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Terrorist Bomb Kills 2, Injures Scores at London Gay Bar

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

London — A bomb exploded last Friday night at one of London's popular gay pubs in the Soho section of the city, killing at least two people and injuring at least 70 others in what authorities said is the worst terrorist act in the city in years.

The explosion was the third bomb in two weeks that has shattered the British capital, and the first in the recent spate of bombings that has been fatal. It left a bloody scene of carnage and terror in the city's busy streets as people were enjoying the start of the weekend at the popular and crowded Admiral Duncan pub. Instead, the evening was shattered around 6:30 p.m. by what police say was a nail bomb — an explosive device that is packed nails that fly out with the effect of scores of bullets.

Some of the injured — mostly gay men — lost limbs in the horrendous blast and witnesses said the street outside the pub was splattered with blood. The entire front of the building where the bar was located was blown out and nearby buildings were also damaged and people in them tossed around by the force of the blast.

Emergency personnel responded quickly and in force, setting up a temporary site in the street where doctors performed emergency surgery on critically injured victims amid blood, rubble and shattered glass that blanketed the street. At least five people remained in critical condition more than 12 hours after the bombing as physicians continued emergency operations on the injured.

A far right terrorist organization known as the White Wolves later claimed responsibility for the bombing. Police said the White Wolves is a splinter group of a neo-Nazi group known as Combat 18.

Some investigators have suggested that the rash of bombings may have been timed to coincide with the anniversary of the birth of Adolph Hitler (April 20) and of his death (April 30).

Although they did not elaborate, police announced the morning after the explosion that they had arrested three men in connection with the bombing. One of them was arrested in fact the day before the Admiral Duncan pub explosion as part of Scotland Yard's ongoing investigation of the recent string of bombings. Another man was arrested Friday night and police said the third had been arrested Saturday morning following the bombing. A police spokesperson said none of the men had yet been questioned by detectives. No further details were given out.

One witness, who had left the pub to get some cigarettes only minutes before the blast shattered the street, said, "I saw people flying everywhere. There were legs and arms everywhere and lots of smoke. I saw people without legs and arms. It was absolute carnage."

*On our cover: Orson as Miss Deborah Taunt
Photo: Jorge Cabal*

Push for Milwaukee Domestic Partnership Registry Launched

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — Milwaukee Alderman Mike D'Amato and the Domestic Partnership Task Force, a coalition of neighborhood and civil rights organizations have announced an effort to allow Milwaukee same-sex couples — who meet strict eligibility requirements — to register their relationships with the City Clerk's office.

Under the measure, a couple would go to the City Clerk's office, complete an application form, show proof of their relationship, such as a shared residence; and pay a \$30 registration fee. More than 50

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—PATRICK FLAHERTY

cities including Madison, St. Louis, and Oak Park, Ill., offer domestic partner registries to their citizens.

The proposed Domestic Partnership Registry, co-sponsored by Ald. George Butler and Ald. Paul Henningsen, gives limited benefits to couples who register and creates no new legal rights or responsibilities. The measure is expected to be introduced on May 11.

The cost of the registry would be paid for by the registration fee. Currently, the City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances denies recognition of same-sex partners in all its provisions, including anti-discrimination rules.

"It is important because it would be the first time our relationships would receive some kind of recognition," Patrick Flaherty of the Domestic Partnership Task Force told *IN Step*.

"The Domestic Partnership Registry helps Milwaukee protect stable and loving same-sex relationships while giving the couple the opportunity to pledge

their commitment to the community," says D'Amato.

The registry would also make it easier for couples to obtain benefits from companies which already offer health insurance and other benefits to domestic partners.

"It will have big symbolic benefits for couples, and it will truly encourage private companies to adopt their own domestic partnership policies," added Flaherty.

The matter is more personal for the coalition's Terri Gabriel, who feels degraded by her treatment at some businesses.

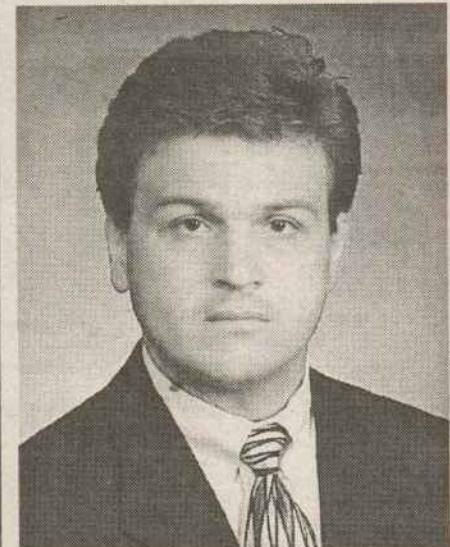
"I feel like my partner of eight years is invisible when I'm charged a higher rate than married couples. My family, my friends — they recognize my relationship. Shouldn't my city?" asked Gabriel.

Vanessa Keuhner, a Milwaukee woman belonging to the coalition stated, "Any measure to legitimate my relationship with my partner will help my son feel less socially isolated, which can only be a good thing."

Many have questioned the manner in which the City of Milwaukee treats same-sex couples. Milwaukee's Equal Rights Commission passed a resolution in March asking for a domestic partnership registry. The faith community has stepped forward as well. Pastor Joe Ellwanger of Cross Lutheran Church and other leaders have expressed support.

"This should not be considered a lesbian or gay issue. It is a matter of social justice," stated Bob Clark, Lutheran assistant in Ministry at Pentecost Lutheran Church.

Groundwork for passage of the measure has already begun with preliminary meetings with several alderman. Flaherty believes



Milwaukee Alderman Mike D'Amato

the measure a good chance of passing.

"We think everything is in play, if everyone hears from their people in districts," says Flaherty. "It is hard to image how anyone could oppose it when it [the registry] costs absolutely nothing. The \$30 fee more than covers the cost."

Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist has indicated he is "open-minded" about the idea of a registry and has positive feelings about it.

Norquist spokesman Jeff Fleming told *IN Step* that Norquist wanted to discuss the issue further with D'Amato and others before making a stand on the issue.

"This is going to take a concerted effort across the board in the City of Milwaukee," D'Amato told *IN Step*. "We cannot win this issue without everyone being involved. It can not be just the traditional strong holds in the gay community — the Eastside or Walker's Point. Everyone from around the city has to step up and be counted in order for it to be successful."

What Can You Do to Help Pass the DP Registry?

Call your alderperson at (414) 286-2221. Ask him or her to support the Domestic Partnership Registry and leave your name and address. If you don't know who your alderperson is, the receptionist can assist you. Call Mayor John Norquist at (414) 286-2200 to ask for his support.

For more information about the registry contact the Domestic Partnership Task Force at (414) 225-1621, or write to Domestic Partnership Task Force at 170 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

Study: No Evidence of 'Gay Gene'

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

London, Ont. — Researchers at Canada's University of Western Ontario report in a just-published genetic study that if there is such a thing as a "gay gene," their research — the most intensive study in the area to date — has found no evidence of it in its most likely genetic spot. The research findings essentially contradict earlier work that suggested there was in fact a genetic basis for sexual orientation.

The researchers report that a close examination of a key segment of the male X chromosome revealed no association with sexual orientation. But other experts say the findings are hardly the last word on the controversial issue — just as earlier studies that found a genetic link weren't the final chapter in the research either.

According to neurologist George Rice at the school, the X chromosome that is supposed to contain the gene, doesn't show its presence in his research, which was just published in the journal *Science*.

The whole area known as "behavioral genetics" itself, however, remains controversial. While most experts think there

may be a link between some human behavior patterns and genes, or groups of genes, so far none of the candidate links has been established with any scientific certitude. As with the search for a gay gene, some studies suggest a link but follow-up research either contradicts earlier work or fails to find any link.

Rice studied 46 families with two gay brothers and two other families that had three gay brothers, all recruited through ads in Canadian gay newspapers. DNA testing looked for four X chromosome-linked gene sequences that had been identified in earlier studies as markers of the gay gene. But, Rice reported, the key markers were conspicuously absent.

The study itself doesn't actually address the basic issue of whether DNA can in fact influence sexual orientation, the scientists said. Instead, the researchers focused on just one specific piece of the male chromosome, identified by a genetic signpost known as Xq28, selected because the "most compelling" earlier studies traced the most likely connection to Xq28, the scientists explained.

"We were testing a very specific hypothesis," they reported.

The earlier research that most influenced the selection of Xq28 for the Canadian scientists to focus on was a 1993 study, led by geneticist Dean Hamer at the National Cancer Institute.

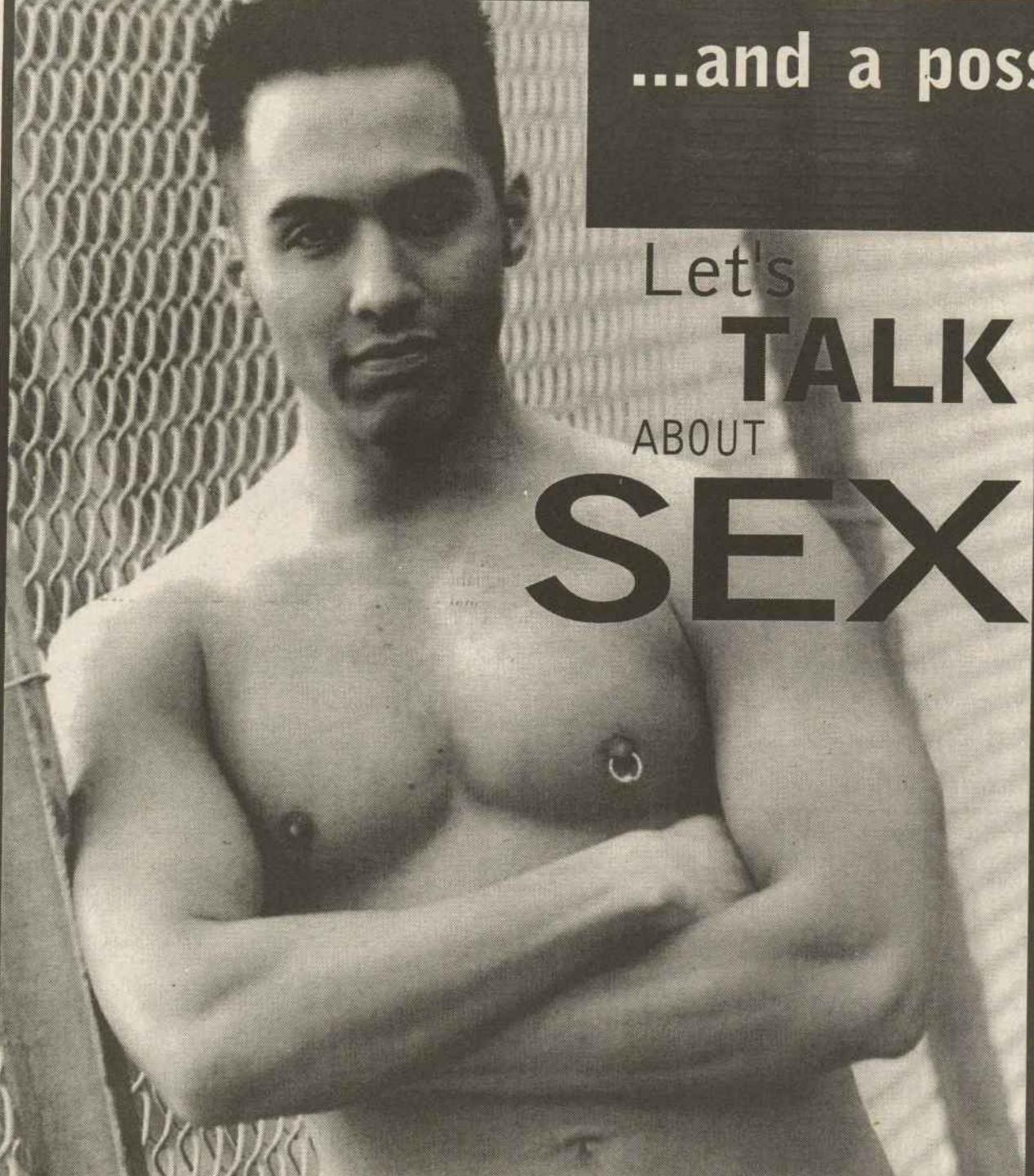
But the Canadian research findings directly contradict that 1993 study, which found X-linked genetic markers in 33 out of 40 sets of gay brothers studied.

Hamer said that Rice lowered the chances of finding the X-linked gene by studying families that had homosexual brothers mostly on the father's side of the family, instead of the mother's. But Rice insisted that shouldn't matter.

Michael Bailey, a psychology professor at Northwestern University who found strong evidence of genetic links to homosexuality in a 1991 study of identical twins, said the new research is "certainly relevant, but no decisive."

Simon LeVay, a researcher who found anatomical differences between a specific section of the brains of heterosexual and homosexual men in another 1991 study at the Salk Institute, agreed that the study doesn't end the question.

"What this study throws into question is whether that includes this particular gene on the X chromosome," he said. "Beyond that, it's an open question."



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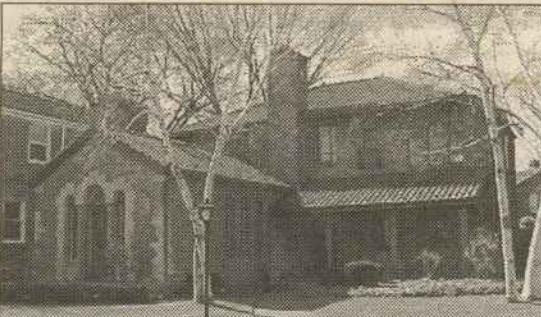
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Milwaukee — The Rainbow U (University) Lecture Series will occur during the fourth week of every month at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

"The lecture series is an important part of the Center's community development project," said Neil Albrecht, Center executive director. "We are committed to generating increased awareness and discussion around important LGBT issues."

On May 26th, adjunct Professor Tess Meuer of the Wisconsin Coalition against Domestic Violence, will speak on the dynamics of same-sex domestic violence.

On June 24th, Attorney Christopher Krimmer will speak on maritalizing your same-sex union through various legal tools and protections.

Future Rainbow U topics will explore internal and external homophobia; Gays, Lesbians, and the labor movement; financial planning, and other topics.

"Rainbow U is open to all. Stop in for one or all of the lectures," said Albrecht. "The lecture series will provide a great venue for sharing information, socializing and learning how to get involved in important issues."

Lectures will occur at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, please call the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center at 271-2656 or visit our web site at www.mkelgbt.org.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, operates Thursdays and Fridays 6-10 p.m., Saturdays noon - 10 p.m. and Sundays noon to 8 p.m. The Center is adjacent to bus routes 18 and 19 and one block west of routes 11, 14 and 15. Parking is available on 2nd street and in the lot marked Downtown Mini Warehouse across from the Center. Call the Center at (414) 271-2656 or visit us at www.mkelgbt.org for more information.

Spring H.I.T. League Seeking Bowlers

Milwaukee — The Spring H.I.T. League is now seeking bowlers to join them for 10 weeks of bowling this summer at the Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell Ave. every Tuesday starting May 18 and running through July 20. The cost is \$8 per person, per week, and includes bowling, a banquet, trophies for the two top teams and a fund-raiser for the H.I.T. Tournament.

Teams consist of five bowlers per team. Form your own team or let us place you with others. Space is limited to 16 teams, so don't miss out on the fun. For further information and three free games of bowling courtesy of Landmark Lanes, join H.I.T. for their organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. at Landmark Lanes. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like more information, please contact Kim Wolfram at (414) 797-4835.

Gay Rumors Abound After Colorado School Rampage

by Keith Clark and William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Denver — Within a few hours of the beginning of the shootings at a high school in the Denver suburb of Littleton, Colo., the Internet was already churning out messages that the students believed responsible for the killing rampage that left 15 people dead and dozens injured were homosexuals or bisexuals. The anonymous Internet speculation became so rampant that at least one TV network reported it and newspapers from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., were contacting gay rights activists for comments.

That led national wire services to report on the rumors and speculation,

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although none could come up with anything to actually suggest the youths connected with the so-called Trench Coat Mafia at Columbine High School in Littleton were gay.

