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McDonald's OKs Anti-Bias Policies

Seattle — McDonald's, the global fast-food chain, has decided to add employment anti-bias protections and anti-harassment policies covering sexual orientation.

When the Pride Foundation in Seattle and Boston-based Tirlum Asset Management submitted a resolution for McDonald's annual shareholders meeting calling for the changes, the company readily agreed to adopt the new policies.

Suit Challenges Arkansas Ban on Gay Foster Parents

Little Rock — The Arkansas branch of the ACLU has filed a lawsuit challenging the state's ban against gay and lesbian foster parents.

The suit, filed on behalf of six prospective heterosexual and homosexual foster parents, will attempt to overturn a state child welfare agency review board policy adopted earlier this year that forbids homosexual couples from serving as foster parents or from being placed in any home where there are gays or lesbians present.

There are an estimated 2,600 foster children in Arkansas currently waiting to be placed, the state's family services division says.

Cook County, Ill., Commissioners OK Partners Benefits

Chicago — Cook County (Ill.) commissioners voted 9-6 to add domestic partner benefits for same-sex couples to its county worker benefits package.

Commissioners supporting the new package said it was "simply sound public policy" to help attract and retain qualified employees. But opponents strongly denounced the measure as "fundamentally flawed" and said it discriminated against heterosexual couples.

Anti-gay conservatives charged that the domestic partner benefits amounted to "a vote for immorality." One anti-gay protester had to be removed from the commission's chambers by deputies.

Jenny Jones Ends Testimony in Lawsuit

Pontiac, Mich. — Jenny Jones wrapped up three days of often tense testimony, insisting that her television talk show was not responsible for the 1995 death of Scott Amedure, a gay man who revealed he had a crush on Jonathan Schmitz, a fellow guest on the program. Three days after the program was taped, Schmitz killed Amedure, claiming that he felt humiliated by the revelation on a television program. The program never aired.

"It's not my intent to embarrass anyone on the show," Jones said during her testimony in the trial of a \$50 million wrongful death lawsuit filed by Amedure's family against the TV program, Telepictures, its producers, and Warner Bros., distributor of the show.

Jones testified that she cared about her guests and denied trying to embarrass Schmitz by getting Amedure to reveal a sexual fantasy about him during the show.

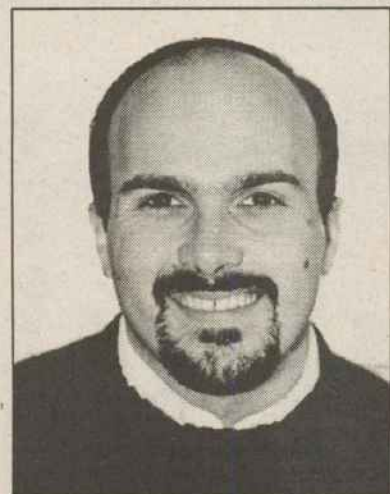
Record LGBT Members on Madison City Council

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — On April 20th, three open members of the LGBT community were sworn in as members of the Madison Common Council.

Joining veteran council members Judy Olson and Mike Verveer who were both elected in 1995 will be newcomer Matt Sloan of Madison's 13th aldermanic district.

"Matt is already turning a lot of heads. Everybody was on board his campaign, and everybody personally, even the *Wisconsin State Journal*, likes him," says veteran political operative and former alderman Andy Janssen. "He brings an industriousness and an articulate progressive voice just when the last election produced a slight edge in political progressives to push a mayor all too eager to capitulate to conservatives in social policy. He's definitely a guy to keep an eye on, a true rising star."



Matt Sloan

Olson is expected to be elected president of the Common Council, and Verveer is a veteran progressive leader now serving in U.S. Rep. Tammy Baldwin's Madison office.

Sloan, who works as a research analyst, ran his campaign on issues like fair housing, a living wage, traffic planning and progressive economic development. He says he loves Madison's progressive tradition and applauds the city for being a leading light on civil rights.

"The reason I fought to get elected is to be an alderman that is more accessible, able to listen to issues people care about. Backyard issues are what people need to know are being addressed," says Sloan.

"You see the City of Madison, you see a progressive community—people getting sensitivity training for diversity, you see a lot of LGBT people in the fire and police departments. That's

as it should be. And we're ready for Wisconsin Christians United and other forms of harassment that will come. I'm ready to respond. I think the whole community is."

Having three LGBT members on the 20-member Common Council makes Madison number one in Wisconsin for city LGBT representation.

"It certainly is a compliment to the citizens of Madison. This speaks to the well-deserved reputation of Madison for being an inclusive, open-minded community that celebrates diversity and civil rights," says Verveer. "You look at the history of open LGBT Madison officials from before Tammy Baldwin to Mark Pocan and now Matt Sloan, it's a tradition we can all be proud of. I'm just excited to have the opportunity to work with Matt and the rest of the council."

Sloan and an incumbent alderman were the only candidates able to garner both the endorsements of the warring Democratic Party and the Progressive Dane Party — now a potent political force on the Madison council with eight endorsed sitting members.

"Every time I had a campaign event we had Progressive Dane and Democratic Party people together there. I said, 'Everybody plays nicely with each other here in the 13th district,'" says Sloan. "Seriously, I'm proud we were able to unite for a good solid progressive Democratic vision. The first campaign theme I had on my literature and at doors was building partnerships."

As for specific LGBT civil rights issues, Alderman Verveer is expected to introduce a domestic partnership health benefits initiative this session for City of Madison employees, and Sloan says the chance for passage is good: "I'll be proud to be a co-sponsor. I know working together, we can make this happen. Domestic partnership initiatives are happening all over now."

Sloan says his ideal for working effectively on the council is identical to his work in life — thinking globally and working locally for results for a diverse people.

"This district, like the city, like the country, is incredibly diverse, diversity along every scale you can think of. This district has not always worked well with each other. My goal is to get people working together, so we start relaying on each other's strengths," says Sloan. "Addressing real neighborhood issues that I found people care about as I went out going door to door is why I won. You win and lose in your district. It's always important to fill in the potholes, it doesn't matter if you're gay, bi, or straight — no one likes a pothole."

Pulitzers Come Out of the Closet

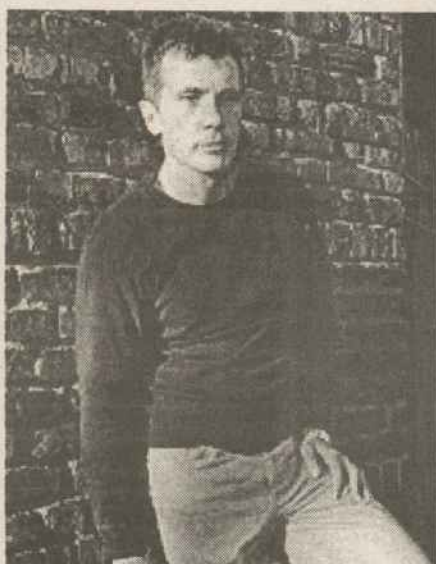
by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

New York — From Willa Cather and Amy Lowell to Tennessee Williams and Tony Kushner, lesbians and gay men have been Pulitzer Prize honorees almost since the prestigious awards were begun in 1917.

But their homosexuality was either closeted away or was the kind of "open secret" known perhaps to some of their colleagues but generally outside the general public's awareness.

This year's Pulitzer Prizes, however, illustrate how dramatically that has changed.

Michael Cunningham, who is openly gay, won a Pulitzer for his novel *The Hours*, a fictional vision of three different women living in three different cities and in three different times in the 20th century. Their



Michael Cunningham. Photo: AP

only connection is the novel *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf — who is herself one of the three main characters.

Cunningham's writing is often a rare mixture of haunting passion and poignant delicacy, and *The Hours* reflects a kind of American "magical writing" that shimmers with both vitality and mystery.

Margaret Edson, a lesbian who teaches at an Atlanta kindergarten, also was awarded a Pulitzer for her play "Wit."

For some, a play by a lesbian about a woman diagnosed with ovarian cancer may sound too PC, ripe for excessive sentimentality, and far from enjoyable. But "Wit," Edson's first play, is feisty and anything but a weeper drama about cancer.

The play opens, for example, with the lead character, a vibrant literature professor, cheerfully informing the audience that she dies in the end. She then spends her last hours telling us about her life, her love of John Donne's poems, and her relationships.

Edson's play is not just well-crafted, its tough central role and driving force in the person of Prof. Vivian Bearing, lives in the context of her own life before our eyes. Strong, spirited and intelligent, she tries to achieve a bit of dignity and grace while facing the reality of her death in a hospital setting that doesn't always lend itself to such "ordinary" noble aspirations.

With two important Pulitzer awards going this year to an up-front gay man and a lesbian, it might be tempting to think that perhaps America's literati is finally embracing creative homosexuals as it never has before. But that, the award winners agreed, is probably not the case.

Cunningham, a Columbia University creative writing professor, says gays and



Margaret Edson. Photo: AP

lesbians have been well represented in the history of the Pulitzers. What's changed, he says, is that "more and more gays are out now, so understandably more of us are likely to win recognition."

Edson, who said she has no plans to leave her kindergarten teaching post, also said it was "just coincidence" that Pulitzers this year went to openly gay and lesbian authors.

But while it may not be "just coincidence" that in a single year the Pulitzer Committee handed out awards to two up-front gays, one of the inevitable results of the contemporary gay rights movement has been that nearly any set of awards these days — from the Oscars to Grammys to the Pulitzers — is probably going to necessarily have a respectable number of gays and lesbians in their numbers.

"All that's really changed," Cunningham says, "is that the closet doors are now open."

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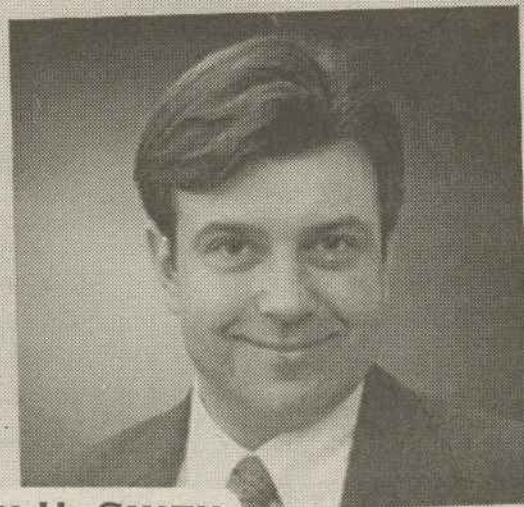
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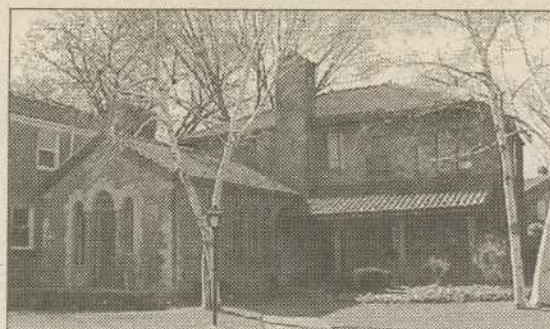
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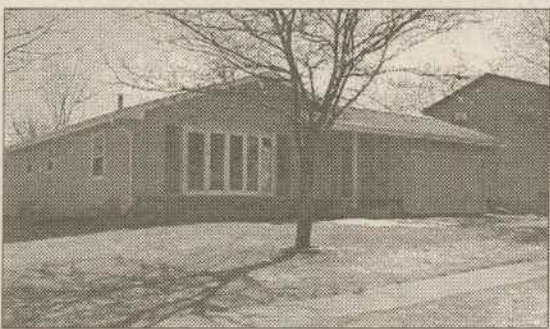
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Group Notes

New Harvest Accepting Grant Applications

Madison — The New Harvest Foundation, which raises and distributes funds to support gay, lesbian and bisexual well-being in Madison and surrounding Dane County, is seeking applications for its Spring/Summer 1999 grant cycle. All organizations and individuals working on projects which benefit the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities in Dane County are invited to apply. The application deadline is June 1.

Awardees must be either a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, or use a qualifying fiscal agent. Grants fall into several focus areas: social service, social change, public education, health care, the arts and culture, and development of the gay, lesbian and bisexual communities.

Preference is given to projects which are 1). new and innovative projects or services which respond to unmet needs in the community; 2). a continuation of projects of proven value to the community; or, 3). cooperative or collaborative working relationships with others engaged in similar efforts. While there is no specific limit on grant awards, recent awards have ranged from \$300 to \$2,300.

The New Harvest Foundation is the only foundation in Dane County that channels charitable contributions exclusively to individuals and organizations working to promote gay, lesbian and bisexual rights, services, culture and community development. Founded in 1984, the New Harvest Foundation is operated by an 18-member volunteer board of directors. It pools the contributions of hundreds of donors each year to provide grant money to gay, lesbian and bisexual causes.

For more information, or to request application materials, contact the New Harvest Foundation, PO Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701-1786, or call (608) 256-4204.

Chicago Pride Set

Chicago — Plans are already being made by community groups for various 1999 Pride Month activities. A few events already scheduled include; choral concerts, plays, dances, the annual "Proud to Run" race and the 30th Annual Parade on Sunday, June 27.

Many businesses and organizations are already planning their parade entries. Floats, decorated vehicles, marching units and individual marchers are all welcome in the parade procession. Last year's Pride Parade featured 246 registered parade entries with crowd estimates approaching 250,000 people — and as many are expected this year.

The international theme for this year's celebration is *A Proud Past, A Powerful Future*. Each year, parade entries and groups sponsoring Pride Month Events have the option of using the theme or making use of a theme of their own choice. To add your organization or business to the mailing list, or for more information, call PRIDEChicago at (773) 348-8243.

Shepard's Lifestyle May Be Focus of Defense Strategy

by Robert W. Black
Associated Press Writer

Laramie, Wyo. — Lawyers for a man suspected of beating Matthew Shepard to death may focus on Shepard's sexual orientation in an effort to show he was not lured from a bar the night of his murder.

Attorneys for Aaron McKinney are seeking evidence of Shepard's lifestyle, including whether he routinely picked up other men in bars, lawyers said during a court hearing held on April 14.

Public defender Dion Custis told Judge Barton Voigt that the defense needs to know how prosecutors concluded that Shepard was taken against his will.

"If they're saying he was kidnapped from this bar, any information concerning his background, leaving with other males, getting involved in similar types of situations ... that information is particularly relevant," Custis said.

He also asked for any evidence prosecutor Cal Rerucha may possess that showed "flirtatious conduct" by Shepard at the bar or after leaving.

Police said McKinney and Russell Henderson, both 21, met Shepard at a bar Oct. 6, told him they were gay, lured him into a pickup truck, robbed him, then drove him to a remote area east of Laramie and beat him into a coma.

Shepard, 21, was found tied to a fence about 18 hours after the attack. He died five days later from 18 blows to the head. Police said robbery was the main motive but that he may have been targeted because he was gay.

Henderson pleaded guilty April 5 to felony murder and kidnapping, and

received two consecutive life sentences.

McKinney, who is charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping and aggravated robbery, is scheduled for trial Aug. 9 and could face the death penalty if convicted.

Shepard's feelings on capital punishment were also an issue at the hearing.

"My understanding is that Mr. Shepard was against the death penalty," said Custis. "If they have any information on that, we certainly want that."

The subject of letters allegedly written by McKinney and released by Henderson's attorney, Wyatt Skaggs, came up repeatedly. At one point, Custis told Voigt he had not yet seen one of the letters, prompting Rerucha to bolt from his seat and say that he had witnesses who could attest otherwise.

"And we need an apology for a lie," he said. "Mr. Skaggs got into problems with this individual because he lacks honor and he because he lacks integrity," said Rerucha, who was then cut off Voigt.

"I take it you disagree with Mr. Custis," said Voigt.

"Hugely," said Rerucha.

Later, the judge interrupted Custis.

"From day one, Mr. Rerucha's been making these personal accusations, questioning the integrity of the defense team and me in particular ...," Custis said.

Voigt stepped in and told the lawyers, "Let's not go down that road. I think I've had enough of that to fill me up to the end of the trial."

During the hearing, Custis divulged that McKinney suffered a broken hand in jail but offered no other details.

Sheriff Jim Pond, citing the judge's gag order in the case, declined to comment on the injury.

Custis said he was awaiting information regarding a handwriting analysis of the letters in question and the envelopes the letters were mailed in.

He said he was also awaiting a transcription of a detailed statement made recently by Henderson and of a statement made by McKinney's girlfriend, Kristen Price, just prior to Henderson's plea hearing.

Custis said he requested Henderson's records because they were "absolutely essential" to the defense.

"He is the only other person who was out there with Mr. McKinney so he's (probably) going to be a material witness," he said.

Phelps Tries to Enter a Float in Phoenix Pride Parade

Phoenix — According to *Echo Magazine* in Phoenix, notorious homophobe Fred Phelps' Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., has asked to enter a float in the city's annual gay pride parade.

The magazine reports that the float application indicated Phelps' church wanted to be in the parade "so the gospel message of Jesus Christ might be presented."

Phelps' ideas about a float, however, and those of parade organizers were miles apart. The letter requesting to enter the float said it would have photos of Matthew Shepard and Billy Jack Gaither, two gay men who have been murdered recently in high-profile anti-gay killings. The photos, Phelps' letter said, would indicate the two men were now in hell and a tape would play continuously of people screaming to illustrate the agonies of those denied entry to heaven.

Needless to say, organizers at the Arizona Central Pride group gave short shrift to Phelps' effort, sending him an application that includes an agreement "to promote the gay lifestyle as a positive, loving and productive lifestyle."

A letter accompanying the application from the group's attorney also said "Arizona Central Pride also has final say on what is considered vulgar, demeaning and harassment regarding signs, music, etc. that may be distasteful or shows a lack of tolerance or hatred to any individual or group."

So far, the completed application has not been returned to the Phoenix organization.

MTV Poll: 95% of Young People Back Hate Crimes Laws

New York — An MTV poll, conducted by Penn, Schoen & Berland, found that 95 percent of the young people between ages 12 and 24 support expanding existing hate crimes laws to include gender, sexual orientation and disabilities as proposed by President Clinton in the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999.

"Young people are both the primary victims and the main perpetrators of hate crimes," said Judy McGrath, MTV's president in a statement about the findings. "This poll is a wake-up call."

The issue of expanding hate crimes laws recently has received increased attention following the brutal murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student last October.

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ARCW Cautions Wisconsin To Shake AIDS Complacency

Milwaukee — In response to the latest state AIDS report indicating a 15 percent increase in new HIV cases, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has called on the legislature to fund Wisconsin's first major HIV prevention initiative.

"A 15-percent increase in HIV cases is unacceptable given our knowledge on how to prevent HIV infection," said

"With an eight-fold increase in HIV cases over the last decade, a state investment in AIDS prevention programs that will save lives is desperately needed."

Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "With as many as half of new infections among young adults under 25, the lives of Wisconsin's youth are on the line."

The State Department of Health and Family Services reports 89 new HIV cases in the first quarter of 1999 compared to 77 for the same time last year. ARCW projects there are hundreds more Wisconsin residents living with HIV who have not been tested for the disease.

Nelson's remarks were delivered before 1,100 at an ARCW fund-raising event in Milwaukee on Saturday. Nelson said there is a misperception and confusion about the state of AIDS in Wisconsin because of the public focus on declining AIDS death rates. He said society has been lulled into complacency over reports that have distorted the picture of AIDS and portrayed HIV as a manageable disease.

"The declining death rate does not tell the real story of what's happening with the AIDS epidemic," Nelson said. "It is creating a complacency that is perilous and may well make this era of AIDS the most dangerous of all."

Nelson said that nationally there are 44,000 new HIV infections each year, that only one-half of people with HIV have access to drug treatments and that

the treatments are failing for over one third of patients. "New studies indicate the treatment failure rate is increasing and severe side effects are mounting from the profoundly toxic drugs including dangerously elevated cholesterol counts, harm to internal organs, and damage to central nervous systems."

Nelson referred to HIV as being "the most brilliant virus" from the beginning, one that has outsmarted the best scientists in the world. "Today, HIV is outsmarting us again by leading us to believe it is no longer a threat," Nelson said.

"With an eight-fold increase in HIV cases over the last decade, a state investment in AIDS prevention programs that will save lives is desperately needed," he said. "Low death rates should never be a reason for reduced public and private investment in AIDS prevention."

ARCW has asked the state legislature to reinvest \$500,000 of state AIDS funding in aggressive AIDS prevention programs. The state of Wisconsin has not increased its AIDS funding from \$180,000 annually over the last ten years.

