Religious (Madison, WI): Eucharist & social hour at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave.

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

Sunday, January 17

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

James Reeb UU Church - Worship Service (Madison, WI): Services are from 10 to 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI call (608) 242-8887.

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

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

Monday Nite Irregulars Bowling Standings

Standings as Thru Jan. 4, 1999

1. M&M Club
2. This Is It
3. La Perla
4. Seamen From Docks
5. JoAnne Worley
6. MCC Church
7. Harvey's Ballbangers
8. We're Not 20
9. SWS Ball Boys
10. Betty Ford
11. Designing Men
12. Fluid
13. Barbie Dolls Playhouse
14. Boot Camp
15. I Don't Know
16. Club 219

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

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

Monday, January 18

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton, WI): 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 call Irene (920) 722-7572, Bernie (920) 982-0220, or Harriet (920) 749-1629.

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

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

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

Tuesday, January 19

Boyz Nite - ARCW - (Milwaukee): The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Assemble Safer Sex kits and other prevention materials. It's a place to hang out with other gay men and just dish. Movie night is on the first Tuesday of each month. All ages welcome.

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

LGB Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Men's Social Group (Madison, WI): This social group for ages 18 to 25 meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 406 W. Gilman St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 20

CAIR - CME Program (Milwaukee): PRISON HEALTH—AN INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE with Alan Berkham MD at 3 p.m. in the conference room at 2017 N. Summit Ave. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

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

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

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

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

Queer Chicks - Social Group (Madison, WI): This group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

Friday, January 22

HIV/AIDS Retreat - Spiritual Weekend (DePere, WI): WELLSPRINGS OF HOPE, a Spiritual Retreat sponsored by Renaissance Healing Arts Center of Green Bay and AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin takes place at St. Norbert Abbey. The weekend is \$95 and includes materials, meals and lodging. FMI call Patti Bilotto at RHAC (920) 437-HEAL.

Saturday, January 23

Integrity/Dignity - Religious (Madison, WI): Liturgy is held at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave.

Tuesday, January 26

UWM LGBT Campus Center - Kickoff! (Madison, WI): The Spring semester kickoff welcomes the LGBT Center to its NEW HOME on the 2nd floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Longdon St. There will be pizza & refreshments from 7 to 9 p.m. FMI call (608) 265-3344. Wednesday, January 27

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Sunday, January 17

WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Lesbian Radio (Madison, WI): A weekly show titled HER TURN: Women's news and information by and about women, airs from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by HER INFINITE VARIETY: Women in Music from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All genres and styles. Interviews, live guests and announcements for the Womyn's community. FMI call (608) 256-2001.

Wednesday, January 20

WORT, 89.9 FM - G/L Radio (Madison): This is a weekly lineup: QUERY, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and THIS WAY OUT from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Friday, January 22

SAGE/Milwaukee - Classic Film (Milwaukee): THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY, a film adapted from a book by Oscar Wilde, will be shown at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. This screening is open to all members of the LGBT community, not just SAGE members. Come and bring a guest. It is related to the opera of the same name that is being presented by the Florentine Opera Company, and will have its American premiere on 2/5, 6, & 7.

Saturday, January 23

Madison Gay Video Club - (Madison, WI): HAPPY TOGETHER, BASIC PLUMBING & FEVER will be shown starting at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Monday, January 25

MIAD - Free Film (Milwaukee): The Future in Film series presents ALPHAVILLE at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Thursday, January 14

John Michael Kohler Arts Center - Current Installation (Sheboygan, WI): The JMK Arts Center presents the third in a series of site-specific installations commissioned to parallel the Center's expansion. Utah artists Amie McNeal & Kaiti Slater explore how the body experiences layers, alignments and vantage points in a particular space. Runs through 1/17 in the Main Gallery. FMI call (920) 458-6144.

Friday, January 15

Gallery 218 - Artist Reception (Milwaukee): Gallery 218 will have a reception for an exhibition titled THE BODY from 7 to 10 p.m. FMI call their new number (414) 270-1043.