But inveterate Internet rumor monger Matt Drudge issued his own report in which he cited an anonymous Internet message saying the killers were a "bunch of our fellow homosexuals [who] decided that they had taken enough crap from the straight community that had been abusing them and have decided to take matters into their own hands."

The message later turned out to be a fraud, of course. But by then the Associated Press and others were picking up the information as well and at least making references to it, even though they acknowledged they were unconfirmed reports. Even the online edition of *The Advocate* reported on the rumors.

Even so, reports about the two

teenagers believed to be responsible for the mass killing continued to make oblique remarks about them as "outsiders" who were harassed by student athletes at the school. Many reports also reported that members of the Trench Coat Mafia often wear "makeup" or used fingernail polish.

Not a single friend or acquaintance of Harris and Klebold confirmed the gay rumors. All either denied the story or said they had no idea about the sexual orientation of either student. "It's the stupidest thing I ever heard," said senior Melissa Snow, who had known Klebold since middle school, but only had limited contact with him this year, since he joined the Trench Coat Mafia.

Whatever the truth about Harris and Klebold's sexual orientation, it's clear that "gay" is one of the worst epithets to use against a high school student in Littleton.

Eddie, a sophomore who recently moved from Littleton to Denver, told *Salon* magazine that he knew firsthand the kind of ostracism Klebold and Harris suffered due to rumors they were gay.

According to the *Salon* report, he grew up in Littleton and came out as gay in eighth grade at Deer Creek Middle School, which feeds students to both Columbine and nearby Chatfield High School (where Columbine students will return to school, on a staggered afternoon session, when classes resume, likely sometime next week).

"One year everyone loved me," he is quoted as saying. "The next year I was the most hated kid in the whole school." Jocks were his worst tormentors, Eddie said, and he described one in particular who pelted him with rocks, wrote "faggot" and "we hate you" on his locker and confronted him in the hallway with taunts like: "I heard the faggot got butt-fucked last night."

"It gets to the point where you're crying in school because the people won't leave you alone," he said. "The teachers don't do anything about it." Eddie attempted suicide several times that year, and eventually spent time in a mental hospital. "People don't realize how mean kids are. It can drive you to the point of

insanity. What they want to do is make you cry. They want to hurt you. It's horrible. I hope that the one thing people learn out of this whole thing is to stop teasing people."

So far, however, no responsible news agency has reported anything to actually indicate either of the two young men, both of whom apparently killed themselves during their rampage, were gay — or even used fingernail polish for that matter.

Lambda's Midwest Office Expands

Chicago — The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a public interest law organization focused on gay rights and AIDS law, has announced it has hired Matthew Roberts for its newly created Midwest Regional Director post.

Roberts previously worked at Hill & Knowlton Inc, a Washington, D.C., law firm, where he focused on public affairs and global communications programs. He also worked with Family Health International in implementing AIDS prevention programs with the U.S. Agency for International Development.

While working on his doctorate at Indiana University, Roberts started Gays and Lesbians in African Studies, the first group of its kind in the study area.

Lambda's rapidly expanding Midwest regional office includes Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Calif. Court Rejects Visitation Rights for Ex-Partner

San Francisco — A California appeals court has turned down Kathleen Crandall's request for court-ordered visitation rights over two children she helped raise with her former lesbian partner. The court rejected her petition, saying only that cases such as Crandall's should "more appropriately be addressed to the legislature."

Crandall's attorneys argued that although she was not the biological mother nor legally their adoptive mother, she served as a "de facto" parent to the two girls her ex-partner Lisa Wagner had during their relationship.

A lower court had agreed that Crandall has in fact functioned as a de facto parent, but had not ordered the visitation rights.

In the appeals court ruling, the judges said there was no legal basis for awarding her parental rights without action of the state legislature to change the situation.

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AIDS Virus May Last 60 Years in Body

Washington (AP) — AIDS patients would have to take powerful drug cocktails for at least six decades to be free of the virus that causes the deadly disease, suggests a disturbing new study.

In another related report, scientists also found that these AIDS drugs, known as highly active anti-retroviral therapy (HAART), may weaken the

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body's own ability to fight the AIDS virus. HAART consists of drugs like AZT, combined with newer drugs known as protease inhibitors.

Taken together, the two studies suggest that patients can keep the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) at bay, but only if they stay on difficult and expensive drug regimens, which scientists say is not practical because of costs, side effects and the potential for the development of resistance. They also say that curing AIDS, a hope kindled in researchers after promising initial results with drug cocktails, will require new medications or other strategies, such as anti-HIV vaccines.

Both studies are published in the May issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*. In one study, scientists from Baltimore's Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine monitored the immune systems of 34 HIV infected patients for two years. All the patients were taking HAART, and were in good health.

Scientists had known that HIV tucks itself into resting T-cells, rare cells that provide long term protection against diseases like measles after exposure to the infectious agent. In the new research, they found that infected resting T-cells, also called memory cells, can survive for more than 60 years, giving the AIDS virus a safe place to hide for a lifetime. Immunologist Robert Siliciano says,

"The results are pretty shocking. The survival of these cells is remarkable." When the three-drug cocktails first showed the potential to reduce the amount of HIV to undetectable levels

about three years ago, doctors became excited that they had found a way to wipe out the infection, he says.

But, they soon discovered that undetectable does not mean that the virus is gone. Earlier work by Siliciano and other leading research groups found these hidden reservoirs. The virus may not have been attacking its main target, immune system cells known as CD4, and they weren't causing disease. Nevertheless, they are still in the patient's system.

Siliciano says, "This is quite depressing news, obviously."

He says, "This means you probably can't stop and expect the virus will be gone. You can't take medicines and wait out the virus."

Stopping therapy would allow the infection to rebound, which is what happens when patients stop taking drugs in a matter of weeks.

Siliciano, lead author of the paper, says, "It was previously shown that the virus could persist. What was unknown is how long these cells last."

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases of the National Institutes of Health, says, "It's a good paper, an important paper. But it tells us we really have our work cut out for us."

Fauci says it is not feasible to keep patients on these difficult drug regimens for a lifetime. Most patients taking the drugs have been on them for two or three years, with the longest experience of about five years in patients who participated in the clinical trials testing the drug cocktails.

To cure AIDS, he says, scientists will have to figure out ways to actively flush out that latent pool of virus, or find ways to get the immune system itself to keep the virus in check.

He says, "We have to figure out creative ways to deal with it." In the second study, led by Louis J. Picker of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, scientists found that even AIDS-ravaged immune systems try to fight back, producing cells that are primed to attack the virus.

This response is one of the reasons why some HIV-infected people become long-term non-progressors. Their immune systems are strong enough to successfully ward off the disease.

But, the scientists say, the number of these anti-HIV cells diminish over the course of long-term drug therapy. To measure this, Picker and his team created a method to screen immune cells to see if they were HIV-specific, trained to attack the virus. As expected, uninfected people had none of these cells, while long-term non-progressors were loaded with them.

They also found AIDS fighting T-cells, however, in patients whose disease was progressing, says Picker.

In the second part of the study, Picker says his team looked for HIV-specific T-cells in patients who had been undergoing HAART therapy. They found that the number of cells dropped or had a significantly weakened response to the virus after drug treatment. This finding suggests that long-term strategies to fight AIDS will have to include programs in which patients periodically stop taking drugs, a sort of vacations from the therapies, or the addition of vaccines into treatment programs.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta estimates that about 900,000 Americans are infected with the AIDS virus.

Local AIDS Candlelight Memorial Scheduled

Milwaukee — On Sunday, May 16, join the 16th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial in Milwaukee. The ceremony titled "Solidarity Against Injustice and Fear - World Without AIDS," will be coordinated by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in partnership with Alexian Village of Milwaukee, Black Health Coalition, Fest City Singers, P-FLAG, Metropolitan Community Church, St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry, Trinity Lutheran Church, UMOS and Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.

Randall Brown will be master of ceremonies, starting 6 p.m. at the Milwaukee War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive, 3rd floor.

State Sen. Gwendolyn Moore and Milwaukee County Executive Tom Ament will remark on the state of HIV and AIDS in Wisconsin. The ceremony will also include reciting names of those who have died in the last year, reading of stories and remembrances, musical selections and lighting candles. New to this year's ceremony, participants will create paper links of solidarity, observing the 1999 theme. A social gathering will follow with refreshments.

"The Candlelight Memorial Ceremony is a celebration of life that honors those who have died of AIDS and demonstrates supports for people living with HIV and AIDS," said Mike Gifford, ARCW's deputy executive director.

In the first quarter of 1999, 19 Wisconsin people died from AIDS, 36 people were diagnosed with HIV and 25 were diagnosed with AIDS. ARCW estimates that there are hundreds of people statewide living with HIV who have not been tested for HIV.

The Candlelight Memorial Ceremony is free and open to the public. For information or to volunteer at the event, please call (414) 461-7672.

BESTD Thanks Fund-raisers for Donations

Milwaukee — The BESTD Clinic received monies from three fund-raisers held on behalf of the clinic for programs and services. On Saturday, April 17, Ross Walker and Erv Uecker were asked to come to the closing celebration of the 12th annual Mil-M-AIDS Bowling Tournament. This year's event was billed as a benefit for Camp Heartland and BESTD Clinic. Rick Steiner, Cindy Olsheksy, Bob Glienicki and Debbie Vance, on behalf of over 150 bowlers presented a check to BESTD for \$1,500.

Walker and Uecker thanked the sponsors and the bowlers for their ongoing and consistent support of the clinic over the years and had special words of appreciation for Steiner, Olsheksy, Glienicki and Vance for their long-time leadership in events such as this.

Also, Rob Brucker presented the clinic with \$184 in "bunny money." This amount was gathered at a fund-raiser held at Triangle as a part of their Easter celebration. Customers had a chance to take a chance at guessing the number of jellybeans in a jar for a small contribution to the Clinic. Thanks to Brucker, his staff and customers for also being a significant part of BESTD's ongoing support.

Finally, for the second time in as many weeks, Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Dan E. Dance designated his show at Club 219 as a BESTD fund-raiser. Dan presented the clinic with the proceeds of \$160.00 for a total of \$372.00 raised in the two shows.

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club Serves Up 'Team Tennis'

Milwaukee — The Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club Announces "Team Tennis." Team Tennis matches will be held on Sundays from 3 to 5 p.m. on outdoor courts at Lake Park. The season will run from May 16 through Aug. 29, for 12 weeks of play; a challenge ladder will also be available for play during the week.

The cost for the league is \$15, which includes all court fees and reservations for the year of outdoor play. If you have any questions you can contact Gary Ozuna at (414) 288-1975 or Bill Wardlow at Fluid Bar at (414) 645-8330.

UW to Hold Domestic Partner Benefits Forum

Madison — The Academic Staff Assembly's Compensation and Economic Benefits Committee (CEBC) will sponsor a campus forum on domestic partner health insurance and other benefits on Wednesday, May 5, 1999 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 240 Union South on the UW-Madison campus. The CEBC decided to convene a meeting to update faculty, academic staff and classified staff on the status of domestic partner benefits UW.

There will be presentations by representatives of the CEBC, the Academic Personnel Office, Pride in Wisconsin Government, the Teaching Assistants Association (TAA), and University Health Services (UHS). There will be time for questions and discussion following the presentations.



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Bikers for AIDS Ride Sought

Milwaukee — Change your life and the lives of others by participating in Tanqueray's American AIDS Rides. Twin Cities/Wisconsin/Chicago AIDS Ride 4 Presented by Tanqueray is now registering riders and crew volunteers for the six-day, 500-mile Ride from the Twin Cities through Wisconsin to Chicago that takes place July 12 to 17, 1999.

Twin Cities/Wisconsin/Chicago AIDS Ride 4 is a bicycle ride, not a race. Each rider will travel at their own pace, peddling an average of 80 miles per day. The Ride is fully supported with catered meals, water and snack stops, hot showers, comprehensive medical services and tents for camping.

To participate, each rider must raise a minimum of \$2,300 in donations before the ride. In 1998, the net proceeds from the Ride enabled 20 AIDS agencies in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Illinois to provide services to people living with AIDS.

"I am participating in the AIDS Ride because I am living with AIDS and use the services provided by the beneficiaries," says Twin Cities/Wisconsin/Chicago AIDS Ride rider Rob Hadley. "This is my way to pay back the beneficiaries and support my friends who are living with HIV and AIDS."

For more information on how to register to ride, pledge or volunteer for Tanqueray's Twin Cities/Wisconsin/Chicago AIDS Ride 4, please call 800-825-1000 or visit their website at <http://www.aidsride.org>.

Groundbreaking Study on Woman to Woman Sexual Violence Launched

Asheville, N.C. — Dr. Lori B. Girshick, sociologist and community activist, has begun a nationwide study on woman to woman sexual violence. The study is aimed at lesbians, bisexual women and transgendered/transsexual women. Dr. Girshick hopes to do for woman to woman sexual violence what researchers have done for marital rape—challenge the invisibility of the act and seek public and legal recognition.

A focus of Dr. Girshick's work is to understand what labels women use who are sexually assaulted by their female partners or dates. Do they call the violence sexual assault, sexual coercion, or rape? The words women use to describe their experience influence the actions they take to deal with their abuse.

This work will contribute to the development of outreach efforts and support services of rape crisis centers and domestic violence agencies, and will help therapists and others who work with survivors of sexual violence. Dr. Girshick also hopes to challenge existing laws.

Dr. Girshick teaches sociology and women's studies at Warren Wilson College in Asheville, N.C. She has worked with battered women for nine years, including battered lesbians. She has authored two books. Her latest is *No Safe Haven: Stories of Women in Prison* (Northeastern University Press).

Women interested in participating can request a copy of the questionnaire by calling 828-298-3325, ext. 376. Collection of the questionnaire will take place over the summer.



Photographer Penny Coleman

Gay and Lesbian Elders Exhibit Opens in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — In honor of Older American's Month, SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment), the Milwaukee affiliate of the nation's oldest and largest organization serving lesbian and gay elderly, announces the premier Milwaukee opening of the nationally acclaimed exhibit by photographer Penny Coleman entitled "Village Elders: Portraits and Stories." The Exhibit opens on May 1 at Milwaukee's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered Community Center. The exhibit is sponsored by SAGE/Milwaukee.

Displayed on wooden panels, the collection of beautifully photographed individuals and couples, along with their stories, forms a collage of exquisite and intimate details of the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered older adults. The oral histories tell the compelling story of what it was like "back then" and

how it is today for those who lived through the social revolutions of the twentieth century. The elders portrayed identify different issues as defining their lives. Many of the portraits are of couples who have been together for as long as 48 years. Others have lived alone or been widowed, but all have had to redefine "family" as they grapple with the challenges of aging.

The exhibit compassionately and effectively counteracts ageist and homophobic attitudes by depicting "successful" lives in which memories of joy and accomplishment outweigh those of pain and failure, in which dignity has not meant capitulation or conformity, and in which the challenges of aging are managed in community, with pride and optimism."

On national tour since November of 1998, the exhibit of photographs and accompanying oral histories will be in the Milwaukee area for the entire month of May. "Village Elders: Portraits and Stories" will be on display during regular business hours from May 1 to May 15 at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.; from May 16 to May 23 at the Milwaukee County Department on Aging, 235 W. Galena; and from May 24 to May 31 at the Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Street.

A Gala Reception, open to the public, will be held on May 8 at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St., from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call SAGE/Milwaukee at (414) 271-0378 or the LGBT Center at (414) 271-2656.

New DNR Rules For Mazo Beach Issued

Madison — According to a report in *The Wisconsin State Journal* the Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) plan for managing the nude beach near Mazomanie will go into effect May 1. The bad news is that the new rules for those who previously used the state-owned property for overnight or extended camping is that there will be no overnight

camping, there will be a tended gate on weekends and holidays, and the beach will be closed daily from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The article stated that while the DNR would not budge on the requests made by beach users to allow overnight camping, it did create a new parking lot and added lot attendants to stop overcrowding. Both sides of Conservation Road, which leads to the beach, will be posted as "no parking" areas. A gate will be built at the entrance to Conservation Road, and will be open on weekdays and staffed on weekends and holidays. A 125-vehicle gravel parking lot will be built adjacent to the Conservation Road gate.

