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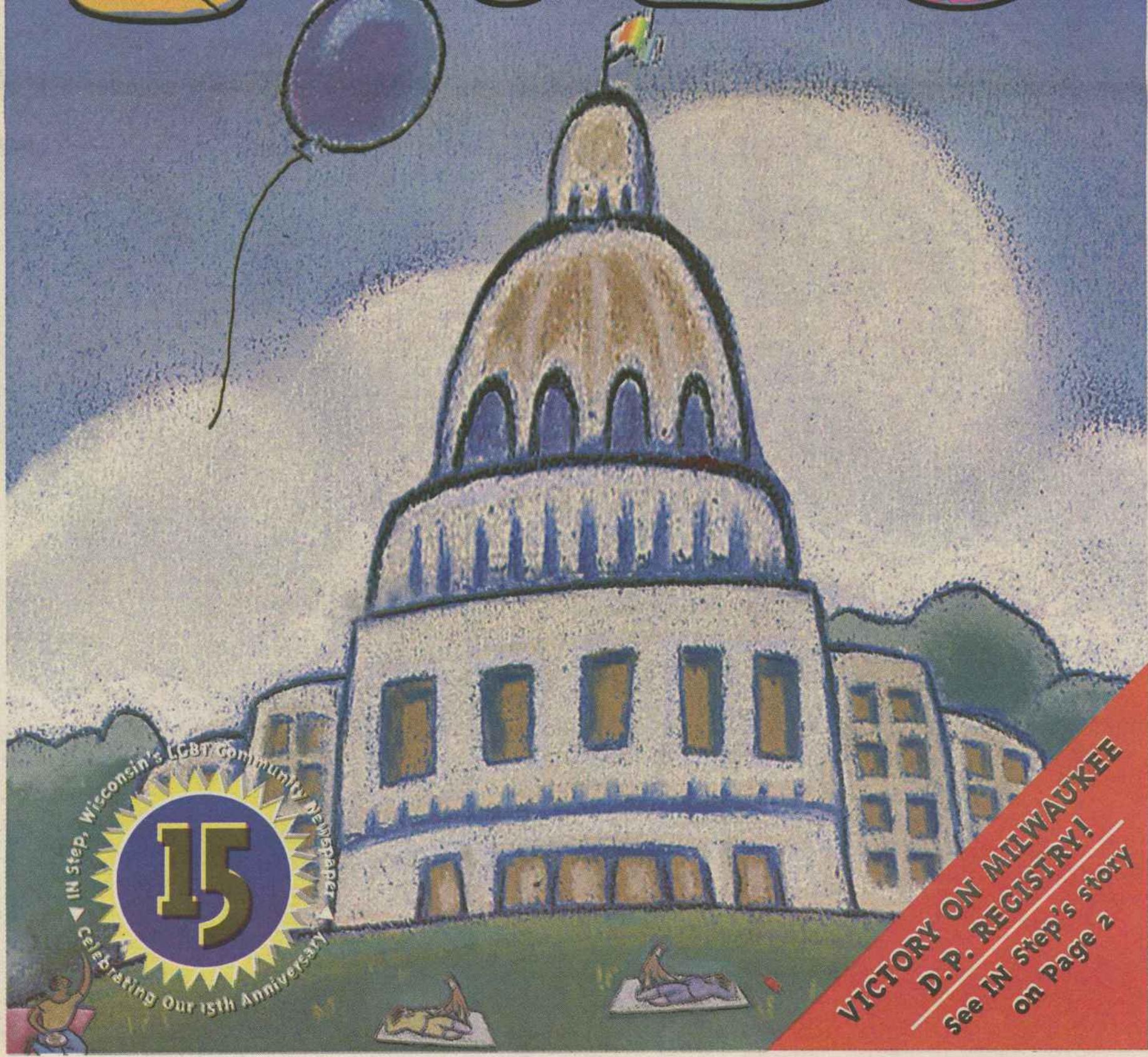
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News Wire

N.H. Students Sue Over Gay-Straight Alliance Rebuff

Concord, N.H. — High school students at West High School in Manchester, N.H., have filed a federal lawsuit against the city's schools, charging that school officials violated their right when they refused to let them form a gay-straight campus group.

Jennifer Levi, an attorney with the Gay & Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, which is representing the students in their federal court suit, says school officials violated the federal Equal Access Act, which bars discrimination against any student group based on what's discussed at meetings.

When the students filed an application to form the group, West High officials told them they would have to get the approval of the district school board, a move that Levi says is unprecedented in the district.

The school board is currently considering the group's application, but the students say their club should be approved the same way any other student campus group would be and should not require special permission from the board.

Two Charged in Killing of Gay Couple

Redding, Calif. — In the wake of a white supremacist shooting rampage in Illinois and Indiana that left two dead and six others injured, police in Northern California say they have arrested Benjamin M. Williams, 31, and James T. Williams, 29, in connection with the killings of two gay men, Gary Matson and Winfield Mowder.

Authorities refused to discuss details, but did say they had found "information and literature that suggests that the suspects may subscribe to some white supremacist beliefs."

The Williams brothers were arrested just hours after police found the slain couple's missing car. Both were armed, and one was wearing a bullet-proof vest. The two were charged with two counts of suspicion of murder and bail was set at \$2 million each.

Matson, 50, and Mowder, 40, were found dead July 1 lying in bed in their trailer home, dead from gunshot wounds. On June 20 another gay man, James Amos, 66, was also found lying in bed dead of gunshot wounds not far from the Matson-Mowder residence. Police declined to say whether the killings may be related.

Police said there was some indication the Williams brother may have known Matson and Mowder before they were killed.

Earlier in July, Benjamin Smith killed himself after a shooting rampage that left a black man and a Korean-American man dead and six Orthodox Jews wounded in Illinois and Indiana. He was later linked to the World Church of the Creator, which teaches white racial superiority, anti-Semitic beliefs and hatred of homosexuals.

Milwaukee OKs D.P. Registry

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — By a Common Council vote of 10-7 and the stroke of Mayor John Norquist's pen, Milwaukee lesbian and gay activists won a major political victory as the city approved a same-sex domestic partnership registry on July 13.

"I'm elated," said Gean Ligocki of the D.P. Task Force told *IN Step*. "It's wonderful."

"It's a great day for the city of Milwaukee," added Patrick Flaherty of the D.P. Task Force.

The registry will take effect on Sept. 1 and will be administered by the Milwaukee city clerk's office and couples will pay a

"It's a great day for the city of Milwaukee" —PATRICK FLAHERTY

\$30 fee to have their names placed on the registry. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older, and be able to provide some proof of a financial commitment like a joint bank account, joint ownership of a home or automobile.

An analysis completed for the council projected that 500 couples would sign up for the registry in the first year, bringing in over \$15,000 in fee income to the city.

Naturally, Flaherty was very pleased with the vote, "We wanted nine and ten is nice. Ald. Murphy deserves a lot of credit. He came out in the end to support this. Obviously the biggest credit goes to Ald. D'Amato and really worked hard on it. And

HOW THEY VOTED

YES: Mike D'Amato, James Witkowiak, Annette Scherbert, Don Richards, Willie Hines, Paul Henningsen, Wayne Frank, Fred Gordon, Marlene Johnson-Odom, Michael Murphy

NO: Sue Breier, Tom Nardelli, Jeff Pawlinski, Dan Schramm, John Kalwitz

also the co-sponsors Ald. Paul Henningsen and Ald. Butler.

"Ald. Gordon took a charge, got out there and help spread the message when he really didn't have to. We owe much to him also," added Paul Williams who handled media relations for the task force.

Ald. Dan Schramm, among others who voted against the registry, spoke in opposition before the vote. Schramm reminded his fellow council members of the upcoming April elections stating, "Don't think the majority of our constituents are going to forget."

Both Ald. Tom Nardelli and Sue Breier indicated that phone calls to their offices was overwhelmingly against the registry.

"Some of the negative comments from aldermen today are just reminders of how much educating we have yet to do," stated Ligocki. "I was disappointed in Ald. Schramm's comments about inciting votes around this issue. This is about recognition

"I think there are a number of people in our community today and walk with their head a little bit higher today."

—ALD. MIKE D'AMATO

of people and who they are. To hitch campaigns on this ... I'm sorry, but that is bigotry."

"I think there are a number of people in our community today and walk with their head a little bit higher today, and have a little more devotion to the city of Milwaukee," Ald. Mike D'Amato said after the vote.

When asked when was the last political victory for Milwaukee lesbians and gays, Chris Ahmuth of the A.C.L.U. stated, "Never."

A victory party to celebrate the passage of the registry will be held Tuesday, July 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. For more information, call (414) 271-2656.