Michael H. Lord Gallery - Photography (Milwaukee): Located in the Historic Pfister Hotel, the photography gallery is featuring works by Jon Groover, John Dugdale, Masatomo Kuriya, Rudolph Kpoitz, J.P. Atterberry, Danny Lyon, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Andy Warhol, Steven Sellers and Ruth Orkin. FMI call (414) 272-1007.

UWM INOVA - Gallery Three (Milwaukee): LANE HALL & LISA MOLINE explore a wide array of print technologies. For this installation they have created wall sized prints transforming the space into an enveloping environment. The exhibit will be up through 2/27/99. Gallery Three is located at 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI call (414) 229-6516.

Sunday, January 17

Alfonso Galleries - Multi-Media Exhibit (St. Francis, WI): This gallery run by the School Sisters of St. Francis will feature Sy Kops & students with a multi-media exhibit through 2/28/99. FMI call (414) 384-4105.

Sunday, January 23

Alverno College - Religious Exhibit (Milwaukee): Works by the late Sister Helena Steffens-miere, O.S.F will be shown in an exhibit called PERSONAL VISION-SPiritUAL COMMITMENT in the Arts & Cultures Gallery, 3401 S. 39th St., through 2/19/99. There will be a reception on 1/30/99 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 382-6149.

THEATER ARTS:

Thursday, January 14

Madison Rep - Current Production (Madison, WI): LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR & GRILL runs through 1/30. FMI call (608) 256-0029.

Milwaukee Rep - Current Show (Milwaukee): PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE, Steve Martin's award winning comedy will run through 2/14 in the Quadracci Powerhouse Theater. FMI call (414) 224-9490.

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra - Classic Music (Milwaukee): BRAHMS DOUBLE CONCERTO will be performed by Principal Cellist Kim Scholes and Concertmaster Frank Almond at 7:30 p.m. Performances of Elgar's ENIGMA VARIATIONS & Takemitsu's REQUIEM FOR STRINGS will also be heard. Performed on 1/15 & 16 at 8 p.m. FMI and tickets call (414) 273-7206.

Friday, January 15

Broom Street Theater - Opening Night (Madison, WI): STIFFIE, a comedy about sexual addiction, will open at 8 p.m. and run through 2/21, at 1119 Williamson St. Tickets are \$7 at the door only. FMI call (608) 244-8338.

Danceworks - Swing Workshops (Milwaukee): There will be two extensive workshops, one held today and one held on Friday, 1/22. Both workshops will be held from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 481-2010

Monday, January 18

Next Act Theater - Auditions (Milwaukee): Equity auditions from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Broadway Theater Center. Non-Equity auditions on 1/19 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. You should have made reservations for both of these events by 1/4/99. FMI call (414) 276-8842.

Friday, January 22

Milwaukee Symphony Pops - Tribute to John Williams & The Movies (Milwaukee): All-time musical favorites by the master of the genre at 8 p.m. tonight. You will hear everything from STAR WARS to THE LITTLE MERMAID and BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Performances are repeated on 1/22, 23, & 24. FMI & tickets call (414) 273-7206.