On weekdays, park-beach users will be allowed to drive to the existing lot at the end of the road nearest the beach entrance. When that lot is full, vehicles must return and park in the new lot. On weekends and holidays, DNR employees will tend the gate and permit the first 125 vehicles to enter the existing lot. When that lot is full, the gate will be closed and visitors will be directed to the new lot. As vehicles leave the old lot, new visitors will be admitted. One must assume by this statement that the DNR will allow people who cannot walk in the long distance to the beach will be able to be dropped off.

To address a problem with bicycles being locked to trees, bicyclists will be accommodated with a new chain-and-post parking rack at the old lot. There will be more portable toilets set up and serviced regularly.

Mark Wagner, a gay activist from Madison told *IN Step*, "First of all, I would like to thank the DNR for their careful consideration of the new rules, for taking our opinions into consideration and for the correct use of our tax dollars to promote outdoor recreation. It is very interesting to me that a meeting was called in March to get our feelings about some of the new rules. We gave our opinions and resolutions were given on our part, but the DNR did what they wanted to do anyway. In my opinion ... we need to unite and stand up for our communities and be heard.

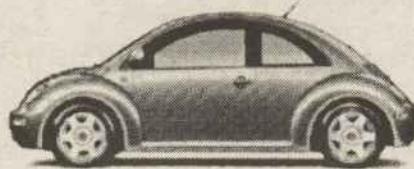
Wagner urged all beach users to e-mail Ruthe Badger with their concerns at: Badger@dnr.state.wi.us.

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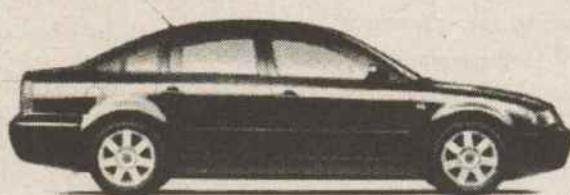


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Milwaukee LGBT Youth Dance Draws Crowd

Milwaukee — More than 50 youth attended a dance for people under age 25 on Saturday, April 24. The dance, sponsored by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, was part of a continuing effort to provide a safe social venue for young people to gather.

"The dance is the first in a series of Center sponsored events designed to create social opportunities for LGBT youth," said Neil Albrecht, Community Center executive director. "Many of the young people I talk with tell me how difficult it is to connect with each other in the LGBT community. It's particularly tough if they are underage and cannot participate in the bar scene."

"There is a great need for regular, ongoing and fun social activities for LGBT youth. Nothing like that exists in Milwaukee right now," said Randy Stieghorst, one of the event's planners. "As a result, youth can become socially isolated."

Throughout the year, the center will host LGBT youth activities, including topic discussion groups, dances and other events.

"We strive to make the center as diverse and inclusive as possible," said Albrecht. An example is the "Village Elders" exhibit currently on display at the Center. "The young people who attended the dance were also able to view the exhibit brought to Milwaukee by Sage (Seniors Advocates in a Gay Environment). They were fascinated by the exhibit and the community history the exhibit represents. That contrast speaks positively to the issue of diversity."

Stieghorst was grateful for the community support he received in planning the event. "In addition to the Center, this event was supported by ARCW, the Eagle, Triangle, Fluid, In Between, Eso and Fannies. We thank them for helping us make this event so successful."

Rainbow Heights Schedules Rummage

Milwaukee — The Rainbow Heights Association will be holding its third annual yard sale on Saturday, June 12.

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1722 N. 52nd St. Persons interested in donating items to the yard sale are encouraged to call (414) 778-1269 for more information. All unsold items will be donated to Survival Revival.

Ethnic Diversity Discussion at Community Center

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center will initiate an open discussion of the ethnic diversity of Milwaukee's LGBT community. David Bodoh, an American Indian, will co-facilitate the first discussion from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on June 8.

"American Indians, African Americans, Asians and Latinos are often silent cultures within the LGBT community. As a result, there are few organizations and services that meet the needs of these groups," said Bodoh.

Bodoh, who is a member of the center's program committee, hopes the discussion will increase awareness of our community's diversity and lead to the further development of programs and services that will meet the needs of specific groups.

"I hope that these meetings begin a process of thoughtful discussion on how our community can become more inclusive. A community where bridges are built to connect diverse groups," said Bodoh.

All members of the LGBT community are encouraged to attend this and future discussions. For more information call the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center at (414) 271-2656.

Stodola to Direct Services for AIDS Network

Madison — The AIDS Network of Southern Wisconsin announced that Jim Stodola has been hired as Director of Services for the agency effective April 26.

Stodola was previously responsible for statewide AIDS/HIV education and programming for the Red Cross. He brings extensive experience as a volunteer, HIV care professional and has managed a statewide staff.

Speakers, Presentations Sought for PrideFest Stonewall Tent

Milwaukee — Every year at PrideFest, an open forum activity tent is available to organizations to sponsor a variety of speakers and presentations. The Stonewall Tent has hosted authors, activists, elected officials, organization meetings, radio interviews, business leaders, and more.

To add more variety to this year's line-up, PrideFest is inviting organizations from across Wisconsin to host a "Get-to-know-us" presentation. This is an opportunity for organizations to share their message and promote their services. The organization provides the speaker and PrideFest will provide the space and sound system. A table will be available for newsletters, business cards, display or other information that promote the organization while the speaker is on stage. Use of the Stonewall Tent is free.

In addition, a survey conducted by PrideFest has revealed that our community is looking for presentations on specific topics. These include: gay marriage; financial planning; adoption; acceptance of each other within the LGBT community; religion and homosexuality; civil rights; transgender issues; domestic partnership; coming out in the workplace; being gay at school; gay youth; lesbian health issues; gay/lesbian travel tours; alternative therapies; building strong relationships; senior citizen issues; herstory/history; dealing with anti-gay violence; over-coming addictions; and a chance to meet political candidates.

People with expertise on these topics, or other issues of interest, are invited to contact PrideFest. Organizations who wish to host one of these presentations will be acknowledged as the sponsor of the session.

The average presentation lasts approximately 45 to 50 minutes. The Stonewall Tent schedule is filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Stonewall Tent presentation proposals can be mailed to PrideFest, P.O. Box 511763, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0301. For more information call (414) 272-FEST or e-mail us at apridemilw@aol.com.

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Thoughts from a White Boy of Privilege

by Scott Evertz



A certain Madison area gay activist said not too terribly long ago that he discounts the comments of Log Cabin Republicans because we are "white boys of privilege."

What he maintains and infers is illogical and flawed for several very obvious reasons and because of one serious omission. The obvious flaws in his argument are: 1.) It is not true that all members of Log Cabin are white, 2.) It is not true that all members of Log Cabin are boys, and 3.) It is not true that we should not listen to people simply because they are "white" or a "boy" or are "privileged," whatever that means.

Now, onto the omission. From what I know this liberal activist is both white and a boy. From what I have observed, he is also "privileged," based on common understandings of what it means to be privileged. This gentleman who has dismissed what I and other conservative columnists and commentators have to say because we are "white boys of privilege" owns a home and an automobile, travels extensively not only in the United States but abroad, and has the resources to spend a fair amount of time dining out. These things make him a "white boy of privilege."

Even in a robust economy such as that which our nation is experiencing now, anyone who owns a home and a car and has enough discretionary income to travel and dine out is "privileged." When you look at what this activist possesses and is able to do with discretionary income from a more global perspective (i.e. compare his status to individuals in Third World countries), he is not only privileged; he is wealthy, but for some reason he doesn't seem to want to admit this. He wants us to believe that he is not privileged and I'm not quite sure why, but, as with many of life's little questions, I'm going to offer an opinion. Those of you who discount the opinions of "white boys of privilege" may stop reading now because I must admit that I am white, I

am a boy and, (based on my definition above) I am privileged.

So, why can I admit this while this Madison activist cannot? Is it because he believes that he will have no audience for his liberal musings if other real liberals knew that he too is a "white boy of privilege," or is it because of long suppressed, internalized feelings of privilegephobia? Does he just feel really guilty that he is better off than many Americans, having recently retired from a good job — most likely with a very decent pension — and he has trouble reconciling his liberal leanings with the reality of his status?

While I don't know this individual too well, I truly believe that the latter may be the case. He certainly is not the only person I know who espouses liberal philosophies and would like to appear to be much less "privileged" than he is. In fact, as I describe this phenomenon, I am reminded of a lesbian couple I know who easily earn in excess of \$100,000 a year between

raiser is too expensive and that the cost to attend the event excludes anyone who is not "privileged," or that they don't have the money to make a contribution to a political campaign and then turn around and spend that same amount — if not more — on dinner and drinks the very same weekend as the fund-raiser. Do they not see this contradiction or recognize that they are very blessed? Are they so blind to the incredible poverty which still exists in our country or to the struggles of the real working class that they can really maintain that they are not privileged? Worse yet, do they intentionally mislead others about their status to avoid accepting responsibility, as people of privilege, to reach out to those in need and to give of their time and money — and not just someone else's tax dollars — to ease the suffering in their midst?

I'm afraid that the latter is likely the case and it is the legacy of years of tax and spend policies which started with the

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the two of them, are well-educated and who are quite liberal by anyone's definition of this politically charged word. They too would argue that Log Cabin Republicans are privileged while they are not. As with the gentleman to whom I've referred, I think this is because they cannot reconcile their personal beliefs with the reality of their lives which includes ownership of a very nice home by anyone's standards, extensive international travel and frequent trips to the theater and dining out.

Because such liberals are often fierce advocates for the kind of social policies and programs which involve significant spending of state and federal tax dollars, they simply don't want to admit to themselves — let alone anyone else — that they use every means possible to pay the least amount of taxes possible — such as deducting their mortgage interest and their property tax payments on their tax returns. This, as anyone who does not own a home knows, is a luxury that those who do not own homes cannot afford.

This kind of guilt-filled liberal will publicly complain that an AIDS fund-

New Deal and just got worse from there. Our social and tax policies have increasingly distanced those of us of privilege from those in need. We no longer feel compelled to reach out to those in need who are often in our very midst because of a belief that the government will help our neighbor and the we don't need to. This is wrong and I call on all people of privilege — particularly so-called liberals — to stop pretending that you are not privileged and accept responsibility for doing unto your neighbor as you would have them do unto you.

P.S. I'll continue to consider what you have to say, Dave Runyon — white boy of privilege — if you'll start considering what I have to say.



Opinion

Call to Action

by Patrick Flaherty

Will our government ever recognize same-sex relationships?

That was the question discussed on May 3rd at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center as a large crowd gathered to organize support for Milwaukee's proposed Domestic Partnership Registry Ordinance. Those gathered represented our community in all its diversity, from every corner of the city and from all of the more than ten varied civil rights, civic and neighborhood organizations sponsoring the Registry Ordinance. Non-gays committed to civil rights were also there in force: representatives from Milwaukee's Common Council; members of the clergy, the labor movement. While the crowd was varied, it answered the question of government recognition of same-sex couples in one voice: only if we each demand it will the Milwaukee Common Council pass the Registry.

At first glance, the Domestic Partnership Registry ordinance, sponsored by Ald. Mike D'Amato and co-sponsored by Ald. George Butler and Ald. Paul Henningsen, seems a modest effort. The ordinance, to be introduced on May 11, would allow a same sex couple to register as domestic partners with the City Clerk's office. The couple would sign a statement of their commitment to each other, show some proof of their relationship, such as a shared lease or checking account, pay a \$30 registration fee to cover filing costs, and receive a certificate of domestic partnership. But the registry would not compel the City or any business to treat same-sex couples fairly. There is no fiscal impact for the city and no new mandates for businesses.

So why are some extremists on Milwaukee's Common Council and the religious right mobilizing to kill the registry? Because the Domestic Partnership Registry exposes their lie — that gays and lesbians are destined to live desperate, lonely lives — that we are incapable of commitment. The Common Council has no problem when we pay our property taxes, fix up our homes, revitalize our neighborhoods, go to work, or even, these days, to take as many sex partners as we want. This same Common Council, after all, licenses more than 20 gay bars, to say nothing of straight strip joints and newly expanded gambling. It would be a strange message indeed if aldermen were to turn

around and refuse to allow same sex couples to register their commitment. In fact, if any alderman opposes this no-cost measure it could only be interpreted as mean-spirited.

The Domestic Partnership Registry explicitly recognizes that "allowing couples that are not able to marry to voluntarily declare their mutual commitment ... will benefit ... the city and its citizens."

It's a big turnaround for a Common Council that governs the city with a code of ordinances several hundred pages long that contains not a single reference to our relationships. But there are other benefits besides the breakthrough of public recognition. Private businesses will be encouraged to voluntarily adopt domestic partnership policies like bereavement leave and health insurance for their employees and couple discounts for their customers because for the first time there is an independent and verifiable definition of domestic partnership. A company could adopt domestic partner health coverage, for example, requesting that an employee show the city's certificate of domestic partnership as proof that the employee's partner was indeed a partner and not his frat buddy. Young lesbians and gays will know that it is possible to find a life partner if they choose.

Our community is supporting the Domestic Partnership Registry with an enthusiasm and unity seldom seen. But the antigay element is mobilizing. Will we? We can start by calling our alderperson immediately at (414) 286-2221. Be polite in your support for the Domestic Partnership Registry and be sure to leave your name and address. The receptionist can help you identify who your alderperson is. There is one man who holds more power over the future of the Registry than any other — Ald. John Kalwitz. As Council President, he has the power to set agendas and send the Registry to a friendly or hostile committee. Ald. Kalwitz has supported our community's issues in the past, such as increased AIDS funding. But he also opposed a very different domestic partnership ordinance in 1997. He needs to hear from every Milwaukeean who supports same-sex relationships, especially those in his northwest side district. Ald. Kalwitz can be reached at (414) 286-2221. Call now.

The battle for domestic partnership will be over in weeks and will be won by whichever side strikes fastest. When the dust settles, may it reveal that one more vestige of antigay discrimination is defeated. ▼

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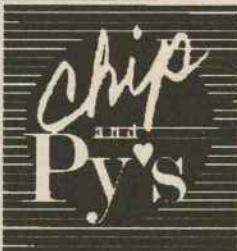
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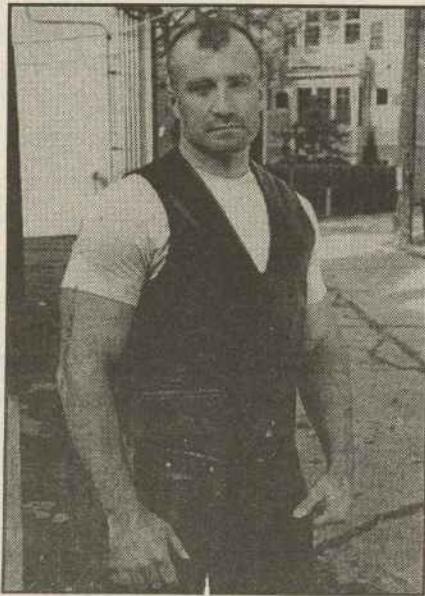
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We Are Family

by Ed Grover

May is "Older Americans Month," and SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) is celebrating this event by bringing an exhibit of photographs called Village Elders to the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. The exhibit will be there from May 1 through May 15. SAGE/Milwaukee will be holding a reception with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres at the Center on Saturday, May 8 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Village Elders (as in New York's Greenwich Village) is a traveling exhibition of black-and-white photographs accompanied by the words of the elders in the Big Apple's gay and lesbian community. The photographs and accompanying text are the work of photojournalist Penny Coleman, who created the exhibit as part of The Heritage Project for SAGE/New York.

Coleman explained, "The collection of faces and oral histories I have gathered form a collage of exquisite and intimate details of what it was like 'back then,' and how it is today for those who lived through the social revolutions of the 20th Century. The largely uncharted history that emerges constitutes a sort of family album for a community that does not, for the most part, pass on its heritage through ties of blood."

Eldon Murray, founding member and Chair of the Board of SAGE/Milwaukee, became aware of the availability of the exhibition when he attended SAGE's 20th Anniversary Celebration in New York City in 1998. He immediately made arrangements to bring this exhibit to Milwaukee. After being on view at the Center for two weeks, the exhibit will spend a week each at the Milwaukee County Department on Aging and the Washington Park Senior Center before it returns to New York City. Those unable to get to the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center can see more of the exhibition via the Internet at www.sageusa.org.

