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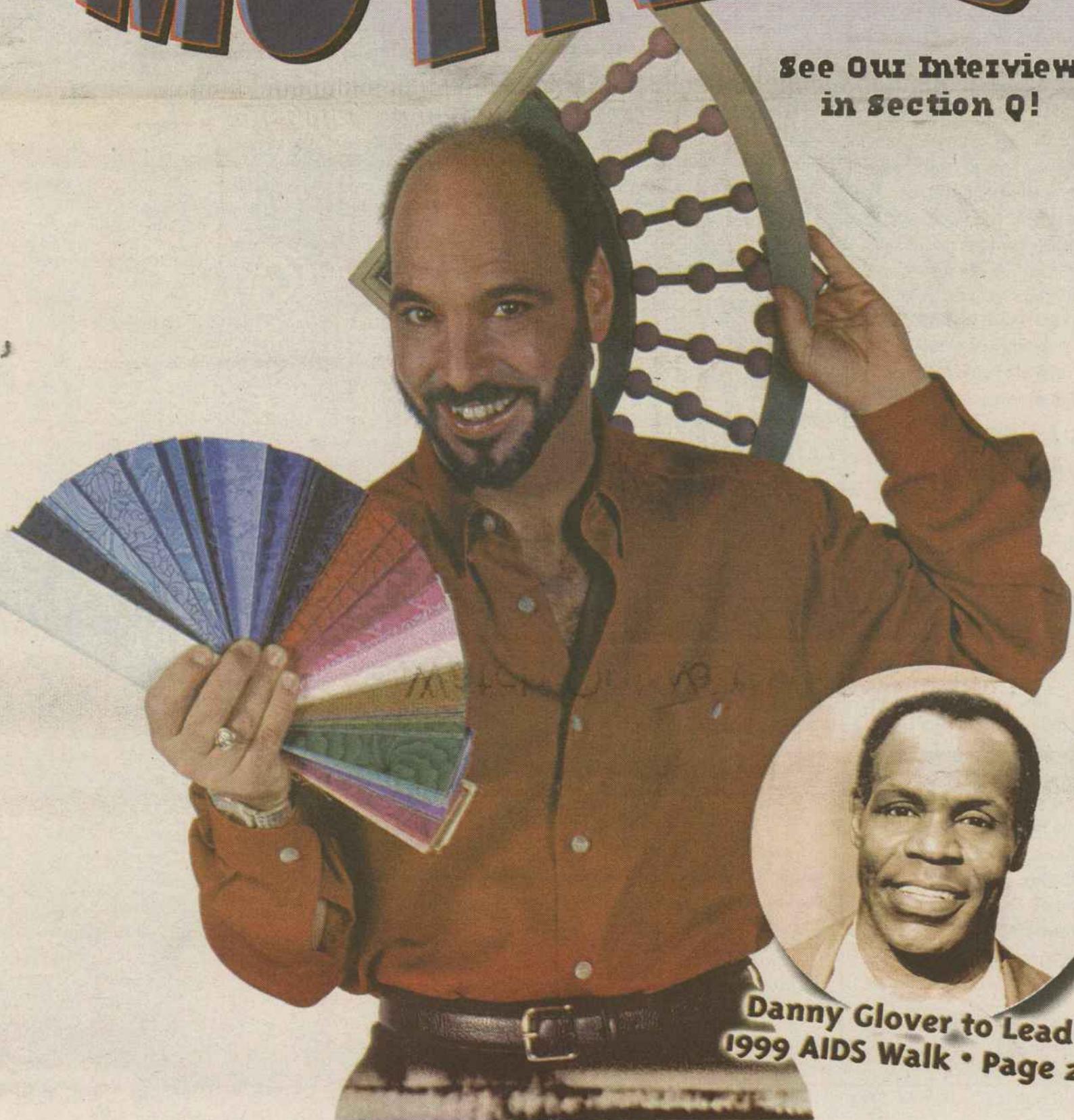
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Impersonator Charles Pierce Dies

Los Angeles — Charles Pierce, probably the country's best-known female impersonator, has died of cancer at the age of 73.

Pierce, who entertained with vivid portrayals of Mae West, Bette Davis, Tallulah Bankhead, Joan Crawford and Jeanette MacDonald, gained mainstream attention as what else — a professional female impersonator — in the film version of *Torch Song Trilogy*.

Pierce was especially noted for his sharp wit and his gift at rendering the women he portrayed because of what he once described as his "plastic face" which allowed him to take on uncanny facial resemblances to his characters.

Chicago Judge Reassigned for Bias in Lesbian Adoptions

Chicago — The Illinois Appellate Court formally rebuked Cook County Judge Susan McDunn for anti-gay bias in an adoption case involving lesbians.

After the appeals court's decision, Chief Judge Donald O'Connell relieved McDunn of her courtroom duties and assigned her to a non-judicial job in a municipal court judge's offices.

In making the reassignment of McDunn, Judge O'Connell said it was necessary "to promote public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary and to ensure the perception and reality of the highest standards of conduct."

McDunn had tried to block three separate adoptions involving lesbian parents by delaying reviews of the cases and ignoring state child care agencies that had recommended the adoptions be approved.

She also took the extraordinary step of contacting an anti-gay organization and invited them to intervene legally in the case.

Immediately after the formal rebuke, the appeals court also promptly used its authority to approve all the adoptions and apologized for what it called an "inexcusable injustice" the women had experienced in the courts.

Black Pride Festival Draws Record Numbers

Washington — Organizers estimated that some 25,000 people turned out during the 9th annual Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Festival in the nation's capital over the Memorial Day holiday weekend — doubling last year's record.

The event drew Mayor Anthony Williams, who earlier had proclaimed "Black Lesbian and Gay Pride Weekend" in the District. Mayor Williams addressed the crowd and later stayed for a tour of booths and exhibits.

One of the newest groups participating in this year's festival was a PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) for African-American parents. The new PFLAG group is informally called For Those We Love and is aimed at offering a more comfortable environment for black parents to participate in PFLAG.

Milwaukee D.P. Registry Hearing Set For June 24

Milwaukee — Members and allies of Milwaukee's LGBT community are urged to attend a June 24 Common Council hearing to show support for a proposed domestic partnership registry ordinance. The Council's Judiciary and Legislation Committee will hear testimony from supporters and opponents of the legislation and will vote to determine whether or not to support the ordinance.

"Our community must mobilize to attend this hearing," said Patrick Flaherty, co-chair of the Domestic Partnership Task Force. "This is the best opportunity we have to show the widespread community support that exists for the registry." Opponents of the registry are expected to turn out in full force.

In addition to attending the hearing, supporters of the registry are asked to call the Common Council at (414) 286-2221. Callers can leave a message for their alderperson asking him or her to vote in favor of the ordinance.

The Domestic Partnership Registry Ordinance would allow same-gender couples to publicly pledge their commitment to each other by voluntarily registering their relationship with Milwaukee's City Clerk. All costs of the registry would be paid by the couples through a \$30 registry fee.

The ordinance would not require the city or Milwaukee

businesses to provide benefits to registered couples. However, companies that offer domestic partner benefits to their employees and customers could use the registry to independently verify

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committed same-gender relationships. Some Milwaukee companies, including Wells Fargo (formerly Norwest), have indicated that they would use the registry to verify domestic partnership.

The Judiciary and Legislation Committee hearing on the domestic partnership registry ordinance will take place in Room 301-B at City Hall, 200 E. Wells Street. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. and may last for several hours. Supporters are asked to plan to attend for however long they can.

Contact the Domestic Partnership Task Force at (414) 225-1621 for more information about the registry and hearing.

Danny Glover to Lead 1999 AIDS Walk Wisconsin

Milwaukee — Actor and social activist Danny Glover will lead this year's 10th anniversary AIDS Walk Wisconsin by serving as its honorary chair. Glover is slated to help recruit walkers throughout the summer and will attend the state's largest AIDS fundraiser on Sunday, September 12 in Milwaukee.

Glover is well known for his leading roles in the recent movie *Beloved* in which he costarred with Oprah Winfrey, in Steven Spielberg's *The Color Purple*, the Academy Award-winning *Places in the Heart* and in the mega-hit *Lethal Weapon* film series, in which he costarred with Mel Gibson.

Throughout his career he has been a strong advocate for human rights and helping youth.

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against AIDS in Wisconsin," Glover said. "I worry that a new generation of American youth are at high risk for HIV

because of an unwarranted and dangerous complacency. I will challenge the people of Wisconsin to walk with me and to work harder to defeat AIDS."

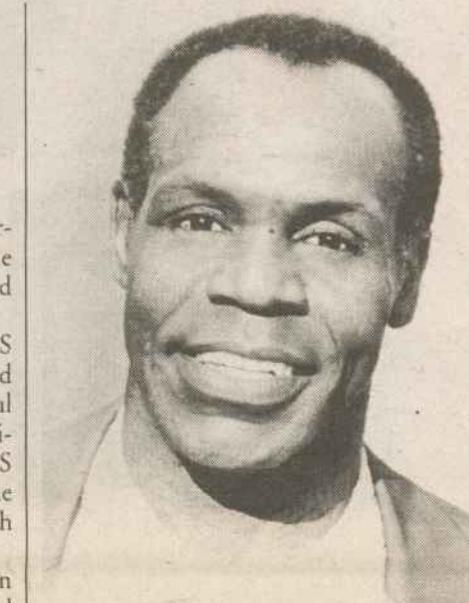
The executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin praised Glover's commitment. "He's a powerful advocate," said Doug Nelson. "He's serious about AIDS, he's correct that AIDS complacency is a big problem, and he will be a terrific motivator for the 10th anniversary AIDS Walk."

Nelson added that HIV infection rates continue to rise in Wisconsin and that the protease inhibitor drug therapy that was extending the lives of many, are now, regrettably, failing for up to one half of the people with HIV and AIDS taking the drug treatments.

"As a celebrity who is committed to AIDS, Danny Glover will inspire walkers for this phenomenal event," Nelson said. "He will bring a powerful message especially for communities of color where the AIDS epidemic is intensifying."

Nelson added that with the African American state of AIDS emergency, which was declared in 1998 by the Congressional Black Caucus, a portion of AIDS Walk proceeds will be earmarked for minority community-based organizations providing AIDS services. In total, at least 17 Wisconsin benefiting agencies will be recipients of AIDS Walk funds.

Glover will speak at the AIDS Walk



Danny Glover

Breakfast and the opening ceremony, and will kick-off the expected 10,000 walkers during a red ribbon cutting with other Wisconsin dignitaries. He follows a distinguished list of honorary chairs including Bette Midler, Vice President Al Gore and Tipper Gore and Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

To register for AIDS Walk Wisconsin, call (800) 348-WALK, or register online at www.arcw.org. Bus transportation will be provided to the AIDS Walk from all parts of the state. Pledge walkers will gain free admission to the Indian Summer festival which is also being held on Summerfest grounds the day of AIDS Walk.

Dane County Moves Toward Domestic Partnerships

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — In an atmosphere of tepid opposition and widespread calls for basic fairness, Dane County appears poised

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to extend health insurance coverage to same sex couples as part of union contracts to be negotiated later this year.

The Personnel and Finance Committee voted 4-2 on June 14 to offer the domestic partnership coverage to same sex couples, and not unmarried heterosexual couples.

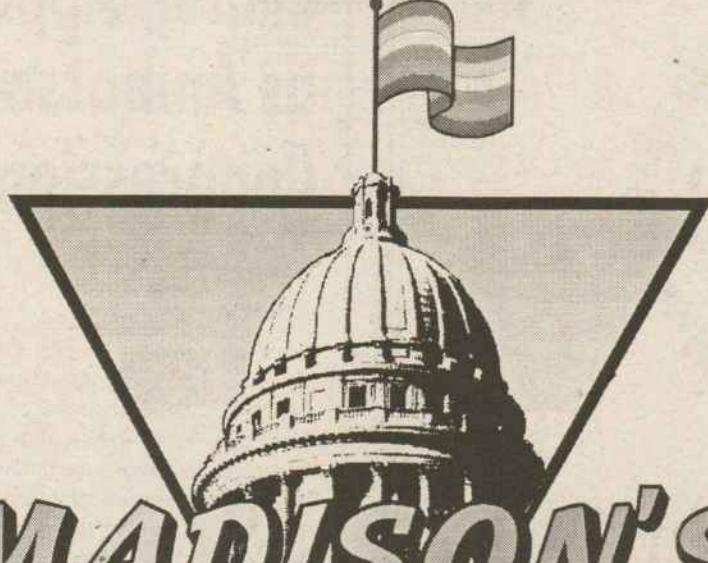
"Domestic partnership coverage is just a question of basic

fairness. LGBT couples of the same sex in a committed relationship deserve health care benefits. Leadership on this issue is coming from all quarters, as well it should," said Supervisor Tom Powell representing the 5th District.

Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk's domestic partnership initiative has aroused opposition from some conservatives, but it is comparatively gliding through the hoops on the County Board.

Reflecting a friendly political climate toward LGBT rights, most observers here expect the initiative to pass the full County Board easily.

The cost to the county is expected to be slight as only a small fraction of the county's full-time employees are expected to utilize domestic partnership health care coverage.



MADISON'S PRIDE WEEKEND JULY 15-18, 1999

Perfect Harmony Concert - Thursday, July 15

Outreach 7th Annual Awards Banquet - Friday, July 16, 10pm, Monona Terrace Convention Center

Ten Percent Society Dance - Friday, July 16, 8pm - Midnight, Monona Terrace Convention Center

MAGIC Picnic - Saturday, July 17, 1pm - 7pm, Brittingham Park

University of Wisconsin GLB Alumni Brunch - Sunday, July 18

Pride March and Celebration - Sunday, July 18

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Celebration: 2:30pm - 6pm, Brittingham Park



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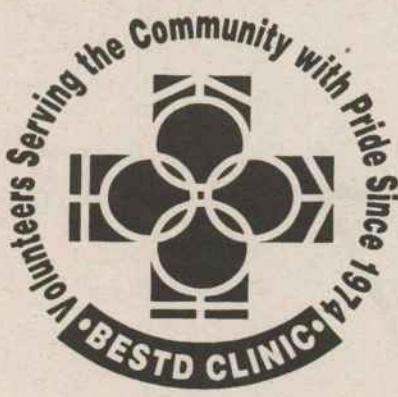
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Clinton Appoints Hormel as Ambassador During Congressional Recess

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Washington — President Clinton has announced the recess appointment of San Francisco philanthropist James C. Hormel as U.S. ambassador to the tiny European nation of Luxembourg.

The nomination of Hormel, who is gay, was first sent to the Senate in October 1997 and he was renominated in January of this year after the Senate failed to act earlier after objections by a handful of Republican senators.

The new ambassador recently completed his term as a member of the U.S. delegation to the 51st United Nations General Assembly. He was also a member of the U.S. delegation to the 51st U.N. Human Rights Commission Geneva in 1995.

Hormel, 66, is chairman of Equidex Inc., a San Francisco financial management firm, and serves on a variety of civic and nonprofit boards, including the San Francisco Symphony and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce. He is also a former dean at the University of Chicago Law School.

But a handful of conservative senators objected to Hormel's involvement in gay rights causes, including helping to fund a "gay wing" at San Francisco public library. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott refused to allow a vote on the nomination, even though it had been approved in 1997 by Senate Foreign Relations Committee and there appeared to be more than enough Senate votes to confirm.