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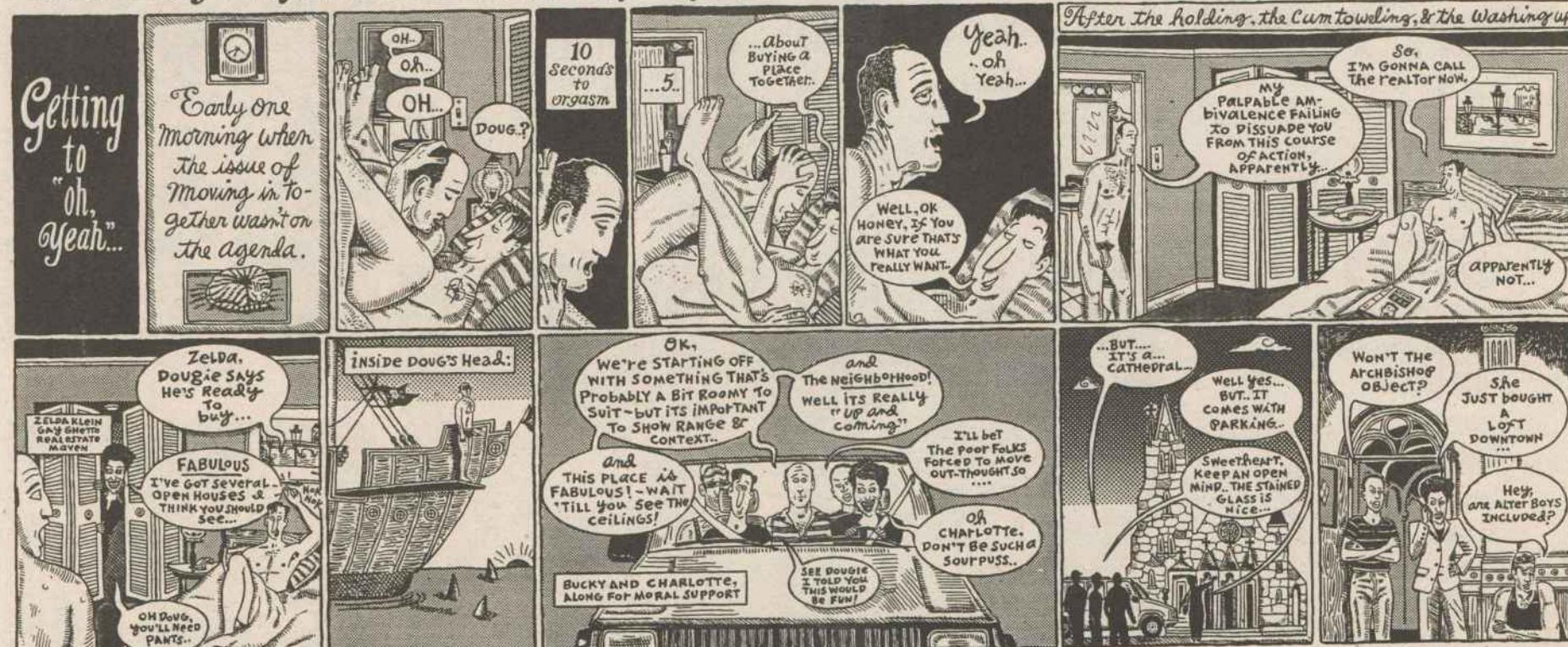


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KEEPIN' IN STEP



Maybe....

by Jamie

The holidays are over and everyone is thinking about the New Year. Maybe I should watch my money, maybe I should lose weight, Maybe I should settle down, maybe I should not drink so much!

Well who cares It's your life and you can do whatever you want.

Right! We all go thought this shit. The same old crap everyone goes through. What can I do, to be a better person? Well, that's easy for some people, but for the rest of us it's a challenge. Why do we feel so compelled to change? HI, we're gay and that's all there is to it!

We all have to cope with it, one aspect or the other. I can't tell my parents, I don't want anyone to know, I might lose my job, WHATEVER!!!

If you can't deal with who you are, you've lost already. If we're going to succeed, we're going to have to work together. We have to establish a common ground. If we can't, then we're no better than anyone else. So work together, and be happy with who you are. We're all the same, and we have the same goal, to be accepted!

This is Josh signing off, Jamie doesn't know I did this. So keep it quiet.

I'll let him finish. I love you Jamie.

The Holidays usually tend to be a bit difficult for me (and many other people). This year turned out to be pretty decent. Our trip to Austin was great. It was just me and Josh. Teresa bailed at the last minute. I don't even want to get started on that subject!

Anyway, it was Josh's first experience



Havin' a ball at Woody's! Photo by Jamie @ Woody's

with airplanes. Right from the start things were all screwed up. Our flight to Austin was canceled because Memphis was hit with an ice storm. Rather than take a chance at missing our flight all together, we took the round about way to Austin. We had to fly to Cleveland Ohio. I'm sorry, but Cleveland is an armpit. If I never have to visit Cleveland again, I'll be a happy man.

We arrived in Austin a day late but we got there. The weather sucked but at least we were able to spend the Holidays with Rick and Cheryl. We spent most of our

In case you haven't heard, it looks as if **Mama Roux** has closed its doors for good. Not sure what's in store for the bar but, I will keep my ears open and let you know if I hear anything.

Meanwhile, in Oshkosh a new gay-friendly club, **Rosie's** opened their doors. From what I hear it is a friendly place!