Back in the days when *Q•Voice* stood on its own, I did a whole issue related to gay and lesbian aging called *Old Gays: Facing Ageism & Invisibility in the Gay Community*. As I paged through that October 1996 issue, the first thing I spotted was a guest editorial called "The Graying of Gay America." It was by Eldon, and in his editorial he speaks out about mentoring gay and lesbian youth. He wrote: "...gays and lesbians must adapt to the subtleties of life when swimming out of the mainstream. An older person with more experience can teach you the strokes." I hope the some of the younger people in our community have taken advantage of this advice.

I asked my friend Shevy Healy, one of the founders of OLOC (Old Lesbians Organizing for Change) for a comment. Even though she and her partner Ruth, were up to their necks in plaster dust from a recent renovation, Shevy took the time to e-mailed me these comments:

"As a 77-year old--and proud--lesbian, I find it interesting that "Older Adults Month" is being celebrated. My sincere hope is that this time will not be used simply to extend ritualized and stereotyped "respect" for elders, but will begin the process of appreciating the value and place that old lesbians and gay men

have in our own community as well as in our country. This place is not simply one of relics of the past, or role models for younger people. Hopefully, old lesbians and gay men will be seen as equal and valuable contributors--and yes, leaders--of the current struggles we face today for social justice."

Arlene Kochman, MSW, CSW of CAIR (Center for AIDS Intervention Research) and a member of the Board of Directors of SAGE/Milwaukee also shared a few thoughts with me about older gay and lesbians and what they mean to our community. Recently, she said, "Like all seniors, gay and lesbian older adults face the myriad problems associated with aging. Among these are loss of income, loss of mobility, loss of friends and the fears of loss of autonomy, health problems, dealing with entitlements, housing, and becoming dependent on others"--not to mention invisibility in our own communities.

"In a youth oriented society such as ours, attractiveness and status are not assigned to aging. However, to be gay or lesbian--and older--adds an additional burden of social stigma. Gay and lesbian seniors of today have usually been closeted at work and often within the confines of their families. If they have come out within the family they have often been abandoned or discarded. The loss of gay and lesbian friends—often our families of choice—has been more devastating than the loss of our families of origin.

"The history of our seniors was not a happy one in our homophobic society. When they were young many [gay and lesbian people] experienced severe discrimination and were labeled "sick" by doctors, immoral by the clergy, unfit by the military, and a menace by the police. They carry these burdens with them. In today's society they have seen a growing change in acceptance of gays and lesbians, but not the change they often fought for when [they were] activists or hoped for when they watched from the sidelines. Today's society is still fraught with homophobia.

"Although there are so many more states that have laws that protect our civil rights, every year around election time there are referendums to repeal these rights and many states still have sodomy laws on their books. For many years the State of Wisconsin stood alone in recognizing the civil rights of gays and lesbians. The military is "don't ask, don't tell," and health insurance for domestic partners walks a tightrope, while there is an increase in gay bashing."

"Our gay and lesbian seniors are often still in the closet and afraid to access services, not knowing what they will encounter at the moment of disclosure. But with all of this, there is a pride in being gay and lesbian and having "survived." Our community of elders have been there before us, have struggled and fought, and have been productive members of society. They are our history. They are our role-models—we should thank and honor them and help them to be an integral part of the gay and lesbian community because they are *our family* and we are theirs."

We're all in this together. We're all a part of what makes things tick in the LGBT community and, as everyone has clearly said, "We Are Family!"

Quips & Quotes

tee this month, bans discrimination based
on sexual orientation in public schools.

Boob Alert!

"Like it's the first time you've seen my
boobs!"

—Gay comedian/singer/actress Lea
DeLaria to Rosie O'Donnell on Rosie's talk
show after Rosie mentioned seeing Lea per-

leave it at that. Although we may believe
that we are doing the right thing by not
rubbing our sexuality in their faces, ultimately we are doing them a terrible dis-
service because they need to understand
by getting involved with our lives."

—Chastity Bono, daughter of Sonny & Cher,
to Melbourne (Australia) Citysearch.

It's WAR!

"[The San Francisco Catholic Arch-
diocese] has been on something of a jihad
against gays and lesbians."

—Gay San Francisco Board of Supervisors
President Tom Ammiano on the
Archdiocese's failed attempts to force the
Board of Supervisors to ban the Sisters of
Perpetual Indulgence from holding their
20th anniversary party on Castro Street on
Easter Sunday, as quoted in the San
Francisco Chronicle.

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Kerr Smith

Rushing In

"We're definitely going to explore the
dating scene next year. But nothing this
year. I'm so glad that we're not rushing
into it, because it wouldn't be interesting."

—Kerr Smith who plays gay teen Jack
McPhee on TV's Dawson Creek, to TV Guide.

Really?

"Lou Sheldon is an idiot."

—Lesbian California Assemblymember and
former TV star Sheila James Kuehl after
anti-gay activist the Rev. Lou Sheldon said
her bill AB 222 "should be called AB 666."
The measure, which passed out of commit-

The Mind of Hate

"[A]ll of the sudden he said he was gay
and wanted a piece of me. While he was
'comming [sic] out of the closet' he
grabbed my nuts and licked my ear! Being
a verry [sic] drunk homofobic [sic] I
flipped out and began to pistol whip the
fag with my gun, ready at hand."

—Aaron McKinney, one of the men
charged with the murder of Matthew
Shepard, in an undated letter allegedly writ-
ten from his jail cell to the wife of a fellow
inmate.

Chasity on Coming Out

"What ... tends to happen is that once
we come out to our parents, we quickly



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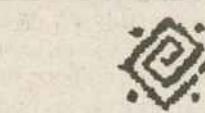
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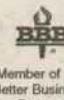
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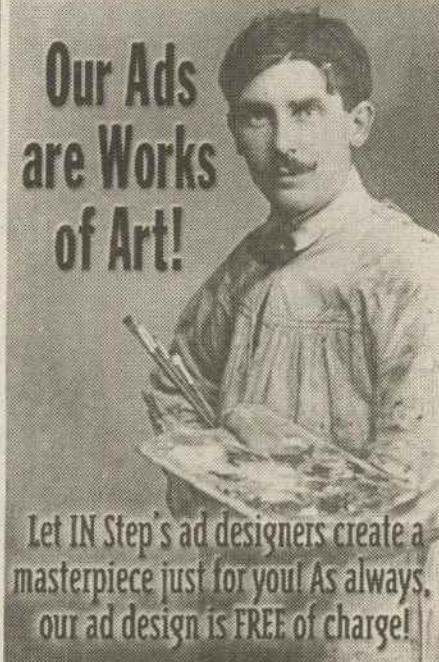
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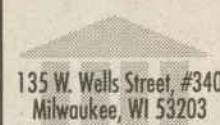
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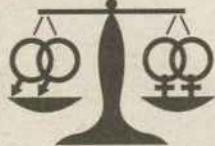
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Piano Competition Highlights Liberace's Birthday Celebration

The Liberace Museum will celebrate **Liberace's** 80th birthday with a series of special events that include the seventh annual Liberace *Play-A-Like Piano Competition*. The competition will have two divisions: Amateur/Non-professional and Advanced/Professional. The Amateur Non-professional division will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., followed by the Advanced/Professional division beginning at 1:30 p.m. Will Collins, professional Liberace impersonator, will serve as master of ceremonies for the competition.

Contestants will be judged on playing technique, showmanship and costume by a celebrity panel. The contestant with the

highest score in each of the two divisions will be awarded the Liberace Crystal Piano trophy. The competition will take place at Caluccio's, Liberace's former restaurant, in the Liberace Plaza shopping center.

On Saturday evening, May 15, the Liberace Museum and the Liberace Fan Club will co-host a Liberace Birthday Eve Dinner and a private tour of Liberace's Las Vegas Villa mansion. Liberace scholars and the two Competition winners will provide entertainment for the evening. Winners of the competition are invited to perform at the Liberace Museum Gallery on Liberace's birthday, Sunday, May 16, 1999 following the cutting of a giant piano-shaped birthday cake at 10 a.m.

For Liberace *Play-A-Like* rules and entry forms, please contact Shirley Axler at (702) 798-5595, ext. 20, e-mail info@liberace.org, or write the Liberace *Play-A-Like* Competition, c/o The Liberace Museum, 1775 E. Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89119-6529.

Michael Moore Drives A Sodomobile

Filmmaker **Michael Moore** has returned to television! Thanks to collaboration between the U.K.'s Channel 4 and Bravo, the auteur of *Roger & Me*, *The Big One*, and Fox's *TV Nation* premiered a weekly television series, *The Awful Truth*, last month.

Moore introduced his April 18 show, by saying that "Gay rights are the last frontier for human rights" — noting that sodomy laws remain on the books in twenty states. Moore proceeded to screen

a segment in which he was shown driving across the country in the Sodomobile, a pink Winnebago, complete with a dozen lesbians and gay men, stopping in those states where sodomy is criminal. These freedom riders roadtripped across America, and in the process confronted the Rev. **Fred Phelps** and his flock on his home turf, Topeka, Kansas, and then later ambushed them again in Kansas City.

When Moore discovered that Senate Majority Leader **Trent Lott** had been a cheerleader in college, the Sodomobile made its way to his family estate in Pascagoula, Mississippi, where, outfitted in varsity uniforms with the letter "G" and pom-poms, they cheered until they were ejected from his property. This was the first in an ongoing series of pieces to be produced on the adventures of the Sodomobile.

Gift Company 'Bears' Down Against Disease

Bear Essentials Inc. has announced the release of a new member to its growing family of teddy bears. The **Aware Bear** a fifteen-inch in height fully jointed teddy bear characterized by wearing the now familiar red AIDS ribbon on its chest. This bear retails for \$35.95 and Bear Essentials plans to donate \$10 for each teddy bear sold to the Just Kids Foundation, a charity with the goal of getting medicines designed to ease the suffering of children with HIV.

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DeGeneres, Stone to Produce Homo Show

HBO has landed **Sharon Stone** and **Ellen DeGeneres** to star in and executive produce *If These Walls Could Talk 2*, a trilogy about the lesbian experience in America.

The first "Walls," which featured three stories about abortion, bagged the highest rating ever for an original HBO movie when it premiered on HBO in October 1996.

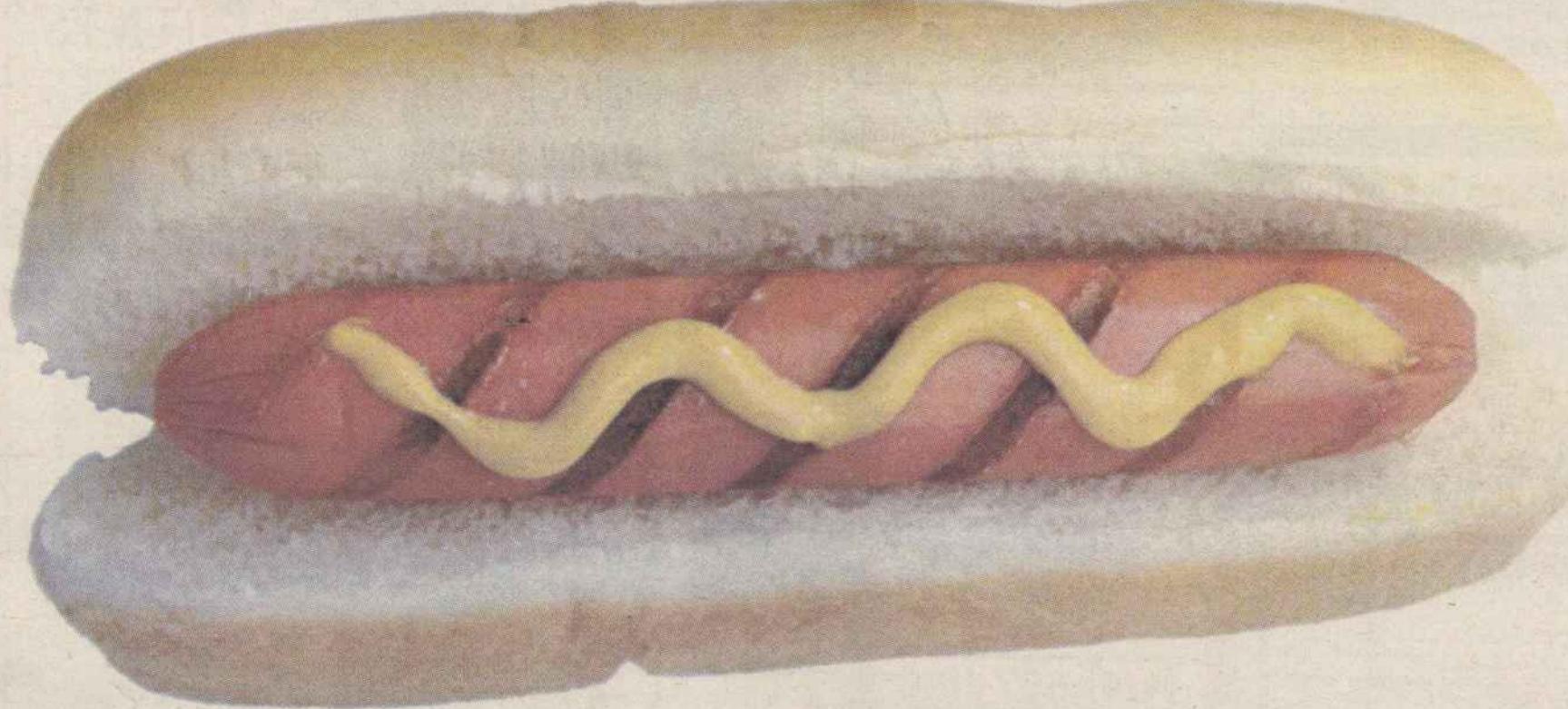
Other talent signed up for "Walls 2" includes (surprise, surprise) **Anne Heche**, who starred in the original "Walls," as a writer and director; **Jane Anderson**, writer and director; **Sylvia Sichel**, director; and **Alex Sichel**, writer. Shooting will begin May 28 in Los Angeles.

Stone and DeGeneres will appear in one of the three stories of "Walls 2." Entitled "Miss Conception," this segment will take a humorous look at a modern day lesbian couple's experience conceiving a child. Heche will write and direct.

The other two segments have yet to be cast. Written by the sister team of Sylvia and Alex Sichel (writer and director, respectively, of *All Over Me*), "Women Only" will be set against the emerging women's movement.

The third segment, "The Widow," will concern an older woman in the early 1960s who loses her lifelong companion and learns that their bond was not recognized by her family or society. Anderson will write and direct.

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Windfall Theater Presents Ibsen's "Hedda Gabler"

The Windfall Theater presents Henrik Ibsen's scandalous classic *Hedda Gabler* for an eight show run, opening May 7 at 8 p.m. at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Ave. This is one of Ibsen's most frequently revisited and popular works, while remaining his most enigmatic puzzle. *Hedda Gabler*: Villain? Vixen? Victim? Written in 1890, *Hedda Gabler* was ahead of its time and so was Ibsen.

The production features Milwaukee actors including Larry Birkett, Bill Finn, Bob Hirschi, Carol Hirschi, Jennifer LaPorte, Michele Waide and Elaine Wyler. Carol Zippel directs the production. Ticket prices are \$10 for all performances and may be reserved by calling (414) 332-3963.

