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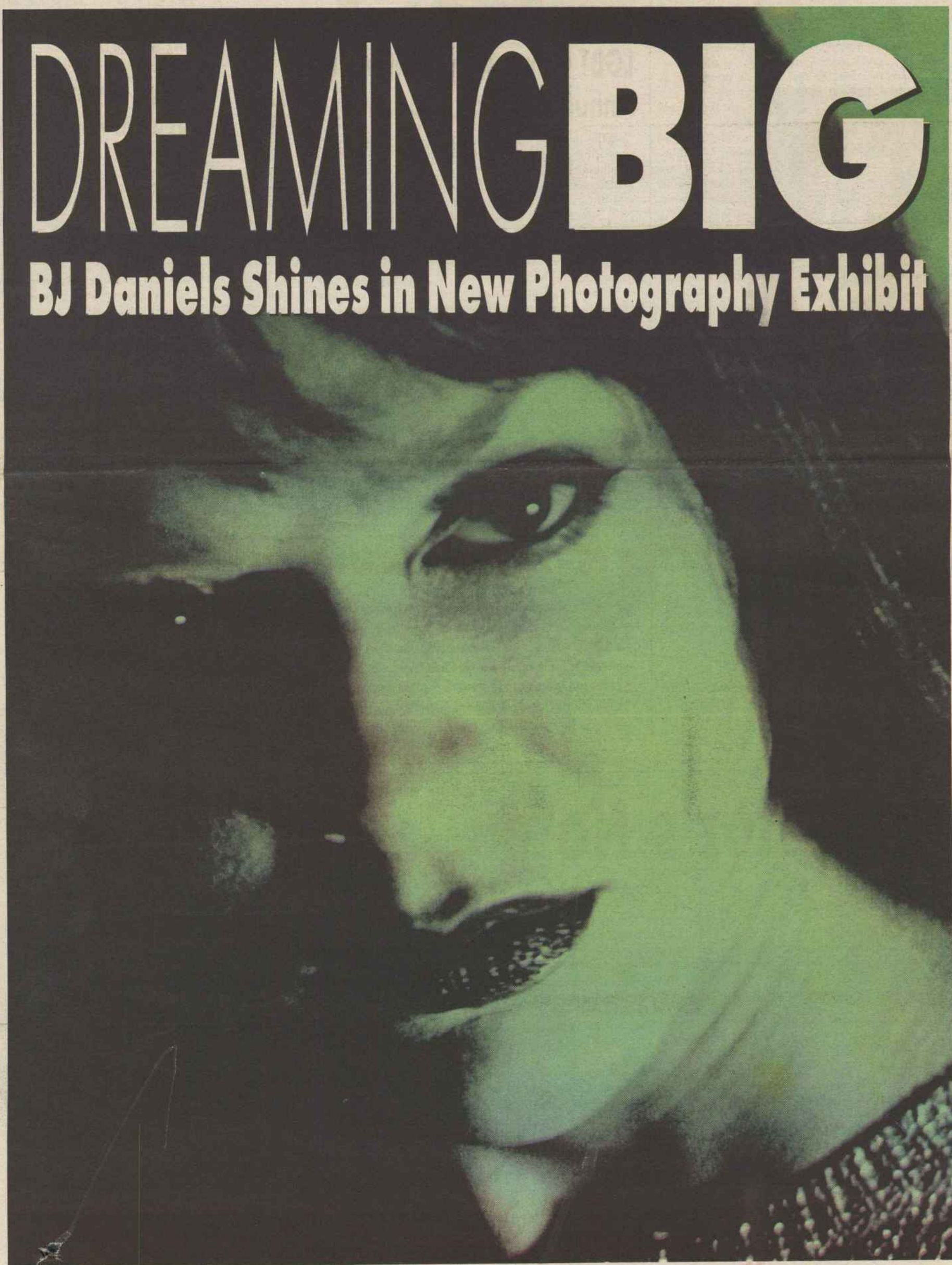
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Clinton's Call For LGBT Rights Meets With Applause

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — In his 1999 State of the Union address to Congress last Tuesday, President Clinton repeated his call for Congress to pass the federal Employment Nondiscrimination Act and the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

Continuing his long commitment to the politically key LGBT constituency, Clinton said, "... discrimination or violence because of ... sexual orientation is



wrong and it ought to be made illegal."

The Employment Nondiscrimination Act (ENDA) would prohibit discrimination in the workplace and in job hiring.

Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis) gave Clinton plaudits for his stand in the address for

LGBT equality, and blasted the lack of these two pieces of federal legislation.

"I am very encouraged that the president chose to use such an important forum as the State of the Union address to call for the passage of hate crimes legislation and ENDA. His emphasis will raise awareness on these crucial civil rights issues. You can be assured that I will do all that I can to see these bills enacted into law. I am optimistic we will see one or both of these measures voted on this year in the Congress," Baldwin told *IN Step*.

Unfortunately, sometimes it takes tragic events, such as the death of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming, to focus the nation's attention on the need for hate crimes legislation. We must establish fairness in our criminal codes for all Americans so that the perpetrators of anti-gay violence can no longer slip through the cracks of federal law. We must not forget that in 40 states someone can be fired for being gay no matter how well they do their job."

Currently, Wisconsin and nine other states, numerous municipalities and virtually all sectors of American commerce have some measure of protection against discrimination based on sexual orientation.



New LGBT Community Center Board members Margaret Flood and Malaka Sanders. Photo by Jorge Cabal

LGBT Community Center Holds Annual Meeting, Approves Budget

Milwaukee — The second annual meeting of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center on Jan. 24, was held for the first time in its new home at 170 S. 2nd Street. Co-presidents Neil Albrecht and Sheila Zelenski welcomed more than 50 members, some of whom visited the Center for the first time. The community center has approximately 250 members.

The co-presidents facilitated member votes for approval of the 1999 budget, amendments to the bylaws, new board member elections and committee reports. However, Zelenski was able to share exciting news about the executive director search.

Treasurer Steve Markowitz presented the 1999 budget of \$152,443. Several members asked for further explanation of the aggressive fundraising goal of \$103,750. Albrecht, liaison to the fundraising committee, explained how the committee will pursue a variety of fund sources including corporate support, grants

and third party fundraisers. In addition, the Center will hold its first annual gala in the fall. The budget was then approved by the membership.

Board elections then took place. Two board members, Denise Cawley and Naomi Guzman, finished their terms. Two women, Margaret Flood and Malaka Sanders, were presented to the membership as replacements.

Flood is a six year resident of Milwaukee who has been active with the Human Rights League and served as co-host of "TIE," an LGBT issues program on public access channel 47.

Sanders is from Cincinnati, where she helped start the first high school LGBT-Straight Alliance in Ohio, one of the first in the country. She was selected by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force to participate in the 1998 Youth Leadership Institute. Locally, she works with Action Wisconsin. The membership elected both women to the board, bringing the board to 12 members.

Zelenski then described the

process by which the board is seeking to hire an executive director. Several candidates will be interviewed through February, with a start date sometime in March. Among the executive director's responsibilities will be the day to day operations of the Center, and a heavy involvement with the Center's fundraising efforts.

The 1998 annual report was distributed and a list of 1998 accomplishments (see sidebar) was distributed to the membership, followed by committee reports. The annual report will be mailed in February to members not present at the Annual Meeting. Other people in the community can pick up a report at the Center, or call to request one.

Groups Say Intel Threatens Privacy

Washington — Gay Internet groups warned today that a new generation of smart computer chips made by the world's largest chipmaker, Intel, could "out" gays surfing the World Wide Web. This followed an earlier announcement that the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) and JunkBusters have launched a boycott of all Intel products until the controversial chip is changed.

When a computer containing Intel's new Pentium III chip is online, the chip will automatically transmit a unique serial number, permitting a Web site to ultimately verify the true identity of an online visitor. Intel argues that this caller-ID-type service will help e-commerce sites crack down on fraud.

While not disputing that fact, gay Internet experts worry that the new chip could pose a particular threat to gay and lesbian privacy.

"One of the attractions of the Internet to gay people is the ability to surf anonymously," said John Aravosis, president of Wired Strategies. "Intel's new chip will pierce that veil of privacy, permitting companies to compile a massive record of what you do and who you are online — then sell that information to the highest bidder. Some Web surfers might not want people knowing they visit a lot of gay Web sites," Aravosis added.

Advocates warned of a broad range of abuses made possible by the identifier.

LGBT Community Center 1998 Accomplishments

In the 12 months of 1998, the board of directors, with the help of countless volunteers, accomplished much more than just opening the doors at 170 S. 2nd Street. For example: The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center signed a lease and moved into the facility, received excellent coverage in the gay and non-gay newspapers and TV, held an exceptional Grand Opening with over 400 guests and 20 public officials, raised \$40,000 with no building, operated on a balanced budget, and grew from few volunteers to over 130 oriented and ready to help.

Editor's Note

Given the on-going soap opera in Washington, I — like most people — feel overdosed on politics. But, unless you've been living underneath a snow drift for several years, you know that Wisconsin is blessed with more than its share of very competent, openly gay or lesbian politicians.

One such politico is Madison Alderman Mike Verveer. While Verveer has a penchant for avoiding the limelight, he has proven to be a strong, proud voice for Madison's LGBT community, especially in regards to AIDS/HIV funding. Verveer also served as an invaluable behind-the-scenes player in Tammy Baldwin's election to Congress. Recently, *IN Step* Madison

staffer Christopher Ott sat down with Verveer for an enlightening interview. Look for it on page 4.

On page 5, *IN Step's* Dorothy Austin checks in with a piece on the growing circle of Milwaukee City employees pushing for domestic partnership benefits. Here's hoping 1999 will be their year.

Continuing on the political theme, *IN Step* is very pleased that openly gay Madison state representative Mark Pocan has joined the *IN Step* family and will update *IN Step* readers with a monthly legislative update/column called, "Capitol View." Don't miss his *IN Step* debut on page 9.

In Section Q, Waswo delivers an

interview with the legendary BJ Daniels. On February 19, Daniels will be the subject of an exhibition of photography at Gallery H20 by a slew of state photographers including Francis Ford, Stanely Ryan Jones, Tom Miller, J. Sijmon, J. Lindemann and *IN Step* co-publisher, Jorge Cabal. I encourage you to attend the opening reception of the exhibition, Dreaming Big on Friday, Feb., 19 as proceeds from the event will benefit Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center.

The Community Center is making the final push to find an executive director, and can use your support now more than ever. I applaud the center's board — and its membership — for the courage of taking that important step, which will hopefully bring the center to the next level. For more information about the center, visit the Web site at www.mklgbt.com.

Speaking of the Internet, frankly, we had no idea that *IN Step's* site would be such a big draw so fast. In the first two

weeks of operation, the www.instepnews.com has received thousands of "hits" and hundreds of visitors. We're very pleased by your response and appreciate the feedback as we continue to fine tune and improve the site. It has already become an invaluable community resource.

To that end, we've recently added daily news updates, a live gay chat room, and a discussion board. If you haven't stopped by, click on over.

Also in our Section Q, you'll find our interview with Merlin Holland, the grandson of the celebrated and persecuted, Oscar Wilde. Wilde's book, *The Picture of Dorian Gray* has been turned into an opera making it's American premiere with the Florentine Opera on Feb., 5.

Enjoy the issue and see you in two weeks!

William Attewell

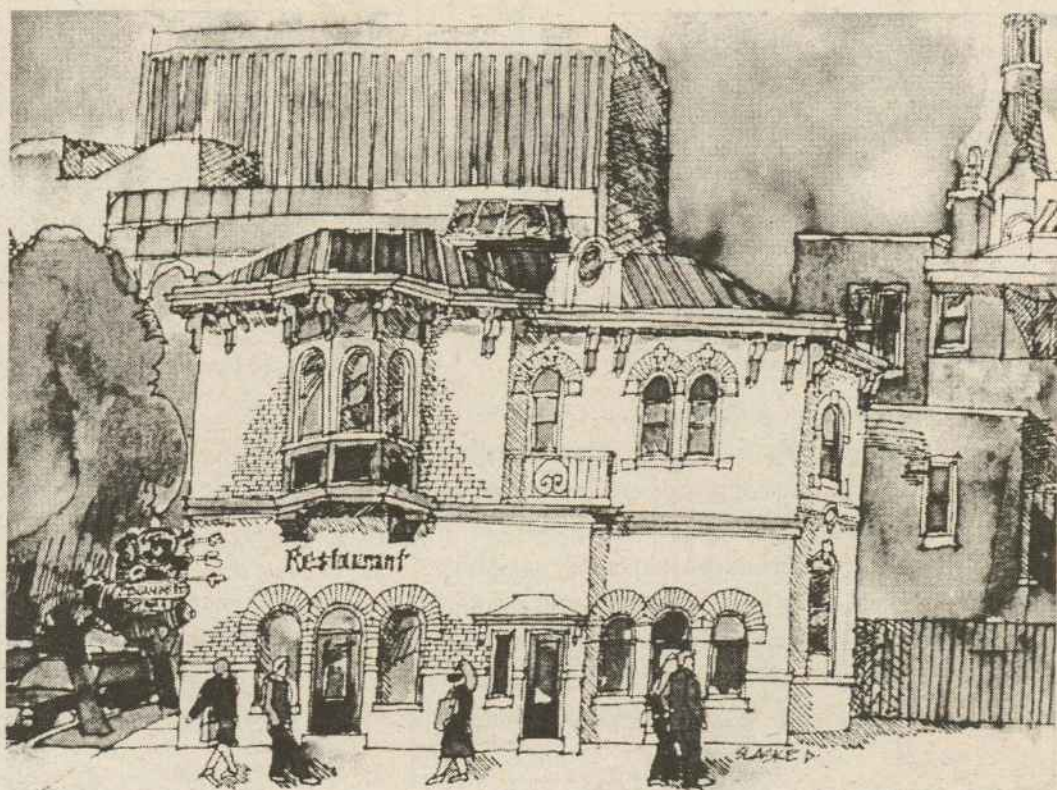
ON OUR COVER: BJ Daniels, 1999. Photo by Jorge Cabal

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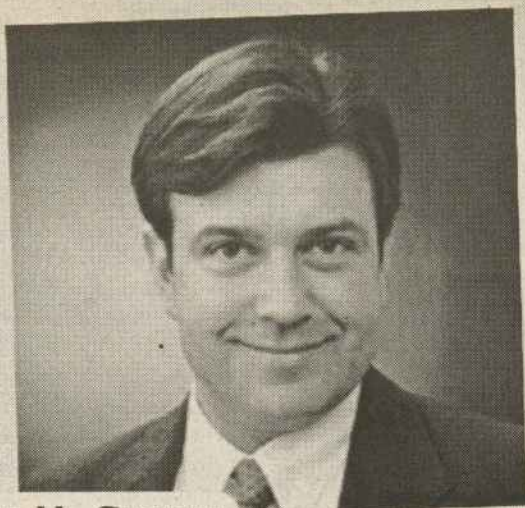
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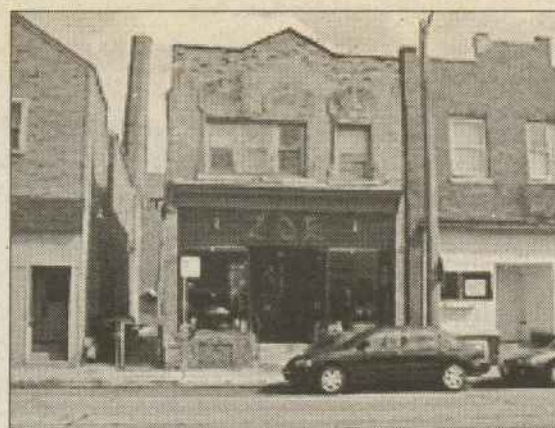
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News Wire

Teen Sues Hospital Charging Breach of Confidentiality

Troy, PA — Greg Congdon, 18, has filed a lawsuit against the Troy Community Hospital and Cindy Smith, a hospital worker, charging that she told people outside the hospital he is gay and that the information eventually reached his high school, forcing him leave the school in his senior year.

"Overnight I became an outcast," Congdon said after students at his school heard he is gay.

Congdon was treated at the hospital after he attempted to commit suicide in February 1998 by taking an overdose of non-prescription medicine. The suit seeks \$100,000 in damages for breach of confidentiality and deprivation of privacy rights.

Change of Mind: Holocaust Commission Apologizes

Atlanta — Faced with public outrage, the Georgia Commission on the Holocaust changed its mind about deleting the only two paragraphs about Nazi persecution of homosexuals in World War II and agreed to put them back in the national teachers' guide.

The two short paragraphs were deleted from the 92-page guide after Sylvia Wygoda, who heads the commission, objected that the guide should not "put sexually graphic material into the schools."

Because the guides have already been printed, the commission said it would send out letters along with the deleted paragraphs to teachers who ordered the guide.

The commission also issued an apology stating, "The Georgia Commission on the Holocaust regrets the misunderstanding that has arisen between the Commission and the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Community. The Commission and the GLBT Community recognize the severe persecution that gay men suffered at the hands of the Nazis during the Holocaust. It was never the intent of the Commission to ignore any Holocaust victims."