Hormel, a multi-millionaire who is part of the Hormel Meat Co. family, becomes the first openly gay ambassador in U.S. history.

Wayne Besen of the Washington D.C. lobbying group Human Rights Campaign said the recess appointment "was a bold move on the president's part." Besen added, "This never had anything to do with Hormel's abilities and it had everything to do with anti-gay discrimination."

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), who has been a friend of Hormel's since 1970, said in a statement: "The fact of the matter was that his nomination was not permitted to be brought to the floor of the Senate for a vote. Because of that, the president did what I think was the honorable thing."

But far-right anti-gay conservatives painted Hormel's appointment as "cowardly" and a "political payback," branding the nation's new ambassador as a "purvey-

or of smut" because of material in the San Francisco Library's gay wing.

Hormel donated \$500,000 to the new wing and helped raise several million dollars to fund the enormous collection that bears his name. And anti-gay activists have charged that the collection contains sexually explicit photographs and material that promotes pedophilia.

San Francisco city officials, however, have pointed out that Hormel had nothing to do with the selection of materials in the collection, and that most of the books in the gay collection are probably in the Library of Congress as well.

But some of the most stinging criticism of Hormel's opponents came from the Log Cabin Republicans, a gay GOP lobbying organization. Rich Tafel, Log Cabin's executive director, said, "This was a totally unnecessary confrontation set up by a tiny handful of senators who are completely out of step with the rest of the Republican Party, and the majority leader's decision to back them up has damaged our party."

Tafel said, "Mr. Hormel deserved a vote on the Senate floor, and would have been confirmed easily. It's very frustrating to see a majority leader paralyzed by a small handful of ideologues."

Because recess appointments run through until the end of the next Congress, Hormel could serve in the new post until October of next year.

Opponents of the nomination had said Luxembourg, which is heavily Catholic, would be offended because Hormel had been videotaped laughing during a street performance by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence during a Gay Pride parade and had refused to denounce the drag-nun troupe.

And while the Hormel appointment was a major item in the nation's dailies and on nightly TV news broadcasts, it apparently was of little interest in Luxembourg itself, where the three leading newspapers didn't bother to report it.

In a brief press statement, Hormel said, "I am pleased and honored that the president has appointed me as United States ambassador to Luxembourg. I want to thank him, Secretary (of State Madeleine) Albright and the many members of the U.S. Senate who have supported my nomination. I deeply appreciate the confidence they have expressed in me and I look forward to serving."

MEMORIAL: James J. Nelson



James J. Nelson, age 35, a former Milwaukee resident passed away in his home in Ishpeming, Michigan Wednesday May 26, 1999 after a lifelong battle with a genetic terminal illness for which he received a liver transplant.

James was born August 27, 1963 in Ishpeming and was a 1982 graduate of Ishpeming High School and attended Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. He worked for Simmons Airlines (American Eagle) as a Parts Manager at Chicago's O'Hare Field after first working at the Marquette Airport.

Later he moved to Milwaukee where he was a co-owner and operator of a TV and VCR repair service. James was also a Director of Earth Preservation Funds, Inc. of Milwaukee. James' interests included photography, electronics, computers, camping, and chatting with friends at the C'est La Vie. Survivors include his father and stepmother, James A. and Joan Nelson of Ishpeming; his mother and stepmother, Bonnie J. Nelson and Joan Verheyden of Adrian, Michigan; two sisters, Rene (Dr. J. Marc) Himes of Marquette and Jacqueline Nelson of Ishpeming; a brother, Bradley Nelson of Calumet, Michigan; his maternal grandparents, Violet and Henry Cott of Ishpeming; and nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were conducted in Ishpeming on May 29, 1999. James' compassion for others, jovial personality and friendship will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Condolences can be sent to the family in care of Terry Lambert, PO Box 511692, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0291.



Chicago's Pride Parade & Rally to Feature Greg Louganis

Chicago — Chicago's 30th Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade on Sunday, June 27, will begin lining up at the corner of Halsted and Belmont. At 2 p.m. the parade will step off from the Halsted/Belmont corner and proceed north on Halsted to Broadway, then south on Broadway to Diversey, then east on



Greg Louganis

Diversey to Cannon Drive. Last year's parade drew 246 parade entries and 250,000 people. As many are expected this year. A rally will take place at 4 p.m. in Lincoln Park, Grove #13, after the parade ends at 3000 N. Lake Shore Drive West (the Inner Drive at Wellington). Featured performers will include bands as well as singers. Live entertainment, informational tables staffed by community groups and speakers will be on hand.

The international theme for the 1999 celebration is *A Prideful Past, A Powerful Future*. The parade commemorates the night in June 1969 when gay men and lesbians fought back during a raid of the Stonewall Inn, a New York City gay bar. Gay bars were routinely raided by police in the 1960s across the

country. That night a riot ensued, kicking off the formation of the modern gay rights movement. Since that time, the parades have grown into celebrations that include social as well as political expressions of community pride.

A special guest at this year's Pride Day Celebration will be Greg Louganis, who won his first Olympic Gold Medal at age 16. He became the first man to win double gold medals in diving in two consecutive Olympics, and was six-time World Champion. He also held 47 National Championship titles. After coming out publicly, he began doing public appearances speaking on gay and HIV themes. His best selling autobiography *Breaking the Surface* was #1 for five weeks on the *New York Times* best-seller list and was later made into a movie. His new book *For the Life of Your Dog* has recently been published. Louganis is currently starring in Ballywick Repertory's (Pride Series 99) revised version of Larry Kramers 1988 play *Just Say No*.

Afterwords 10% Club Distributes Funds

Milwaukee — Afterwords Bookstore & Espresso Bar announced the second annual cash disbursement from the Afterwords 10% Club, timed to be in conjunction with National Lesbian and Gay Book Month, which is celebrated each June.

Checks totaling \$743.81 will be sent to 12 different local gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and AIDS-related organizations.

In March 1997 Afterwords initiated a unique customer program, the Afterwords 10% Club. Customers who elect to become members of Afterwords 10% Club receive an immediate 5% discount on purchases at Afterwords with the bookstore donating an additional 5% of all qualifying purchases to the local GLBT organization of their choice.

Since the Afterwords 10% Club began, over 100 individuals and couples have joined, designating 12 different organizations.

What follows is a list of organizations and the total they will receive: ARCW,

\$204.32; Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, \$143.67; BESTD, \$106.22; LAMM, \$72.15; Oberons, \$71.87; Gemini Gender Group, \$63.77; St. Camillus AIDS Ministry \$23.27; Cream City Foundation \$20.36; Cream City Chorus, \$18.62; Bi-Definition, \$13.65; P-Flag, \$4.24; Sage, \$1.67.

Any individual or couple can join Afterwords' 10% Club throughout the year and can choose from either the above listed or any other local GLBT organization. Each new member will also receive an exclusive Afterwords tote bag. The cost of membership is \$10.00.

For further information concerning the Afterwords 10% Club, please stop by or call Afterwords at (414) 963-9089.

Counseling Center Summer Sessions

Milwaukee — The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, Inc. has announced their summer sessions of support and therapy groups. Some groups are ongoing while others are 8 to 10 weeks in length. All groups are held at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. on Milwaukee's East Side.

Support groups for gays and lesbians are: Free Space for Women Exploring Their Sexual Orientation; More Space Group (for lesbian identified women wanting support and connection with other lesbians), Breaking Up Is Hard To Do, Gay Men's General Issues, Silver Space Group (for older lesbians), Married/Partnered Women's Group (for women who are partnered with men and are dealing with affectional/sexual feelings for other women). Other support groups include: Women's Self Esteem, Men's Self Esteem, Relationship Group for Women Why Me?, Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse, and Women With Physical Disabilities.

The 8 to 10-week groups will meet in June and July. There is a \$10 fee per group session. The counseling center also runs facilitator training for anyone interested in becoming a support group facilitator. For more information on these groups, please call the Support group program at (414) 2565.

Group Notes

UW-Parkside Offers Gay and Lesbian Studies

Kenosha — The Department of English and Women's Studies will be offering UW-Parkside's only course in gay and lesbian studies: Women's Studies 290/English 464: Gay and Lesbian Writers. The course is scheduled to meet on Monday evenings from 6 to 8:45 p.m. beginning Sept 13. This course is highly recommended for anyone interested in literature, gender, sexual orientation, diversity and humankind. Anyone interested is urged to register now, as low enrollment will mean cancellation not only of this course, but future courses in gay and lesbian studies.

The course surveys literature by gays and lesbians from the end of the 19th century through the present, as well as history and theory. The course begins with Oscar Wilde and includes James Baldwin, Audre Lorde, Rita Mae Brown, Dorothy Allison and others. There are no prerequisites. Registration for the fall semester is currently underway or students may register by attending the first class meeting. For more information, call Carole Vopat in the English Department at (414) 595-2139.

Community Thrift Store Plans Anniversary Events

Madison — The nonprofit Community Thrift Store, Inc., located at 1814 S. Park St., has two June events planned to celebrate one full year of business. On June 5 and 6, there was a sidewalk sale from noon to 5 p.m. On June 26, the store will have a grand celebration to mark its first full year. Shoppers will be treated to free Chocolate Shoppe ice cream with their purchases early in the afternoon. Festivities will close with a brief ceremony to be held at 3:15 p.m. At that time there will be a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to the store.

Community Thrift Store, Inc., is open for business every Wednesday through Sunday from 12 noon to 7 p.m. The store is stocked with clothing, furniture, household goods, toys, books and other merchandise. The resale store, whose proceeds benefit 70 participating nonprofit organizations, has distributed over \$13,500 to its partners since it opened last year. People who contribute goods to be sold designate which nonprofit organization will receive proceeds from their sale. For more information, call (608) 250-1986 during store hours.

SAGE/Milwaukee Qualifies For WE CARE Program At Pick N' Save

Milwaukee — SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) has qualified for the WE CARE program at Pick N' Save stores. All you need to do is go to the Customer Service Window and fill out a Savers Club application and enter the SAGE number (694300) under the charity code and turn it in. Pick N' Save issues quarterly checks to charities listed in their computers.

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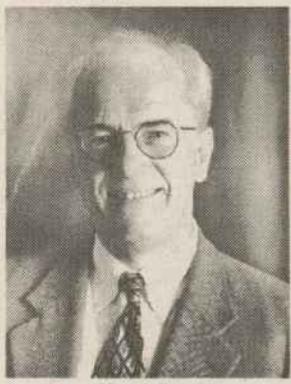
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ARCW Opens Madison Office

by Christopher Ott
of the IN Step staff

Madison — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) has opened a Madison office to provide space for its staff members working on housing, legislation and other efforts. And on the eve of the office's official opening, both ARCWR and AIDS Network, the Madison area's local AIDS service organization, sought to downplay potential friction between the two groups.



Doug Nelson

"Our office in Madison is completely a function of providing additional HIV/AIDS services in the Madison area," said Doug Nelson, ARCWR's executive director. The new office at 222 State St. provides space for six full-time and three part-time employees, as well as volunteers.

The office will open officially on June 21, but Nelson said that staff have already been working out of the Madison office for several weeks. ARCWR has offices around the state, and the organization's main office is in Milwaukee.

Located a block from the state Capitol, one of the new office's most important functions will be lobbying. Last year, for example, ARCWR helped win an expansion of the state Medicaid program to cover people with HIV and AIDS. "Our lobbying staff spends a lot of time in Madison, and having an ability to work in Madison is pretty important to them," Nelson said.

The Madison office will also help administer a \$1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The funding is to enhance an existing program to prevent homelessness among people with HIV and AIDS.

"HUD has designated this as what they call a special project of national significance," Nelson said, adding that

the new office will allow ARCWR to focus more closely on housing issues in the Madison area. "The HIV/AIDS community there is too significant for us to not have a presence." ARCWR has eleven people working on housing issues statewide, and two full-time staffers will now work out of the Madison office. ARCWR will also cooperate on housing with AIDS Network, Rodney Scheel House and other local social-service agencies. Last year, ARCWR gave out \$630,000 in rent assistance throughout the state, and Nelson expects the figure to reach \$750,000 this year.

Additionally, the new office will help support the Midwest AIDS Training & Education Center. MATEC is a joint effort by ARCWR and the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics to train health-care professionals in the most up-to-date treatments and therapies for HIV and AIDS.

ARCWR also conducts a needle-exchange program in Madison called Lifepoint. While AIDS Network has its own needle-exchange program, Nelson estimates that even with both efforts, only 20% of the injection drug users in the Madison area are being reached. "This is a program that needs to grow, and it needs more resources, not less. Our ultimate goal is to reach all of the reachable drug users, and working together we'll reach that goal quicker."

Over the last year there has been discussion of a territorial rivalry between ARCWR and AIDS Network, but both Nelson and Casey R. Corbin, AIDS Network's new director of public affairs, sought to downplay the controversy.

"I think the controversy is sort of on the street more than between us," said Corbin. "I think the new office is a positive thing."

Referring in particular to ARCWR's lobbying efforts, Corbin said, "Those are people that we rely on ... and those poor guys have had to travel back and forth from Milwaukee with no home base. I would hate to have my staff have to do all that driving."

Nelson stressed greater possibilities for cooperation as well.

"We very much look forward to collaborating with the AIDS Network in the areas that make sense. Our presence in Madison is not in any way to compete. It is to complement the good work that they are doing," Nelson said.

"The bottom line is that Madison is a winner in this by having a wider array of services."

Pridefest Announces Award Recipients

Milwaukee — Each year, PrideFest presents awards to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated leadership, community service and notable achievements. This year's winners are the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, Barbara Bremmer, Tony Rhodes, and Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner.

They will be invited to ride in the Wisconsin Pride Parade as honorary marshals, and will be presented with plaques at the Harley Davidson Stage after the parade, about 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 8.

Community Service Awards

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center — When Milwaukee's LGBT Community Center opened its doors at 170 S. Second St. on Nov. 6, 1998, it was the culmination of many years of dreaming, planning and hard work.

Tony Rhodes — Tony Rhodes first got involved with the Cream City Foundation in 1988 and over the next 11 years and has played a critical role guiding its growth and increasing its influence.

Stonewall Award

Barbara Bremmer — Barbara Bremmer's journey to lesbian activism was long and circuitous. She first came out 40 years ago. She currently serves as facilitator of the Silver Space steering committee, is involved with Wisconsin Outdoor Women and has become active in SAGE, Senior Action in a Gay Environment, where she tries to foster more lesbian activities.

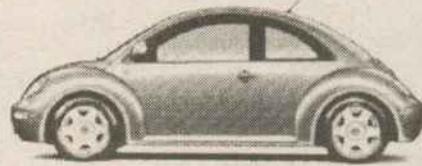
Lifetime Achievement Award

Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner — Widely and affectionately known as "Terry and Jerry" throughout Wisconsin's LGBT community, this couple has contributed mightily to the growth and development of gay Wisconsin, primarily through their creation of the *WI Light* newspaper.