OutReach Awards to Kick Off Madison Pride Celebration

by Christopher Ott
of the IN Step Staff

Madison — OutReach, Madison's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender center, has announced the 1999 recipients of its community awards. The awards will be presented Friday, July 16, at the beginning of Madison's pride weekend.

Janice Czyscon receives the Woman of the Year award, for her work on behalf of educational issues in Madison-area schools as chairwoman of Gays, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity in Education (GLADE). Czyscon spearheaded the development of brochures about ending harassment based on sexual orientation in schools, and providing a safe educational environment.

State representative Mark Pocan receives the Man of the Year award. Pocan won a seat in the state assembly last November and represents Madison's downtown and portions of the east side. He also served as a member of the Dane County Board of Supervisors from 1991 to 1996, and has served on the board of the United and the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (the United and MGLRC merged last year to form OutReach). Pocan also helped found the LGB Business Alliance.

Sandy Torkeldson, founder and owner of A Room of One's Own Feminist Bookstore and Coffee House, receives the Ally of the Year award. Last year at her own expense, Torkeldson printed yard signs which said "Madison Supports Its Gay and Lesbian Community" to counteract

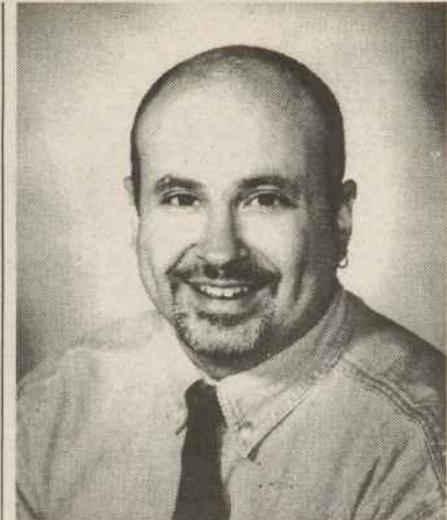
anti-gay billboards. Torkeldson sold the signs and donated the money she made to buy books for distribution in high schools and as part of a \$1000 donation to the OutReach library.

The Ten Percent Society (TPS) receives the Organization of the Year award. TPS, the gay student organization of UW-Madison, sponsors meetings and events throughout the year, and in February the TPS hosted the 7th Annual Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender College Conference, a three-day convention featuring speakers including activist Larry Kramer and US Representative Tammy Baldwin.

Derek Nolen receives the OutReach Volunteer of the Year award. Nolen is a weekly phone-line volunteer, a member of the OutReach speakers bureau, and a member of the OutReach special-events committee.

Awards will be presented at a fund-raising reception and dinner beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 16 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. The event is open to the public for \$40 per person. For more information, contact OutReach at (608) 255-8582.

Joe Bednarowski, development coordinator for OutReach, said the awards are given "to recognize community members who have made exceptional contributions" to Madison's LGBT community. "Often people who do work behind the scenes don't get publicly recognized, and this is our way to do that." Nominations for the awards are taken from the com-



Mark Pocan

munity and selected by a nomination committee.

This year is the seventh that OutReach has given the annual awards. Last year's winners included Chad LaFlash, former president of the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center, as Man of the Year, and Colleen Kellogg, who has worked to address gay issues at Madison's Malcolm Shabazz City High School, as Woman of the Year.

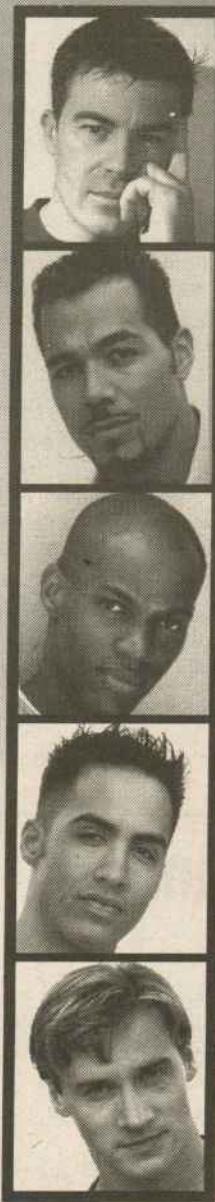
The OutReach awards dinner helps to kick off pride weekend in Madison. Other events for the weekend include the Ten Percent Society dance beginning at 8 pm at Monona Terrace, the 26th annual "MAGIC Picnic" on Saturday from 1 to 7 pm in Brittingham Park, and a rally and march from the State Street steps of the capitol, beginning at 1:30 on Sunday.

For a complete listing of Madison pride events, see IN Step calendar in Section Q.

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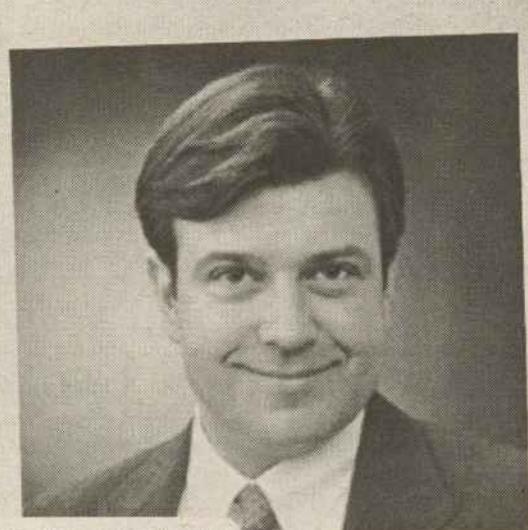
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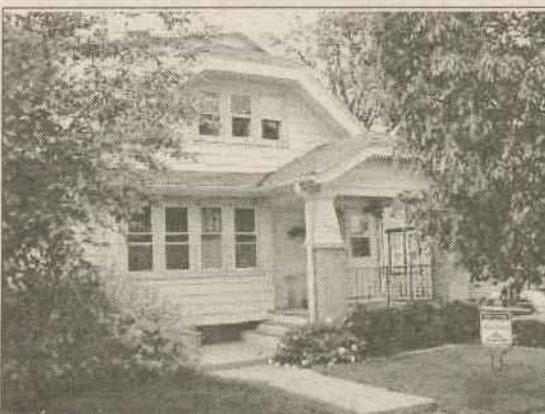
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Case Against Gay Journalist Dropped

by Noah Iskackson (AP)

Sacramento, Calif. — A judge on July 7 dismissed the case against a gay journalist accused of using the Internet to solicit sex from a teen-ager. The journalist had argued that he was merely doing research for a story.

On the second day of Bruce Mirken's trial, Judge Rudolph R. Loncke dismissed the charge that Mirken attempted to perform a lewd and lascivious act on a child.

The judge agreed with the defense that there was insufficient evidence against Mirken, 42, who would have faced up to four years in prison if convicted.

"This prosecutor's case was a fraud from day one," Mirken said.

"They knew they didn't have a case and yet they put it on anyway."

Mirken later cursed at the prosecutor,

who did not respond.

Police started investigating Mirken after he answered an electronic message they posted in a chat room, posing as a boy named Anthony. Anthony's message said he was looking for an adult friend.

Mirken was arrested last July in a Sacramento park where he went to meet who he thought would be the 13-year-old Anthony.

He was instead met by an undercover police officer taking part in a sting operation that had tracked Mirken's e-mail and telephone conversations with investigators masquerading as the boy.

Mirken, whose stories about gay and lesbian culture have appeared in newspapers such as the *San Francisco Examiner*, *The Miami Herald*, the *Detroit Free Press* and magazines such as *Men's Health* and *Out*, contends he corresponded with the boy hoping to write an investigative story about troubled gay youth.

Prosecutors said, however, that recorded conversations and e-mail records between Mirken — who used the screen name "Luvboys343" — and the boy were sexually charged and filled with flirtatious questions such as, "Do you skinny-dip?" and "Does your mother come home during lunch?"

Hate Crimes Summit Planned

by Cassandra Burrell (AP)

Washington — Supporters of legislation that would expand federal civil rights law to cover gay people believe Congress may be more receptive to the idea now, a year after a similar bill died. A string of tragic incidents, including a white supremacist's weekend shooting spree, has increased the pressure on the federal government to act, they said. Representatives from dozens of civil rights groups met at the White House on July 12 to plan strategy.

"I think the prospects for the bills now are better now. These regrettable incidents demonstrate why they are necessary," said Richard Socarides, President Clinton's civil rights adviser. "With each publicized incident more and more pressure is put on the opposition and those who say that this is not a problem."

"The federal government can't continue to sit on the sidelines," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., who is sponsoring a bill with Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa. "With each new tragedy, it becomes more and more difficult for Congress to claim there's no problem."

Two people were killed and nine others injured in Illinois and Indiana during the Fourth of July weekend, apparently by a white supremacist who committed suicide July 5 after a police chase.