Attackers to Pay Victim

Gainesville, Fla. — A former University of Florida student said he is satisfied with the verdict of a civil trial that went against two brothers who attacked him in 1997 because he is gay.

Ali Kakar, 21, and Bismillah Kakar, 20, will have to pay \$75,000 in damages to Raymond Long III, 21, after a six-member jury decided that Long was attacked because he is gay.

On Jan. 9, 1997, Long and his friend, Tommy Longerbeam, were eating at a fast-food restaurant when the Kakars sat behind them. According to court records, the defendants asked Long if he was a "faggot." Long said yes.

Two days later, the Kakar brothers happened to pass Long and Longerbeam in their car and followed them into a coffee shop.

Long testified in the criminal trial that the Kakars hit, kicked and punched him while calling him "queer" and "faggot." Long's vision was temporarily blurred, and he received injuries to his head and cuts on his left arm and right leg. Several witnesses also said the Kakars made derogatory remarks about Long's sexual orientation during the attack, according to court records.

Under Florida's hate crime law, any misdemeanor based on prejudice is a felony. However, the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor battery as part of a plea the Kakars made in August.

A judge ordered the Kakars to serve one year of probation and 50 community service hours while paying \$1,371 for Long's medical expenses.

State Governors Speaking Up

Springfield, Ill. — For nay-sayers who argue that the political climate doesn't change no matter who's elected to office, this year's crop of new governors clearly seems to prove they're wrong.

In Illinois, George Ryan, a 64-year-old Republican who won the state's gubernatorial race this year with the active support of many gays and lesbians in the state, acknowledged in his inaugural speech his election debt not only to Democrats who broke ranks to vote for him but also gay-rights advocates.

California's new Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, told legislators who are moving quickly to pass a statewide domestic partners law that he would sign the bill if the lawmakers enact it. Former Gov. Pete Wilson,

Behind the Scenes?

Madison's Verveer Says He Shuns the Spotlight, But Enjoys the Possibilities of Politics

by Christopher Ott
of the *IN Step* staff

Mike Verveer says he never really anticipated being in the public eye. "I was always interested in politics," he said, "but I always thought I'd be behind the scenes."

An early sign that things might not turn out quite that way, however, appeared as a headline in the *Washington Post*: "Block captain, 10, delivers the votes." Verveer had been helping with a school board campaign in his hometown of Washington, D.C., and today, 20 years later, Verveer represents a downtown district on Madison's City Council. He also works as political director for the campaign committee of Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin.

As an elected official himself now and as a member of Baldwin's victorious team, Verveer's work probably can't be considered "behind the scenes." But he sat down recently with *IN Step* to talk about how he got to where he is today, and what he might like to work on in the future. Verveer is running for his third two-year term on the Madison City Council in an election to be held this April.

Politics in the Water

If Verveer had no particular plans to run for office himself, he says that he was at least always interested in politics. "Politics was in the water" of his hometown, he says. Verveer remembers being in the day-care center of the McGovern presidential campaign headquarters in 1972—his mother Melanne Verveer worked on the campaign, and today serves as Hillary Clinton's chief of staff—and he says he remembers being "in awe" of the U.S. Capitol as a kid.

Verveer moved to Wisconsin in 1986 and studied history and political science at the University of Wisconsin. He became active in the Wisconsin Students Association (the student government at the time) and was eventually elected its president.

Verveer also came out around the same time and began working on gay political issues on campus. Verveer helped lead a sit-in at Bascom Hall on the UW-Madison campus in 1990, in a protest aimed at barring ROTC recruitment until the military's policy of anti-gay discrimination ended. Donna Shalala was chancellor of the university at the time, and Verveer noted the irony of meeting her again recently at a party for Tammy Baldwin in Washington. "She used to yell at me in her office," Verveer remembered. Shalala now serves as Secretary of Health and Human Services for the Clinton administration.

After graduating in 1991, Verveer spent a year in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC), a program similar to Americorps, doing work in inner-city Milwaukee. Verveer is Catholic and has been active in the parish of the St. Paul's University Catholic Center at UW-Madison since he was a student.

Speaking to the dilemma posed for gay Catholics by the church's official position on homosexuality, Verveer explained, "My parish is a little more welcoming." He also gave credit to Madison and the University of Wisconsin for making it easier for him to come out. "If I had attended a Catholic college like most of my classmates," he said, "to this day I don't know how out I would be," and he praised "Madison and its campus for creating a relatively safe and secure environment."

Madison was an environment that Verveer soon returned to. Verveer said he could have stayed with JVC and gone to another city or country, but that "Madison was calling."

"All my friends were here, and I found Madison to be a great place," Verveer said, adding that he recently had the opportunity to move back to Washington to work for Tammy Baldwin there, but decided not to. "I find Madison to be a much more livable community compared to my hometown. Sitting in traffic in Washington on Christmas it occurred to me that it's nice to not have to deal with that on a daily basis," Verveer said. "I could spend the rest of my life here."

Baldwin and the City Council

On returning in 1992, Verveer began working for Tammy Baldwin, who had just been elected to her first term in the state legislature. "I admired the fact that she was open about her sexual orientation and had just won a history-making election to represent the most progressive legislative district in the state," Verveer said. Verveer says he still feels lucky to

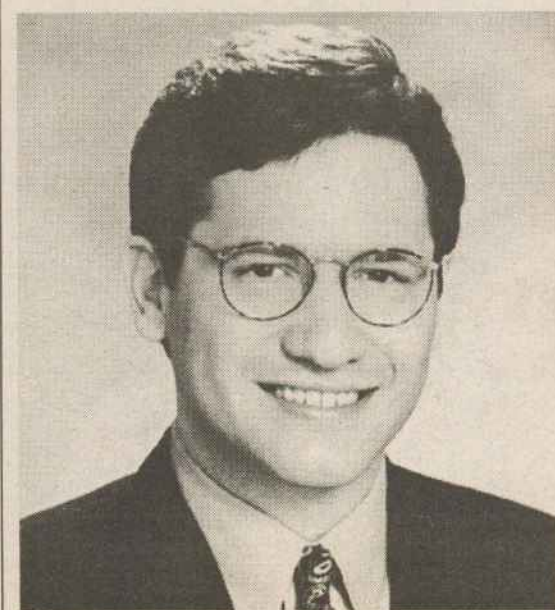
have been hired by Baldwin and to have the opportunity to work with her.

Verveer himself was elected to the Madison City Council — a job for which he receives about \$5,000 a year — in 1995, and was elected again in 1997. He is currently running for a third term against Richard H. Anderson, a candidate who runs on an "anti-Masonic mind control" platform and who most recently ran for the assembly seat vacated by Tammy Baldwin and now held by Mark Pocan.

At the city level, candidates cannot declare a party affiliation, but Verveer describes himself as a lifelong Democrat. In the future on the Madison City Council, Verveer said he hopes to continue to work on a variety of issues.

One is getting domestic-partner benefits for Madison city employees. Verveer pointed out that Madison allows domestic partners to register and get what he called a "cute certificate," but said, "It really doesn't get you anything." Verveer called the lack of domestic-partner coverage for a city like Madison "embarrassing," but he expressed optimism that the city will soon change this in one way or another. One possibility is reimbursement for city employees who pay for their partners' health insurance.

Verveer said he also hopes to continue playing a role in preserving funding for AIDS and HIV prevention and care services. Verveer sits on the city's



Mike Verveer

Board of Estimates—essentially its budget and finance committee—and said that there are regular attempts to cut city AIDS and HIV funding. "Every year since I've been on the city council there have been attempts to de-fund AIDS Network," he said. "That's something that I've successfully fought."

Other issues that concern Verveer include tenants rights, the revitalization of neighborhoods and downtown Madison (Verveer has been involved in drafting a \$100,000 plan for improvements to State St.), raising the minimum wage, and requiring city lobbyists to register and disclose who they are working for, as lobbyists at the federal, state and county levels must do.

Verveer also said that historic preservation is a "pet issue" of his, and he recently helped arrange a deal in which State Street's historic Orpheum theater will be preserved instead of being converted to an IMAX theater.

Asked if he has higher political aspirations, Verveer said, "No one believes this, but I don't... I'm extremely happy with where I am with both my jobs." Verveer added "I don't know that I want to be an elected official for the rest of my life," but he did say that he feels he has unfinished work at the city level. "Four years in the City Council doesn't really give you the opportunity to make a big impact on city policy," he said.

Verveer said he likes politics because it is "one of the professions where you can affect the public good the most... It gives me great pleasure to be able to solve a problem." As a recent example, Verveer said he had just been able to help a senior constituent by getting the city to remove piles of snow that made it extremely difficult to walk in her neighborhood. But Verveer also said there is a downside to politics: the amount of media scrutiny he says he gets.

"You have to grow a tough skin pretty quickly," Verveer said. He has recently been criticized for winning passage of a measure meant to discourage the theft and resale of CDs. The law requires anyone selling used CDs in Madison to present ID or leave a thumb print, and fill out a form listing the CDs they are selling—measures which have proven unpopular among music-store owners.

"I made a mistake," Verveer said, "but I hope the fact that I can admit it is something that people find redeeming in me." Verveer said that it's easy to "get beat up" over controversial measures, but added, "That's what politics is about, working through the tough issues." ▼

Milwaukee Domestic Partnership Group Gathers Forces for 1999

by Dorothy Austin
of the IN Step staff

All they want, gay and lesbian city workers agreed, is fair treatment. And if they work together, they believe they have a chance to achieve fairness, not automatically — few were so naive as to expect that — but with work, the rallying of support, and skillful negotiation.

About 26 lesbians and gays who work for the city of Milwaukee assembled recently at the home of Karen and Sue, to talk about fairness and the need for a health insurance package that would include coverage for domestic partners.



Sue (l) and Karen. Photo by Dorothy Austin.

It was mostly a get-acquainted meeting. Lots of conversation, and no agenda. Some were friends, but many were meeting each other for the first time. They were glad to see each other, to have a sense of community. The agenda would come later, probably at the next meeting in March.

The scene was pleasant, like any other after-work party. A fire blazed cheerfully on the hearth. Appetizers, platters of cheeses and meats, bowls of salads, fresh vegetables, chips and dips beckoned the hungry to the big oak table in the dining room. Beers, wines and a variety of soft drinks were ready in the kitchen.

The hostesses, Karen and Sue, were a success story themselves. They met about 20 years ago when one was moving into and the other out of the same house. They discovered common interests and skills that meshed.

They began to work together, buying, fixing up, and selling duplexes.

"We were smart, and lucky," Sue says.

Now they both work for the city at housing-related jobs they enjoy. They have a handsome house, with decks and steps that climb down the hill and overlook the river, with bird feeders and a backyard that draws wildlife. Step out of the dining room to the first deck and you feel as if you are out in the country.

When they bought the house five years ago and had both names on the deed, "Nobody even blinked," Sue recalled.

As city workers, each has her own health insurance based on her own employment, so they have no personal concern about health insurance. Also, having been together for 19 years, they now own their home and cars together, have living wills and other well-planned financial arrangements in place.

So they opened their home to their colleagues and others whose situation is different, to give them a chance to get acquainted and discuss their problems and goals.

"We believe that in the richest country in the

world, everyone ought to have health insurance," Sue said.

Also, the partners noted, some creative thinking would help. For example, if one partner's health insurance would cover the other, then the other partner might be able to donate her insurance to cover another worker who needed it. Even now, workers can donate their vacation time to another worker who is ill, and whose sick leave has run out.

Among the guests were librarians, teachers, municipal equipment workers, health department employees, housing and building inspectors, probation and parole staffers, office workers and many others. Also, some came who do not now work for the city but who might some day.

Conversation, at first a polite murmur, developed and expanded, and raised in pitch. You could hear the person next to you, but the person across the room would have to shout. They were excited and pleased to have this chance to meet and talk.

Richard recalled that an effort to win a domestic partnership package for city of Milwaukee workers failed last year.

"I knew going in that it might not pass this time, but this has always been an important issue for me, and I thought it important to make the statement as a gay man," he said.

"I pay taxes just as heterosexuals do, and I don't think I should be denied the same benefits as a heterosexual co-worker receives," he added.

Jan Doleschal said that as pastor of an accepting congregation, United Church of Christ of Brown Deer, which is on record as supporting the domestic partner issue, she was linked to strong networks.

"You can find legitimate ways to address needs. We will find different approaches, and different ideas," she said. She added that fear was a factor, and that all would need to work together to dispel fear.

One young city worker said he was making presentations to the staffs of middle and high schools, explaining the importance of working together for a safe environment for all students, and also exploring and explaining the domestic partner health insurance issue. To him and others, it was a simple discrimination issue.

Kendall noted that the domestic partner issue has received media coverage and will likely continue to do so. Chicago and Madison have adopted domestic partner insurance coverage, he added, for all city employees.

"And I don't believe it will cost any more. It (domestic partner coverage) will fall into place," he predicted.

Several workers pointed out that non-gays, in some instances, practice serial monogamy and that does not seem to interfere with health insurance. But the opposition argues that if domestic partnership is accepted, it would also have to apply to men and women living together.

"But you can specify that the people would have to be living together for a certain amount of time before the insurance coverage would kick in," was one response.

Understandably, they conceded, a fiscal note would be needed.

The details of proposed changes would emerge, it was thought, as discussions continue. Meanwhile, it was enough to be together, to enjoy a sense of kinship and hope for the future.

a Republican, had vetoed each domestic partners measure the legislature passed.

Newly inaugurated Maryland Gov. Parris Glendening told reporters at a press conference that among the things he plans to do this year is introduce a bill banning employment discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Glendening said, among other things, his brother, who was gay, had once told him his greatest fear was that his employer would discover his sexual orientation and fire him. "No one should be in fear of their job because of their sexual orientation," Glendening told reporters.

And in Iowa, gays and lesbians were planning to celebrate the inauguration of Gov. Tom Vilsack, a Democrat who has voiced support for inclusiveness and equal rights for gays and lesbians.

Perhaps more important, Vilsack's official inaugural committee is cooperating with the gay celebrants as well.

Jackie Dycke of the inaugural committee said they were working with the group well. "The gay and lesbian community was very actively involved in helping to elect the governor-elect and lieutenant governor-elect," she said. Dycke added that Gov. Vilsack and Lt. Gov. Sally Pederson are sending a videotaped message of thanks to the gay and lesbian inaugural event.

High Court Again Refuses to Review Pentagon Policy

Washington — The U.S. Supreme Court has again refused to review a challenge to the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, turning away an appeal filed by former 1st Lt. Andrew Holmes, a 10-year veteran of the California National Guard and a decorated officer in Operation Desert Storm, and a similar challenge by former Navy Lt. Richard Watson of Seattle.

The court, for the fifth time since it was adopted by Congress, refused to rule on the constitutionality of the policy. All federal appeals courts that have reviewed cases that went on to the Supreme Court have upheld the Pentagon's anti-gay policy.

"It wasn't unexpected, but it's still disappointing," Holmes said. "It's apparent they don't want to touch this issue, which is becoming more controversial as the military continues to violate 'don't ask, don't tell.'"

The number of American military men and women discharged because they are gay has increased 67 percent since the reformulated "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" was enacted five years ago, according to the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network, a Washington-based watchdog organization.

Disagreement on Death Penalty Move in Shepard Case

Washington — Gay-rights advocates — on the left and right — have taken entirely opposite positions about the death penalty being sought by prosecutors in the death of Matthew Shepard murder trial.

Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty for Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney, the two men charged with murdering Shepard, a 21-year-old gay student at the University of Wyoming.

While most national lesbian and gay organizations have said nothing about the prosecutors' move in the case, the Log Cabin Republicans called on the state to seek the death penalty when the trial first started, and now the national gay GOP lobbying group has issued an open letter once again supporting the decision to seek the death penalty in the case — signed by all the LCR board members.

"Seeking anything less than the strongest possible punishment allowed under state law would send a message to the world that Matthew Shepard's life was somehow less valuable than the law demands," the letter says, "and would send a further chill through the gay and lesbian community across the nation. Regardless of the sexual orientation of the victim, such a heinous crime demands the highest punishment."

But activist Michael Petrelis, who is operating now through the group QueerWatch, criticized not only the decision by prosecutors to seek the death penalty in the case, but also condemned national rights organizations for remaining silent on the issue.

Petrelis said, "Putting anyone to death for the murder of Shepard is just as barbaric as tying the victim to a fence post and leaving him to die in sub-zero temperatures. I don't believe that killing them [Henderson and McKinney] is going to do anything to decrease anti-gay attitudes."

Both Human Rights Campaign and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force have not said what their position is concerning the prosecutors' decision.

News Wire compiled by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

DC Lobbyist Adoption Rankles Right



by Keith Clark
of the IN Step Staff

Washington — Elizabeth Birch, the head of the Human Rights Campaign, and her partner Hilary Rosen told the *Washington Post* that they have just adopted a pair of newborn twins — normally a minor news note in the scheme of things.

