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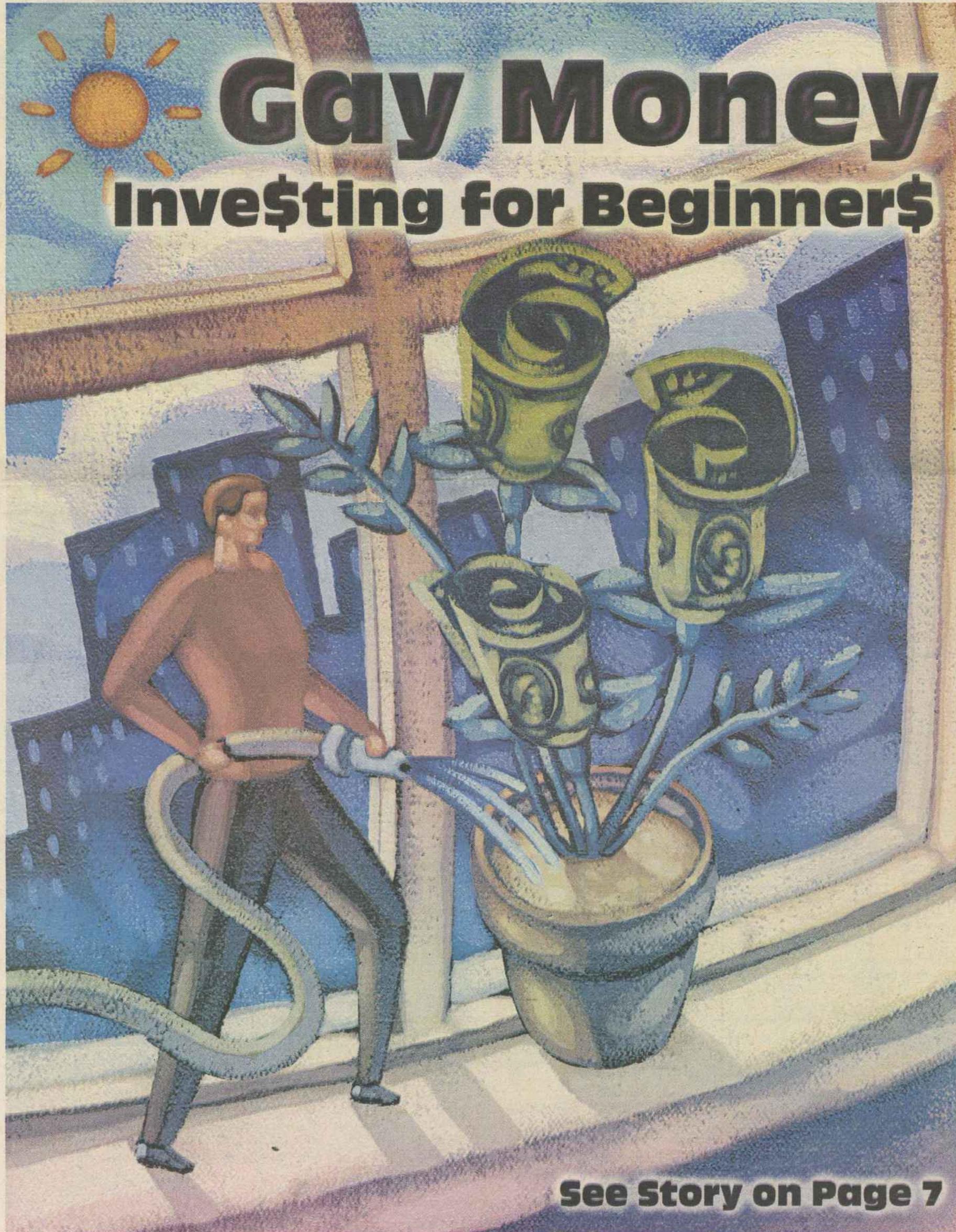
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Murder of Gay Alabaman Elicits Anger, Fear

by Jamakaya

Sylacauga, Ala. — The brutal murder of another gay man, this time in the rural South, has again riveted the country's attention to the problem of anti-gay violence.

"Hate in this country is increasingly becoming lethal," declared Winnie Stachelberg of the Human Rights Campaign, "and that includes hatred against gay and lesbian Americans."

In early March, Alabama authorities arrested two young men who confessed to the murder of Billy Jack Gaither, 39, a textile worker from the central Alabama city of Sylacauga. The suspects said they killed Gaither by beating him with an ax handle and later burned his body. They said they did this because he was gay and had made a sexual advance on one of them.

Charged with the murder are construction workers, Steven Eric Mullins, 25 and Charles Monroe Butler Jr., 21. Mullins, who wore a Ku Klux Klan t-shirt, is an avowed racist. Each man is being held in the Coosa County Jail in lieu of \$500,000 bond. The case will go to a grand jury on March 17.

Gaither's parents, just absorbing the shock of their son's murder, at first denied to authorities and the media that Billy Jack was gay. But members of the city's closeted gay community acknowledged that Gaither was indeed one of their own at the same time while begging to remain anonymous for fear of further violence.

"I would consider it difficult to live anywhere in Alabama other than Birmingham," David W. White of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Alabama told the *New York Times*. "Even in Birmingham, I would never in a public place grab my partner's hand and walk down the street. It would literally be a death wish in the state of Alabama. You would almost be inciting violence to do something like that."

"If he was gay, he sure never showed it," Gaither's mother Lois told the Times. "He never flaunted himself as being gay or talked about it. And whether he was or not, it don't make me love him any less."

His parents described Billy Jack Gaither as a devoted son who remained living with them to assist them because of their disabilities. He cooked their meals and cleaned the house. He sang in the local Baptist choir. He served a year in the Marines before being honorably discharged because of high blood pressure. A co-worker at the Russell Corporation, a sports apparel maker where Gaither had worked for many years, said: "He was a real nice, loving boy, good hearted."

Gay friends say that Gaither sometimes accompanied them to Birmingham or Montgomery, where they could enjoy themselves at the gay bars without fear of discovery. The sharp-eyed *New York Times* reporter, visiting the Gaither home, noted the contrast between the mostly conventional design and furnishings in the modest clapboard house and the interior of Billy Jack's room. It was decorated with a large collection of Scarlett O'Hara dolls. The flowing curtains were pink chiffon.

If convicted of capital murder, Mullins and Butler could face execution. They will not be charged with a hate crime, however, because Alabama's hate crime law covers only crimes based on the race, religion, ethnicity or disability of the victim. Attempts to add the category of sexual orientation have failed, although Gaither's death is expected to mobilize renewed lobbying on the issue, just as the murder of Matthew Shepard in Wyoming last October rallied support for the hate crimes cause.

President Clinton lent his voice to the chorus of outrage against the murder. Comparing Gaither to Matthew Shepard, Clinton said: "... the acts of hatred that led to the deaths of such innocent men are also acts of defiance against the values our society holds most dear."

Pocan, Action Wisconsin Plan '99 Legislative Efforts

by Christopher Ott
of the IN Step staff

Madison — Participants from as far away as Green Bay came to Madison on March 1 for a meeting called by state Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison) about legislative issues affecting the LGBT community and an expansion of the role of Action Wisconsin.

Approximately 30 people attended, and discussion centered on legislation affecting domestic partnership and adoption rights, transgender issues, as well as ways to counteract anti-gay legislation that may be introduced this year.

Discussion focused in particular on ways that Action Wisconsin, the nonpartisan organization working on behalf of LGBT equality in the state, could play a more active role in all of these issues and take on some of the responsibilities that in the past have been shouldered by the office of Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin when she served in the state Legislature.

Pocan, who won the seat vacated by Baldwin last year, said his office is currently playing the same role, but that this is not be the best arrangement. "You can't do it out of a single office," Pocan said. Ideally, efforts will be coordinated by a nonpartisan organization that is independent of any one particular legislator. "We want the long haul to be taken care of by an organization, not an individual or an office," he said.

Meeting participants generally agreed that Action Wisconsin is in the best position to fulfill this role, but stressed the need to further support the organization if it is to take on this work. "We all have to make a much bigger commitment to Action Wisconsin if that's the case," Pocan said.

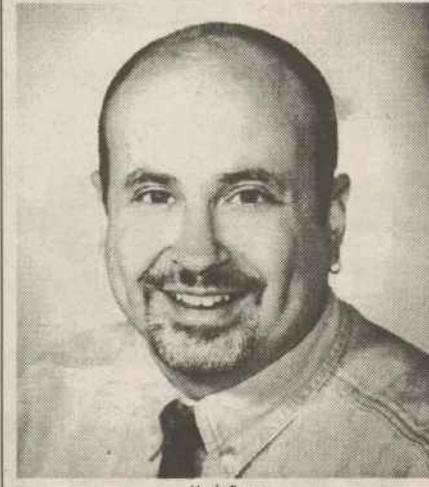
Action Wisconsin president Mike Fitzpatrick said the organization currently has close to 600 members spread throughout 80% of the state's legislative districts, but that additional members, contributions and volunteer support are all needed.

"We were almost wiped out financially by AB 104," the 1997 anti-same-sex marriage bill, Fitzpatrick said. "AB 104 left us with about \$60 in the treasury and \$700 in debt. There isn't a person in Action Wisconsin who has been reimbursed for things like phone calls."

"We are now asking people to be proactive and get involved," Fitzpatrick said. Action Wisconsin dues range from

\$10 - \$25, but Fitzpatrick said, "We never turn anyone away... Anyone that wants to volunteer, please, there's plenty we can do."

One upcoming event being coordinated locally by Action Wisconsin is "Equality Begins at Home," a nationwide effort created and sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. One focus of the event is "Sweeten 'Em Up," a lobbying event planned for March 24 at the state



Mark Pocan

capitol in Madison. Action Wisconsin is encouraging LGBT people and supporters to come to Madison and introduce themselves to their representatives in the Assembly and Senate. For those unable to make the trip all the way to Madison, Action Wisconsin is trying to coordinate others to represent them so that legislators from as many districts as possible know that they have LGBT constituents.

"We want to show that we are not who people like Ralph Ovadal are trying to say we are," said Fitzpatrick.

Those interested in Equality Begins at Home should contact Action Wisconsin at (608) 283-3251, by mail at P.O. Box 342, Madison, WI 53701, or by e-mail at ActionWI@execpc.com. Action Wisconsin's site on the web is available at <http://www.execpc.com/-dross/aw>.

Also discussed was the need for a better network to support legislation being drafted in support of legal domestic partnerships in Wisconsin and adoption rights, as well as efforts to clarify whether transgender issues are included under the state's hate-crimes law. Pocan also said that no anti-gay bills have been introduced yet this year, but that they may still be coming. Pocan stressed the need to be

at least as good as anti-gay organizations like Wisconsin Christians United at influencing legislators' votes.

"How do we get a rapid response team like Wisconsin Christians United? We need something just like that," Pocan said. "We should make sure we've got something in place when legislation is introduced in case something happens."

As an example of WCU's ability to respond quickly to the issues, Pocan showed copies of a letter from WCU director Ralph Ovadal urging supporters to express their opposition to an adoption bill that hasn't even been introduced yet. "Homosexual activity is wrong and destructive as is same-sex fornication," Ovadal's letter states. "Pocan's bill would place children for adoption into relationships which are inherently immoral, dangerous, and unstable. Aren't we seeing enough child abuse in this state without legislating more?"

Pocan said several Assembly colleagues have shown him correspondence they have received about the issue in response to Ovadal's letter, and even Pocan's office has received some as well.

Before legislation is introduced, "We had better make sure our troops know the talking points," said Action Wisconsin's Fitzpatrick.

Pocan also gave an overview of the current balance in the state legislature, where Democrats hold a one-seat majority of 17 in the Senate, and Republicans hold 55 assembly seats to the Democrats' 44. Pocan stressed the importance of work toward returning control of the Assembly in 2000 to the generally more gay-supportive Democrats. He also said that an early opportunity to take a step in that direction is in a special election being held on April 13, to replace Rep. Tom Ourada (35th District, Antigo), who resigned in January. Ourada was the only Republican who voted against the anti-same-sex marriage bill in 1997.

"We're going to have a hard time getting anything passed while we're in the minority," Pocan said.



DeEtte Tomlinson

Tomlinson to Resign

Madison — DeEtte Tomlinson, executive director of OutReach, Madison's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Center, announced her resignation from OutReach effective June 1999.

"OutReach is a strong, independent agency," Tomlinson stated, "It's time for me to start exploring some personal opportunities that I've put on hold for the past three years."

Tomlinson was hired as executive director of The United in 1996. When The United merged with Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center last July, Tomlinson was asked to head the new organization, OutReach, Inc. In the three years that she's worked there, the agency has grown considerably, expanding its services, staff and volunteers. OutReach Board President Julia Belt praised Tomlinson.

"The Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution recognizing DeEtte's value to OutReach," said Belt. "In it, we commend her contributions not only to OutReach, but to Madison, Dane County and Wisconsin LGBT Communities."

OutReach provides many services to Madison's LGBT communities, including peer counseling, support groups, a free lending library, a speakers bureau, and meeting space for LGBT

groups. The agency publishes the *Pink Page*, a monthly calendar in *Isthmus*. Work has also started on the 1999-2000 *Directory*, a popular annual guide to Madison and Dane County LGBT and LGBT-supportive groups.

OutReach to Move to New Location

Tomlinson also announced that OutReach will move its offices to a new location on April 1. OutReach's new home, located at 600 Williamson St. in the Gateway Mall in Madison, will be twice the size of its present offices, and will offer larger meeting facilities and increased library and "hanging out" space.

OutReach needs volunteers to paint the new space before the move, and to help with the move itself. For more information, please contact the OutReach offices at (608) 255-8582.

OutReach will close the week of March 29 for the move, and will reopen on April 5. On March 20, and from March 27 to April 3, community members are encouraged to help OutReach paint, pack and move. The agency needs 15 volunteers each day.

The grand opening of the space will be in May, though the new offices will be open to the public by April 5. Plans for the grand opening include the unveiling of a plaque commemorating all of the people who help with creating the new OutReach community center space, entertainment, and refreshments.

In addition to volunteers, OutReach is in need of office equipment and other items to furnish its new home. All contributions are tax deductible. For more information about making a contribution to the new OutReach office, or to volunteer to help with the move, please call Callen Harty at (608) 255-8582.

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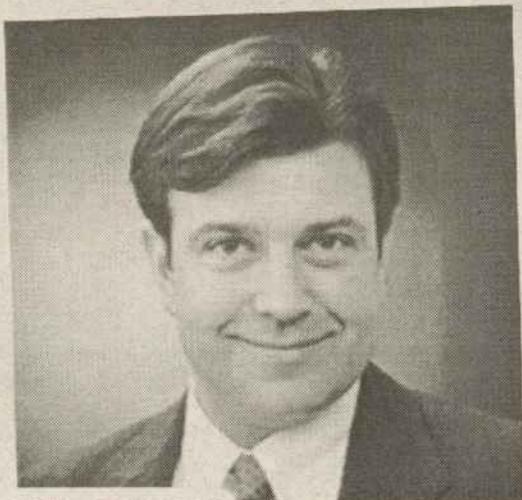
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AIDS Epidemic Soaring Among African Americans

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Washington — AIDS is the biggest threat to the health of younger and middle-aged African Americans, according to information presented at the first medical conference on AIDS and black Americans held in the nation's capital in late February.

But according to data presented at the conference, African Americans are far more likely than whites to receive less medical care and to die earlier.

National statistics indicate that, although blacks make up 12 percent of the U.S. population, they account for a stag-

budget for minority AIDS programs next year, has refused to allow federal funds to be used for needle-exchange programs, although a federal study found such needle swaps are effective in significantly reducing the spread of HIV among IV drug users.

Some health-care advocates at the conference also criticized the federal government for locating only a third of its research sites in minority communities when minorities account for some two-thirds of all new infections.

Many AIDS workers say the epidemic is now following economic lines more strongly than anything else.

"It's going to where poor people live," said Leo Renne of the Harlem Directors Group, a consortium of New York AIDS service providers. "And those poor people don't have access to health care."

Gays, many of the health workers said, quickly developed influential community and political resources to deal with AIDS and are grappling with different issues in the epidemic than blacks, including higher HIV infection rates because of shared IV needles and greater spread of the virus among prisoners, where blacks are also disproportionately represented.

A main focus of the conference was in fact a search for practical ways of halting the spread of HIV and providing care for those already infected. Many of those issues, however, are directly related to economic status — about which health care advocates and workers have little control.