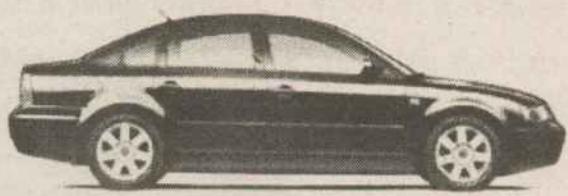
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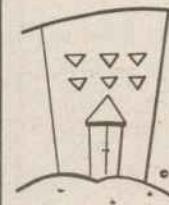
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Milwaukee — Citing the Medical College of Wisconsin's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) for its "highly innovative, forward looking" research program, the National Institutes of Health has renewed CAIR's designation as a national HIV/AIDS prevention research center. A grant of \$4.75 million will support CAIR's research efforts into the year 2004.

Over 5,000 women, men and adolescents have received HIV prevention services and care through CAIR research projects. Participants in these studies have included gay men and youths; women and teens living in low-income, inner-city housing developments; persons leaving incarceration; severely mentally ill adults; homeless men and women; and youth in high-risk situations.

The grant award marks the beginning of CAIR's sixth year as a National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) HIV/AIDS prevention research center and sustains CAIR's standing as the only such center between the country's East and West coasts.

"We are pleased that the NIMH has recognized CAIR's work as worthy of continued investment," said Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., director of CAIR and professor of psychiatry and behavioral medicine. "By supporting the infrastructure of CAIR's research program, this grant gives CAIR a solid foundation from which to continue its work to develop new HIV prevention approaches and to improve the health and quality of life of persons living with HIV disease."

CAIR studies encompass many aspects of HIV prevention research, including the identification of factors that put people at risk for the disease, the development of interventions to help persons reduce risk for contracting HIV infection, and the evaluation of strategies to help persons living with AIDS/HIV to benefit from new treatment advances. CAIR's research also seeks to meet the mental health needs of persons living with HIV and their loved ones.

CAIR researchers have developed approaches for helping HIV-positive persons cope with bereavement due to the loss of loved ones to AIDS and determined the special needs of older adults who have the disease. CAIR has also pioneered new methods for providing mental health services for HIV-positive persons in rural areas of the country by connecting them in support groups offered using telephone conference calls.

A key objective of CAIR's research program is to not only study HIV prevention approaches, but also to share research findings quickly with community-based organizations that provide AIDS services to clients. To ensure that its research benefits the community, CAIR has undertaken information exchange programs with the frontline staffs of 75 AIDS service organizations in 44 states. In this way, results of CAIR's research in HIV prevention and care can rapidly reach organizations and agencies so that their programs directly benefit from new findings.

CAIR is funded by research grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other sources. Because CAIR is the only HIV prevention research center in Wisconsin, the Center brings to the state HIV/AIDS prevention funds that otherwise would not be available locally.

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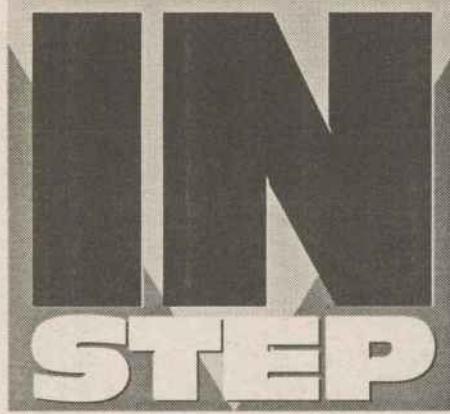
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IN OPINIONS

Tossed Salad

by Dave Runyon

I had a hell of a time figuring out what I wanted to be when I grew up. Indeed, I'm still not completely sure, despite the fact that I've been retired for the past three and a half years. It's not that I'm all that scattered, because there's a common thread, dare I say "vocation", to the various venues I call work.

But that aside, the stress of my late bloomer-hood seems similar to a piece of Madison history. When I got here in '65 to retrain (having demitted the Presbyterian ministry), Madison was "in between" what it was back then — a college town and the state capital — and what it has become, a tourist trap for regional and state sports conferences. Those are money-makers, unlike the activities going on in the Monona Terrace financial rat hole convention center and future contiguous hotel.

Not unlike Pirandello's play *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, Madison, from the perspective of a coastal city citizen like myself, is still very much a "cow town" with delusions of grandeur. This university has a good reputation for having many foreign students, but neither they nor we really integrate; we don't know each other. We segregate ourselves, and we all are losers rather than beneficiaries. When I walk down a street in NYC or San Francisco, I am bombarded with racial/ethnic diversity; I passionately love it. But doing State Street in Madison is very different. It's mostly homogenized lily-white boys in baggy jeans, baseball caps and t-shirted conformity. Girls? What girls? Jesus, I AM a gay male.

Today's Madison has little pockets of real gems. One of them is UW-X — that's what I call UW-Extension. In the Continuing Studies section there is a senior citizen venue called *The Plato Society*, where each of us kicks in \$40 a year and then decides whether we want to be a student or a facilitator for the semester. God forbid I should be so cruel to say this, but what does an 18 to 22-year old have to bring to the table as we discuss ancient Greek plays? Senior citizens bring a whole life of experience and travel to the table.

Another little gem is food. I can remember when there wasn't even one good restaurant in Madison; indeed, we had to drive to Stoughton to Tio Peppy's,

but look at the scene now! However, I still must go to Milwaukee to get my favorite flavor of *Tomka Guy* (Thai chicken soup) at The King & I.

The real jewel in the crown is not the University, but the "Off-Off Broadway" theater that has been developing here, thanks especially to the leadership of Joel Gersmann's Broom Street Theater, celebrating its 30th year. When the National Endowment for the Arts was taken over by the U.S. version of Communist China's Gang of Five, grants were no longer given to artists but instead to shallow re-run entertainment. It was bread and circuses all over again. Indeed, to get

from Chicago, taught us: "You cannot create a movement unless you have an idiot as an enemy." Let me explain this as simply as I can. We need Ronnie more than Ronnie needs us. Every time he opens his big mouth, the political middle of the road folks stampede to the GLBTQ side.

Like Gene Parks who recently ran for mayor, and does have a very politically savvy mind, Ronnie Greer doesn't have a clue about how to tailor his remarks to gain and sustain an audience. Ronnie Greer, with only a high school diploma and two years of military service is lecturing GLBTQ people about morals when

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a grant from the NEA today is in most cases an aesthetic insult, if not a citizen caveat.

When I attend a Broom Street play, I can never shake off the feeling of what we did as kids; dress-up and do plays for the neighborhood in the curtained doorway of the garage. What a delightful memory, only this time around at Broom Street, we put our brains to work. We have lots of little theater popping up, like "Brave Hearts" in a store front. And the recently acquired Esquire Movie Theater is a performance space for two theater groups, Strollers and The Mercury Players.

The show stopper for me, happened this late spring when a Journalism junior, David Au, selected Chay Yew's *A Language Of Our Own* to produce in the Memorial Student Union's tiny Play Circle. The cast includes four gay men — an Asian, an Asian-American, an African-American and a white American. Here's a play where, four weeks later, I'm still mulling it over in my mind and asking questions. No wonder, Yew's newest play, *RED*, is currently having a run in New York City. Here is a playwright to keep your eye on. It's been a while since we've had the engagement of a thinker like this.

My jewel of jewels is Ronnie Greer, the self-appointed minister who recently ran as one of six Republicans for Congress. As Chicago's Saul Alinsky, the 20th century's greatest community organizer,

he spent two years at Fort Leavenworth prison. A criminal? A felon? A convict? Lecturing US? Oh, Mary, PLEASE. Oops. I mean The Rev. Ronnie Greer.

Was he ever ordained? Oh, silly me, he must be a self-appointed prophet, unrespected in his home territory. Ronnie is cute, speaks quickly on his feet in public and dresses very nicely. But he is as biblically ignorant a fence post. Can he read the Old Testament in Hebrew? Can he read the New Testament in Quoiné Greek? The poor schmuck swings from one extreme pole to the other. He goes from the absolute authority of a God who doesn't exist — except in his own mind — over to the other extreme of a track record of conflict with authority figures in his work and the military, as well as in the fire department from which he was also disciplined.

He seems to be a very unemployable person. He doesn't have the mental or emotional ability to exit in some middle space between the poles. He's rigid, inflexible, and immature. It is just wonderful having such a "home town crazy" always at the ready to remind the rest of the city that Ronnie-The-Bully is there picking on people. This time it's the young over in the suburb of Verona at the high school's Gay, Lesbian, Straight Alliance. Oh honey, pick on somebody your own size and stop playing God. ♦



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Letters

Jones Flak

To the Editor—

I don't normally read your newspaper, but I heard that you had an interview with Milwaukee Police Chief Arthur Jones ("Top Cop," June 3) so I logged onto your Web site to read it. I had a special interest in this. I was at La Cage when the police did their things.

You didn't cover the story about what the police did. Jones said he gave you the interview because of the commotion over the police activities at La Cage. He let you interview him even though you never wrote a word about what happened. I wonder why?

As far as the bar incidents goes your interview was a joke. Besides the questions you lifted from your competitor's articles you let this man get away with his B.S. about how his force didn't do anything wrong and he won't tolerate ... blah, blah, blah.

Any real reporter might have asked what non-gay bars were treated this way. You didn't. Any real reporter might have asked why their records don't back up what Jones said. You didn't.

There is a good gay reporter in Milwaukee and his first name is Bill, but his last name isn't Attewell. Do us all a favor, stick to the stuff you are best at and leave the real stories to the real reporters.

J.G.
Milwaukee

EDITOR'S NOTE: Normally, *IN Step* does not print unsigned letters. However, I concluded that the strong opinions expressed in the above letter from "J.G." warranted publication. For the record, I did write an editorial (Vol. 16, #VIII) critical the police's handling of the "fruit fly" inspections, and my interview with Chief Jones speaks for itself.

Let Them Eat Cake!

To the Editor—

We are outraged by Scott Evertz's article, "Thoughts From a White Boy of Privilege" (May 6, '99), and his attacks on David Runyon. This article is a classic example of the kind of character assassination which brings down leaders and impedes progress in our community.

Runyon has always shown all of us hospitality, friendship and inspiration. He has done this for years, and his tireless efforts for global gay equality are an example for us all. It is preposterous to suggest that a retired teacher living on a pension is "ruling class."

Some people don't like David because he is conscious of the inequities in our

society and he always works on the side of the "oppressed." Shame on anyone who tries to discredit a man who deserves to be recognized as a hero.

We suggest that people like Scott Evertz spend less time on charity, more on parity and we also respectfully request that he "shut his cake-hole!"

Don Anderson
Andrew Miller-Rhodes
Madison

Pass the Tums

To the Editor—

Thanks for "Eat Out!" your restaurant guide published in the May 20 issue of *IN Step*. Milwaukee has much to offer as far as restaurants go. However, I was disappointed to see the negative reviews for Vinifera and Coquette Cafe.

I have eaten at Vinifera three times and each time found it to be a wonderful dining experience! If the reviewers only tried it once shortly after it opened, then why did they review it?

Just recently, my partner and I along with two friends dined at Coquette Cafe and were very impressed! Not only were the food and service quite good, but the prices were very reasonable.

I think Vinifera and Coquette Cafe both deserve better reviews and I would definitely recommend them.

Robert Kewan
Milwaukee

Patrick Cudahy Kudos

To the Editor—

Recognition is in order to Patrick Cudahy, Inc. for their inclusion of PrideFest this year, as a Milwaukee lakefront festival to which free admission will be available, through a company-sponsored consumer promotion.

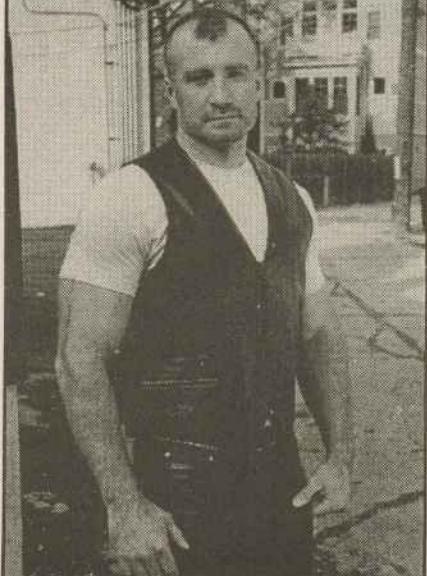
Last year, several phone calls were made to Patrick Cudahy, Inc. inquiring why PrideFest was the only summer lakefront festival not included in their promotion. A consumer affairs representative from the company stated the matter would be addressed.

And obviously, it was, as PrideFest is now included on the list of Milwaukee lakefront festivals to which Patrick Cudahy Inc. offers their "free admission" promotion.

You may wish to inform your readers of this action, and encourage support of Patrick Cudahy, Inc., and its products, as positive acknowledgement for including PrideFest in their promotion.

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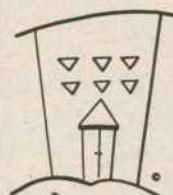
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IN STRAIGHT ANSWERS

Judgment Day

by Christopher Ott



"Don't be so judgmental."

One of the politically correct strategies we often use to win people over to our side is to portray anti-gay conservatives as harsh judgmentalists. The thinking goes that they're too willing to judge others, and that they need to come down from their high-and-mighty, self-appointed position as judges over the rest of us.

This strategy usually doesn't work too well for us. The real problem isn't that anti-gay conservatives are judgmental, but that the assumptions they make their judgments with are all wrong.

One problem is the easy way in which this argument starts to go against us, such as when we quote Biblical advice like "Judge not, lest ye be judged." This has a profound meaning, but it's the wrong meaning for the case we're trying to make. "Judge not, lest ye be judged" warns against harshly judging others for what they do wrong if you don't want to be judged for what you've done wrong yourself. That's fine advice, except that we're not doing anything wrong. This argument suggests that we are, and to anti-gay conservatives, it sounds like we just want to be left to "sin" without being bothered or confronted about it. Their erroneous assumptions are left intact.

Worse yet, anti-gay conservatives tend to be all too willing to judge others, and when we warn them not to, it just fits into their belief that we are against judgments of any kind. Christian conservative kvetching about "moral relativism" (which is ironic, since what could be more relativist than a selective interpretation of the Bible's crazed moral hodge-podge?) is really a complaint that no one has any standards, that anything goes, and that nothing is wrong if it feels good for a moment.

This is, of course, not what we stand for, nor is it anything that we should appear to stand for. The argument for gay equality is a civil rights issue: we're singled out on the basis of the judgments — the erroneous judgments — that people make about us, and the reality of this discrimination calls for laws to protect against it.

The irony of the debate about "gay issues" is that it's not really about gay issues at all. It's really about the insecurity, ignorance and bigotry of the anti-gay side, and whether or not they get to call the shots. Instead of trying to do away with judgment, we need to encourage people to judge anti-gay conservatives, not us. They are essentially arguing that the law should cater to their own ignorance about sexual orientation, and we shouldn't mince words about judging them for this wrong-headed belief.

Q: What will you be advocating next?

An occasional argument that you'll hear against gay equality is essentially "What next?" In other words, if we pass laws to protect gay people from discrimination, then where do we stop? Pretty

soon we'll have to pass laws to protect people on the basis of which hand they write with, how much they weigh, or what they look like.

A typical response to this question is "No, we won't." A better response would be "Why not?" If it can be shown that people are discriminated against because of a characteristic that doesn't show up in their ability or work ethic, then maybe we should try to prevent it.

Instead of trying to dodge the question, we need to tell it like it is: Anti-gay conservatives and others who are concerned about civil-rights laws being a "slippery slope" have gotten themselves into a tricky position. Let's make them explain their way out of it. They're essentially arguing that it's OK to discriminate on the basis of arbitrary characteristics. Let's see where arguing for this kind of unfairness gets them.