"Wisconsin's private sector has carried the burden of funding aggressive HIV prevention programs. The state must join in partnership to slow the spread of HIV," Nelson said.

The 1,100 attendees set a new record by raising over \$170,000 for AIDS care, prevention and research services.

PrideFest Adds New Council Members

Milwaukee — PrideFest has announced that three new members have been added to its planning committee and the election of a current council member to the executive board.

Newly elected Treasurer Dawn Schaefer has been a volunteer for PrideFest for four years, having worked in the PrideFest cash room since 1995. Schaefer, who has owned her own insurance company for the past 10 years, brings to PrideFest a strong business background. Her goal is to "help make the festival bigger and better."

Newly elected to the position of operations manager, Suzaan Krueger has earned her community stripes through her involvement with the LGBT Community Center where she serves as member of their Volunteer Committee. Her work experience has helped her develop skills in prioritizing and organizing large work loads, both necessary talents for the person whose job is to prepare the grounds before the gates open. Krueger demonstrates a "take-charge" attitude and looks forward to "taking on the task and helping make things a success."

Jennifer Johnson was instrumental in getting the new Youth Activity Area organized in 1998 and has now been elected to serve in the newly created position of Youth Activity Area Coordinator. Along with her experience at PrideFest, Johnson has a background in theatre, including directing plays. Jen says that her involvement on the PrideFest Council "will be exciting."

Ted Berg, who serves as the Family Day coordinator and Ecumenical Service coordinator, will also be wearing the hat of PrideFest vice president. Berg contacted the PrideFest office in 1997 to ask if he could come on to the grounds as his alter-ego, T-Burger the Clown. Not only did he get the answer he wanted, he was also elected to the PrideFest Council to coordinate the special children's activities for Family Day, which made its debut that year. Both Family Day and the Ecumenical Service have grown in popularity with Berg's help. He brings that "can-do" attitude to the Executive Board.

PrideFest will be held August 6, 7 and 8 at the Henry W. Maier Festival Park in Milwaukee.

Softball League to Kick Off Season

Milwaukee — The Saturday Softball League (SSBL) is making last minute preparations in advance of opening day for their 1999 softball season. Plans call for an extended season, expanded league events, and new team fund-raisers.

SSBL is currently recruiting all persons interested in playing softball. People of all skill levels are welcome. This is a great way to meet new people and to develop lasting friendships.

Upcoming events include: League Softball Clinic at Sijan Field (KK and California) at 11:00 a.m. on May 1 to go over the rules, regulations, and essentials of the league — anyone interested in joining a team can do so at the clinic; the Mr. SSBL contest which will be held the Ballgame on May 8 at 5:00 p.m.; SSBL Follies show at Club 219 on May 22 at 6:00 p.m.; and as always, the highlight of our Softball season: the Annual Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament which is held at Wick Field (53rd and Vliet) over the Memorial Day weekend. This tournament brings up to 20 teams from around the country to Milwaukee for some good, fun softball. In addition to these events, the individual teams have smaller events going on throughout the season.

The current list of sponsors includes: Club 219, Woody's, Ballgame, M&M Club and Balistreri's Pizza, in addition to some new sponsors. For more information about the league please contact the SSBL at (414) 454-9204.

Counseling Center Announces Gay Men's Group

Milwaukee — The Counseling Center of Milwaukee (TCCM) announces that the Gay Men's Discussion Group (GMDG) will begin meeting once again at the agency beginning May 9.

"It's great to be back home at the Counseling Center, where the group was started back in 1990," says Bill Hanel, consultant to the Men's Support Group Program. "TCCM has been consistently supportive of the gay and lesbian community, offering discussion groups and support groups for many years."

The GMDG is designed to be a safe place for men to gather to talk about issues that are important to gay men. Topics range from relationships and dating to HIV/AIDS to spirituality and mental health. "It's a wonderful forum for the community to learn about its fabulous diversity in a way that is healthy and affirming," says Hanel.

The group will meet on the second Sunday evening of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at TCCM, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. No registration is required, and participants are encouraged to make a donation (\$3 suggested) to help cover program costs. May's discussion will focus on the topic "Being Single," and will address both the challenges and the opportunities that come with single status. For more information, please feel free to call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565, or call the Support Group Program to be placed on the mailing list.

Nominations Sought for Gay Community Choice Award

Green Bay — The Gay Community Choice Award (GCCA) board of directors has announced that nominations are being accepted for the 1999 Gay Community Choice Award. Nomination forms are available at all Green Bay-area bars serving the community. Everyone is encouraged to submit the names of deserving individuals by following the simple instructions on the official nomination form.

The Gay Community Choice Award was established in 1998 to recognize and promote outstanding service to the gay community. The award is presented annually to one individual. The first annual GCCA was presented last August to Paul "Cricket" Jacob. The recipient of this year's award will be named in late summer or early fall. The cut-off date for acceptance of nominations and the date of this year's award presentation are yet to be determined. Members of the community are encouraged to submit nominations early.

For more information, please contact GCCA board member Michael S. at Dream Gate Businesses (DGB) by calling (920) 432-6227. You may also write to GCCA c/o DGB, Inc., PO Box 22154, Green Bay, WI 54305-2154.

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ROW Announces Pride Picnic

Appleton — Rainbow Over Wisconsin Announces the 4th Annual Pride Picnic which is set for Saturday, July 10 and from 11 a.m. to about 6 p.m. During the past three years Rainbow Over Wisconsin, Inc. has raised and granted over \$20,000 to LGBT organizations in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Everyone is invited to participate and help the community raise the funds they need to carry on their vital projects during the coming year. Groups or organizations can volunteer to help at the concession booths.

This year the picnic will be held at the Al Kamke Farm, N8287 Highway 57, Hilbert, Wisconsin (near the intersection of highways 10 and 57 at Forest Junction). The day-long festivities will include games, food, beer and soda concessions, vendors and informational booths. There is no charge to be a vendor, however, each vendor is required to supply his or her own table, awning or covering and the manpower to set it up. This one-day event is expected to attract 500 to 600 people.

In order to make plans for space allotment and vendor locations, Rainbow Over Wisconsin asks that you please contact Picnic Chair, Ken Rohde at (920) 565-3443 for an intention sheet before June 10, 1999.

Lesbian Christians to Meet In Madison

Madison — Mary and Jesus with CLOUT: Revisiting the Holy Family is the theme of the 1999 Christian Lesbians OUT (CLOUT) Gathering on Aug. 5 through 8 at the St. Benedict Conference Center. Lesbian feminist theologians Mari Castellanos and Carter Heyward will be featured speakers. In addition, there will be workshops, ritual worship and time to explore St. Benedict's woodlands, wetlands and prairie.

Heyward who was born Episcopalian and Southern, will share writing from her upcoming book "Saving Jesus From Those Who Are Right." Castellanos who is Cuban and Roman Catholic by birth, will invite attendees to examine the mystical power of Mary, a feminine face of God. A dialog will follow, beginning with Castellanos and Heyward exploring how interesting intersections of Hispanic & Anglo/Protestant & Catholic can empower participants.

This is the fifth bi-annual gathering of CLOUT, a grass-roots movement "celebrating the miracle of being Lesbian, OUT and Christian," founded in 1990 by a group of lesbians who were "out" in the church.

Castellanos and Heyward will give a presentation to the public on Wednesday evening, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. at Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ in Madison. A free offering will be received.

For further information about the gathering and/or registration materials, contact Diana Vezmar-Bailey, Gathering Coordinator at 3502 Richard St., Madison, WI 53714. You may also call (608) 246-8862 or e-mail her at dvb1941@aol.com. If you wish to know more about CLOUT, contact Jan Griesinger, National Coordinator, at PO Box 5835, Athens, OH. You may call her at (740) 448-6424 or e-mail her at clout@seorf.ohiou.edu.

Stars Come Out For GLAAD Awards

by Rex Wockner
of the IN Step staff

Los Angeles — The Century Plaza Hotel and Towers was overflowing with stars April 17 for the 10th Annual Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Media Awards.

Seventeen hundred guests and 110 media organizations attended. Reporter Rex Wockner wandered between the main hall and the Press Room with his tape recorder to capture these snippets:

TOM HANKS:

"In this era of political and religious attacks on the gay and lesbian community, their lives are an excellent, a perfect example of true, genuine family values. Love is love, it's a constant, it's the speed of light, cannot be changed, cannot be slowed down."

"I'm here because ... I like the work that GLAAD does. It's important work that, hopefully, within another 10 years, won't be necessary. ... Wouldn't it be great if by the year 2008, if out of sincere disinterest, no one is showing up at the GLAAD event? Wouldn't that be a nice thing? I'm more than happy to do something because ultimately, to me, it's common sense and it's very American to embrace what is embraced here."

MELISSA ETHERIDGE:

"I was 17 and I was growing up in the great state of Kansas in the fine town of Leavenworth. ... I was 17 and I kissed a girl for the first time. And the earth moved and the heavens opened up and I looked around and I felt like I was the most alone person on this earth. Because as far as I knew there were no other girls who had ever kissed any other girl ever. And the thought that I would be isolated and rejected for the rest of my life was a very, very real one. Then one day, I was looking through my father's books — he used to teach high-school psychology and I was looking through his books — and there was this little pamphlet on homosexuality and it had this little pencil drawing of two girls holding hands and my heart leapt. I was not alone. Someone had drawn a picture of two girls holding hands, so somewhere someone had seen two girls holding hands. I didn't care what the pamphlet said. I didn't care if it said if we were sick or not or whatever; all I cared about was that image, the feeling of hope. And if the power of one small drawing was so great to me, imagine what the work all of us are doing means to young gays everywhere today."

"k.d. [lang] and I pretty much harangued [Ellen DeGeneres] for a long time, saying, 'Girl, c'mon, you gotta do this,' and everything, and we were on her for a long time, not really knowing what we were saying, not really understanding the scope of it and what it would do to her as a person — just catapult her

into sort of this activism full-on. I mean, she was our little funny Ellen who used to make us laugh at parties and such. [Now] she's out there blazing trails for us."

WHOOPI GOLDBERG:

"The parts I've taken, I've taken because I believed in them. I've never seen any difference between me and anybody else — white people, Chinese people, Spanish people, gay people, straight people, sheep."

"Do not shove people out of the closet. Don't do it. It's wrong, child. You have to let people come when they're ready. Because when they are ready, they will be your ally. ... It's like McCarthyism, it's like namin' names. No one has the right to do that. If we're going to be a cohesive unit, not just as gay folks but as human beings, then we have to respect each other, and not everybody's ready. Forcing people out doesn't make it an easier road for other people. It just makes you hide more."

"Will I be able to play more lesbian women, or is my time up? Because, you know, I see all of you [lesbians] all around — I figure I ain't gonna get no goddamn work now."

ERIC MCCORMACK, Will on 'Will & Grace':

"You have to be careful [on *Will & Grace*] because you're going to piss somebody off one way or the other. The main way [for us] is just to keep four characters that you love watching week after week. If they love them, you can get away with murder sometimes, which is great."

"[The success of *Will & Grace*] feels like you're the guy that gets to run over the finish line at the end of the year. It's a relay and we're at the end, so we get to hit the ribbon, but the rest of the race was run by somebody else [Ellen] and we're very grateful for it."

"I'm more leading man as a gay man than I ever was as a straight man."

SEAN HAYES, Jack on 'Will & Grace':

"[The response from the gay community has been] nothing but positive. Everybody loves it [*Will & Grace*]. They get Will, they get Jack, they get all the spectrum. It's all good."

"I wash my hands of that [talk of a kiss scene]. I have no clue about that. But, sure, Will is human and will get a date and probably will kiss a guy. Who knows when? You know, he's a little anal right now. He's not Jack."

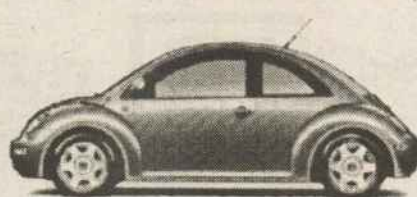
ROSEANNE:

"I'm always so surprised at who I see here at these GLAAD things. I have to say I'm even more surprised at the people I don't

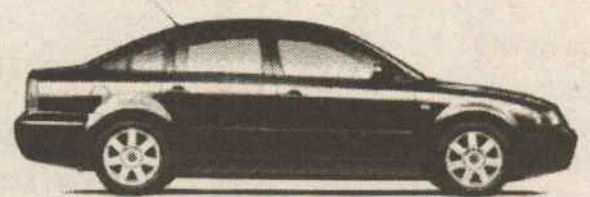
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"I've known lesbians all my life. It's because of lesbians that I have a career, honestly. Thank them. And I find them to be the most unique as well as [most] frightening individuals alive. Only after myself, of course. Though I personally never tongued another woman's labes. Maybe because I hate women more than I hate men, I guess. And to lesbians, of course, that makes me a dyke. But I personally have always resented that myth, the one that says that lesbians hate men. How could they hate men? They don't have to fuck them! I truly believe that it is my godly duty on this planet to teach men how to fuck. Now don't laugh, because the truth is gay guys do not know how to fuck any better than their straight cousins. All men just want to do it a lot and run like hell."

DAVID CROSBY of Crosby, Stills and Nash:

"Matthew Shepard did some good because he made an awful lot of people realize that he was a human being and that he didn't deserve to go down the way he did. ... Anything that humanizes gay people in the eyes of the public is a good thing. That's the only good thing I can find about that [Shepard's murder]."

KATHY NAJIMY, of Veronica's Closet:

"I find gay people as a group really incredibly interesting and stimulating and so I've always surrounded myself — I have gay members of my family, my best friend is gay — and in the last 10 years the reason I've sort of upped my advocacy for gay and lesbian rights is because I think AIDS is a direct result of the homophobia we have in this country, and as long as people hate fags they're not going to care about AIDS. So I think hand-in-hand with my AIDS work, I've got to carry on my gay and lesbian work; it's the same thing."

"When I first presented an award at

GLAAD, it was in somebody's living room, like in Encino, I swear to God. There was like 11 of us. ... I walked in today and I was completely mindblown — Sharon Stone and Whoopi Goldberg and Melissa Etheridge and k.d. lang and Tom Hanks. I mean, not that celebrities make it but I think it's a symbol of how it's outreached out to — it's the universe now. Of course it could be better. I would like for there to be characters on television where it's not about them being gay. But we have *Will & Grace*, we have Ellen, I'm thrilled. ... Tom Hanks being here is everything because the world looks up to him like Jesus Christ."

ELLEN DEGENERES:

"I have a different perspective now [on Ellen's cancellation]. I don't look at it as shit that happened. I mean, I should have been a little more realistic about it, you know, known what was going to happen. It's not that I feel vindicated. I'm thrilled that [*Will & Grace*] is on the air. I'm thrilled every single time I see any progress at all. And it seems like we take one step forward and then Matthew Shepard gets killed and still Wyoming won't even pass a hate-crime law, even after this guy was tortured. ... The more that we're represented everywhere in television and film, and shown as people that exist and live lives like everybody else, it's a wonderful thing. I'm thrilled to see this [*Will & Grace*] on TV."

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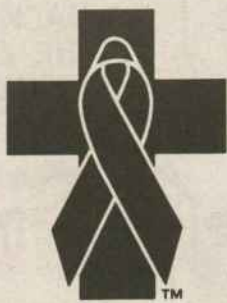
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Uneven Reporting

by Dave Runyon

I recently received my copy of UW-Madison's alumni quarterly magazine *On Wisconsin*, and predictably, it was patting itself on the back for its 150-year anniversary. However, we need to ask, "What's missing?" How many times, when you were growing up, did you ask yourself, "Am I the only one on earth who is gay (assuming you even knew the word gay, and what it meant)?"

Isolated, lonely, without a community or role models or a history — indeed, if anything — we confronted societal norms which were aimed against us. Worse than not having a voice or a history, we were persecuted as we grew up in a straight society. We were, in fact, considered the worst of all possible minorities from the viewpoint of society all around the planet — a group that society said would not even dare speak our name.

Well, we were given lots of nasty names, but more to the point of the *UW On Wisconsin* magazine, there was and is a screaming silence of our presence; it's deafening! The late gay Emeritus Professor George Mosse was a world-renowned scholar, but we got little attention here, and none in the magazine. So much for living in an outback, "Moo-rovia," the suburban tumor of Midwest city planning.

The university was very quick to take our money when we set up a GLBTQ alumni scholarship fund. The university was also very quick with its financial support in bringing Larry Kramer here to speak at the near-empty Memorial Union Theater as he "outed" Abe Lincoln by way of letters, journals, etc. (crumbs are always appreciated). Larry probably selected UW-Madison for his presentation because he realized it would not be given the media coverage it deserved — as in, "Lost in space, lost in time, and..."

The UW needs an extra pat on the back for its GLBTQ support, especially with Kramer, for if you do not allow GLBTQ people to appear in history, then we might not really exist in the sense that we are not important either to ourselves or to the whole community. Most folks, GLBTQs included, are unaware that GLBTQ individuals have made significant contributions to all of society. A case in point, beyond Lincoln, is Bayard Rustin; indeed, where would Martin

Luther King's memory be today without Rustin's organizing skills? (And no one mentions Rustin's mentor, Saul Alinsky.)

It's history. It's current history. And that takes us to those meaningless academic, dry, twitty gay lectures and courses which are so didactically sanitized of anything significant as to be acceptable to a university curriculum committee. Wasn't the first gay course taught at UW-Madison something with a name that only an insider would recognize a gay course? And, it was cross-listed between two departments; one being zoology or something equally curious? Hello! Come out, come out, wherever you are, and meet...

How can we know ourselves as a historical community if conservatives like Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and the editors of *On Wisconsin* conceal, ignore and hide our presence and existence? Like Rosa Parks, we need to say, "I am ... somebody!" We need to speak up and confront our oppressors, even more so when they don't even realize they ARE oppressing us. Justice delayed is justice denied.

Virginia Apuzzo, assistant to President Clinton, was another speaker at the UW Midwest GLBT College Conference. The one-liner from Ginny's presentation that stuck with me was, "You will get nothing from Washington unless you have achieved a consensus at the grassroots." Of course, she's correct, but how can a consensus happen if we are not even mentioned in the 150-year celebration of Wisconsin history? Our state law, county and city ordinances forbidding discrimination against GLBTQ persons are part of the tossed salad of consensus as are quite a few of the local churches.

But where is the university, that great institution which is often the pimple on the ass of progress? Witch-hunts in the 1950s? A non-decision about the military (which does discriminate) on campus? For ample reason, the word LEADERSHIP in human rights is not the first idea that comes to mind when we think of the University of Wisconsin. Indeed, last year when we nominated Harry Hay as a speaker for the UW's Distinguished Lecture Series, his name was rejected, because, we were told, "he's too old." ▼

Letters

We're Awesome!

Dear Editor—

Thanks a lot for listing our Lesbigan Visitors Guide to Chicago in your publication and on your Web site. We've gotten two dozen or so calls and e-mails from Wisconsinites asking for the guide and they're telling us that they're reading your publication! You guys are awesome.

Kevin Boyer, Co-Chair

Chicago Area Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

What was Old, is New

Dear Editor—

Recently, I took over as the new owner of a very old gay establishment. If you have been to the tiny restaurant on First Street lately, you have noticed many changes.