Dr. Stephen Thomas of Emory University in Atlanta told the conference that blacks faced "no less a daunting challenge [from HIV] than we faced in the civil rights movement."

Phill Wilson of the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum agreed and called the conference itself "an historic first."

One of the major difficulties in combating HIV/AIDS among African Americans, Wilson, Thomas and others at the conference said, is that the epidemic in the U.S. has been viewed from the beginning as mainly associated with white gay men. But the shifting demographics of the epidemic in this country now has increasingly struck at blacks and other racial minorities who are becoming infected largely through shared intravenous drugs — a topic that black community leaders and others have been reluctant to address.

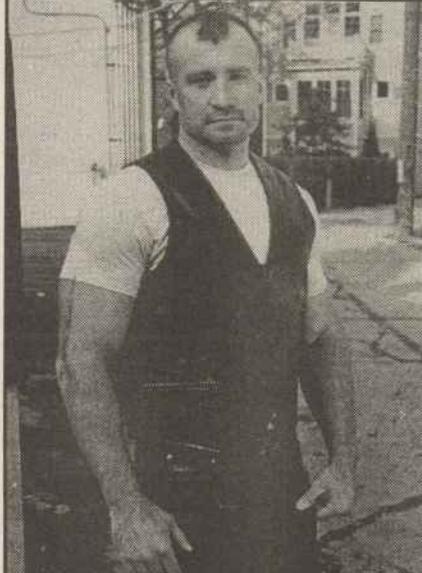
Even the federal government, which this year is spending \$154 million aimed at minority groups affected by HIV/AIDS and which has asked for a \$171 million

Simply testing homeless people or IV drug users, for example, is extremely difficult many of the conference-goers said. And trying to set up clean-needle or condom-distribution programs in the nation's prisons is almost unthinkable — although there are a handful of such programs in a few U.S. jails.

But there were some practical suggestions that health advocates said could be implemented with relatively small increases in funding, such as increasing subsidies for anti-AIDS drug therapies for impoverished individuals, and making local support and health-care services more accessible to economically limited patients — the "working poor" — by opening them on weekends.

AIDS activists say the crisis level the epidemic has now reached among African Americans has been compounded by delays among black leaders in identifying the problem in a community already ravaged by poverty, unemployment, lack of access to health care and substance abuse.

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Justice Blackmun Supported Gays' Civil Rights

by Jamakaya

Washington — When former Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun died on March 4, news reports focused on his authorship of the 1973 decision in *Roe v. Wade* which legalized abortion in the U.S. Blackmun also won acclaim from civil libertarians for his dissenting opinion in the 1986 case which upheld Georgia's sodomy law.



Harry Blackmun

In *Bowers v. Hardwick*, a gay man named Michael Hardwick had been arrested and charged with sodomy when two policemen who came to his home on an unrelated matter, and when allowed to enter by his roommate, saw Hardwick engaging in sexual activity with another man in the privacy of his bedroom. Hardwick challenged the Georgia law, and the Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit agreed the statute was unconstitutional, citing the Ninth Amendment and the due process clause of the 14th Amendment. Georgia Attorney General Michael Bowers then appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a stinging defeat for the gay and lesbian civil rights movement, the high court voted 5-4 in support of states' rights to adopt and implement anti-sodomy laws aimed at homosexuals. The majority ruled that no constitutional right to privacy exists for private consensual relations between same-gender couples.

Justice Blackmun dissented strongly, saying: "The court claims its decision today merely refuses to recognize a fundamental right to engage in homosexual sodomy; what the court really has refused to recognize is the fundamental interest all individuals have in controlling the nature of their intimate associations with others."

"The fact that individuals define themselves in a significant way through their intimate sexual relationships with others suggests, in a nation as diverse as ours," Blackmun declared, "that

there may be many 'right' ways of conducting those relationships, and that much of the richness of a relationship will come from the freedom an individual has to choose the form and nature of these intensely personal bonds."

Justice Blackmun lived to see his opinion vindicated. Last November, Georgia's state Supreme Court voted 6-1 to void the 165-year-old sodomy law, saying it violated guarantees of privacy embedded in the state constitution. This time around, the

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—JUSTICE HARRY A. BLACKMUN

case involved a heterosexual man who had been charged with sodomizing a woman. He argued the sex was consensual. He was acquitted of a rape charge but was convicted of sodomy. The Georgia court overturned that conviction and said: "We cannot think of any other activity that reasonable persons would rank as more private and more deserving of protection from governmental interference than consensual, private, adult sexual activity."

Gay and lesbian activists have long targeted state sodomy laws, which have been enforced disproportionately against gays and are often used to justify other forms of discrimination against homosexuals. Decades of campaigning against these laws through legislatures and the courts is succeeding. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reports that today, 31 states and the District of Columbia have no anti-sodomy laws whatsoever. Thirteen states have laws against both opposite and same-sex sodomy; six states have statutes criminalizing only same-sex sodomy.

Group Notes

New Harvest Announces Fall/Winter Grants

Madison — The New Harvest Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to support LGBT organizations in Madison and surrounding Dane County, is pleased to announce the awarding of six grants, totaling \$6,834 from its Fall/Winter 1998 grant cycle.

The grant recipients are: WORT, \$584 for a portable remote recorder for their program "Queery"; Family Services, \$800 to produce a brochure advertising Alternatives To Aggression Gay Men's Services; and Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, \$1,000 to hold a Gay/Lesbian Issues Forum for the Madison Jewish Community. Additional grants went to Lesbian Parents Network, \$1,450 for outreach and community development; OutReach, Inc., \$2,000 to support their phone-line program; and Pioneers, \$1,000 for outreach to men and women in rural southern Wisconsin.

The Foundation was in the unusual and enviable position of being fully able to fund all of the quality proposals received during this grant cycle due to their successful fall fund-raising campaign. All of the proposals were appropriate to the foundation's goals and addressed needs in our community.

Grant applications for the foundation's next funding cycle will be available Apr. 15, 1999, and will be due by May 31, 1999. For more information, call (608) 256-4204 or write to New Harvest Foundation, PO Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701-1786.

New Programs at Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., is starting several new programs and services to help improve the quality of life within Milwaukee's LGBT community.

The programs include an extensive LGBT topic-related library, a writers group, lesbian discussion group, LGBT entrepreneurs group, support/social group for gays and lesbians with families, a Saturday night movie series, lecture series on LGBT issues called "Rainbow University," a series of swing dance lessons, regularly scheduled social and support activities for LGBT youth, and an established mental health referral service with the Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

"The purpose of these programs is two-fold," said Neil Albrecht, Center executive director. "We want people to come to the Center and have a good time, and we also want to help alleviate some of the social isolation that many LGBT people experience."

Other programs planned for the immediate future include expanded youth services, additional support groups and the development of a comprehensive LGBT resource directory and information hot line.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, in the Downtown Mini Warehouse, operates Thursdays and Fridays 6 to 10 p.m., Saturdays noon to 10 p.m. and Sundays noon to 8 p.m. The Center is adjacent to bus routes 18 and 19 and one block west of routes 11, 14 and 15.

Call the center at 414-271-2656 or visit their Web site at www.mkelgbt.org for more information.

Hartland Man Makes a Promise for a Successful AIDS Fund-raiser

by Kristen Dicker

A steering committee chair for the 13th annual Make a Promise dinner, a fund-raiser for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Doug Kwikkel brings personal and professional experience to the event. Drawing on his background and experience with event management and negotiation for Miller Brewing Company, he is leading a dynamic team of volunteers toward a rewarding goal.

"The Make a Promise event raises much needed funds for ARCW," said Jim Schleif, ARCW's director of development. "Eighty two percent of funds raised will be used to provide aggressive HIV prevention education; access to comprehensive services for people living with HIV and AIDS; clinical research on HIV treatment; and advocacy."

"Doug brings creative resources and skills to planning this event. His professional work with conference facilities around the country for Miller is a huge asset to our efforts to design an exceptional event for the guests, and keep costs down," said Schleif.

"Make a Promise, this year on April 10, is one of ARCW's flagship events that people enjoy year after year," he added. "Doug has accepted the challenge of adding new excitement to this year's event, including elements that will make the event bigger, better and more spectacular."

Kwikkel said that he has attended Make a Promise for four years.

"Over that time I've had some thoughts about improving the event. Then, for work over the last three years, I have been planning Miller's National Business Conference, where I learned a lot about putting together a huge event. It seemed natural to apply what I've learned to a great event like Make a Promise," Kwikkel added.



Doug Kwikkel, 2nd from left, and the Make a Promise committee at the Midwest Express Center

One of the exciting challenges for Kwikkel has been the event's venue size limitations. "We have had a wonderful experience working with the Pfister Hotel, but we've outgrown their facility. So far, we have made a successful transition to the Midwest Express Center. We are very excited to have the event at this beautiful new space," Kwikkel said. The convention center's ballroom can accommodate 1,200 to 1,500 people.

On a personal level, Kwikkel volunteers to become more involved with his community — especially with youth. Kwikkel wants to involve younger people in fund-raising and awareness events such as Make a Promise.

"I want to get in touch with young people, to heighten awareness of HIV and AIDS. We want the 18-25 year olds to know they are at risk for HIV, and that an

event like this is for them too," said Kwikkel. He added that it has been challenging to involve them in the past because of the high ticket price of such a gala event.

Keeping that in mind, Kwikkel decided to focus on a program that would appeal to many age groups and restructured ticket pricing for this year's event. The event's program will retain the silent auction and dinner, shorten the award presentation and program, and new to this year, include a dance and social hour after the dinner.

"In the past, the evening ended after dessert, but guests wanted to mingle. The dance will give people plenty of time to enjoy the rest of the evening with friends," Kwikkel said. He added that ticket prices will reflect different levels of guest participation.

Combining his expertise with his concern for his community, Doug Kwikkel is helping to make a difference.

For more tickets or information about the Saturday, April 10 event, please contact Renee Kirnberger at 414-225-1517.

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Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest Scheduled

Milwaukee — The Castaways of Milwaukee, the Argonauts of Wisconsin and Chip from the Milwaukee Eagle have announced the dates for the 1999 Mr. Wisconsin Daddy/Daddy's Boy contest and the Wisconsin Mr. Drummer/Drummerboy contest.

The Daddy's Boy contest will be held on Friday, April 23, and the Mr. Wisconsin Daddy's contest on Saturday, April 24. The events will be held at the Milwaukee Eagle and will start at 9 p.m. On Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m. the clubs will hold a granddaddy contest and a charity auction at the 1100 Club.

The Wisconsin Mr. Drummer/Drummerboy contest will be held on Saturday, May 8, 1999, at the Milwaukee Eagle starting at 9 p.m. Fund-raisers will be held for the Wisconsin Mr. Drummer/Drummerboy contest at various bars before the regional Great Lakes Mr. Drummer/Drummerboy '99 contest July 2 to 5th in Columbus Ohio.

ARCW Expands Mental Health Program

Milwaukee — As people with HIV cope with the many stressful issues and potentially serious mental health problems, they can turn to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's mental health program and its new collaboration with Acacia Clinic.

The ARCW/Acacia collaboration will expand mental health services to include psychotherapy, a psychiatrist, oversight and increased standards of care.

"There is a tremendous amount of deep emotions an individual must deal with when he or she first learns of their HIV diagnosis. There are issues a client has to deal with when learning about a life-threatening situation such as an HIV diagnosis. In an instant, a client's world view changes, and there needs to be caring individuals to help the client process that new information," said Doug Johnson, acting director of health services.

Johnson said that the new collaboration enables ARCW to reach 50-60 clients per month who need psycho-social therapy.

Dr. Craig Schneider, Ph.D., a psychotherapist with Acacia Clinic will provide psychotherapy, while Dr. Stanley Poreba, M.D., will provide psychiatric services.

Acacia provides services to clients and their families at ARCW's Milwaukee office as well as Acacia's six offices throughout the metropolitan area in Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Waukesha, Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties. For more information about ARCW's mental health services, call (414) 225-1571.

Sherman Park Rainbow Association Sets Meeting

Milwaukee — The Sherman Park Community Association will hold a pot luck dinner and meeting on March 18 at 7 p.m. Among the topics to be covered by the group include Shermanfest, which is making a return this year, and participation in the Dog Walk.

The Sherman Park Rainbow Association meets at Good Shepherd Luthern Church, 3617 N. 48th St. For more information call the Sherman Park Rainbow Association at (414) 777-3986 or e-mail SPRAnews@aol.com

The Lincoln Bedroom

Larry Kramer Says Civil War President Was Gay

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Madison — Larry Kramer, the playwright who helped found ACT-UP, told the 1999 Midwest Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender College Conference that Abraham Lincoln was homosexual — at least during a period when he was an Illinois state lawmaker.

Kramer, author of the satirical novel *Faggots* and nominated for an Oscar for his screenplay of Ken Russell's film adaptation of "Women in Love," noted that when Lincoln was 28 he shared a bedroom with 24-year-old Joshua Speed above a general store Speed owned in Springfield, Ill.

But Kramer also quoted from letters in which Speed writes to a friend that "our Abe is like a school girl" and said that the future Civil War president "often kisses me when I tease him, often to shut me up. He would grab me up by his long arms and hug and hug."

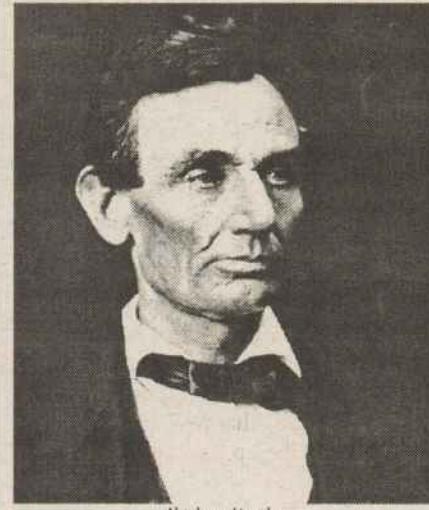
Kramer later told reporters he was nervous about going public with his theory that the country's 16th president, considered by many the greatest who has ever held the office, was gay.

In addition to living together above Speed's shop between 1839 and 1842 and citing the letters, Kramer also noted that both men later entered into unhappy marriages but said marriage was "dictated by the standards of the age."

Kramer, noted for his often stinging criticism of the government and the gay rights movement, said that even though the Speed letters were known to historians, they had not been discussed before in a public forum.

That's not entirely correct, however. White supremacists have for some time insisted that Lincoln was, among other things, a "sexual deviant." Like Kramer, they cite Lincoln's "homosexual relationship with Joshua Speed" and even charge that "rumors persist of dalliances between Lincoln and Marine guards in the White House."

In fact, the "Lincoln-was-gay" theory has been around so long in extremist right-wing circles that last year Peter LaBarbera of the vociferously anti-gay American for Truth organization complained that the gay Log Cabin Republicans should stop using Lincoln's image on



Abraham Lincoln

their literature or party activists would begin to think they had "endorsed the homosexual Lincoln nonsense."

Even poet and biographer Carl Sandburg in his 1926 work, *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years*, poetically described Lincoln and Speed as having "a streak of lavender and spots soft as May violets."

Kramer says he is now working on a massive commentary book, *The American People*, in which he hopes to look at the nation's history as he thinks it should be viewed, with an eye toward the ignored role of gays and lesbians as an integral part of American culture rather than as a "modern aberration."

Scholars — and gay rights advocates — remain less than convinced that Lincoln and Speed may have had a sexual relationship.

Historians note that expressions of "love" between members of the same sex, including even kissing, were usually nothing more than platonic.

ing more than excessive statements of close friendships rather than an indication of sexuality. Victorian prose and letter-writing, they say, was often marked by such extravagant language and didn't necessarily mean much in itself.

They also point out that politicians of the time didn't earn much money from public service but were expected to maintain themselves mainly from their own private resources. It was not, they say, unusual for a poor lawyer like Lincoln to have shared rooms with a male shopkeeper above a store. Sharing rooms with a female would have been scandalous for an unmarried couple, and living alone would have been fairly expensive, they say. Even sleeping together in the same bed wasn't unusual in an age when home heating and insulation were minimal.

And the *Allyson Almanac*, which cites speculation that James Buchanan may have been gay and that George Washington and Alexander Hamilton may have been lovers, doesn't mention Lincoln and Speed.

Kramer says he's undaunted by the cool reception his "outing" of Lincoln has received, however, and if the subject gets discussed by Americans — whether they agree or not — it will still be better than ignoring the role of gays and lesbians throughout U.S. history.