Late Night Theater X Has "Safe Sex"

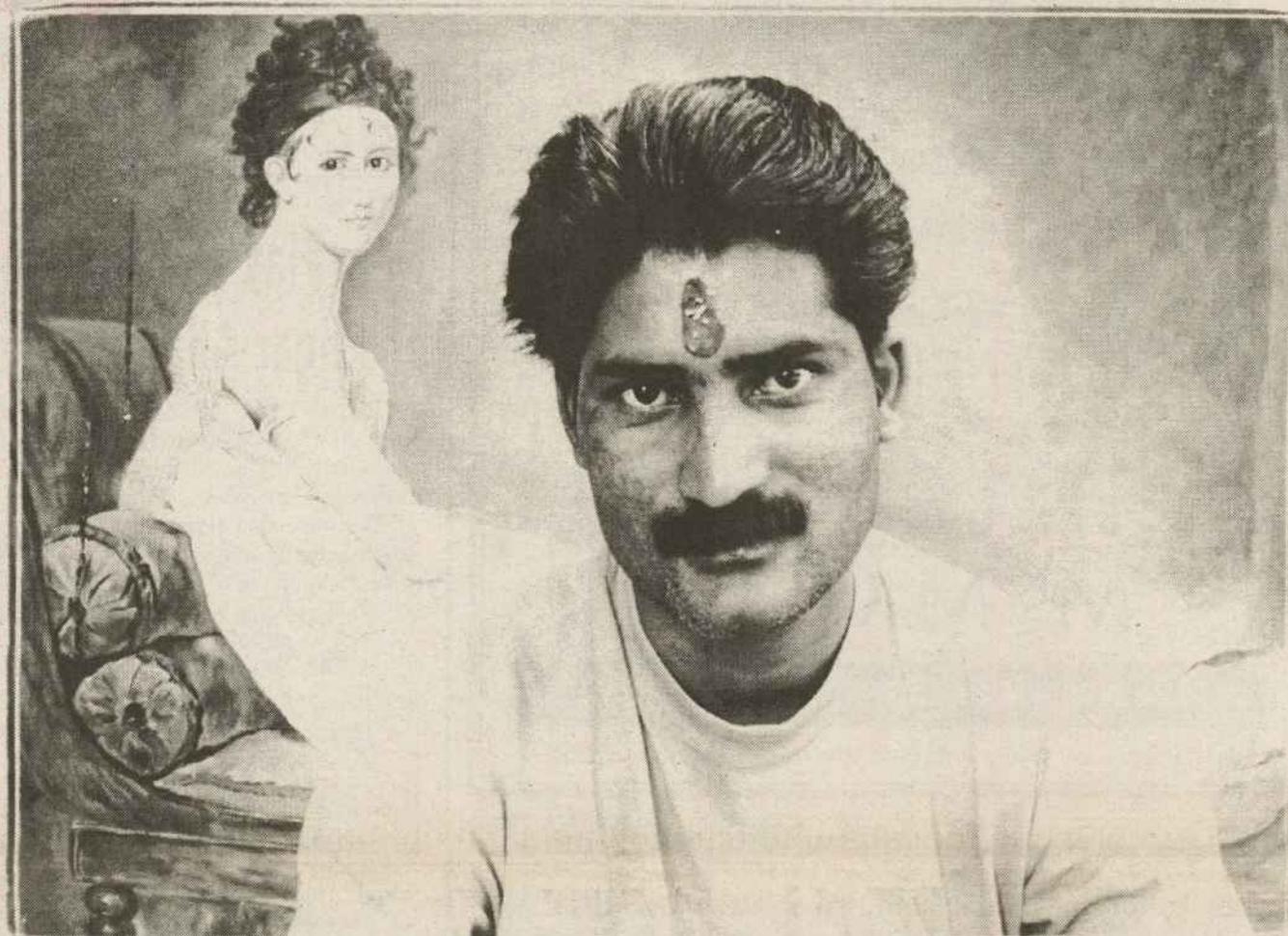
Late Night Theater X is proud to present a play by Tony Award-winning actor and writer of "La Cage Aux Folles," Harvey Fierstein. *Safe Sex*, a comic argument between two male lovers is a powerful play, speaking to and for an audience which is often more afraid of intimacy than they are interested in finding it.

Come and watch a great piece of theater, with dialogue and staging which can be appreciated by anyone who has been in love. Tickets are \$12. The production runs from May 14 through May 28. For more information, curtain times or to reserve tickets, call (414) 291-7800.

Farrell Show at Chosy Gallery

The Grace Chosy Gallery, 1825 Monroe St., will present a One-Man Show of works by Wisconsin artist Patrick Farrell from May 14 through June 6, 1999. This solo exhibition will feature new still-life and landscape oil paintings, hand-colored stone lithographs, and a suite of hand-touched "altered mixed-media" works on paper.

The exhibit opens with a reception on Friday, May 14 in conjunction with Madison's evening Gallery Walk. Farrell will be at the gallery to greet visitors from 5 to 8 p.m. For a preview of new paintings from the exhibition and a map and directions to the gallery, visit Farrell's Web site at www.patrickfarrell-studio.com. For more information call The Grace Chosy Gallery at (608) 255-1211.



Goodbye Jetu

The term "culture shock" is often used to describe the experience of western tourists confronted with the idiosyncrasies of Asia. For Richard Waswo, his return to India was a mixture of adventure, erotic titillation, and cultural confusion.

Story and photo by Waswo

Jetu holds a sharp knife, slicing a mango with slow, deliberate, skill. I have come to totally trust this man. I depend on him. If I seek to do something independently, I must first get his approval. If Jetu says it is "no good," I accept that judgement. I sit cross-legged on his bed, staring into dark eyes. With strong dark fingers, he is placing mango and sweet, syrupy balls of white candy into my mouth. The rossogollas are egg-shaped, and strangely reminiscent of testicles.

A woman and three children are watching outside the doorway. Jetu has already introduced me to his family, but now, with a few firm Hindi words, he sends the children scurrying. Jetu's wife bows, exits, and returns with chapati and Kingfisher. The wafer-thin bread and cool beer are served on a platter of tin. She exits, throwing a curious backward glance over a sari-draped shoulder.

"Accha?" Jetu asks as I drink from the glass he has pressed against my lips. "Accha," I reply, mimicking the Hindi word for "good." It's one of the few words Jetu has taught me that I remember and pronounce correctly. I smile and repeat the magical sentence with which we have bonded. "Jetu accha dost, Ali burra!" Jetu rubs my head. Our private joke has lost its humor but retains a glow of camaraderie.

There was hesitancy in accepting Jetu's invitation to this

farewell dinner. Its not just that he wanted to kill a goat in my honor (an offer I made clear would not please me) but our past week traveling through Rajasthan had been so special that I was fearful one more day might somehow ruin the memories. Perhaps there would be a last minute demand for money on Jetu's part, or worse, an embarrassingly inept sexual advance of my own. But now, sitting on the wood-block print of the bed sheet, under the shrine to Krishna, all hesitation has evaporated in a haze of languid incense.

"Ali burra!" Jetu is once again intoning, "He does not even live with his wife! All he wants is tourist women! Ali is bad!"

Ah yes. Didn't I know? But wasn't it fun while it lasted? I can still picture Ali motoring me through the crazy streets of Jaipur. From the back of his motorized rickshaw I could admire his wide shoulders and see his luscious face teasing me in the rear-view mirror. Back then, I trusted him.

There was the morning Ali's rickshaw ran out of gas. I remember him shaking the entire contraption (me still inside) trying to jostle the last few drops of petrol into the engine. I was amazed at the strength of this twenty-two year old. As we limped toward a gas station I studied the thick blue veins of his forearms, the massive grasp of his hands, his muscular thighs. He caught me doing this, recognized my embarrassment, and laughed a knowing laugh. His teeth, as always, a perfect white.

Then there was the day of the Elephant Festival. Ali and I struggling to repair a broken transmission cable while high atop a hill outside of Jaipur. Our hands and chests becoming smeared with sweat and thick black grease. We eventually coasted the rickshaw downhill, hoping the brakes, too, would not break. At the side of the lake we continued our repairs. A procession of brightly painted pachyderms plodded by. The young elephant boys jeered and laughed from the towering safety of their mammoth beasts. But, even with his stupid, decrepit, machine, I was still proud to be with Ali.

Holi came, and, despite neither of us being Hindu, we took

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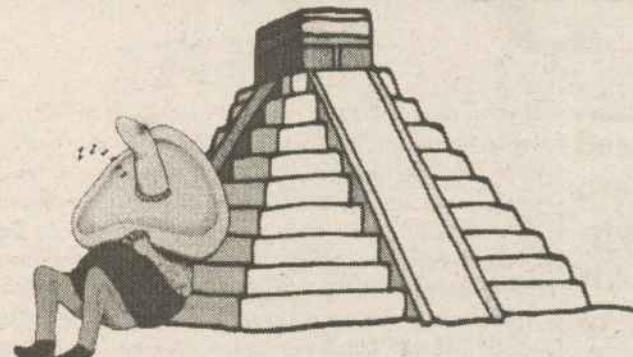
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Skylight Concludes Season with 'The World Goes 'Round'

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They also wrote the music for the films "New York, New York" and "Funny Lady" and have two revues based on their work, one of which is *The World Goes 'Round*.

The production spotlights songs from their Broadway, film and television careers. The songs, however, are not simply strung together as they are in so many reviews. This is a full-theatrical production and a well-established musical. It opened off-Broadway in 1991 and won three Outer Critics Awards and three Drama Desk Awards.

Pam Kriger directs and choreographs this production. Skylight's Resident Music Director, Janne Johns, conducts the orchestra. Rick Rasmussen designed the sets, Jeffrey Olson designed the costumes and Thomas C. Hase designed the lighting. Tony Clemens, Tari Kelly, Kay Stiefel, Carolynne Warren and Branch Woodman make up the exceptional cast.

The production runs from May 14 through 30 in the Cabot Theater in the Broadway Theater Center. Tickets are available at the Box Office and range in price from \$5 to \$44 (tax included). There are discounts available for seniors, students and groups of 10 or more. For more information please call (414) 291-7800.

New Play to Examine the Life of Edgar Allan Poe

Theater X and The Milwaukee Mask & Puppet Theater will present the world premiere of *Loss of Breath: The Unfinished Life And Death Of Edgar Allan Poe*, opening May 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theater of the Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway. The production runs through May 30, 1999.

The production incorporates the terrifying tales of Poe with the story of his life. Simultaneously funny and terrifying, *Loss of Breath* maintains Poe's standard of creating terror while reminding us of his macabre sense of humor. Actor and over 100 real, live puppets perform together to add a surrealistic element to the story of an already surreal life.

The first act is devoted to Poe's life, in particular his relationship with both his mother and wife. The second act focuses on Poe's death when an admirer seeks him out in his after-life. Stories and poems which are contained in this evening are "Loss of Breath" "Eleanora," "Premature Burial," "The Conquering Worm," "Annabell Lee" and many others. The puppets range from 8 inches to a twenty-foot conquering worm.

The playwright is Wes Savick, former artistic director of Theater X. Savick and Max Samson co-direct. Original music and sound is by well-known orchestra leader Ernie Busibardis. David Oldberg is the production stage manager and properties master. Set design is by Natsu Onada, lighting is by R. H. Graham, and costumes are by Kelly Fitzpatrick. The production Director is Michael Ramach.

Cast members are Flora Coker, Marcie Hoffman, John Kishline and John Schneider. Guest artists include Mike Petit, Mark McKillip, David Malakar and Claire Morkin. Two acting interns from Marquette, Valerie Lynn Martin and Lisa Rodriguez, complete the cast.

Tickets range in price from \$16 to \$18. Thursday evenings are "Pay What You Can," (\$5 suggested donation. With tickets available only at the door). You may, however, purchase reserved tickets for \$16. Senior, student and group discounts are available. For more information, please call (414) 291-7800.

Weekend to Celebrate Wright's Heritage

Brochures are now available for *Wright and Like: Milwaukee Tour*, scheduled in Milwaukee on June 4 and 5. The weekend celebrates the heritage of Frank Lloyd Wright in Wisconsin and includes two special events and a day of interior tours in nine architecturally significant homes rarely open to the public. The events, sponsored by the Frank Lloyd Wright Wisconsin Heritage Tourism Program, honor the birthday of Frank Lloyd Wright (June 8) and celebrate Milwaukee's diverse architectural heritage.

On June 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Milwaukee Art Museum, curator Terry Marvel will present information and display materials from the Prairie Archives Collection, and provide an update on the museum's addition designed by Santiago Calatrava. Following a catered lunch in the Eero Saarinen-designed War Memorial Hall, Professor Michael Utzinger, chair of the Department of Architecture at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Architecture and Urban Planning, will present a talk. After lunch participants will go by coach to the Wright-designed Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church for guided tours. Tickets may be purchased in advance.

From 6 to 8 p.m., June 4, a gala

reception will be held at the Frederick C. Bogk House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1916. A limited number of advance ticket holders will be welcomed to the meticulously maintained home for wine, hors d'oeuvres and an intimate viewing of original Wright furnishings.

On June 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., nine private homes designed by architects Frank Lloyd Wright (Joseph Mollica House and Arthur Richards Apartments), John Randal McDonald, A.A. Tannenbaum and Russell Barr Williamson will be open for tours. Tickets should be purchased in advance but will be available on the day of the event at temporary headquarters at the UWM School of Architecture and Urban Planning, 2131 E. Hartford Ave. This self-drive event may be started at any site.

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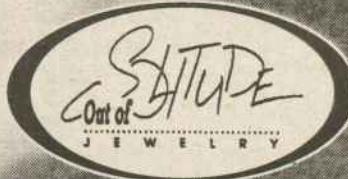
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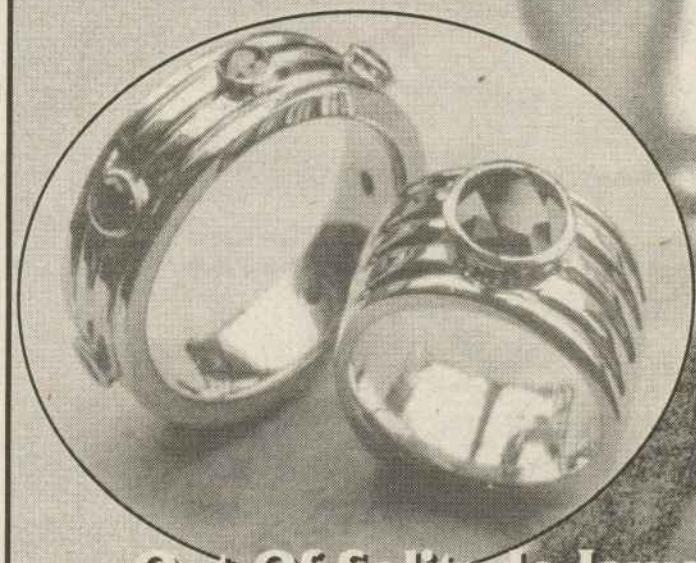


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Goodbye Jetu, Continued from page 13

to the streets. We celebrated the festival of Krishna like the rest of India: indulging a wild plummet back to childhood. We filled plastic guns with colored water, and anything that moved became our target. People, goats, monkeys and cows were soon splattered red and green. Strangers dumped bags of pigment directly over our heads, the colors raining down in vaporous clouds. Like everyone else we became unrecognizable. Horns and drums sounded indiscriminately from temples, stores, and schools. The dizzying dance of Holi climaxed.

Near the end of this mad reverie, Ali smeared his chest with colored ointment. Then mine. The red, black and silver grease mingled with powders already softening our bodies. His fingers caressed my nipples. Ali sat in my lap. He whispered in my ear. We embraced. Our lust smeared sharply delineated colors into murky confusion.

Jetu's wife has reappeared with a small platter of samosas. I'm pouring tomato sauce on one of them. Jetu gives more paternal commands, and pours another beer. At thirty-two, he is nearly a decade older than Ali. If Jetu hadn't been Hindu, I might have thought him Ali's older, stronger, and wiser brother. Or even his "cousin".

That, after all, had been Ali's story. The day after Holi, Ali begged to take me on a tour of Rajasthan. He told me he could borrow his cousin's car. I knew it would be cheaper to continue my journey by rail, but the thought of having Ali as my personal guide was just too tempting. Fantasies of balmy nights wrapped in Ali's thick arms muscled in on clear-headed logic. Though the price was steep, I consented. Just like any other enamored, gullible, tourist.

Ali does not even live with his wife. He is only interested in tourist women. And people he can cheat for money. Ali burra."

The truth of those words rings loudly. The day I departed Jaipur he had arrived at my hotel in a large white Ambassador taxi. How eager I was to be whisked away by my Muslim boy! But how equally quick I was disillusioned!

Ali was not coming with me. Ali's supposed "cousin", Jetu, appeared from out of nowhere to become my chauffeur. Locked in the back seat, I could only watch my fantasies evaporate. The particulars of what transpired in a few seconds became painfully clear.

Ali had tricked me. He was not driving me, but was taking a hefty commission for arranging a standard private driver. It would cost me 1500 rupees per day to rent this Ambassador taxi, nearly twice the usual amount. A sad sinking feeling churned in my stomach. I faced fate with bitter resolve.