But largely because Birch's position with the gay rights group and the appearance of the news in the *Post*, right-wing conservatives immediately cranked up the press-release mill to denounce the couple's action as not in the best interests of the boy and girl they adopted.

Carmen Pate, president of Concerned Women of America, said that children should be reared in a household consisting of "both a man and a woman who have committed to each other in marriage."

Robert Knight of the anti-gay Family Research Council called the adoption "a tragedy for the children" and said "homosexual activists put their personal desires above the rights of these children to have a chance at a normal family life with a father and mother."

The happy moms, who live in suburban Chevy Chase, Md., however, weren't much impressed by the right-wing attacks because they were too thrilled with being new parents.

"Life is great," Rose told the *Post*. "We're parents! They're adorable."

'Have A Heart' AIDS Fund-raiser Set for February 13

Appleton — Famous and familiar names will grace this year's Have a Heart silent auction items and community service awards, presented Febr. 13 at Liberty Hall, Kimberly. On the day before Valentine's Day, the 8th annual AIDS fund-raiser dinner and silent auction will benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

"Auction items are pouring in including an autographed Green Bay Packers football, a script from *Chicago Hope*, and a cast photo from star Mark Harmon," said Stan Kocos, ARCW regional director.

Each year, the Have a Heart volunteer steering committee asks television and movie celebrities, sports stars and other famous people to create a piece of "heart art" for the annual silent auction. Among this year's famous artists are Sally Struthers, Betty White, Judd Hirsch, John Lithgow, Grace Slick, Katie Couric and Richard Pryor.

Sports fans will enjoy art from Green Bay Packers Gilbert Brown, Craig Newsome, Ross Verba and Darren Sharper. Other silent auction items include "For What It's Worth," autographed by Paul Harvey, Weidner Center tickets and two nights lodging at the Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton.

The evening will open at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and the silent auction. Community service awards will then be presented to six people and one organization that have helped in the fight against AIDS.

Awards will be presented to Dr. Ray Bachhuber of Green Bay, Tim Blotz of WFRV Channel 5, Mark Mariucci of *Quest* magazine, Michael Van Asten of Liberty Hall, Green Bay Packer Tyrone and Shantel Williams, and the Boys and Girls Club Fox Cities. Awards are presented for outstanding work in the fight against AIDS over the past year. A musical

performance by Entertainers Against AIDS will conclude the program.

"Have a Heart is the premiere AIDS fund raising event in Northeast Wisconsin, where hundreds of people come together to help raise money in the fight against AIDS," said Stan Kocos, ARCW regional director.

This year's master of ceremonies will be Teri Barr of Fox 11 along with Erin Davisson of WFRV Channel 5. Local dignitary Dan McDonough, member of the United Nations Global AIDS Task Force and Have a Heart co-chair, will be the keynote speaker.

Ticket prices for Have a Heart are \$40 per person, \$400 for a table of 10 and \$1000 for a corporate table. Individual and corporate table sponsors will be acknowledged during the dinner. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 675-9400.

Sweetheart Ball in Madison

Madison — The Sweetheart Ball, sponsored by James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation (JRUUC), will make its initial appearance this year on Feb. 12. The event is Madison's only Valentine's dance open to gays, lesbians and their allies. The dance will be held at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave., in the Northgate Shopping Center, from 8 p.m. until midnight.

JRUUC is a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The dance is also a fund-raiser for the congregation. JRUUC is a liberal religious congregation offering worship services on Madison's East Side, and is a "Welcoming Congregation" — a UUA designation for member congregations who are committed to welcoming members regardless of sexual orientation.

The event is also endorsed by InterWeave, the Madison Unitarian Universalist Association group supportive of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people, and an affiliate organization of First

Unitarian Society. The group is hopeful this will become an annual event for the LGBT community in Madison, and will meet a need for recognition of the community at this traditional time.

The evening will include music and dancing, and food is included at no additional charge for attendees. Door prizes are being donated by supportive local businesses and organizations, and will include prizes such as gift certificates, free products and services.

Tickets for the Sweetheart Ball are \$10 per person, and are available at the following outlets in Madison: James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation, OUT-Reach, A Room of One's Own, Bongo Video on Williamson St., Borders Books West, Borders Books East, First Unitarian Society, and A Woman's Touch.

For more information about the Sweetheart Ball, please call Tammy at (608) 244-7075. For more information about James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Congregation, please call (608) 242-8887 or visit them at 2146 E. Johnson St.

'Becoming Visible' Course Offered at WCTC

Waukesha — Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) is offering a course titled *Becoming Visible: Nine Conversations on Gay & Lesbian Lives*. The course (course number 801-629-001), will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Jan. 27 through Mar. 24, 1999, in Room SO118 of the Service Occupations Building in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. The cost is \$61.10, with the required text *Becoming Visible*, edited by Kevin Jennings, available at the WCTC Bookstore for under \$15.

Likely participants are parents and friends of gays, high school and college teachers; counselors; mentors; educators and guardians of every kind, and all other interested parties. Some of the outcomes are: Being able to represent accurately key elements of controversies with respect to gay and lesbian issues; using newfound skills to foster accepting, supportive or improved relationships with gays, lesbians and other interested parties and adjusting personal attitudes toward human differences (and similarities) and being able to help others do the same.

For additional information, call Associate Dean Elvira Craig de Silva, at (414) 691-5256, or Rich Upsel at (414) 691-5251 at the Pewaukee campus.

Action Wisconsin Sets Participation in "Equality Begins at Home"

Stevens Point — Members of Wisconsin's LGBT community will have the opportunity to participate in the largest, coordinated grassroots networking, organizing and lobbying effort in the history of the gay civil rights movement in the U.S. in plans adopted by the board of directors of Action Wisconsin at their quarterly meeting held at the University of Wisconsin on Jan. 17.

"Equality Begins At Home" (EB@H) is a year-long project created and sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), with particular emphasis on EB@H week on March 21-27, 1999.

Last December NGLTF designated Action Wisconsin (AW) the state's official coordinator of EB@H, awarding the organization a \$5,000 grant from the Gill Foundation to assist funding of coordination efforts.

The Action Wisconsin board approved a three-point EB@H program that consists of a year-long statewide networking outreach, the funding of individual groups' EB@H actions, and the "Sweeten 'Em Up" lobby day effort held in Madison on Wednesday, March 24. The networking phase of the project began last Nov. 20-21 when the AW executive board traveled to Duluth/Superior to attend the "2000 & Beyond: Surviving and Thriving" international conference on LGBT issues held at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

Regional and at-large AW board members living in the Milwaukee metro area have formed an EB@H task force to network and organize activities with organizations in Wisconsin's largest LGBT community and met Jan. 19 with representatives of the Human Rights League and other groups. Future networking is already planned through the end of 1999.

Action Wisconsin will be involved in EB@H informational and organizational events at the 1999 Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender College Conference (MBLGTCC) to be held in Madison, Feb. 19-21 and many other events across the state in coming months.

For information about "Equality Begins At Home" or Action Wisconsin call (608) 283-3251, or access their Web site: <http://www.execpc.com/~dross/aw>.

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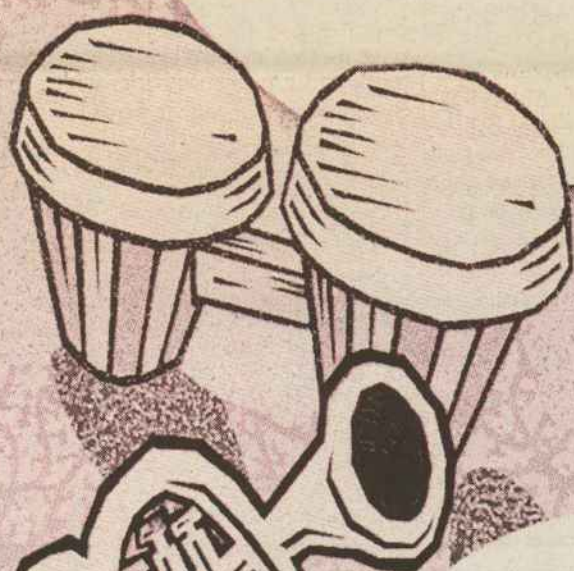
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'Hostile Work Environment'?

Two Lawsuits Could Muddy Sexual Harassment Waters

by Keith Clark
 of the IN Step staff

In March 1998, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits sexual harassment at the workplace, even when the individuals involved are of the same gender. At the time it was hailed by civil libertarians and gay rights advocates for its scope and evenhanded approach to the issue. But now, with two recently filed federal lawsuits, that assessment could come back to haunt activists — as well as businesses and agencies that cater primarily to gays and lesbians.

The Supreme Court ruling came in a closely watched case initiated by Joseph Oncale, a Louisiana man who charged in a lawsuit that he was sexually harassed and menaced by a male supervisor and two other male co-workers during his employment on an oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico. Attorneys for Sundowner Offshore Services, operators of the oil rig and Oncale's employer at the time, argued that the behavior was just male "locker-room horseplay" and that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 didn't cover such behavior involving members of the same sex.

But the Supreme Court justices said in the fairly short seven-page ruling that the act also applies in cases where the harasser and victim are the same gender.

Before the Oncale decision, some federal courts had held that same-gender sexual harassment is never against the law, while other courts had ruled it is against the law only if the harasser is homosexual. The high court adopted a third approach, declaring that federal law prohibits sexual harassment between members of the same sex and that the legal standards are the same regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

The court also acknowledged that the decision to outlaw same-sex sexual harassment raises even more issues about what constitutes sexual harassment. For example, is it sexual harassment for a male coach to smack a male professional football player's rear end as he runs onto the field? The court said probably not. But if the coach were to do the same thing to his secretary, male or female, that probably would be sexual harassment.

According to the court, the standard is whether a reasonable person would find the conduct "severely hostile or abusive." Thus, the court cautioned lower courts to distinguish between "simple teasing and roughhousing" which is not illegal, and conduct that is so offensive that it alters the conditions of the victim's employment, which is illegal under federal law. The court also took the opportunity to emphasize that hostile and abusive behavior is only illegal if it constitutes discrimination because of gender.

The most obvious type of illegal sexual harassment is when a supervisor asks a subordinate to have sex with him or her and conditions employment terms or benefits on the subordinate's compliance with the request. So far this type of harassment is fairly easy to understand.

But the second and less definable type is where an alleged victim claims that he or she was subjected to a "hostile work environment" filled with sexually explicit or offensive language or materials. Courts may find a hostile work environment regardless of the gender of the people involved as long as the victims can show that the offensive behavior was directed at them because of their gender.

And it is exactly this area of the interpretation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act that the two recent federal lawsuits are based on.

In the first suit, filed in federal court in Manhattan, Earl Harris, a 31-year-old married man, has sued the city of New York, charging that he was fired after he complained about posters of "naked men engaged in various acts of sexual intercourse" displayed on the walls at the city's Office of Gay and Lesbian Health.

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

and abusive work environment."

His suit says that Harris, who was hired at the city health agency as a temporary worker, was fired after five months when he complained about the posters.

The issue, some civil rights advocates say, is far from trivial or isolated. A number of gay bars, for example, have sexually suggestive—if not explicit—posters or photographs on their walls. This, some legal experts suggest, could make them vulnerable to exactly the same sort of court action filed by a heterosexual who found they created an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment, even if it's not an employment setting. And a straight bartender or other worker at such an establishment might have similar complaints.

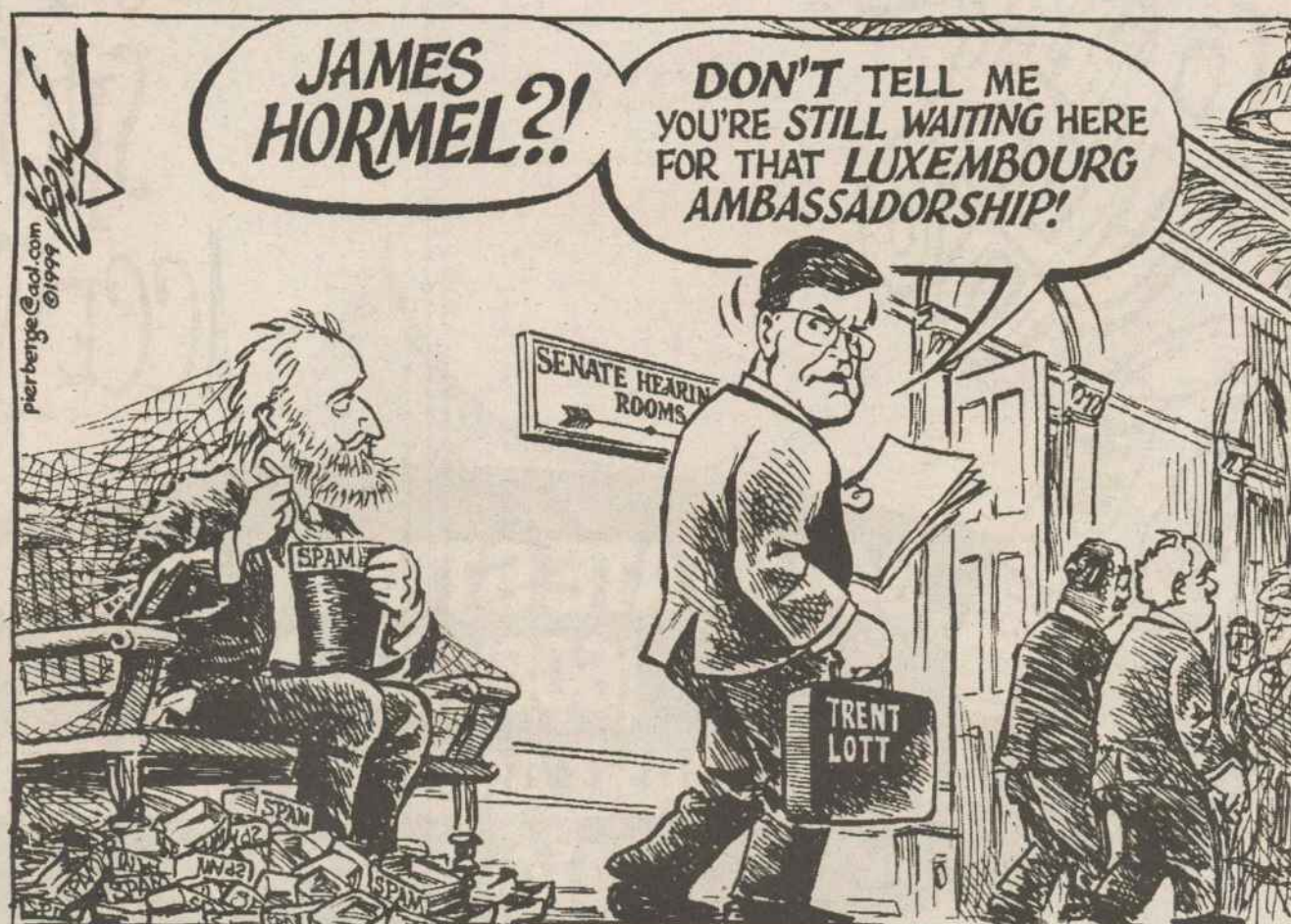
The same suggestive sorts of posters and photographs are sometimes also found in gay bookshops, restaurants, cafes, and even gay publications.

The second case — filed in federal court just days later by the Virginia-based far-right Rutherford Institute — charges that Mabelle Graham's workplace at an AIDS telephone hotline operated under contract by the American Social Health Association in Research Park Triangle, N.C., for the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also had sexually explicit posters on its walls and that she was subjected to unwanted sexual conduct, vulgar language and suggestions involving other female workers at the agency.

According to Graham's suit, she complained about the work environment to several supervisors but was told that homosexuals need to have a work environment where they "could be themselves," and further complaints were ignored. She finally was given a medical leave of absence and has since not returned to work.

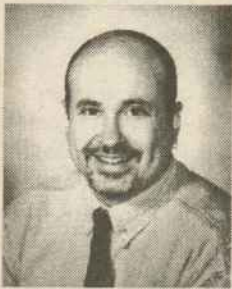
Legal analysts have suggested that because both lawsuits involve work environments where sexual health issues would likely be an expected part of the job, the two suits may not get very far in their claims. But it's also been noted that the Supreme Court is unlikely to hear any such case on appeal so soon after the Oncale decision, so lower courts could muddy the legal waters in the area of same-gender hostile work environment considerably between the two cases.

With the involvement of the anti-gay Rutherford Institute, that, some activists say, is exactly what the far-right would like to do. ▼



Capitol View

by State Assemblyman Mark Pocan



It is a pleasure to finally be sworn in and officially take office as the state representative for the 78th Assembly District of Wisconsin. With Tammy Baldwin

leaving the legislature to take a seat in the U.S. Congress (go Tammy!), the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered community loses an extremely strong advocate at the state level—a job I will do my best to fill.