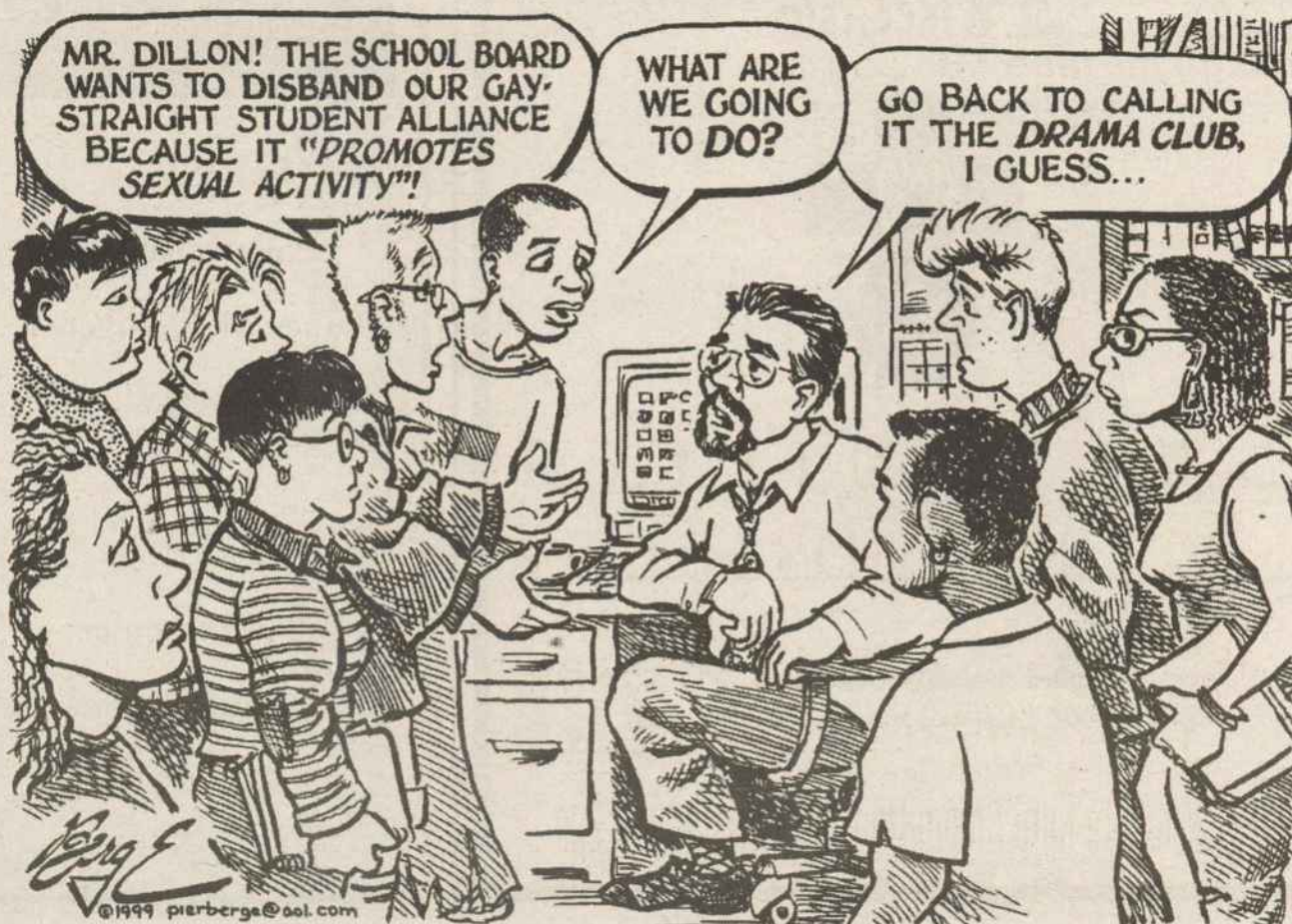
The décor is evolving into a café atmosphere with plants, mirrors and framed prints. The hours have changed to reflect the needs of the gay community. We're now open from 8 p.m. until 4 a.m., which allows diners to enjoy a bite before or after a night out. The menu has also evolved with fresher foods and an expanded menu.

I didn't take over the business for any great desire to go into debt. I purchased it in order to keep a happy and safe outlet for our gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. It has also become a fun and safe place for undergrads to hang out in the early part of the evening. These activities are also designed to give adults an evening out that doesn't revolve around alcohol.

This summer will bring even more changes in answer to comments from our customers. We are committed to keep changing to meet the growing needs of our community. Remember, it is *our* café!

In case you haven't figured it out yet, I am referring to the Annex Café, formerly Walker's Point Café, formerly Miss M's, and formerly Dirty Helen's. We hope to meet each and every one of you!

Kelly W. Cauffman



Editorial

Fly in the Ointment?

by William Attewell

There can be no doubt that Milwaukee's gay bars and night clubs have been at the front lines of police harassment for decades. By in large, bar owners in our community run safe, law-abiding establishments.

At this week's heated meeting at Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center, Second District Police Captain Joseph Whiten

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made no apologies to bar owners for the now infamous "fruit fly" inspections which hit La Cage and 219 several weeks ago.

What became clear at the meeting was that Whiten's diversity training did not include a history lesson on the extent to which our community has been harassed and oppressed by the Milwaukee Police Department over the years. Or on the fact that unlike non-gay bars, night clubs in our community are our clubhouses, places where we can feel safe.

I would be remiss not to acknowledge new captain for making an effort to open a dialog with LGBT bar owners in his dis-

trict — and our community. Whiten clearly indicated that he would put his integrity on the line to make sure our community's dealings with his district improved. On that, I will take a wait and see attitude.

Were gay and lesbian bars targeted in the "fruit fly" inspections? Maybe. Does Whiten and the Second District have a long way to go to improve relations with bar owners and our community? You bet.

The meeting brought to mind another enormous challenge for Milwaukee's LGBT community. As reported elsewhere in this issue — Madison recently elected its third openly gay common council member. The number of openly gay elected officials in Milwaukee? Zero.

Granted, the political winds in Madison are quite different, but our community's lack of an elected official deprives us of clout which would make dialog with the police (or the mayor) more effective. Instead, we must rely on non-gay allies who may not fully grasp the full scope of the LGBT experience.

When will Milwaukee follow the lead of Madison? Who in our community will rise to the challenge?

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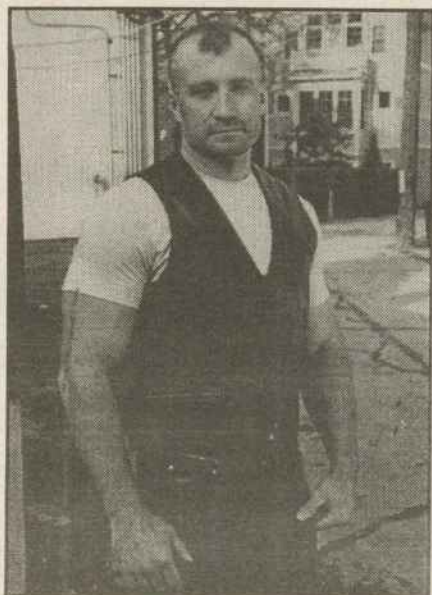


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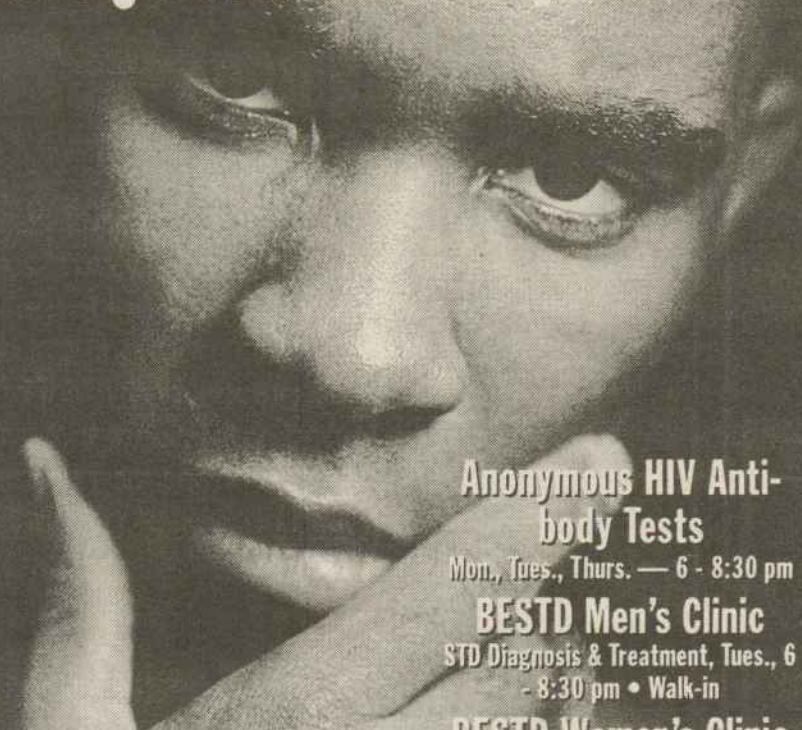
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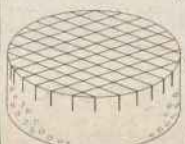
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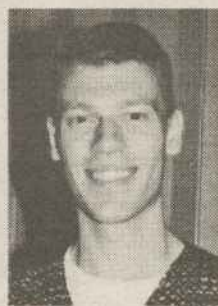
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IN STRAIGHT ANSWERS

Oh Baby Refrain

by Christopher Ott



This morning's *Wisconsin State Journal* bears a cover story about Lifewise, a Madison nonprofit that uses college students in abstinence-only sex education presentations for teenagers. Lifewise uses role-playing sessions to teach how to defuse situations that are getting a little too amorous, and for good measure it throws in a few "graphic slides of people with debilitating sexually transmitted diseases." I guess this is what you would call a carrot-and-stick approach.

The article also profiles a Lifewise presenter named Adam, age 21, who in a few weeks will wed his fiancée, Chrissy. The two have never kissed on the lips, and do not dance together, "lest it lead to something else."

Probably it's pointless to poke fun at Adam and Chrissy's decision, or to wish the young couple a tedious sex life. In their photo, they make a cute enough pair, and let's face it: anticipation is hot. Maybe this will work for them. Let's also be candid about the fact that, yes, STDs are dangerous, and yes, sometimes it's smart to wait before rushing into sex.

Lifewise, and other abstinence-only efforts, however, are missing the point.

For starters, the promotion of sexual abstinence "until marriage" doesn't have much to offer those of us who technically can't marry. Of course, given the so-called Christian underpinnings of the abstinence-only movement, this probably is

not a big concern, but even if you ignore the gay issue, there are major problems with abstinence-only.

One obvious pitfall is that, duh, ignorance isn't always bliss.

Abstinence-only crusaders try work around this kind of common sense by instilling fear: the fear that sex with more than one person will clutter and ultimately ruin your sex life with comparisons to other partners.

This is, to say the least, an exaggeration, and it is not particularly convincing when it is professed by people who don't know firsthand what that would be like anyway. In reality, the danger to relationships that is posed by not knowing what it would be like to have been with someone else is probably at least as great as the danger of unfavorable comparisons with past lovers. And ironically, the affairs spawned by these regrets are particularly devastating to the happily-ever-after illusions of abstainers when they do happen.

Another terror tactic used to promote abstinence is to equate sex with filth and disease, offering marriage as the only way out. Abstainers pay a lot of lip-service to how wonderful sex is in the context of marriage ("sex is a beautiful thing" is what a priest once told my sixth-grade class), but their own methods show that they don't really believe this. Of course sex can be dangerous, but not any more so than plenty of other risks we tolerate all the time (I hope that Lifewise members don't run the risk of shattering their bodies in motor vehicles to get to the schools they visit). Their preoccupation with the dangers of sex shows us what they really believe. Let's not mince words: people who use graphic images of diseased genitals to recruit kids to a weird view of sex are perverts. They shouldn't be let anywhere near a classroom.

The real issue here is that we all need

to learn how to decide what we believe is right and to live by that.

No matter what moral path you pick, this is not going to be easy. It's not easy to be celibate, it's not easy to stay in a monogamous relationship, and — although it's probably not as hard as those first two things — it's not easy to take care of yourself if you enjoy a sex life that includes more than one person over the course of your whole life. What everyone needs to learn is that sex and relationships are complicated no matter what, and simplistic moral formulas just dull people's ability to deal with the real world.

The irony is that gay people—the ones excluded from the abstinence-until-marriage approach, and dismissed by Christian moralizers as irrelevant or sinful — have already figured a lot of this out. In coming out of the closet, we essentially go against peer pressure to live by our own moral code (just like a kid who wants to remain celibate has to do). We know a thing or two about relationships, because we build them with little or no institutional support, and sometimes in the face of outright hostility. We tend — maybe because the same "equipment" is involved, and maybe because we don't quite fit the usual model of married monogamy—to have a more realistic and less neurotic understanding of sex. In other words, we have a lot to contribute to any understanding of sexual morality, in all its complexity.

It's about time we started asking why Christian moralizers aren't listening.

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Quips & Quotes

The Only Thing We Have to Fear...

"Perhaps [HIV] prevention should be about fear [again]. Maybe if, instead of just seeing hot bodies having sex, people saw and read about the difficult drug regimens, the hunchbacks, the fat deposits, the soaring cholesterol levels, the nausea, and the diarrhea, it might make them think more about staying safe. Maybe if people saw, through prevention efforts, real-life stories of those for whom the drugs don't work, people who are desperately trying everything to no avail, there might be a change in behavior [away from 'barebacking']. Maybe if people saw in safe-sex campaigns how those infected with drug-resistant strains of HIV spiral downward quickly into sickness, it might affect their decisions around bareback sex."

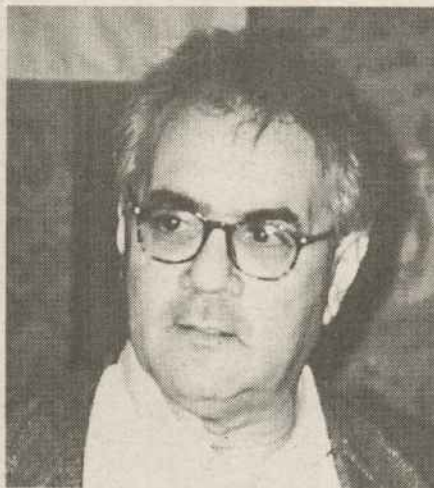
—Author Michelangelo Signorile writing in the Advocate.

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rare, I always tell them the truth. Are you and [your partner] into it? Or have I totally turned your stomach?"

—From e-mail correspondence between the author of this quotes column and a barebacker whom the author chatted with in person a day earlier at a San Diego gay bar beer bust.



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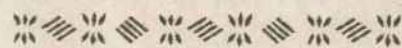
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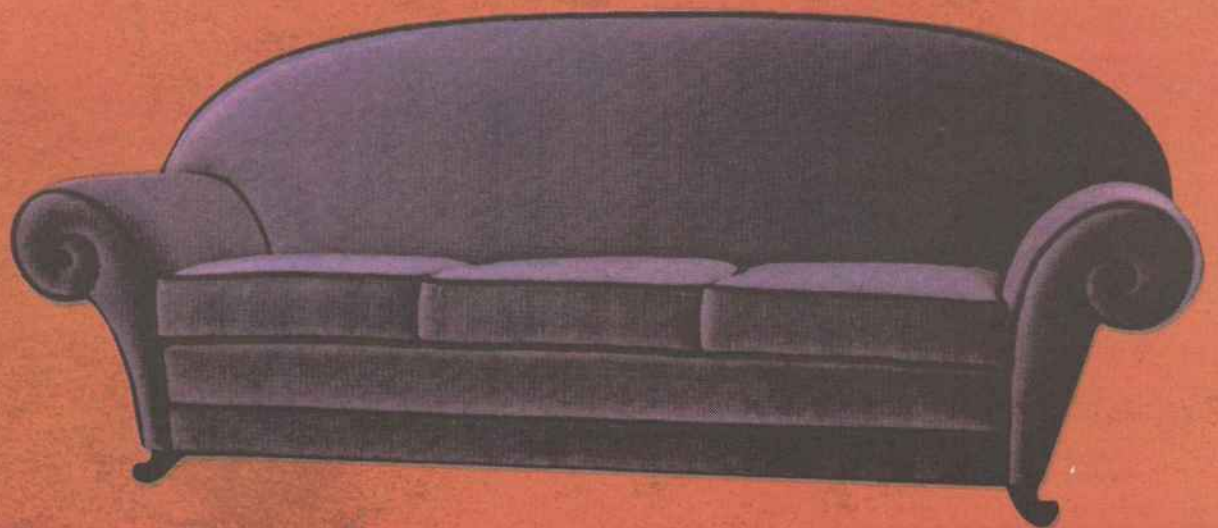
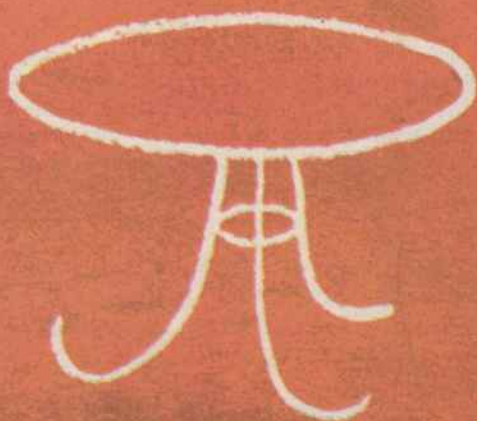
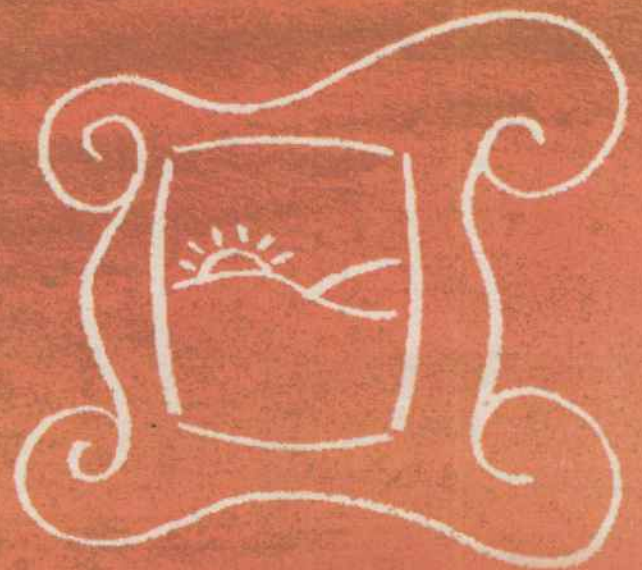
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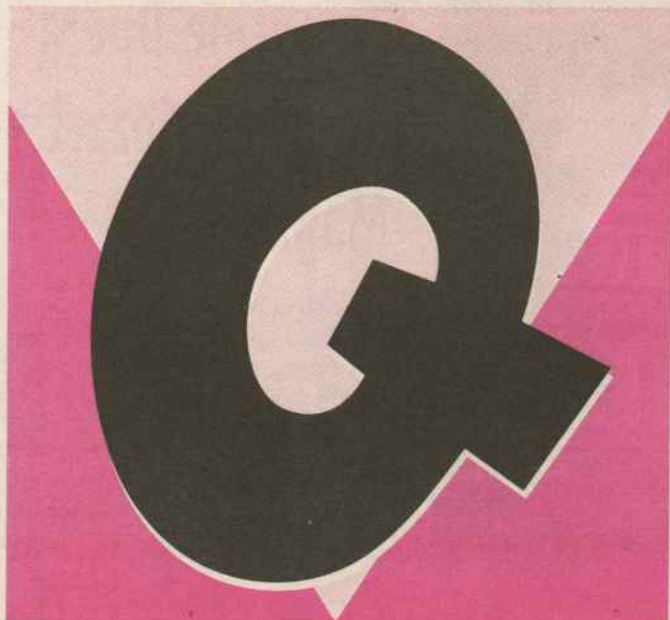


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Blonde Ambition

**Deborah Harry is
Proof That Blondes
Do Have More Fun**

by Jeffrey L. Newman
of the IN Step staff

“Gay audiences really like women who fall into the diva, blonde thing. And I worked that for all it's worth,” says the lead singer of pop music's new wave pioneer Blondie. “I also do not take myself overly seriously as a woman, but yet I talk about female points of view, which works in a gay context. It works for gay women.”

Having risen to the ranks of gay-diva during the days of new wave, disco and Studio 54, Harry earned her gay stripes along the way for her off-stage antics as well — with a camp star-turn in John Waters' *Hairspray*, along with her celebrity star status, she believes there is a deeply rooted bond that has been at the thrust of her diva status for the better part of two decades.

“I used to say that most of my friends were gay, but I don't really know what to make of it. I think it's some kind of combination of elements ... but frankly, I don't feel like there is much difference between gay or straight people,” says Harry, the artist formerly known as Debbie.

“At this stage of the game, I know it's important to identify ourselves in that way. We all want to be looked at for our value as human beings, not who we want to make love to. But I understand too that

it is politically important to be aware that prejudice exists — that rudiment of racial and (homophobic) prejudice. I think it's just some kind of actual retardation or fear that people can't come to grips with it.”