The final irony of this concern about where new civil-rights laws might lead shows up in its misplaced priorities. The people who argue that gay-equality laws will open the door to other "frivolous" legal protections show a much greater concern about theoretical future abuses than the reality of anti-gay discrimination now. This is, at best, a weak argument. Let's ask them to help solve the problem of anti-discrimination — it is, after all, largely a problem they are responsible for — before we let them wave the red shirt about what might happen in the future if we do solve it. □

Straight Answers is a monthly column devoted to advice about how to change anti-gay attitudes. If you have a question or suggestion, please write to sao@sipu.com or in care of IN Step.

Quips & Quotes

me. Can you imagine how I felt dedicating Harold Arlen's Get Happy to Judy, with Liza sitting right in front of me?"

—Lesbian comic and singer Leo DeLaria to the San Francisco Examiner.

The Boyfriend Problem

"As anyone who's had a boyfriend can tell you, boyfriends are not the solution to your problems. They're the beginning of a whole new set of problems."

—Author Dan Savage writing in OUT magazine, June issue.

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"It was love at first sight, you could say."

—French tennis champ Amelie Mauresmo, 19, on her lover, Sylvie Bourdon, 31, to OUT magazine.



Amelie Mauresmo

Anti-Lisp?

"The gay community wants to have people accept them as being just like 'Joe Regular,' but at the same time feels the constant need to point out their gayness through rallies, rainbows and spokespeople with lips."

—Columnist Steve Yuhas in the San Diego gay newspaper Update.

Denial

"I am not now, nor have I ever been, a heterosexual. Not that there's anything wrong with that."

—New York City consultant Wayne Kowadler to the New York Post in response to rumors that he and openly lesbian City Councilwoman Christine Quinn are having a secret affair.

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—Author-activist Larry Kramer to the Chicago Tribune.

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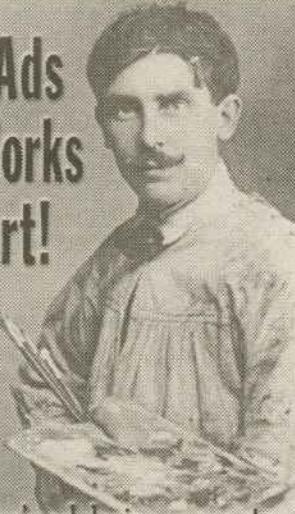
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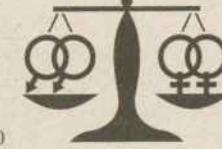


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Baldwin is 'Out & About'

Last November's election of Democratic Rep. **Tammy Baldwin** of Wisconsin was unprecedented in that the lawmaker became the first openly lesbian member of Congress.

Now, Interior Secretary **Bruce Babitt** has presented Baldwin, 37, as keynote speaker for his department's gay pride celebration, "Out and About in Government" held last week.

The Interior Department event also featured the "Not What You Think Ensemble of the Lesbian and Gay Chorus of Washington, D.C."

Wrestling Star Sues WWF

Pro wrestling champion **Sable** is suing the World Wrestling Federation for

\$110 million, complaining it wanted her to participate in a lesbian storyline, expose her breasts on TV and appear in sexually degrading photos.

The lawsuit, filed in federal court, charges that professional wrestling has become increasingly "obscene, titillating, vulgar and unsafe."

Known for her waist-length hair and scanty outfits, Sable, whose real name is Rena Mero, said the WWF stripped her of her championship belt by scripting her defeat in a recently televised *Monday Night Raw* match.

Her downfall, she claims, came after she repeatedly refused to have her gown torn off on national television, exposing her breasts.

UK Freddie Mercury Postage Stamp Stirs Up Some Brits

Britain's Royal Mail has selected a fictitious malevolent robot, a UK football star, a classic film comic and a bisexual rock singer for its new set of millennium commemoration stamps.

But some Brits apparently think it's OK for comedian **Charlie Chaplin** or football jock **Bobby Moore** or even "Doctor Who" mortal robot enemies, the Daleks, to join Britain's royal family on the nation's postage stamp images, it's not appropriate for rock singer **Freddie Mercury** of the band Queen and an avid stamp collector during his life, to be carried by the Royal Mail.

Columnist **Simon Heffer** of Lon-



Queen Liz is a Rockin' Mama!

don's *Daily Mail* wrote of the announced postal series: "The queen we would rather see on our postage stamps is not stripped to the waist and wearing spray-on red trousers."

Heffer said Mercury's "degenerate lifestyle caused him to die of AIDS at an unfortunately early age."

Other Britons have written to the Royal Mail complaining that the Freddie Mercury stamp shows drummer Roger Taylor, who is alive, in violation of a Royal Mail rule against portraying any living person on stamps other than members of the royal family.

But authorities with the Royal Mail coolly have responded to all critics that all the stamps in the millennium commemoration series — like all UK postage stamps — were approved by **Queen Elizabeth**. That, Royal Mail says, pretty much overrides objections by anyone in the country.

Three cheers for the Queen. The stamps went on sale on June 1.

Moorthy at Grava

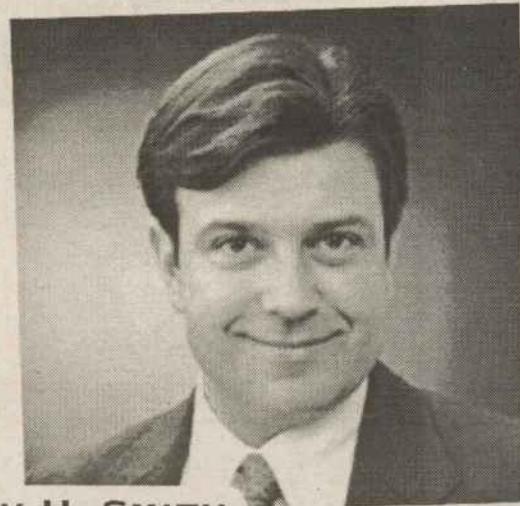
Poornima Moorthy, a Milwaukee-based artist who grew up in Madison, will have her work in a one-person exhibit at Grava Gallery in Milwaukee. Poornima's arts has been influenced by her Asian/Indian heritage using both drawing and painting in layers on wood and canvas. Her art currently graces Brasserie 143, a restaurant in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward. The new show will be presented at Grava Gallery, 1209 E. Brady from June 25 through July 17. A artist's reception will open the show on June 25.

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Following the June 4 appointment of James Hormel as the ambassador to Luxembourg, Sen. James M. Inhofe, R-Okla. had threatened to block all future Clinton nominations — an action which Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott has agreed to support. Now it has come to light that several of the Senator's aides were discovered to have downloaded pornography off the Internet — a violation of federal sexual harassment policy. The computer pornography was discovered during a routine systems check, according to the Capitol Hill newspaper *Roll Call*.

"In deference to legitimate privacy concerns, our office plans no further comment," Inhofe spokesman Gary Hoitsma said. This attention to privacy is inconsistent, at best, since the Senator has spent the last several days impugning the integrity and good name of Hormel, the nation's first openly gay ambassador.

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Summer Sizzle:
A Jazz Festival

A free jazz festival called *Summer Sizzle* will be held in the 100 and 200 blocks of N. Broadway in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward on July 31 and Aug. 1. There will be continuous entertainment on two stages, a fashion show, outdoor shopping, a jazz photo exhibit, special attractions and food and beverages.

Headline acts include saxophonist Stanley Turrentine and the Charmaine Neville Band on Saturday, July 31. On Sunday, Aug. 1, Jango and jazz pop artists will perform. The hours for July 31 are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The hours for Aug. 1 are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information call (414) 384-4272.

Rainbow Summer's New Line-Up

Daily, free fun and entertainment return to the downtown banks of the Milwaukee River with the 17th season of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts' Rainbow Summer Festival. Running weekdays through Aug. 24, during the lunch hour and on many selected evenings, the Peck Pavilion will come alive with performers representing the full musical spectrum.

New to Rainbow Summer this year are a number of local and national acts. They include "Brave Combo," an eclectic sextet from Texas; "Gaelic Storm," the steerage party band from the movie "Titanic"; "Big Nick and the Cydecos," three Kenosha-born musicians and a Milwaukee blues man; "Frogwater," acoustic Celtic music with bluegrass and country blues; and an afternoon of eclectic jazz with Jerry Grillo, Jack Grassel and Tom McGirr, among many other acts.

For daily performance information, call the Marcus Center Events Line at (414) 273-2787 or visit the Center's Web site at www.milwaukeearts.org.

Walker's Point Center For The Arts Membership Show

A new exhibition at the Walker's Point Center for the Arts features recent works by its artist members. The Membership Show is open now through July 10. The show includes sculpture, prints, paintings, photography and ceramics among the works by university professionals, students, recent art school graduates and career artists from the community.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts is located at 911 W. National Ave. and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. For information call (414) 672-2787.

interior MOTIVATOR

TV's flamboyant decorating guru Christopher Lowell discusses his sudden fame

by Bradley David
IN Step Contributing Writer

Christopher Lowell, host of the hugely popular *Interior Motives* on cable TV's Discovery Channel, is to home improvement what Richard Simmons is to fitness ... and then some. With his over-the-top enthusiasm, Lowell preaches to his millions of loyal viewers the idea that self esteem is essential to design.

"Where there is fear, there is no creativity," he says.

In the fall, the flamboyant Lowell — now in the third season of his show, which airs weekdays at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. CST — will begin shooting *The Christopher Lowell Show*, which will replace *Interior Motives* on the Discovery Channel. The show will feature Lowell in a fully operational twelve-room home constructed as a set and will be basically the same as *Interior Motives* but with no studio audience and more of an emphasis on viewer mail, addressing questions and concerns from the 2,000 letters Lowell receives each week.

Besides the Discovery show, Lowell is in negotiations for a syndicated talk show to be called *Christopher and Camilla At The Mall*. Lowell and co-host Camilla Scott will do the home improvement show from a \$4 million set being constructed in the middle of the second largest mall in the country. Lowell, 43, is also currently in a bidding war with several national chains for his own line of merchandise, to include paints, linens, and fabrics. Coinciding with the launch of the product line, expected to happen later this year, will be the release of a self esteem/interior design work-book that Lowell is writing.

Born in Alaska, where his father was stationed in the military, Lowell went to high school in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and later spent several years at the University of New Hampshire. He was trained as a classical pianist, but ended up working in theater and television, in addition to a successful career in the beauty industry as a creative director for companies like Revlon, Paul Mitchell, and Matrix Essentials. In a recent telephone interview, Lowell discussed, among other topics, his philosophy, his private life (or lack thereof), and his rivalry with Martha Stewart.

IN Step: Have you been shocked by your sudden fame?

Christopher Lowell: I can't say that I'm shocked by the fame. But I'm shocked that I ever became the host of the show. I had created this series and had been grooming a young man for about three years to do the job. Two weeks before the camera crew arrived to shoot my original pilot, he told me

that he'd been diagnosed with terminal cancer. So I said the old proverbial line, "I know the part. I can go on." I'm not in the business to be famous. If that's happening, that's simply a by-product of the work that we're doing.

IN Step: You were great recently as a celebrity guest on 'The Match Game'. Have you been on Letterman or Oprah or any of the big talk shows?

CL: I've been offered to go on *Rosanne*'s show and all these other shows. But I have to say to myself, "Why should I go on these shows?" My audience is in a niche category, and I want them to feel connected to the authenticity I think they see in me. I have intentionally kept a low profile the last couple of years. I didn't get into show business to do talk shows. I really got into this business and created this project to be helpful. My audience is large and loyal, and it's really essential to me that my audience doesn't see me popping up on every talk show. And there's no reason for me to — I've got my own show.

IN Step: So you never dreamed about being famous when you were growing up?

CL: No. The only thing I knew was that I would eventually be affecting lots of people. I was one of those kids who had too much talent. I was an artist, a sculptor, a concert pianist ...

You name it — I was doing it. For some reason, from the time I was born, I had an innate sense of what creativity was. And it was easy for me to channel that, much to the nervousness of my whole family. I learned early enough in the game that all that creativity was

going to do nothing unless I focused. So I decided that from the time I was seven years old to the time I was 20, I would hold almost every single job in the arts I possibly could, and I did pretty damn good. Then once I felt I understood everything from dance to music to sculpture to performance to whatever, I would decide if I was about all of those things or about one of those things. When the home improvement category came along, it was sort of a microcosm for me. It allowed me to do a subject matter I knew very well, to present it in a way

I knew had never been presented before, and to perform the way I felt the character would work.

IN Step: Were you always interested in decorating?

CL: The interior design actually grew out of my set-design work in the theater in the late '70s. I learned a lot of tricks of the trade, and essentially those same tricks are what I teach today — truly believing that your home is a theater. My background is more theater than it is interior design. But the theater background is far more rigorous than anything an interior designer has to go through, because you have to interpret scripts, you have to know lighting, you've got to understand period, the whole bit...

IN Step: What made you decide to do a TV show?

CL: I had seen *Martha Stewart* sort of make it on the scene and took a look at that. And I took a look at the sitcom *Home Improvement*. There was an aspect about both that I liked and I said, "Wouldn't it be interesting if the two sort of got in a train wreck?" So when I was working for the Matrix Hair Corporation near Cleveland, I opened a decorative home arts center, and for three years

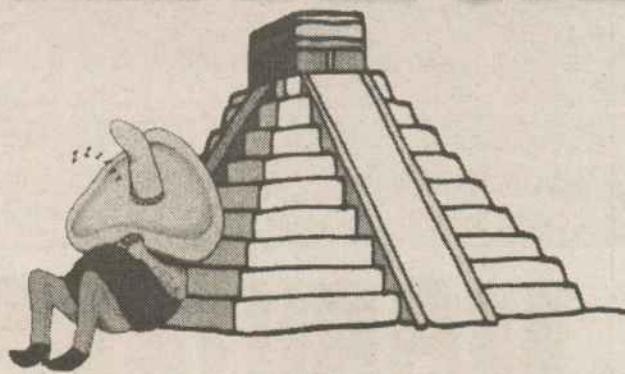


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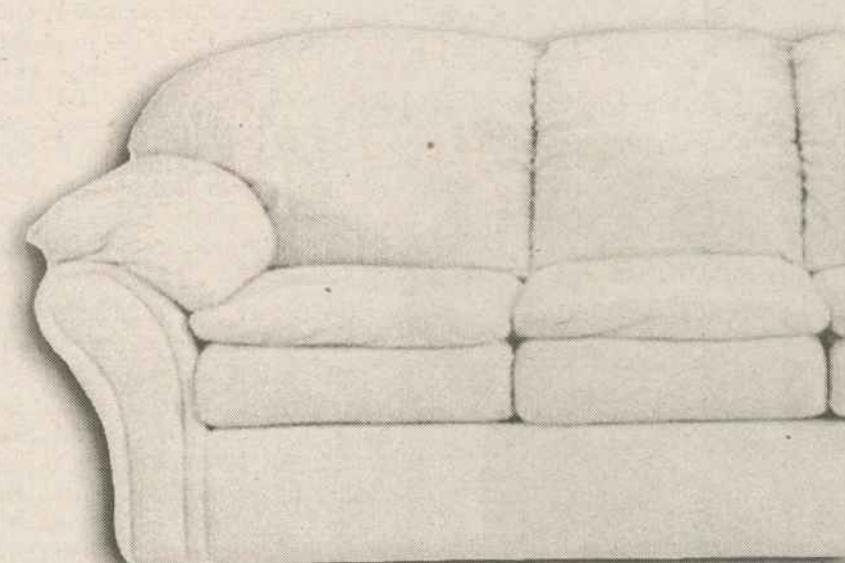
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Photographer Kirkland in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — Advertising Photographers of America/Milwaukee (APA/M) will present an evening with internationally renowned photographer Douglas Kirkland on Wednesday, June 23 at the Wyndham Hotel, 139 E. Kilbourn at 6:30 p.m. The presentation is co-sponsored by Canon and Kodak Professional and is free and open to the public.