Not much else going on. I'm glad the holidays are over, I'm a bit burnt out. Until next issue, anyone interested can come over and shovel my driveway and sidewalks... for free of course. Thanks again to Rick and Cheryl for their hospitality and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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ALOHA FROM HAWAII This GM is new to Wisconsin and would like to have fun with you. (Hudson) #21344

SMOOTH, SLENDER GUY GWM, brown/hazel, short, slender and clean-shaven, likes reading dining out, conversation, animals, music and movies. Looking for friendship leading to a long-term relationship. (Madison) #21105

GREETINGS FRIENDS GWM, 6'2", 225 lbs, shoulder length blonde hair, into classical music, jazz, writing and current events. I'm a bottom looking for a long-term relationship with a well-hung top. New to Milwaukee and need companionship. If this sounds interesting, give me a call. (Milwaukee) #21066

CALL ME SOON! WM, 24, 5'10", 130 lbs, black/brown, clean-shaven, looking for someone who's honest, romantic, fun-loving and a top. (Eau Claire) #20900

I'LL BE WAITING GBM, 27, 6'3", 250 lbs, likes having fun. Looking for a SWM, 25-35, for possible relationship. (Madison) #20679

SECOND SHIFT WORKER GWM, early 30s, 5'8", 170 lbs, brown/blue, looking for Men, 21-40, who are available in the mornings or early afternoon for some hot and spicy fun. (Milwaukee) #20671

SERIOUS YET FUN Petite WM, 5'4", 115 lbs, muscular body, likes going out to party and have good time. Looking for a tall, blonde, stable WM, for a relationship. (Madison) #20678

THE ROUGHER, THE BETTER Smooth WM, 6'2", 185 lbs, blonde, looking for a real top who will tell me what to do. (Madison) #10144

DO WHAT I SAY Bi-curious WM, looking for a very oral Man who loves giving pleasure, being spanked and receiving discipline. (Waukesha) #16399

LONELY IN RACINE Looking for someone to hang out with. If this is you and you're interested, leave me a message. (Racine) #19435

MAKE ME SERVE Horny bottom looking for a master to train me and make me service him. Help me define my limits and give me a good working over. (Milwaukee) #10116

COME MEET ME BM, 25, 6', 170 lbs, good shape, looking to meet some people in the area. (Madison) #18826

WEEKEND GETAWAYS Married BiWM, 48, loves the outdoors, fishing, camping and nude beaches. Looking for someone who wants to get together for some fun times. (Wisconsin Dells) #18583

AGE AND RACE OPEN, 40s, enjoys the outdoors, fishing, walks, nature trails, moonlit walks, movies and dining out. Seeking Male for friendship and possible relationship. (Wausau) #18675

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NEED A CHOCOLATE TREAT? Clean cut, hot bottom Black Male, 6', seeks hot Men in the area who enjoys chocolate sundaes. (Milwaukee) #16661

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DO YOU HAVE A LINEBACKERS BUILD? Good-looking, clean shaven Gay Male, 25, 5'8", 160 lbs. Seeks tall Men, under 36, 200 lbs, for fun and friendship. (Milwaukee) #16549

WHAT'S ON YOUR LIST? 23-year-old Gay Male, 5'8", 180 lbs, seeks someone over 23, not into the bar scene, for some discreet get togethers. (Madison) #16313

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DRINK COFFEE? 20-year-old GM, 5'11", 155 lbs, blonde/blue, new to the area. Looking to meet some new people to go out and have some coffee. (Madison) #15180

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NEW TO THE AREA I'm looking to meet Men of all ages and races, who can show me a good time in the area. (Milwaukee) #11039

COLLEGE GRAD I'm a 22 year old, GBM, 5'8", 130 lbs, non-smoker and drinker, not into the bar scene, is looking for a young, attractive, masculine, GB, Hispanic or Italian Male who are 18-33. You must be a non-smoker, HWP, slim. I'm a bottom and you should be a top. (Milwaukee) #10900

I WANT TO HANG OUT I'm new to the area and I want to find someone to hang out with and do things together. (Racine) #1304

MAGIC TOUCH I'm a tall, masculine, 44 year old, White Man, who looks younger. I'm very financially secure and a social drinker. I like water skiing, dinner parties and I am looking for a sincere, in shape Man for friendship and a possible relationship. (LaCrosse) #19703