That first encounter with Jetu wasn't easy. I distrusted him. After all, wasn't he part of the con game? Our ride to Pushkar was a volatile mixture of wounded feelings, anger, and silence. But I couldn't keep my eyes off his handsome face. He won me over. There was a simple honesty in his eyes that spoke of a deeper moral integrity. On the streets of Pushkar he bartered with street vendors to get me the lowest possible price. He did so with a mixture of pride and compassion. I knew at once that I was a younger sibling who desperately needed instruction.

It was in Jodhpur that we truly bonded.

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ed. A shared bottle of beer on the rooftop of our hotel, a smoke, and then another beer. He was impressed with the way I was attempting to learn Hindi, my respectful dealings with villagers, and my lack of complaints. Jetu had no love for Ali, a point he reiterated several times. He scolded me for being so gullible. "Tourists are good people and should not be cheated", he said with a sad shake of his head. It was obvious Jetu was my "dost" — a friend who would not let me down. We grasped hands and suspicions fell away.

The week with my private driver passed as in a dream. Long comfortable rides across the dry landscape of Rajasthan were punctuated with the occasional visits to a temple or a fort. A peacock darted swiftly across the road. In the morning village women filled their pots at the local wells. The days became an unending procession of camels, monkeys, bullocks, and goats. Jetu and I grew close; drinking together became a nightly ritual. I took to rubbing his back after long drives. Jetu bought rossogollas, and placed the sweets directly on my tongue.

In Jaisalmer we rented camels from the local Muslim boys, riding in the desert's undulating dunes to watch the setting sun. In Bikaner we stretched on a bed, under a thatched roof, feeding each other vegetarian Thali with fingers that seemed eager to explore each other's mouths. More beer. A whiff of ganja. At Deshnok we visited the Temple to the Rat, lying on straw mats, half naked, letting the rodents crawl over our bodies. What strange, strange exoticism India holds behind her silken veils!

But Jetu was no Ali. There was a line I knew I dare not cross. Jetu was at heart a family man, not some rickshaw riding hustler.

We have left Jetu's house and he is taking me by the hand. He gently guides me through the streets of the neighborhood. It is so nice to be in a country where men can hold hands in public. Jetu grips me firmly as he introduces me to his friends and relatives. We walk to a restaurant where billowing smoke hovers over a glowing tandoori oven. The paprika-red chicken is brought back to the house. We once again sit cross-legged on the bed. Jetu's wife brings more beer.

When I first came to India, in the fall of 1993, I was honest. I told people I was single. But in a land of arranged marriages, my unmarried state created a never-ending barrage of questioning and suspicion. This time I thought I would be smart. I lied. I told people I was divorced. But the mistake was apparent. To be divorced brought even more intolerance than being single. Being single was thought to be sad and strange. Being divorced held the tinge of evil.

The lies had become so complicated. As I pick the chicken down to the bone, I wonder just how all of my lies have held together. Does Jetu really believe I have a wife named Mary? A daughter Celeste? What a transparent and pathetic joke! Jetu's rigorous honesty has put me to shame. Here, being treated in his house, being fed a meal his family can ill afford, the guilt of my duplicity overwhelms me.

I confess. I tell Jetu I am a single man. Do I dare continue? Do I dare tell him I am homosexual? Would he, could he, understand?

As if sensing what I am to say, Jetu reaches over and cups his hands over mine. He stares deeply into my eyes. "I understand," is all he says. He repeats and holds my hands tighter. "Your country is much different than mine. It is hard for us to understand. But I understand."

There are tears in my eyes now. I blurt out, "India is so different. It is sometimes hard for me to understand. When I am here, I do not know what is right and wrong. I do not know how to behave. I sometimes feel I know nothing at all."

Jetu lets go of my hands, points to his chest, and gently mouths "Jetu accha dost". Yes, that is certainly true. Jetu is a good friend. He ruffles my hair with one hand, grasps the back of my neck, and pops a rossogolla into my mouth. ▀

Poet's Lives

Reviews by Ed Grover

The *Outlines* series explores and portrays the various and often unexpected ways in which homosexuality has enlightened the life and creative work of some of the important gay and lesbian artists, writers, singers, dancers, composers and actors of our time. *IN Step* has previously reviewed books on the lives of composer Benjamin Britten, Artist David Hockney, and Blues singer Bessie Smith. Here are two new books on poets Michael Field and Arthur Rimbaud.

WE ARE MICHAEL FIELD

by Emma Donoghue

Their friends referred to them as the "Michaels" or "the" Michael Fields. They began as aunt and niece, and were in actuality two Irish lesbians who lived and wrote



Katherine Bradley and Edith Cooper, The 'Michael Fields'

as poets and lovers for more than a quarter of a century under the pseudonym of *Michael Field*. When author Emma Donoghue came across the poetry of Katherine Bradley and Edith Cooper, she said she was "staggered by its lyricism and erotic power." This book is based on the unpublished diaries the two women shared.

Katherine, the spinster aunt took in her 16-year old niece after Edith's mother died of cancer. Cancer ran in the family and it eventually got them all. Edith died in Katherine's arms even while Katherine was dying of the breast cancer for which she refused to have an operation. She would not have Edith — so why live?

A striking number of Victorian women had female partners, and Donoghue says, "We cannot tell how many of them were lovers in a physical sense; what we do know is that their devoted partnerships were socially acceptable." Katherine and Edith were not considered by many to have a sexual relationship, but contrary to that opinion they were very much physical lovers. "Edith never used words like 'Invert' or 'lesbian'.

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... which described women who loved women." Donoghue says, "At a time when many gay and lesbian activists are clamoring for the right to legal marriage, it is worth remembering that same-sex lovers have been forming lifelong partnerships for centuries without any need of state or religious sanction."

These two women who poetically referred to their relationship as "we are greater married," lived in a paradoxical world of inherited wealth and terrible illness, silly nicknames and religious crises. They were snobbish and arrogant eccentrics who faced bereavement and death with courage, and never lost their appetite for life or their passion for one another. They also went from Episcopalian to Agnostic to Roman Catholic, preferred men to women, and saved their greatest devotion for their dog, Wymm Chow.

Bradley and Cooper were two serious poets who were respected by their peers of the 1880s and 90s. They have almost been completely forgotten a hundred years later. It seems that the only current references one can find about them are found in biographies of one of their famous male friends, such as John Ruskin, Robert Browning, or

Oscar Wilde, where they were characterized as "pathetic literary hangers-on." Donoghue says, "...the prejudices against women writers (especially collaborators, spinsters and lesbians) that dogged their career still lingers on." (Absolute Press, ISBN: 1-899791-66-3, PB \$9.95)

ARTHUR RIMBAUD

by Benjamin Ivry

"This compelling *Outline* is the first study of the French poet Arthur Rimbaud's sexuality in relation to his life, work and posterity." According to the author, Rimbaud wrote all his great poetry between the ages of fifteen and twenty. He was a rebel, an outlaw and a consummate manipulator who used poet Paul Verlaine, a physically unattractive alcoholic and bisexual, for what he could get. He was quite good looking with piercing two-toned blue eyes, and has become a gay icon because of his outrageously "out" behavior with Verlaine.

Ivry's book offers "a compact introduction to "Rimbaud's life and achievement, and does so in the context of his love affair



Arthur Rimbaud

with Verlaine, a romance that has been the subject of many plays and novels" — and now a movie. I forced myself to watch a re-run of *Total Eclipse* on TV. Maybe it was my thorough dislike for Leonardo de Caprio, because watching the movie didn't improve my liking for Rimbaud. This, for me, was by far the least interesting of the two books. (Absolute Press, ISBN 1-899791-71-X, PB \$9.95).

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May 6 through May 19, 1999

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, May 6

Madison PRIDE - Planning Meeting (Madison, WI): Madison Pride is on the third weekend in July of 1999. The FIRST MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE is at 5:30 p.m. at Fyfe's Corner Bistro on East Washington Ave.

Friday, May 7

LAMM - Softball Game (Milwaukee): The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee is playing games at WICK FIELD. If you want to play, contact Monica at (414) 860-1829.

LGBT Community Center - Men's Discussion Group (Milwaukee): The group will meet in the small meeting room at 6:30 p.m. There will be a discussion, and a short film called TREVOR will be shown. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, May 8

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dance (Madison, WI): OPEN DANCING from 8 p.m. to closing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. at the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

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

LGBT Community Center - Volunteer Orientation (Milwaukee): VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION will take place at the Center from 10 a.m. to noon. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Older Americans Photo Exhibit (Milwaukee): There will be an opening reception of THE VILLAGE ELTERS from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Center, 170 S 2nd St. This exhibit of older LGBT citizens will be at the Center through May 15. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

SSBL - Opening Game (Milwaukee) The Saturday SoftBall League plays their OPENING GAME at Sijan Field, located at KK and California Street. The game starts at 11 a.m. FMI call (414) 454-9204.

Tuesday, May 11

Spring H.I.T. Bowling League - Organizational Meeting (Milwaukee): Join H.I.T. for more information and 3 free games of bowling (courtesy of LANDMARK LANES) at 7 p.m. The season starts May 18. FMI call Kim W. (414) 797-4835.

Wednesday, May 12

Alternative Business Assn. - General Meeting & Speaker (Milwaukee): ALDERMAN PAUL A. HENNINGSEN will speak at the meeting to be held at the M&M Club at 7 p.m. FMI call the ABA Hotline at (414) 299-9271.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dance (Madison, WI): Ron will teach ADVANCED LINE DANCE at 7 p.m. Dee M. will teach FOLK DANCE at 8 p.m. Open dancing to closing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. at the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

Sunday, May 16 Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club - Team Tennis (Milwaukee): Open to men and women at all levels of play. The season runs through Aug. 29. The cost for the league will be \$15 and includes all court fees and reservations for the year. FMI call Gary Ozuna (414) 228-1975 or Bill Wardlow at Fluid Bar (414) 645-8330.

Tuesday, May 18

Spring H.I.T. Bowling League - Season Starter (Milwaukee): Join H.I.T. for ten weeks of BOWLING AT LANDMARK LANES every Tuesday at 7 p.m. \$8 per person per week includes games, banquet, trophies and fund-raiser for H.I.T. Tournament. FMI call Kim W. (414) 797-4835.

Wednesday, May 19

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dance (Madison, WI): Gary will teach Beginning TWO-STEP at 7 p.m. Walt or Bill H. will teach ADVANCED LINE DANCING at 8 p.m. Open dancing to closing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. at the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

C'est La Vie (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2, Beer Bust \$1, Tap beer 50¢.

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer Busts hosted each week by various groups.

Check your monthly planner. \$4.25 pitchers all night. Holding Cell opens at 6 p.m. Dominic DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Underwear Night! \$1 off all alcoholic beverages for those in their underwear. DJ Eddie.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mondays:

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

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

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed until March 1999.

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) 2-4-1 Happy Hour 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on all drinks \$3.50 and under. All other drinks are \$1 off. Customer Appreciation Day. Free tops of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only \$1. 9 p.m. tops 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 tops of Lite, rail & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

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

Dish (Milwaukee): Closed

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

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, \$5 pitchers.

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

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

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

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

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

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

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Karaoke Night! Pull tabs. Drinks as low as 25¢.

Dart leagues starting the 2nd week of January. Sign up now!

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

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

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

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

Man's Country (Chicago): 7-5-7. Special: Rooms and Lockers \$7 for 5 hours.

One For The Road

by Shelly Roberts

Now that I don't have to, I'd like to log a lament with the Lesbian Board of Standards about the Sorry State of Lesbian Singles. Or, as I've come to think of it, being a "Me-sbian."

I spent a year and a half, recently, as a "theoretical" lesbian. Monosexual. Solo. Me, myself, and a few friendly plug-in appliances.

It was by choice, and except for the days when I was tearing telephone books in half for increased upper body strength and outlet, it wasn't half bad. I learned to be self-reliant again. I made great friends I felt no inclination to sleep with. I ate whatever was in the refrigerator for dinner, which was sometimes a plate of cookies, and sometimes a box of broccoli, without once hearing the words, "Is THAT what you're eating?" as though self-evidence wasn't. All the bathroom mess was mine. And I cleaned it up regularly whenever I felt compulsive, or got tired of guessing about the color of the floor tiles. Nobody in my life took THAT tone about what time I quit working and went to bed. I paid for one ticket to the fundraiser, one meal, one guilt-free Godiva chocolate bar.

Oh, sure, Valentine's Day was lonely. But then again, I always knew who's fault it was if there wasn't any gas in the car. Ok, mine, but I almost never nagged me about it.

But single, well, it's a trip that is, as far as being lesbian is concerned, more of a stumble. It's the Rodney Dangerfield of Lesbianness. I would have registered my complaint sooner, but it seemed to me that if you do it while you're still a resident of that state, it sounds like whining.

Take lesbian dances. Please. Lesbian dances are a terrible place to meet single lesbians. They're a couplesfest. Duos come dressed to the nines to see if either can remember which one is supposed to lead. Whole gangs of women stand around trying to figure who in the rival gangs they can ask to dance, if they could ask in the first place, which they apparently can't. Single lesbians clump closely with best friends, making it impossible to tell them from the real couples.

Sometimes organizations try to help. They pass out Poor-Thing stickers. Oh, they don't call them that, but you can practically hear the twosomes tongues clucking. Ostensibly, these flypaper tags are designed to save some terrified soul from inadvertently asking the dojo owner's girlfriend to have coffee. In lesbian reality, they're all too often like sticking a loser label to your forehead, for all the sighing coming from the partnered parishioners.

Last year I was preparing a presentation to potential sponsors for this little world-wide millennium celebration party

I'm planning for a few hundred thousand of my closest friends. I found great images of respectable lesbians, and wholesome gay men to show funders what a desirable target market we are. Before I committed the program to the permanence of a CD, I requested feedback. The only surprise I got was from a single lesbian who pointed out, accurately, that all the pictures were Noah's animals, two-by-two. I realized then, of course, that if we're identified by who we partner with, then, obviously, when you aren't partnered, it must follow as the night the day, that we just have to turn in our membership cards. Can we say the word "Aha!" Boys and Girls?

D'ja ever notice when anyone announces her domestic partnership has logged double digits how loudly we all applaud? When's the last time you

applauded for someone revealing that she has been waltzing foot-loose since before the Ford Administration? Me either.

And well-meaning couples friends aren't much help either. How do they always find the singularly most inappropriate match possible? They also stop inviting you to intimate dinner parties for matched sets, or to white water rafting soirees, in fear your condition could be contagious.

I know wonderful single women who delight in their optional solitary. Many who've said, "Princess Charming or no one." Where is their honor? Where is our respect for their rugged individualism?

Now I don't want to tell you that I'm not thoroughly enjoying my return to full lesbian status. Or that I'm not thrilled pairing with someone who remembers

where I left my car keys. Don't think it isn't fabulous sharing space with someone willing to venture into the night with me, armed only with a loaded broom handle, to discover the cat at the window sill, and not a contingent of Klan paying a welcome call. This time I fully expect Willard Scott to congratulate us for accomplishing our hundredth anniversary. So I'm not signing up for singleness just yet. Especially given the reverence paid to our lesbian ones.

Should, however, something disastrous befall, and I become a one again, do me a favor, would you? Just shoot me. Maybe in heaven I'll find that lesbian singles can get some respect.

And, of course, if it truly is a heaven, I know they won't make me wear one of those silly stickers. ▼

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Fridays:

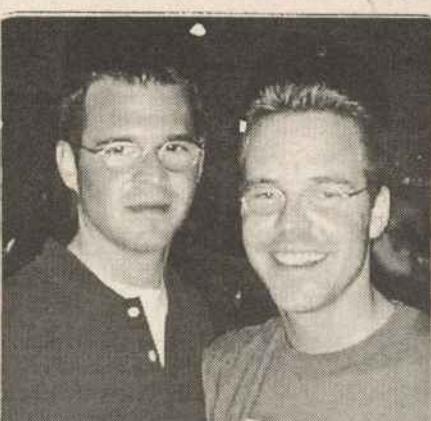
Barrocks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks. From 4 to 8 p.m. plus the Happy Hour wheel. Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Check your Monthly Planner. \$100 drawings. Holding 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'.