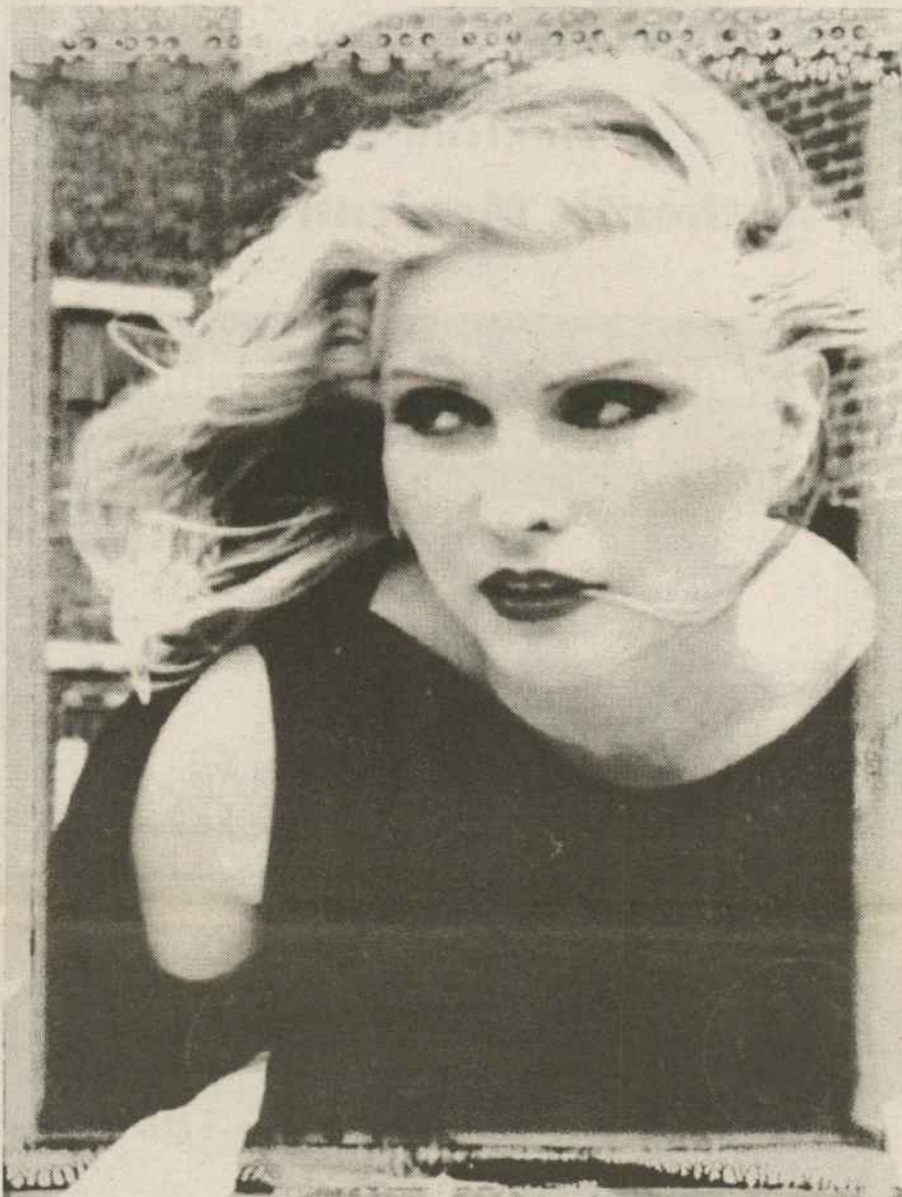
Harry and her Blondie band members, including original member Chris Stein, are currently riding high with their first release in 17 years, “No Exit” on Beyond Records. The return of Blondie features 14 well-crafted pop tunes, with guest appearances by Coolio, Candy Dulfer and James Chance. The album debuted at number 18 on the American Music charts on April 3.

The band is currently promoting the latest single from the album, “Maria,” released on Logic Records, in cooperation with Beyond. The song recently topped the U.K. pop charts. They are also planning to tour this summer. It will be the band's first outing together in nearly two decades.

“It's going great,” says Harry of her return to the recording arena. “It's nice to be a part of the music consciousness of today.”

Much of Blondie's appeal came via Harry, whose model-like looks were as captivating and mesmerizing as her sexy, sultry vocal delivery. The group has long been hailed as one of the most influential bands in the alternative pop arena, having scored with such notable hits as “Call Me,” “The Tide Is High” and the chart topping “Rapture,” which forever changed pop culture. The 24-year-old band, was the first to ever release a full-length video for an album (“Eat To The Beat”), enjoyed the first number-one rap hit (“Rapture”) and became the first “new wave” band to cross over to the pop charts.

As one of the hundreds of Blondie-dedicated Web sites notes, “Blondie gets



much of the credit for creating new wave, a late-70s version of rock and roll that moved away from blues and extended macho guitar solos in favor of punchy, catchy tunes, thoughtful (and/or humorous) lyrics, and cheesy keyboards.”

Reaction to the return of Harry and her Blondie pals has been surprisingly positive. Critics have lauded the band's new opus with bountiful praise, while hyping Harry's never-abating sensuality and ability to turn a phrase.

Is she surprised? “Yes and no,” she says. “We have had a continual amount of fans stick with us through the years. The music still gets played and there are sever-

al ‘best of’ compilations that are still marketable. We sort of felt we had a lot of interest from our fan base. I don't think we expected it to be as much as this.”

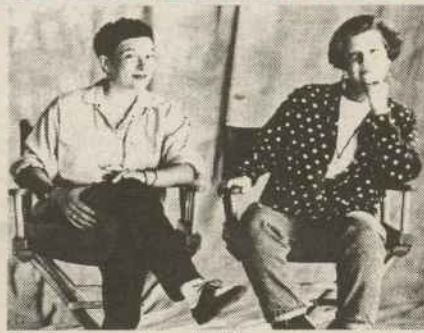
Blondie was born in 1973, when Harry (then known as Debbie) met guitarist Chris Stein at New York's Boburn Tavern. At the time, she was performing as one-third of The Stilettoes, a punk-rock girl group singing trashy versions of songs made famous by other girl-groups. Soon after, Harry and Stein teamed up with bassist Fred Smith, and drummer Clem Burke. They named themselves Blondie in

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Movie Memorabilia Available

Dale E. Kuntz, Wisconsin's leading film historian, announces the spring edition of his semi-annual Movie Collectibles Show will be held on Sunday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Burnham Bowl Hall, 6016 W. Burnham St.

Collectibles include treasured items from Hollywood's Golden Past as well as items from the present. There will be movie posters, fan magazines, 8x10 stills (photos), 16mm film, new movie videos, autographs, Disney and Warner animated art, souvenir books and more. Admission is \$2 per person. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. For more information call (414) 466-1877.



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Madison Rep Names New Managing Director

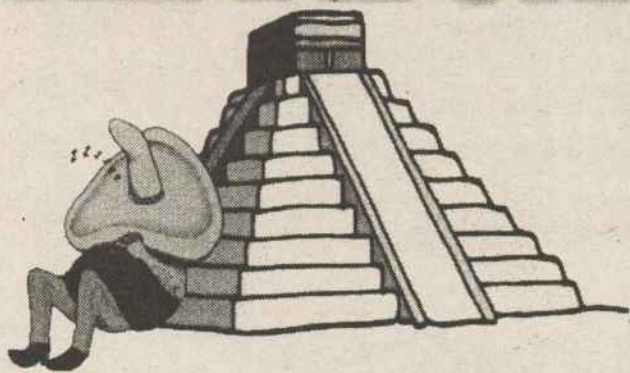
Madison Repertory Theater had appointed Anthony M. Forman as the new managing director of the 30-year old company. Forman succeeds Vicki Stewart, a Rep founder and its managing director since 1990. He will be introduced at the Rep's 30th birthday gala at the Madison Civic Center on Monday, April 26.

“The Rep is thrilled that Tony will be joining the organization,” says artistic director D. Scott Glasser. “His strong background in production and facilities management will be very important as the Overture Project takes shape.

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The story concerns Tamino (tenor Jianyi Zhang), an Egyptian prince, and his search for Pamina (soprano Carmen Balthrop), daughter of the Queen of the

Florentine Opera Presents Mozart's 'Magic Flute'

Night. The Queen (soprano Theresa Ludden) claims her daughter has been imprisoned by the tyrant Sarastro (bass Eric Owens), and to help search, she gives Tamino a magic flute to guide him through the danger zones. Douglas Perry sings the part of Monastatos, bass-baritone Jan Opalach is the Queen's bird catcher Papageno, and Robin Blich Wiper is Papagena.

Pre-opera talks will be given by Prof. Corliss Philabaum one hour prior to each performance in the Anello Atrium. The Florentine Opera's Pre-Opera Buffet will continue with a German-themed buffet before the Friday evening performance in the Bradley Pavillion. A cash bar and wine list will be available. The cost of the buffet is \$20 including gratuity, and reservations are required. To reserve call (414) 273-7206 or 291-5700, ext. 22.

Single ticket prices range from \$20 to \$90 and are available through the Marcus Center box office at (414) 273-7206. Tickets may also be purchased through TicketMaster at (414) 276-4545; TTD (414) 273-3080 for hearing impaired.

UWM's PTPP Concludes 20th Season

The Professional Theater Training Program (PTTP) of the School of the Arts at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will close its adventurous 20th anniversary season with two challenging, thought-provoking productions. *The Art of Success* by Nick Dear is currently running through May 1 in the School of the Arts Theater. *El Olor Del Popcorn/The Smell of Popcorn* by Jose Luis Ramos Escobar, receives its American premiere by the PTTP from April 20 through 25 in the intimate Studio Theater.

The Art of Success is based on the life of 18th-century artist and satirist William Hogarth, and condenses 10 years' worth of adventures into a single night of debauchery. Because the play contains adult language and nudity, it is recommended for those who are of college age and older.

El Olor Del Popcorn/The Smell of Popcorn is a one-act play. It will be performed twice, first in Spanish, then in English.

Tickets for weeknights are \$16 for the general public and \$9 for students. Tickets for Friday and Saturday performances are \$18 for the general public and \$11 for students. Tickets for the two productions are on sale at the School of the Arts Box Office or by calling (414) 229-4308.

Art Review

Brewtown Beauty

Amy O'Neill is currently exhibiting a handful of paintings at Zoe Gallery in Walker's Point. If you're not already familiar with this promising young artist, listen up. Amy O'Neill has already made local headlines, and her talent seems ready to sweep beyond the familiar murals seen at Dish, Beauty, and Schwartz Bookshop on Downer. She's an artist far too aggressive to rest on her laurels.

Typical of O'Neill's work is a large painting simply titled "Milwaukee." In the left of the canvas, three potent symbols for our city rest in segregated blocks: a bottle of beer, a bowling pin, and a Port of Milwaukee road sign. To the right of these knee-jerk clichés a self-portrait shows the artist looking hip, worldly, and defiant. A cigarette dangles cockily from her mouth as she extends a Miller bottle with punk self-assurance. It's as if she is offering viewers a swig of beer; tempting them to lose their pretensions and join the party. O'Neill's vision of herself as a Milwaukeean is unembarrassed by any brewtown stereotypes. The painting asserts an urban sophistication that

makes beer and brats more a mystique than a stigma.

Another O'Neill painting titled "Beauty Queen" portrays the artist with prominent naked breasts. A lone arrow is plunged into her torso. It's not so much St. Sebastian that is brought to mind, but rather, a cruel and domineering Cupid. The victim stares at the viewer both wounded and defiant. There is accusation in her eyes. The hurt of being sexually objectified is powerful enough to make a viewer feel guilt.

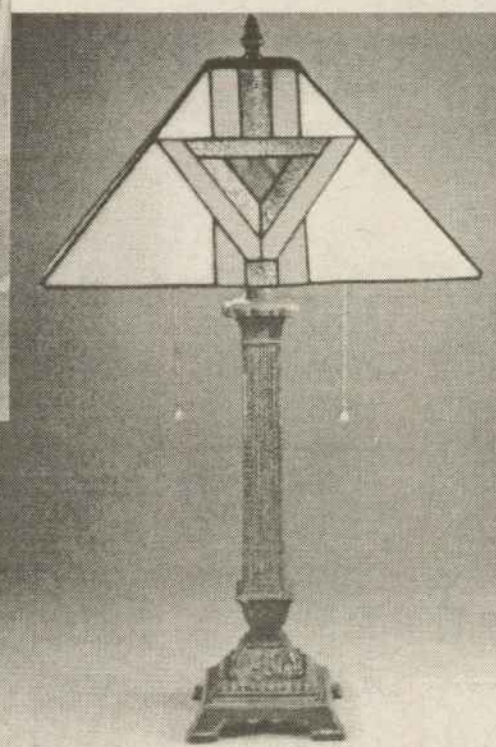
"Flower", depicts a young man holding three small white tulips. This is perhaps the weakest piece in the show. Unfortunately, O'Neill's mastery at capturing female form and emotion fails to translate to the male. But it is a weakness that can easily be overlooked in view of the strength of her other work. Paintings such as "Touch" and "Invented" virtually sing with the gifts of their creator.

Amy O'Neill is definitely an artist worth keeping an eye on. Though there are only a few canvases in this show, O'Neill fans won't be disappointed.

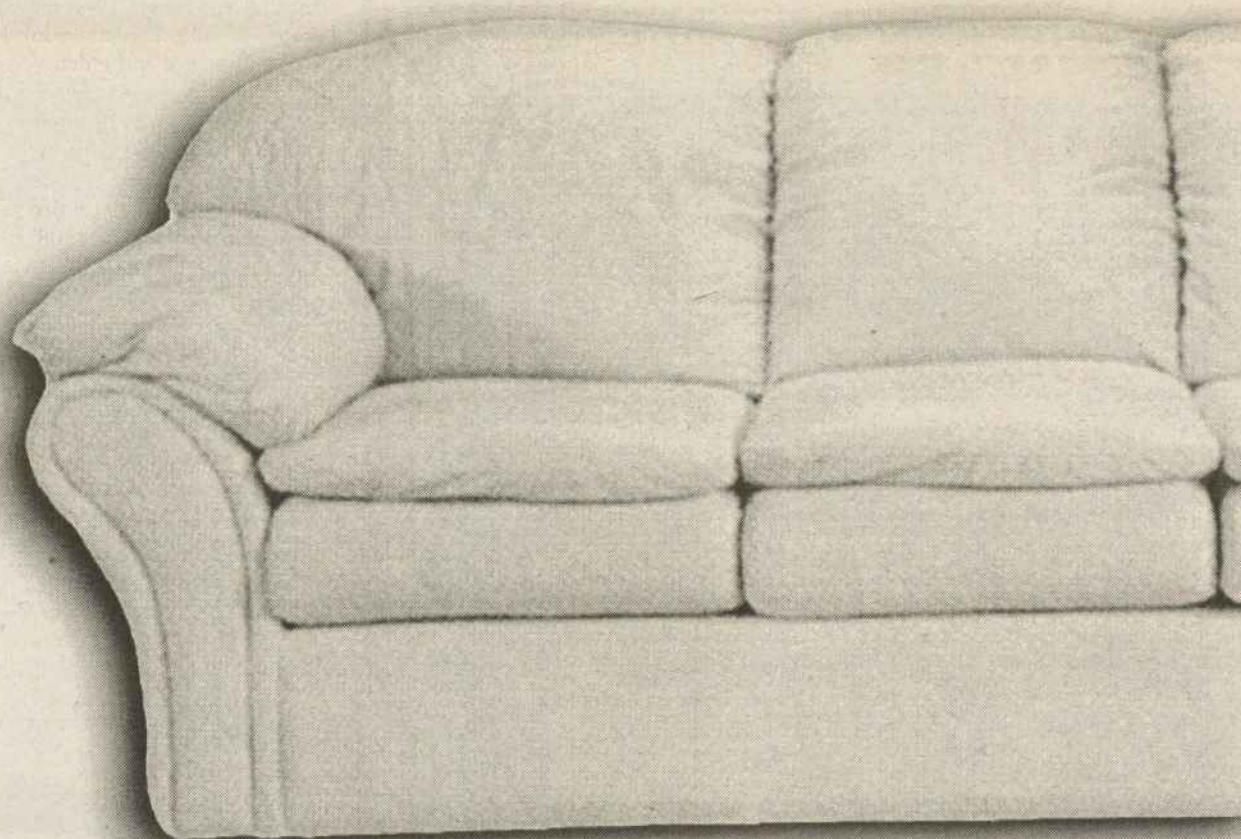
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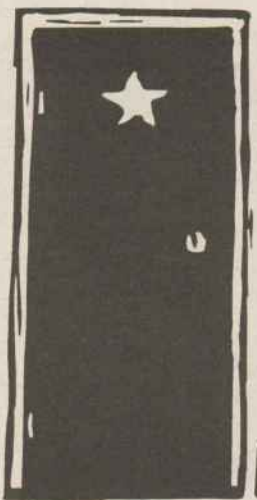
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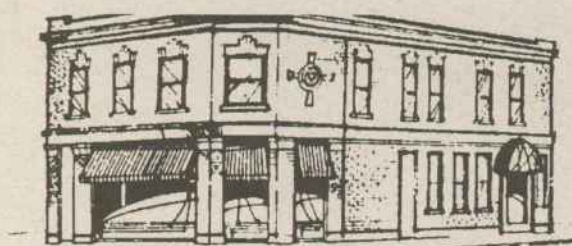
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honor of the name truck drivers shouted at Harry and recorded a demo that featured the songs "Platinum Blonde" and the Shangri-Las' "Out In The Streets".

In 1975, Smith left the band and was replaced by Gary Valentine. They also added a keyboard player, Jimmy Destri and soon began gigging at New York clubs. On a fateful night at famed-CBGB's, they caught the eye of producer Richard Gottehrer, who changed their lives forever.

After scoring attention with their first single, 1976's "X-Offender," they released their self-titled full-length album in 1977. A year later, they signed with Chrysalis Records and released "Plastic Letters," with Frank Infante, replacing Valentine on bass. Another line-up change ensued, with the addition of bassist Nigel Harrison, and they released, "Parallel Lines." The album was a hit, spawning "Hanging On The Telephone," "Picture This," "Sunday Girl" and "Heart Of Glass," the latter topping the pop charts around the world. More hits followed with "Dreaming," "Union City Blue" and the British #1 "Atomic," as well as the Giorgio Moroder-produced disco anthem, "Call Me" in 1980 (which also served as the theme song for Richard Gere's hit film, *American Gigolo*). But after topping the charts with their two most famous ditties, 1980's "The Tide Is High" and 1981's "Rapture," the band began to tire and tensions began to rise that eventually broke the band up after the release of their 1982 opus, "The Hunter."

Harry, who had bombed with her debut solo album in 1981, "Koo Koo", reclaimed the professional use of Deborah as her first name and tried to gain success as a solo artist. But in 1983, Stein was diagnosed with a serious illness, and soon Harry, who had been romantically involved with her Blondie bandmate, retired to care for him. In 1986, Harry released, "Rockbird" and scored a mild-hit with "French Kissin' In The USA." Her 1989 album, "Def, Dumb and Blonde" spawned "I Want That Man," a dance club smash, but she never attained the critical or commercial success of Blondie. Her last solo release, 1993's "Debravation," fizzled on arrival.

Still, Harry never retreated from the limelight, performing in clubs around the country, teaming with jazz-innovators, the Jazz Passengers and lending her talent to various causes, including the fight against HIV and AIDS.

Harry's dedication to the AIDS battle has been relentless. As one of the first celebrities to step forward during the early-days of the epidemic in the mid-80s, Harry has long spoken out for the need to raise money and awareness.

In the AIDS cinema feature *Longtime Companion*, one of the first feature films to tackle the issue, Blondie's "Tide Is High," opens the movie, forever tying it to war against AIDS.

"During the first week that (band

member) Chris was in the hospital, the nurses were very stand-offish. They didn't want to get near him. He was quarantined and they thought he had AIDS. (He didn't.) That really drove it home to me," Harry recalls, referring to her amazement over the fear people had about interacting with people who might be HIV positive or have AIDS.

When Elizabeth Taylor and Madonna began getting involved in the fight - and few others would - Harry says she knew she had to. Plus, many of her friends were gay and she felt it was close at hand and something with which she had to be involved.

"I lost a couple of friends early on, when AIDS wasn't even called AIDS - when the statistics were saying that the prospects were for it to spread like wild-fire," she adds. "I really took that to heart, whether it was progressing in the gay or drug world, in our country those were the two areas it was spreading at first, I knew I had to jump on board. I felt it was really crucial."

Despite all their hits, the return of Blondie wasn't an easy trick to turn. Few record labels were interested in signing the band, and less than that would even entertain the idea. "It's not as easy as one would think," Harry recalls. "It took a while to get a record label interested. It's a very tough business."