Socarides said planning for the meeting began before the shootings, and the push for the law was inspired by a string of incidents, including the dragging death of a black man in Texas and the fatal beating of Matthew Shepard, a homosexual Wyoming college student who was lashed to a fence in October.

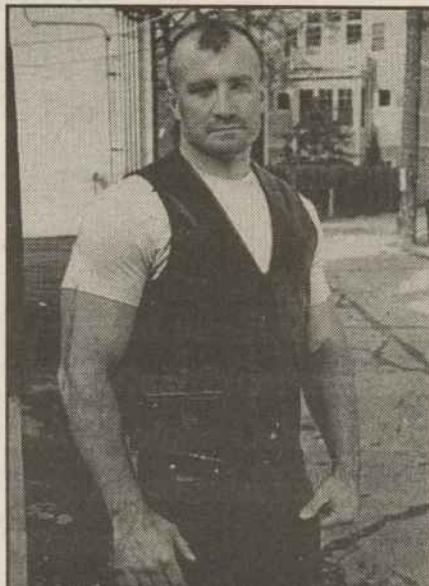
Bills introduced in the House and Senate would give the federal government a stronger hand by adding acts of hatred motivated by sexual orientation, gender and disability to the list of hate crimes already covered by federal law — acts sparked by prejudice based on race, religion, color or national origin.

The change would allow states and local governments to ask the federal government to help in investigating and prosecuting those crimes. Federal officials also would be able to intervene if they believe that a state or local government is not pursuing a hate crime.

Opponents say the bill is unnecessary because states have not avoided prosecuting such crimes.

Critics also say the bill itself would discriminate by creating special classes of victims such as gays, would greatly expand the federal government's power and jurisdiction and would have a "chilling effect" on free speech.

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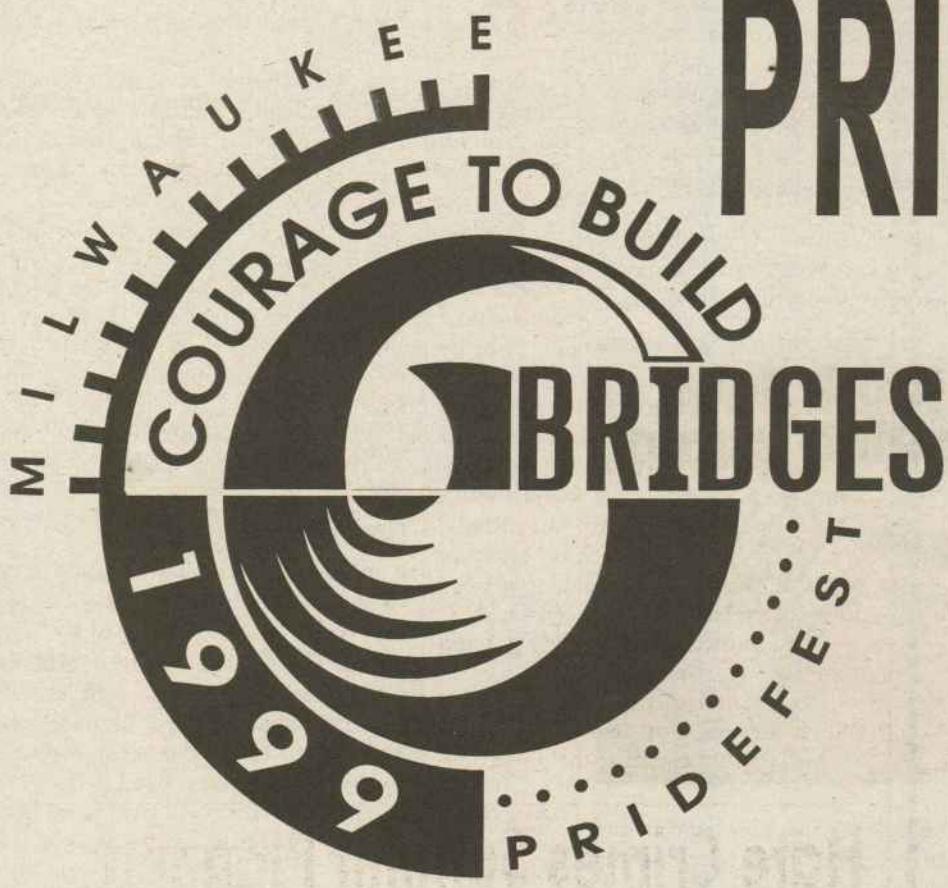
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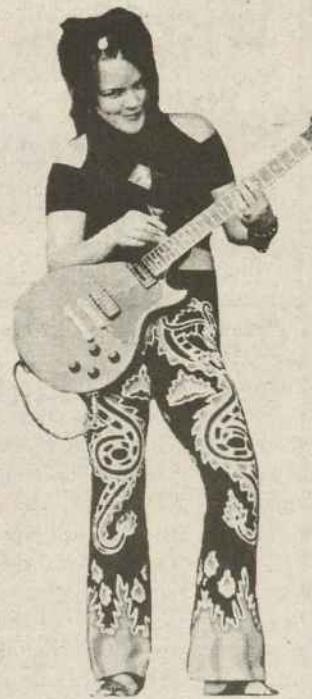
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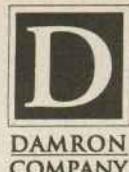
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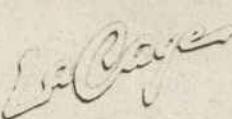


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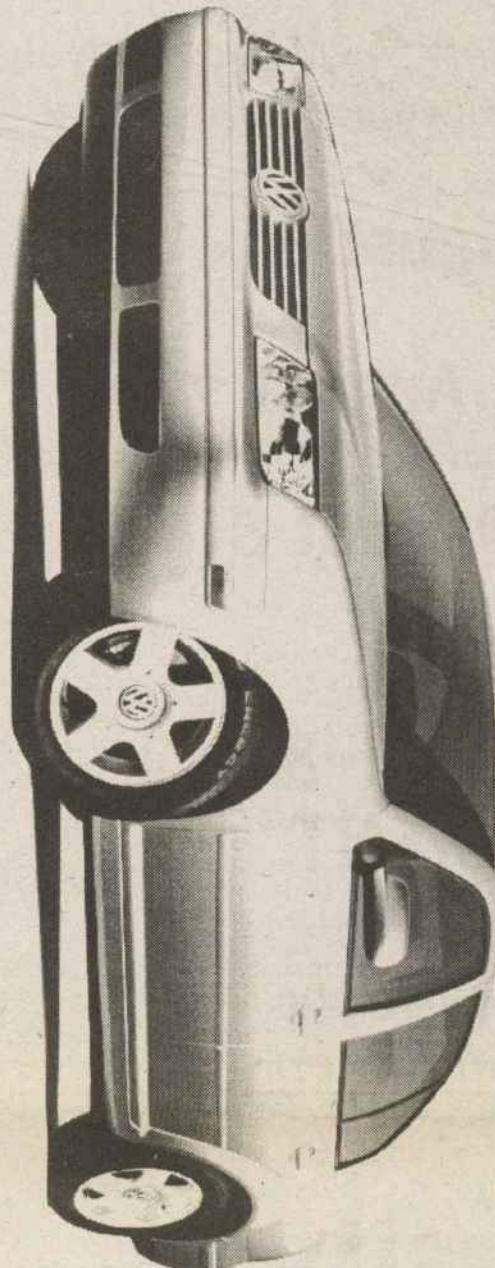
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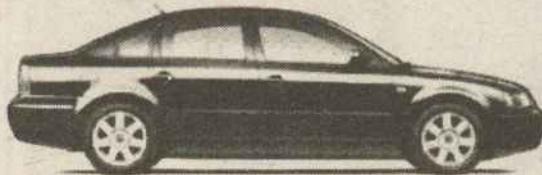
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Gay Bank Hits Web

New York (AP) — Steven Dunlap plans to make money and a difference by opening an online bank for gays and lesbians, targeting potentially millions of customers in a niche that established banks have neglected.

Dunlap, a self-described gay entrepreneur who made his fortune on the success of "Moonies" car dolls that flash their buttocks at pedestrians, is in the throes of founding the Gay and Lesbian Bank.

Based in Pensacola, Fla., the bank — better known as G&L Bank — would be the first bank to serve a minority market on the Internet, offering everything from

ON-LINE BANK SEES GREEN IN PINK MONEY



mortgages to joint checking accounts to lesbians and gays, who have often been denied such services at regular banks because of their sexual preference.

The idea of a virtual gay bank came to Dunlap, 42, after he failed to raise money to build a gay and lesbian resort in Florida.

"Lenders snubbed their noses at it. No matter how strong the business plan was, they just didn't want anything to do with it," he said.

"Banks are extremely conservative (and) the gay issue brings up considerable risk (for them)," he added.