Kirkland, a former *Life* magazine photo-journalist, is considered one of the foremost celebrity photographers in the industry. Among the legends he has photographed are Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor and Robert Redford. His photos from the motion picture set of *Titanic* were published in the 1997 book, "James Cameron's *Titanic*," which was on the *New York Times* Best Sellers List for over a half year, selling more than a million copies in the United States alone.

The APA/M is comprised of commer-



Portrait of Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet from the set of 'Titanic.' Photo by Douglas Kirkland.

cial advertising photographers who band together to share business information, raise industry standards and network to improve their business practices. The APA/M Print Show will be at Mitchell International Airport from June 18 through July 15. For more information on APA/M contact, Tom Fritz at (414) 344-8300.

Broom Street Theater Presents 'Pictures At An Exhibition'

Madison — Broom Street Theater presents its latest production *Pictures at an Exhibition*, a wild comedy by Callen Harty about a grand opening night at an art gallery for a showing of new works by local artists. The production opens at 8 p.m. Friday, June 18, at the air-conditioned Broom Street Theater, 1119 Williamson St., and runs Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through July 25.

The plot gets juicier and zanier as culture clashes and gender clashes occur during the show. Fights break out over what is art and what is not art. This play dares to answer the big question, "Does America love art?" The answer is a big resounding, "Yes!"

The cast includes Broom Street veterans Lauri Harty, Brian Wild, Chad Metcalf, Scott Feiner, Betsy McNeely and Heather Stickler. Making their Broom Street debuts are Jill Kachur, Randi Johnson Hanson, Angy Ghagliano, John G. Gustafson, John H. Harmon, Ramy Renor and Tim Kitzinger.

The production includes lighting design by Luke Delwiche, art work and stage props by Amy Franklin, sound design by Brian Wild, costumes by Chu Zahradnik and societal designs by Aaron Anderson. All show begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 at the door only (sorry no reservations). For more information, call (608) 244-8338.

Art Review

Butch-O-Matic

During the few months I lived in Australia, I learned that "randy" was the Aussie/British equivalent to "horny." "Butch" meant just what it means in America: a macho top. Just think how Australian queers would react to meeting a man named Butch Randy.

You could picture Milwaukee artist Butch Randy James as once having been a member of Warhol's fabled stable. He's adopted the Warhol style and given it his own personal twist. Like Warhol, he uses brightly colored screen prints to play upon contemporary culture. He even fashions himself to physically appear like a denizen of Max's Kansas City. One could imagine Butch Randy James in a tattoo parlor, trading street gossip with Joe Dallesandro, Brigid Berlin and Candy Darling.

It's nice to see the Triangle take down its muscle posters and temporarily replace them with the work of this local artist. The current showing of prints is a fun introduction to Butch's work. What's more, it's an affordable place to begin a collection.

"Hunk-A-Matic" transposes the beefy image of a stoic muscleman onto the flower-power designs of pop art. Sort of Arnold Schwarzenegger meets Austin Powers. Small purple diamonds containing images of weight lifting and

exercise surround this California-style hunk. The imagery seems to contradict the title, making explicit that there is nothing automatic about becoming a muscle-stud. Or is Hunk-A-Matic intended as a spoof on all those "miracle" body-building ads found on the back pages of the *National Enquirer*?

"All Tied Up And Waiting For You, Oh Baby, Oh Baby, Oh Baby!" (this must be one of the longest titles ever devised) runs in a similar vein. Once again we see a thonged body builder that seems to have been lifted directly from a cheesy 1950s muscle magazine. He's loosely tied to a Greco-Roman column and is somehow reminiscent of Steve Reeves in one of those old Hercules films. This time, the surrounding illustrations are sexually suggestive. In one, a man is bent over as if waiting for a fuck. Oh Baby!

Butch Randy James brings a camp sensibility to all of his work. The cynical humor of these prints is what endears them to astute queers. Asking too many questions about the "meaning" of these images is bound to get you nowhere. The titles are meant to bring a quick smile. The fun is in the looking.

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The work of Butch Randy James is currently on view at the Triangle, 135 E. National Ave., in Milwaukee.

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June 27	R. Kelly/Foxy Brown	7:30 PM
June 28	Dave Matthews Band/The Iguanas	7:00 PM
June 29	Alan Jackson/Andy Griggs	7:30 PM
June 30	Lauren Hill	7:30 PM
July 01	Brandy/Silk/C-Note	7:30 PM
July 02	John Mellencamp/Son Volt	8:00 PM
July 03	Lynyrd Skynyrd/Kenny Wayne Shepherd	7:30 PM
July 04	Paul Simon/Bob Dylan	7:30 PM

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June 24	Morris Day & The Time	9:00 PM
June 25	Tony! Toni! Toné!	10:00 PM
June 26	Chicago	10:00 PM
June 27	Los Lobos	10:00 PM
June 28	Pat Benatar	9:30 PM
June 29	Deana Carter	10:00 PM
June 30	Journey	9:30 PM
July 01	Little Feat	10:00 PM
July 02	The Booze Brothers Show Band	10:00 PM
July 03	Buddy Guy	10:00 PM
July 04	The Doobie Brothers	10:00 PM

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June 24	The Boogie Men	9:00 PM
June 25	Jimmy Cliff	10:00 PM
June 26	The Freddy Jones Band	10:00 PM
June 28	The Why Store	10:00 PM
June 27	Sonia Dada	10:00 PM
June 29	Delbert McClinton	10:00 PM
June 30	.38 Special	10:00 PM
July 01	Neville Brothers	10:00 PM
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July 03	Brian Setzer Orchestra	10:00 PM
July 04	Love Monkeys	10:00 PM

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June 28	Vonda Shepard	9:30 PM
June 29	Semisonic	9:30 PM
July 01	Reel Big Fish	9:30 PM
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July 03	Jimmie Vaughan	10:00 PM
July 04	Peter Himmelman	9:30 PM

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June 29	silverchair	10:00 PM
June 30	The Verve Pipe	10:00 PM
July 01	The Gufs	10:00 PM
July 02	The Gufs	10:00 PM
July 03	Joe Strummer	10:00 PM
July 04	Collective Soul	10:00 PM

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June 24	War	11:00 PM
June 25	Buckwheat Zydeco	10:00 PM
June 26	Bryan Lee	5:00 PM
June 26	Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes	10:00 PM
June 27	Dark Star Orchestra (Grateful Dead tribute)	8:00 PM
June 28	John Mayall and the Bluesbreakers	10:00 PM
June 29	Royal Crown Revue	10:00 PM
June 30	The Rippingtons featuring Russ Freeman with special guest Paul Taylor & The Craig Chaquico Band	10:00 PM
July 01	Average White Band	10:00 PM
July 02	Steve Riley & the Mamou Playboys	10:00 PM
July 03	Jim Liban	5:00 PM
July 03	Paul Cesar & The Milwaukeeans	10:00 PM
July 04	Susan Tedeschi	10:00 PM

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June 25	Dave Chappelle	6:15 & 9:00 PM
June 26	Jeff Cesario	6:15 & 9:00 PM
June 27	John Witherspoon	6:15 & 9:00 PM
June 28	Lewis Black	6:15 & 9:00 PM
June 29	Wendy Liebman	6:15 & 9:00 PM
June 30	Joe Rogan	6:15 & 9:00 PM
July 01	Judy Tenuta	6:15 & 9:00 PM
July 02	Will Durst	6:15 & 9:00 PM
July 03	Amazing Jonathan	6:15 & 9:00 PM
July 04	George Lopez	6:15 & 9:00 PM

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June 25	Big Head Todd and the Monsters	10:00 PM
June 26	Village People	10:00 PM
June 27	Eric Burdon & The New Animals The Boogie Men	7:30 PM 10:00 PM
June 28	George Benson	10:00 PM
June 29	REO Speedwagon	10:00 PM
June 30	Foreigner	10:00 PM
July 01	Hootie & The Blowfish	10:00 PM
July 02	Hootie & The Blowfish	10:00 PM
July 03	Boz Scaggs	10:00 PM
July 04	Ziggy Marley & The Melody Makers	10:00 PM

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June 24	TBA	8:15 PM
June 25	Red Elvises	8:15 PM
June 26	Kojo	8:15 PM
June 27	Pandigenous II	8:15 PM
June 28	the Big Wu	8:15 PM
June 29	American English	8:15 PM
June 30	Streetlife	8:15 PM
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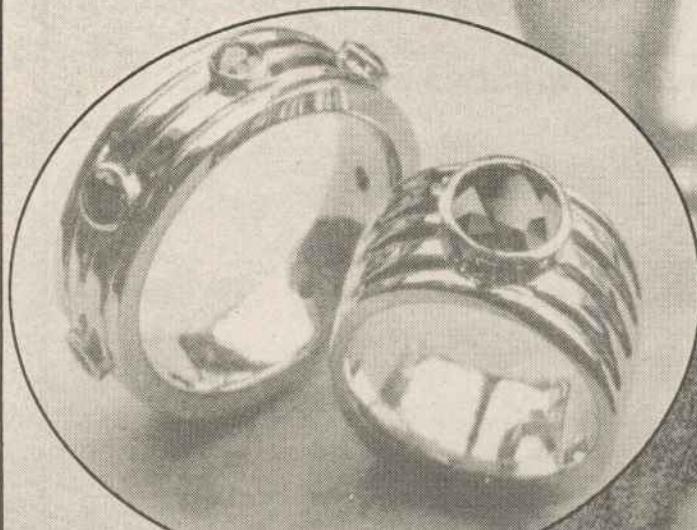
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we taught and graduated about 3,000 men and women through home arts classes. We shot about 2,200 hours of documentary film footage, created a television special specifically about creativity, which aired on PBS, and that became the basis for our pilot.

IN Step: Besides giving good decorating tips, what impact do you think Interior Motives has had on people's lives?

CL: Over the course of time, we realized that what we were really doing was motivational/self-esteem issues. We were the first to bring that in a really strong way to the "how to" market. When you think about it, it makes a lot of sense. Most people's only form of expression is their home. I had taught an unaccredited course at Boston University many years before on creativity. It was extraordinary how, throughout that course, just about everybody would go through these crying jags. It was so personal — what they had bottled up in them. The only thing I regretted was that at the end of those classes, they were convinced that yes indeed we all are creative, but I hadn't given them a creative task to bring that into three-dimensional form. So when the home arts thing came up, I said, "This is an opportunity for me to take what I know about that and put that into a very vital arena."

IN Step: What do you think of Martha Stewart?

CL: I don't consider her "how to" to begin with. I think she teaches people specifically how she lives in the Hamptons. If you look at Martha from that point of view, she does a hell of a job. My problem is, there's not enough room in the Hamptons for my 35 million viewers. My viewers are a much more realistic group. Our show has continued to mystify the Discovery people because it just absolutely translates into every single socio-economic base and demographic. There are people in Beverly Hills who watch it religiously, and there are people in the Turks and Caicos islands who have nothing but a shack and an antenna who watch it every day. The show has actually become quite a common denominator, even for professional interior designers.

IN Step: Do you feel competitive with Martha?

CL: No. She does with me. Actually, when she was on the Lifetime channel before she moved to CBS, we were beating her ratings every day. I know so many people who know her — this is a very small industry — so I try to keep the gossip to a minimum. And that poor woman has certainly left a paper trail. I don't think others have to lose in order for me to win. What I do is very different from anybody else in the "how to" category, and it's based pretty much on my life

experience.

IN Step: I'm sure people are curious about what your own home looks like.

CL: When I'm in production in L.A. I have a home up in the canyon. When I'm not in production, I have a home down on the grounds of La Costa in Carlsbad, CA. My homes are very photogenic but I purposely have never let them be photographed. I've got millions of viewers out there, and I do not want them to emulate my style. I want them to discover their own.

IN Step: I noticed you wear a ring on your ring finger. Do you have a significant other?

CL: No. I have no personal life. That ring dates back to about 350 BC. A very dear friend of mine, a well-known Roman coin jewelry designer, created that for me.

IN Step: So have you ever talked publicly about your private life?

CL: No. I talk about my personal life where I feel it's relevant. I'm very candid on the air about the fact that I've been poor at times and I've had money at times. My life has been about being clever, moving forward, having courage. I think that's relevant.

IN Step: But you have no interest in talking about your romantic life?

CL: I don't think it's relevant to anybody. If I thought it meant something, to teach somebody something, that would be fine. But since it doesn't exist, I don't have to worry. [laughs]

IN Step: You have a very dramatic flair. Were you ever bullied because of that as a child?

CL: I was very lucky. I had such visible talents that I garnered a lot of respect very early in my life, so I really never had a problem. I was a very quiet, shy person when I was a kid. I sort of lived through my talents. There are subtle differences between the persona you see on the show and me off-screen. When we edited that documentary for PBS, I had an opportunity to watch myself teach over and over again in very intimate situations. One of the things we found that was critical for both men and women was that a certain sense of androgyny had to be there. Men had to not be threatened and women had to not be threatened.

IN Step: Do you think your viewers assume you're gay?

CL: I don't know. I know, based on the letters we get and the personal appearances I do, that they think I'm their friend, and they will walk right up to me and throw their arms around me. It's that kind of relationship that I hope I have fostered with them. I think whatever they're seeing, they know that there's a good deal of earned authenticity there and that I'm there to help them. □

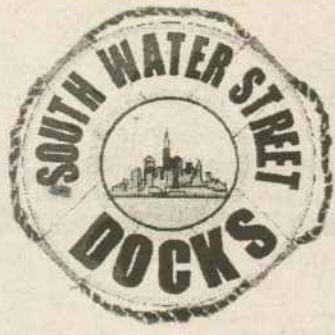
Design Tips From Christopher Lowell

Use color. "One of the first things you can do to organize your home and get it the way you want it is through color. Paint costs about \$12 a wall. And if you're going to paint your walls, paint your ceilings too. It's a great way to get a fresh new perspective and start from there."

If you're renting, forget about getting your security deposit back. "I've been to more apartments where the pictures are still on the floor because for some reason they think if they put a nail in the wall, the entire structure will fall down and they'll be responsible for it."

Think texturally. "If you're on a budget, it's a very good idea in your high-ticket items, like upholstery and that sort of thing, to keep it classic, keep it simple, and keep it neutral. Think in terms of furnishing your home texturally versus with pattern. Pattern is what you introduce in your drapes, in your pillows, and all those things that can easily be changed."