Jonah from behind. Photo by Chris @ La Cage



Hangin' OUT. Photo by Chris @ Triangle



Cuties of the Week. Photo by Chris @ La Cage



BIG smiles! Photo by Chris

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bunge. 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. 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): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2. The Ballgame (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 'til 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bone DJ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Man's Country (Chicago): Mole Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Mid-night. 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:

Thursday, May 6

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

Friday, May 7

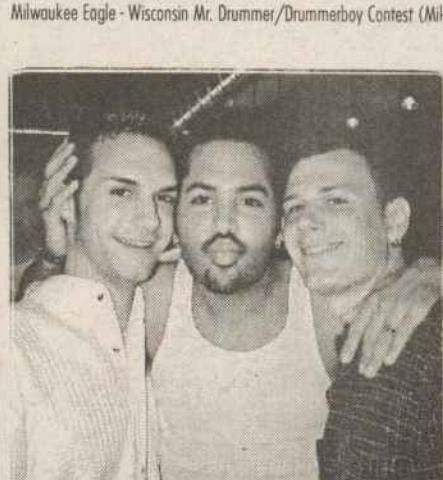
Milwaukee Eagle - Fetish Fridays (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 on mixed drinks from 8 to 10 p.m. Tonight it's Uniforms. Check your Eagle calendar for the latest information. Participating customers will receive 50¢ off all beverages from 10 p.m. to closing.

Saturday, May 8

1100 Club - Sheephead Tournament (Milwaukee): There is a tournament every second and fourth Saturday of the month at 3 p.m. There is a \$10 entry fee and cash prizes are given out.

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

Milwaukee Eagle - Wisconsin Mr. Drummer/Drummerboy Contest (Milwaukee):



Kiss me baby! Photo by Chris @ La Cage

waukee): The contest will begin at 9 p.m. Fund-raisers will be held for the Wisconsin Mr. Drummer/Drummerboy contest at various bars before the regional Great Lakes Mr. Drummer/Drummerboy '99 contest July 2 to 5th in Columbus Ohio.

Milwaukee Eagle - Club Night (Milwaukee): It's Oberon's Club Night.

Sunday, May 9

Milwaukee Eagle - Underwear Night (Milwaukee): Receive \$1 off all alcoholic drinks for those who SHOW 'EM'.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES, AND CLUBS:

Thursday, May 6

LGBT Community Center - The Book Club (Milwaukee): The Club is currently reading Jane Hamilton's THE SHORT HISTORY OF A PRINCE and will discuss the book at 7 p.m. at the Center. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Monday, May 10

Afterwords Bookstore - Reading Group (Milwaukee): the group will discuss THE MASCULINE MARINE: HOMOEROTICISM IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS, by Steve Zealand at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who is interested may join in. FMI call (414) 963-9089 or check the web site at www.afterwords.com.

Thursday, May 13

LGBT Community Center - LGBT Pink Ink Writers Group (Milwaukee): The group meets at the Center at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. FMI call Cindy at (414) 444-0258

Tuesday, May 18

The Third Tuesday GLBTQ Book Discussion Group (Madison, WI): Two books will be discussed: one a fiction novel and a non-fiction book that ties in with the fiction novel, Borders Book Store EAST at 7 p.m. FMI (608) 240-0080

COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

Thursday, May 6

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 - 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.

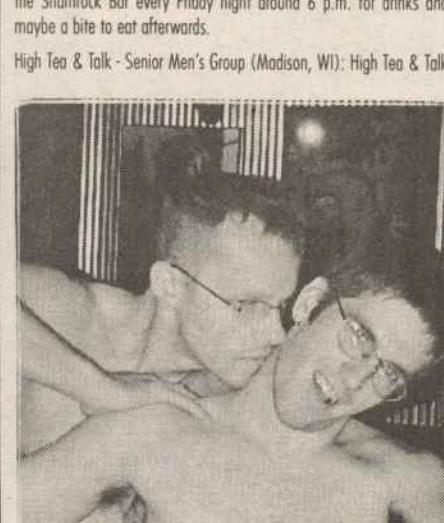
Unitarian Universalist Church - Lesbian Support/Discussion Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets weekly from 7 to 8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

Friday, May 7

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



Eeek! Vampire! Photo by Chris @ Triangle

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-T-F and F-T-M), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI (608) 255-4927.

Saturday, May 8

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 Party (Madison, WI): This monthly party for single men seeking long term relationships takes place at 7 p.m. There is a potluck, so bring something to pass. They will plan summer activities. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Gemini Gender Group - Meeting (Brookfield, WI): The group meets at 7 p.m. at the Universalist Unitarian West. FMI call (414) 297-9328.

Integrity/Dignity - Video Night & Potluck (Madison, WI): The evening begins at 6 p.m. at Rolf's home. Bring a dish to pass. There will be initial nominations for the 1999/2000 I/D Board. FMI call (608) 250-3020, or (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, May 9

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

groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI call Art at (414) 694-0115.

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

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

Tuesday, May 11

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.

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, May 12

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 Alton 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, May 13

IGLTA - 16TH Annual Convention (Minneapolis, MN): This four-day travel industry event for the INTERNATIONAL GAY & LESBIAN TRAVEL ASSN. will be held at the Regal Minneapolis Hotel. FMI call (954) 776-2626 or e-mail iglta@aol.com.

Saturday, May 15

Body Electric - Workshop (Chicago, IL): This two-day workshop for men will explore the connections between touch, physical pleasure and spiritual awareness. Scholarships are available for men with HIV/AIDS. FMI call (312) 819-1524.

Sunday, May 16

Integrity/Dignity - Religious (Madison, WI): I/D is invited to CALL TO ACTION gathering at St. Benedict Center, 4200 Hwy. M, Northeast of Middleton. There will be a half-hour social gathering at 2:30 p.m. prior to the meeting from 3 to 5 p.m. on peace, justice and church reform. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

PFLAG/Dane - Meeting (Madison, WI): SUMMING UP THE YEAR. Where are we now? Where are we going? Meets at 2 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 1704 Robert Court, just off Monroe Street, behind the Associated Bank.

Monday, May 17

Frontiers Gay Bi Men's Group - Man To Man Discussion Group (Madison, WI): The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson Street in the Gateway mini mall.

Tuesday, May 18

BI Definition - Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): The group meets at the LGBT Community Center 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 at 7 p.m.. FMI call Richard at (414) 645-0402.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Saturday, May 8

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Cinema Series (Milwaukee): A lesbian oriented movie, ORANGES ARE NOT THE ONLY FRUIT, will be shown at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, May 9

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

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

Monday, May 10

Frontiers Gay Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison, WI): FORTUNE AND MEN'S EYES shows at 7 p.m. at RJ & Jeff's. FMI: 274-5876.

WTTW, Channel 11 TV - In the Life (Chicago, IL): This televised LGBT journal will air at 11 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 4 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents Ed Anderson's Journal, GAY CABLE NETWORK'S HIGHLIGHTS in their covering of the 1996 Republican National Convention. Plus Runyon does his CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND PIECE, produced by WHA-TV about a million years ago. You'll never recognize him. There is a re-run on 5/12 at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 12

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents the UN's Frank Emspark, Ph.D., address the ISSUE OF LABOR IN THE FACE OF THE NEW MAI TREATY. Plus THE SISTERS OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE BOTH IN THEIR CHARITY WORK AND IN POKING FUN AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH'S ANTI-GAY POLICIES. There is a re-run from 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 13

KTCI, Channel 17 TV - In the Life (Minneapolis, MN): This LGBT televised journal will air at 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 15

LGBT Community Center - Movie Night (Milwaukee): An LGBT oriented movie will be shown at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Tuesday, May 18

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 4 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents the late Professor George Mosse, WHY GAY HISTORY IS IMPORTANT. Plus IN OUR OWN WORDS, a 7 minute piece produced in Texas. There is a re-run on 5/19 at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 19

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents IT'S ELEMENTARY, a film about dealing with gay issues in public school with teachers; and how hate is taught by homophobes to children. There is a re-run from 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 20

WMVS/WMVT, Channel 10 - In the Life (Milwaukee): This LGBT televised journal will air at 11 p.m.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Friday, May 7

Milwaukee Art Museum - First Fridays (Milwaukee): Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the FIRST FRIDAY FIESTA. Join MRS. FUN from 5:30 to 8 p.m. There will be Mexican appetizers from Azteca and beers and margaritas at the cash bar. Tours of the current museum exhibits. Admission is \$5 members, \$7 non-members. FMI call Evie Cumming at (414) 224-3841.

Thursday, May 13

Milwaukee Art Museum - Photography Exhibit/Lecture (Milwaukee): UNDER CONSTRUCTION: PHOTOGRAPHY, 1900-2000 opens with a lecture at 6:15 p.m., with a lecture by curator Tom Bamberger. Among others, there will be photographs by Alfred Stieglitz and Jim Brozek, who is photographing MAM's new addition. The exhibit will be shown in the Journal/Lubar Galleries through 8/8/99. Regular Museum admission. FMI call (414) 224-3242.

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Bi Youth Milwaukee - Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): The group meets at the LGBT Community Center at 7 p.m.. FMI call Richard at (414) 645-0402.

Wednesday, May 19

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents IT'S ELEMENTARY, a film about dealing with gay issues in public school with teachers; and how hate is taught by homophobes to children. There is a re-run from 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 20

WMVS/WMVT, Channel 10 - In the Life (Milwaukee): This LGBT televised journal will air at 11 p.m.

FRI, MAY 21

Frontiers Gay Bi Men's Group - Man To Man Discussion Group (Madison, WI): The group meets at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson Street in the Gateway mini mall.

Saturday, May 22

LGBT Community Center - Movie Night (Milwaukee): An LGBT oriented movie will be shown at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, May 23

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Monday, May 24

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Wednesday, May 26

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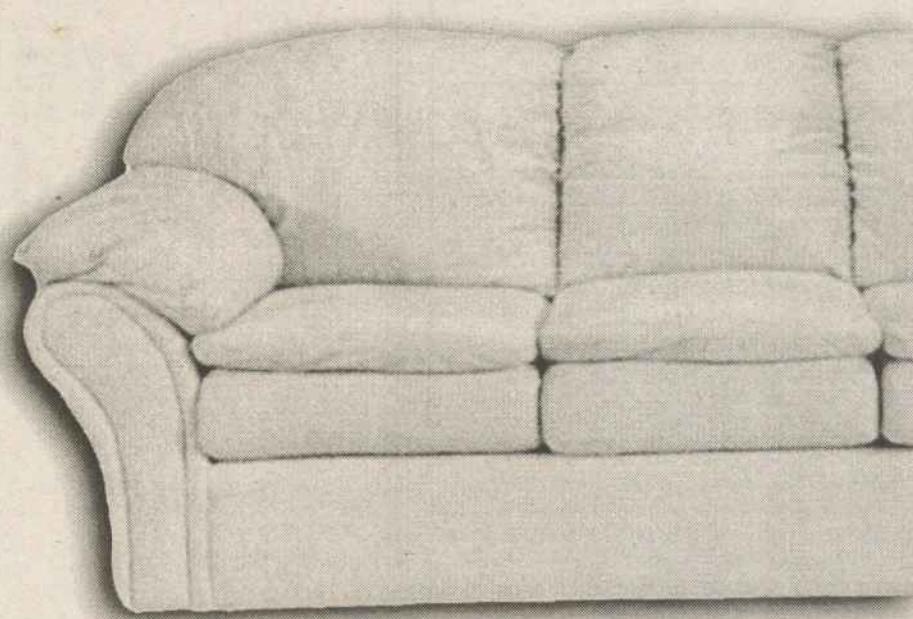
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This Way Out is based in Los Angeles and is hosted by Greg Gordon and Lucia Chappelle, who've worked together for many years producing lesbian/gay news and public affairs programming.

Cindy Friedman, another experienced broadcast journalist, writes and co-anchors "NewsWrap" each week, and multi-talented playwright/performer Leo Garcia recently joined the team as "NewsWrap's" co-anchor. Radio journalists from around the world regularly contribute news and feature stories.

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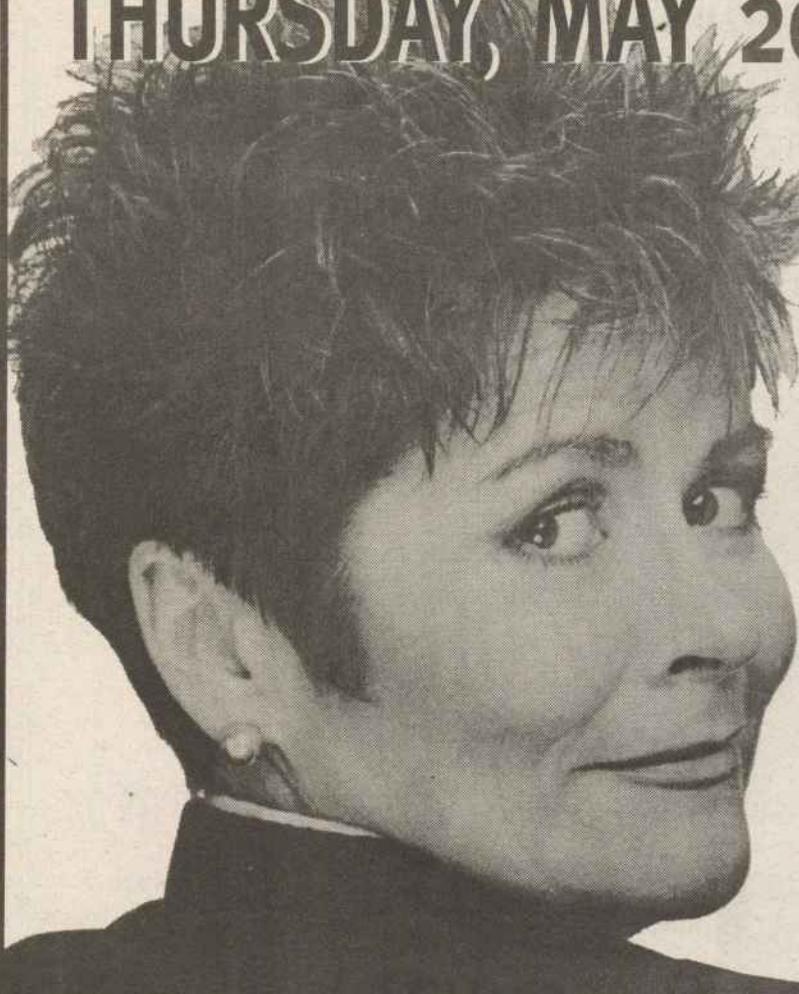
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What the Hell is Goin' On?



by Jamie

I've been fighting a cold the past few days and have taken a couple days off of work to recuperate. I've spent much of that time doing the couch potato thing. You know, not much energy to do anything else. The first day, I was flipping through channels and was almost sick to my stomach. I can't believe the crap produced for the American viewing public.

At the top of the list is Jerry Springer. I can't believe he can sleep at night. His show is all about disrespect. It finds the lowest form of life that is willing to air their filthy laundry on national television and puts them on TV. Hey, to each his own... yeah I can live with that but not when it comes to airing this crap in the middle of the afternoon right after school lets out?

This garbage should be on in the middle of the night when the kids are supposed to be sleeping. What kind of message does Springer think he's putting out to our young people? Does he not understand that young people are like sponges? Yes, some of what he airs is real life. That doesn't mean we need to send the message that the kind of behavior is normal and acceptable behavior. I can't tell you how much the people on those shows disgust me.

On the second day of my recovery the terrible tragedy at the school in Denver broke. I couldn't believe it. More kids with guns, shooting up their classmates. Pipe bombs all over the school. What the hell is going on? How could this have happened again? Seems a little strange that nobody

took notice of what was brewing. I'm not blaming the parents for what their kids have done but at least one set of parents from Littleton must have had their heads up their asses. Didn't they notice their little precious baby making pipe bombs in the garage?

Again, I'm not trying to shift the blame to anyone but the evil kids who walked through the school doors with guns and pipe bombs. Had those kids not taken their own lives, they should have gotten the electric chair for the actions they took. Had the guns these kids used, been locked up by the people that owned those guns, this tragedy may not have happened.

Did you know that there are 250 million guns in this country? That's enough to arm every adult and half the kids in this country. When is it going to end? I'm not saying we need to ban all guns but do we, the general public need things like assault rifles?