The relative anonymity of online banking ought to appeal to lesbians and gays who cherish their privacy, said Dunlap, who hopes to win regulatory approval in time to open the bank by Oct. 11, when gays and lesbians celebrate National Coming Out Day.

If it gets approval, the bank would tap a market with an estimated spending power of \$300 billion, according to a 1996 survey by research firm Simmons Market Research.

Up to 19 million gays and lesbians live in the United States, about half of whom subscribe to some online service, the survey's results show.

Banking in a Virtual World

The G&L Bank would also join a handful of virtual banks that are using the Internet to transcend the limita-

tions of a branch on a street corner and expand into an infinitely larger market in the virtual world.

Many of the Internet banks, such as Netbank Inc., have attracted customers with higher interest rates than the industry average, because they have lower overhead costs than regular banks.

Apart from its headquarters in Pensacola, where Dunlap lives, the G&L Bank would have no branches, doing all of its business either on the computer or telephone. Unlike Netbank, it would not pay customers interest rates above the market, Dunlap said.

Judging by the number of inquiries that the bank's Web site (www.g-lbank.com) has received, Dunlap expects to get about 4,000 customers after the first 10 days of operation, and up to 12,000 after the first year.

"The response has been overwhelming," he said, adding he may try to take the bank public down the road.

In a more recent online poll by Greenfield Online Inc., 32 percent of the 555 gay respondents used some form of online banking, and nearly half of those had a household income of more than \$100,000.

Finding The Niche

The G&L Bank would differ from Netbank and its rivals by becoming the first to serve a niche market, Dunlap said.

"I have an extra hook," he said. "I understand their lifestyle, and that puts them in a comfort zone."

That edge could work to Dunlap's advantage, said analyst Shaw Ryan of securities firm Bear Stearns.

"In some respects, it is a strategy that is perfectly tailored for the Internet," said Ryan. "It gives you a better ability to make your Internet bank an effective portal for your customers."

Dunlap said the bank would face little competition, given its uniqueness. But it could still encounter some, however indirectly.

For one, the Gay Financial Network, an online provider of financial news and information, plans to form a partnership with a Fortune 500 bank to add online banking to its line of services. Meanwhile, American Express Co., the largest U.S. charge card company, offers financial planning and other services to gays and lesbians.

Another challenge will be convincing people to abandon a familiar brick-and-mortar bank for an unknown one that exists only in the virtual world.

Dunlap has no banking experience, but he has hired people who have, including Kay Griffith, who joined as chief executive after holding the same job at the small Florida bank Admiralty Bancorp.

The G&L Bank has the financial backing of a group of individual and institutional investors, but Dunlap declined to identify them or reveal the amount of money they had put up.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin Names Benefiting Agencies

Milwaukee — Nearly 20 Wisconsin agencies providing a vast array of AIDS services to men, women and children across the state were named beneficiaries of AIDS Walk Wisconsin by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW).

"We are pleased to share the proceeds of the AIDS Walk with so many great partners in the fight against HIV," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "AIDS continues to worsen in Wisconsin with unacceptably high levels of new HIV infections and increasing drug treatment failures. In addition, we continue to lose people to AIDS in the prime of their lives. At this time in the AIDS epidemic, with more than one-half of all new infections among young people, it is imperative that we rally together against AIDS at this year's Walk."

Honorary AIDS Walk Chair Danny Glover will greet a projected 10,000 walkers from across Wisconsin at Milwaukee's lakefront on Sunday, Sept. 12, during the 10th anniversary AIDS Walk Wisconsin. The walk will be held in conjunction with Indian Summer at the Summerfest Grounds, and pledge

walkers will receive free admission to the festival.

ARCW produces the walk that benefits 17 organizations including ARCWR and the following local AIDS agencies: Camp Heartland; Counseling Center of Milwaukee; Horizon's, Inc.; Milwaukee LGBT Community Center; Positive Health Clinic; and Saint Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry. In Wisconsin, there have been 6,573 cumulative cases of HIV since 1981 when the epidemic began.

"Many of the services provided by ARCWR and our partner agencies rely heavily on AIDS Walk funds. With record levels of services being accessed, many times AIDS Walk funds make the difference in our ability to provide help to people," said Nelson.

"The AIDS Network is pleased to be a part of AIDS Walk Wisconsin because of its rich tradition that serves the entire state," said Bob Power, AIDS Network executive director. AIDS Network provides HIV prevention, life care services and early intervention services in South Central and Southwestern Wisconsin.

According to Neil Albrecht, Milwaukee LGBT Community Center

executive director, "One of the most fundamental aspects of the Center's mission is to improve the quality of life for LGBT people in Milwaukee. Participating in AIDS Walk Wisconsin will help us accomplish that." The Center will use funds to create opportunities for HIV education and risk reduction. One of the Center's primary goals is to provide regular activities for LGBT youth, and to integrate HIV/AIDS education into those activities.

Marge Schuman of the Central Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Ministry Project said "I think it's important for people from Central Wisconsin to participate in the Walk because people here are affected by HIV and AIDS, it's not just people in the urban areas that are capable of doing something about this epidemic."

ARCWR produces the AIDS Walk and is Wisconsin's statewide AIDS service organization. ARCWR provides extensive HIV services in nine cities; Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee, Superior and Wausau. Services include health and social services, housing and legal programs, aggressive HIV prevention programs, clinical drug trials which have advanced AIDS research worldwide, and public policy advocacy on the local, state and national levels.

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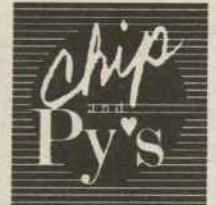
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IN OPINIONS

A Monumental Smooch

by Richard Spedale and Brian Thornton

The first gay male kiss — a defining moment in a young man's coming out process. But who would have thought that in this day and age, a television network would make such a big deal out of being the first to broadcast one.

So when Rich heard through a friend that NBC was planning the first kiss on its sitcom *Will & Grace* next season, we both breathed a sigh of relief. A change was in the, um, offing for Will Truman, probably the only attractive gay lawyer in New York City who didn't get any last year. Even Grace got laid once or twice.

But how could we allow a network, whose only images of gay men are chaste guppies and fey unemployed actors, hype this event to extremes, when they should have been showing realistic relationships from the beginning? After all, other countries such as Britain have featured natural gay affection for years. Our response: trump NBC on their own network by airing our kiss and convince the *Today Show* production staff to unwittingly join the scheme.

The day after the Pride March, we joined the usual throng of tourists outside Rockefeller Center who wait in the hopes of getting a moment or less on a national broadcast feed. Brian was holding a sign which said, "Jill, Will U Marry Me?" Within minutes, we had convinced the entire crowd, along with the show's producers, that Brian intended to propose to his girlfriend in Cleveland. High school students from Texas wanted to take pictures of us, and a woman across the plaza held up a sign that read, "If Jill says no, I'll say yes!" But as the final half-hour rolled around, the producers had still not put us on the air. The crowd was begging, cajoling, and chanting at Al Roker, Matt Lauer, and the rest of the *Today Show* staff, to put us on the air. Suddenly, Roker strode toward us, and thrust a microphone in Brian's face ... live on national television.

The moment had come, and Brian grabbed. Looking, er, straight into the camera, he said, "Jill, I have something I have to tell you. I'm so happy that I love Rich!" The camera shot had switched to a close up, expecting Brian's proposal, but instead viewers across America were shocked to see two men kissing passionately, with Al Roker's narration, "Oh lovely, there ya go!" Crossing the plaza, he told the admirer who had offered herself to Brian, "And here's the good news for you, over here. If Jill says no, you'll say yes? I don't think it matters." A few seconds later, he laughingly added, "See they wouldn't do that on *Will & Grace*." Which, of course, the gay community already knew.

Why is gay male intimacy the last taboo for television? After all, premarital sex, interracial dating, and even lesbian relationships have long become blasé events for the networks. But television executives continue to make decisions clouded by their own homophobia. If America really wants its gay characters to remain celibate best friends of lusty straight women, then why is it that every straight friend we told about our *Today Show* exploit has asked for their own tape? Clearly because they crave realistic gay relationships in the media as much as the gay community.

After our lip lock, the local weatherman following Roker sheepishly punctuated the mini-drama with, "The joys of live TV." It was definitely a joy — one we expect to be repeated, but without today's hyped and hackneyed pansy portrayals. ▼

Letters

Unsigned Letter Brings Chuckles

To the Editor —

Thanks for the good laugh you provided when you ran the "unsigned letter" from J.G. (*IN Step Letters*, "Jones Flak", June 17-20). The writer makes it very clear that he doesn't read your publication, then he proceeds to list a number of times he has read your paper and makes comments on these past writings: "Top Cop" interview with Milwaukee Police Chief Arthur Jones; his statement that "You didn't (initially) cover the story about what the police did." (Chuckle: How could he know if he never reads *IN Step*?) In reality, you wrote a very fine editorial about the bar raid and "police shame" that occurred.