Having served all of two weeks so far in the legislature, there is really not much to report to our community about legislation affecting us in this inaugural monthly column that I am proud to write for this important journal. No hate bills toward the LGBT community have yet to be introduced, including the anti-same-sex marriage bill debated so much in the last session. But don't hold your breath. There is still a lot of time left.

As I write this monthly column, I will try to relay any information that will be of interest and importance to you. I will write about legislation, politics, activism and more from the viewpoint of our community.

As there are no immediate state legislative issues pending at this time, I would like to address a different, yet related, topic important to all of us—supporting our community.

Both Tammy and I received tremendous support from the LGBT communi-

ty. You helped us by knocking on doors, putting together mailings, sending us donations, making phone calls to voters, and talking to your neighbors and friends on our behalf. For this, we both thank you!

However, we cannot let this momentum diminish.

Now, we have to channel this energy into our community organizations; into groups like the LGBT Community Center in Milwaukee; OutReach, Inc., the state's only social service agency for our community in Madison and Action Wisconsin, the political organization for the LGBT community in Wisconsin. These are some of the many organizations that need our investment of time, money and assistance to keep us strong for future endeavors.

It's important to have openly lesbian and gay elected officials. But it's even more important, it's vital, to have strong institutions to perform the daily work that needs to be done to enhance our lives, train new leaders and fight for our rights. Without your help in these areas, the electoral victories of Tammy and me do not mean nearly as much.

Please make a special resolution to volunteer your time with a community organization. Send them a donation. Support the LGBT journals. Or find another way to show your support.

That's our challenge for the beginning of 1999, to prepare ourselves for the new millennium. Show your support today. YOU made the victories won thus far possible. Thank you.

Until next month.

Letters

BUGGED!

Dear Editor—

This is in response to *IN Step* columnist Dave Runyon's second-in-a-series article titled "Why the Republicans Will Fail" (Jan. 14, 1999 - Vol. XVI, Issue I).

As a social liberal, I completely agree with his political view on GOP Rep. Tom DeLay. DeLay is unquestionably not an ally of the LGBT community. However, as a highly skilled, licensed and certified pest control operator by the State of Wisconsin, I take issue with Mr. Runyon's "colorful" and alarmist mentioning of DeLay's previous occupation.

What was the purpose of stating that the representative was once a "cockroach exterminator," as Mr. Runyon put it? It had absolutely nothing to do with the rest of his otherwise well-written piece ... other than to conjure up the stereotype of pest-control technicians as being uneducated and dangerous in the minds of his readers, in order to depict DeLay as an undesirable (as if he isn't undesirable enough just by his extreme politics).

I've never known a pest-control operator who solely treats for cockroaches. So by Runyon specifically picking out the most despicable insect possible, and using the scary "exterminator" term, Runyon has not only equated this unfair image to DeLay, but he has ignorantly slammed an entire noble industry. If you doubt this, ask yourself this had DeLay been a glamorous brain surgeon or rocket scientist, would these professions have been stated? Of course not! That would have been counter-productive to the intention of painting DeLay in a negative way.

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Mr. Runyon, I ask you not to intentionally confuse disturbing insects with the professionals hired to eliminate them. By doing so, you are perpetrating the same type of junk-science that the rag, "*Silent Spring*" committed.

I wouldn't be surprised if Mr. Runyon — and possibly *IN Step* — considers a letter like this to be a moot point and "off the subject," but when my important and skilled profession is demonized, I must come to its defense.

Steven T. Butler
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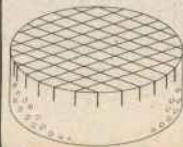
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IN STRAIGHT ANSWERS

by Christopher Ott
of the IN Step staff

Q: Are anti-gay Christians self-righteous?



Writing about gay issues, I get a lot of mail from crazy, ignorant, vicious people. Nearly all of them are fundamentalist Christians of one stripe or another, and their excuse for going on the warpath against us is the condemnation of homosexuality which they find in the Bible.

My usual attitude has been that these people are self-righteous. I've always thought that the root of the problem is their holier-than-thou attitude, and that they would understand sexual orientation much better if they got over their exaggerated view of their own purity and virtue.

I've been wrong. It's me who has misunderstood them. These people are anything but self-righteous, but before you think they've stolen my brain and made me one of them, let me explain.

It is true that there are blatant, self-serving hypocrites among the ranks of Christian conservatives—politicos like Pat Robertson and Sen. Trent Lott leap to mind—but talk to rank-and-file Christians who consider themselves "born again" and a quite different picture emerges. We've been simplistic in labeling anti-gay Christians self-righteous. The problem is much more serious than that.

The problem is that fundamentalist Christians are obsessed with sin—their own sin, my sin, everybody's sin. They believe that everybody is absolutely steeped in sin and that the only thing that can haul us out of trouble is Jesus.

A view of religion based almost entirely on human sinfulness is weird and troubling (it's more concerned with how not to live than how to live), but we can't accurately label people self-righteous who judge themselves at least as harshly as they judge anyone else. Listen to born-again Christians and what you'll hear over and over are their confessions. By their own admission, they were reckless, selfish and out of control until they found Jesus.

We are dealing with people who see religion primarily as a form of therapy. The reason they are attracted to strict, authoritarian Christian sects is because they are morally stunted. They have frequently failed to do what's right in their own lives, and instead of picking themselves up and undertaking the difficult task of asking why they failed and what it would truly mean to lead a meaningful life—the domain of real religion—they latch onto the easy answers provided by Jesus cults. They need a fearsome spook in the sky to tell them no. They are morally weak people who think that everyone else is as weak as they are.

Well, fundamentalists, guess what? We're not as weak as you.

I'm not saying that the rest of us are perfect. We can be as stupid, careless and cruel, on occasion, as anybody else. But there is a huge difference between owning up to the fact that you're not perfect and betraying your humanity with fundamentalist Biblical brainwashing.

It's no surprise that fundamentalists get so upset about sexual orientation, and it's not because they are self-righteous. Openly gay people drive them crazy because by daring to violate "God's laws" and think for ourselves, we threaten to knock down their whole moral system. If we're "breaking the rules," especially the ones about sex—so many of the demons the fundamentalists struggle with are sexual demons—then what's to stop them from doing the same?

There are many dangers in these beliefs. One is that although the fundamentalists believe we'll eventually get what we've got coming in hell, some of them wouldn't mind getting a little head start on our agony. Going from believing that homosexuality threatens the moral order to pistol-whipping a gay kid tied to a fence is a smaller step than fundamentalists are capable of admitting.

To be fair, most fundamentalists aren't going to murder anybody, but they are causing a great deal of harm. With the zeal inspired by their easy certainties, they have staked out wrong-headed positions on a whole range of issues. We need to counter them more effectively, and to do this we ought to stop asking them questions which they can easily brush aside, like "why are you so self-righteous?" Instead, we need to start asking them tougher questions, like "why is your faith so rooted in your own moral weakness?"

The way to take these troubled people out of the political discussion is by making it clear to them—and especially to everybody else—that their beliefs are simply devoid of real moral value and insight.

Fr. Rodney DeMartini Helps National Catholic AIDS Network Reach Out

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Father Rodney DeMartini is the Executive Director of the National Catholic AIDS Network (NCNA). Located in Occidental, Calif., the group currently has over 1,000 members nationwide with the mission to be a resource and support network for people—mainly in the Catholic community—who are directly involved in HIV/AIDS education, pastoral care, social services and medical care.

"We're there to support the care providers," DeMartini told *IN Step* during a recent visit to Milwaukee. "We do education, we have a newsletter, we're trying to help people in more isolated areas of the country to have contact with people who are doing similar ministry in other places, so that there can be a sharing of resources and information."

"We sometimes get requests—for example, around World AIDS Day—from people who wanted to have some sort of liturgical gathering or event. What we were able to do... we have a sample liturgy that we can send out, but we are also able to say, 'Here's three or four names and phone numbers of dioceses or organizations who have been doing World AIDS Day liturgies for a number years. Give them a call and I'm sure they will have information.'"

Also, individuals living with HIV and looking for support often call or find NCNA on the Internet at www.ncna.org. According to DeMartini, there's usually someone on their mailing list or a member who would be able to provide one-on-one support.

"We're successful over 95 percent of the time in actually finding another person who can be there to support somebody

who may contact us," DeMartini says.

Recently, the St. Camillus Foundation established a fund in Milwaukee Catholic Archbishop Rembert Weakland's name to help fight AIDS. DeMartini was in Milwaukee to meet with Weakland and members of St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry about the fund.

"I want to express our gratitude to Archbishop Weakland. He's stood up for things even though they haven't always been popular," stated DeMartini.

According to DeMartini, Weakland agreed to send priests and seminarians as beneficiaries of that fund to the next conference of National Catholic AIDS Network, to be held in July in Chicago.

"We also wanted to have some time to meet with Fr. Stephen Braddock, because of all the work St. Camillus is doing here," DeMartini added.

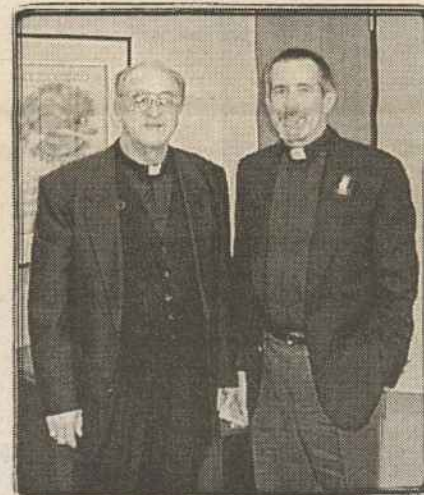
"They're one of the [best] models in

"I want to express our gratitude to Archbishop Weakland. He's stood up for things even though they haven't always been popular."

the country [that shows what] a religious community, that has a long tradition of caring for the sick, can do. We have some mutual concerns about how to engage a larger population of Catholics."

In the fight against AIDS, DeMartini says there is no magic formula other than the one-on-one outreach.

"The challenges ahead are going to be to continue to respond to the diversity—



Milwaukee Archbishop Rembert Weakland and Fr. Rodney DeMartini

to continue to remind people that it's not over. [HIV] continues to expand in places where a lot of people want to believe that it doesn't exist."

DeMartini said that The Catholic AIDS Network is very committed to help the church be more vocal AIDS and AIDS prevention.

"We can't just throw out slogans; that does no good. We still see the struggle in the gay community where, after years of education, there are still challenges to the continuing spread of the virus. We all have to be involved. We all have to continue to learn not only to treat those who are living with the virus, but also how to continue to reduce new infections."

DeMartini cites the gay community's response to AIDS as an important example in dealing with health issues.

"I continue to believe that we need to acknowledge and thank the gay and lesbian community. Their [actions] serve both as a model and as an inspiration. I think today that the challenge is to continue to fight prejudice wherever we see it and to try—even with our differences, even though sometimes churches and the gay and lesbian community have differences around prevention and sexual responsibility and sexual expression, to come together." ▼

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"We're not in Kansas any more."

—Ammiano's response (see above).

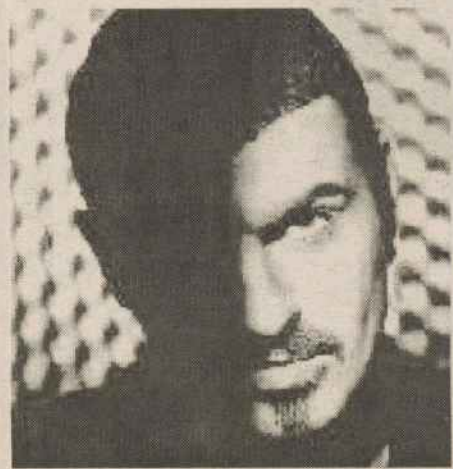
Wonderful!

"You're a great big wonderful lesbian, you great big wonderful lesbian you."

—Horizons Community Services ad campaign, appearing on public-transit vehicles and elsewhere around Chicago.

Oh, Boy!

"[Boy George has] never said anything that really bothered me until his *Advocate* article this year. He's always said horrible things, but in that article he said I thought I was too good for the gay community. I



felt like that was really over the top. He did an article directly after I was arrested — interestingly enough, he writes a column for one of the tabloids, which is exactly where I think he belongs. It's an English tabloid called *Daily Mail*. It's also pretty right-wing and homophobic. I think it's quite interesting that he writes for them, so I guess he'll go for anyone who pays him. ... Am I too good for the gay community? No. Am I too good for the likes of Boy George? Yes."

—Singer George Michael to *The Advocate*.

Error!

"[H]ear it one more time perfectly clearly: If you're gay or a lesbian, it's a biological error that inhibits you from relating normally to the opposite sex. The fact that you are intelligent, creative and valuable is all true. The error is in your inability to relate sexually intimately, in a loving way to a member of the opposite sex — it is a biological error."

—Radio therapist Dr. Laura Schlessinger on her Web site, <http://www.dr.laura.com>.

Closet Cure

"As for 'Ex-Gays' Who Feel You Can Walk Away From Your Sexuality: You always could. It's called the closet."

—Village Voice columnist Michael Musto.

Toilets Made for a Queen

"Joe frequented cottages all the time. It is a place where gays meet and strut their stuff. We know from George Michael's arrest that it is still common practice. It wasn't just the cheap sex. Joe liked to be the fly on the wall. You don't

get to know what life is really about by knocking about with BBC directors and Oxford dons. The crudity and sparseness of life is to be found in public lavatories."

—Leoni Orton-Barnett, sister of famed gay playwright Joe Orton, in response to the Jan. 4 announcement that \$82,000 in British lottery money will be used to renovate three Victorian underground toilets that were Orton's favorite cruising spots — in part as a memorial to Orton. "Cottage" translates into American as "tearoom."



ZZZZzzzzzzzz!

"It looks like something sleeping up there. It's like it's fur."

—Make-up artist and stylist-to-the-stars Glenn Alfonso on Sir Elton John's hair transplant, to Los Angeles' gay *In* magazine.

Whatever Floats Your Boat!

"In the porn world there are a lot of people who are saying, 'Enough with body and leg shaving and the dyed, arched eyebrows.' It's getting to the point where those hairless, pumped-up things in gay

porn look like Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade floats having sex."

—Glenn Alfonso again.

Desexed Homos

"The media can only deal with gay personalities if they are sexless. You never see RuPaul on the arm of a six-foot strapping basketball player, and that's the same thing that kind of happened to me. I became this gender-less exotic doll. I think that's the only way people can deal with it. But, I love RuPaul. I think RuPaul is a trooper, and I think that drag queens are the suffragettes of our community."

—Boy George to the San Diego gay publication *Buzz*.



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'A Master Class' With Marni Nixon

Marni Nixon can be seen in the Skylight Opera's world premiere of *Ballymore*, by Richard Wargo, based on the play "Lovers" by Irish playwright Brian Freil. *Ballymore* will open Jan. 29 and run through Feb. 14 at the Broadway Theater Center.

A Master Class with Marni Nixon will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11 in the Dorothea Mayer Salon at the Broadway Theater Center. Eight singers will participate. A reception for Ms. Nixon will follow. Tickets for Nixon's master class will be \$10 at the door, but free for voice students. For additional information, call (414) 291-7811.

First Fridays Celebrates Mardi Gras

The Milwaukee Art Museum's (MAM) First Fridays are alternative after-work parties featuring live music, art tours, a cash bar and complimentary appetizers. *Laissez les bon temps rouler* (Let the good times roll) on Friday, Feb. 5, as First Fridays celebrates Mardi Gras with the swamp boogie of Big Nick & the Cydecos.

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Big Nick & the Cydecos

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General admission is \$7, with MAM members paying \$5. Anyone wearing a Mardi Gras mask or beads will receive \$1 off admission. College students with a valid ID will receive free admission. For more information, call Avie Cumming at (414) 224-3841.



BJ in his kitchen, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1994 (detail) Photo: J. Shimon and J. Lindemann

Dreaming Big

Interview by Waswo

The word "legendary" is overused by promoters and hype artists of all kinds. But in the case of BJ Daniels, the adjective is peculiarly apt. BJ is a legend, and like all legends, the myth that has been created lives larger than life.

On Friday, Feb., 19th, Gallery H20 premieres a benefit for the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center. *Dreaming Big: The Legendary BJ Daniels* will be a show consisting of photography by Jorge Cabal, Francis Ford, Stanley Ryan Jones, Tom Miller, and J. Shimon and J. Lindemann, as well as films by Jerome Carolfi. The retrospective exhibit will be interspersed with BJ's own costume creations and related memorabilia.

When I met BJ for this interview, his East Side apartment was illuminated with literally scores of candles. Small

votive candles lined each step of the staircase that led from the street. Candles flickered from behind gauze-like curtains and among exotic plants. Billie Holiday crooned softly from the stereo. Cats darted like ancient Egyptian spirits guarding a temple's innermost sanctum. This truly was the home of something divine.

BJ was born Bjorn Nasett in the rural town of Rockdale, Wis. As a teenager he used his mom's sewing machine to make an androgynous harem outfit with a satin top. He donned golden eye shadow and drove to the big city. The rest is history. BJ was named Milwaukee's premiere female impersonator in 1995 by no less than the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*.