On his side, Kramer not only has the evidence of the letters and the lifelong friendship Lincoln and Speed had, he also has at least the understandable skepticism of many gays and lesbians who have seen respected academics try to deny the homosexuality of historical figures such as Gertrude Stein, Walt Whitman, Michelangelo, Alexander the Great and Peter Illych Tchaikovsky. Even contemporary straights in this country sometimes express stunned disbelief when they learn that notorious pop culture icons like Rock Hudson or Liberace were gay.

Whether he's right or not about Lincoln and Speed, Kramer can, with some justification, argue that for mainstream scholars as well as the rest of America, gays and lesbians in history are often stripped of their sexual orientation just as the emperor in the fable had no clothes.

"How can so many of us have lived upon this earth for so long and left no history?" Kramer asks. "How could we not have been here? It's hard to believe that so many books [of history] are filled with so many lies. This isn't history, this is opinion."

Academic Says Michelangelo Wasn't Gay

New York — James Beck, a Renaissance art professor at Columbia University, claims that the general belief that Michelangelo was gay doesn't hold up to scrutiny.

"The contention that Michelangelo was a homosexual, closeted or otherwise, is without solid historical support," Beck said.

Beck's book, *Three Worlds of Michelangelo*, is slated for publication in April. In it he suggests Michelangelo may simply have been asexual and "may have avoided starting a family out of distaste for the sexual act."

The basis for believing Michelangelo was gay has been based on several indirect inferences, historians agree: he never married; he mainly associated with groups of close male friends; and rumors of his homosexuality were common in Rome at the time. Art historians have even suggested that the "masculine" appearance of the women in his drawings and sculptures were a result of the artist rendering them from male models because he wouldn't use female models.

Beck insists the rumors about Michelangelo were started by a contemporary who was angry with him and that his aversion to sex was probably a fear of contracting syphilis.

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Gay Money: Investing for Beginners

by Gip Plaster
of the IN Step staff

We asked four of the country's top investing experts — two who are part of the gay community and two who aren't (that we know of) — to tell us the most important tip for gays and lesbians starting to invest. They offered not just the expected broad, esoteric advice that fills so many investment magazines, but they also offered some specific advice that will get your dollars on the path to earning you more money.

"The most important thing about investing is to simply get started," according to Shelly Meyers, president of Meyers Capital Management and the chairwoman of Meyers Pride Value Fund



(<http://www.pridefund.com>). Meyers is a licensed CPA with an MBA from Dartmouth College. "I believe it is as important to be financially fit as it is to be physically fit."

She said that investing in three to six well-selected mutual funds with different financial objectives is the best way to get started.

"Unless you have \$100,000 plus in cash, I believe it is difficult to get proper diversification only by buying individual stocks," Meyers said.

She also emphasized choosing investments with the proper level of risk for your age and situation but warned that risk works both ways.

"People talk about risk in the stock market. Yes, there is risk. However, the other side of the coin is the risk of having the value of your savings in a bank or

money market account be depleted by inflation," she said. "Different mutual funds have different levels of risk. The proper mix of mutual funds should give you the diversification you are looking for with a comfortable level of risk for your individual situation."

Andrew Tobias, the now openly gay author of *The Only Investment Guide You'll Ever Need* and other books, offered three short and to-the-point pieces of advice. First, spend less than you earn. While that sounds just a bit silly, it really is good advice — you can never invest unless you save some money first.

Second, Tobias recommended that you "keep your transaction costs low: index funds or a deep discount broker for the stock market, Treasury Direct for bonds."

Third, he suggested putting whatever amount you can afford each month into three index funds — a big cap, a small cap and an international cap. Index funds are mutual funds that invest in the companies that make up a certain stock market index, like the S&P 500. Since the companies in which they invest are determined by the index rather than by a highly-paid portfolio manager, the fees involved are low. Big cap funds invest in big companies; small cap funds invest in small ones.

He said following that simple method will allow you to "do very nicely over a lifetime" and do "better than 80 percent or 90 percent of your friends and neighbors who try harder."

He added, "Slow, steady and simple wins the race. Time and effort, oddly, don't."

For gay and lesbian individuals and couples, the rules of investing are not much different, according to Tobias.

"Investing is investing. If you broaden it to 'financial planning,' then there are legal issues of how an unmarried couple arranges its affairs," Tobias said.

When people look for easy-to-understand advice, they often turn to IDG Books' ... for Dummies series, and so we did. Eric Tyson, the author of *Investing for Dummies*, stressed the importance of being educated on investing.

"Once people have tackled the not so insignificant American accomplishment of living within their means and saving money, they should take enough time to educate themselves, even if they think they will hire help to make investing decisions," he said. "Even if you hire help, you must know enough to be able to evaluate the competence and ethics — which often are in short supply in the financial management field — of the person you hire."

If you would like to find out some of the most commonly made mistakes and

how to avoid them, *Investing for Dummies* has a lengthy list.

For even more specific details, we turned to Barbara Raasch, a partner in Ernst and Young who is in charge of their New York City investment advisory services. She, too, recommended mutual funds to beginning investors.

Keeping the portion of your money that you don't intend to use for several years invested in long term investments is important, she said, and so is keeping free the money that you plan to spend soon on something like a car or a down payment on a house.

A standard portfolio, Raasch recommended, consists of 60 percent stocks and 40 percent bonds. If you are young, the percentage of stocks can go higher; if you are later in life, you may need more of the stability bonds offer.

There are three ways, she said, to get that perfect portfolio. First, you can choose and buy individual stocks and bonds, but that's the hard way. Second, you can choose actively managed mutual funds. They will often get you high returns, but you sometimes have to pay high fees.

Index funds, she suggests, are a third choice that offer a good return with a lower fee. Taxes are usually low, too, because the fund does not trade stocks much, making the taxable capital gains low.

"Professionally-managed funds can often beat the index, but you have to pay for it — and that includes higher tax costs," she said.

She recommends doing most of the work yourself to save money, but she said talking to a stock broker can get you some good advice regardless of whether you invest through them or not.

"For a beginning investor, it's really good to talk to people who get compensated for placing your money — like stock-brokers and others who get paid a commission — as long as you understand that they are trying to make money and they may not be telling you the whole picture," Raasch said. "The information is still good."

She also suggests having a look at the information available on their Web site at <http://www.ey.com/pfc>.

Our four experts agree that with a little work, you can place your money yourself. Using Web sites like gfn.com and others as well as magazines, books and people who get paid only if you place your money with them as sources for advice, you can do it right — and put most of your dollars into your investments rather than into someone else's pocket. ▼

LGBT Campus Center Forms Youth Group

Madison — The kickoff for an under-21 support group for all Madison lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, whether in college or not, is being formed at the UW-Madison LGBT Campus Center. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 16, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thereafter, the group will meet every Tuesday at the same location.

The concept of a group open to both the university and community has never been attempted. The following are facilitators for this group: Timothy Jonathan Treffinger, Programming and Volunteer coordinator at the LGBT Campus Center at UW-Madison, Heidi Richgruber, Coordinator of Sex-Out-Loud and chair of the Young Feminists' Task Force, and Justin Kohout, a volunteer intern at the LGBT Campus Center.

After the youth support meeting, the Young Feminists' Task Force meets in the same space at the Center at 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this or any of the other programs offered at the LGBT Campus Center, call (608) 265-3344.

BJ Daniels Opening Raises \$3,000

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center received \$3,000 in donations from attendees of "Dreaming Big," an exhibition of photographs of local celebrity BJ Daniels.

The Febr. 19 opening at Gallery H2O drew a capacity crowd of over 500 people. BJ Daniels, a longtime supporter of the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, designated the Center to receive the opening night donations.

"I believe the center is vital to Milwaukee and to our community," said Daniels. "I am ecstatic that the event was so successful."

Women's History Month Opens at Milwaukee County Historical Society

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee County Historical Society's Women's History Month exhibit, *Women of Influence*, uses photographs and artifacts from the society's collections to explore the lives of four Milwaukee women and their contributions to the organization in which they were involved.

Featured in the exhibit are Susan S. Frackleton (1848-1932), a ceramic artist. Her works are characterized by natural motifs, simplicity of function and materials. Frackleton was active in the Arts and Crafts Movement. Margaret B. Emer (1883-1967), was born in Kenosha and was a direct descendant of one of the early settlers of that city. She was very active in the Women's Relief Corps, an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Milwaukee native Val Phillips (b. 1924) has served as a judge in juvenile court, children's court and county court. She became the first African-American woman to serve on the Milwaukee Common Council. Anita Mazza (1912-1993) was a long-time employee of Gimbel's department store and active member of the Italian-American community.

The exhibit may be viewed through March and April during the Historical Society's museum hours. Admission is free. The society is located at 910 N. Old World Third St.

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Audit AIDS Organizations

by Michael Petrelis

As congressional dust settles on the failed attempt to remove President Bill Clinton from office, other more important issues, including AIDS funding, will be thrust under the prying Washington spotlight — good developments all around.

AIDS service organizations have spent the past few months strategizing over anticipated calls to either flat fund their agencies or scale back federal dollars, especially as re-authorization hearings for the Ryan White CARE Act approach. Simultaneously, accountability activists have lobbied lawmakers to perform audits on nonprofit organizations endowed through federal AIDS programs, and to our deep dismay, the right wing Family Research Council has also demanded congressional oversight of AIDS dollars.

Should we drop demands for an audit simply because an enemy echoes our call for answers? Unquestionably, no.

While accountability activists and the Family Research Council want audits conducted, each has wildly disparate reasons. The former are convinced too much AIDS money goes for executive salaries, bureaucratic infrastructure, management consultants and lavish expense accounts, while thousands of people with AIDS go without medical care, housing subsidies and healthy food. On the other hand, the latter believes the federal government gives too much to AIDS patients, while people with other serious illnesses receive less funding. Both factions know an audit will answer the query, "Where's the AIDS money going?"

In San Francisco, the AIDS model city in many ways, more than 2,000 AIDS patients with housing need rental assistance, but instead of receiving it, they languish on a subsidies waiting list, one illness away from being forced out on the street. How can this be?

Despite millions in federal, state and local housing grants for PWAs — along with private funding streams from the California AIDS Ride, an AIDS walk and a dance-a-thon, not to mention perpetual pitches for loose change at gay pride events and in the bars — donations all too

frequently fail to reach people in need. Audits of all AIDS funding streams are overdue, and both public health departments at local level, along with AIDS service providers and charities should welcome the opportunity to show how fiscally responsible they hopefully are.

The Ryan White CARE Act currently mandates managerial assessments of every grantee agency, usually the city health department, but audits have not been routine at the local council level. The act was authorized by Congress in 1990 and not a single assessment has ever been conducted on the accounting practices of the SF AIDS Office. This, despite questionable contract monitoring, especially through the many scandals at the Shanti

endorse our council's demand to accurately "assess the efficiency of the administrative mechanism in rapidly allocating funds to the areas of greatest need within the eligible area," as explicitly demanded in the federal act.

This unprecedented request should be repeated throughout the country for other Ryan White Councils. Audits are necessary to ensure normal accounting measures are followed through a system of monetary and community checks and balances.

When California's state auditor last year examined books from the Los Angeles county AIDS programs, he discovered bureaucrats were banking funds instead of using grants for AIDS services. Also in 1999, the North Carolina health department audited an AIDS agency, and it learned executives diverted client subsidies to relatives. Over the past 24 months, other fiscal irregularities at dozens of AIDS agencies made the news, particularly in Philadelphia.

Expanded fiscal oversight might have rescued the San Diego AIDS Foundation, Florida's Sun Coast AIDS Network and the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, which was based in San Francisco — institutions that ceased existing almost overnight.

Once community-based, AIDS organizations — created from the blood and sweat of too many dead people — resist initiatives for public scrutiny of their boards and management. Indeed, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors last year enacted a Sunshine Law forcing all AIDS groups receiving city funding to allow public and client attendance and input at the board level.

I plead with you to join the growing chorus that wants a federal AIDS audit performed, regardless of the Family Research Council singing the AIDS accountability song.

To those who disagree, please tell me, what's wrong with an audit?

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Project. If the SF health department's AIDS division has never been audited, the same can most likely be said about other Ryan White programs elsewhere — another reason to audit them all.

The Health Resources Services Administration is the branch of the Health and Human Services department that should be watching over implementation of the act through assessment reports from all local councils. Why has HRSA miserably failed to enforce this section of the act?

The SF Ryan White Council in February released a bid for accounting firms to audit the city's AIDS Office, which receives federal CARE dollars then passes the funding along to community service organizations. There is ample reason to

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Put Down Those Rainbow Flags and Stop the Rallies

Opinion by Scott Evertz

Last year, mean-spirited Republican state Rep. Steve Naas introduced legislation that would have financially punished municipalities which provide domestic partnership benefits to their employees. In addition to being downright mean, this legislation was not terribly Republican. One of the tenets of our party is a belief in local control. We Republicans feel strongly that those closest to the issues are probably the best equipped to make those decisions.

It was just that argument that the Log Cabin Republicans used in behind-the-scenes meetings with legislators on the committee that was considering the bill. It was just that argument that — in large part — persuaded Republican members of the committee that it should die there. Legislators were also persuaded that the bill would be perceived by many as gay bashing and they wanted no part of that. That's all it took to make sure a bill that would have been harmful to the lesbian and gay community never saw the light of day. In fact, promises were secured from legislators that the bill would not make it out of committee before public testimony on the bill even began.

This, my good friends in the LGBT community, how to win friends and influence people in the Legislature; not by showing up at public hearings adorned in rainbow paraphernalia with partners and children in tow. This public display by our gay and lesbian families persuade no one and the message is heard only by those who are already on our side in the first place. A far more effective approach would be for leaders of "other" LGBT groups (as in *not* Log Cabin Republicans because we already do this) to identify individuals who live in the districts of legislators who sit on committees considering certain bills and have them make appointments with those legislators to discuss the bill.

In addition to the kind of persuasion in which a constituent can engage, a loyal member of the legislator's party can be similarly persuasive. If the legislator knows that the person with whom he or she is meeting has been in the trenches helping to get he/she and his/her colleagues elected, they will be much more likely to be supportive and it will be much more difficult for them to do the "wrong" thing.

Given the effectiveness of the lobbying techniques I've articulated thus far, I find myself asking, "Why do so many keep participating in these elaborate — but ineffective — displays like Capitol step rallies and endless public hearings?"

I think I have the answer: I believe the majority of those participating in the democratic process in this way are well-intentioned individuals who believe that this is the way to impact public policy and so just don't know any better. They have, in essence, been duped by so-called leaders in the LGBT community who would like it to be perceived as champions of that community by organizing the rally or the testimonies at a hearing, but who should (and probably do) know that such displays are really ineffective.

Participating in the political process in this rather vocal, visible way may be cathartic and, in fact, kind of fun for participants, but in the final analysis does very little — if anything — to persuade. Sure, there are the high-fives and the congratulating of each other that occurs after such displays, but one LGBT activist telling another LGBT activist that he/she did a good job really doesn't accomplish much other than to

make each other feel good.

So, put down those rainbow flags and stop having rallies on the steps of the Capitol and do something really productive, like getting involved in the party of your choice, volunteering on the campaigns of candidates who either are good on LGBT issues or are persuadable, and making regular contact with your representatives in the state Legislature and the U.S. Congress. These activities may take you more time and are much less dramatic than getting your child out of school and testifying with her before a packed hearing room, but you'll be amazed at how effective they can be and how truly receptive most legislators are when they are not being threatened or yelled at.

To their credit, the board of directors of Action Wisconsin, the statewide LGBT rights organization, is organizing a lobbying day whose stated purpose is to begin to win over legislators with kindness and sweetness (in the form of homemade cookies). I think they could dispense with the cutesey cookie gesture, but it's a positive gesture nonetheless and, if combined with respectful and well thought conversation, will result in some new friends for the LGBT community. Those participating in the day will probably discover this is far more effective than spending all day waiting for two minutes of fame at a public hearing.

Finally, some thoughts for all those who will participate in Action Wisconsin's lobbying day or anyone who chooses to have contact with legislators on their own: For the most part (with the exception of State Rep. Lorraine Seratti and a few others), legislators are pretty decent people, and those who don't necessarily always do the right things aren't as homophobic as they are homophobes. They are not dissimilar from many parents when they first learn their child is gay. At first, there is the awkwardness, and perhaps some stupid statements, but over time, if treated with respect, a kind of conversion occurs. The same thing can and does happen with legislators, but such conversions never occur in a hostile environment, and they rarely occur as a result of attention-grabbing behaviors or speeches.