Include significant others in the process. "Don't start negotiating with your partner until you're very clear about the options that you have. Nothing will make someone's eyes glaze over more than hearing you talk about 22,000 different concepts that they can't understand. Often one partner will say, 'I don't care; do whatever you want,' until it's done and they hate it, partly because they weren't a part of the process that they didn't want to be involved with anyway. It's a matter of the couple saying, 'Look, we're about to go through this discovery journey of getting to know who we are and hoping to make our home a reflection of that.'"



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ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, June 17

JAZZ in the Park - Outdoor Summer Concert Series (Milwaukee): This weekly event is held in Cathedral Square Park along Jefferson & Jackson Streets in the heart of East Town. Tonight: WISCONSIN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC JAZZ ENSEMBLE from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic and set up a table for a feast. Food and beverages are also available. FMI call (414) 271-1416.

Friday, June 18

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): At 8 p.m. there will be lessons with Bill or Sharon. From 9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

LAMM - Softball Game (Milwaukee): The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee is playing games weekly at WICK FIELD #4 at 6, 7, 8, & 9 p.m.. If you want to play, contact Monica at (414) 860-1829.

Lakefront Festival of the Arts (Milwaukee): This is the 37th anniversary of the arts festival at the Milwaukee Art Museum on Milwaukee's lakefront. This is the perfect place to by a painting for those bare walls. Free tours of the museum will be available along with good food and entertainment. Admission is \$6 at the gate. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Polish Fest - (Milwaukee) Celebrate the heritage of Poland. Polka your little legs off. Have some great food. This ethnic festival celebrates the 150th anniversary of the death of Chopin and runs through 9 p.m. on 6/20. FMI call (414) 529-2140.

Saturday, June 19

Boerner Botanical Gardens - 15th Anniversary Festival (Hales Corners, WI): Celebrate the 60th birthday of these beautiful gardens with a series of entertainment and educational lectures for everyone. The gardens are located at 5879 S. 92nd Street. Some events have a fee, but most are free. FMI call (414) 529-1870.

East Town Farmers Market (Milwaukee): Flowers, vegetables, home-made bakery and more! This happens every Saturday morning from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Cathedral Square Park. Milwaukee's best and brightest jazz artists will highlight the morning while you shop. The outdoor market runs through Oct. 5.

FrontRunners Milwaukee - Weekly Run/Walk (Milwaukee): This weekly run/walk starts at 9 a.m. from St. Mary's Watertower. Join everyone for brunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome. FMI contact Bill Morley (414) 278-0787 or wmorley@pinet.net.

LAMM - Walk Against Family Violence (Milwaukee): The walk starts at 9 a.m. and concludes at 12:30 p.m. with closing ceremonies and grand prizes. All walkers receive free admission to Polish Fest on the Summerfest Grounds. FMI or to join the LAMM Team, call the LAMM Office at (414) 272-9442.

Juneteenth Day - (Milwaukee) This one day African-American festival is held in honor of the Emancipation Proclamation, and boasts, soul food, information booths and entertainment on Martin Luther King Dr. between Center and Burleigh Streets.

Wednesday, June 23

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): At 7 p.m. there will be Beginning Line dance lessons with Joan, at 8 p.m. there will be Advanced Two-Step lessons with Ron or Bill, and from 9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

Thursday, June 24

JAZZ in the Park - Outdoor Summer Concert Series (Milwaukee): This weekly event is held in Cathedral Square Park along Jefferson & Jackson Streets in the heart of East Town. Tonight: STREETLIFE with WARREN WIEGRATZ from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic and set up a table for a feast. Food and beverages are also available. FMI call (414) 271-1416.

SUMMERFEST - Party of the Century (Milwaukee): America's biggest outdoor music festival opens the Summerfest Grounds of Maier Festival Park with 12 star-studded stages featuring America's favorite award-winning artists. The Marcus Amphitheater sparkles with stars such as John Mellencamp, Lauren Hill, Bob Dylan and Paul Simon. For ticket information call (800) 272-FEST or visit their web site at www.summerfest.com.

Saturday, June 26

Golano Club - Commitment A99 Fund-Raiser (Milwaukee): This LGBT

12-Step Recovery Club will host a series of fund-raising events for Commitment '99 starting at 6 p.m. with a Chili Contest & Bake Sale. This will be followed by banner making until 8 p.m., when there will be an OPEN MEETING (everyone is welcome) followed by a Bench-A-Thon. FMI call (414) Barb S. (414) 483-6288 or Peter D. (414) 305-9291.

Rural Dykes Assn - Packing, Potluck & Farewell (Milwaukee): Come help say farewell to Julie and Jules. RDA will help pack at 11 a.m. for these gals who are moving west. Bring a vegetarian dish to pass. Car pooling from Eta and Carol's at 9:15 a.m. FMI call (608) 838-3094 or (414) 964-2912.

Sunday, June 27

L2K - Lesbian Picnic (Milwaukee): There will be a picnic in area 4 of Lake Park from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Enter off Newberry Street & go to the left. Bring a dish to pass, your own beverages, and food to grill. There will be outdoor games. FMI call LAMM (414) 272-9442.

PRIDEChicago - Pride Parade (Chicago): Chicago's 30th Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade will begin lining up at the corner of Halsted and Belmont. At 2 p.m. the parade will step off from the Halsted/Belmont corner and proceed north on Halsted to Broadway, then south on Broadway to Diversey, then east on Diversey to Cannon Drive. A rally will take place at 4 p.m. in Lincoln Park, Grove #13, after the parade ends at 3000 N. Lake Shore Drive West (the inner Drive at Wellington). Live entertainment, informational tables staffed by community groups and speakers will be on hand.

Wednesday, June 30

Concerts on the Square - First Concert (Madison, WI): Join the Frontiers guys at 7 p.m. Bring a blanket and your goodies for a picnic on the grass of the Capitol Green Commons while you enjoy this popular summer concert series.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): At 7 p.m. there will be Beginning Line dance lessons with Elain, at 8 p.m. there will be Folk Partner dance lessons with Kathy A., and from 9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

Club 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison, WI) Sunday Miller Lite Beer Bash from 3 to 8 p.m. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live Drag & Male Strippers. Patio open in June.

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 at 3 p.m. \$1 off all Miller products. \$4 pitchers of beer.

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

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 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.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Patio bar open at 2 p.m. Beer Bash from 2 to 8 p.m. Open volleyball. Food available from 2 to 6 p.m. 2/4/10 p.m. to close

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): During the day there is a \$1 beer sale from 3 to 9 p.m. on selected varieties. Shirtless Sunday Nights with Jake and Steve M. Half-price tap & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds

\$2.30. Tap beer \$8.60 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.

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

Mondays:

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

Club 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison, WI) 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50 all night. All other drinks \$1 off. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Shots of Hot Sex or Pucker are \$1.50. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

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.

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!

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

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

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$1 off top and rail 9 p.m. to midnight.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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

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

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

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

Za's (Green Bay, WI): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust or 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 tabs of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only \$1. 9 p.m. tabs 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 tabs of Lite, rails & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

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

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 8 p.m. on all drinks \$3.25. Rail drinks & domestic beers are \$1 @ 8 p.m., \$1.25 @ 8:30 p.m., \$1.50 @ 9 p.m., \$1.75 @ 9:30 p.m. and \$2 from 10 p.m. to close. Shots of Hot Sex or Pucker are \$1.50. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

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 S2 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.

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Miller Time! Miller Lite, \$1.50 tabs and \$2.00 bottles.

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

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1.50 Dr. or Schnapps with drink 9 p.m. to close.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. 2/4/1 all day, all night (open to close).



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Tipping the Velvet

TIPPING THE VELVET

by Sarah Waters

Of all the books that have come in to *IN Step* World Headquarters prior to Gay and Lesbian Book Month, this one is the most fascinating. This colorful (and erotic) novel, set in Victorian England circa 1890, tells of the coming out of 18-year old Nancy King, a fishmonger who works for her parents in the family oyster parlor in the provincial seaside town of Whitstable. Early on, we get a Dickensian slice of home life and learn the proper way to open a "native" — as oysters are referred to — while we sit around the supper table with the family.

Nancy and her sister Alice have a passion for the music halls during their spare time. More particularly, Nancy loves all the music-hall songs sung by and about women. Since there is nothing in her small

town, Nancy takes a 15-minute train ride to the Canterbury Palace of Varieties, as it was called, and sees for the first time Miss Kitty Butler, a cross-dressing music hall singer.

Kitty is known as a "masher" (a gentleman dandy), because of her fancy-dress male impersonation and the fact that she flirts with the young women in the audience. At the end of her act she tosses the prettiest girl a rosebud. Nancy keeps returning alone to see her and eventually finds her way into an unused box seat through the courtesy of Tony, the ticket-seller. One night it is she who gets the rosebud. As she leaves there is a message for her to visit Miss Butler in her dressing room and the romance is on.

Kitty's career blossoms as she is beckoned to the London stage; she asks Nancy to accompany her as her (unofficial) dresser. They find rooms among the other lodgers at a Mrs. Dendy's on Greasepaint Avenue. Here they share a bed up under the eaves and gradually become lovers. Waters keeps the reader's interest high, as the two girls then become partners in a wildly successful stage act as male impersonators. Now there are "two lovely girls in trousers, instead of one." Kitty begins to feel shame over her sexual preference and heads into marriage with their manager, Mr. Bliss. Nancy is dumped, left on her own.

Devastated, Nancy goes on a series of erotic excursions and struggles to survive disguised as a "renter" (a male street prostitute). She is picked up by a wealthy and lustful widow and becomes a kept "tart" (a girl/boytoy) in her posh mansion. She undergoes undreamed-of transformations and mortification among the Sapphic members of the jaded Cavendish Club, before finally finding true love and her own voice as a fledgling Socialist while working as housekeeper for a female union organizer. We could have done without the

few paragraphs in which Kitty is rebuffed and turned away at the conclusion.

This is one book you won't be able to put down as Waters leads you through the lesbian and queer demimonde of the "original" gay nineties. In discussing her first novel, she says her mother met her father at a local dance. Her mother taught her the songs, often love songs, sung to a woman, and they have been "a peculiar source of pleasure to her as an adult, with women lovers of her own, to be able to recall those lyrics ... and to make them meaningful again.

She says that if she were to write and publish 10 more novels, she isn't sure she would "produce a book of which she could be fonder." She finds this novel "filled with resonances of a purely personal kind ... it surprises me to find patches

and threads in the larger pattern — moments of family memory and family sadness, of love and yearning and loss and recovery, of confidence and innocence, of cynicism and optimism—and recognize in them the fragments of my own self."

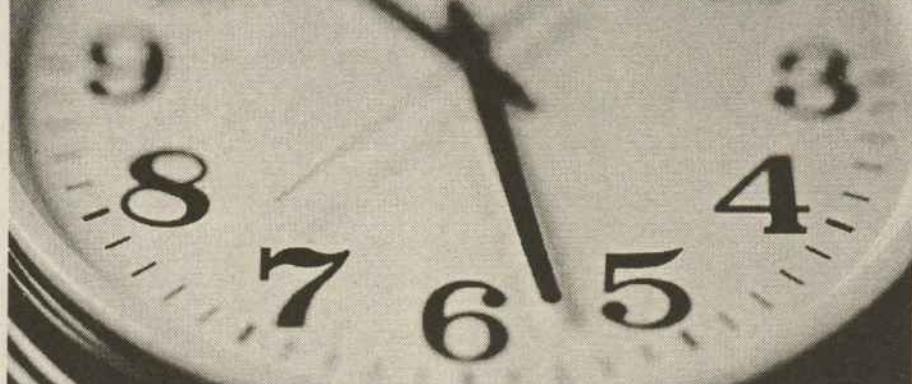
There is no shortage of erotic writing for those who like that sort of thing, but I think the historical part of the novel is enchanting and stands on its own. As for the title, it's a sex act called cunnilingus, "the details of which lie within this lusty novel. (Riverhead Books, ISBN:1-57322-136-8, \$25.95 HC).

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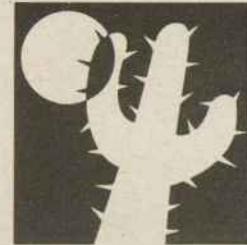
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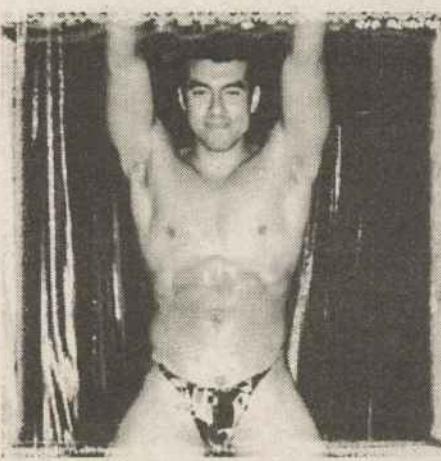
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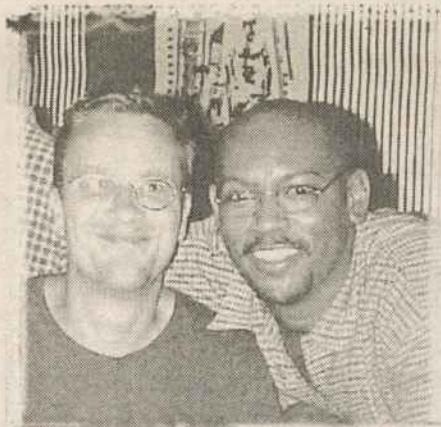
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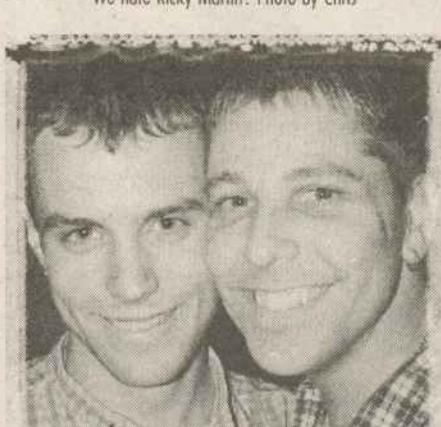
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Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50. The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Tap beer Special Export 80¢ a glass.. 9 p.m. to closing. The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris. Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! South Park Wednesdays. \$5 All-U-Can-Drink Superbust (beer, wine & soda). Woody's (Milwaukee): Dart Night Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m. Za's (Green Bay, WI): \$6 Super Bust. Sean spins requests.

Thursdays:

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pain & Pleasure in the Pit. \$1.50 longnecks. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25. Frozen cocktails \$3. Pitchers of Lite \$5. Will & Grace Night: \$1 off Martins during the show. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Shots of Hot Sex or Pucker are \$1.50. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

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

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

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

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

Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m. Cosmopolitan Martins \$3 from 8 p.m. to close.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite. Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra Shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker Pschorr Weisse.

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather: Tex-Mex Night! \$2 bottles of Corona, \$2 shots of Cuervo and Tequila Rose.

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$3 Weiss Beers Collection (selection varies).

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

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

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

The Trading Company (Eau Claire, WI): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$6 All-U-Can Drink Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m. Specialty Beer Night \$1.50 per bottle from 8 p.m. to close (Sam Adams, Corona, Becks, Rolling Rock & More).

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

Fridays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks. From 4 to 8 p.m. plus the Happy Hour wheel.

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

Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Check your Monthly Planner. \$100 drawings. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Patio open in June.

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

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN \$50 cash & prizes. DJ at 10 p.m. with the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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

DJ/Dancing

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Fish Fry 4 to 7 p.m. Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Friday Fetish Night!