It sometimes seems that this country is in a tailspin without much hope of recovery. I can't pinpoint the reason but with shows like Jerry Springer pulling in the ratings it does, makes me wonder what today's youth is all about. Anyway, hopefully we won't have any more tragedies like the ones in Colorado and the latest one in Canada.

Moving on... Things here in our wonderful state of Wisconsin have been looking pretty good. Spring is in the air and the grass, flowers and trees are once again growing. The clubs are opening their patios and letting the fresh air in. Rob at Triangle opened the patio a couple of weeks ago. Pretty soon he will have the bar set up in back so you can kick back under the stars and have cocktails.

M&M is opening their patio so you can sit in the sunshine while you scarf your favorite dish cooked up my some of



Behind the bar. Photo by Josh

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Happy Birthday shouts out to **Sally** and **Sue** from **Sass** in Green Bay! They turned yet another year older by calendar but not by spirit. I heard their birthday bash was outta control. Miss you girls!

Also celebrating a birthday was **Kelli Jo Klein**. She threw her birthday bash at **Za's** and out on a "helluvashow". Plenty of room at Za's for the many people helping Kelli celebrate another glorious birthday!

The **Daddy & Daddy Boy** contest hit Milwaukee last weekend. It started with a cocktail reception at **Woody's** where the bar was filled to almost capacity. The contest was held at **Eagle** and was also bursting at the leather seams. There were many great contestants but it looks like **Bob Mazzacone** will hold the Daddy title and **Steve Rose** will be his Boy for the next 12 months.

Stopped in at **Fannies** recently for karoke. The girls there sure know how to have fun with **Sharon** egging them all on. They even played a song just for me...



"Feeeeeeelingssssss...." Photo by Josh @ Fannies

thanks girls.

Speaking of girls. **Josh** and **Sheri** went out last Sunday night and tore up **DISH**. Josh did a great job snapping photographs and had a great time doing it. Thanks Sheri for taking my man out for a night out with the girls, he told me he had a great time!

The rumor about **In Between** closing is true. From what I understand, **Curt Peck** just wanted his life back. Running a bar takes a huge amount of time and he just wanted to get back to a semi normal life. Thanks Curt for providing Milwaukee with a great place to hang out and the Packer parties will be missed by many people. Good luck on your future endeavors.

On that note, I'm gonna close for now. I'm gonna spend the rest of the day outside doing yard work. Damn, I love warm weather and sunshine. Until next issue, enjoy as much of life as you can and as always, slower traffic keep right. ▼

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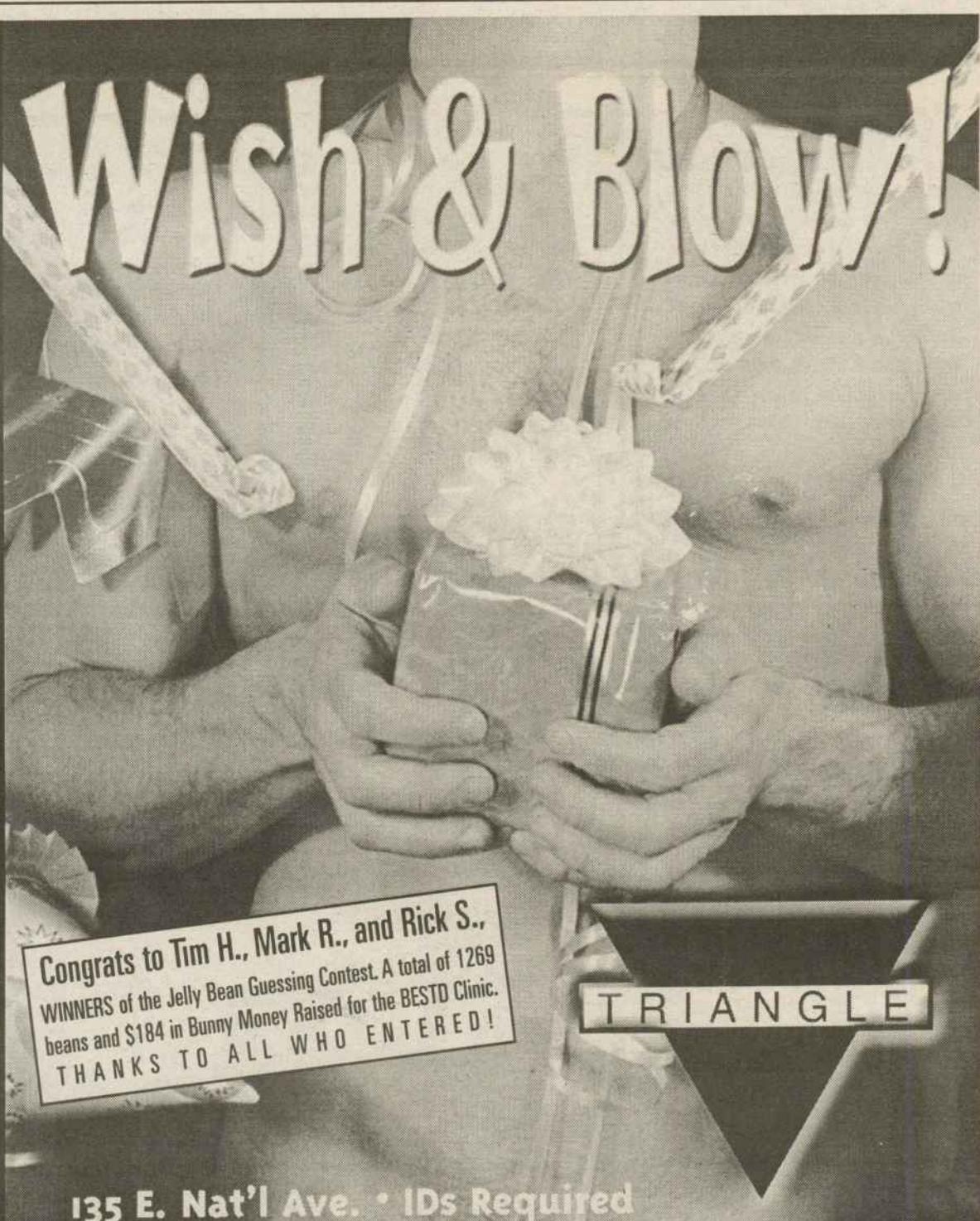
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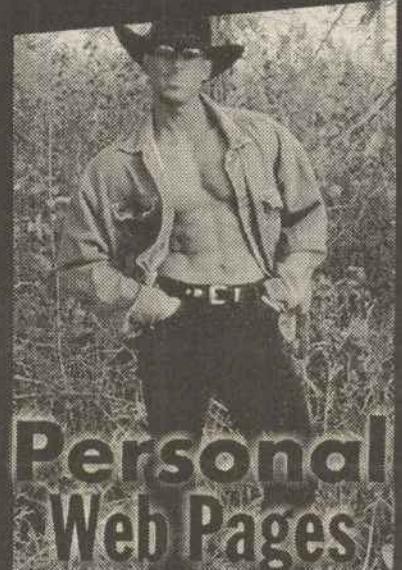
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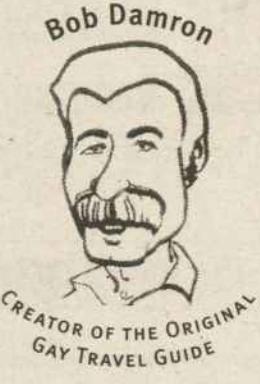
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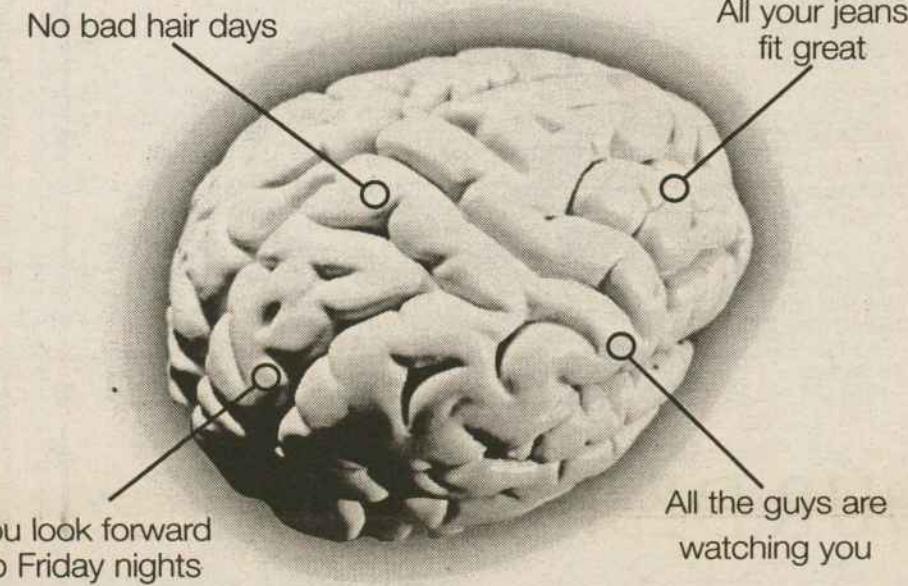
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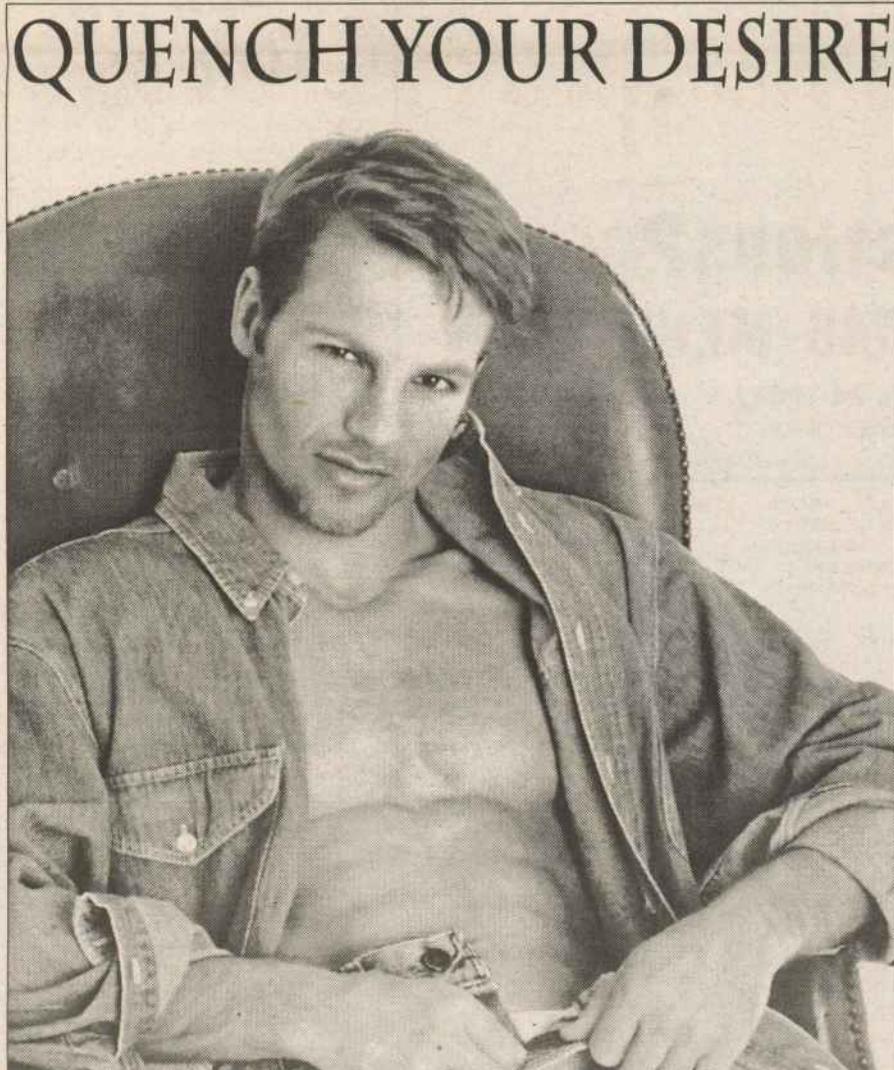
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Clinton Street Antiques	
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Changin' Times	
932 E. Brady St., 53202	.281-7473
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1627 E Irving Pl., 53202	.291-0452
Designing Men (cards, t-shirts, jewelry, leather, etc.)	
1200 S 1st St., 53204	.389-1200
Eclectic i (art/gifts)	
411 E. Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217	.906-0665
Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)	
2201 E Capitol Dr., 53211	.963-1006
Highland Garden Center	
5911 W. Vliet St., 53208	.607-9607
Mega Discount Nursey	
1901 E. Rawson Ave., Oak Creek 53154	.571-6565
Out of Solitude Jewelry	
918 E. Brady St., 53202	.223-3101
Outpost Natural Foods	
100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212	.964-7789
exchange@execpc.com	
Red Wheelbarrow Bookshop	
1213 E. Brady St., 53202	.223-5941
Survival Revival (Resale Shop)	
246 E Chicago, 53202	.291-2856
Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)	
1418 E. Brady St., 53202	.272-6768
Wishful Things (Antiques)	
207 E Buffalo, 53202	.964-9799

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Schofield, 54476	.(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54411	
(715) 592-6245, extension 5920200	
Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)	
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	.387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort	
Eagle River, 54521	.1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgeinn.com	
Empowerment/PAWS (Newsletter for PWAs)	
1932 Strong Ave	
Stevens Point, 54481	.342-0576
G&L Society/Wausau	.848-0608
UWSP 10% Society	
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	
UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481	.346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)	
P.O. Box 152, Wausau, 54402	.848-0343
Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)	
320 Washington, Wausau 54401	.842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education	
2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481	.345-6500
Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO)	
c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449	
Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim:	.(715) 384-6731
Platwood Club (MW, D)	
701 Highway 10W, St. Pr., 54481	.341-8862
Prince Edward B&B	
203 W 5th, Shawano 54166	.526-2805

Wausau Narcotics Anonymous	
Ask for Gay meetings)	.536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP	
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481	.346-4851

NORTH CENTRAL (715)

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

SHEBOYGAN (414)

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

RACINE/KENOSHA (414)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140	.657-6644

Clubhouse Filling Station (Mw)	
6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140	.857-3744

Club 94 (MW, DJ)	
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C & I-94)	

Kenosha 53140	.857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)	

6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143	.657-5667
JoDee's (MW, DJ)	

2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403	.634-9804
What About Me? (WM)	

600 6th St. Racine 53403	.632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)	.554-6611

Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine	
625 College, Racine 54303	.634-0659

UW-Parkside G/L Organization	
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141	.595-2244

UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union	
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190	.472-5738

Diamond Hill Inn B&B	
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie	.63-4421

Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)	
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168	.843-4209

SOUTH CENTRAL (608)

AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)	
P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545	.756-2550
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast)	
11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563	.868-6646

Cathren House (B&B)	
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Mineral Point	
CrossRoads Bar (G/S, M/W)	.987-2612

W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551	.648-8457
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The Kloset (MW, DJ)	
232 Shirland Ave., Beloit 54991	.363-0764

NORTHWEST (715)

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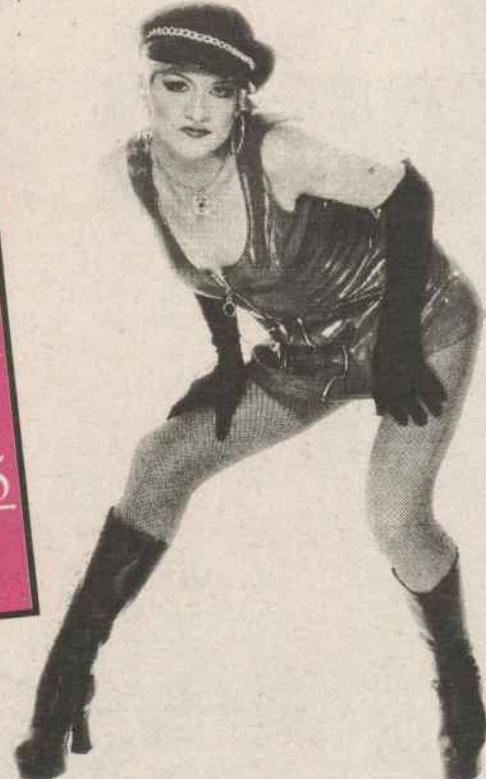
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