So dispense with the signs, leave the megaphone in your trunk, and, for God's sake, don't drag that little girl to one more public hearing. If you really want to make a difference, pick up the phone and contact Action Wisconsin (608) 283-3251, or the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (414) 273-1991, and tell them you'd like to participate in their lobbying day later this month. If you are a gay Republican, contact the Log Cabin Republicans at (414) 299-9443 and volunteer to participate in their lobbying efforts. Or simply pick up the phone and make an appointment to spend a few minutes with your elected representatives. You'll be amazed by the positive reaction you receive and the amount of change you can effect if you participate in this way.

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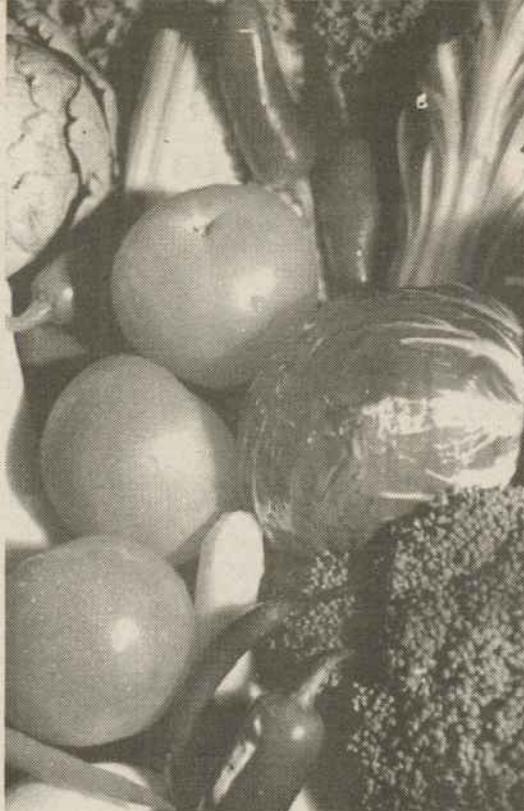
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A Letter From Big Sky Country

by Ed Grover

A large envelope arrived last month with Aunt Ursy's address in Taos, N.M., scrawled in the upper left-hand corner. As I opened it, lots of photos spilled out. There were pictures of Ursy and her partner Zoë supervising the mixing of adobe; pictures of Indian women plastering walls; and, pictures of Indian women rubbing the surface of a floor with what looked like stones.

It seems that last year Zoë had been to see Georgia O'Keefe's Abiquiu house and loved the adobe floors that had been made by local Indian women. Adobe is the traditional structure of the old Southwest. Zoë said these native people knew more about building than anyone; they had been making structures of earth for hundreds and hundreds of years. She had made up her mind that she, too, would have a traditional adobe floor in her new addition. She would be in contact with Mother Earth.

Women and children had always built the walls and laid the floors of new adobe structures; their skills had been passed down from generation to generation. Women made adobe bricks in the spring and built in the summer. The men, who thought that building was beneath them, collected the earth from special areas. They screened the dirt, dampened it with milk and ox blood to bind and harden the resulting plaster, and gave it to the women, who spread it on in layers. It would be tamped into shape and left to dry.

Then the women came in and polished the surface with smooth stones. They did it in much the same way they used stones to burnish their pottery. Potters always left a spirit path in their designs so as not to trap their souls in the surface of the pot; so did these plasterers when working on their floors. They started at the corners and worked their way out through the newest exit. Out in the open courtyard, with its adobe and living cactus coyote hedges, one of the men beat a tom-tom. Zoë swears that there was more than a little magic involved in this whole process.

Zoë will not let anyone with high heels walk on these floors. "We can't afford to be patching up all the time," she wrote. "From now on it's only moccasins or bare feet." That's not likely to happen; her lesbian friends are not the types to wear stiletto heels. More pictures tumbled out. One was of an Indian symbol of a bear paw that had been inscribed in the floor for good luck. Another was of Aunt Ursula done up as Kit Carson—her newest incarnation!

The women had also worked at resurfacing the walls in the

big living room. They did all the work with their hands to smooth out the final coating. Zoë chose a rare pale blue clay slip made from sifted earth and minerals found in the volcanic ranges of the Jemez Mountains. She said the stuff had mica flecks in it, and at night it would glisten in the candlelight. I can see her now at one of her vegetarian potlucks wearing all her silver jewelry, holding court in the flickering light.

Somewhere, they had found another good luck symbol—a small, bright green pottery lizard. It had been worked into the surface of the new corner fireplace. *Bancos* (benches) had been built into two sides of the walls; some had glass covered recesses in them just like O'Keefes. These would hold the treasures they found while hiking in the mountains and deserts. Indian rugs covered the seating surfaces; fur pillows added a dash of style. More weavings were hung on the walls. In the middle of it all was Aunt Ursy's green Naugahide recliner. She insisted on shipping it down from Wisconsin so she could watch football games on TV in comfort. Zoë had covered it with an Indian blanket.

Ursy called me a week later to tell me that she was thinking of selling her farm in Wisconsin and staying in New Mexico. She is growing to love the deserts and mountains there as much as she loves the fields, streams and forests of northern Wisconsin. She told me she had taken to walking around Taos and had discovered Kit Carson's house; it's a museum, right near a park that's named after him.

So, that's what the photo was all about! I could imagine her demeanor changing by the second. I knew how she was about hunting, scouting, trapping and—guns! She finally found a place to escape to while "the floor" was being finished. "I ain't nuthin' but in the way enaways," she croaked, "best I should get out and learn more about this here place."

Ursy always needs to be involved in something. When she was still living alone on the farm, she joined the local fire brigade and drove everyone nuts by constantly calling practice drills to get everything "just right". The trouble was that everyone was so careful with their burning that there were never alarms. She quickly tired of not being able to save anyone and gave it up, much to the relief of the local men, who would only miss the homemade pastries she always brought to the drills as a sort of bribe.

I'm sure that this new fad will go the same way as fire fighting after a while. Ursy will learn everything she can about Kit Carson, his life and his times and then drive the locals to utter distraction by repeatedly telling them tales they already know by heart. As our phone call came to an end, I told her we would all miss her. She had her parting shot ready, and said, "Well, we can always come and visit, ainna?" Sure, doll, any time. ▼



Touché

"It is not a big deal at all any more because with the stuff she wears, it's really easy to get back at her."

—Chastity Bono on mom Cher's criticism of Chastity's clothes, to Sydney, Australia's Sunday Telegraph.

Bend Over Mick!

"It was the first time I realized that I wanted to fuck a man."

—Rock legend Pete Townshend during filming of a VH-1 promo in reference to seeing Mick Jagger dance in the 1960s, according to *The Advocate*.

Look Out Barry Manilow

"Of course he's gay. He's purple, wears a triangle, carries a purse. He does everything but play piano for Bette Midler."

—Bill Maher of TV's *Politically Incorrect* on Tinky Winky, as quoted in the Philadelphia Daily News.

There's No Place Like Homo

"I was the only kid crying when Dorothy clicked her heels and said, 'There's no place like home.' Why would

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she want to go back to this dreary farm with this horrible aunt who didn't treat her very well [when she] could have been around winged monkeys and gay lions?"

—Gay filmmaker John Waters in an appearance at Iowa State University in Iowa City, Iowa.

In Denial

"The percentage of homosexuals in this sport is so low from what everybody thinks. It's the same percentage the world has, the same 10 or 15 percent or whatever it is, you know? For real—and I'm not even trying to convince you or anything. But it has a reputation of being something it's completely not. I mean, Rudy Galindo is the only out gay man in our sport. There are a lot more football players out than figure skaters. I've always known this but now I'm to the point: Who really cares, anyway?"

—Olympic gold-medal figure skater Brian Boitano to Salt Lake City's Deseret News.

Call the Exorcist

"I will demonize Republicans that gay bash in 2000. I'm not going to be officially working for anybody. But if we don't get off of that, we don't deserve to be the majority party, that's for sure."

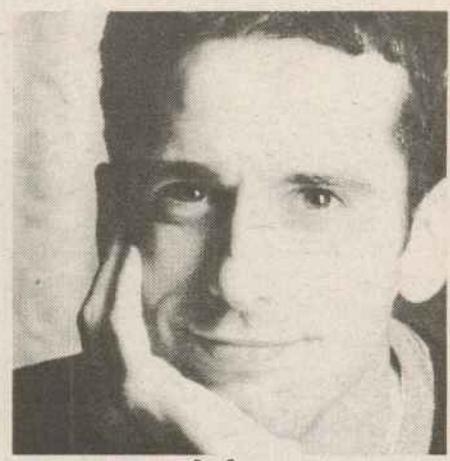
—Political consultant Mary Matalin on NBC-TV's *Meet The Press*.

Networking

"Many of us are disillusioned with 'the gay community.' But I'm not sure that's the fault of our media, large organizations, institutions, or businesses. The gay

community is too big to meet our deep personal needs for love, affirmation, and intimacy. What it does is increase our chances of creating safe and loving networks that can do so."

—Pat Califia in the March OUT magazine.



Dan Savage

Savage on Shepard

"[Matthew] Shepard probably got in that truck because he hoped to get laid, not murdered. And if he found those two thugs attractive, it was probably due in part to their very thugishness, not despite it."

—Syndicated columnist Dan Savage writing in the March OUT magazine.

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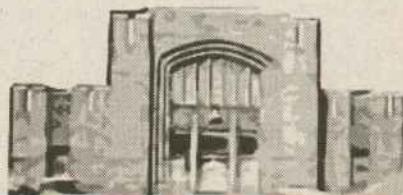
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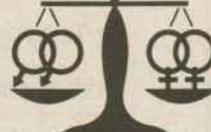
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Who's Coming Up Roses at ARCW's 'Make a Promise' Dinner?

In addition to a sumptuous dinner, the exciting silent auction, and people watching, the presentation of the Sterling and Red Rose Awards for community service are a highlight of ARCW's annual Make a Promise Dinner.

Sources tell **The Latest Dish** that Milwaukee County Exec. **Thomas Ament** and **St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry** are slated to take home at least two of the awards which are presented to a person, organization or company for outstanding leadership and meritorious service to the community in response to the AIDS epidemic.

No word yet on whether Ament and St. Camillus head **Fr. Stephen Brad-dock** will wear matching outfits to the event ... mark your calendar for April 10 to find out.

Meanwhile, nearly 230 persons attended Madison's AIDS Network annual **Red Ribbon Affair** dinner and auction. Early returns show the agency brought in just over \$27,000 for the event. Unfortunately, no one bid on the big ticket item — a grand piano. Next year, they hope to replace the piano with something that isn't as well, grand.

Diva Alert!

Imagine this lineup: **Barbra Streisand**, **Whitney Houston** and

Celine Dion on one stage. It's Grammy-winning songwriter **David Foster's** dream. Foster is talking with the trio about touring with opera star **Andrea Bocelli**. The extravaganza, Three Divas and a Tenor, would be modeled after the Three Tenors shows starring **Luciano Pavarotti**, **Placido Domingo** and **Jose Carreras**. But already there's a stumbling block. Namely Streisand. She told Foster she's intrigued. But, according to a source, "she wants to have final say over what gets sung."

Foster hopes to have the foursome perform in a handful of cities, including New York, Las Vegas, Monte Carlo and Rio, insiders say. Each show would be broadcast on a pay-per-view special, followed by the CD, followed by the laser disc, followed by — who knows? — the movie, the perfume, the action figures ...

Madison's DykeAppella Nominated For Award

A capella group **DykeAppella** has been nominated for a 1999 Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards (CARA). The CARA awards are the a capella equivalent of the Grammy Awards, and are awarded by CASA, the Contemporary A Cappella Society.

DykeAppella is made up of **Tara Ayres**, **Normajean Bunton**, **Nancy Gerber**, **Emily Jones**, and **Tess Meuer**. Last year the group released a live CD entitled "At the Gates of Heaven." Nominated for the CARA award in the Best Humorous Song Category is "Wet Underwear," a song written by local singer-songwriter **Mary Waitrovich**.

and DykeAppella member **Tara Ayres**.

The CARA Web site at <http://www.casa.org/> has a partial list of nominees at the end of its announcement.

A Spring State of Mind

The Third Ward's hot new tattoo studio and art gallery **adambomb gal-lerie** at 524 S. 2nd St., will host a 'psychic faire' to celebrate the Spring Equinox, on Sunday, March 21, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Faire, which is open to all, will provide many experienced psychics offering readings at \$15 each. Along with readings, tarot, astrology, palm reading, numerology, handwriting analysis, reiki, and more will be offered. There will also be jewelry for sale, created by **Simone de la Luna**. For more information, please call (414) 276-2662.

Birds Do It, Bees Do It — But the Rest of Us Are Out of Luck

Gay rights advocates may (or may not) be a bit surprised to learn that a leading Anglican theologian best known for his long advocacy of the rights of animals has just published a book of religious services and liturgies that Anglican priests can use for pets — including a "covenanting" right between an animal and its owner that gives more of a church blessing to their relationship that Anglicans are willing to bestow on lesbian and gay couples.

Andrew Linzey, a theology professor at Mansfield College, Oxford, includes

in his book *Animal Rites: Liturgies of Animal Care* religious services for the welfare of animals, eucharistic prayers for creatures, liturgies for the healing of animals, a vigil "for all suffering creatures" and a liturgy for animal burials.

But what gays and lesbians may find galling is a liturgical ceremony for "covenanting with animals" in which a pet's owner promises to care for his or her animal, to be aware of its "Christlike vulnerability," to love and protect the animal so long as it lives, and to be faithful and kind "in good times and bad."

The Anglican Communion at its once-a-decade Lambeth Conference in Canterbury, England, last year adamantly rejected blessing same-sex unions and declared homosexuality itself "incompatible with Scripture" in the church's first-ever official pronouncement on the subject. Instead the conference embraced a narrow statement upholding only "faithfulness in marriage between a man and a woman in lifelong union" and abstinence for everyone else who is not "called to marriage." The bishops conceded only that they would "listen to" homosexual parishioners.

But the Rev. Linzey seems more than eager in his rather fuzzy, feel-good book to extend without a second thought the church's "covenanting blessing" of owner and kitty, pooch, canary or goldfish.

There was no indication from Oxford if such covenant blessing should be referred to as "domesticated partnerships."

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Idolizing RYAN

**Actor Ryan Phillippe
is a Hot Commodity
in 'Cruel Intentions'**

by Tim Nesson
of the IN Step staff

Early every boy wants to be like him and every girl and gay boy wants to be with him. At the moment, Ryan Phillippe has greater sex appeal than last year's heart throb, Leonardo DiCaprio.

The sexually alluring and completely endearing Phillippe is now wooing audiences in a game of sexual cat and mouse in, yet, another remake of *Dangerous Liaisons* Columbia Picture's *Cruel Intentions*.

In the latest incarnation of the oft told tale, twenty-four year old Phillippe plays Sebastian Valmont, a character that lacks civility and gets off on his duplicitous behavior.

Phillippe, born in Philadelphia, has recently been seen in a number of films.

In 54, the semi-autobiographical tale of the renowned club's owner, Steve Rubell, Phillippe played the sexy customer, cum, 54 barback.

In *Playing By Heart*, he played the HIV-positive lover of the Angelina Jolie character.