And after they were signed, two former Blondie members who were left out of the band's comeback swing sued the Harry and Stein, claiming they co-owned the Blondie moniker and demand the group cease and desist from using it. (Harry would not comment and a legal settlement is still pending.)

In the end, however, Blondie seems to have prevailed. Album sales are brisk and interest in the upcoming spring and summer tour is high.

Harry, for one, is looking forward to touring again with the band, almost 20 years after their last tour.

"The part I dislike the most is talking to journalists, trying to explain myself constantly. I don't know if that's a really great function for me. I'm much better left in a mindless state. Trying to be intensely introspective is very tiring. I much prefer to be on the road and singing and doing my music, which is the thing I love the most."

And she says she's primed for the challenge of facing new and old fans of the group. "I've been singing the old songs all along, on my solo tours," she says. "It's completely wonderful when someone says to me that one of my songs changed their life. I don't feel empowered to attain a critical level. I've had that experience where a piece of music took me away from the problems I was having. For me, that's what it's all about." ▼

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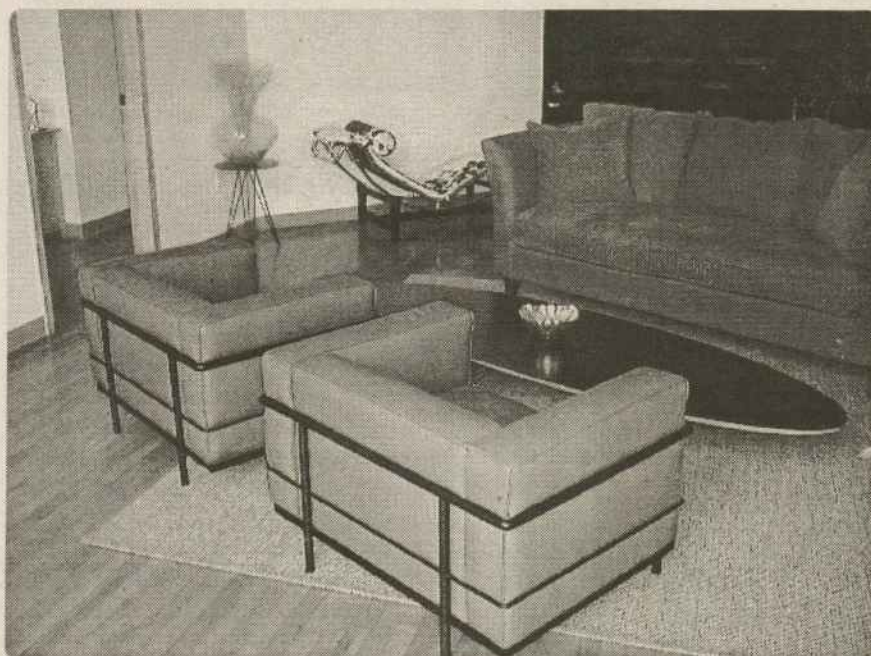
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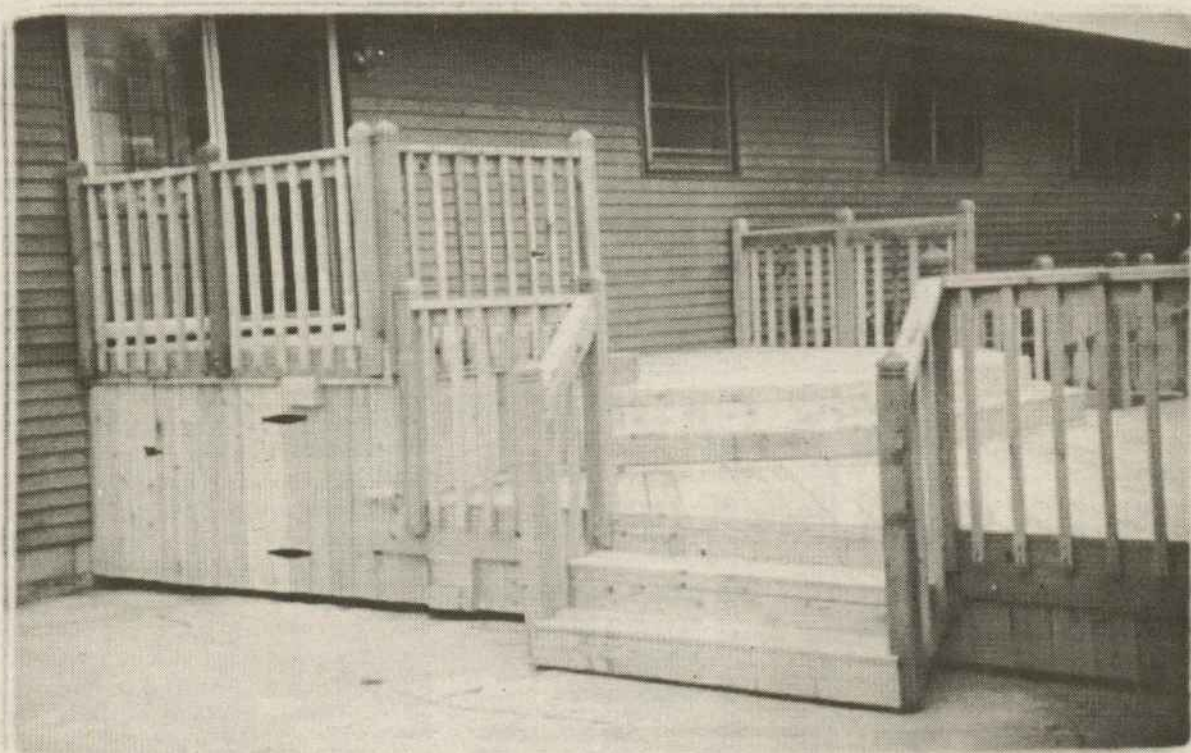


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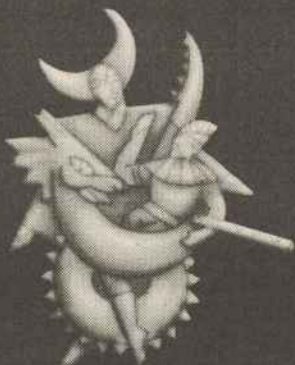
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Q THEATER REVIEWS



Gerard Neugent in 'The Illusion'. Photo by Tom Fritz.

TONY KUSHNER'S 'THE ILLUSION'

A part of the
Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's
17th Annual Shaw Festival

As part of their 17th Annual Milwaukee Shaw Festival, Milwaukee Chamber Theatre's Montgomery Davis has chosen to include Tony Kushner's *The Illusion*, from Pierre Corneille's *L'illusion Comique*.

In many circles the very name Tony Kushner invokes the utmost respect in the most reverent of tones. Kushner's *Angels in America*, an intoxicating mixture of mythical and religious imagery, politics and gay love, captured the imagination of the entire theatrical world.

In *The Illusion*, Kushner again dabbles with notions of enchantment and illusion, of death, of love, and betrayal. As dazzling as the cotton candy so seductively enticing at a carnival, as an evening of

theatre, *The Illusion* proves to be just as insubstantial.

The time is the Seventeenth century. Popular Milwaukee actor Dan Mooney is cast as Pridamant of Avignon, a rather typical bourgeois lawyer who, having sent away his only son, has sought the help of a sorcerer, Alcandre (Ron Frazier) a momentary a fit of guilt. If only this charlatan can show him that his son is alive and well, Pridamant is confident that he will be able to rest easy.

Seemingly armed only with a flashlight, a twinkle in his eye and hand full of magic dust, Alcandre offers poor Pridamant a series of swashbuckling romantic adventures, the focus of which is a handsome young man who is put through his paces in his quest for true love. Pridamant immediately recognizes the young man as his son, despite his bearing a different name in each newly unfolding scenario.

An enchanting premise brimming with possibilities but unfortunately Kushner's own cleverness here proves his undoing.

Tony Kushner is capable of creating moments of honesty and simplicity but in *The Illusion* they are few and far between. Instead, Kushner seems content merely to dazzle with an uncertain mix of poetry, philosophical riffs and anachronistic speech. As his cast struggles vainly with Kushner's rarified language, Director Montgomery Davis seems determined to compensate with his own bit of slight of hand, a series of comic gags guaranteed to produce a quick laugh.

Kushner's young lovers fare best. As Calisto, Clindor and Theogenes, Gerald Neugent is attractively sympathetic, as is Mary MacDonald Kerr as his ladylove, Melibea a.k.a. Isabelle a.k.a. Hippolyta.

Less successful are Bo Johnson's fanatical father to Isabelle or Jonathan Smoot's Matamore, a pathetically bumbling Quixote-like figure who is neither a comic nor a particularly endearing fellow. Never

believable characters, both emerge as puppets whose master has carelessly left their strings visible to all those in the audience.

By the time Alcandre produces his final trick, we in the audience, like Mooney's impatient Pridamant, have grown weary of his game.

—Carl M. Szatmary

FORCE OF NATURE

Milwaukee Repertory Theatre

Force of Nature, the latest offering from the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre, is an intriguing exploration of the often-contradictory notions of love and passion.

For this world premier, playwright Steven Dietz has turned to for inspiration a 190 year-old novel, *Elective Affinities*, by the German poet and dramatist Goethe. Following the novel's example, Dietz presents a quartet of likable lovers set adrift, seemingly powerless against Cupid's most deliciously perverse contrivances.

Meet Charlotte (Laura Gordon) and Edward (Andrew May). Truly, madly, deeply in love all of their lives, this despondent couple has found themselves caught in loveless unions not of their own design.

All seems lost. Or so it would seem until fickle Fate decides to smile happily upon these two unhappy creatures. In the merest blink of an eye, Fate removes the troublesome obstacles to Charlotte and Edward's long-destined happiness. A happily-ever-after is certain to follow. Or perhaps not.

Enter the Captain (James Pickering), Edward's closest friend. When Edward tells Charlotte his happiness will only be complete if his friend, the Captain moves in with them, poor Charlotte really should have read the handwriting on the wall. She reluctantly agrees but with the condition that young Otilie (Kirsten Potter), the orphaned daughter of her best friend should complete their household foursome.

Surely, then, it is beyond their control when each of this "destined" couple soon finds themselves truly, madly, deeply in love with yet another! What then of "destined" love? What indeed!

Clearly, Fate has quite the mischievous sense of humor.

Unfortunately Dietz has cluttered this delight premise with too many stories within stories, pictures within pictures.

Dietz frames Charlotte and Edward's ill-starred love affair with a curious modern-day narrative framework which introduces all sorts of characters on a picnic who obsess about a novel (Goethe's *Elective Affinities*, perhaps?), drink imported beer and play a little frisbee before disappearing with nary a trace.

Into Charlotte and Edward's ill-fated love story Dietz introduces other sets of seemingly "destined" couples. The Count (Peter Silbert) and the Baroness (Rose Pickering), similarly trapped in loveless marriages, have flaunted society's conventions by their very public adulterous affair. Then there is young Lucy (Deborah Staples), desperately in love with Nicholas (Brian Vaughn) who is desperately in love with Otilie, who is desperately in love with Edward!

Oh, the tangled webs they weave!

Too many, really. As if concerned that his complicated plot might be just a tad confusing, Dietz relies heavily on symbolic plot devices (a time capsule, a bursting dam, the birth of a child) as well as far too many instances of characters making pithy asides to the audience. Please, have characters show us what they are feeling, don't simply tell us!

All too concerned with wittily engaging our minds, Dietz ultimately leaves our hearts untouched.

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Williamson and Fure to Make Milwaukee Appearances

Milwaukee — Popular women's music talents Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will make a Milwaukee concert appearance at 8:00 p.m., April 30 at Centennial Hall and will be at Afterwords Bookstore at 1 p.m. on the same day for a CD signing party.

Williamson and Fure are in Milwaukee as a part of their 34-city tour to promote their new CD, *Radio Quiet*. *Radio Quiet* is Williamson and Fure's third album together. The songs are filled with wonderful stories and images, in a style that has kept the duo in the forefront of women's and folk music for over two decades.

Far more than just a musical collaboration, Williamson and Fure have been partners in life for 18 years and are still happily traveling and touring around the world.

A spirit healer and a teacher of the "art of the possible," Cris Williamson came to prominence in the 1970s with the release of her anthemic album, *The Changer and the Changed*, still one of the best-selling independent albums of all time.

An extremely multi-faceted artist as well as a prolific songwriter, Tret Fure has three solo albums to her credit, *Terminal Hold*, *Time Turns the Moon* and *Edges of the Heart*.

Their Centennial Hall performance is being presented by Full Moon Productions. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$18 at the door. Advance tickets are available at Afterwords at 2710 N. Murray Ave. and Outpost Natural Foods at 100 E. Capitol Dr.

The "Cris and Tret CD Signing Party" will be held at Afterwords beginning at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served and this is a wonderful opportunity for their many fans to meet and talk with these two amazing singer/musicians! For further information concerning the CD signing party, please call (414) 963-9089.

Cinema

SLC Punk!

James Merendino's *SLC Punk!* tells the story of Stevo (Matt Lillard) and Bob (Michael Goorjian), "the only two dedicated anarchist punks in Salt Lake City in the mid-1980s." Well, actually, it's Stevo's story for he's the only character who gets to enjoy a transformation at the end of the film, i.e. he sheds his blue mo' and heads off to Harvard Law School. And too bad, really, for *SLC Punk!* "coulda been a contender" had it aimed the camera away from Stevo's ever-lovin' self for a bit.

SLC Punk! is narrated by Stevo a la Ferris Bueller and it's actually less infuriating than Hughes' film in its ability to show ramifications rather than cop-out from them. But despite some arresting stylistic tics, it's also much less fun (not to mention less affecting). Stevo is so arch, so impossibly hip, so self-absorbed that it's difficult to care a whit about him which makes the boo-hoo ending embarrassingly ineffective. As such, the beer runs and ass kicks and mosh pits and acid trips taste sour, parading before your eyes showily but never marching into your heart.

But the Stevo character didn't stand a chance for Merendino himself doesn't care a whit about him or anyone else in the film. The proof is in the flashback to when Stevo and Bob were Rush (the band)-lovin', D&D-playin' dorks so cartoonishly presented that it comes off as a campy Ben Stiller skit (but, needless to say, with none of the heart). Then again, you can't expect anything but the most simple-minded subcultural exploration (exploitation?) from a director who mouthed off a harangue as worthy of derision as the following: "In the '60s, there was a group of young people who changed the world. They stopped the war (and which one would that be, James?), they set precedents, they invented paisley and Lava Lamps. It's a very important time for me, so as a result I decided to make a movie that has absolutely nothing to do with that (huh?). I made a movie about my generation, the generation that did nothing, the punk generation."

For further proof of just how full of shit Merendino is, check out the *SLC Punk!* soundtrack (Hollywood) to hear exactly how that "nothing" sounded. There are ace tracks from Ramones, Adolescents, Camper Van Beethoven, Dead Kennedys and Blondie. But most of those tracks were recorded before the film's 1985 setting. So maybe its failure is rooted in Merendino's inability to hear his own time period when punk was already over, slipping into the Amerindie of The Meat Puppets, The Replacements and Hüsker Dü, if you will. Remember the first rule of punk (if not filmmaking): Know thyself.

—Kevin John

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Story and Photo by Dorothy Austin
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To friends and strangers alike, Stephen T. Seefeldt shows a bright and generous spirit. "Have fun," he urges, beaming, "be creative."

That's what he does, every day, all day. It works for him.

Stephen is the proprietor of the Highland Garden Center, 5911 W. Vliet St., which he describes as the closest full service garden center to downtown Milwaukee.



And the happy master of this garden empire is Stephen, 32, a hardworking kind of guy, six feet three, hazel-eyed and boyishly handsome, who dashes from one self-imposed task to the next, who sometimes has to duck under doorways and sometimes forgets to.

"I'm a self-made man," he says. "My father gave me my education, and I'm the first born-American in my family."

His parents came from Germany and instilled in him the virtues of hard work.

From his high school days he knew that he would be a gardener, a horticulturalist. He believes that job, that mission is something inborn.

"You're either a gardener or not a gardener," he says.

He described himself proudly as a "degreed horticulturalist," with four years at the University of Wisconsin — Madison, plus two years at Gateway Technical College, Kenosha.

"When I stop learning I am going to be six feet under the ground," he says.

To him, horticulture is comparable to the general practice of medicine. A horticulturalist, in his view, is the general practitioner of the plant world. He can diagnose diseases of the plant world

and recommend treatment. He can also consult and design. Whatever it takes to produce beautiful gardens, he can do it.

"I love my job," he says, several times, in an on again, off again interview between his chats with customers.

He left several with trademark phrases. "Whatever you do (in gardening), have fun with it. Be creative."

His business has three divisions, the landscaping division, the maintenance

division, which provides maintenance for lawns and gardens, and the retail garden center itself, which he has been rehabilitating and redesigning with a quaint European air, since September, when he bought the property.

Earlier, his experience included his first job, as horticulturist with the American Club at Kohler, Wis., where he worked for over three years, and got a taste of the corporate world. Later, he worked for David J. Frank Landscape Contracting, Germantown, and became a part of small town life for two or three years. Then he decided to leave landscaping for a stint with property management.

Along the way he received numerous awards for landscaping and community improvement, including recognition from the New Brady Street Area Association, the Wisconsin Landscaping Federation, the East Village Association, and the Golden Rule Award. He has worked with Julilly Kohler on the Brady Street project, and examples of his work also can be seen in the Ogden Ave. condominium complexes and in theme gardens in metropolitan Milwaukee.

At this writing he is operating single-handed in all divisions and is well booked for consultations. But in a few days he will have an assistant, and in a few weeks a crew of seven. He plans to be open every day in May, with all divisions at work.

Meanwhile, he is pouring his considerable energy and creativity into consultations with clients. To give a careful but free-spirited consultation, he walks with a client through the client's yard, talking and listening, for an hour or an hour and a half, to visualize all the possibilities the yard and its owner suggest. For this consultation, which is not a detailed menu but a feast of ideas, he charges \$75.

Friends in the business community have suggested that is not enough, that others are charging twice that sum for the same kind of service, but he disagrees.

"Everyone has a right to live in a beautiful place," he says, "whether they have an income of \$20,000 or \$250,000. There are people like myself who can tell them what to do if they can't afford to hire a service to come in and do it."

But for others, who can afford it, he can provide a complete service, including planning, landscaping, construction, plantings, maintenance, "the whole nine yards," as he puts it.

Generally, he does not believe in ripping everything out of the yard and starting over.

"I like to improve the existing landscaping and perhaps add to it. I give them on a verbal level all they need and want and dream that a yard can do."

Often as not, he fits the landscaping to the house, or to the owner's style. If a

house has Queen Anne furniture, the garden would probably be traditional.

If the homeowners are young individuals, he may take a freer hand and do something unusual and contemporary. Many choices are at hand for theme gardens with historical appeal, such as English, Japanese, Frank Lloyd Wright, French, with topiaries or Italian with statuary, or something with a Mediterranean feel, using brick and stone. For apartment balconies he suggests big terra cotta pots with dramatic impact. For apartments without balconies he thinks perhaps beautiful wooden flower boxes inside, at two windows, or boxed in, like miniature greenhouses.

"Whatever you're going to do, have fun with it," he counsels, over and over. "Remember, this is your yard, you can be creative with it, you don't have to stick with straight lines, you can curve a garden path."

And for all comers, he counsels quality materials because they pay off in the long run.

"I don't deal with cheap products, no cheap earth in 99-cent bags. It would be like getting cheap cement."

He loves his job and considers himself blessed. In the job, he spares himself nothing, and comes back from a consultation "just exhausted," having given full atten-



A circular path and foot bridge are highlights of this garden designed by Seefeldt.

tion, energy and creativity, to the task of each hour. It is like an in depth interview to learn the personality and tastes of the client so that he can suggest some ideas that fit, ideas that the client did not necessarily know until given the chance to think and talk with a knowledgeable and empathetic listener.

As for him, he remarks that his style is still evolving. Once he leaned toward formal gardens, but now Seefeldt — and his gardens — are becoming more relaxed.

To some friends who occasionally remind him that he ought to take care of his health first and foremost, not to burn out too soon, he has a response that seems to put his efforts in perspective.