As I interviewed him, BJ spread his body diva-style on the couch. I found myself sitting at his feet, like the worshipper of an idol.

BJ Daniels: I like to be called Bjorn. BJ is a stage persona that I have created. But for the purposes of this interview you can call me BJ. This show is all about BJ, and that's what people know me as.

Waswo: When Doug Krimmer first told me about this show I was very surprised. I thought it was unique that a performance artist such as yourself would bring together all of these visual artists. It's a very special concept.

BJ: John Shimon, and Julie Lindemann and I were talking. Maybe even Frank Ford was there. I can't remember. They were saying "Wow! We've done so many photographs together over the years." And when you think about who did them, people like Frank Ford and Shimon and Lindemann, in other words — really great photographers—it seems a shame that so few people have seen them.

There will be a lot of different levels to this show. For every photographer in the show, we've done some new shoots. Some of the photos were designed by the photographers conceptually and visually. Others were more collaborative.

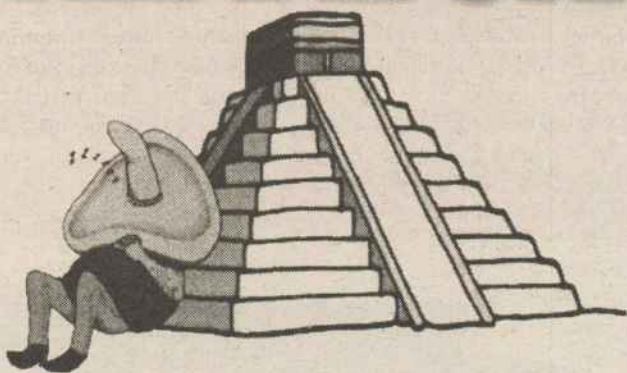
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the photographers did in the older photos and what they've done now. The one unifying theme is me as the model.

W: You must have noticed that over the years the attitude toward gender bending has changed. I'm aware of that. It seems a bit more open and accepted these days.

BJ: There was sort of a golden age that happened in the '80s. It was that go-go, Madonna influenced, icon-surface '80s thing. Things like the TV show *Dynasty*. All these factors led to drag being more glorified. It was all about heightened reality and overblown production values. Remember angst songs and the Eurythmics?

W: So cross-dressing just sort of fit right in?

BJ: Definitely. It became like MTV. I was working at three different clubs when I first came here: Papagayos, Park Avenue, and Club 219. I think I performed at every venue in this city at one time or another.

W: How did you first meet Francis Ford?

BJ: I met Frank at a vintage clothing store, where I worked as a clerk. He came in with Carri Skoczek, who was his girlfriend at the time and who was also a costume designer. I just thought Frank was a totally crazy guy.

For Halloween he was going as a bride and Carri was going as a groom. Then I saw him at La Cage later that Halloween. I thought he was just so awesome and great that I fell in love with him. I didn't know he was a photographer until later.

W: How did the first shoot come about?

BJ: Honestly, I don't remember. It could have been for a Theater X play I was doing. It's kind of blurry. I know we did a shoot of kind of androgynous stuff together and we did an *Art Muscle* shoot. We probably did five or six different shoots together.

W: Frank always speaks highly of you. He was excited to hear I was doing this interview.

BJ: Yeah. He was one of the major proponents in doing the show. It's strange with me being the link to all of these brilliant artists.

W: How did you meet Shimon and Lindemann?

BJ: I think I met them through Holly Brown. That was probably about '84. Actually I sort of met Frank through Holly Brown, too. After I ran into him at the thrift store, Holly said, "That's Francis Ford, the photographer!"

W: I think he had already photographed Holly.

BJ: I think so. Frank used to come to shows a lot and I didn't even know. But Shimon and Lindemann were definitely at an art show somewhere when I first met them. Holly really helped introduce me to culture and the importance of it.

W: Did you have an interest in the visual arts before that?

BJ: Oh yeah, definitely. But Holly is the one who really made me realize art is what life is about and that I ought to be a part of it. Anything that stimulates peoples minds, entertains and informs them, or creates a reaction is art. That's what art is all about at its most basic level. It's something that elicits a reaction from somebody else. Holly helped me put that all into perspective. She took me to art openings and galleries.

We did a shoot for *Art Muscle*. Holly Brown, Ginger Spice and myself. We were the triumvirate at the time.

W: That's right. That's when Shimon and Lindemann did the feature on cross-dressing.

BJ: Hey, we were the big trio at the time. It was fun. Holly and Ginger were a great influence on me.

W: What about Jorge Cabal?

BJ: Billy Attewell was doing layout for an ad for the BESTD Clinic. The idea for the ad was "AIDS is a Drag". I was the model and he wanted it to be really a beautiful image. Jorge Cabal did the photo shoot in

the outer dressing room of Club 219, against a black door.

W: After one of your shows?

BJ: Before! It turned out really well. It was a beautiful picture. Jorge is that kind of artist. What I like about him is that he's real minimalist in a kamikaze kind of way. He is! What makes that good is that he has the eye to catch the right moment.

W: I think everybody remembers the Q-Voice cover with you in your short hair, smoking a cigar. That really caused quite a sensation. I remember delivering that issue to the bars and people were shrieking when they saw the cover and realized who it was. Here was BJ Daniels in this macho, drill sergeant role. Was that your idea or Cabal's idea? How did that come about?

BJ: That was another one of those shoots. The weird thing is that we shot it right after I had some surgery done. They wanted me to do like an underwear shot. When I'd do drag I'd appear in the nude sometimes. But for some reason I had never pimped on the male image. They wanted me to wear boxer briefs, but I wore a robe because I had surgical scars. I don't really know whose idea the cigar was. I want to give credit to Cabal.

W: That was right after you retired from the stage. A lot of people interpreted that shot as your retirement from cross-dressing.

BJ: I retired from club work. Club work is different. I did like 2,000 shows over an 18 year period. I no longer wanted the pressure.

W: It always seems to me that there is a symbiotic relationship between a photographer and his model. Have you ever done a photo shoot where it just hasn't clicked? Where someone's done a photo session that just hasn't worked?

BJ: No. If I sense that someone's unsure about what they're doing, I just take over. Like Marlene Dietrich. I know what my lighting and poses should be like and I just say so.

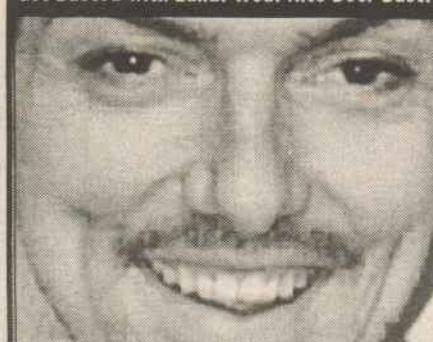
W: I understand there will be some films shown at your opening?

BJ: Films by a San Francisco filmmaker named Jerome Carolfi. He was my boyfriend when he was a film student in Madison. One of the films is called *Androgyny in Three Easy Steps*. I play Miriam Wanderlust, a fashion model. The other film is about a porn ring. I ended up playing two roles. One is a teen-age boy and the other is his prostitute mother. I did my first nude scene in that film. I was 20.

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Dreaming Big: The Legendary BJ Daniels, premieres Friday Feb. 19 from 7 to 11 p.m., at Gallery H20, 221 N. Water St. The exhibit runs through March 28.

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Milwaukee Ballet Presents "A Trinity of Dance"

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The evening includes George Ballanchine's first American piece — *Serenade* — pure and classical, but nevertheless punctuated by whimsical touches. Trinity Irish Dance, those fleet-of-foot champions who originated progressive Irish dance, will perform a favorite piece from their celebrated repertoire — to live Irish music. And the exclamation point of the evening is *In The Glow of the Night*, choreographed by the late Choo-San Gho. Demonstrating his fascination with Chinese calligraphy, *In the Glow* breaks ballet traditions with angular movements that are like signing one's name.

Performances are Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 14 at 1:30 p.m. Regular ticket prices run from \$15.50 to \$64.50. For more information or to order tickets, please call the Milwaukee Ballet at (414) 643-7677, the Marcus Center at (414) 273-7206, or TicketMaster at (414) 276-4545.

Milwaukee Theater Group Forms

Envisioned as a "Community Theater for the Theater Community," the Floating Repertory Company (FRC) seeks to stimulate artists with the challenges of playing in different styles and employing varied approaches to creating theater. Novice performers will learn by working side by side with more experienced artists. New artists will have the opportunity to be seen; familiar artists will be seen in new and varied ways.

Why is this new company called the *Floating Repertory*? Because productions will be presented in a wide variety of styles and performance spaces, the company will "float" from Elizabethan tragedy to 1930s musical to original cabaret and more, providing a venue for works seldom seen.

FRC's premier production, *The Revenger's Tragedy*, is a fascinating and macabre Jacobean work which explores "aspects of our own world where the good life, the life of extraordinary opulence and comfort, was connected with something fundamentally immoral," according to noted British director, Trevor Nunn. All performances will take place at Summerfield United Methodist Church, 728 E. Juneau Ave. at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. Thursday and Sunday, 11 and 14, and at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13.

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Pabst Theater to Showcase "Chopin and The Irish"



Jeffrey Siegel. Photo: S.J. Sherman

As part of Milwaukee's second International Arts Festival celebrating the Irish Arts, the Pabst Theater will present "Keyboard Conversations" with pianist Jeffrey Siegel with *Chopin and the Irish* on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a Family Concert titled *Music for the Young and Youthful* on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10 a.m.

The Irish influence on the musical world will take center stage when Siegel devotes his concert to the music of John Field and Chopin. Field, born in Dublin in 1782, forever changed the way composers and performers approached the piano. His music had a particular influence on Chopin, who expanded upon his compositional style, including the "nocturne" form that Field created.

The Feb. 10 concert will feature Field's Nocturnes No. 4 in A and "Noontide"; and Chopin's Nocturne in D Flat, Impromptu

in A Flat and Ballade No. 4 in F Minor. Tickets for Chopin and the Irish are \$21. Mr. Siegel will return to the Pabst Theater on Feb. 13 with a 45-minute Family Concert, also featuring Irish music, plus a selection of short pieces. Tickets are \$10. All tickets may be purchased at the Pabst Theater Box Office or by calling (414) 286-3663.

"Roots of Brazil" to Perform at Latino Arts Carnival

Latino Arts, Inc., and the United Community Center (UCC) present the New York-based dance group *Roots of Brazil*, who will perform in Milwaukee for their first time on Friday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at "Carnaval," an extravagant Latin American and Caribbean festival celebrated with music and dance that reflects an important and colorful tradition.

Carnaval, like Mardi Gras, originated as a pre-Lenten celebration and runs for four days, ending on the day before Ash Wednesday, which is known in some English speaking areas as "Fat Tuesday." The celebration will take place at UCC, 1028 S. 9th St., in the Latino Arts Auditorium.

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Hurly Burly

Hurly Burly is part of a New Miserablism in cinema—films like *The Big Lebowski*, *The Sweet Hereafter* and *A Simple Plan* that look on premillennial tension with a bitter pessimism and little sympathy.

Based on a play by David Rabe, *Hurly Burly* is about four Hollywood jerk-offs who talk, talk, talk. Sean Penn is the most fucked-up, Kevin Spacey (with his dyed-blond hair and the-saurus-tipsy harangues) the sleaziest, Gary Shandling the most cynical and Chazz Palminteri the biggest loser. Together they drown one another in self-hate, woman-hate, hate-hate.

Not much happens story-wise or, thanks to Anthony Drazan's uneven direction, to prevent us from thinking we're watching a play. There's just endless speculative chit-chat that constantly turns in on itself.

As film/TV industry movers and shakers, this chit-chat is characterized by an undeniably intelligent but nonetheless decidedly middlebrow analysis of their self-consumed "problems." But what makes it middlebrow is that it's so consumed with taking into account every angle, every hypothesis to an argument that it winds up never making an argument at all.

The coke-sniffing Iron Johns simply grind their heels into the ground, matching each other's antithesis with another antithesis, arguing to argue. Undoubtedly, this accounts for the slice-of-life-y feel of the film. And face it, it's your slice of life because you know lots of people like this.

The bile-inducing exchange between Penn and girlfriend Robin Wright Penn over where to eat is one I've had almost verbatim at least three times before. He's not completely fuckin' crazy; he's your brother.

—Kevin John

A Simple Plan

Talk unravels the "simple plan" in Sam Raimi's terrific *A Simple Plan*, but the narrative is so tight you can bounce a quarter off it. In fact, the moral schema is so aphoristic, the authorial control so no-nonsense that *A Simple Plan* recalls the great B-movie cautionary tales of the 40s, like Edgar G. Ulmer's masterpiece, *Detour*.

Common-sensical Hank (Bill Paxton) must keep his idiotic brother Jacob (Billy Bob Thornton) and his churlish friend (Brent Briscoe) quiet after they all stumble upon a crashed plane containing a dead pilot and a suitcase containing \$4.5 million.



(L-R) Billy Bob Thornton, Bridget Fonda and Bill Paxton star in "A Simple Plan."

But that's an impossible order and brutally soon the narrative traces an inexorable trajectory into tragedy, a path made all the more unbearable by the barren small town Minnesota winter that chills the proceedings.

A Simple Plan will understandably elicit comparison to *Fargo*. But *Fargo* is altogether more ambivalent when it comes to naysaying. By contrast, Raimi clearly intends his film to be a parable of greed and its destructive aftermath. Like *Detour*, *A Simple Plan* never lets its characters off the hook simply because a deus ex machina has forced them to demonstrate quite decisively their existence as moral beings.

Yet the beauty of the film is that it doesn't pretend things would be so much better before fate intervened either. Briscoe and Thornton are unemployed, and for Thornton, that's just the beginning. Hank seems happy with a baby on the way and a loving wife (Bridget Fonda), but the money is merely a detour on his road to a dead-end.

At film's end, Hank articulates the nightmare of he and his wife's quotidian reality in the wake of all the mayhem the money caused. But perhaps the nightmare was always already there and the real working-class nightmare is being able to articulate it.

—Kevin John

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America's gay and lesbian news-magazine series, *In the Life*, returns to PBS with six all-new stories for its February-March '99 episode.

Correspondents Jonathan Capehart, Tanya Barfield and Paul Mueller and transgendered author Kate Bornstein join host Katherine Linton for the season premiere of *In the Life*. The following is a rundown of the segments in the episode.

To Be Black and Gay in the Age of AIDS

While AIDS cases in general have decreased nationwide, the disease is still continuing to affect the African American community in epidemic proportions. This story will look into the reasons for this alarming trend and what is being done to combat it. "It's a national shame and human tragedy that AIDS in America has been allowed to become blacker, browner, younger and more female," says Philip Hilton, vice president of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS. Also, the performance of A Real Read, a Chicago-based African-American ensemble that uses humor, drama and dance to address gay issues and HIV and AIDS prevention in their community.

Bisexuality 101

This story focuses on the burgeoning bisexual visibility and the misconceptions both gays and straights have about bisexuals.

Robin Margolis, author of *Bisexuality: A Practical Guide* says on *In the Life*, "When you're bisexual and you come out, first you have all the problems in the straight culture that gays have: child custody battles, legal discrimination, job loss, threats of violence. ... But when you enter the gay culture as a bisexual, you don't get immediate and unqualified support."

Making Music, Making Changes

This story profiles three very different musicians with one important thing in common: Billy Tipton, the jazz band leader who lived his life as a man and



Billy Tipton

who was upon his death discovered to be a biological woman; transsexual and heavy metal musician Christine Beatty; and classical pianist Sara Davis Buechner, formerly David.

Transgender activist Jamison Green says, "The most important thing to be understood about trans people is that they are not being who they're not, they're being who they are. Billy (Tipton) described himself as a musician and a man — the most important thing about honoring Billy is not to take those identities away from him." Also interviewed is Diane Wood Middlebrook, author of *Suits Me, The Double Life of Billy Tipton*.

Ms. Baldwin Goes To Washington

Tammy Baldwin is heading to the U.S. House of Representatives as the first woman to represent Wisconsin, and as the first openly gay non-incumbent ever elected to Congress.

Her campaign drew on the support of an estimated 3000 volunteers and saw an

unexpectedly high voter turnout in districts heavy with university students, resulting in severe ballot shortages at polling places. Tammy Baldwin on *In the Life*: "One of the sayings that we repeated over and over in the campaign was the famous quote from anthropologist Margaret Mead: 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.'" Also interviewed for this segment is Congressman Barney Frank of Massachusetts.

Ethnic Parades Crossing Lines

This story will focus on emerging gay and lesbian ethnic groups who have tried to march in ethnic parades with mixed reception: the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization in New York's St. Patrick's Day Parade; the South Asian Lesbian and Gay Association (SALGA) in New York's India Day Parade; and Kilawin Kolektibo, a lesbian Filipina collective, in New York's Philippine Independence Day Parade.