Here, in *Cruel Intentions*, Phillippe gets to play bad to the bone; at least for a portion of the brilliantly witty and sardonic

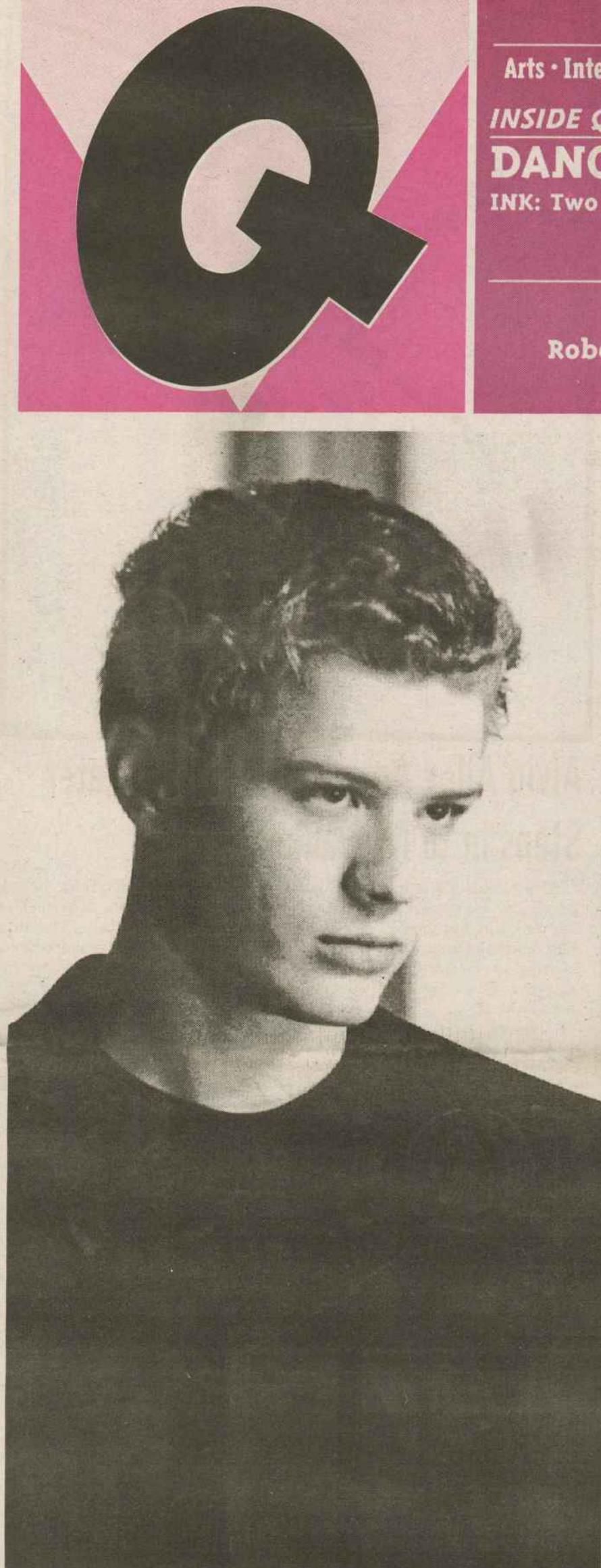
film. There is a redemptive quality to his seemingly evil character.

Cruel Intentions marks the fourth screen adaptation of "Les Liaisons," the classic and scandalous Pierre Laclos novel of sexual manipulation and romantic war games first published in 1782. Nearly two hundred years after the novel's publication, in 1959, Roger Vadim directed the French-language film of the same name, an updated version of the novel starring Gerard Philipe and Jeanne Moreau. The Royal Shakespeare Company's stage production, which won a New York Drama Critics Circle Award as best foreign play, was written by Christopher Hampton, who also penned British director Stephen Frears' 1987, three-time Oscar winner *Dangerous Liaisons* starring John Malkovich, Glenn Close, Michelle Pfeiffer and Uma Thurman. *Valmont*, was brought to the screen by Miflos Forman in 1988 and starred Colin Firth, Annette Bening, Meg Tilly and Fairuza Balk.

The updated, 1999 version, set in New York City's Upper West Side, takes the tale to heights, probably never imagined by the creator's imagination.

First of all, *Cruel Intentions* stars two of today's hottest and most promising actors. In addition to Phillippe, television's hottest actress, *Buffy, the Vampire Slayer's* Sarah Michelle Gellar costars, as his coke snorting, plotting, step-sister. (Of course, he, one of Manhattan's most promiscuous boys, is determined to get in her panties).

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Bailystock & Bloom Schedules Auditions

Auditions for William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* will be held on Sunday, Mar. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway, 4th Fl. Production dates are June 4 through 13, 1999 in the Studio Theater.

Women and Men in their late teens to late 40s are encouraged to audition. All roles are open. A small stipend will be paid to those cast. Please prepare one classical monologue of no more than five minutes in length. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (414) 297-9010.

Jackson Pollack to Be Discussed

The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) curator Kirk Varendoe will discuss the work of American artist Jackson Pollock at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 20, at the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM). Varendoe recently organized a widely heralded retrospective of Pollock's works for MoMA.

Jackson Pollock (1912-56) was one of the originators — and the best known — of the influential American Abstract Expressionist Movement, which began after World War II and blossomed in the '50s. His monumental paint-dripped and splattered canvases were an attempt to freely express human drama and history. The cost of the lecture is included with

regular Museum admission (\$5 general; \$3 students and seniors 65 or older; free to MAM members). FMI call (414) 224-3200.

John McGivern at Stiemke Theater

John McGivern will return to his hometown with his nationally acclaimed Midwestern perspective at the Stiemke Theater, 108 E. Wells St. from March 25 through March 28 with *That McGivern Thing*. On Saturday, March 27, McGivern, joined by singer Sarah Motes, will present an *Evening of Laughter and Song* to benefit Cystic Fibrosis.

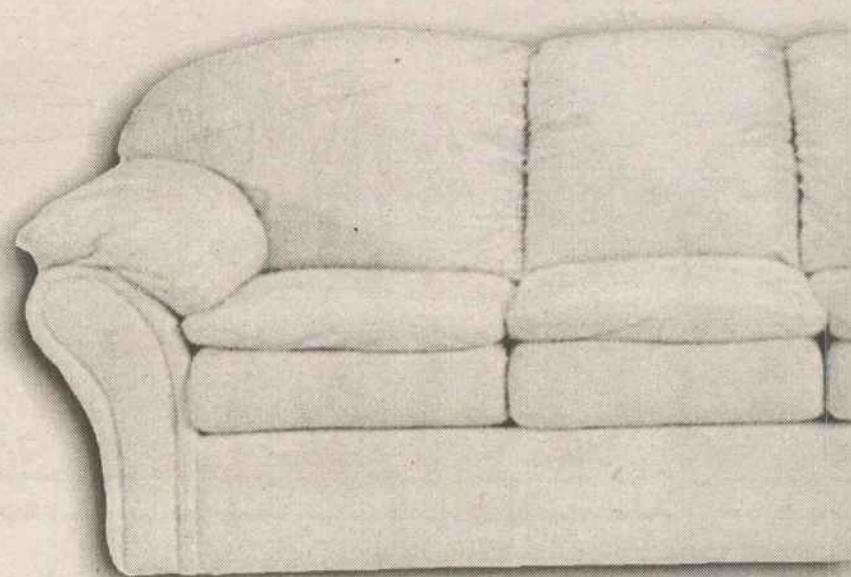
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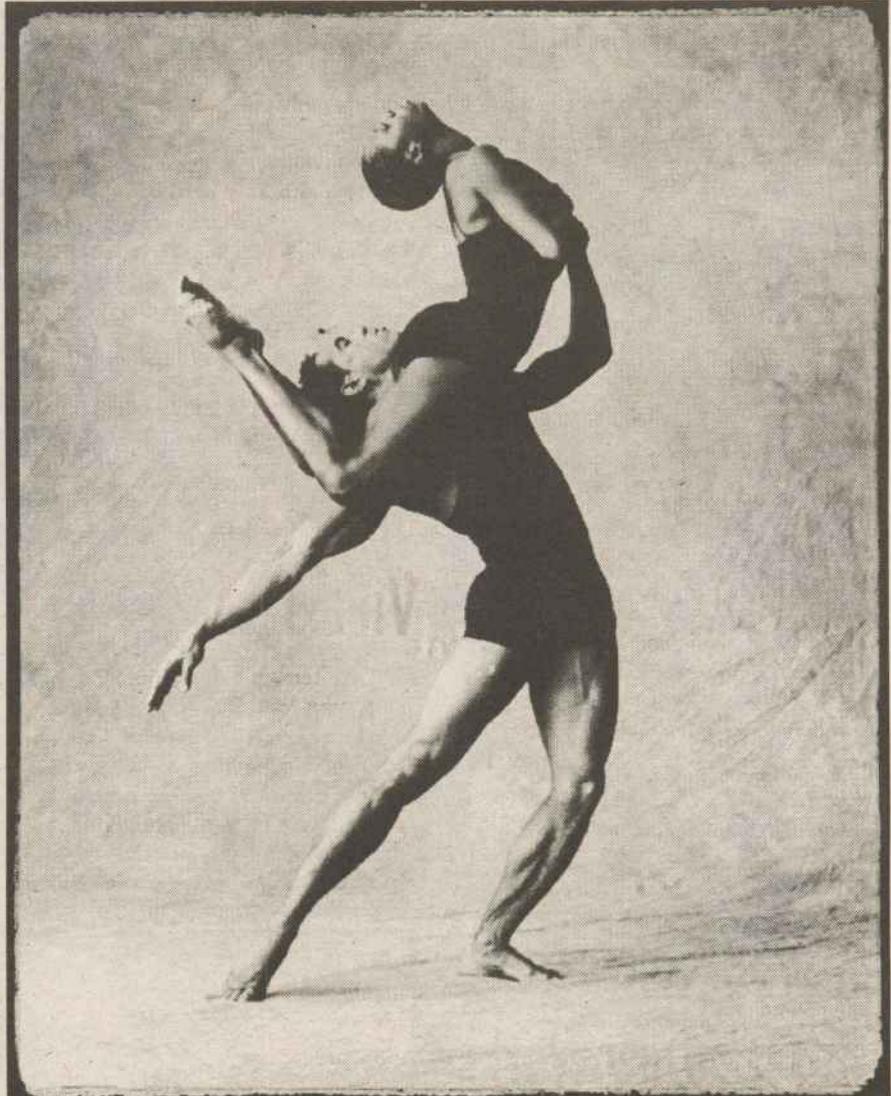
brings us to the present with the unique perspective of an on-the-road, city-after-city, stand-up comedian, openly gay storyteller. McGivern is joined by singer/songwriter and Washington DC native Sarah Motes for the benefit evening. For more information and tickets (\$15-\$18), call (414) 224-9490.

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Alvin Ailey said that one of America's richest treasures was the cultural heritage of the African-American — "sometimes sorrowful, sometimes jubilant, but always hopeful." Ailey drew upon his youthful experiences in Sunday school as inspiration for two of his most popular and critically acclaimed works — "Blue Suite" and "Revelations." His work draws from ballet, jazz, the Lester Horton modern technique, and ethnic dances, with the purpose of communicating the "beauty of man" to all people.

The company, now under the artistic direction of Judith Jamison, honors Ailey's vision of creating a troupe dedicated to the preservation and enrichment of the American modern dance heritage and uniqueness of black cultural expression. "The dance is for everybody," Ailey once said. "The dance came from the people. It should always be given back to the people." Ailey's works showcase brilliant dancers in athletic choreography enhanced by dazzling costumes and sets, and captivating musical scores including jazz, classical music, gospel, blues and soul.

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater opens Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m. in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, and continues on Saturday, March 27, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 28, at 3 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$15.50 to \$64.50 and are available at the Marcus Center Box Office, the Milwaukee Ballet Box Office, or by calling TicketMaster at (414) 276-4545.

Skylight Presents "Don Pasquale"

Skylight Opera continues its 40th Anniversary season with the comic opera *Don Pasquale*, with music by Gaetano Donizetti, libretto by Giacomo Ruffini and English translation by Don Wilder and David Witherspoon. Director Paula Suozzi creatively shifts the setting of this timeless comedy from Rome in the early 1800s to New York's little Italy in 1916. Performances will take place in the Cabot Theater at the Broadway Theater Center from March 19 to April 4, 1999.

Ernesto, the nephew of Don Pasquale, a rich old bachelor, loves Norina, a young widow, and consequently refuses to marry the woman of his uncle's choice. Don Pasquale disinherits Ernesto and decides to take a wife himself. Ernesto's friend, Dr. Malatesta, as a ruse, introduces Norina to Don Pasquale as his sister who has just returned from a convent. Don Pasquale marries her on the spot unaware that the ceremony is a fake. Norina, who had portrayed all sweetness

and innocence, suddenly plays the extravagant hussy. Don Pasquale soon demands a divorce. The Doctor confesses his plot and Don Pasquale, happy to regain his freedom, unites Ernesto and Norina.

Skylight favorites singer Diane Lane and pianist Jamie Johns return to the hip days of the beat generation as they present a poetry reading set in song at the Broadway Theater Center's Skylight Bar. Performances are scheduled from March 19 to April 4 after the Friday and Saturday evening performances.

Tickets for the opera are available at the box office, 158 N. Broadway, Monday through Saturday from noon to 6 p.m., and range from \$5 to \$44 (tax included). Discounts are available for seniors, students and groups of 10 or more. For more information and show times, call (414) 291-7800.

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MATC-Madison to Stage "Evita"

Madison Area Technical College (MATC) will present Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Evita* for a two-weekend, six performance run starting Friday March 12, at the Mitby Theater on MATC's Truax campus, 3550 Anderson St. The production is being directed by Patrick Barlow, with Taras Nahirnaik as vocal director. Instrumental direction is by Jeff Peronto and choreography is by Robin Fonfara.

The roles of Eva and Juan Peron will be played by Gina Carleton and Eric Peters. Other prominent roles include R. Allen Rickman (Che); Brian Sawyer (Magaldi); and Danielle Peronto, who plays Peron's mistress. An enthusiastic ensemble of 34 performers will act, sing, and dance all of the other roles in the show. For more information, tickets and show times, please call the Mitby Box Office at (608) 243-4000.

Milwaukee Art Museum Shows 18th Century Works

An exhibition of 18th century paintings, prints, drawings and decorative arts, entitled *Escape to Eden: The Pastoral Vision in 18th Century France*, will explore how the popular pastoral theme represented both a nostalgic return to a lost golden age and a possible utopian future. This distinctly French vision permeated the art, literature and drama of the 18th century.

The fantasy of make believe rusticity, rooted in the desire to escape to a longed-for golden age of pastoral simplicity, is amply demonstrated by this exhibition, which will feature such paintings as Jean-Honoré Fragonard's "the Shepherdess" and Charles Amédée Philippe van Loo's "The Satyrs," both from MAM's collection.

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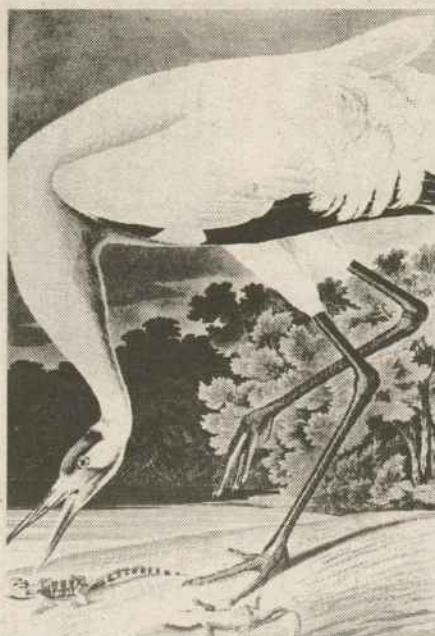
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The collection is organized in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Eighteenth-Century Society of America, held in Milwaukee March 24 to March 28. Scholars will present papers on various issues, including a session devoted to the literary pastoral. There will be a gallery talk on Tuesday, March 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the Journal/Lubar Galleries of the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM) Admission is free to MAM members, regular admission to non-members.

Audubon's "Birds of America" At Villa Terrace

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum will exhibit John James Audubon's *Birds of America*. The show opens on Wednesday, March 31, and continues on view through Apr. 1, 1999 at the Museum located at 2200 N. Terrace Ave. The exhibit consists primarily of plates printed by Robert Havell and Son of London, England, and



Hooping Crane (1827-38) John James Audubon.

several examples of the 1858 chromolithography edition printed by Julius Bien. These engravings are based on Audubon's watercolor renderings.

In all, *Birds of America* consists of 435 plates, which were published between

1827 and 1838. The source of this exhibition, the Taylor Museum for Southwestern Studies of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, is one of a small number of institutions which owns nearly a full set of original plates. Villa Terrace is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2, children are admitted free. While you are at the museum, check out the progress on the Garden Renaissance Project. The museum's 17th century Italian garden is being restored to its original condition.

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Phillippe recounts that the first date he ever went on was in 1986, when he was eleven, to see *Top Gun*.

The first girl he ever was in love with, however, was, "Reese Witherspoon,"

"...I got at least a dozen letters from fathers who had been absent and distant from their gay teen sons."

another co-star of his in *Cruel Intentions*. (They have been together for a couple of years now).

Ironically, Witherspoon plays the virginal teen Annette Hargrove who has written a diatribe on virginity in *Seventeen Magazine*, also the character in *Cruel Intentions* that Valmont is determined to seduce, mainly because she is a virgin and vows to remain one until married, but also because he has made bet that he could with his evil step sister.

Ryan Phillippe began his career seven years ago on television's *One Life to Live*. On the day time soap, he played America's first gay television teen. "One of the best things that ever happened while I was on that show," says Phillippe, "Was that fathers who may have been home from work and watched the show, wrote to me and said that they had reconciled with their gay sons or daughters because of what they had seen on the show. I got at least a dozen letters from fathers who had been absent and distant from their gay teen sons," he adds.