"Health, yes. I take care of my spiritual health," he says. ▼

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Decorating for the Millenium

by Tim Moss

So, what's the trend in home design for the (dare I use the word?) millenium? By all accounts, it is the new *Fin de Siecle*. *Fin de Siecle* (French for 'End of the Century') is traditionally used in fashion and design to refer to the period at the end of the 19th to the beginning of the 20th-century. The most significant aspect of *Fin de Siecle* style is nostalgia for all styles of the passing century. Fashion and design incorporated the styles popular from about 1810-1890, giving them updates, and mixing old ideas with new. This 'End of the Century' trend has been repeated through the centuries, and is the driving force in design today. It is a natural reaction for us as we reach this calendar milestone to look back at the century past, and use some of these ideas in our own homes.

The most obvious example of how the turn of this century is influencing interior design is the sharp rise in popularity of 20th-century modern classic furniture. Fifteen years ago, country décor was the predominant style most people were looking for. In the past 5 years, Modern classics like the Eames Lounge Chair (1950s), Eileen Gray side Tables (1920s), and Frank Lloyd Wright's Mission style (1910s) have made a comeback. Television commercials, TV sitcoms, print advertising and film decoration are all using many of these same classic modern furniture to appeal to the nostalgia for the 20th century. At the same time modern and contemporary furniture have overtaken country as the most popular design style for home interiors.

The choices we are making in our homes seem to be a reflection of the passing century, as well as a reaction to more hectic, clutter-filled lives. As our days have become busier, and the pace of life faster and more demanding, we are choosing to simplify our living environ-

ment. The clean lines of classic modern design provide a calm, relaxing environment when we come home. The eclecticmixture of old and new ideas is our own *Fin de Siecle* style, and is easily achieved with a little effort.

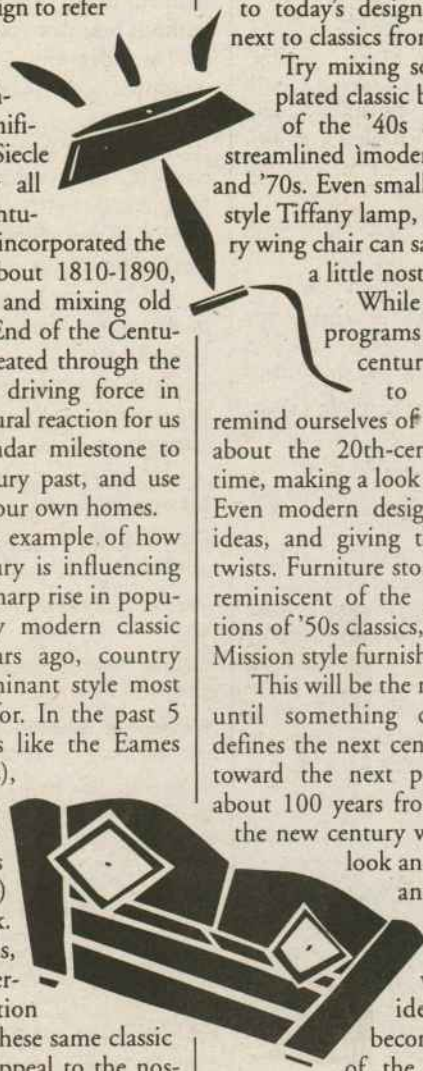
A sleek contemporary sofa paired with Mission-style tables looks perfect. An original Eileen Gray side table works wonderfully with a contemporary Scandinavian recliner. If you collected antiques in the '80s, as many of us did, they can find a new home next to today's designs, or look opulent next to classics from the '50s and '60s.

Try mixing some of the chrome plated classic bent metal furniture of the '40s and '50s with the streamlined modern look of the '60s and '70s. Even small touches like a '20s style Tiffany lamp, or a big mid-century wing chair can satisfy your desire for a little nostalgia.

While the media is full of programs reflecting on the century past, it is natural to look back and remind ourselves of the things we loved about the 20th-century, at the same time, making a look we love in the 21st. Even modern designers are using old ideas, and giving them contemporary twists. Furniture stores are full of chairs reminiscent of the jazz age, reproductions of '50s classics, and many forms of Mission style furnishings.

This will be the main force in design until something comes along that defines the next century, and moves us toward the next period of nostalgia, about 100 years from now. Eventually, the new century will develop its own look and feel, as all decades and centuries have before us. The sentimentality will pass, and new ideas will develop, becoming the first look of the 21st century. For now, enjoy looking back, celebrating the 20th century, and making your home as beautiful and livable as possible.

Tim Moss is an interior designer and a partner in Toast Interiors, an award-winner interior design firm.



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Friday, April 23

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Ten Percent Society - Out & About Dance (Madison, WI): This LGBT dance for UW students, faculty & friends takes place in the GREAT HALL of UW-Madison's Memorial Union from 8 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. Admission is \$3. There will be a DJ and a cash bar. The campus is non-smoking.

Saturday, April 24

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. S2 GAMMA members, S3 non-members FMI call John (414) 540-1202.

LGBT Community Center - Youth Dance (Milwaukee): The dance starts at 8 p.m. and runs through 11 p.m. at 170 South 2nd Street. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, April 25

SAGE/Milwaukee - Annual Luncheon/Meeting (Milwaukee): This annual event takes place at the Rotunda of the Astor Street Restaurant at 1 p.m. There will be a cash bar and door prizes. Song duo Steve & Bob will entertain. You should have made your reservations by 4/15. Be sure to bring your check.

Wednesday, April 28

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dance (Madison, WI): Elaine will teach beginning Line Dance Lessons from 7 to 8 p.m. From 8 to 9 p.m. Kris will teach Advanced Couple Dance-East Coast Swing. Sapphire Ballroom 1133 N Sherman Ave (Northgate Mall) Madison, WI phone 608-245-0627. sapphire@execpc.com Smoke free \$3 suggested donation.

Friday, April 30

Centennial Hall - CD Signing Party (Milwaukee): CRIS WILLIAMSON & TRET FURE celebrate the release of their new CD Radio Quiet at 8 p.m. \$18 at the door, 733 N. 8th St. Tickets available at Afterwards, Outpost Natural Foods and Full Moon Productions.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Speaker (Milwaukee): GINA GRAHAM, newly selected Board member, will speak at 6:30 p.m. about her recent trip to Florida to attend the American Society on Aging's Conference. She will report on President Jimmy Carter's speech and ASA's Lesbian & Gay Aging Issues Network (LGAIN). This event is open to all.

Shoreline - Country Dance Roundup Weekend (Milwaukee): LGBT Country dancers will converge on Milwaukee today for a series of events culminating with the Saturday night GALA (\$15 at the door) at the War Memorial Center. Tonight it's a Fish Fry at the M&M Club, followed by the Boots N' Boxers Ball at La Cage. On Sunday there's a brunch & dance at Fannies. For weekend packages (\$25) call (414) 747-0388. See Bar Events for more information.

Saturday, May 1

H.I.T. - 2/4/1 Casino Run (Milwaukee/Hammond, IN): Holiday Invitational Tournament will be hosting a 2/4/1 casino run to the Empress casino in Hammond, Indiana. The price (\$30) includes a second trip May 1, 1999. Price includes round-trip, beer, cocktails, sodas and games on the bus, 3 gambling sessions on each trip and a buffet dinner. Bus leaves promptly at 9 a.m. from the College Ave. East Park and Ride, and returns at 8:30 p.m. FMI call Rick at (414) 463-9849 or Doug at (414) 291-0636.

Survival/Revival Resale Shop - Vaudeville Night (Milwaukee): The festivities are at 246 E. Chicago St. and the show starts at 8 p.m. Before and after the show, there's always SHOPPING in the 5,000 square feet of donated treasures. FMI call (414) 291-2856.

Sunday, May 2

Movie Collectibles Show (Milwaukee): Dale E. Kuntz has his SPRING SHOW of all movie things collectible at Burnham Bowl Hall, 6016 W. Burnham St. starting at 10 a.m. & running until 4 p.m. S2 admission.

WomanSpirit Faire & Bizarre (Racine, WI): This event runs from noon to 5 p.m. at the Flatiron Mall, 1661 Douglas Ave., off Hwy. 32 & 38

on Racine's north side. Healing practitioners, goddess and earth-centered crafts and entertainment. There will be women artists and crafters, musicians, storytellers, book & bake sale vendors, Maypole dancers, tarot card readers and more. Admission is \$1. FMI call Sharon Burdick at (414) 634-9606.

Monday, May 3

LGBT Community Center - Town Hall Meeting (Milwaukee): This special event for DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP, is hosted by Alderman Mike D'Amato, and starts at 6 p.m. and runs to 7:30 p.m. at the Center, 170 South 2nd Street. FMI call Patrick Flaherty at (414) 225-1621 or call the Center at (414) 271-2656.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Boot 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 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison, WI) Open 1/2 hour before Packer games! S5 Miller Lite Beer Bash in Club 5 & the Barracks from 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday Drag shows or Karaoke in Club 5/Planet Q at 10 p.m. with DJ & dancing to follow.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): S1 tappers & S1.50 rail drinks from 4 to 8 p.m.

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

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Open 1 hour prior to game. Regular opening is at 3 p.m. S1 off all Miller products. S4 pitchers of beer. Free shot for every Packer Touch down.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - S2 a mug.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Underwear Night! S1 off all alcoholic beverages for those in their underwear. DJ Eddie.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): S6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): S1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Beer Bust (top beer S6) 3 to 8 p.m. S8 rail mixers, S10 call mixers, S2 dbl. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers all night.

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys S2. Mimosas S2.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds S2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks S1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. S1 Bloody Marys!

Woody's (Milwaukee): S5 Beer Bust! Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers are S2 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.

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

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Margarita Mondays! S2 - 8 p.m. to midnight.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed until March 1999.

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): S6 Super Bust! by MGD and Miller Lite, all the MGD or Miller Lite you can drink - ALL NITE! (S4 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.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a S6 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. S3.50 and under drinks over \$3.50 get \$1 off.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): S3 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 S1.50, rail drinks S1.80. 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - S1.50.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! S4 pitchers of beer. Melrose Place Mondays.

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

Za's (Green Bay, WI): Free Pool & Darts. S6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50 and under, plus Spin the Happy Hour Wheel to win beer bash, free drinks, fish fry & more. Customer Appreciation Day. Free taps of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only \$1. 9 p.m. taps of Lite, domestic bottles of beer & rail drinks are \$1.25. Price goes up 25 cents every half hour until 11 p.m. From then to close taps of Lite, rails & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer S1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

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

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

Dish (Milwaukee): Closed

Emeralds (Milwaukee): S5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos S1 7 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona S1.75.

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Levi/Leather. Open 8 p.m. Free Pool, S5 pitchers.

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - S2.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. S1 Lite taps from 9 p.m. to close Karaoke from 8:30 p.m. to close

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): S2.90 top-shelf, S1.80 rail drinks from 9 p.m. to close.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products S1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire, WI): 2 for S2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

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 S2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or

Doctors S1.50

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. S2 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 S3.50 & under. All other drinks are \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close pints of Lite S2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or Doctors S1.50. 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 S2.

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

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Bottles of Corona & shots of Cuervo S2 from 8 p.m. to close.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Free Pool & S6 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! Miller Nite, S1.50 taps and S2.00 bottles.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): Rail drinks S1.50, Soda & juice are 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. S6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! S1.50 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 S2 from 9 p.m. to close. Free Pizza. Every other pool game is free with drink purchase.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): 2 for S2 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 S2.50. Rail drinks S1.50

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

The Office (Rockford, IL): S2.50 pitchers/50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! South Park Wednesdays. S5 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): S6 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 S4 for small & S5 for large. Shots of Doctor S2.

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 S3.50 & under. S1 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 S4 for small & S5 for large. Shots of Doctor S2. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

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

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

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! Ice Tea S2.50.

Fannies (Milwaukee): S1 off almost everything including top shelf.

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Cosmopolitan Martinis S3 from 8 p.m. to close.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): S6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite. Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra Shots - S 2.50

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Slammers! S1 - 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! S2 bottles of Corona, S2 shots of Cuervo and Tequila Rose.

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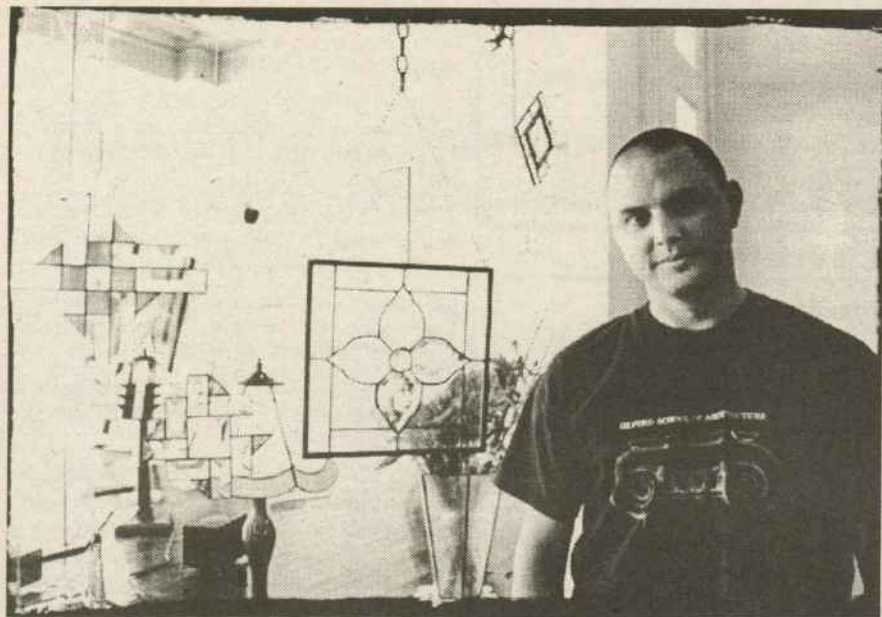
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Art glass is often a major selling point in older city homes. A beautiful stained glass window can transform an otherwise uninteresting room into a marvelous example of Victorian grandeur. Unfortunately, many city residences have had their original stained glass broken, lost, or stolen.

Oxford Art Glass Studio at 1017 East Brady Street hopes to remedy this situation by offering both restoration and custom design. Owner Michael J. Hecker brings an architectural background and a love of craft to this new East side business.

"I have a degree in Architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. But I've also studied at Oxford University in England, and Osaka University in Japan. I was introduced to stained glass through my friend Natalie. She asked me to help with some design projects, and started to teach me some of the construction methods of the windows. Pretty soon I was constructing windows on my own."

Michael realized he had a gift for designing and making stained glass, and soon this became his area of concentration. His shop opened on Brady Street just a few weeks ago, and already it has become a success.

"I've always felt Brady Street would be a great location for a business like this. As you go through this neighborhood every other shop or house has stained glass. There's a lot of older stained glass that is in need of repair. Not just what you can see from the street, but stained glass in places like the buffet doors of the old dining rooms."

"The majority of work so far has been

custom design work. There are people who have an empty looking front door with just plain glass. Or people who have an empty transom window above their picture window. People come to me with their needs and request me to design something for it."

Michael also makes Tiffany style lamps and reproductions. He is capable of repairing beveled glass windows, lamp shades, and just about any other art glass related project.

"Someone with a Mission style home could come here and commission a Mission style window with a lamp that would match. I offer architectural services as well, so even furniture could be designed to fit into the scheme."

"There will also be classes taught at both beginner and intermediate levels, for anyone who'd like to learn stained glass making."

Oxford Art Glass Studio is open seven days a week. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ▼

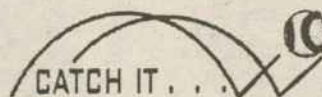
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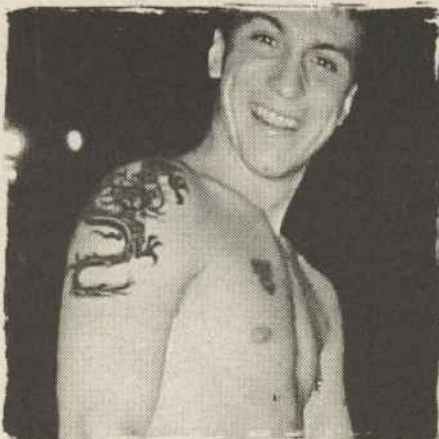


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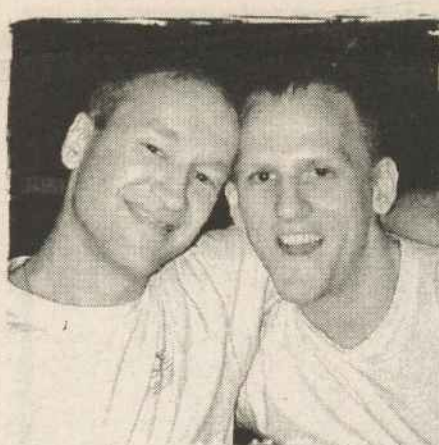
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It lifts and seperates! Photo by Chris @ La Cage



Cutie of the week! Photo by Chris

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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'.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 8 to 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bane DJ.

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

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

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

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Hot Music to dance to. Two new DJs playing top 40, booty, house, funk, oldies etc.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Top 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): 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ Eddie!

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 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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:

Friday, April 23

SWS Docks - Mr. Wisconsin Daddy/Daddy's Boy Contest (Milwaukee): The get together starts at 6:30 and goes on until 8:30 p.m. You can still register for the contest at this time. The Daddy's Boy contest begins at 9 p.m. at the MILWAUKEE EAGLE. FMI call Bob at (414) 764-1135.

Saturday, April 24

1100 Club - Mr. Wisconsin Daddy Contest (Milwaukee): There is a benefit auction starting at 2 p.m. An added feature is the GrandDaddy Contest. The Mr. Wisconsin Daddy contest begins at 9 p.m. at the MILWAUKEE EAGLE. FMI call Bob at (414) 764-1135.

Sunday, April 25

1100 Club - Castaways (Milwaukee): the Castaways MC Club will hold their afternoon beer & soda bust from 2 to 6 p.m. Cum meet the 1999 Mr. Wisconsin Daddy and Daddy's Boy. \$5 donation for the Bust! Food will be available and prizes will be given away. FMI call (414) 762-9295.

SWS Docks - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 5 to 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, April 30

LaCage - Boots N' Boxers Ball (Milwaukee): The event starts at 8 p.m. There will be a variety of prizes for tonnest, smoothest, hairiest, and best legs for both men and women. Doug Graft, Mr. 1999 International Gay Rodeo Assn. Will entertain. There may be a surprise guest!

Milwaukee Eagle - Fetish Free For All!!! (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 to 10 p.m. From Leather and Latex to collars and diapers, whatever floats your boat as long as it's legal. 50¢ off all beverages for those who participate, 10 p.m. to close.

Saturday, May 1

Fannies - Swing Dance Workshop (Milwaukee): The workshop starts at 1 p.m. with LEE FOX, a pro dancer from Boca Raton, Florida who will present a workshop in beginning, intermediate EAST COAST SWING. The cost is \$10 and is on a first come, first serve basis. A partner is not required.

Sunday, May 2

Fannies - Farewell Brunch (Milwaukee): The brunch starts at 11 a.m. and is followed by open dancing and a dance swap. The brunch is \$10. There is no charge for the dance, dance swap.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES & CLUBS:

Wednesday, April 28

Afterwords Bookstore - Lesbian Book Club (Milwaukee): The Club will discuss REEL TIME by Julia Willis. This comic novel on love, old movies, and Necca Wafers will be discussed at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-9089 or check the web site at www.afterwords.com.

Thursday, April 29

Gerber/Hart Library - After Work Bash (Chicago): Join the library at its new location, 1127 W. Granville, as they welcome members of the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, The Gay & Lesbian Chamber and other big wigs. Lots of beer, wine and food from 5:50 to 8 p.m. Free and open to all. FMI call (773) 381-8030.

Friday, April 30

Gerber/Hart Library - Dance (Chicago): Join the library at Berlin, 954 W. Belmont from 8 p.m. to midnight. NO speeches, NO Fund-raising, just dancing with some of Berlin's hottest dancers. Free CD giveaways, raffles and \$10 off memberships. Free and open to 21 and over. FMI call (773) 381-8030.

Saturday, May 1

Gerber/Hart Library - GALA Grand Opening (Chicago): Celebrate the grand opening of the new library at 1127 W. Granville from 7 p.m. to midnight. Black tie is optional. There will be an open bar, a dinner buffet and dancing. This is an RSVP event: \$85 members, \$100 non-members. Call (773) 381-8030.

Sunday, May 2

Gerber/Hart Library - Ribbon Cutting (Chicago): Join Gerber/Hart for brunch and the official ribbon cutting ceremony at noon. This will be followed by a full day of live performances, celebrity book signings, author presentations, theater, comedy, music and more. All Sunday events are free and open to the public. FMI call (773) 381-8030.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Thursday, April 22

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.