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ISO GOOD TIMES Young HIV+ GBM, looking for a HIV+ GWM, 25-41, for good times, relationship and maybe more. If interested, leave me a message. (Chicago) #21402

YOUNG AND SMOOTH GWM, 43, looking for young M, 18-21. If you're a slim, hairless, passive bottom, I'd love to hear from you. (Chicago) #21325

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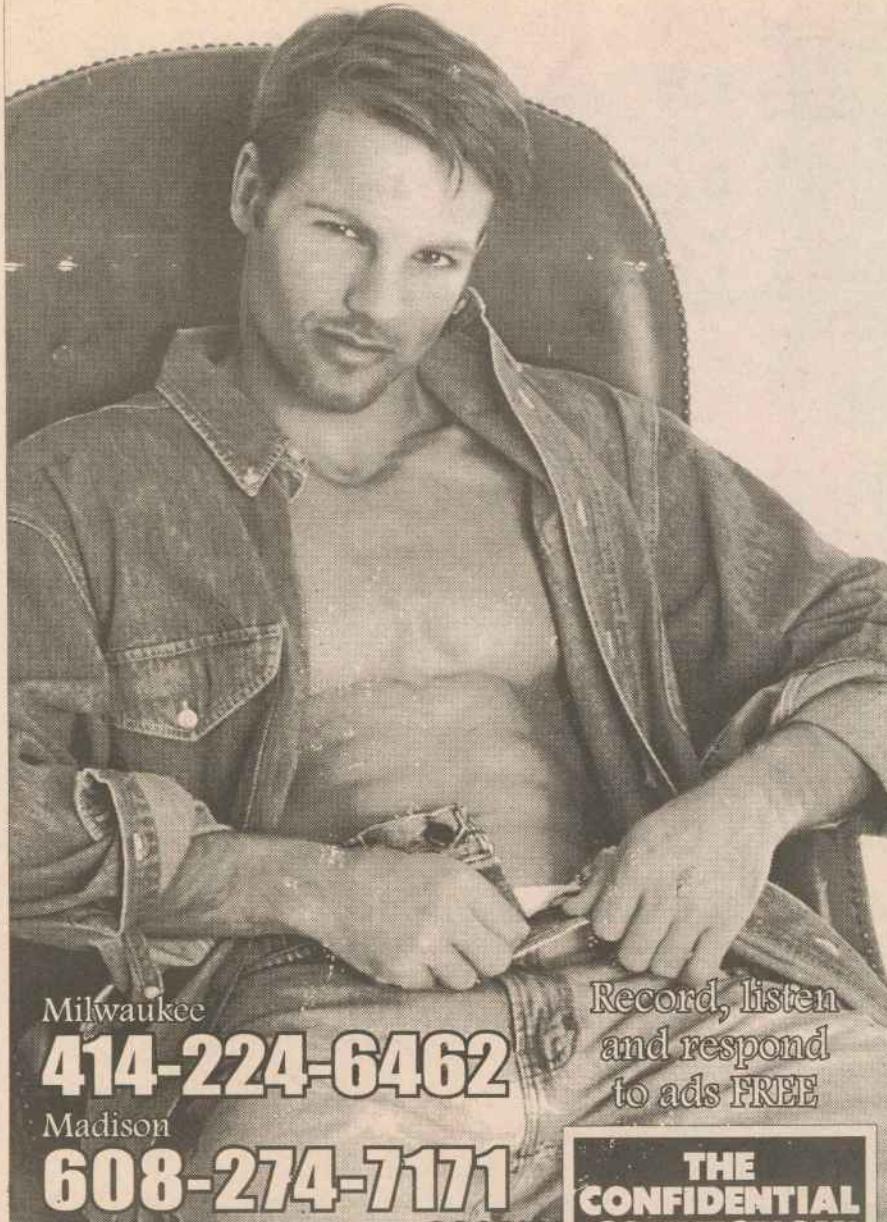
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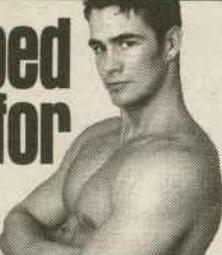
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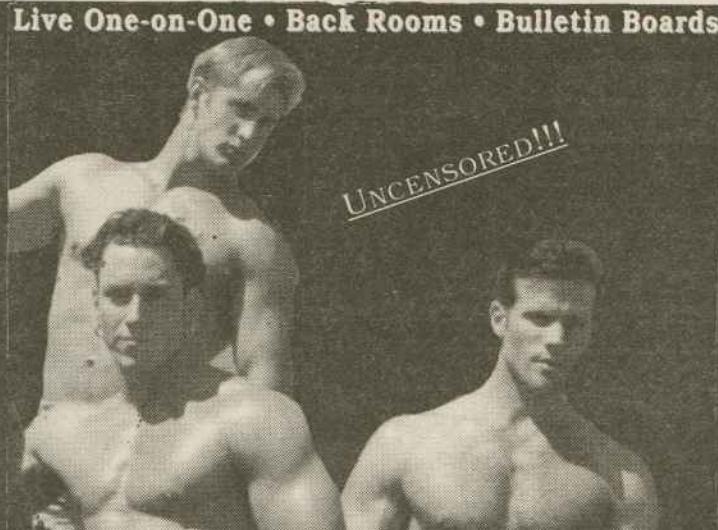
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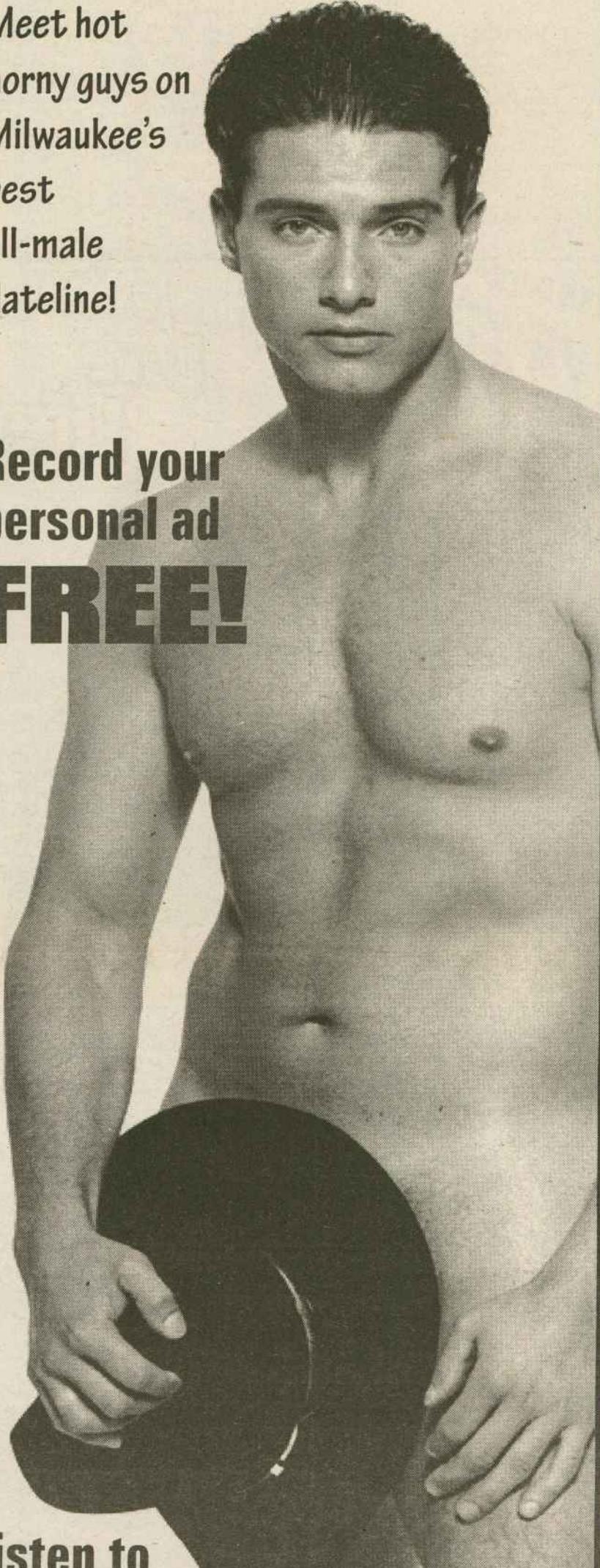