"Sexuality doesn't scare me," says Phillippe, sitting in a suite at the Four Seasons at Beverly Hills, wearing a hot, yet simple blue T-shirt and a pair of khakis. "I am all accepting."

His role in *Cruel Intentions*, required him to ask for a blow job from another kid, "but it was cut out of this version," says director Roger Kumble. "It will be in the DVD version, for sure. The line comes when Ryan walks in on Jonathan Jackson and Eric Mabius having sex." Mabius character is a closeted high school football player who is in bed with "Dawson's Creek's" Joshua "Pacey" Jackson. "Of course, Sebastian set the whole situation up so that he

could blackmail Mabius' character," Kumble continues. "When Mabius asks what he can do so that Phillippe will keep quiet, he says, 'Well, this whole situation has gotten me hot and bothered and you do have great lips, so, why don't you blow me?' Mabius' character then says, 'Do, you really want me to?' Then Phillippe says, 'Well, come to think of it, you've had enough for one night. You don't deserve me.' We all thought that it made Phillippe's Valmont seem like too much of an asshole, so we decided to edit it out — until the DVD."

While no one will deny that Sebastian Valmont (who chronicles his conquests in a diary/journal) is, for the most part, an evil and duplicitous character, Phillippe relished the chance to pore into the role. "It would be one thing if he was a completely unredeeming character," says Phillippe, "But, his character makes a 180-degree turn."

"Also, it would have been one thing if the movie had something other than the comic book/cartoonish feel to it than it had, also," adds Phillippe. "But how many kids actually drive around Manhattan in a 1956 Jaguar, plotting, and living the life of Reilly, dressed in Armani 24/7?"

Ryan the individual is not one without secrets to share. "I had my share of causing trouble as a teen," he says. "When I came to L.A., I hung out with a group of kids who, one day, broke into a Robinsons/May [department store]. We hung out there all night smoking cigarettes and laying in the bedroom and living room displays taking pictures of each other," he recalls, laughing.

Phillippe who made his big screen debut opposite another TV star (*Party of Five's* Scott Wolf) in Ridley Scott's *White Squall*, has come a long way in only six years. Further than most his age.

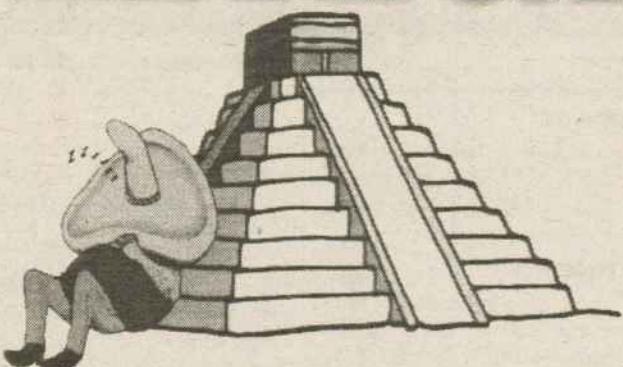
Phillippe explains why he thinks he has been able to make it thus far in Hollywood, without incident. "If you're a shithead, it's gonna be tough. But if you're not, it's easy," he says.

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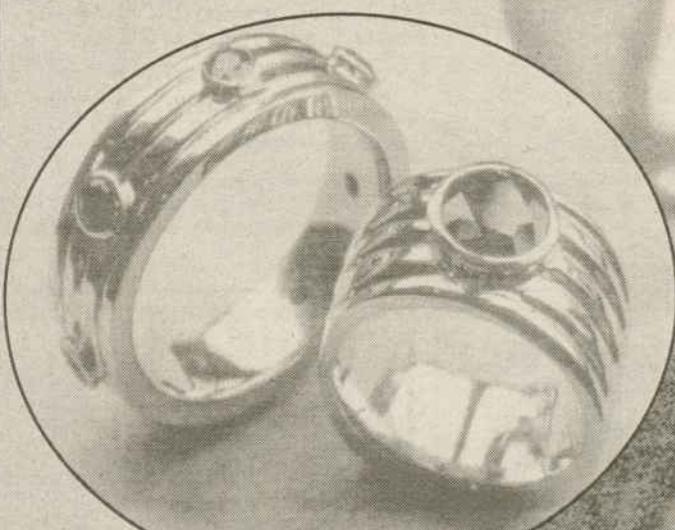
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ACTIVITIES:

Friday, March 12

SAGE/Milwaukee - Women's Games (Milwaukee): Join them at 6:30 in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center for an evening of card and board games. If you have games you like, bring them along. FMI call the Center at (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, March 13

Artists In The Square - Art Fair/Fund-raiser (Milwaukee): The fair will take place at the Bay Shoe Shopping Mall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. The Fair benefits the Riverwest Artists Assn. Look for a variety of art for sale by individual artists.

FrontRunners/Walkers - LGBT Running/Walking Group (Madison, WI): Meets weekly at 9 a.m. FMI & location call (608) 663-6463

GAMMA - Social Volleyball (Milwaukee): Every Saturday at UW Engleman Gym, 2033 E. Hartford Ave., from 1 to 3 p.m. \$2 GAMMA members, \$3 non-members FMI call John (414) 540-1202.

Sunday, March 14

LGBT Community Center - Ballroom Dancing Classes (Milwaukee): There will be 3 lessons for each of 3 classes. Learn Jitterbug, Lindyhop & Fox Trot. All lessons are taught by North Shore Ballroom, and cost \$8 for any LGBT Center members & \$10 for anyone else. To reserve a spot, call (414) 771-5179. FMI & times call the Center at (414) 271-2656.

SHAKE IT UP! - Ideas Of March Awards (Madison, WI): This year the focus was BUILDING COMMUNITY: COMING TOGETHER. The winners are Joel Gersmann of Broom Street Theater, the Medical Teams at hospitals for the care they give AIDS patients, David Smith of Four Star Video Heaven; Bob Davis of Frontiers, among others. The awards will be presented at Fyfe's Corner Bistro (bar end) at 2 p.m. There will be mixed fresh fruit hors d'oeuvres and a mini-concert with the Perfect Harmony Chorus. FMI call (608) 241-2500.

Tuesday, March 15

DNR Public Information Meeting - Mozo Beach (Prairie du Sac, WI): The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Grand Avenue Elementary School located at 225 Grand Ave. The DNR is scheduled to answer questions and concerns regarding their decisions for day use only at the popular nude beach. FMI call the DNR at (608) 275-3317.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): Join them at 6:30 in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center. The topic was selected at the previous meeting. FMI call the Center at (414) 271-2656.

Wednesday, March 16

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys - Country Dance (Madison, WI): The dance will be held at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. (NorthGate Mall) from 8 p.m. to close. Sharon will teach country line dance from 8 to 9 p.m. and open dancing will follow. Dancing will include two step, swing, country line dance and mixer dances. Dances are smoke free & there is a cash bar. Everyone is welcome. There is a \$3 suggested donation. FMI call (608)-245-0627.

Friday, March 19

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys - Country Dance (Madison, WI): The dance will be held at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. (NorthGate Mall) from 8 p.m. to close. Sharon will teach country line dance from 8 to 9 p.m. and open dancing will follow. Dancing will include two step, swing, country line dance and mixer dances. Dances are smoke free & there is a cash bar. Everyone is welcome. There is a \$3 suggested donation. FMI call (608)-245-0627.

Ten Percent Society - Dance (Madison, WI): The dance will be held at the UWM Memorial Union on the 4th floor, from 8 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. The dance is open to all LGBT students, staff and friends. The dance is smoke free & there is a cash bar. A \$3 donation is requested.

Saturday, March 20

Cedar Creek Winery - Open House (Cedburg, WI): The winery introduced its first-ever sparkling wine CEDAR CREEK SPARKLING at a two day Open House. Today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and tomorrow (3/21) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be cooking demonstrations & music on both days. FMI call 1-800-827-8020.

Sunday, March 21

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - 18th Anniversary Brunch (Madison, WI): BRUNCH at 11 a.m. at the West Side Club: 3706 Junction Road (Highway M, West Beltline) near west Mineral Point Road. This is followed by a discussion of GAY THEATER IN AMERICA by Colleen Hartly, Director of Bent, at the old Esquire Theater. FMI: call David at (608) 274-5959.

Wednesday, March 24

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys - Country Dance (Madison, WI): The dance will be held at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. (NorthGate Mall) from 8 p.m. to close. Elaine will be teaching the Texas Shaddish from 7 to 8 p.m. There will be a review of line dances from 8 to 9 p.m. Open dancing follows until closing. Dances are smoke free & there is a cash bar. Everyone is welcome. There is a \$3 suggested donation. FMI call (608)-245-0627.

Equality Begins At Home - Sweeten 'em Up Day (Statewide): National Gay Lesbian Task Force gave grants to statewide organizations for their efforts in planning and implementing EB@H events. Today is the day you should visit your State Legislators reminding them that you are a GLBT voter and YOU VOTE. Even a jingle on the phone would send a message, so be nice, even if it's killing you. FMI e-mail drross@execpc.com

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

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 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.

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

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

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Shirtless Sundays. Half-price top & 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. Top beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust! Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers are \$2 from 4 to 7 p.m.

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.

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

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.

Emerald's (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! MGD and Miller Lite , all the MGD or Miller Lite you can drink - ALL NITE! (\$4 Packer Bust for televised Monday night Packer's games. Open 1 hour before televised games).

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on drinks \$3.50 & under. All other drinks are \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close pints of Lite \$2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or Doctors \$1.50. 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 tops, \$1.25 bottles of Miller brands. DJ Eddie.

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): 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): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$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.

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 tops 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!

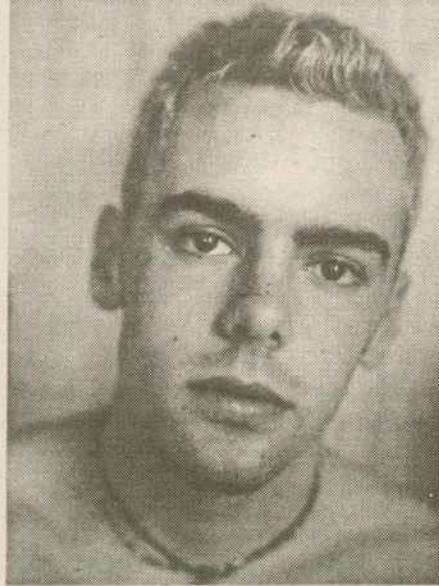
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Here are two books recently published in Canada. One is an anthology of AIDS poetry accompanied by photographs, and the other is a very witty, insightful play about Oscar Wilde and his black manservant



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Also in the cast are two newspaper reporters, both out to get a story by any means. Hawthorne, a reporter for the *Toronto Chronicle*, is of the worst kind. He smells blood and will "twist things around." Not only is he sure that Oscar is depraved (read queer), he is sure that Stephen is an escaped murderer. The play has "... a witty exposition ... a sense of irony; a secret that is suddenly uncovered; and a contest of wits in which the two heroes triumph over the dregs of scandal." (Blizzard Publishing, ISBN: 0-921368-36-4, \$10.95 PB).

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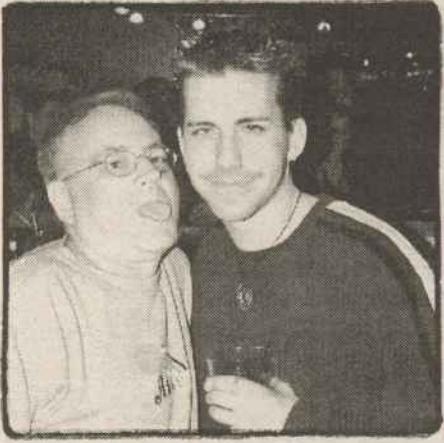
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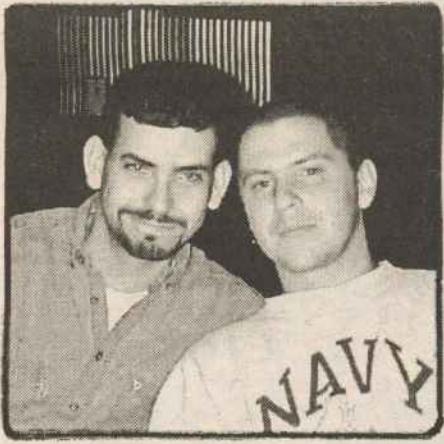
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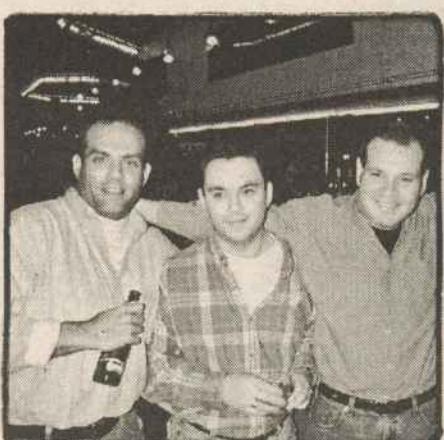
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Amy entertains!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 \$1.50 per bottle from 8 p.m. to close (Sam Adams, Corona, Becks, Rolling Rock & More).

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 \$\$\$ & 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.

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): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays:

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

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot 'till 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 Midnight. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Bartender's

Special from 8 p.m. to close. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced.

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

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

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

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

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer \$8.00 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): Come down and Bash with Chris from 4 to 9 p.m.

BAR EVENTS:

Saturday, March 13

1100 Club - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 p.m. until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, March 19

The Ballgame - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 6 until 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Wednesday, March 24

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

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES & CLUBS:

Thursday, March 11

Pink Ink - LGBT Writer's Group (Milwaukee): The group meets at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI call

Friday, March 12

Hairy W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Shorewood, WI): Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tony Horwitz will share excerpts from CONFEDERATES IN THE ATTIC at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Tuesday, March 16

Hairy W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Mequon, WI): Tomi Hoag will read from her new thriller, ASHES TO ASHES at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 241-6220.

Wednesday, March 17

Third Tuesday GLBTQ Book Discussion Group - Two books will be discussed at 7 p.m. at Borders Book Store EAST. One book is a novel and the other is a non-fiction book that ties in with the novel. FMI call (608) 240-0080.

Wednesday, March 24

Hairy W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Brookfield, WI): Nancy Kricorian reads from her Armenian family tale ZABELLE at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 797-6140

Hairy W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Mequon, WI): Personal finance expert Illye Glink will offer advice & answers when she discusses 100 QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK ABOUT YOUR PERSONAL FINANCES at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Thursday, March 11

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

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

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

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.

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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.

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

Friday, March 12

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 wheelchair accessible.

MGLQ & MGLP - Red Light Night (Marshfield, WI): Come every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. to Marshfield's #1 spot at 130 S. Cen-

tral 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.

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison, WI): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-TF and F-TM), 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, March 13

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 (Mad

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 17

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, March 18

Sherman Park Rainbow Assn - Meeting & Potluck (Milwaukee): There will be a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. followed by a orientation from representatives of the Sherman Park Community Assn. They will talk about SHERMANFEST and the Rainbow Assn's participation in the DOG WALK. The group meets at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3617 n 48th St. FMI call (414) 777-3986.

Third Thursdays! - Monthly Gathering (Madison, WI): Sponsored by the GLB Alumni Council and the Faculty Senate Committee on GLB issues, GLBTQ alumni, faculty/staff, graduate students and their guests meet from 5 to 7 p.m. There is a short program, a cash bar and snacks. Location: University Club, 803 State Street. FMI Ken (608) 263-4086 or Russell (608) 262-5895.

Saturday, March 20

Marquette School of Nursing - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTO Traveling HIV Clinic will be there for Women's Day from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Sunday, March 21

BI Youth Milwaukee- Social & discussion (Milwaukee): The group meets at the BESTO Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. at 7 p.m. FMI call Frank (414) 329-2684 or Crystal (414) 283-9638.

PFLAG/Dane - Meeting (Madison, WI): Meet at 2 p.m. at The Friends Society (Quakers), 1704 Roberts Court, behind Associated Bank on Monroe St.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Thursday, March 11

Milwaukee Public Museum - Current IMAX Theater (Milwaukee): ALASKA: SPIRIT OF THE WILD continues through 10/1/99. Also showing: AFRICA'S ELEPHANT KINGDOM runs through 6/30/99. FMI: show times & availability, call (414) 379-IMAX (4629).

Milwaukee War Memorial - Ornate Silver (Milwaukee): Selected pieces of ornate silver service from the Battleship USS Wisconsin are on view in the Bridge level lobby through June, 1999. FMI call (414) 273-5533.