HIV Self-Help Group - Monthly meeting (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.

LAAM - Support Group (Milwaukee): WOMEN WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES meets from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee. FMI call (414) 271-2565.

LGBT Community Center - Rainbow University Lecture Series (Milwaukee): The lecture, with the Domestic Partnership Task Force, starts at 6:30 p.m. and runs through 8 p.m. at 170 South 2nd Street. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milwaukee): The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Entrepreneur Network (Milwaukee): The group meets from 7 to 8:30 on the 4th Thursday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

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.

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, April 23

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.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Happy Hour (Madison, WI): Meet at the Shamrock Bar every Friday night around 6 p.m. for drinks and maybe a bite to eat afterwards.

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

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

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

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.

Sage/Milwaukee - Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): The group starts at 6 p.m. with a topic picked at the last meeting and will be followed by a video at the LGBT Community Center, 170 South 2nd Street. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, April 24

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

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

Gay Men's Singles Club - Monthly Meeting/Party (Madison, WI): This group is for single gay men seeking LTRs. Tonight is their Spring Fling with a buffet brunch at 7 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Integrity/Dignity - Religious (Madison, WI): Join them for Easter Season Liturgy at 6 p.m. at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

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

Sunday, April 25

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, April 26

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton, WI): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Coleman Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI call Irene (920) 722-7572, Bernie (920) 982-0220, or Harriet (920) 749-1629.

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

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

PFLAG/Milwaukee - Meeting (Milwaukee): PFLAG Now meets at the LGBT Community Center, 170 South 2nd Street from 6:30 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

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

Tuesday, April 27

Boyz Nite - ARCW - (Milwaukee): The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Assemble Safer Sex kits and other prevention materials. It's a place to hang out with other gay men and just dish. Movie night is on the first Tuesday of each month. All ages welcome. FMI call Chris (414) 225-1556 or Andy (414) 225-1502.

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

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

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

LGBT Campus Center - Youth Group (Madison, WI): The group meets weekly from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. The under-21 support group is for all Madison lesbian, gay and bisexual youth, whether in college or not. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

LGBT Campus Center - Young Feminists' Task Force (Madison, WI): This group meets weekly at the Center at 8:30 p.m. on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

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

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

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

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

Yoga Spirit - Free Classes (Milwaukee): Every Tuesday there are free classes for all people living with HIV. Among other things you can reduce stress and ease neuropathy & joint pain. Classes are held at 301 N. Water St., Suite 410 at 3:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 289-9660.

Wednesday, April 28

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, April 29

LGBT Community Center - MPS Gay & Lesbian Advisory Committee (Milwaukee): The meeting starts at 6 p.m. and runs through 9 p.m. at 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, May 1

Bi Definition - Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): The group meets at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. at 7 p.m. Topic: Bisexuality & Ethics. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Bi Youth Milwaukee - Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): The group meets

at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. at 7 p.m. FMI call Richard (414) 645-0402.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Symposium (Madison, WI): At 7 p.m. Stephen Lesch will discuss the COPING OF SPRING IN THE MADISON LANDSCAPE. FMI & location call (608) 274-5959.

Sunday, May 2

Shake It Up! - STD Biking around Lake Monona (Madison, WI): STD stands for Slower Than Dave and Dean. They go just fast enough to keep the bike from falling over, except when it's down hill. If it's raining, forget it. FMI call Dave at (608) 241-2500.

Tuesday, May 4

UWM Health Fair - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Thursday, April 22

Cable TV WGN - Cathedral of Hope Broadcasts (Chicago, IL): In Milwaukee WGN is Time/Warner Cable 17. The program will be aired at 1 a.m. FMI their web site is www.cathedralofhope.com

Saturday, April 24

LGBT Community Center - Free Film (Milwaukee): Movies of LGBT interest will be show every Saturday night from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Madison Gay Video Club - Videos (Madison, WI): Screenings of [Studio] 54, & RANCH HANDS will be shown at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Sunday, April 25

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 Wornyn's community. FMI call (608) 256-2001 or http://www.netphoria.com/wort

Monday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 27

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 4 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents MUMIA ABU-JAMAL & THE 1886 HAYMARKET RIOT. Re-runs on Wednesday at 10 a.m. and from 9 to 11 p.m. Also 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 28

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): NOTHING TO HIDE, presents the MIDWEST LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENERED CONFERENCE AT MONONA TERRACE where we see LARRY KRAMER as a man who is sensitive enough to care and intellectually gets off his butt to confront and challenge. Also FREE SPEECH TV: #1 BRINGING IT TO YOU! & #2 CRITIZEN. 9 to 11 p.m. There is a re-run from 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

Monday, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): NOTHING TO HIDE presents the SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE both in their charity work and in poking fun at the Roman Catholic Church's antigay policies. 4 p.m. There is a re-run on 5/5 at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 5

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): NOTHING TO HIDE presents the MIDWEST LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENERED CONFERENCE AT MONONA TERRACE (Feb. 19-21). Author Rebecca Walker spends most of the one hour and 20 minutes reading from a book she wrote a few years back. 9 to 11 p.m. There is a re-run from 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Thursday, April 22

Michael H. Lord Gallery - Current Show (Milwaukee): LAWRENCE LAATSCH surrealism assemblages & JP ATTENBERRY recent photographs of Milwaukee's Horticultural Conservatory. Both exhibits will be up through 5/22. FMI call (414) 272-1007.

Friday, April 30

John Michael Kohler Arts Center - New Exhibits (Sheboygan, WI): In THRESHOLD, a group of artists show works that delve into the actual symbolic meanings of the concept of home (through 8/15). Also showing are DOMESTIC CONVERSIONS (through 8/15), CONTEMPORARY HOME ALTARS (through 6/27), HMONG ART (through 10/3), and WORKS BY SELF-TAUGHT ARTISTS (through 10/31). These

exhibits are free to the public. FMI (920) 458-6144.

THEATER ARTS:

Thursday, April 22

Madison Rep - Comic Mystery (Madison, WI): SHERLOCK'S LAST CASE by Charles Marowitz opens at 8 p.m. in the Isthmus Playhouse and runs through 5/9/99. FMI, times & tickets (\$20 - \$25) call (608) 256-0029.

UWM School of the Arts - Play (Milwaukee): Nick Dear's THE ART OF SUCCESS continues its run at the School of the Arts Theater on the UWM campus through May 1. The play is based on the life of 18th century artist William Hogarth and contains adult language and nudity. Also playing is EL ODOR DEL POPCORN, a one-act play in Spanish & English. It opened 4/20 at the Studio Theater and runs through 4/25. FMI & tickets call (414) 229-4308.

Saturday, April 24

Milwaukee Symphony - Classics (Milwaukee): JS BACH, BERG & BRAHMS will be performed at 8 p.m. in Uihlein Hall. Guest artist Itzhak Perlman. FMI call (414) 291-7605.

Present Music - Earth Day Concert (Milwaukee): The concert takes place at St. John's Cathedral, 802 N. Jackson St. at 8 p.m. There will be a collage of nature-inspired music. FMI call (414) 271-0711.

Sunday, April 25

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music - Faculty Artist Series (Milwaukee): The next installment of the series includes David Bayles, Tele Lesbines, Scott Wenzel, James Anthony Finlayson and Luis Diaz on PERCUSION. The student ensemble will also perform. The concert starts at 3 p.m. in the Recital Hall. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors & students. FMI Call (414) 276-5760.

Monday, April 26

Chamber Theater - 17th Annual Show Festival (Milwaukee): A World Premiere play about Shaw, Ellen Terry & Henry Irving by Dr. Margot Peters, titles PERSUASIONS, will have a staged reading on the Cabot stage of the Broadway Theater Center at 7 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$10. FMI call (414) 291-7800.

Tuesday, April 27

Pabst Theater - Concert (Milwaukee): Musicians from MARLBORO perform at 7:30 p.m. FMI & tickets stop at the box office or call PhoneCharge at (414) 286-3663.

Wednesday, April 28

Pabst Theater - Keyboard Conversations (Milwaukee): Jeffery Siegal will present TWO CONTRARY RUSSIANS: RACHMANINOFF & PROKOFIEV at 7:30 p.m. FMI & tickets stop at the box office or call PhoneCharge at (414) 286-3663.

Thursday, April 29 UWM Poulenc Festival - Christ Episcopal Church (Milwaukee): Poulenc's Opera DIALOGUES OF THE CARMELITES will be presented at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 general, \$5 students & seniors or Festival Pass. Pre-concert lecture by Benjamin Irvy at 6:30 p.m. Also on 5/1/99. FMI call (414) 229-4308 or (414) 224-3200.

Friday, April 30

Florentine Opera - Mozart (Milwaukee): THE MAGIC FLUTE will be performed in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Performances also on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. FMI & tickets (\$20 - \$90) call (414) 273-7206 or toll-free at 1-800-472-4458.

Saturday, May 1

Alverno Presents - Drums & Dancing (Milwaukee): A one-night performance by ODADAA! DRUMS & DANCES OF GHANA will take place at 8 p.m. in the Pitman Theater, 3431 S. 39th St. Tickets are \$18 & \$20, with discounts for seniors & students. FMI call (414) 382-6044.

Sunday, May 2

Boulevard Ensemble - Opening of Playwright's Festival (Milwaukee): The Festival is the fourth and final installment of the Alley Season. Three original scripts by Wisconsin residents will be presented through May 17, 1999. FMI call (414) 744-5757.

Wisconsin Conservatory of Music - Faculty Artist Series (Milwaukee): Eire Jenkins, with Michael Thiele at the piano, will present the MANY VOICES OF THE FRENCH HORN. The concert starts at 3 p.m. in the Recital Hall. \$10 general admission, \$7 seniors & students. FMI Call (414) 276-5760.

Tuesday, May 4

UW-Madison Memorial Union - Free Play (Madison, WI): A LANGUAGE OF THEIR OWN is a study of love in the era of AIDS by playwright, Chay Yew, an Asian American, who received the 1995 GLAAD Award for Best Play, and the 1995 George and Elizabeth Marton Playwriting Award. It's in the Memorial Student Union's Frederick March Play Circle and is free, so if you want a seat, get there early. Also on 5/5/99.

Computers Save Time When Refinancing

When Sky Tsan refinanced his home mortgage this past winter, he searched the Internet for the best rates, downloaded a loan application, filled it out on his personal computer and e-mailed it — all in just a few minutes.

What a contrast from 10 years ago, when the 46-year-old engineer first applied for a loan on his three-bedroom: He spent days calling around and searching local newspapers for the best rates and terms, made an appointment with a banker just for an application, took the paperwork home, met again with the banker, then waited for the application to be retyped before signing it and setting the long approval procedure in motion. Tsan (pronounced Tan) figures he shortened the process in getting his new 6.625 percent 15-year loan by a few weeks this time around.

"It was quick and easy ... and went so smooth," he said. "I wouldn't do it any other way."

First it was books and clothing, then stocks and automobiles — as more households become comfortable doing business on the Internet, some are now making their single-greatest financial commitment online as well. And more and more, financial institutions, large and small, are scrambling to put mortgage application services online so they won't be left out of what some predict will be a market bonanza.

Forrester Research Inc., of Cambridge, Mass., estimates online mortgages will capture nearly 10 percent of the \$1.3 trillion mortgage market by the year 2003. The benefits of searching for a mortgage online are obvious: Besides the convenience of shopping 24 hours a day from the comfort of home, it saves time and energy. But will it save money? Sometimes, but not always, industry experts warn.

"It's easy to get wrapped up in all the bells and whistles — like the fancy calculators. But there are still many deals in the local marketplace that will beat any deal you may get at the Net," said Keith Gumbinger, vice president of HSH Associates, a Butler, N.J., mortgage research firm, which also publishes data online (www.hsh.com).

And, he said, it's sometimes difficult to tell much about an online lender. It may have a fancy Web site but turn out to be a one-person operation in the middle of nowhere. He suggests borrowers exercise some caution before divulging personal financial information, or at least try to learn something about the lender and how their privacy will be protected.

"You should think of the Net as a tool, a very powerful tool, that will help you find out what's available (in mortgage information), but it's not an end all," Gumbinger said.

Peter G. Miller, author of several home buying books and operator of a consumer information Web site (www.ourbroker.com), agreed that one of the greatest advantages of the Internet is that it provides PC users with quick access to reams of data that would have taken days, or weeks, to amass off-line.

"It's an exciting technology, and we've only just started," said Harold Otto, who maintains the Web site for New York Mortgage Exchange, of Yonkers, N.Y., (http://sal.net/mortgage) which began accepting online applications over a year ago, and now conducts 35 percent of its business electronically. "Wait 'til next year," he said.



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VULGAR FAVORS by Maureen Orth

Nine days before Andrew Cunanan's body was found on that infamous houseboat in Miami Beach, Maureen Orth and her husband received several mysterious phone calls from a gay man who would only ask if she was a writer, get nervous, and hang up. Currently working as a special correspondent for *Vanity Fair*, Orth said, "I will never know if I thereby lost the scoop of my life. ... Appearing in *Vanity Fair* would have been Andrew Cunanan's dream come true."

This book is subtitled *Andrew Cunanan, Gianni Versace, and the Largest Failed Manhunt in U.S. History*. In it, we get everything from Cunanan's early life, to his schooling, his coming out and his first lover, the five murders, and his eventual suicide. The Versace family never acknowledged Cunanan, and said that they felt that their brother never knew him. Two of the author's sources say otherwise. The information on Gamma Mu

(a private gay men's fraternity referred to as the Pink Mafia) is fascinating. It is entirely possible that Versace did meet Cunanan at one of their functions.

In a final chapter called "Echoes," Orth fills us in on the national press coverage and the aftermath of the case. It seems that almost everyone who was in any way affected with the whole scandal tried to think of a way to make a buck off of this misfortune. The two worst offenders were Andrew's spendthrift mother, MaryAnn, and his absentee father, Pete, both of whom denied that Andrew was homosexual. Pete immediately flew in from the Philippines, and was Johnny-on-the-spot when it came to making negotiations for any possible movie rights.

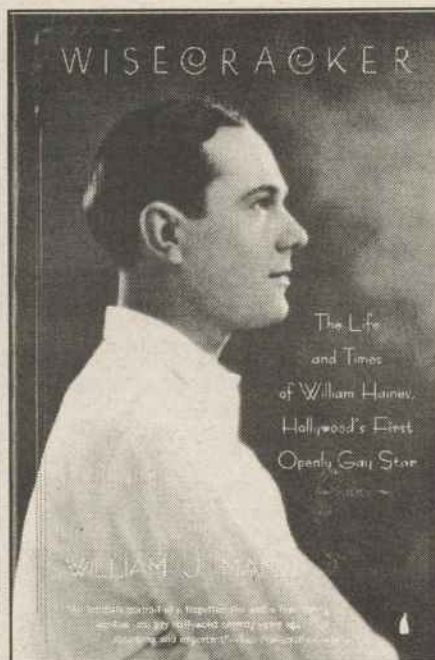
Orth is an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in *Newsweek*, *Vogue*, *New York*, *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times* and other national publications. This is a very well written book and is loaded with information. It seems to wrap up any of the loose ends that were left dangling. (Delacorte Press, ISBN: 0-385-33286-6, \$24.95 US/\$33.95 Can).

—Ed Grover

WISECRACKER by William J. Mann

I missed reviewing this in hard cover the first time around, but here it is in paperback, conveniently ready for spring and summer beach reading. William "Billy" Haines was Hollywood's first openly gay star. He set up housekeeping with his lover Jimmie Shields, despite MGM's prodding to marry. After he lost his studio contract because he would not give in to Louis B. Mayer's wishes regarding his same sex lover, he became a very successful decorator, not only to the Hollywood stars, but to society as well.

This is a funny, dishy read. The author opens a "fascinating window into the gay



Hollywood of seventy years ago." We learn about the some of the not-so-hidden stars of the 1920's and 30's, like Valentino, Cary Grant, Gary Cooper and others, including directors (George Cukor) and designers, who either withdrew from society (Ramon Novarro), or married women (Jack Benny) to cover up their affairs and keep their careers going.

Many stars were bisexual and played both sides of the fence. Among the ladies discussed are Greta Garbo, and Joan "Cranberry" Crawford. Hedda Hopper, Louella Parsons and the rest of the gossips, were finally responsible, along with the Hayes Office, for ending more than a few screen careers. William Haines lived well into his seventies and had a high old time doing it. You should have one, too, reading this book. (Penguin Paperback, ISBN: 0-14-02768-1, \$14.95 US/\$20.00 Can).

—Ed Grover

LOVE, ELLEN

by Betty DeGeneres

Twenty years ago, while she was walking on a Mississippi beach near New Orleans with her mother, Ellen DeGeneres struggled to get out the words, "Mom, I'm gay." Twenty years later she struggled again, in a very funny scene, when she outed herself on her ABC sitcom *Ellen*. In between both outings Ellen and her mother came to an understanding of each other's love.

Betty DeGeneres tells the story of her complicated path to acceptance and the deepening of her friendship with her daughter. She tells of the media scrutiny of their family life and "the painful and often inspiring stories she's heard on the road as the first non-gay spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign's National Coming Out Project."

A blurb tells us that "With a mother's love, clear minded common sense, and hard-won wisdom, Betty DeGeneres offers up her own very personal memoir to help parents understand their gay children, and help sons and daughters who have been rejected by their families feel less alone." Betty's writing is what one could call *sincere*, and although I do not doubt that sincerity; it seems at times to be a bit too precious and borders on being almost gooeey! Get ready for a very "touchy-feely" book. (Rob Weisback Books, ISBN: 0-688-16274-6, HC-\$24 USA, \$32 Canada)

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Not Again



by Jamie

What the hell is going on? Once again, this country along with the NATO is involved in something that many people are questioning. I admit, I have very strong but very mixed feelings on the whole issue. On one hand, how can we sit back and watch Milosevic continue "ethnic cleansing"?

Can we ignore the fact that the Serbs are raping, torturing, and forcing the Albanians they haven't killed from their homes to refugee camps at the borders where nobody really wants these people? It's heart breaking to see news footage of the suffering. The suffering and carnage caused by the leadership of just one man. How can Milosevic live with himself? How can the people carrying out his orders live with themselves? Do these people not have a conscience? It's a mystery to me how people can cause other people such pain and suffering for no real apparent reason.

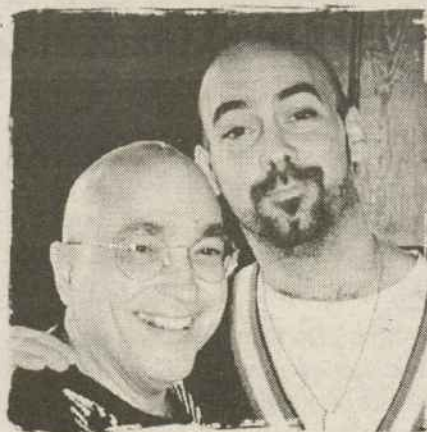
On the other hand, are we the world's police? Are we to risk our young men if we wind up sending ground troops? At this point, we really don't have a choice. Of course we will. Eventually, we will have to send ground troops in order to maintain peace when and if we achieve peace. And as history has told us, this will not be a one or two year commitment. We're talking decades. Do we really think we can go into Yugoslavia and say, "OK boys, be nice," come back home and things will be hunky dory? No, I don't think so.

It seems to me that we could have had a better plan to deal with Slobodan Milosevic. Either we come up with a plan to take him out all together, or keep our noses out of it. Unfortunately it's too late. Now we have a mission. Why are NATO and Washington pussy footing around? Bombing empty buildings in Belgrade in the middle of the night isn't going to make Milosevic back down. Take the bastard out. We need to strike fast and hard and with a definite target or we will be dealing with this for a very long time. Didn't Vietnam or Bosnia teach us anything? We went in without a clear understanding of how we were to accomplish our goal and just as important, we went in without an exit plan. We're still in Bosnia. In Vietnam, thousands of dead American boys and what did we accomplish? Basically we left with our wounded tail between our legs. C'mon Bill, you should have had a better plan before you committed this country to what will probably turn out to be a costly disaster.

Anyway those are my 2 cents worth. No, I'm not an expert on world peace but this one smells of disaster. When are we going to learn?