Of their conflict with organizers of the Indian Day Parade, Gayatri Gopinath of SALGA says on *In the Life*, "Parades are the way in which immigrant communities re-imagine their homeland. And the FIA (Federation of Indian Associations, India Day Parade organizers), wants to re-imagine India as Hindu, middle-class, patriarchal, and free of queers."

"Stop Kiss" at the Public

"Stop Kiss" has become one of the brightest Off-Broadway offerings of the season. This sold-out, universally lauded play by Asian playwright Diane Son holds at its center the brutal beating of Sara (played by Sandra Oh) after she and Callie (played by "Friends" regular Jessica Hecht) are caught kissing — their first kiss — on a park bench in Greenwich Village.

The play follows the budding relationship of Sara and Callie as they discover they are in love, even though neither had ever considered a lesbian relationship as a possibility in their lives. This realization and the juxtaposition of the gay-bashing of Sara make this a compelling offering from New York's Public Theater.

A bi-monthly newsmagazine series, *In the Life* chronicles the history and contemporary experience of the lesbian and gay community, and airs on nearly 120 public television stations nationwide. A complete list of airdates and more information can be found on the internet at www.inthelife.org.

In the Life will air in February on most Wisconsin PBS affiliates. Check local listings or IN Step's Calendar.

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ACTIVITIES:

Friday, January 29

SAGE/Milwaukee - Men's Discussion - (Milwaukee): The men's group will discuss THE QUESTION OF EQUALITY in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, January 30

Rural Dykes Association - A Day in Milwaukee (Madison/Milwaukee): Come along to Milwaukee to see what goes on in the big city. The group will rendezvous at 1 p.m. for a tour of the botanical gardens, seasonal flower displays and special floral exhibits at Mitchell Park Horticultural Conservatory a.k.a. The Domes. After the tour the group will retreat to the apartment of a pair of bonafide, city-dwelling country dyke wannabes for a vegetarian potluck. FMI on the Madison carpool, call (608) 437-3637. FMI in Milwaukee (414) 964-2912.

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys - Beginning Dance Lessons (Madison, WI): Country Dance lessons start at 8 p.m. at the Sapphire Ballroom in the Northgate Mall, 1133 N Sherman Ave. Open dancing follows until closing. Suggested Donation is \$3, FMI call (608) 255-9131 or e-mail or rtkilme4r@fractaff.wisc.edu

GAMMA Milwaukee: Social Volleyball every Saturday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the UWM Engleman Gym, 2033 E Hartford Avenue. Cost: \$2.00 for GAMMA members, \$3.00 non-members. INFO: John at (414) 540-1202

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.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Open 1 hour prior to game. Regular opening is at 3 p.m. \$1 off all Miller products. \$4 pitchers of beer. Free shot for every Packer Touch down.

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): 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

Naplese 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.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Beer Bust (tap 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!

Za's (Green Bay, WI): Dry Dance Night! (16 & up in Za'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 Kloser (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.

Naplese 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.

Roy'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.

The 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.

Za'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, rails & 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.

Cell Block (Chicago): SMUT Tuesdays! XXX Videos. Cheap Drinks. Free Games.

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, rails & 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.

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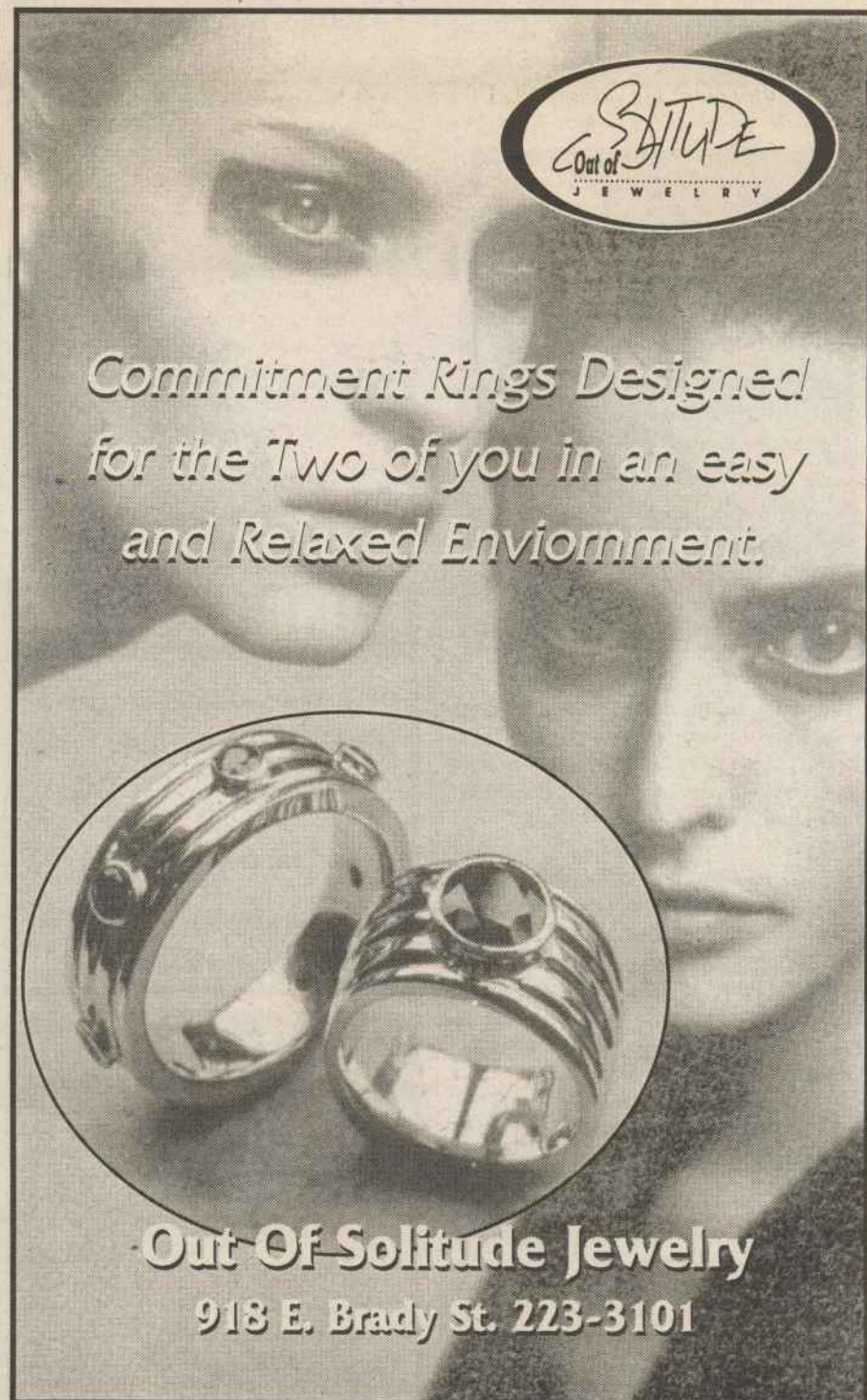
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Legacy: The Grandson of Oscar Wilde

Interview by Bill Kaiser
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Merlin Holland, writer and lecturer, was interviewed by Bill Kaiser at his hotel in Los Angeles, where he was researching a new book about his grandfather, Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) poet, author, playwright and wit who was imprisoned for gross indecency at hard labor for two years in 1895 at the height



Merlin Holland

of his career. Wilde was married and had two sons Cyril and Vyvyan, Mr. Holland's father. Mr. Holland lives in London with his wife and teen-age son Lucien.

BK: What was it like having people know your grandfather was Oscar Wilde?

MH: I studied languages at university and spent a lot of time in Europe. I didn't go around telling anyone about my background. If they knew, they knew: if they didn't, they didn't but occasionally I would ask people in Europe about Wilde and they would say he was an artist and an artist in Europe was someone who was respected. Wilde has this strange reputation in England. It's a dual reputation: there's the man who did unmentionable things, and there's the writer. In England it's still very much Oscar Wilde, homosexual and playwright.

IN Step: I think in America Wilde is best known for his writings especially the plays and the novel "Dorian Gray." What aspect about Wilde means the most to you personally?

MH: That's a difficult question. The side of his character that means a lot to me is that he stood up for what he believed in. More militants might say he didn't stand up enough, but in those days he couldn't have stood up in court and said he was gay, though after his release he said to George Ives that "nothing less than the repeal of the law would suffice."

He also stood for getting rid of "the three volume novel of revolting sentimentality" (laugh) and for bringing something entirely new to English life and letters, and he did it in the face of enormous opposition. It's that rebellious side of him that I admire most. It's facing

up to hypocrisy.

IN Step: You're traveling to Milwaukee for the American premiere of the opera "Dorian Gray." What other events are you participating in, and how will you deal with all that snow?

MH: (Laugh) I plan to take a bus from Chicago as a precaution. There will be a panel discussion of *Dorian Gray* with the composer and I believe the director of the opera. Then the premiere and reception on Friday. That Saturday afternoon I will give a lecture looking at *Dorian Gray* in the context of Wilde's life. It isn't just a curious novel, you know; it contributed much more than is credited with creating an atmosphere for his downfall.

IN Step: It's amazing all the books that are coming out about Wilde. You finally wrote one yourself last year, "The Wilde Album," which was an exquisite book with pictures.

MH: I never intended to write that book. I wanted to write a book called *After Oscar, Story of a Legacy*, about the arguments, squabbles and relationships of unlikely allies after his death, and another book bringing Wilde's letters back into print and updated. The publishers was



Oscar Wilde

interested in a picture book with text as well. I tried to put down on paper what I believe made him tick.

IN Step: A number of novels have used Wilde as a character. What do you think of them?

MH: I think they're wonderful great fun. This is what I like, too, about the plays about him like David Hare's *Judas Kiss*, when they take a raw fact and use their imagination to create.

IN Step: I want to thank you for taking the time to speak with me. I know you are very busy with research for the new book. I hope you have a great time in Milwaukee.

MH: Thank you. ▼

Merlin Holland will appear on Sunday, February 7 at 2 p.m. at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop on N. Oakland Ave.



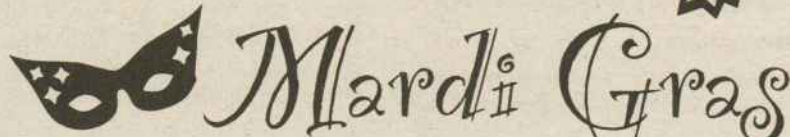
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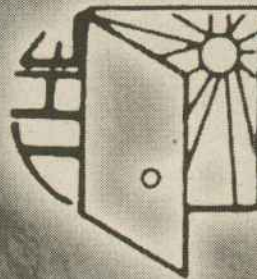


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M&M Club (Milwaukee): M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

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

Naplese 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 Karaoke from 8:30 p.m. to close

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Progressive Night! 9 p.m. through close, \$1 rail mixers, 50¢ mugs of beer. Price goes up 25¢ every half-hour to closing.

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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.

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 Cervo 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 Cervo or Doctors \$1.50. Karaoke 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.

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.

Naplese 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): Karaoke! \$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): Top 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.

Za'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.

Kirby's Klub (Madison, WI): Every Thursday Night is 20's Night! Party to the hottest rock all night. \$1 rail, \$1 shots, 50¢ taps. Listen to our new DJs Todd & Shawn.

The Kismet (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. After 7 p.m. It's Ladies Night Out! \$3 pitchers, \$1.50 bottled beer and 75¢ taps.

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.

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, 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.

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

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

Za'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 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 \$\$\$ 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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 Bone 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 Mid-night. 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 80¢ 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:

Thursday, January 28

Boot Camp - Trip to Las Vegas (Milwaukee): You have until 1/30 to register for a two-night trip to Las Vegas, hotel accommodations and \$200 cash. One entry per person. Drawing on 1/31 during the Super Bowl.

Dish - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 9 p.m. until 12 Midnight. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Saturday, January 30

Woody's - 3rd Annual Leather Swap Meet (Milwaukee): Great Lakes Harley Riders & Mr. WI Leatherman organizers host the 3rd Annual Leather Swap Meet, Pizza & Beer Bust at 7 p.m. FMI contact Larry/Joe (414) 931-9760.

Sunday, January 31

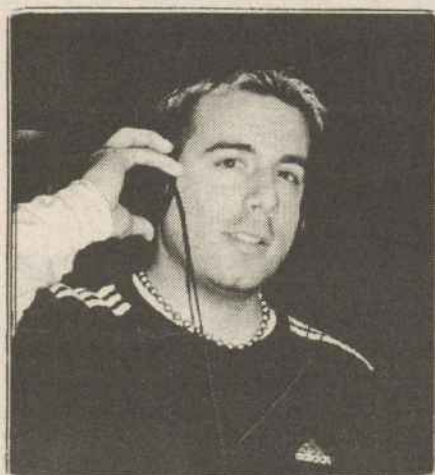
Boot Camp - Super Bowl and Las Vegas Drawing (Milwaukee): Join the guys for the game. Super Bowl kick off is at 3 p.m. There will be food at half time and that drawing for the Las Vegas trip.

The Office - Soup/Super Bowl Party (Rockford, IL): Bring a batch of your best soup. \$1 Bloody Marys & \$1 Twelve-oz. Drafts

This Is It! - Entertainment (Milwaukee): Sylvain: Keyboardist & Vocalist will appear every Sunday at 8 p.m. with his Lounge Nouveau Act.

Thursday, February 4

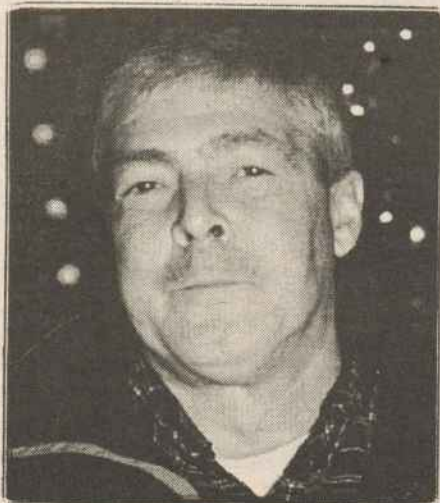
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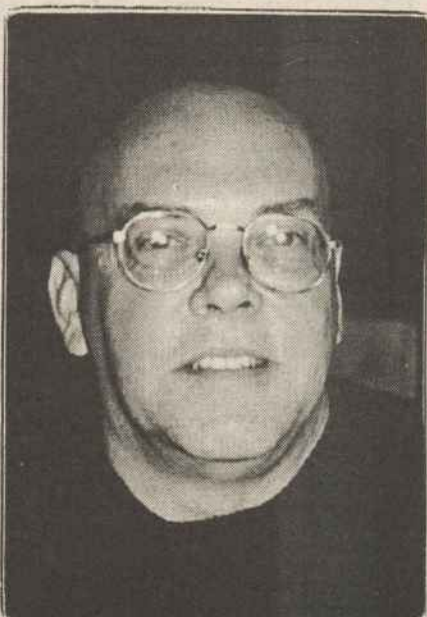
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Some one cute just walked in. Photo by Jamie @ Ballgame



Cuties of the week. Photo by Jamie @ M&M



Suffering from Packer withdrawal. Photo by Jamie @ Ballgame



Kenosha cuties. Photo by Jamie @ Illusions



Group fun. Photo by Jamie @ Illusions

be there from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES, CLUBS:

Thursday, January 28

Back Pages - Psychic Readings (Milwaukee): Call (414) 383-6464 or stop in to make an appointment for a psychic reading by Anastasia. Located at 1425 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Tuesday, February 2

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Milwaukee, Webster Pl.): Bret Easton Ellis reads from his new novel GLAMORAMA, a comic to surreal to horrific look at the world of male modeling, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

COMMUNITY

MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Thursday, January 28

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): HIV SURVEILLANCE, PREVENTION & TREATMENT IN WISCONSIN: THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE STATE OF HIV/AIDS PROGRAM. The conference meets at 3 p.m. in the CAIR conference room, 2071 N. Summit Ave. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

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

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

S/M Women - New Pro-Support Group (Madison, WI): A new support group for S/M women has formed and will meet at OUTReach, 14 W. Mifflin at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 242-8885

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

Third Thursdays - HIV Self-Help Group (Baraboo, WI): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served & transportation assistance is available. FMI & 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): Group meets weekly from 7 to 8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

Friday, January 29

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

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 wheel chair accessible.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield, WI): Come every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to Marshfield's #1 spot at 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. 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.

Latino Arts Presents - Friday Night Peñas (Milwaukee): These gatherings take place in the Café 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: Andean Folk Music with Dino Arestegui. FMI call (414) 384-3100.

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison, WI): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-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 30

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.

GLB 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 31

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 Unitarian Universalist 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 Capital 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.

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, February 1

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, February 2

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.

Positive Voice - Board Meeting (Green Bay, WI): The meeting is in Green Bay at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (920) 435-4404

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, February 3

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 Al-anon 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.