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

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 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 'till 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bone DJ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 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): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

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, June 17

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

Friday, June 18

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

Saturday, June 19 South Water Street Docks - Battle of the Possum Queens (Milwaukee): This Possum Queen fund-raiser runs from 6 to 10 p.m. FMI call (414) 225-9676.

Sunday, June 20

Club 5 - Beer Bash (Madison, WI): There is a beer bash from 4 to 8 p.m. \$5 gets you all the miller Lite tap you can drink. There are live shows, either Drag or Male strippers. The Patio opens in June and a new restaurant menu is coming soon.

Wednesday, June 23

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

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES & CLUBS:

Friday, June 18

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Shorewood, WI): A Manette Ansley will read from her new book set in Wisconsin, MID-NIGHT CHAMPAGNE, at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Saturday, June 19

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Author's Book Discussion (Madison, WI): UW Professor Derik Bownds will brief Frontiers members on his recently published book THE BIOLOGY OF THE MIND at 7:30 p.m. in Middleton. Afterwards he will lead the group in some simple exercises that illustrate how their brains work. FMI call Gene (608) 831-4711.

Monday, June 21

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Shorewood, WI): Elinore Lipman will read from her new book, THE LADIES' MAN at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Tuesday, June 22

Shake It Up! - GLBTQ Book Discussion Group (Madison, WI): Two books will be discussed at 7 p.m., one a fiction novel and a non-fiction book that ties in with the fiction novel. At Borders Book Store East. FMI call (608) 240-0080.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Shorewood, WI):

Former Congressman Henry S. Reuss will read from his new book WHEN GOVERNMENT WAS GOOD: MEMORIES OF LIFE IN POLITICS at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Wednesday, June 23

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Milwaukee, Downer Ave.): Tom Franklin will read from his new book of short stories, POACHERS, at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Mequon, WI): Neil Barnard, M.D. will read from FOODS THAT FIGHT PAIN at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 241-6220.

Friday, June 25

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Milwaukee, Downer Ave.): Paul Auster will read from TIMBUKTU at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 332-1181.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

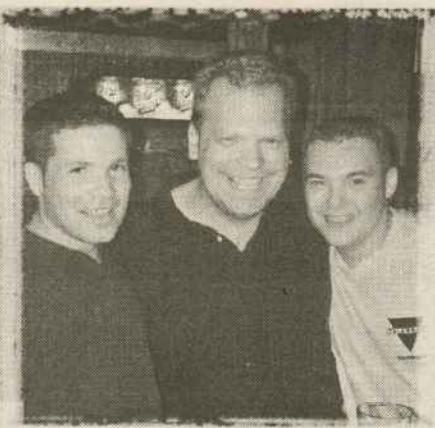
Thursday, June 17

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): TWELVE YEARS OF PRISON HIV PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS: THE EVOLUTION OF PROGRAMS, will be discussed at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room at 2071 N. Summit Ave. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

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

Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay, WI): There are five open AA 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



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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).

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, June 20

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

Gay Men's Discussion Group - Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee): The group meets at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., every second Sunday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics range from relationships and dating to HIV/AIDS to spirituality and mental health. FMI call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

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

LGBT Community Center - Meditation Circle (Milwaukee): The Circle will begin with centering and grounding exercises followed by guided meditation. It will evolve as the group desires, and meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the 1st Sunday of the month at the Center, 170 S. 2nd Street. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monday, June 21

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

Frontier Gay/Bi Men's Group - Rap Group (Madison, WI): Join the group at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson St. in the Gateway Building. FMI call (608) 255-4297.

GLBT Youth Pride Support Group - New Meeting (Green Bay, WI): This group will be available to youth every Monday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Counseling Center, 311 Jefferson St. FMI call (920) 437-4325.

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

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

Tuesday, June 22

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.

GLSEN - Regional Forum (Madison, WI): A listening sessions will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn East, regarding School Safety. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and DOJ sponsored task force wants to hear from all citizens on issues about safety of schools, how to make them more safe, root causes of youth violence, etc. FMI call Greg Doyle at (608) 266-1098.

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-



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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, June 23

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, June 24

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): GLOBAL HEALTH PRIORITY, INFLUENCES AND A LOOK AT THE FUTURE, will be discussed at 3 p.m. in the Conference Room at 2071 N. Summit Ave. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

LGBT Community Center - LGBT Entrepreneurs (Milwaukee): This 7 p.m. meeting is open to any LGBT small business owners interested in networking with other entrepreneurs in the LGBT community. FMI contact Pat Walsh (414) 329-8404.

LGBT Community Center - Rainbow Lecture (Milwaukee): The Lecture Series takes place at 7 p.m. FMI call Neil Albrecht (414) 271-2656.

Friday, June 25

SAGE/Milwaukee - Co-Ed Discussion Group (Milwaukee): There will be a presentation and discussion of the second half of a film of the best of the IN THE LIFE TV series in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, June 26

Community Thrift Store - Anniversary Event (Madison, WI): There will be a Grand Celebration to mark the store's first full year. Shoppers will be treated to free Chocolate Shoppe ice cream with their purchases in the afternoon. At 3 p.m. there will be a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate. FMI call (608) 250-1986.

Integrity/Dignity - LGBT Religious (Madison, WI): There will be a liturgy at 6 p.m. at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Friday, June 18

SAGE/Milwaukee - Film (Milwaukee): MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL will be shown at 6:30 p.m. in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

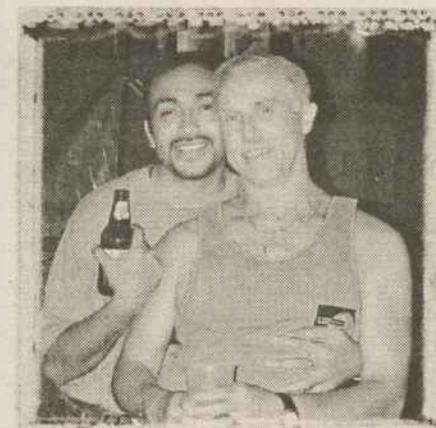
Saturday, June 19

LGBT Community Center - Film Night (Milwaukee): Saturday Night at the Movies, 6 - 10 p.m. Six movies to choose from, bring snacks to share, free (donation encouraged). FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, June 20

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 2 to 3 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIALISTS AT THE UW CAMPUS. Tim discusses the immigration issue.

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Worship (Madison, WI):



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CATHEDRAL OF HOPE, (Dallas, TX) part of the Federated MCC, will regularly air a 30 minute worship service at 8 p.m.

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

Monday, June 21

WHA-TV, Cable 21 - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 10 p.m. IN THE LIFE presents AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE. Examine the widely held view that Judy Garland's funeral on the eve of the Stonewall Riots helped spark the conflict. Campus fraternities for gay men are also featured. Also WPNE-TV Green Bay, WHLA-TV La Crosse, WHRM-TV Wausau, WHWC-TV Menomonie-Eau Claire, WLEF-TV Park Falls.

Tuesday, June 22

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

Wednesday, June 23

WHA-TV, Cable 21 - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): AFTER STONEWALL: FROM THE RIOTS TO THE MILLENNIUM: a 90 minute special AT 8 P.M. This sequel to the Emmy Award-winning Before Stonewall traces the history of lesbian and gay life, from the riots at the Stonewall Bar in Greenwich Village, NYC, in 1969 to the end of the 20th century. Also WPNE-TV Green Bay, WHLA-TV La Crosse, WHRM-TV Wausau, WHWC-TV Menomonie-Eau Claire, WLEF-TV Park Falls.

WHA-TV, Cable 21 - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): THE CASTRO sheds light on why the rather modest neighborhood became the world's first "gay hometown. Shows at 9:30 p.m. Also WPNE-TV Green Bay, WHLA-TV La Crosse, WHRM-TV Wausau, WHWC-TV Menomonie-Eau Claire, WLEF-TV Park Falls.

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents THE ANNUAL FEMINIST AWARDS given by the State Chapter of the National Association of Women on April 24, 1999. Plus Free Speech TV: ARE WE PREPARED FOR CHEMICAL QUEERS: THE ORIENTATION EXPRESS, MOM, I THINK I'M BI. Plus, IN OUR OWN WORDS.

Saturday, June 26

LGBT Community Center - LGBT TV Planning (Milwaukee): Anyone interested in getting involved in a local access TV program benefiting our community? This meeting will be held from 10:30 to Noon. FMI: Margaret at (414) 562-0366

Sunday, June 27

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 2 p.m. (New Time) NOTHING TO HIDE presents TEACHING RESPECT FOR ALL, produced by Kevin Jennings of GLSEN, plus IN OUR OWN WORDS.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Thursday, June 17

Katie Gingrass Gallery - Current Exhibit (Milwaukee): The gallery is showing its annual spring showing of EUROPEAN VINTAGE POSTERS through June. FMI call (414) 289-9255.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts - Current Exhibit (Milwaukee): A showing of recent works by members will run through 7/10/99. Paintings, sculpture, prints, photography, ceramics and more. FMI call (414) 672-2787.

Friday, June 18

Michael H. Lord Galleries - Poetry Reading & Current Exhibit (Milwaukee): A reading by 4 Wisconsin poets selected by artist Richard Knight because of their influence on his work will be presented from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the gallery. The exhibit of photographs by J.P. Attenbury has been extended. FMI call (414) 272-1007.

Milwaukee Art Museum - 37th Annual Lakefront Festival of the Arts (Milwaukee): A full weekend of art, music and food along the lakefront at the museum. Admission is \$6 at the gates. MAM galleries are open free during the festival. FMI call (414) 224-3851.

Milwaukee Art Museum - African-American Art (Milwaukee): AFRICAN AMERICAN ART: A DECADE OF COLLECTING will open in the Journal/Lubar Galleries on the lake level and run through 8/29/99. View paintings, sculptures prints, photographs and works by self-taught artists. FMI call (414) 24-3200.

Wednesday, June 23

Wyndham Hotel - Photography Exhibit (Milwaukee): The Advertising Photographers of America/Milwaukee are presenting a free evening with international photographer Douglas Kirkland from 6:30 p.m. at the Hotel located at 139 E. Kilbourn. FMI call Tom Fritz (414) 344-8300.

Friday, June 25

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Lilith Fair '99

by Keith Clark
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For the past two years, Canadian singer-songwriter Sarah McLachlan has organized the Lilith Fair, a traveling festival of women artists. Working its way across the U.S. and Canada during the summer months, the Lilith Fair has quickly become a showcase for both established and upcoming artists, while raising funds for local charities that support women's issues and concerns.

Like an increasing number of contemporary women's events, "diversity" is taken not only as an essential component at the Lilith Fair; it's also taken simply as a given.

Sarah McLachlan gathered her fellow Lilith Fair performers at Manhattan's Irving Plaza Club recently to announce the line-up for this year's itinerary and performers.

Included in Lilith 1999 will be: Sheryl Crow, Me'shell Ndegeocello, The Pretenders, Mya, Shawn Colvin, The Indigo Girls, Dixie Chicks, Deborah Cox, Martina McBride, Luscious Jackson, and many others.

The fair has gained enormous popularity in a short time, partly because founder-organizer McLachlan took criticisms of other music festivals very seriously and set out to avoid many of their pitfalls.

Instead of swooping into town, pledging some unspecified part of ticket sales to an equally unspecified charity, the Lilith Fair donates \$1 from each ticket sold to a specific local charity dealing with women's issues locally.

Similarly, rather than bringing in a troupe of headliners to "performer for the provincials," the Lilith Fair operates three stages, one featuring the big-name performers and two others spotlighting new and local performers who rarely get an opportunity for such large-scale exposure.

McLachlan announced this year, how-

ever, that she needs some time off from the music festival and confirmed that this will be the last tour she organizes for at least a few years. She says, however, that the Lilith Fair spirit won't end.

In fact, the fair announced information is now available at its Web site at <http://www.lilithfair.com/> where fans can not only get the latest details about Lilith '99 but also can see and hear excerpts from shows.

"It's continuing on," McLachlan said. "We are all individuals and we all have our unique voices, and when we all come together at Lilith we all remain those unique voices. But we all gather together as a collective. I think Lilith Fair could not have happened if it wasn't for all the strong, independent women who are already doing very well in music. So I think it's all going to continue on very strongly."

Along with its roster of performances, the Lilith Fair also features a veritable village of information booths about various causes like breast cancer, sexual abuse and youth services. There's also an abundant collection of commercial booths of women-owned businesses, products and services.

The music line-up this year is as diverse as it's ever been for Lilith, with music styles from alternative rock, and R&B to hip-hop, rap and country. One of the new headliners in this year's line-up is teen R&B star Monica, who has strong reasons for her participation.

"I'm involved in a program called Helping Girls Become Strong Women," she says. "And I realize that, while I'm on the verge of becoming a woman, I need to be around strong women to learn from them and help myself become a woman. That's one thing. And recently one of my family members has been hit with breast cancer. When I heard about the charity organizations and the monies donated, that was one of the things that really hit me. And that's why I'm involved."

Lilith '99 will be staged in more than 30 U.S. and Canadian cities this July and August. And before she completely stops working with the fair this year, McLachlan says she hopes to organize an Australian leg of the tour for later in the year. She's also planning to have Lilith '99 captured in a documentary film for later release. A double CD compiled from last year's tour was released on May 18. □

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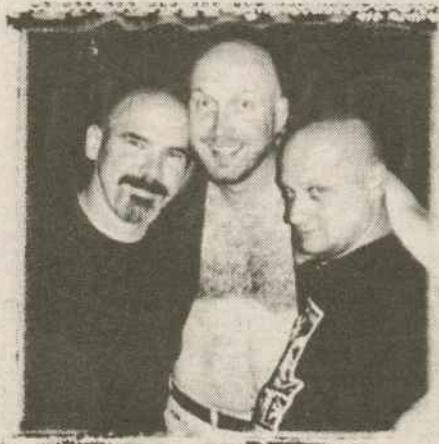
by Jamie

It's one of those early Monday mornings again! I kinda like getting up this early, it's so quiet! Just went to check on Josh — he's sleeping with a big smile on his face. I wonder what he's dreaming about? Hmm, I think I'll crawl on top of him and give him a big smooch.

This past week has been full of events for me. It started with a birthday party for one of the girls at the **Mineshaft**. (No, the Mineshaft isn't a new leather bar you haven't heard about. It's where **Josh** used to work at in Hartford.)

Josh invited **Anna** and a bunch of other Mineshaft staffers for a night on the town here in Milwaukee. We started with dinner at **M&M**. As usual, the food was fantastic. We stayed there for a couple of cocktails and then headed over to **Fluid**. Jimmy and Tammy were there, servin' up a good time. After a couple of tasty martinis we headed over to **Club 219**. Being a Wednesday night there were gonna be strippers. What better way to ring in a birthday than with hotties strippin' down to near nothing. Anna was havin' a blast with all those hot, sweaty guys rubbing all over her. I think she was getting moist herself! Kimberly Anne was nice enough to wish Anna a happy birthday over the sound system. Our final stop was **La Cage**. Lots of fun and dancing ended the night.

The next day **Josh** and I had plans for Six Flags Great America. After a couple of phone calls **Josh, Lana, Brad, Josh** and I, were headed to south to ride the Raging Bull! It's been at least 18 years



Group hug. Photo by Jamie @ Eagle

since I've been to Great America so I was ready for some roller coasters.