It doesn't take much intelligence to read between the lines and figure out that the writer has some personal vendetta against you. If he had any true worth he would have signed his letter and not cowardly hid behind "initials." I tip my hat to you for running the amusing letter because it gave your readers a good laugh! Next time, stick to your policy and file unsigned letters in the trash.

Jim Schroeder
Milwaukee

Editorial

On a Roll!

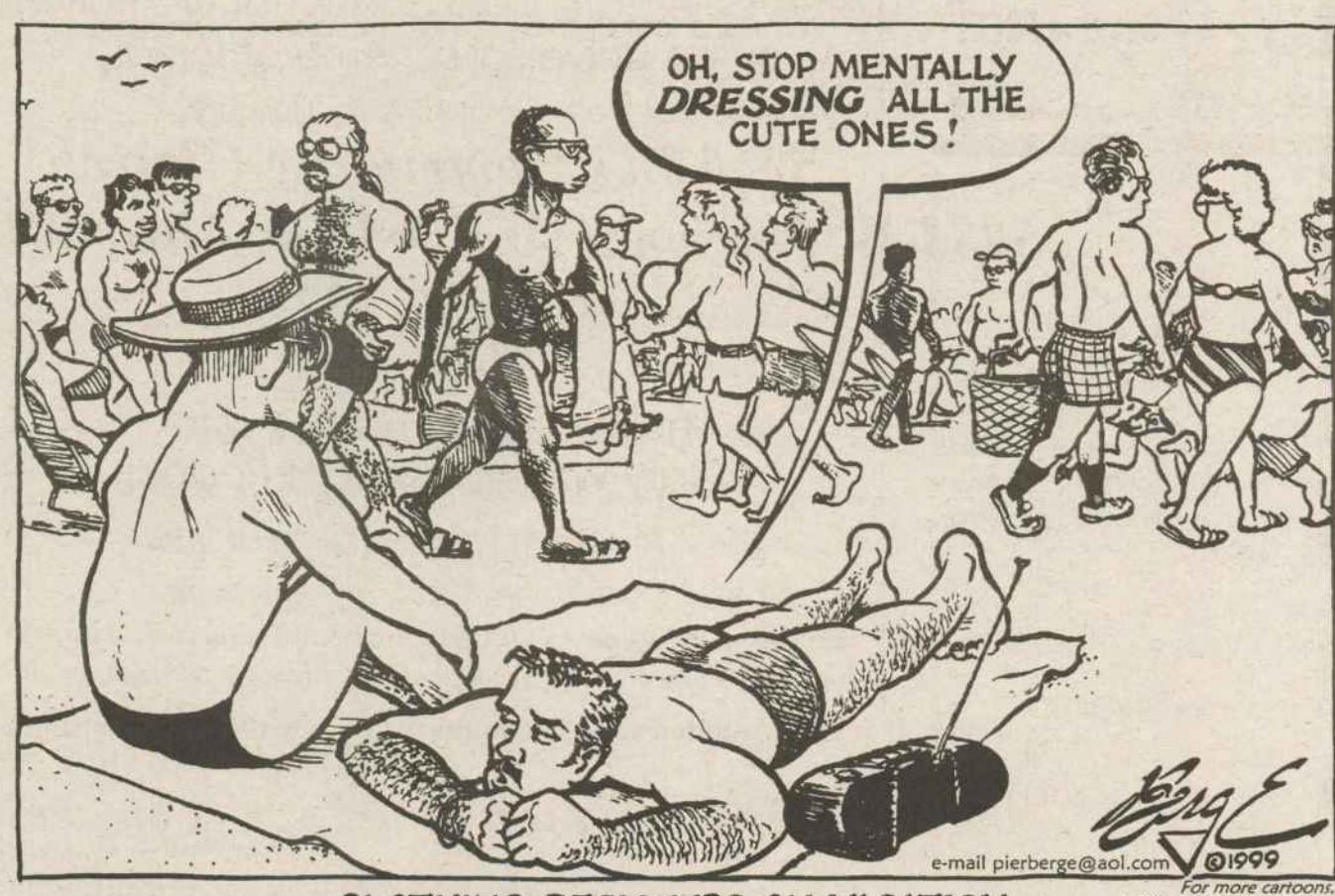
by William Attewell

Put one in the win column! Make no mistake, the passage of the Domestic Partnership Registry is a major victory for our community. The hours of volunteer work by Milwaukee lesbian and gay activists has produced a big, gift wrapped present just in time for Wisconsin's two largest pride celebrations in Madison and Milwaukee.

Last issue, I acknowledged the hard work of those on the D.P. Task Force. This time, I believe it is just as important to thank those courageous members of the Milwaukee Common Council who voted for the measure ... and I can't forget Mayor John Norquist. His silence on the measure was making me nervous, but he came through for us in the end.

Like the U.S. Women's Soccer Team recently discovered, victory is sweet!

Meanwhile, kudos to hometown beer giant, Miller Brewing Co. who is again showing it is willing to take the lead and break fresh ground with television commercials geared specifically for lesbians and gays. Miller continues to prove it is a strong corporate ally to our community. To be fair, Miller is not aiming solely at our hearts, but our wallets as well. But, here's hoping a Miller Lite commercial will air right after the Will's first man-to-man kiss on *Will & Grace*. ▼

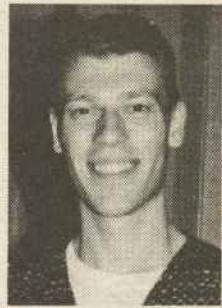


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IN STRAIGHT ANSWERS

IN STEP



by Christopher Ott

Q: Why do gay people talk about "pride"?

I don't know if you've ever been asked to explain gay pride, but I have, and it made me realize that I didn't have a good answer. The usual politically correct formulas don't hold up well when we're not preaching to the converted.

Not only that, but with a little asking around, I've found that I'm not alone.

Even in the midst of another summer's pride celebrations, there is a growing current of dissatisfaction with the whole concept of gay pride.

To be fair, there's a lot that the politics of pride can take some credit for: equality laws, domestic-partner benefits from some employers, and the greater safety and freedom to come out. But let's face it: pride is tired. It's out of step with the times.

Endless declarations of pride suggest that we have something to prove and that we will never be able to put the shame of the closet behind us.

it's boring, and it doesn't seem to be able to acknowledge its own success. We need to take a closer look.

When gay people settled on the slogan "gay pride" as one of our main rallying cries, it made perfect sense. One of the biggest problems that nearly all of us have faced, at some time or another, is the shame of the closet. A little dose of pride seemed to be the perfect antidote.

To the extent that pride is meant for us — as a self-esteem builder for people who have recently come out of the closet, or as a nice pat on the back for the simple courage that it takes to be out in a hostile world — it's a fine thing. But to the extent that pride is meant to explain to people who aren't on our side what we're all about, we need to admit that it doesn't do a particularly good job. When we talk about gay pride, most straight people have no idea what we're talking about. Some think we're oddly proud of our sexual orientation (which is not, repeat, not a talent), some think that we're strangely proud of something alien and bizarre, like an illness or a bad habit, and others wonder — not surprisingly — if we're really over the shame of the closet if we can't stop talking about how proud we are.

We need a whole new approach that bypasses this confusion. The problem is not that we need to do a better job of explaining gay pride, but that we need a whole new focus: gay

equality.

The problem with pride is that it doesn't state clearly what the gay-rights movement is really all about: equal legal and social treatment for gay people. The rallying cry of pride may even have helped to provoke a backlash against us.

Practically speaking, the "gay pride" slogan doesn't reach people who aren't already pretty comfortable about the facts of sexual orientation. As homophobes hear it, the language of gay pride reinforces the idea that gay people are fundamentally different. In everyday speech, people use the word "pride" to talk about things which they believe are special, extraordinary and exclusive. In that way, talking too much about pride is counterproductive for us. We base our claim to civil rights on the fact that our feelings and relationships are no different — no more worthy of shame or pride — than anyone else's.

Even more important than what other people think of gay pride, however, is what we think of gay pride. And when we look at it in this way, it's clear that pride's time is passing. Endless declarations of pride suggest that we have something to prove and that we will never be able to put the shame of the closet behind us. That's not just depressing, it's not true. More and more of us don't question our basic self-worth anymore. We have less and less need for pride pep talks or rainbow-colored doses of self-esteem therapy, but this is no cause for alarm. It doesn't mean that we're "assimilating." It means that we're turning a corner.

A better alternative to the "gay pride" slogan is "gay equality." What we need more than anything is to emphasize that all of us who are gay are much more similar to straight people in the most fundamental human ways than we are different. We want to be treated the same too, and a new slogan like "gay equality" would help to make this point.