Moving on... Easter this year was lots of fun. **Bill Wardlow** kept the tradition of the **Easter Day Death March** alive. Every year the march starts out at a club and turns into a bar crawl. This year it started at **Fluid**, made the rounds and ended at **Fluid** with a very jovial crowd with only a few participants dropping out early. Other Easter news included the **Argonauts** with an **Easter Egg Hunt** in Green Bay. Just under \$2,500 was raised between **Brandy's II**, **Napalese** and **Buddie's**. Monies raised went into the Emergency Kitty Fund.

Hey girls! There's another place in Madison for you to hang out at. It's called **FoxHole** and it's located in the **Club 5** complex. Ed and the staff pushed to get it

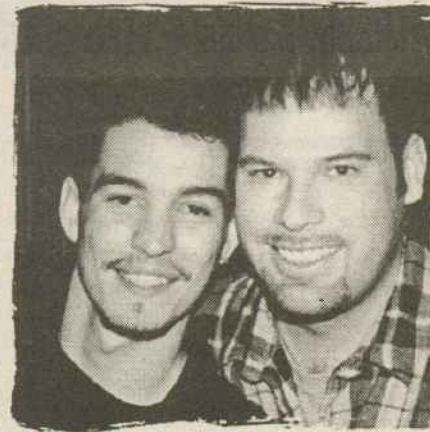


Love birds. Photo by Jamie @ M&M

prepared a day before taxes were due, so the girls would have a place to unwind after dealing with their taxes.

My **Uncle Rick** and **Aunt Cheryl** were in town this past weekend. We had so much fun! It took Cheryl a few days to recover but we took them everywhere. We started at **M&M** for dinner, Friday night. After dinner we stopped at **Triangle** for a few toddies and then headed over to **La Cage**. There the whole bunch of us danced all night long. (Yeah, right!). Sunday it was back to **M&M** for brunch. After brunch we went over to the **Ball Game** to see if **Rick** was getting into any trouble but he wasn't there. Our next stop was **Triangle** to give **Josh** a hard time and then decided it would be fun to give the same hard time to **Tammy** at **Fluid**. By the way **Tammy**, it wasn't my idea to get popcorn, I was just an innocent bystander. I wanted to take them to **Woody's** but by that time I was full and it was time to go home. It was so much fun brunching with **Rick & Cheryl**. Now they know the routine when we call them in Texas on Sunday afternoon after we've had a couple toddies.

I broke tradition this year by missing the **Ball Game** after delivering my taxes.



Love bunnies. Photo by Jamie @ Triangle

Actually, my attorney filed an extension, so I didn't even hit downtown that day. I also had some meeting outside of Chicago that day. I had to meet with some people for **Skylab**, so **Josh** and I hit Chicago for awhile. For lunch we actually went into **Hooters**. The food wasn't bad and if you're into tits there were plenty of those too. We stopped at **Roscoe's** for a couple and then headed back. On our way back, we stopped at the **Clubhouse Filling Station** where bar manager **Rick** was celebrating his (wink wink) 29th birthday.

The **Black and White Party** at **Triangle** was kewl. I walked in and was very impressed by the décor. It looked almost as if it were prom night. **Rob** was dressed as a sailor, **Josh** as a cop and **Lana**? I'm not sure how to describe her outfit other than it had lots of elastic all over it.

I know this is a relatively short column, but there isn't much else going on. Keep your eyes open for any **Possum Queen** events. These fund-raisers are usually very campy and well worth attending. Until next issue, (sorry **Dusty**, had to use your closing line after my last column) play safe, be proud and as always, slower traffic keep right. ▼

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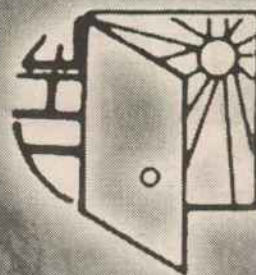
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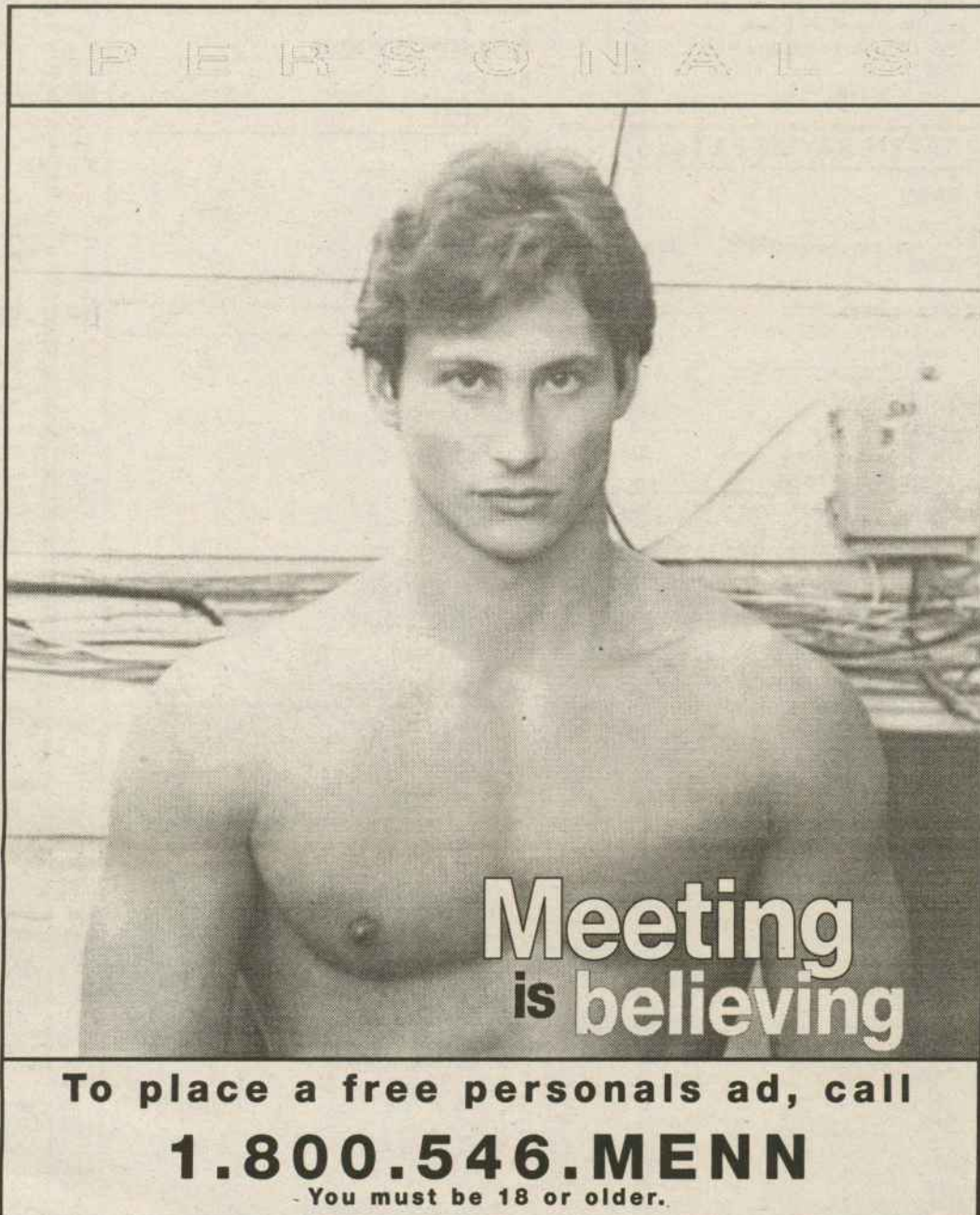
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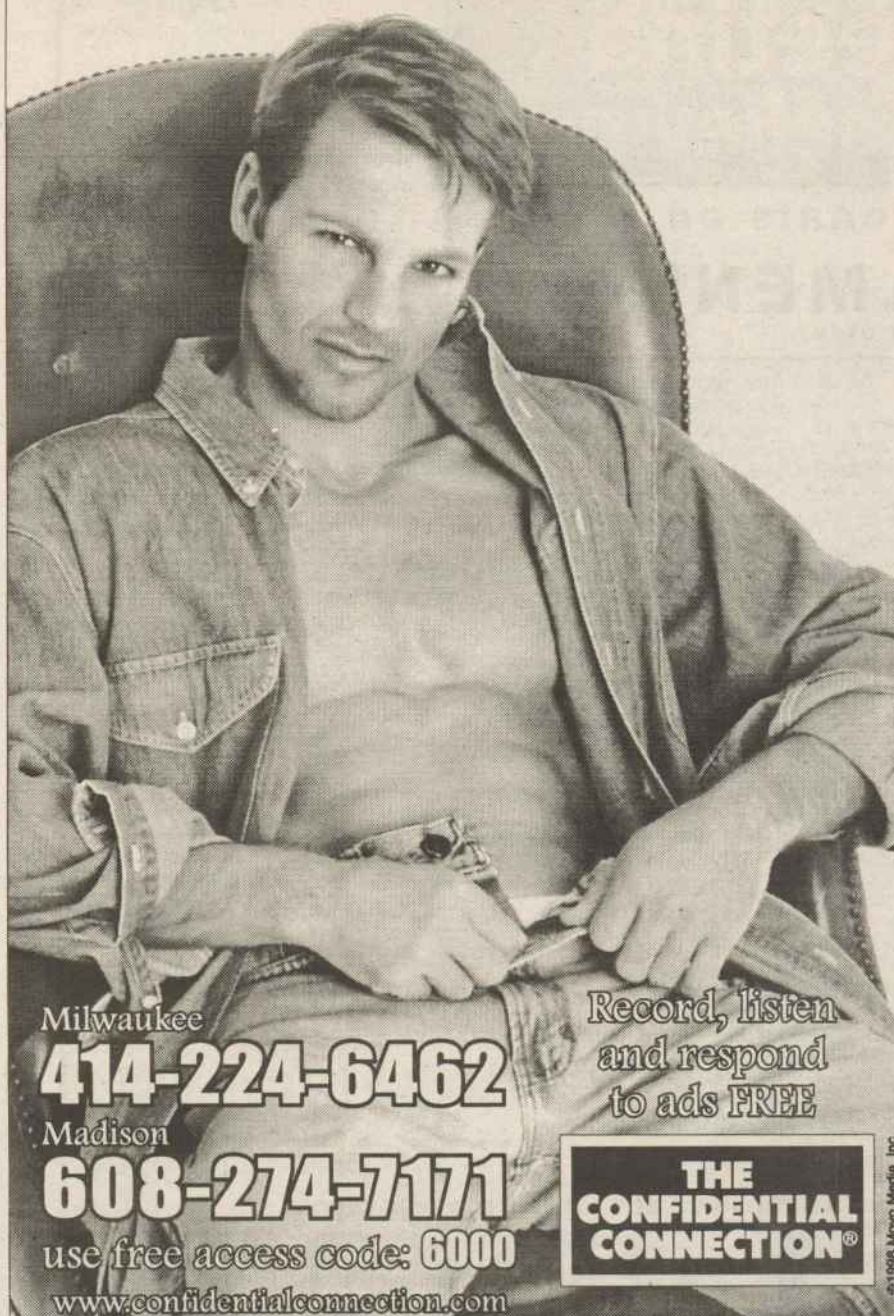
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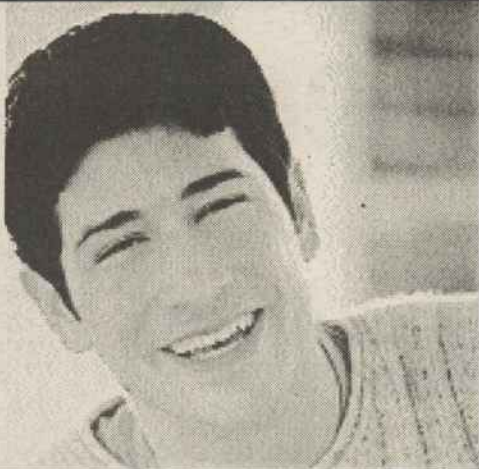
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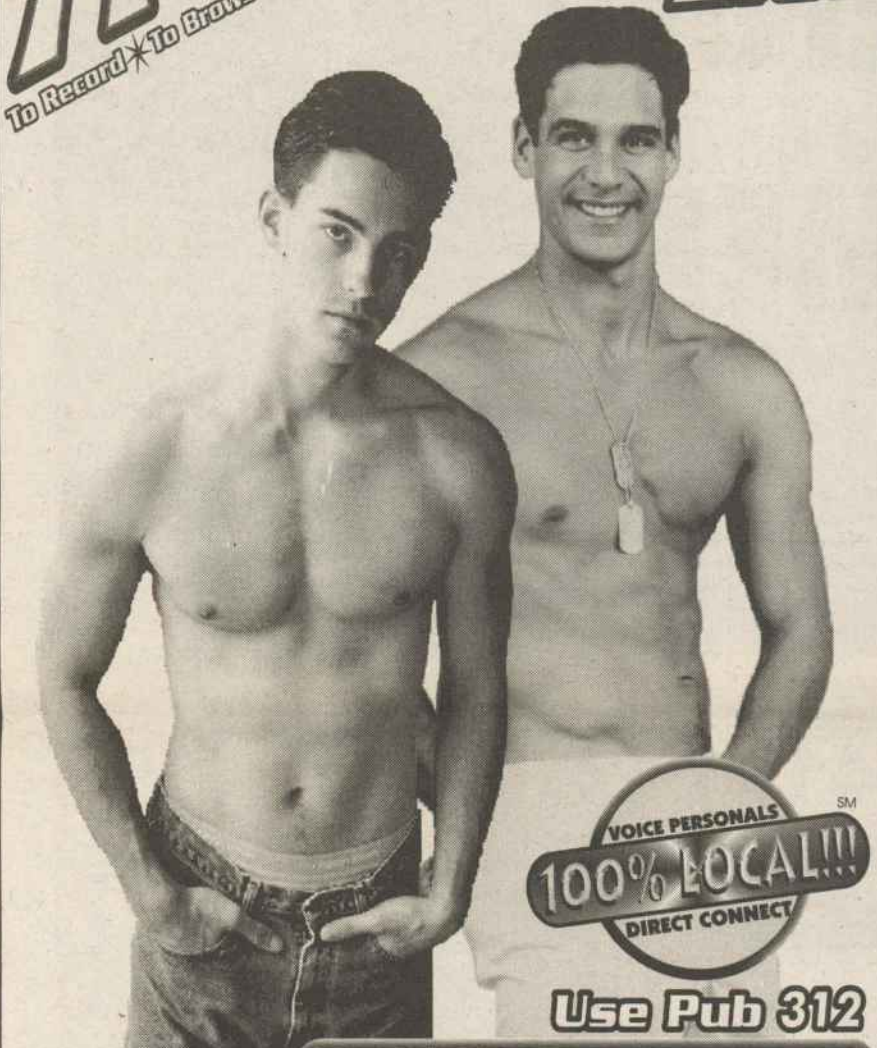
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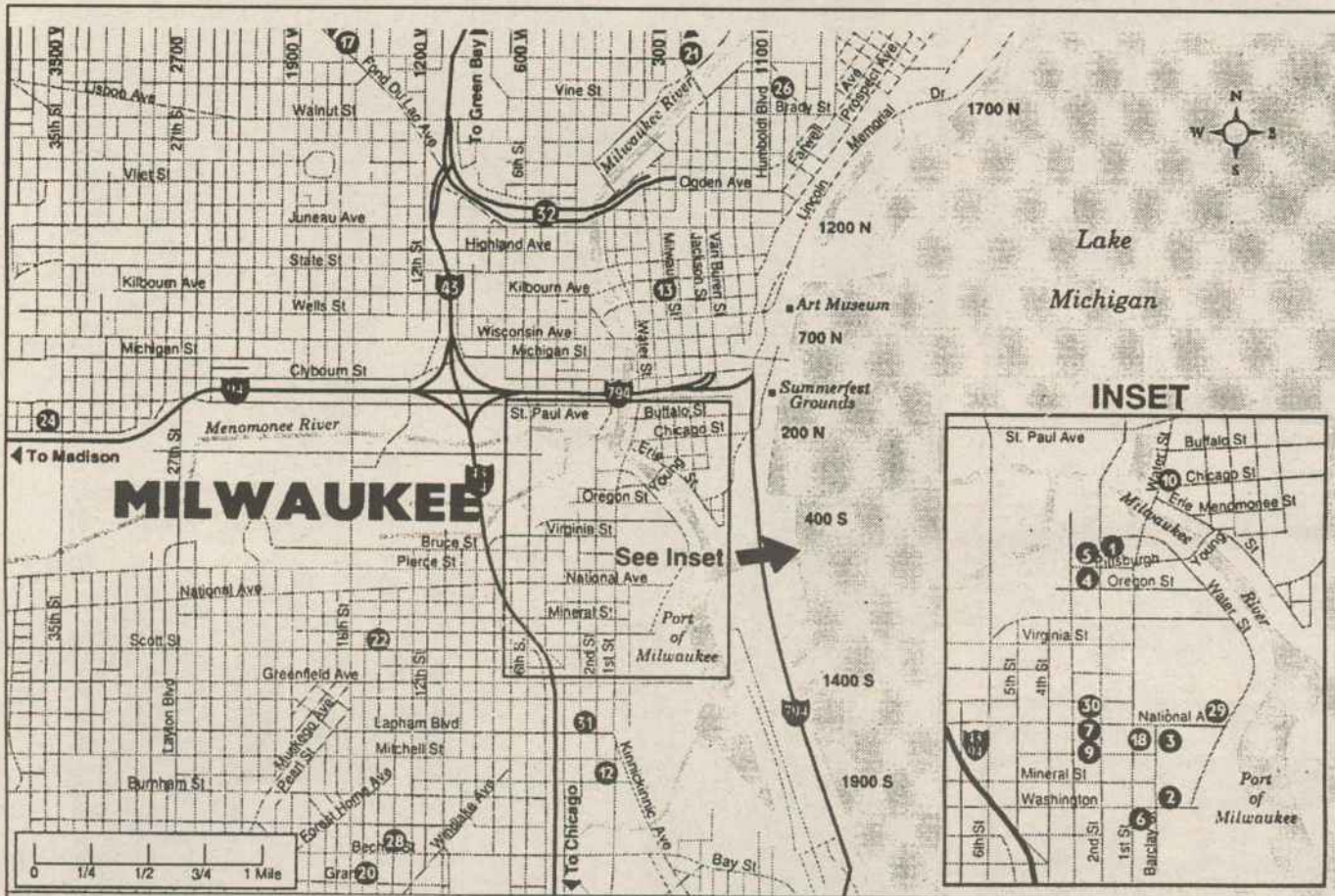
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1932 Strongs Ave	
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G&L Society/Wausau	848-0608
UWSP 10% Society	
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	
UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481	346-4366
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320 Washington, Wausau 54401	842-3225
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P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501	
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Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806	
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625 College, Racine 53403	634-0659
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900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141	595-2244
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11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563	868-6646
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Mineral Point	987-2612
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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire	
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	(800) 750-2437
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1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880	394-4009
	(877) 242-0282

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Greater Chippewa Valley	
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Gay & Lesbian Alliance	
Box 131, Platteville, 53818	

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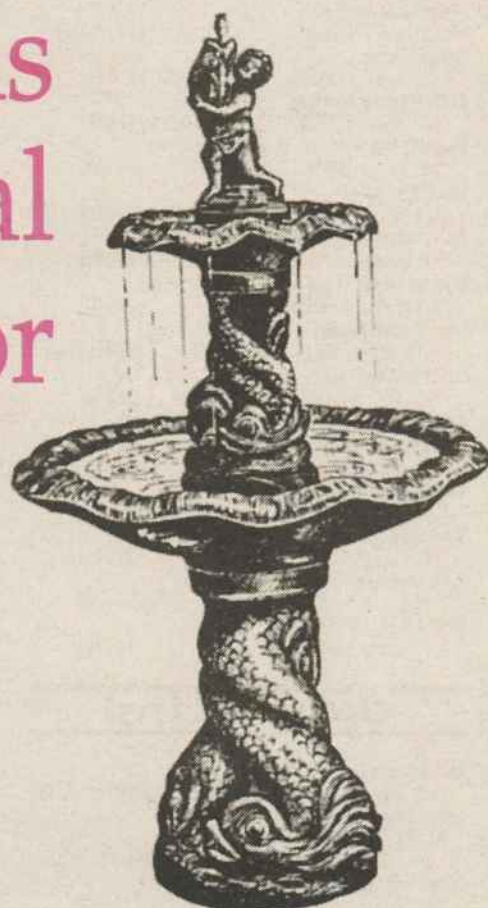
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