Sunday, March 14

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Worship (Madison, WI): Cathedral of Hope, (Dallas, TX) part of the Federated MCC, will regularly air a 30 minute worship service at 8 p.m.

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 or <http://www.netphoria.com/wort>

Monday, March 15

MIAD - Free Film (Milwaukee): As part of The Future in Film series, ASIAN SCIENCE FICTION NIGHT will feature three short Sci-Fi films at 7 p.m. in the Todd Wehr Auditorium. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Tuesday, March 16

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 4 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents STATE SUPREME COURT JUDGE SHIRLEY ABRAMSON INTERVIEWED BY RITA W. There are re-runs the following day at 10 a.m., at 9 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. (midnight) to 2:30 a.m. The re-runs include a segment on Jesse Helms called DEAR JESSE.

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

Friday, March 19

SAGE/Milwaukee - Film Night (Milwaukee): Join SAGE at 6:30 in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center for a showing of BEAUTIFUL THING, called one of the best films of 1996. FMI call the

Center at (414) 271-2656.

MIAD - Free Film (Milwaukee): As part of The Future in Film series, SOYLENT GREEN will be screened at 7 p.m. in the Todd Wehr Auditorium. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Tuesday, March 23

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 4 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents EUGENE PARKS BEING RE-INTERVIEWED BY ANDY HEIDT. There are re-runs the following day at 10 a.m., at 9 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. (midnight) to 2:30 a.m. The re-runs include interviews by RITA W. of City Council Candidates MATT SLOAN, JOSE SENTMANAT & KENT PARLIER, and a segment on Jesse Helms called DEAR JESSE.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Thursday, March 11

Charles Allis Art Museum - Current Show (Milwaukee): MY BALCONY: MY VISION by Adolph Rosenblatt documents life as it was and is lived in Milwaukee. His works in clay energetically capture his live subjects and transform them into public icons. The show will be up through 4/3/99. FMI call (414) 287-8295.

Eclectic-I - Current Show (Milwaukee): Jim Bartell's gallery at 411 E. Silver Spring Drive is currently showing three dimensional, contemporary wall sculptures and furniture by new artist Steve Draeger. Dramatic color creates light, shadow, and movement from every vantage point. FMI call (414) 906-0665.

H2O Gallery - Photography (Milwaukee): Photos documenting the Drag Queen career of BJ Daniels entitled DREAMING BIG continues through 3/28. FMI call (414) 271-8032.

Katie Gingras Gallery - Current Show (Milwaukee): The is a GROUP EXHIBITION of artists from around the country and Wisconsin featuring paintings, sculptures, mobiles, collages and glass works. The show runs through 4/30. FMI call (414) 289-0855.

MIAD - Current Shows (Milwaukee): DAY OF THE DEAD is a visual diary by participants of the 1998 trip to Oaxaca, Mexico. CRYPTS AND CANALS: TWO VIEWS OF ITALY is a showing of photos by Phil Krejcarek & Shawn Wrobel. Both exhibitions will be up through 3/28. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

UW-Milwaukee INOVA - Faculty Show (Milwaukee): A faculty exhibit in GALLERY THREE, titled Y2K-1 present works by 26 members of the faculty who work in diverse media. The show will be up through 2/27. FMI call (414) 229-5070.

Friday, March 19

John Michael Kohler Arts Center - Dance (Sheboygan, WI): The NRITYA-GRAM DANCE ENSEMBLE OF INDIA performs at 7:30 p.m. FMI & tickets call (920) 458-6144.

Milwaukee Art Museum - Escape To Eden Exhibit (Milwaukee): This exhibition of 18th century paintings, prints & drawings will be on exhibit in the Journe/Lubar Galleries through May 30. Admission is \$5 general, \$3 for MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Sunday, March 21

Adambomb Gallerie - Psychic Faire (Milwaukee): In honor of the Spring Equinox, the gallery at 524 S. 2nd St., will celebrate from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with readings (\$15 ea.), tarot cards, astrology, palm readings and more. Jewelry by Simone de la Luna will be for sale. FMI call (414) 276-2662.

Milwaukee Art Museum - PBS TVs Victory Garden Lecture (Milwaukee): ROGER SWAIN, host of PBS TV's Victory Garden will present the third of four gardening lectures with an emphasis on the fundamentals of gardening. The lecture will be held at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5 general, \$3 for MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

THEATER ARTS:

Thursday, March 11

Broom Street Theater - Current Production (Madison, WI): PIPPI LONG STALKING, a comedy written & directed by Brian Wild, is about people who stalk and attack celebrities. Tickets are \$7 at the door only. All show times are at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8338.

Friday, March 12

Madison Area Technical College - Rock opera (Madison, WI): A cast of 40 will present EVITA at the Mitty Theater on the Truax campus for a two-weekend, six performance run. FMI, times & tickets call (608) 243-4000.

Madison Rep - Opening Night (Madison, WI): THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMANN by Martin McDonagh has its Midwest premiere. This comedy/drama opens at the Isthmus Theater of the Madison Civic Center at 8 p.m. and runs through 4/4/99. There is an opening night party at Deb & Lola's after the performance. FMI & tickets call (608) 266-9055.

Saturday, March 13

Full Moon Productions - Comedy (Milwaukee): SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER and special guest MARY WAITROVICH, will appear at 8 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 733 N 8th St. Tickets are \$19 at the door.

Sunday, March 14

Charles Allis Art Museum - Concert (Milwaukee): Pianists DOLORES LENORE & J. ARMIN JENKINS perform Bach, Schuman, Rachmaninoff, and Scott Joplin along with American Folk Songs, Jazz and a touch of opera at 3 p.m. The concert is free with \$2 Museum admission. FMI call (414) 278-8295.

Irish Cultural Heritage Center - Concert (Milwaukee): A BAGPIPE & ORGAN concert will take place at 2 p.m. \$5 donation requested at the door. FMI call (414) 345-8800.

Thursday, March 18

UW-Madison Dance Program - Chinese Dance (Madison, WI): INTER-PHASE: Tai Chi, Modern Dance, Chinese Opera Dance, Ballet, Video and Multi-media featuring new and recent works by Jin-Wen Yu runs through 3/20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 general public, \$8 students & seniors & are available by calling (608) 262-2201. FMI: Call the UW-Madison Dance Program, (608) 262-1691.

Friday, March 19

Alverno Presents - Dance Festival (Milwaukee): Seven of Milwaukee's contemporary dance companies will present an eclectic celebration of dance at Alverno College's Pitman Theater, 39th & Morgan Ave. The Festival opens this evening at 8 p.m. and continues at 8 p.m. on 2/19 and 2 p.m. on 2/21. FMI tickets (\$14 to \$16) and schedules, call (414) 382-6044.

Danceworks - Swing Workshop (Milwaukee): The second intensive workshop (\$15 per person) with Dawn Jacobsen takes place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 481-2010.

Miller Cabaret Series - CabaretBaret (Milwaukee): Following the Friday and Saturday evening performance of the opera, join DIANE LANE & JAMIE JOHNS in the Skylight Bar for a poetry reading set to the music of 20th century composers. FMI call (414) 291-7800.

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra - Classics (Milwaukee): The MSO will perform Mendelssohn's oratio ELLIJA with guest conductor James Paul and the MSO Chorus at 7:30 p.m. Also on 3/20 at 8 p.m. and 3/21 at 7:30 p.m. FMI & tickets (\$15-\$45) call (414) 291-7605 or 1-800-291-7605.

Pabst Theater - Concert (Milwaukee): The DAVID GRISHMAN QUINTET will appear on stage at 8 p.m. FMI & tickets call (414) 286-3663.

Skylight Opera - Opening Night (Milwaukee): The comic opera DON PASQUALE, by Donizetti will be performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Cobot Theater of the Broadway Theater Center. FMI, times & tickets (\$5-\$44) call (414) 291-7800.

UW-Madison Mitchell Theater - Nigerian Theater (Madison, WI): This Nigerian adaptation of Euripides' classic tale by Nobel Prize-winning playwright Wole Soyinka, THE BACCHAE opens at 7:30 p.m. and runs through 3/28. The production features stage direction by Femi Osofisan and choreography by Falabu Ajayi-Soyinka. Tickets are \$11. Vilas Hall is located at University & Park Street. No shows on 3/22 & 3/23. FMI call (608) 262-1500.

Saturday, March 20

UW-Madison Dance Program - Free Lecture & Demonstration (Madison, WI): The program runs from 2 to 3 p.m. at Margaret H'Doubler Performance Space, UWM's Lathrop Hall. Guest Artists, Dancers and the Big Eye Sensing System, and special lighting will be part of the program. FMI: Call the UW-Madison Dance Program, (608) 262-1691.

Sunday, March 21

Bailystock & Bloom - Auditions (Milwaukee): Auditions for William Shakespeare's TWELFTH NIGHT will be held on Sunday, Mar. 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway, 4th Fl. Please prepare a 5-minute classical monologue. Production dates are June 4 through 13, 1999. FMI & to schedule an appointment, call (414) 297-9010.

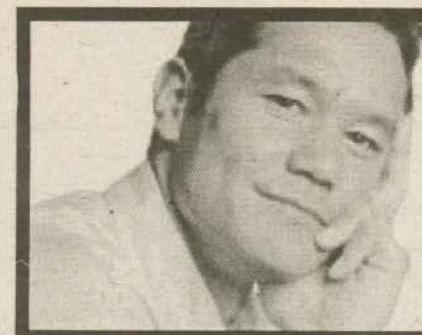
Monday, March 22

Pabst Theater - Concert (Milwaukee): The Chamber Theater of Boston will present TOUR DE FORCE at 10 a.m. & 1 p.m. FMI & tickets call 1-800-225-7988.

Monday Night Irregulars

Bowling Standings thru Feb. 15, 1999

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



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In No Uncertain Terms

by Shelly Roberts

It's the language thing again. I thought we had this well discussed, but then I realized just discussing it wasn't enough. Something had to be done. No, not the "queer, dyke, fag" debate, the "honey" thing.

Now that Mumsy and Dadz are just as



likely to ask us to dinner or call us up on Saturday mornings to meddle in our coupled lives as in the lives of our less-fortunately coupled siblings, we just don't have the language. How do we let them describe our, um, "persons" to their crocheted club chums or fishing buddies. We need new words.

I mean, let's look at what we've gotten saddled with up to now:

Lover — Way more information than most casual acquaintances or family members want, or for that matter, need to know.

Partner — Business? In crime? DOMESTIC? One cleans. The other doesn't.

Main Squeeze — You're carrying on

with an orange.

Friend — I hope so, but it doesn't cover it.

Best Friend — Often ends up as your LOVER, but still doesn't explain to the IRS why so many of your tax deductions have someone else's signature on the credit card receipts. SEE PARTNER — Business.

Spouse — a very small rodent attracted to cheeses beginning with S.

Mate — You're secretly paired with an Australian.

Better Half — Which doesn't say a whole lot about you now, does it?

Ball and Chain — Married to the mob?

Consort — You're coupled with the Queen. Not A queen. THE Queen.

Husband — Popular with gay men, well, one gay man in the couple usually. Makes lesbians wince.

Wife — Politically incorrect. Unless she does laundry and backrubs. Then it's insouciant. And retro.

Old Man/Old Lady — Best used safely only by persons under 30 amongst themselves.

Bride — Best used only in the plural.

Groom — Ditto.

And, as long as we're discussing wedded bliss, could someone puleez explain to me the bizarre straight line logic in non-gay weddings that has the Bride marrying someone other than "The Best Man"? I mean, what kind of sense does that make? Especially when the custom would have her conjoin with the person designated to clean up after horses?

Well, you get the idea. We need new words. So I've taken the liberty, and taken on

the task. Here are some brand new choices for describing your — um, well, your:

Esteam — Looks good on your arm, dresses well, has a great job, volunteers for all the right causes, and your family approves. Makes your knees go weak and vapor escape your ears.

Tide — Been knotted since before puberty. Through ebbs and swells.

Goom — Not someone you're all that happy with.

Goom-bye — The ex who never laughed at your jokes.

Evitar — You look gorgeous together, and dream of world domination.

Flangonon — It started out as a lark, but you just kept waking up still together.

Symbiot — Your friends can't manage to say one of your names without the other.

Gmazer — Don't you two look swell in the truck you bought.

Infiset — You know you'll be together forever and ever.

Misinfiset — Oops! Never mind!

Spouster — Years after you've split, they'll still be coming to Christmas. Mom really does like them best.

Detenta — You've reached such a happy agreement.

Detonata — Some weeks it's really explosive.

Detonto — One week you're the cow person, the next week you're the Native American.

Flashion — Because you just look so darn cute walking down the street holding hands. That's why.

Sufo — A relationship that's special, undefined, and really outta this world.

Repetata — Can't live together. Can't figure out how to split the cat. Serialus Monogamus Interruptus.

Repetata Ad Nauseum — Are THEY back together again!?

Flancy — This week's fling.

Passing Flancy — Last week's fling.

Shohoney — You can dress 'em up, AND take 'em anywhere.

Theone — (pronounced: thee-own) You know, The One.

Nicerby — Rock solid. Thick/thin. Loves the kids.

Now that we've given up believing that we can't have a room of our own, that everything we do is somehow, necessarily modeled after Ozzie and Harriet, I say it's time we had words of our own.

Please feel free to speak for yourself.

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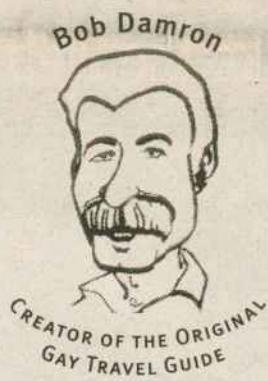
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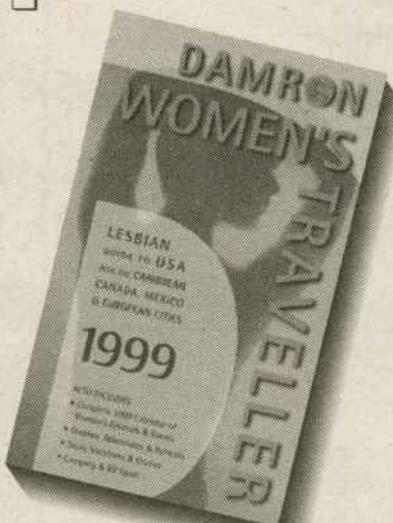
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Still Miss You, Baby, But My Aim's Gettin' Better

by Kevin Isom

I looked up an old flame in the phone book the other day. He wasn't there. I called information. He wasn't listed, either published or non. I inquired around. He'd moved.

And I hadn't noticed.

I say that with some surprise, because I recall it wasn't all that long ago that I was really smitten with this man. I'd picked out the china and booked the chapel, too. I had thrown out my Gloria Gaynor and become fond of Gloria Estefan instead.

And when he and I had broken up, because of some unresolved feelings he had about his ex — a condition I like to refer to as "nostalgia" — I'd had a seriously bad case of the achy brakey heart. The inconsolable, play a show tune, get-vaguely-suicidal-or-homicidal-depending-on-the-tune sort of heartbreak. It was a bleak time, and one that I made my steadfast friends suffer through with me. Yes, I was Scarlet without her Mammy, devastated over losing Ashley far, far away from Tara. Okay, so I was a little melodramatic, too.

After all, it wasn't that long before everyone we knew had commented how cute we were together, what a perfect couple we seemed to make, and all the other malarkey that people tell a couple who aren't throwing small appliances at each other. Of course, it was true that we were awfully cuddly-happy-smiley, both in public and in private. We made Siamese twins look cold and distant.

Until his case of nostalgia hit, like a dark storm breaking wind across an unsuspecting land. Like Aunt Mary coming to visit your roommate the bull dyke when there's no Midol in the house. Like a vegetarian with hemorrhoids at a sit-down barbecue.

I began the process of recovery — a continuing status I like to refer to as "re-treading" — and moving on with my life. But relationships that end badly — and how often is a non-mutual break up ever good? — usually leave the breaker feeling free but slightly guilty, while the breakee

feels hurt. And then later, betrayed. And then later still, really, really ticked off. It's a natural progression of feelings. For confirmation, you need look no further than one of our greatest sources of wisdom on the subject, country music. "I Still Miss You, Baby, But My Aim's Getting' Better." "I Feel So Bad, It's Like You're Still Here." Or my personal favorite, "My Baby Ran Off With My Best Friend, And I Sure Miss Him [My Friend]." You think I'm making these up, don't you? Think again.