Pride has worked. But like other antidotes, we only need it for a short time, and that is the biggest evidence its success.

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 sa@siupu.com or in care of IN Step.

Group Notes

IN Step Web Site Wins Award

Milwaukee — IN Step's Web site (www.instepnews.com) has been awarded the prestigious Rainbow Award created to honor gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Web sites for their specific contribution to the gay and lesbian Web community.

IN Step's Web site was cited for "excellence" in content, design, creativity, presentation and overall concept judges said, "the content ... makes a significant contribution to the GLBT community at large."

Rodney Scheel House & WCC Kick Off AIDS Walk Wisconsin Drive

Madison — AIDS Network has announced that The Rodney Scheel House and the Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) are kicking off the fund drive for this year's AIDS Walk Wisconsin to be held Sunday, Sept. 12 in Milwaukee. Each agency has a team in their name: AIDS Network, The Rodney Scheel House, and The Wisconsin Council of Churches. If you are interested in raising money for these local agencies, you must designate one of them by writing their name on your registration card.

Walkers may still gather their own sponsors but will be walking to raise money for the team name they choose. The donations will only benefit one of your local agencies if you remember to use their team name. Look for registration cards at local businesses or call for more information. AIDS Network (608) 252-6540, The Rodney Scheel House (608) 243-1830, The Wisconsin Council of Churches (608) 837-3108.

Dignity/Milwaukee Making Changes

Milwaukee — Dignity/Milwaukee, in order to better serve the Catholic LGBT community, and in response to the priest shortage in the Catholic Church, is making major changes. For 24 years Dignity has attended a weekly service at 6 p.m. at St. Pius X. Starting in July there will be a monthly mass or traditional service on the second Sunday of the month, plus a monthly service for women is planned. Some of the events will be held at St. Pius X, and some at other locations to be announced. Much is still in the planning stage as Dignity hears from the community about its needs and wants.

The Milwaukee Archdiocese has clergy and parishes that are LGBT friendly, and Dignity encourages LGBT Catholics to be involved in parish life and bring their special gifts to the broader church where possible. Dignity believes that being involved and visible in parishes is an important way of transforming attitudes in the Catholic Church. It also recognizes that LGBT Christians need a separate space to explore, share and experience LGBT spirituality. Dignity members are excited about the opportunities that these changes provide for LGBT Christians to grow spiritually. For a calendar of events, call Joe at (414) 444-7177.

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GLSEN Wisconsin Announces "Get On the Bus!" at Madison Parade

Madison — GLSEN Wisconsin invites all interested people to "Get On the Bus, the GLSEN Bus!" at the Madison Pride Parade, on Sunday, July 18. They will meet at 1:30 p.m. on the Mifflin Street Side of the Wisconsin State Capitol.

This is the third appearance for the GLSEN bus at the Madison Pride Parade, and has become a symbol of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender pride in Education. In the past, the GLSEN bus has appeared in an above-the-fold picture in the *Wisconsin State Journal* and in the New Harvest Foundation Grant Brochure.

This year, a number of area Gay-Straight Alliance students will march as well, using banners they have made to show their school spirit. The students, who will meet the previous Friday evening to create these banners, will lead the GLSEN bus in the parade.

1999 MAGIC Volleyball Tournament

Madison — The Madison Volleyball Group is proud to sponsor the 1999 MAGIC Invitational Volleyball Tournament to be held at East High School, 2222 East Washington Ave. on Saturday, July 17 from 8 to 4 p.m. for Pool Play. Double Elimination will be held on Sunday, July 18, from 8 to 6 p.m. This year the tournament celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Registration will be held on Friday, July 16 at Club 5, located at 5 Applegate Court. This tournament is sanctioned by NAGVA (North American Gay Volleyball Assn.) and will accept up to 35 teams from across the nation competing in three divisions. Proceeds from concessions will be used to help send a Madison men's volleyball team to compete in the Gay Games in Sydney, Australia in 2002. Spectators are welcome and encouraged. For more information or for results, call Jeff at (608) 251-8716.

SAGE/Milwaukee Sponsors Legal Aid Event For LGBT Community

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee chapter of Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) will sponsor a special event that will be open to all gays and lesbians regardless of age. Two attorneys from Senior Law will explain in detail and help you fill out forms that establish Health Care Power of Attorney, a Living Will, Organ Donor Cards, and Wallet Cards for Power of Attorney.

This event will take place at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St., at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30, in the large meeting room. Reservations are a must as there is limited seating. To reserve, call (414) 271-0378.

Send your community announcements to IN Step's Group Notes at groupnotes@instepnews.com or fax announcements to (414) 278-5868.

IN QUIPS AND QUOTES

Oh Dan!

"Gay men don't want to use condoms. I haven't used them in years. At the risk of



'promoting' unprotected anal sex, I have to say that doing away with condoms has immeasurably improved my sex life. Without condoms, anal sex is more intimate, spontaneous, and meaningful. It's also less messy (it doesn't require nearly as much lube), and it feels about a hundred thousand times better."

—Columnist Dan Savage acknowledging in the July OUT that he and his boyfriend bareback together.

Rock Hard

"We were both in suits and he sat across from me and we had a conversation for a while that was clearly about nothing to do with what was on our minds. And finally he said, 'Well, I should be over there or you should be over here,' which I thought was about the sexiest thing I had ever heard anybody say. I don't remember which one of us budged, but we did. And we had a sort of making-out session. We were finally rolling around on the floor when he said, 'Hang on,' and he produced a little black leather case that had R H embossed on it in gold. And he unzipped it and pulled out his poppers. He had a personalized Rock Hudson popper case! And I completely lost my hard-

on. I was so overwhelmed at the notion that I was about to go to bed with Rock Hudson. Not to mention the fact that I'd just seen the baby's arm hanging between his legs. And we sat on the couch together and he put his arm around me and said, 'You know I'm just another guy, like any other guy. You know that, don't you?' And all I could say to that was, 'No. You're not. And I'm Doris Day.'"

—Tales of the City author Armistead Maupin on the first of his several sexual encounters with Rock Hudson, in the new biography *Armistead Maupin* by Patrick Gale.

Leather Mania

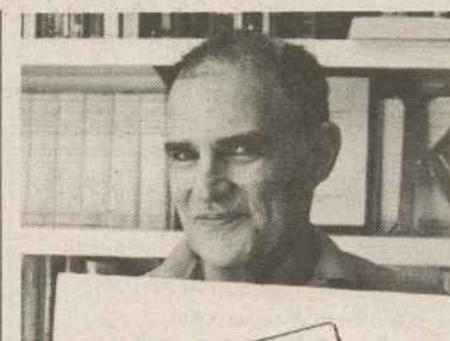
"I just returned from the International Mr. Leather Weekend, where I interviewed last year's IML champion for *Poz* magazine. I should preface my remarks by averring that I'm a leather bar kind of homo myself. I like older, hairier, calmer types. I don't do drugs; and I don't drink cocktails. I'm a Jager shot and Diet Coke kind of barfly. And the erotic charge of leather is by no means lost on me. But the sight of hundreds — thousands — of men in every conceivable variation of leather and rubber fetish-wear parading in a hotel lobby under chandeliers IN THE MORNING would be enough to make Tom of Finland put on a pair of chinos. Does anyone in the gay world know the meaning of the words 'Enough Already'?"

—Andrew Sullivan writing in the pride issue of the Seattle weekly *The Stranger*.

Flash: Cher is a Homo!

"Cher is a queer. Not a lesbian, a queer. She's got more gay in her bejeweled fingers than we do between our legs. She is gay in a sequined gown, a jiggy-jiggle pop-tart who flaps her wings, flips us out and frappes our panting, pickled hearts."

—Michael Alvear in the *Houston Voice*.



Gay History Lesson

"[In addition to Abraham Lincoln,] there's evidence that George Washington was gay. There's evidence that Gen. [George] Custer was gay. There's evidence that, I forget which one, [Meriwether] Lewis or [William] Clark, was gay. This is all going to come out."

—Author and activist Larry Kramer to the *Los Angeles Times*.

There Goes the Gay Vote

"[I oppose] a change in the institution of marriage as we now know it between men and women."