Thursday, February 4

Clark Square Health Fair - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be at 1818 West National Ave., from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Saturday, February 6

Positive Voice - Newsletter Deadline (Green Bay, WI): All submissions must be in today. Positive Voice, PO Box 1381, Green Bay, WI 54305-1381 or via e-mail to: pvnw4glbr@aol.com.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Sunday, January 31

UW-Madison-Free Film (Madison, WI): The UW Union South will screen THRONE OF BLOOD by film director Akira Kurosawa at 2 p.m.: It takes the plot line, but not the words, of Shakespeare's MACBETH and spins a spider-like tale; he has re-written the ending, and some think it's better than the original.

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.

Monday, February 1

Bravo Profiles - Cable TV, Channel 50 (Milwaukee): Bret Easton Ellis will be featured on Bravo Networks BRAVO PROFILES tonight. He will appear at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop Webster Place store on 2/2/99 for a reading of his new novel GLAMORAMA at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2

Cable Channel 4, WYOU (Madison, WI): NOTHING TO HIDE at 4 p.m. presents Brian McNaught, "Growing Up Gay" & Rep. Barney Frank, our buddy in Washington, DC. There is a re-run the following day at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 3

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.

Wednesday, February 3

Cable Channel 4, WYOU (Madison, WI): NOTHING TO HIDE at 9 p.m. presents a debate between Republican Ed Meese and Nadine Stressten (head of the ACLU) on the issue of "Censorship", & US Economy & Democratic

Values (partial). There is a re-run from 12:30 (midnight) to 2:30 a.m.

Monday, February 8

Frontier's Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison, WI): There will be a screening of AMAZING GRACE at 7:30 p.m. Consult your newsletter for location.

WHA-TV, Channel 21, Cable 11 - (Madison, WI): IN THE LIFE, # 803, will air at 11 p.m.

Tuesday, February 9

Cable Channel 4, WYOU (Madison, WI): NOTHING TO HIDE presents IN THE LIFE, Hawaii etc at 4 p.m. with a re-run the following day at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, February 10

Cable Channel 4, WYOU (Madison, WI): NOTHING TO HIDE presents IT'S ELEMENTARY, a film about five schools in the USA which have GLBTQ issues included in their curriculum & In Our Own Words. There is a re-run from 12:30 (midnight) to 2:30 a.m.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Thursday, January 28

Gallery H20 - Current Show (Milwaukee): BENT FIRE: NEON WORKS will run through 2/14. FMI call (414) 271-8032.

Milwaukee Art Museum - Exhibition of 17th Century Masterworks (Milwaukee): SINNERS AND SAINTS, DARKNESS AND LIGHT: CARAVAGGIO AND HIS DUTCH AND FLEMISH FOLLOWERS, opens at 5:30 p.m. with a 6:15 lecture titled Hunting for Treasure in America. The exhibit is open to the public from 1/29 through 4/18. Regular admission, free to MAM members, Milwaukee County residents free on Wednesday and Saturday mornings until 11:30 A.M.

Tuesday, February 2

MAM - Music in the Museum (Milwaukee): At 5:30 p.m. Jeffrey Holander will feature music and stories from Irving Berlin's early years on the Lower East Side of New York City. General admission is \$15, MAM members, senior citizens 65 or older, and students, \$12. FMI call (414) 224-3200

Friday, February 5

Milwaukee Art Museum - Mardi Gras (Milwaukee): The Milwaukee Art Museum's (MAM) First Fridays are alternative after-work parties featuring live music, art tours, a cash bar and complimentary appetizers. Celebrate Mardi Gras from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Food by Jolly's on Hanwood, Music by Big Nick & the Cydecos. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, and \$5 for members. College students with valid ID get in free! A Mardi Gras mask or beads will get you a \$1 discount. FMI call Ailie Cumming at (414) 224-3841

Tuesday, February 9

Milwaukee Public Museum - Lecture/Luncheon Series (Milwaukee): An ASIAN TRAVELOGUE by James Sanyaovong provides insight into the development of his country, their struggle for independence, and their relations with the United states. Programs begin at 11 a.m. with an optional 30-min-ute guided tour of a museum exhibit pertaining to the lecture. Cost is \$15. FMI call (414) 278-6170 for reservations.

THEATER ARTS:

Thursday, January 28

Bailystock & Bloom - Current Theater (Milwaukee): TRUE WEST by Sam Shepard runs through 2/13 at the Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 W. National Ave. FMI & tickets (\$12) call (414) 297-9010.

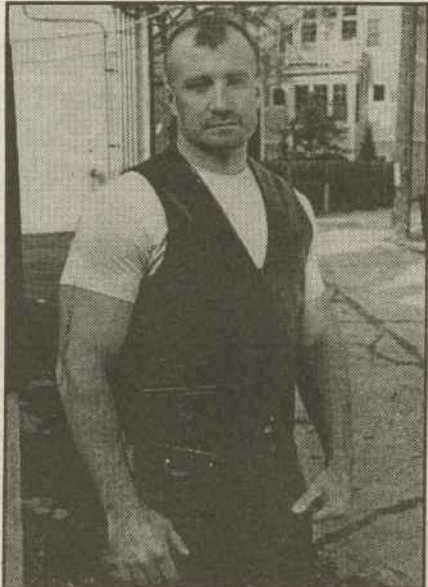
Friday, February 5

Danceworks - Swing Workshop (Milwaukee): An intensive workshop from 7:30 to 9 p.m. with Dawn Jacobson promises to get everyone up and dancing. The cost is \$15 per person. FMI call (414) 481-2010.

Florentine Opera - American Premiere (Milwaukee): As a part of Milwaukee's International Arts Festival featuring Ireland, THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY, an opera by American composer, Lowell Liebermann, from a book by Oscar Wilde, will make its American debut in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center. There are also performances on 2/6 & 7. FMI call (414) 291-5700.

Foothold Dance/Performance - Concert (Milwaukee): HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS, a dance concert depicting a variety of family life through story telling, live music, theatrical events and movement, will be performed at 8 p.m. on the Ivory Hall Stage at the Lincoln Middle School of the Arts, 820 E. Knapp St. FMI & tickets, call (414) 265-1346

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Clearing Shelves

By Ed Grover

At the beginning of every year, I find that I am always left with books from last year that I've never gotten the chance to review for one reason or another. Well, it's time to rectify that situation with a few well-chosen paragraphs and recommendations for the fiction and non-fiction that remains. Here we go!

BLIND ITEMS: A (LOVE) STORY by Matthew Rettenmund

Rettenmund seems to have done it again with his second novel as he explores the modern-day religion of celebrity worship. This is a hilarious and touching tale of love, sex and paparazzi. The author of *Boy Culture* has written what *Village Voice* gossip maven Michael Musto says is "...like a thousand gossip columns put together — but without a plot." David Greer is a porn editor, and his best friend, Warren Junior, writes thinly veiled "blind items" that skewer every big name in Hollywood. Rettenmund's wild cast of characters ensures a very readable book. (St. Martin's Press, ISBN: 0-312-19242-8, \$22.95).

TRIP SHEETS by Ellen Hawley

Cath Rehven is a cab driver in a transitional job. In *Trip Sheets* she decides to quit driving and pursue a career with her social work degree. And, while she is making changes, she decides to stop sleeping



with men! In this novel about coming out, without coming down, we get a record of a life that moves from point A to point B, just like the trip sheets taxi drivers use.

"Cath begins the task of unearthing herself from the safe and familiar but unsatisfying in her life. And she discovers that she is more loving and more lovable than she thought possible." This refreshing first novel by Ellen Hawley demonstrates that sometimes, when you go searching for a more meaningful existence, you find one. (Milkweed Editions, ISBN: 1-57131-021-5, \$13.95 PB).

IN MY ROOM by Guillian Dustan

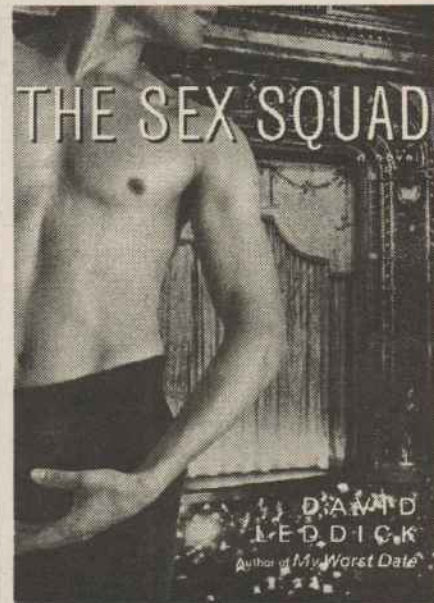
This book was first published in France in 1966, and this English translation is by Brad Rumph. It is a sensualist's trawl through the clubs of Paris, told by a narrator whose [only] needs are to fuck, to listen to house music and visit London. "Let the Good Times Roll, is the motto of this ecstatic celebration of a way of life unaffected by the demands of safe sex and queer politics."

Guillian Dustan is the pseudonym of a high-ranking French judge in Australia. American author Edmund White says "[Dustan] is the toughest new writer to emerge in a land known for its incorrigibles (Sade, Céline, Genet, Guilbert). He explains nothing, he apologizes

for nothing — he merely exists in an evil that has become so banal that the *Poet maudit* has turned into a *romancier sans sentiments*. (High Risk, ISBN: 1-85242-590-3, \$12.99 PB).

THE SEX SQUAD by David Leddick

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the author many more fans. Of those mentioned, Quentin Crisp says, "The Sex Squad will be especially interesting to balletomanes, as the celebrities of that world are featured — including Mr. Bing and Anthony Tudor in questionable circumstances." (St. Martin's Press, ISBN: 0-312-18174-4, \$22.95).

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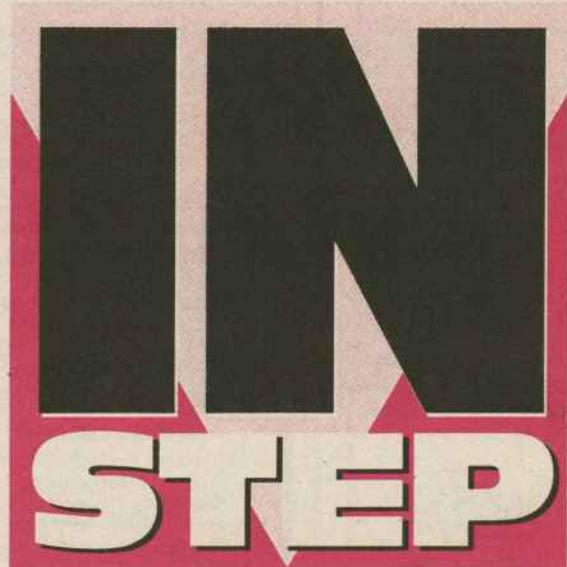
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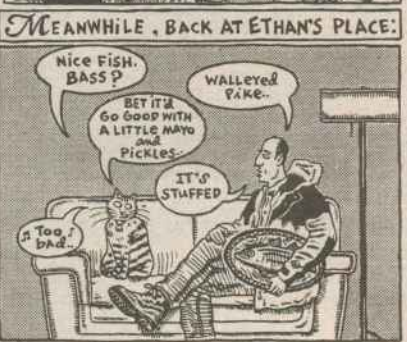
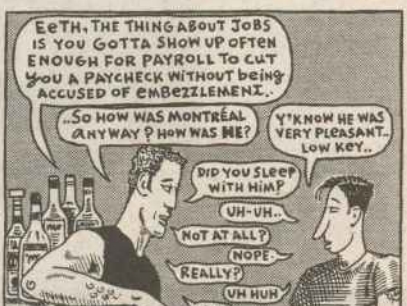
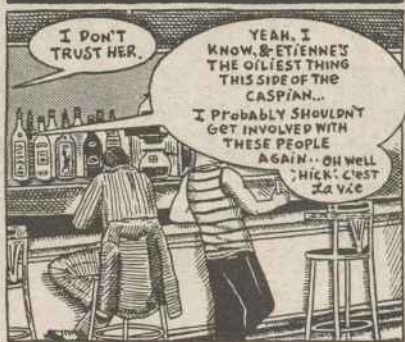
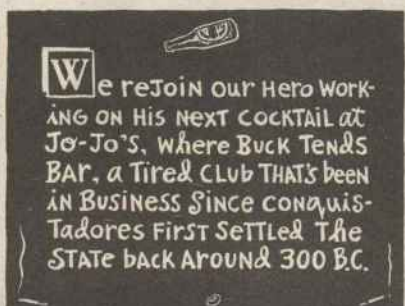
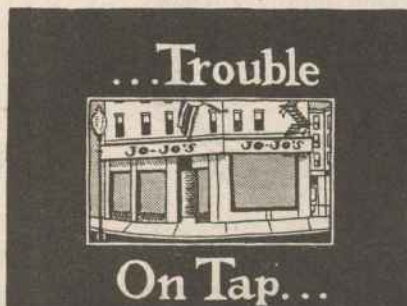
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He enjoyed being involved with the community, camping, bicycling, cooking, computers, car races and most of his two cats.

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

January Blah

by Jamie



There are a few subjects I would like to touch on for this week's column, the first of which is Chloé. She will be 5 months old at the end of January.

Technically, she is still a puppy, but believe me, she is growing into a full-sized dog fast. When we picked her up from the breeder, she was around 15 pounds and so tiny. Today, she has to be right around 50 pounds and is just as cute as she was when we picked her up.

She has developed a personality, which can be described as sassy. She loves to play and loves to chew even more. Fortunately, she hasn't discovered chewing on the furniture, but she does like to chew on paper, cardboard and plastic.

We have given her numerous toys that she destroys in no time at all. She's not quite furniture-trained either. When she was smaller, I didn't mind so much that she came up on the couch, but damn, she's getting too big. She will start from the kitchen, race through the dining room at full speed and smash into whatever and whoever is on the couch.

As far as our bed goes... I don't let her up there but Josh has (did you hear that, Judy?). Nope, our bed is for us, not Chloé. She has her own bed. She will also not let us take a bath or shower alone. Once she hears the water is turned on, there she is. If I don't stop her, she'll jump right in. At least I don't have to fight with her to give her a bath. All in all, I wouldn't trade her for anything. She gets on my nerves at times, but she is worth it.

The car. As you know, I have a Honda Prelude. Great car... in the summer. Let me tell you, this car is one of the worst cars in the snow that I have ever had. The car is so light and so low to the ground that it is almost impossible to get around town when we get heavy snow.

I have gotten stuck so many times during those nasty snowstorms we have had to endure over the past few weeks. I will still not complain about the reliability of the car, even after I lost a brake shoe. I went to pick up pads.... \$15.00. I was feelin' pretty good until I broke a bolt that holds the caliper to the car. I still don't have that fixed yet but will work on that this week. I sure hope it doesn't cost a fortune. (I just looked outside Saturday night) and I gotta do a photo shoot and want to go see Josh in Hartford... it's snowing. Great! I need a four-wheel drive truck.

The house. I will never regret buying a house. At the moment, things are pretty tough. When I decided to rent to Jeff, he was going to stay until March or April.

As it turns out, he accepted a job in New Mexico, and had to move out on the first of the year. Do you know how hard it is to get a place rented in the middle of winter? It's a great place. The kitchen floor is hardwood and will be refinished, the bathroom is getting a total makeover but I still don't have tenants. Not only am I having to make up the difference on the mortgage, I am also paying the utilities. This sucks. It's a good thing I got a raise at work or things would be really bad!

The club scene around town has been fun, but there haven't been any events to cover, so I just went around with the camera shooting whatever. I stopped in at the **Ballgame** after work one night and ran into some friends from way back. Let's see there was **Rod, Bob, Mark, Stiffy, Joe** and **Tommy**. Turns out that Joe Appleman was re-elected for a 3rd term as National Treasurer for NAGAAA (North American Gay Amateur Athletic Association).

This past Friday a group of us headed south to Kenosha to check out the new club that **Cha Cha** has opened up, **Capers** and **Illusions**. I gotta tell ya, it was a blast. Cha Cha was his usual charming self, making sure I didn't go thirsty. Lots of cheese-heads and flat-landers filled the club to almost capacity. The club is lots of fun, go check it out. Tell them Jamie sent ya.

Carlos and **Tim** (my sometimes traveling reporters and all time good friends) made a trip out to Madison to check out **Club 5**. I'm told that the place has become so popular, that parking has now become an issue. Not enough parking in the lot for the many people that want to party at one of Madison's hottest dance clubs.

Last night (it's now Sunday) I hopped in my car, camera in hand and slid my way downtown. I met up with **Chris** at the **Triangle**, where he showed me his new digital camera. I left my camera in the car (not a usual practice for me) 'cause I didn't need it right away. About an hour later, I headed over to **Fluid** to get some pictures. That hour I waited was long enough to get my camera cold enough that when I brought it into a warm club, all the lenses fogged up making it impossible to take any photographs.

OK, I'll try Chris' digital camera. This camera is pretty cool. I only have two complaints about it. The viewfinder is too small, and they need to do something with the lighting of the viewfinder. Otherwise, the camera was great. I shot a picture and instantly knew if I had a good shot or not. If I can find a digital that doesn't eat up batteries and is similar in size and quality of mine, I will trade mine in.