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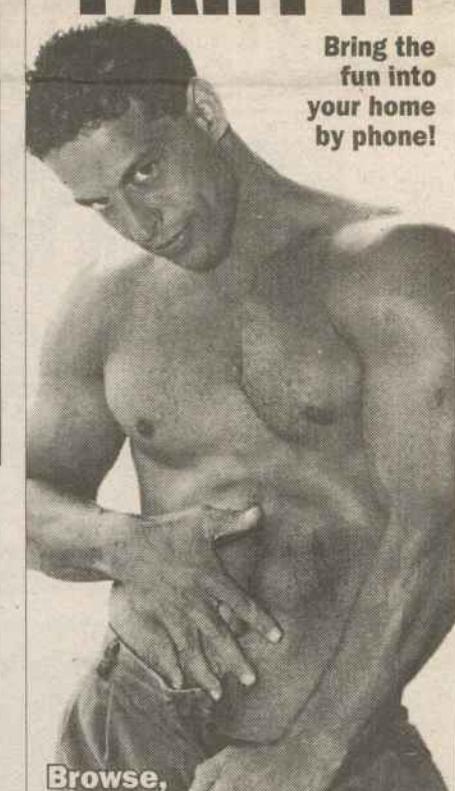
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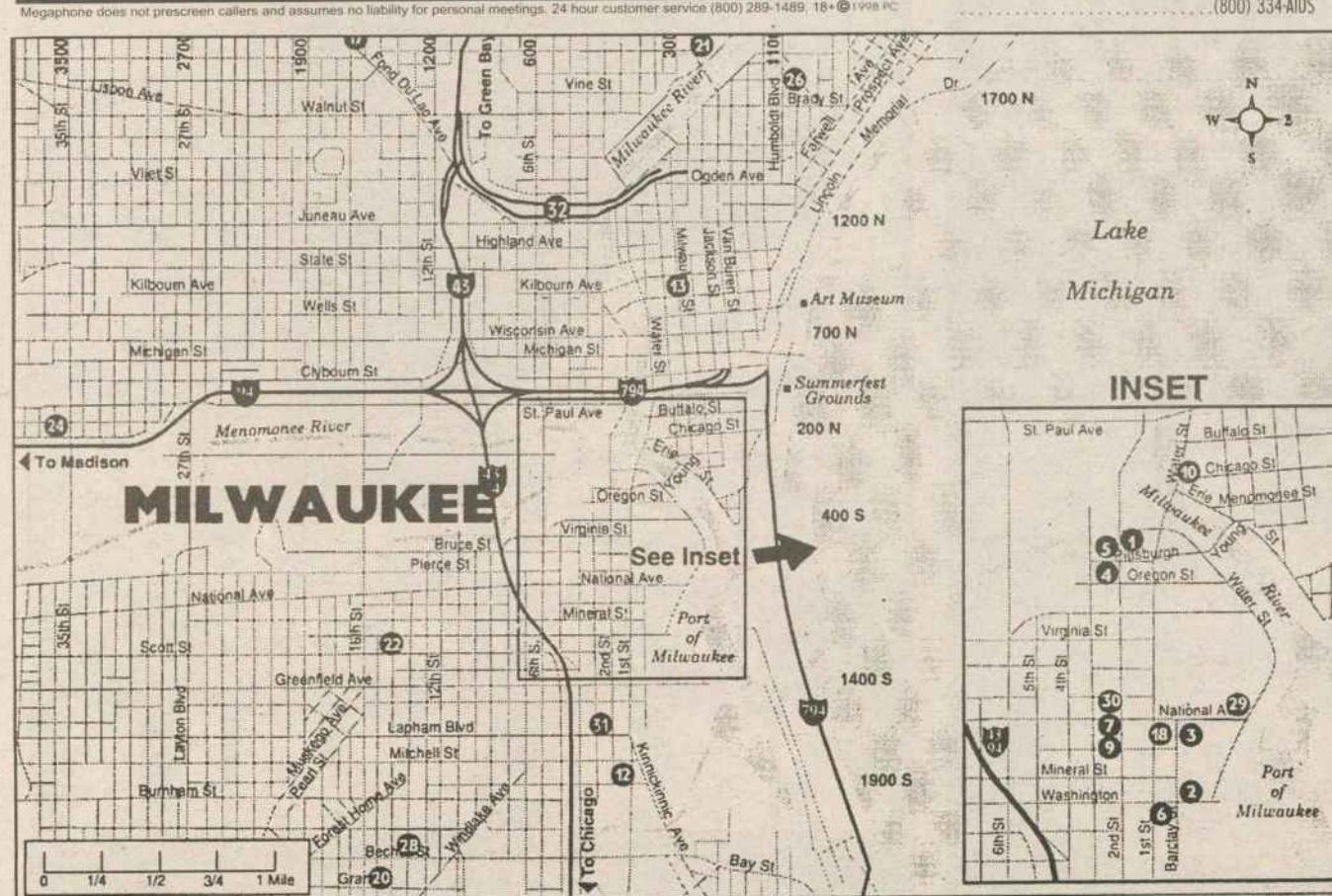
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336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 346-4851