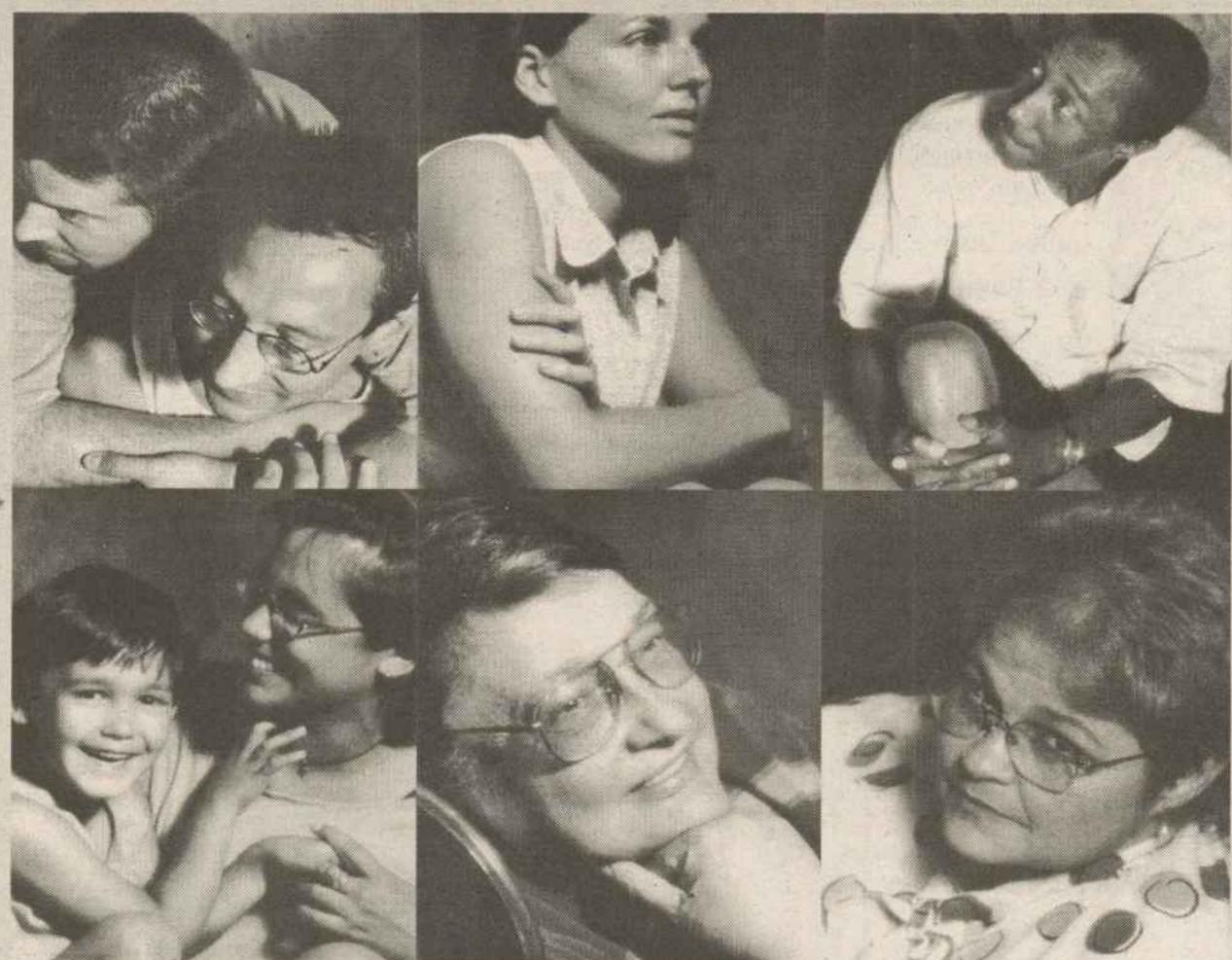
—U.S. Vice President and presidential candidate Al Gore during a fund-raising visit to San Francisco.

Pride Parade Florida Style

"We have a gay pride day celebration in Naples, but it consists of two or three floats on lawn mowers going around the parking lot of the one gay bar in town."

—John Kossenians of Naples, Fla., while watching the San Francisco gay-pride parade, as quoted in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

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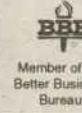
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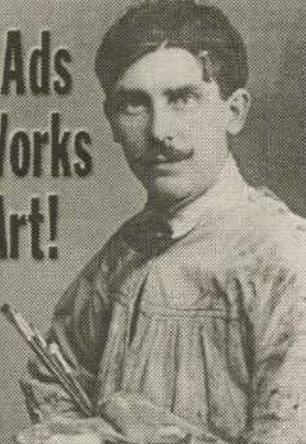
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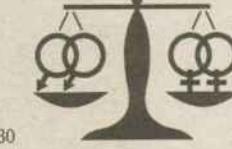
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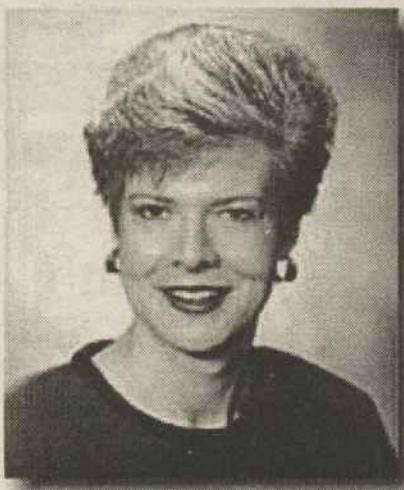
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Baldwin Profiled On National TV

The cover story of CBS-TV's *Sunday Morning* news show on July 11 featured Congresswoman **Tammy Baldwin** in an installment discussing public attitudes toward elected and appointed government officials who are openly LGBT.

In a piece entitled "Out In The Open", correspondent **Rita Braver** described reaction to what she termed a "new and growing brand of civil servant" — open civil servants.

Included after a profile of Baldwin's public career was a past interview with U.S. Senate Majority Leader **Trent Lott** (R-Miss) who compared homosexuality to a disease. Braver questioned Baldwin about Lott's assertions.

"I'm sad that there is still so much misinformation, so much ignorance in our society. I think that that's exactly how my

being in office can, hopefully, help change minds, change attitudes, challenge the stereotypes that people hold. And, I'm hopeful that perhaps the best way I can do that is by simply being a good congressperson who happens to be a lesbian," said Baldwin.

The piece also profiled **Neil G. Giuliano**, the openly gay mayor of Tempe, Ariz., and **James Hormel**, the openly gay U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg.

Condoms Mandatory in West Hollywood

In a move heralded by many AIDS prevention and treatment activists as groundbreaking, the West Hollywood city council — overriding its own city staff and human services commission's recommendation — voted 3 to 2 on July 7 to instruct staff to draft a plan for mandatory condom distribution in the city's "high-risk" bars, nightclubs and adult establishments.

Staff had recommended a voluntary plan, but following impassioned testimony from activists the council voted 3 to 2 for mandatory distribution. The Council also voted unanimously to adopt the staff and human services commission's recommendation to increase the total number of condoms the city distributes (currently through the West Hollywood Cares program) to 250,000 — up from 36,000 — as part of a stepped up AIDS prevention effort.

"Condoms stop HIV infection when those at risk have access to them," said **Cesar Portillo**, AHF's government affairs director. "It's inexcusable that gay bars would profit from gay patronage and then refuse to carry city-purchased con-

doms — but they have. Now, such bars and other adult businesses will have to follow the law or face the consequences."

Imagine: Leo As Howard Hughes

Teen girls everywhere will be stunned when their favorite heartthrob, **Leonardo DiCaprio**, portrays a paranoid bisexual recluse who carried on scandalous gay affairs with some of Hollywood's most famous men.

DiCaprio is poised to star in director **Michael Mann**'s upcoming flick on oddball mogul **Howard Hughes**. The screenplay is to be based on *Howard Hughes: The Untold Story*, by celebrity biographer Charles Higham. That best-seller dropped the bombshell that Hughes had been involved in tax-evasion schemes and homosexual affairs.

Hughes, the once-dashing billionaire aviator who squired Hollywood actresses before tail-spinning into a germaphobic hermit, died from kidney failure in 1976. Higham says the planned flick will prominently feature Hughes' gay bent, including a tryst with a big-name star.

"I very extensively documented the fact that Hughes had an affair with **Cary Grant**," Higham told the *New York Post*. "I also found evidence that Hughes was arrested and charged with molesting a young man in Santa Monica — but spent a million dollars getting the charges dropped and his record cleared," Higham says, adding that such sexual exploits will figure prominently in DiCaprio's role.

"I do think Hughes' multisexuality will be covered quite a bit in the film,"

Higham says. "This movie will not hesitate to explore fully the various sexual proclivities of Hughes' life."

And Higham thinks DiCaprio is just the man for the part: "Hughes was childlike in many ways, pampered and spoiled, and he was very self-centered and self-absorbed.

"There is something in DiCaprio's personality which is very singular and concentrated, and I think he'll do well at conveying a self-obsessed, self-concerned personality."

Tom & Nicole Sue Again

A judge has given the green light to a lawsuit brought against the *Star* newspaper after it reported **Tom Cruise** and **Nicole Kidman** had help from sex therapists in filming *Eyes Wide Shut*.

The actors, who are married, are seeking unspecified damages. **Phil Buntin**, editor of the Tarrytown, N.Y.-based *Star*, said the tabloid stands behind its story.