That's about it for now. Gonna wrap this column up so I can meet the "brunch bunch" at **M&M**. Still looking for good tenants for the upper, so if you hear of anyone, have them check out the cube ad 'Old Victorian Charm' in this issue. Until next time, don't break your back shoveling and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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TALK TO YOU LATER 27-year-old M, enjoys sports, movies and having fun. Looking for a masculine bottom, 18-27, with similar interests, for friendship and maybe more. (Milwaukee) ♀21976

21-YEAR-OLD GUY, 6'3", 200 lbs, auburn/brown, likes the art, kissing, cuddling and entertaining. Leave me a message. (Eau Claire) ♀21563

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

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

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

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 a good time. Looking for a tall, brunette, 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. (Wawatosa) ♀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

ALL RACES WELCOME Adventurous, thick BiBM, 5'9", 195 lbs, bodybuilder. Seeking Male, under 5'10", 160-200lbs, to show me around and so that we can enjoy each other. (Racine) ♀18633

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

VERY SUBMISSIVE BOTTOM 5'10, 180 lbs, blonde/blueish-green, looking for that hot top who can satisfy me. If you're my type of Guy, leave me a message. All calls returned. (Dunnsville) ♀18482

ACTIVE SMALL TOWN MAN Discreet, straight-acting WM, 5'10", 155 lbs, slim, trim, n/s, homeowner, looking for other Guys to hang out with in the area. (Stevens Point) ♀18503

DRESS UP FUN BiM seeking BiM, crossdressers and transsexuals to come to my place for dress up fun. If interested, leave me a message. (Ellsworth) ♀18512

HOT HUNGRY BOTTOM WM, looking for a some hot Guys, to have some good times and party with. (Milwaukee) ♀18386

ABLE AND WILLING Very attractive Gay White Male, 30s, 190 lbs, medium build, into cooking, clubbing and dancing. Seeks Black Men, 30-40, for a good relationship with no games. (Milwaukee) ♀16671

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

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

MILWAUKEE STUD Attractive GWM, 20, 5'8", 150 lbs, blonde/blue, into festivals and the movies. Seeks attractive, straight-acting GW or HM, 18-28, for friendship, possible relationship. (Milwaukee) ♀15380

LET ME DO IT FOR YOU 21-year-old SGM, 5'9", 250 lbs, brown/blue, seeks SGM, 18-35, for friends and possibly more. (Madison) ♀15345

CALL FOR MORE 34-year-old Man, 140 lbs. Seeks dominant, submissive, hot Male, 18-21, for very hot, sexual times (Eau Claire) ♀15285

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

JUST DO IT 23-year-old GWM, seeks other GWM, 18-35, to hang out with. (Racine) ♀14929

WANT A MAN TO DOMINATE AND CONTROL YOU? Dominant, aggressive, attractive GM, 5'11", 190 lbs, well endowed, fit. Seeks attractive, fit, trustworthy, submissive M, 18-30, with the right attitude for training. (Milwaukee) ♀14468

LET'S GET KINKY Submissive, bottom M, 24, 5'10", 175 lbs. Seeks a dominant top M, in the area. (Milwaukee) ♀14260

TRAIN ME THE RIGHT WAY Virgin M, 30, 6', 250 lbs, seeking someone to have fun with and spend quality time with. (Milwaukee) ♀13990

HOT 3-WAY FUN Very attractive, discreet GW Couple, 37, 5'9", 140 lbs, 25, 6', 165 lbs, blonde/blue. Seeking hot, smooth, fit, submissive, GWM, for hot 3 way fun. (Milwaukee) ♀14168

LOVES THE NIGHT LIFE Fun GWM, 31, enjoys going out at night. Seeking younger GWM, under 24. (Green Bay) ♀13421

NEW TO THE AREA Responsible, fun-loving M, 43, enjoys biking, camping, movies and the beach. Seeking G or Bi M, with the same interests. (Stevens Point) ♀14007

ARE YOU THE SAME? Hope you have a strong boot and foot fetish like I do. (Milwaukee) ♀13746

GOOD TIMES AHEAD GWM, 24, 5'10", 150 lbs, enjoys dinners, movies and the outdoors. Seeks fun-loving M, 21-37, for good times together and a possible LTR. (Milwaukee) ♀12201

WANT MORE? GM, 18 years old, looking for someone who is down to earth and knows what he wants out of life and wants even more. You should be around 18-25 years of age and ready to kick it. (Milwaukee) ♀11751

NEED TO KNOW Attractive, slim, young Guy looking for friendship and more with people who are 20 years old and older. You must be outgoing and ready to have fun. (Madison) ♀11661

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

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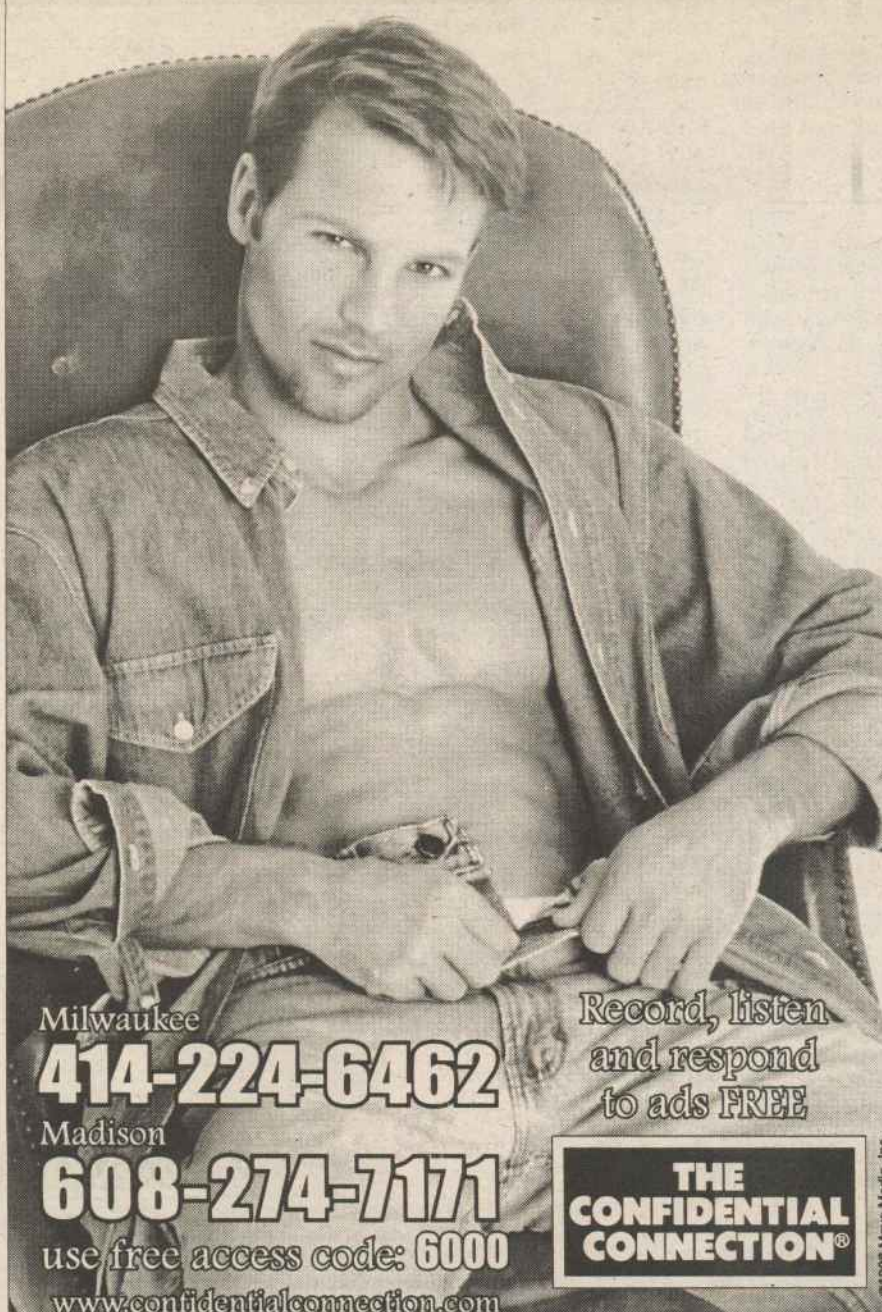
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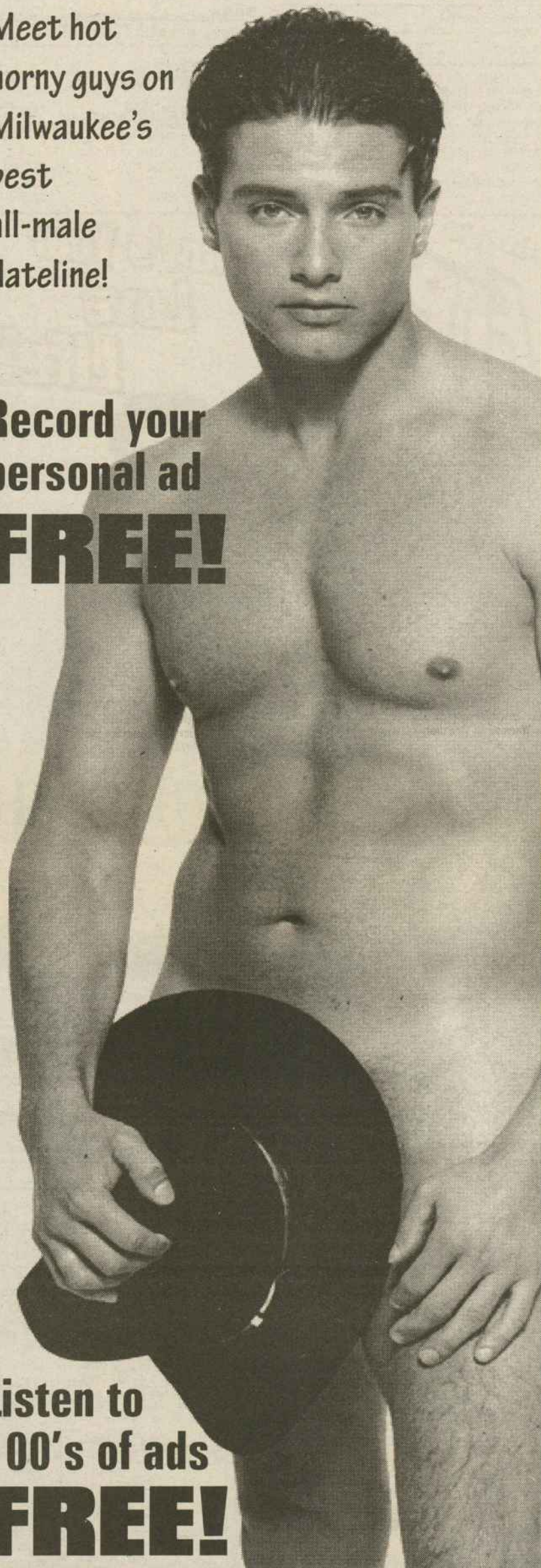
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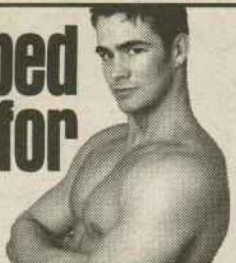
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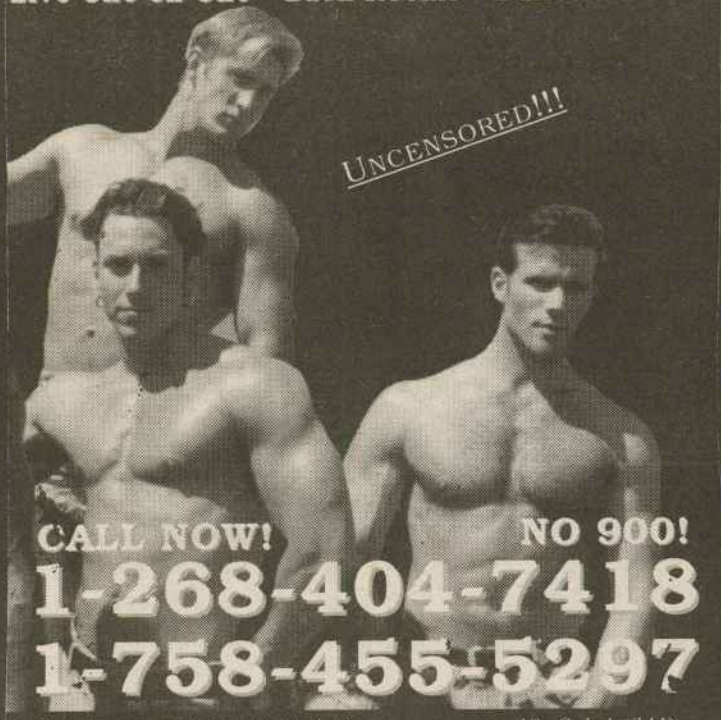
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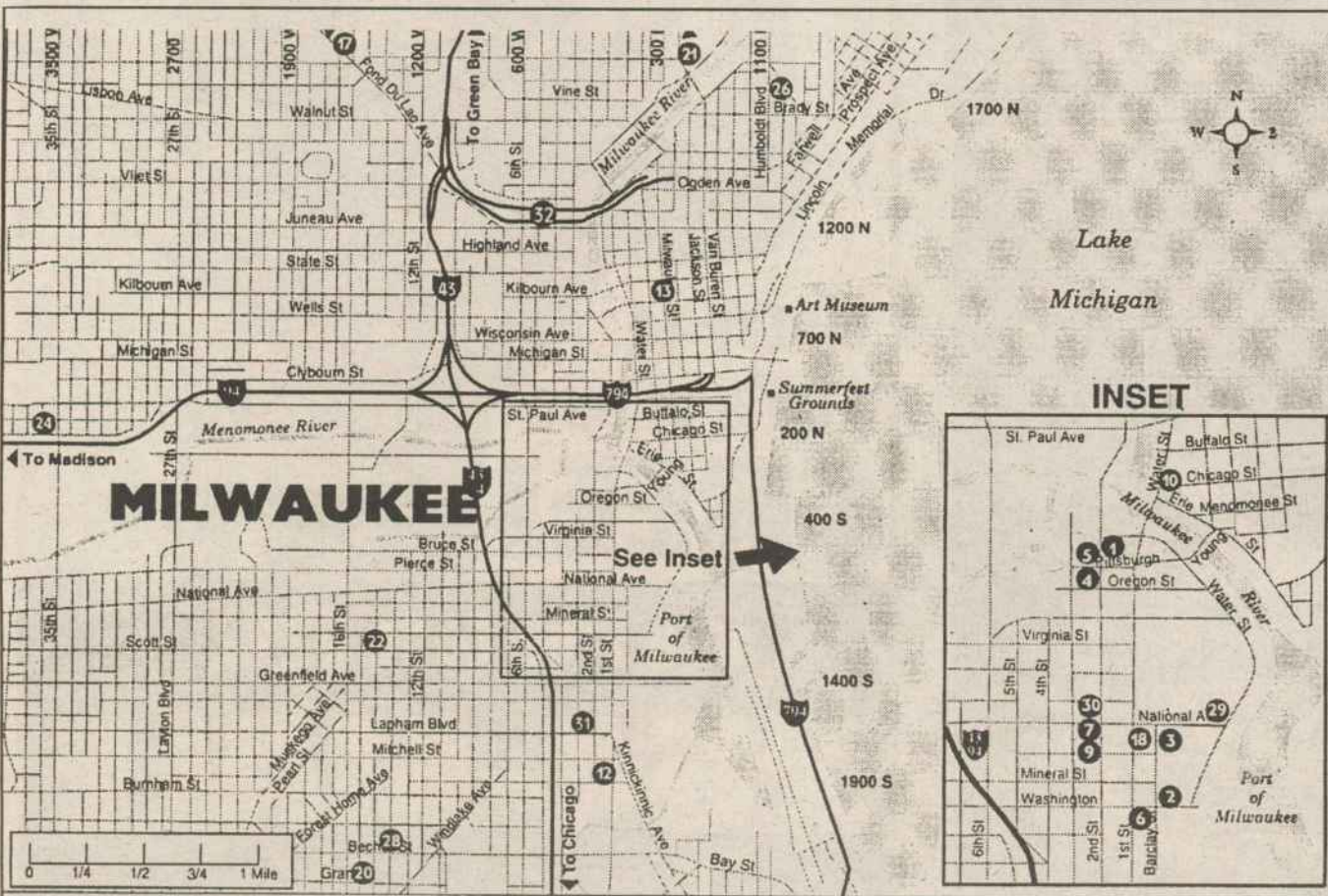
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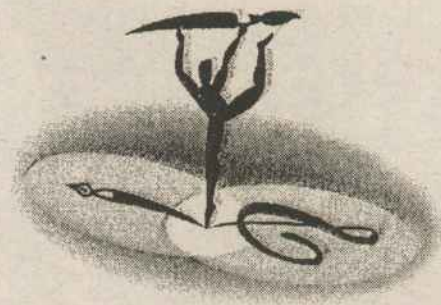
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