NORTH CENTRAL (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
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of
Gays/Lesbians/Bis 359-7432

Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
PO 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 (Revolving Congregation)
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan 458-4889

RACINE/KENOSHA (414)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140 657-6644
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 Shenandoah 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
UW-Parkside G/L Organization
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141 595-2244
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190 472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie 63-4421
Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168 843-4209

SOUTH CENTRAL (608)

AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)
P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545 756-2550
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast)
11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563 868-6646
Cohen House (B&B)
Mineral Point 987-2612
CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W)
W6642 Hwy 8, Lake Mills 53551 648-8457
The Closet (MW, D)
232 Shirlord Ave., Beloit 54991 363-8764

NORTHWEST (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701 836-7710
(800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior
1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880 394-4009
(877) 242-0282

Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)
PO Box 264, Superior 54880

Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)
PO 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 477-8802

JP Creations (WEB Design)
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., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 722-8585

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)
Greater Chippewa Valley

PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011

Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702 836-7710

Scouter'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)

22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729 723-8490

Lucky Horseshoe (Mw)

3169 N Halsted, Chicago, IL 60657

Male Hide Leathers (Leather Shop)

2816 N Lincoln, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 929-0069

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OH Zone (MW), 1014 Charles St. Rockford, IL 61104 (815) 964-9663

Triangle Coalition (Social/Support Group) iowa2@mwi.net

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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

Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601

Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books)
122 5th Ave S, La Crosse 54601 783-8181

Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance)
800-484-8131

Code 4419, e-mail to pioneerssw@ao.com

PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

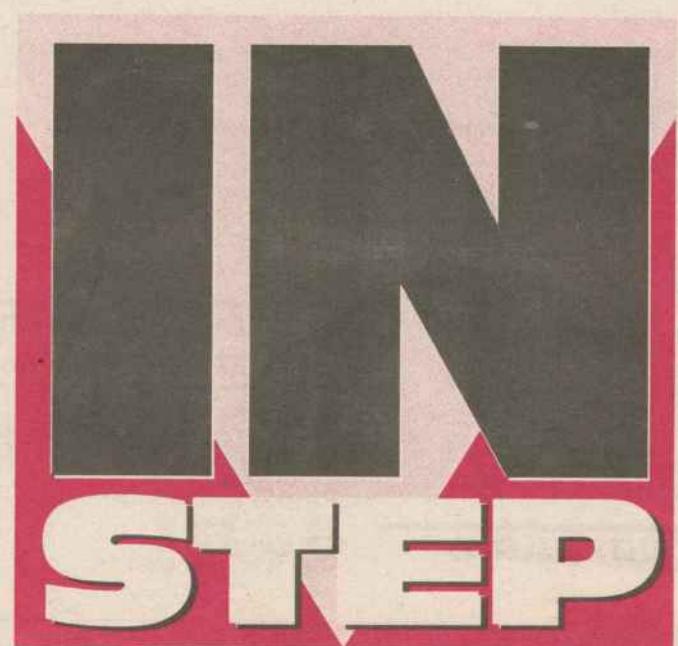
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