In my own achy brakey case, after the initial hurt, I'd gone through the angry phase. I battled my desires to put him on the Church of Latter Day Saints video mailing list. I fought my impulse to call the Rogaine 1-800 telephone number on his behalf. I resisted any urge to get him a free trial membership in the International Corporal Punishment Club. (not that I necessarily succeeded, but I tried).

I got on with my life, until that surprising day when I discovered that he had moved out of town, and I hadn't even known it. Which was a day, in its surprise, that almost made up for the pain of the relationship's nostalgic demise. Because while it's true that revenge is sweet, it's even sweeter when you don't want it anymore, and you know you're completely over those feelings of heartbreak. The day when you wake up and think, "Oh, whatever. It doesn't matter any more" is one of the best days of your life.

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You suddenly realize about your ex, "He was such an indecisive person. I'm really glad he was able to actually reach a decision to leave. We're both better for it. It left me free to find someone better for me."

So Cute-Guy-Formerly-Known-As-Boyfriend, if you're out there and you think this song is about you, you're only partly right. Because, you see, it's true.

I still miss you, baby, but my aim's gettin' better.

Q KEEPIN' IN STEP

**Jamie is on assignment.
His column will return in the
next issue of IN Step.**



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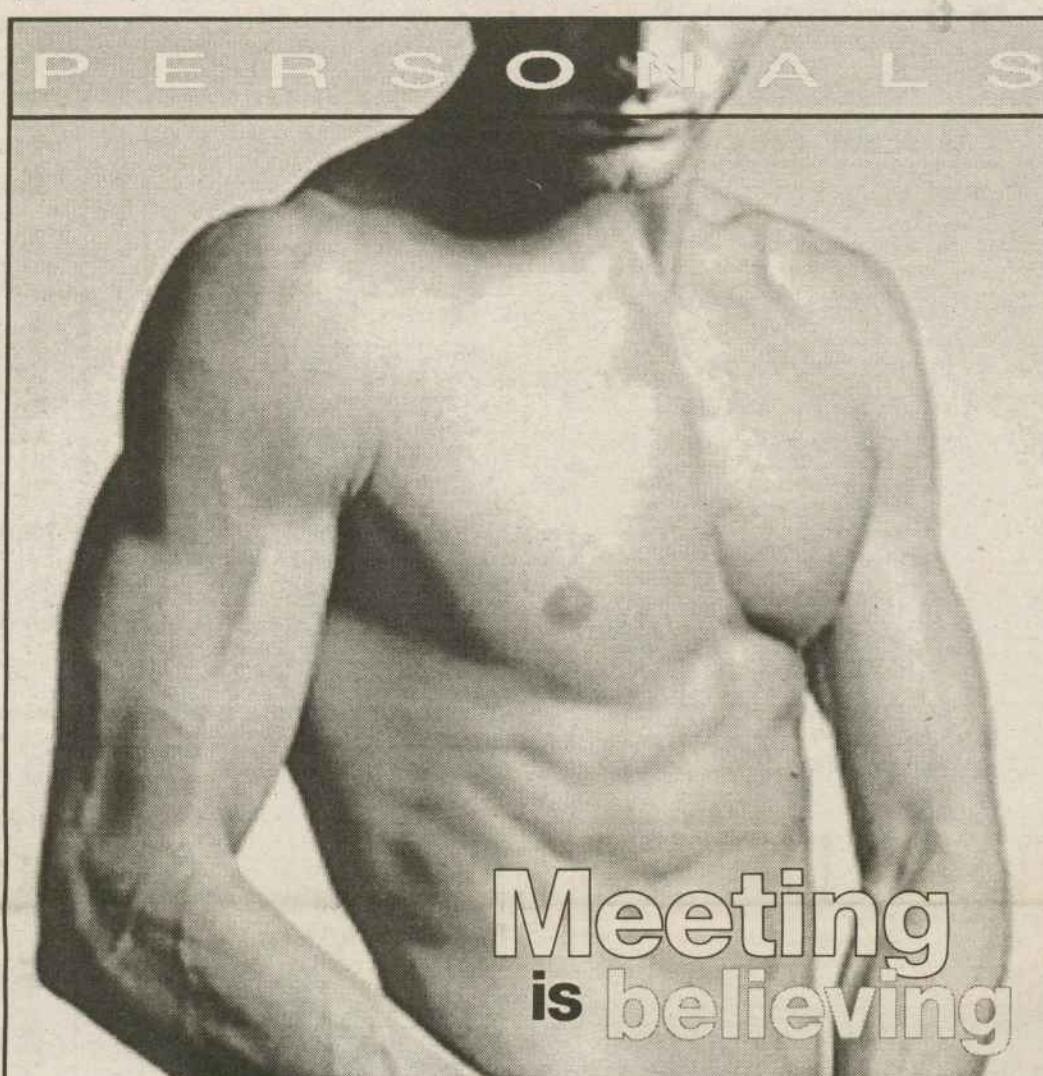
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(800) 773-2068
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Resource Center) UW Union 265-3344

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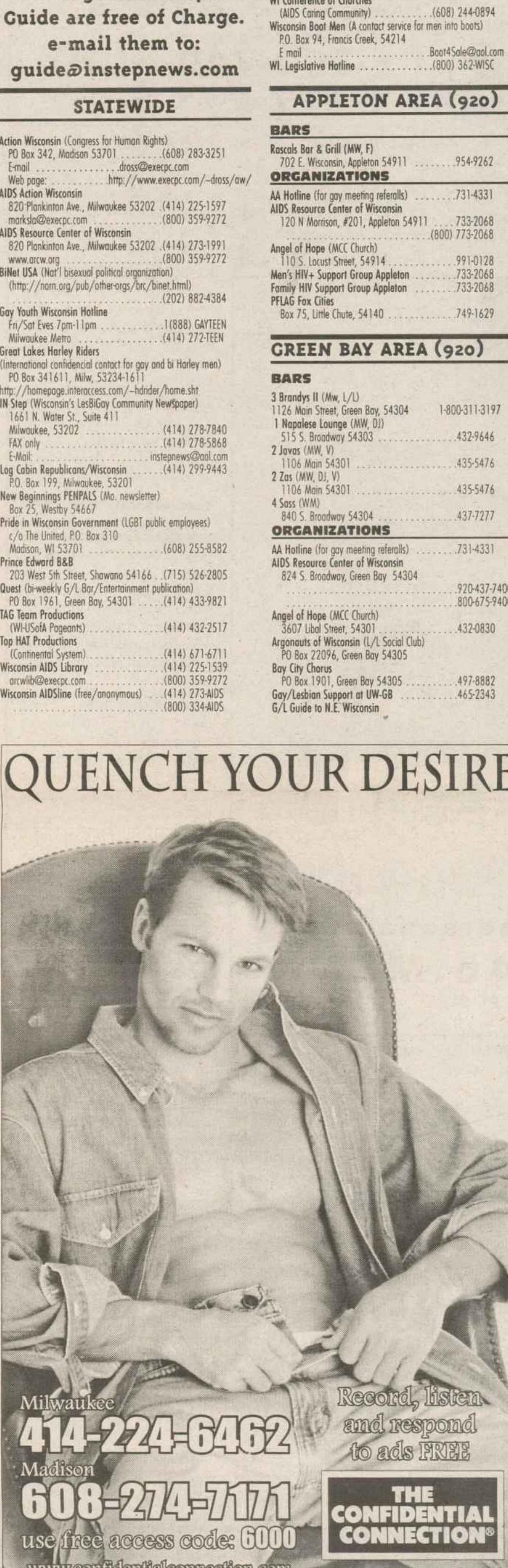
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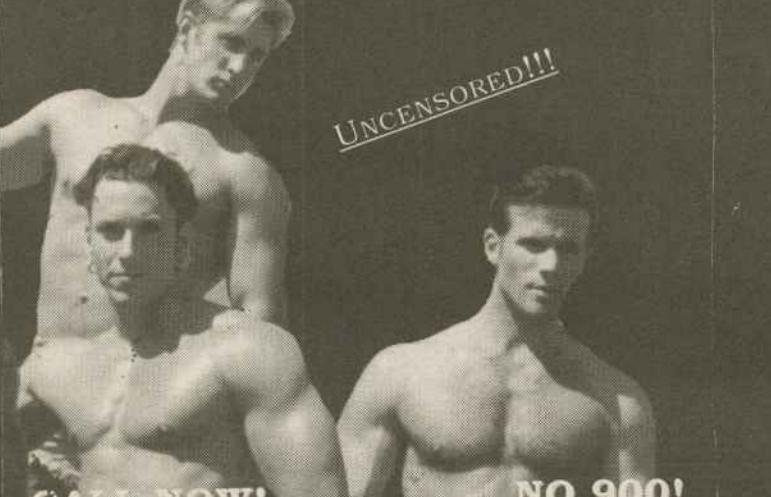
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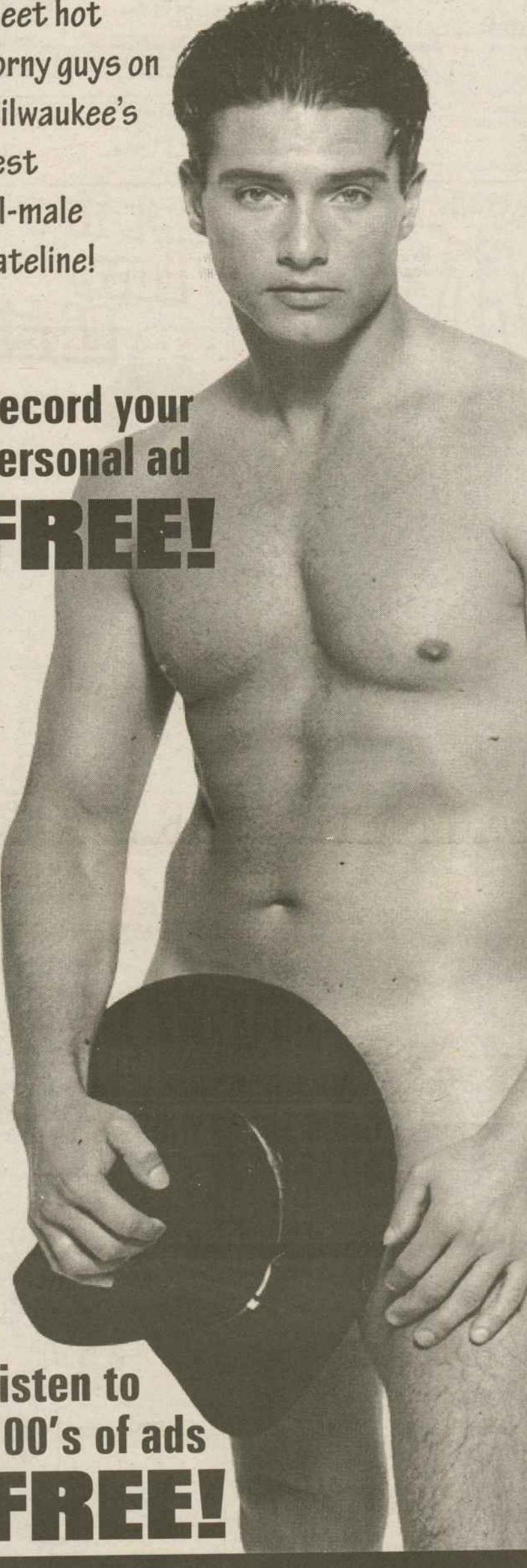
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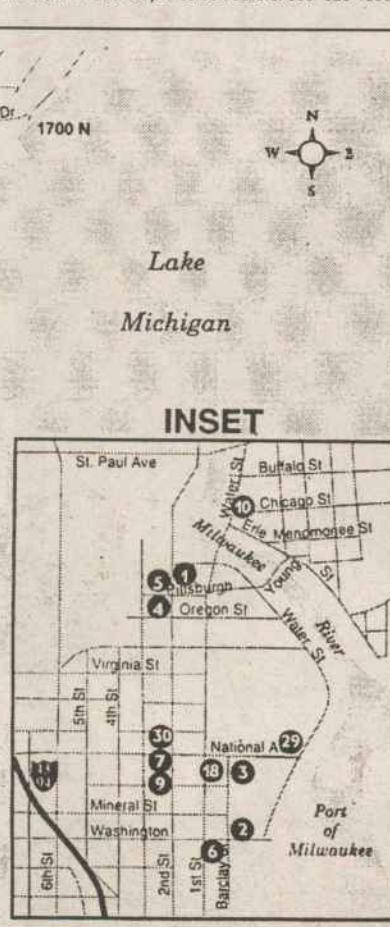
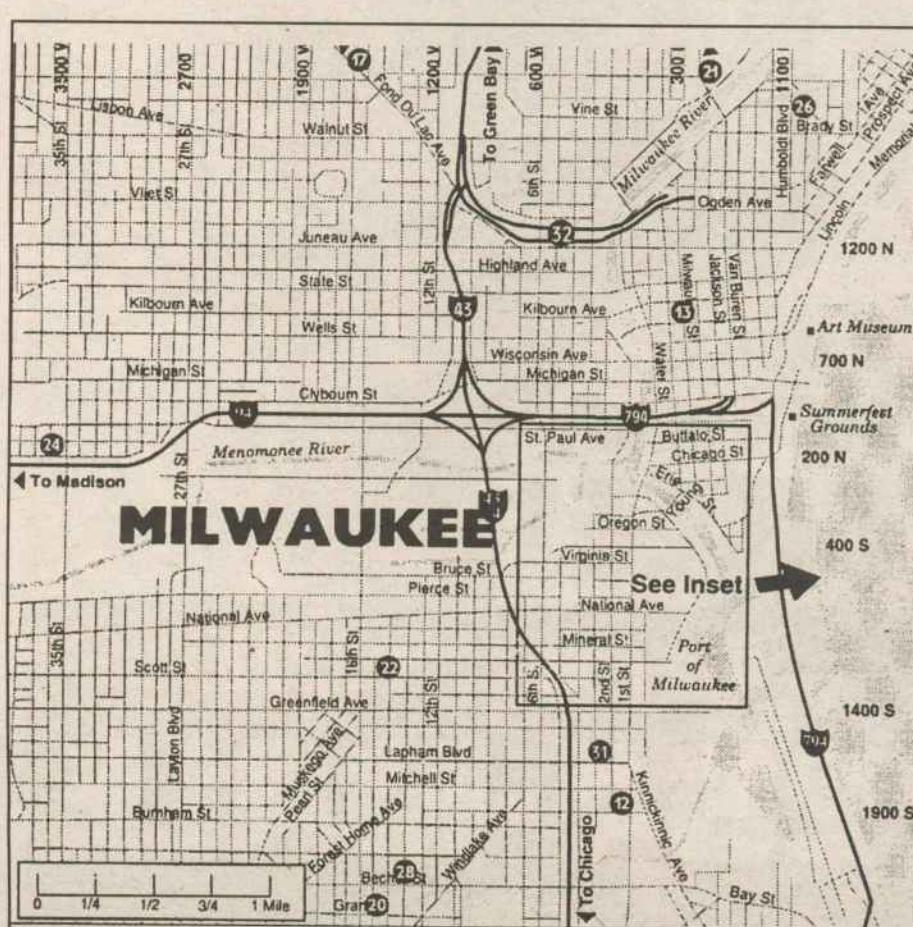
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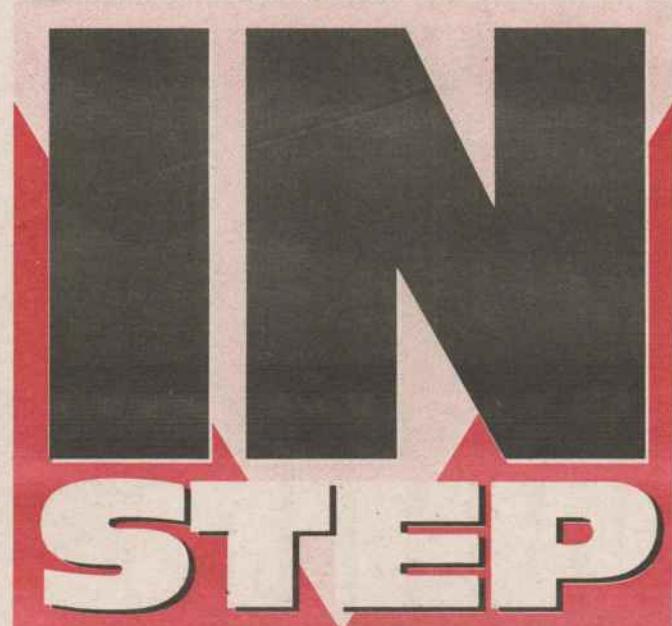
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