We went on several rides including the Big Drop. Let me tell you that I have never felt those kinds of sensations before, and I used to skydive. They take you up on this four-seat lift that has nothing in front of you but a harness. Feet dangling in the breeze, you are lifted something like 20 stories. Slowly this lift brings you higher and higher, when this thing comes to stop. After sitting up there for a minute we heard a clunk expecting an immediate drop. Nope. I think the clunk was to make you think you're gonna drop just to let your guard down then just when you start wondering when it will happen, clunk, you're heading towards earth at a speed that makes your feet fly up. Just when you think the thing has malfunctioned and you're dropping to your death, it starts to slow down. It was hard to walk after that ride and many of us decided that was a bit much.

The Raging Bull is the best roller coaster I have ever been on. Those TV commercials don't really do the ride jus-



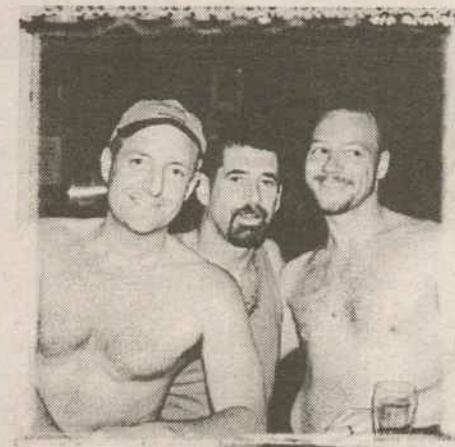
Disco Inferno. Photo by Jamie @ M&M

tice. Yes, we did wait in line for over an hour to ride it, but it was worth the wait.

Great America was lots and lots of fun. I wouldn't recommend the food but hey, when you're hungry it'll do. After driving back to Milwaukee, we went to **Triangle** to brag about our day's events. If anyone wants to plan a trip back down there let me know, I'm in.

Monday I had my grandmother's funeral to attend. No, I wasn't that close to her. Actually, there weren't any grandkids close to her. She wasn't a mean person; she just didn't take much time out for her grandkids. Anyway it was cool seeing all of my cousins, aunts and uncles again. We do have an interesting family ... I found out that one of my uncles used to try to slip his nieces the tongue when kissing them — what a perv.

Unfortunately for this column, there really isn't much more to talk about. This next couple of weeks has a few events that I will attend and be able to report about. The **Boot Camp** has an Auction/Possum Queen fund-raiser that looks to be fun. They are also throwing a **Mexican Fies-**



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Patio Party on June 25 with margarita specials that should also be fun.

Fluid is having a **Beach Party** on the 16th and if you dress in beach attire, rail drinks are \$1.50 all night. Don't forget that Thursday nights are Corona-Cuervo nights. Only \$2.00 for either or both. After you've had brunch at **M&M** on Sundays, head over to **Triangle** for the Sunday afternoon keg parties. Pay \$5 and it's all you can drink out on the patio.

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Cinema

The Lovers of the Arctic Circle

The Lovers of the Arctic Circle (Los Amantes Del Círculo Polar) is the best film of 1999 so far. Spanish director Julio Medem's fourth feature recalls *Open Your Eyes* (the ambitious but muddled Matrix-like Spanish thriller that played here a few weeks ago) in its twists and turns, *Peter Ibbetson* (a 1935 Hollywood film that the surrealists adored for



how utterly it epitomized their crucial l'amour fou tenet) in its wild, sweeping High Romanticism, *12 Monkeys* in its obsession with the ineluctable modality of being and maybe even a dash of another 1935 Hollywood film, George Cukor's masterpiece *Sylvia Scarlett*, in its ambiguity of tone.

A decidedly outrageous story would have to support such a smorgasbord and *Lovers* has one. Otto and Ana meet by coincidence as children in their schoolyard. Ana's mother falls in love with Otto's father by coincidence. They marry and the children are raised as brother and sister. Yet Otto and Ana carry on a secret love affair that is plagued with coincidences. The film spans seventeen years of their life including Otto's departure from the family, years of ensuing restlessness and the lovers' coincidental reunion in Finland on the Arctic Circle.

All sorts of ridiculous deus ex machinas befall not just Otto and Ana but their parents and other characters as well. They visit not in the fantastical form of, say, Keanu Reeves' mouth disappearing or Jude Law's port hole losing moistness but rather a job offer out of nowhere or a meeting with a teacher. These events are no less jarring for all their apparent naturalism taking the story to this country and towards that German pilot from the Spanish Civil War. And Medem has a blast with every single one of them. The story gets so exuberantly happenstance at times, in fact, that it seems as if Medem is poking fun at the "tastefulness" with which

knowledge is transferred in conventional narrative cinema. Or maybe he's just telling us that life is nothing more than a string of dumb coincidences. And why shouldn't his film reflect that? Films are supposed to mimic reality, right?

And that's just the story. Formally, the seventeen year span of *Lovers* is not only presented out of order but also in conditional tenses and maybe even fantasy segments bringing to mind the all-plot/no-story structure of Resnais' 1961 art-house classic, *Last Year at Marienbad*. To be precise, *Lovers* is more like *Marienbad*-lite. With intertitles like "Ana's Eyes" and "Otto in Ana's Eyes" and its circle symbology, Medem's film guides the viewer more obviously along its disjointed path. So it's far from being prohibitively artsy. Nonetheless, this is cinematic storytelling at its most ebullient and unfettered. The sweet insanity of lovers forcing destiny and waiting for one another at the far reaches of the globe is matched every step of the way by Medem's florid style and his repository of indelible images. He wears his Andalusian heart right on the celluloid.

This Is My Father

Paul Quinn's *This Is My Father* keeps the past in the past. But its story is suffused with just as much l'amour fou as *Lovers*. James Caan plays a disgruntled schoolteacher who visits Ireland in search of his father. A fortune teller recounts the story of the doomed man's life. A flashback to 1939 reveals that the father (Aidan Quinn, Paul's brother) fell in love with a higher class girl (Moya Farrelly) at least ten years younger. Their romance is shot at by the girl's mother, gypsy spell-casters, the local priest, hell, just about everyone in the village for remainder of the film.

This is superb old-fashioned melodrama (children born out of wedlock, overbearing parents, everything happens too late, etc.). If you let yourself succumb to its machinations, you'll be able to project any kind of fantasy upon the intensity of the love affair. What helps you succumb is the fact that the film never sucks its own ethnographic wee-wee while still retaining a strong sense of place and character. The very idea of the Catholic Church will make you wretch after watching it if it doesn't already. And John Cusack's cameo is the very definition of magic. Would it were all star-crossed lovers could experience such an unexpected materialization of their craziness for one another.

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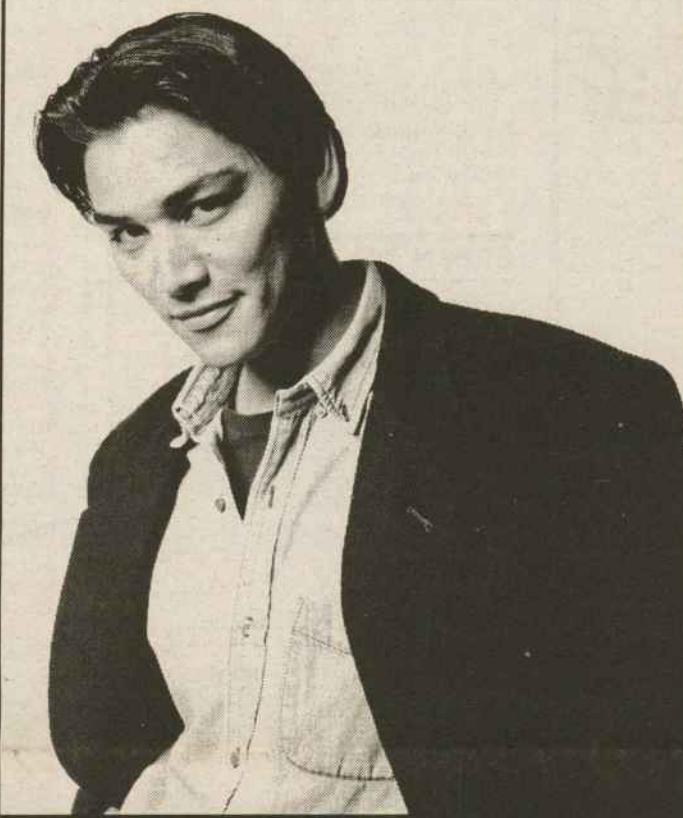
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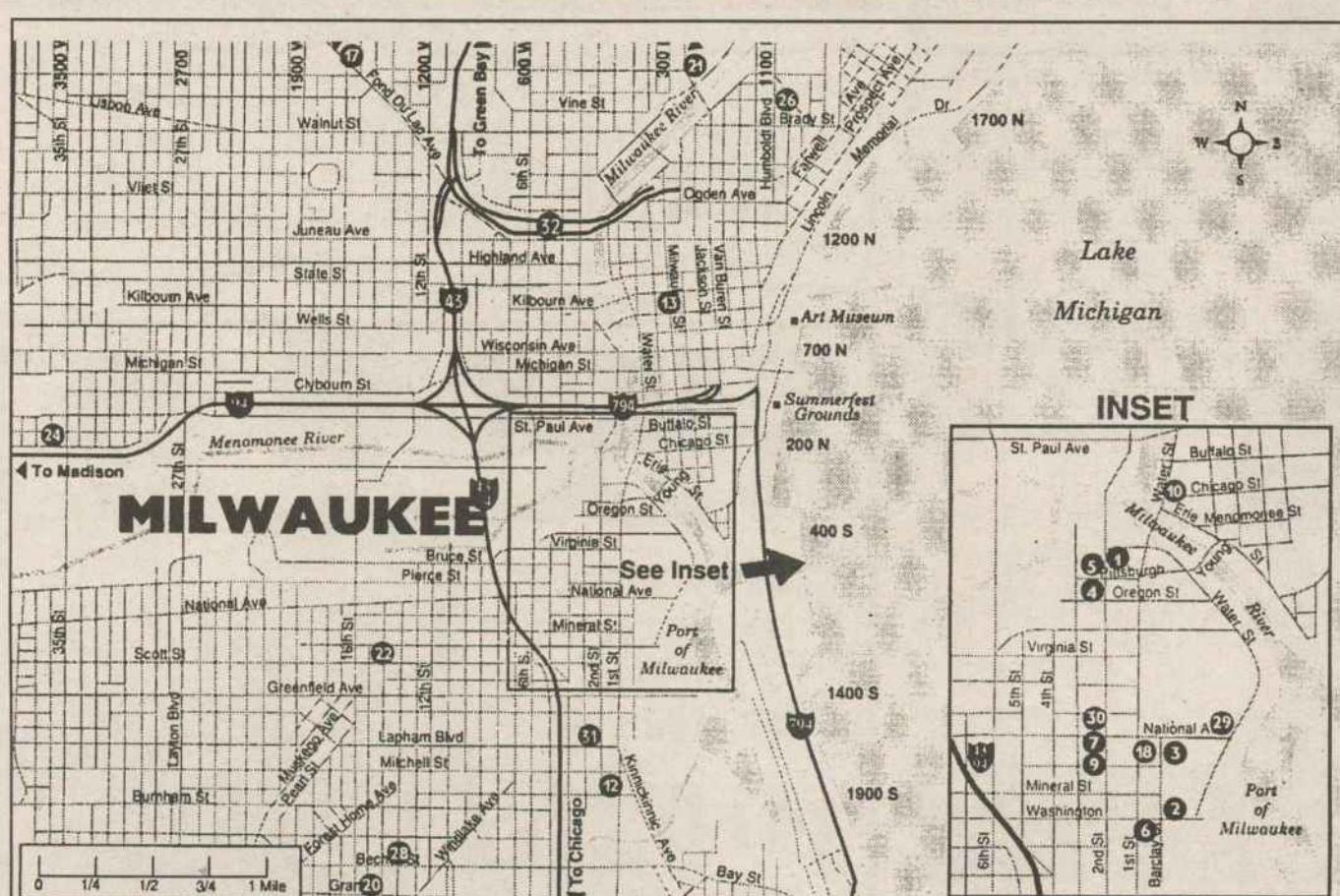
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1636 W. National 647-9199

St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664

St. James Episcopal Church
833 W. Wisconsin Ave. 271-1340

First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
1342 N. Astor 273-5257

Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
130 W. Juneau Ave. 273-7617

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.orcw.org)
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203 273-1991
(800) 359-9272

Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/Primary Care)
Family Care Center, 1834 W. WI, 53233 933-3600

BESTD (Brady East STD) Clinic (STD diagnosis and
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1240 E. Brady, 53202 272-2144

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823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202 225-9303

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Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N. 12, 53233 219-7908

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10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664

STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N. Holton, 53212 264-8800

BARS

1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)
196 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-7474

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1030 East Juneau, 53202 272-0011

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W2596 Hwy E.S., East Troy, 53120 642-7999

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North Shore Bistro
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer 351-6100

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831 South 16th Street, 53204 645-8860

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The Force
(referrals to GLBT counselors) 276-8487

Gay Information Svcs.
(referrals) 444-7331

Gay Bash Hotline (confidential) 444-7331

Gay Youth WI Hotline 272-TEEN

888-GAY-TEEN
Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123

Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling/referrals) 271-1560

Wisconsin AIDSLine (free/anonymous) (414) 273-AIDS
(800) 334-AIDS

Milw. Mayor's Office LesBiGay Problem Resolution
286-2200

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 Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance
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 Eagle River, 54521 1-888-334-3987
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 1932 Strong Ave
 Stevens Point, 54481 342-0576
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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
 Oneida County Health Dept. (715) 369-6228
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 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
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 PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891 682-2890

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 Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422
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 336 Superior Avenue 53081 452-6757
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 823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan 458-4889

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 (800) 924-6601
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 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 Shandon Road, Kenosha 53143 657-5667
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 2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403 634-9804
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 600 6th St. Racine 53403 632-0171
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 554-6611
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 625 College, Racine 53403 634-0659
 UW-Parkside G/L Organization
 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141 595-2244
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 8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168 843-4209

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 1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880 394-4009
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 PO Box 264, Superior 54880
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 The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)
 PO Box 131, Platteville 53818 348-5596
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 114 N. 5th St., La Crosse 54601 782-9061
 Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat 735-4829
 GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)

P.O. Box 602, Onalaska, 54650-0602 791-1963

Gay & Lesbian Alliance
 Box 131, Platteville, 53818
 La Crosse L/G Support Group
 c/o Campus Ministry Center 784-7600
 Leaping La Crosse News
 Box 932, La Crosse 54602
 La Crosse Parents & Friends of Gays 782-6082
 Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601
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 122 5th Ave S, La Crosse 54601 796-0383
 Rainbow Ridge Farms Bed and Breakfast 783-8181
 Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance)
 Code 4419, e-mail to pioneersswi@pol.com
 PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

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 CDC National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-2437
 Gay & Lesbian Americans
 PO Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013 (800) 889-5111
 Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) (202) 628-4160
 National G&L Task Force (NLTF) (202) 332-6483
 Crossroads (LesBiGay Real Estate National Referral) (800) 442-9735
 Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406 (616) 857-1401
 Club Xpress (MW,D), 904 Ludington, Escanaba, MI 49829 (906) 789-0140
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