The March 30 article in the weekly supermarket tabloid was headlined: "We had to teach Tom and Nicole how to make love." It claimed sex therapists were hired to teach the actors how to perform in love scenes.

The federal suit, filed April 22, also claims pictures accompanying the article represented commercial misappropriation of Cruise's and Miss Kidman's names and likenesses.

Meanwhile, rumors that Tom Cruise would flash his weenie in *Eyes Wide Shut* appear to be untrue, but Kidman does appear nude — if you're into that kinda thing.

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Gay Wisconsin Author Publishes Gay Teen Novel

Plover, Wis. — Local resident Nathan A. Smorynski has just published *Nathan; Mixing Boys: Version 6.9*, a harsh yet humorous look at a gay teen growing up in a small Midwestern town. Nathan is 18-years old, and a senior in high school. He's gay, he's got a crush on the captain of the basketball team, and he's got a girlfriend who's starting to get suspicious. He's got, as the saying goes, a lot of balls in the air.

While trying to sort out his feelings, Nathan realizes that he must also keep his girlfriend satisfied. Soon, another realization comes: his girlfriend is not as "dueless" and as innocent as she looks. What to do? Turn to the spirit world, of course. An old stand-by, the Ouija Board comes into play. The only problem with using this spooky form of making long distance calls... is that sometimes it works!

The author is a 20-year old writer and a regular correspondent for the gay publication *XY Magazine*, published in San Francisco. The book (ISBN: 0-7414-0037-5) can be purchased through the Internet from www.buybooksontheweb.com or by calling toll-free (877) 289-2665.

Soledad Salame at Lord Galleries

Milwaukee — The Michael H. Lord Gallery, located in the historic Pfister Hotel in downtown Milwaukee, is pleased to announce the first solo show in Milwaukee of recent paintings and prints by Chilean-born, Baltimore artist Soledad Salame. The exhibition will open on Gallery Night, July 23, with an artist's reception from 6 to 9 p.m.

Salame's work was first introduced to Wisconsin in March of 1995 during the Latin American Women Artists 1915 to 1995 exhibition at the Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM). She continues to work with the same theme of environmental awareness, both on a personal and global level that was present in "Garden of Light," which was installed at MAM during the exhibition. For more information call (414) 272-1007.

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That Queer Town of 'South Park'

by Alistair McCartney

At the moment (along with just about everyone else in the world,) I have a thing for Latin pop idol Ricky Martin. Come on, who hasn't been seduced by his killer combination of permanently open, bee-stung lips, and fluid, snake-like hips?

But there's another celebrity currently vying for my infatuated attentions. Like the former member of Menudo, he is also a singer, but it's there the similarity between these two heart-throbs ends. This guy definitely doesn't have the conventional good looks Martin has been blessed with. For one, he's short, like "really" short. And he's rather round. Actually, he's on the decidedly tubby side. Plus he's seriously cranky. Plus, he's eight years old, and, oh well, I have to admit it, not even close to flesh and blood, but a cartoon character. This other crush of mine is on none other than Cartman, one of the main characters in Comedy Central's "South Park," that has just made its move to the big screen in "South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut."

So of course I rushed down to my local cinema the first day of the movie's release. My boyfriend and I entered the crowded space armed with our cokes and unbuttered popcorns, along with (on my part,) a fair amount of trepidation.

For even though I've been a devoted fan of the show and its oh so anti-p.c. antics since it began, it's always been a private pleasure. I felt slightly hesitant about sharing the experience with what I envisioned as the movie's main audience: straight teenage boys. The review I read in "The LA Times" had labeled the movie "homophobic," so this didn't ease my panic about having to endure sitting through a bunch of immature boys cracking up and hooting at one "fag" joke after another, all at my expense. If I was going to have to pick up that tired old tab, I knew that my love affair with this twisted phenomenon would come to an ugly end. But fan or fool that I am, I wasn't going to let this put me off.

We made our way to the front of the theater, and looking around at the low-lit house that was rapidly filling up, I had been right on target in imagining the target audience: 17 and 18 year old white boys in groups of four and five, with nary a girl in sight. Being a red-blooded fag, I'm not averse to finding myself in a space comprised mainly of young men (Particularly of cute young men, with buzz-cuts and baggy jeans slung low on the butt.) But my trusty gadar wasn't picking up any strong signals.

The trailers — for flicks that seemed to involve little else but explosions — finally over, the film began, and I was prepared for the worst, to be the symbolic butt of the humor, to be forced to flee from the theater, and ritually burn my "South Park" tapes and deluxe Cartman key-chain in an act of gay pride.

But I needn't have worried. Rather, the film opens with

plenty of jokes "about" butts (I don't know about you, but the behind is one of my favorite subjects.) The plot of the film hinges on the South Park kids going to see the movie "Asses of Fire", the screen debut of their favorite T.V. stars, Terrance and Phillip (who have a sweetly homoerotic relationship, similar to that of "South Park's" own creators, Trey Parker and Matt Stone.) The kids leave the movie mimicking the crude antics and foul-mouthed sayings of their heroes (referring to each other casually as "dick meister" and "uncle fucka,") and their mothers declare holy war on what they believe is the ultimate source of this "potty-mouthed" evil: Canada. The mothers' bloody mission to restore wholesome apple pie values to the U.S.A is eerily reminiscent of Jesse Helms' indecent obsession with censoring and subduing the so-called "obscenities" of such renowned queer artists as Robert Mapplethorpe, Karen Finley, and Ron Athey.

From here on, things take on a truly queer spin. There is an ancient and obscure prophecy that when the blood of the maple-leaf is spilled on South Park soil, Satan will be freed from the fires of Hell, and rule over the entire planet.

Satan is well aware of this, as is his boyfriend, Saddam Hussein! The religious right's tiresome habit of lazily conflating all "evils"

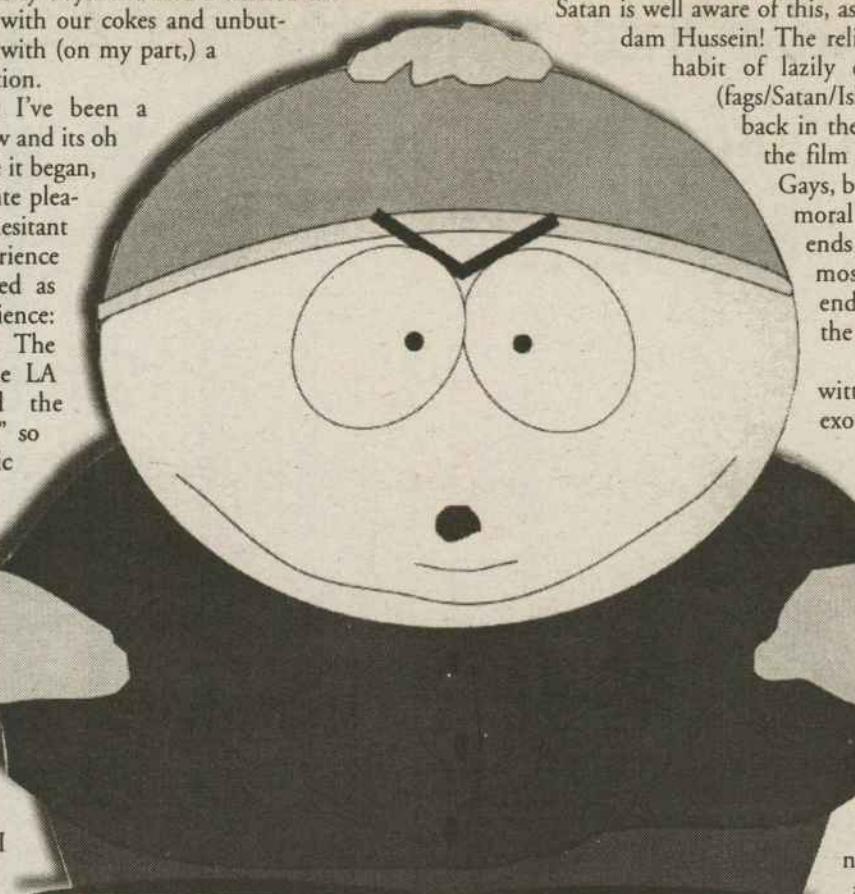
(fags/Satan/Islam) is ironically spat back in their faces. It's clear that the film is poking fun, not at Gays, but at the radical right's moral paranoia, for Satan ends up being one of the most complex and endearing characters in the movie.

The down and dirty, witty take, on this most exotic of queer couple's private life, reeks of someone with inside information into the ways and wiles of gay domesticity. Satan and Saddam have a poster of pretty-boy Skeet Ulrich gracing their bedroom, and a picture of a bronzed naked stud hanging above their toilet seat.

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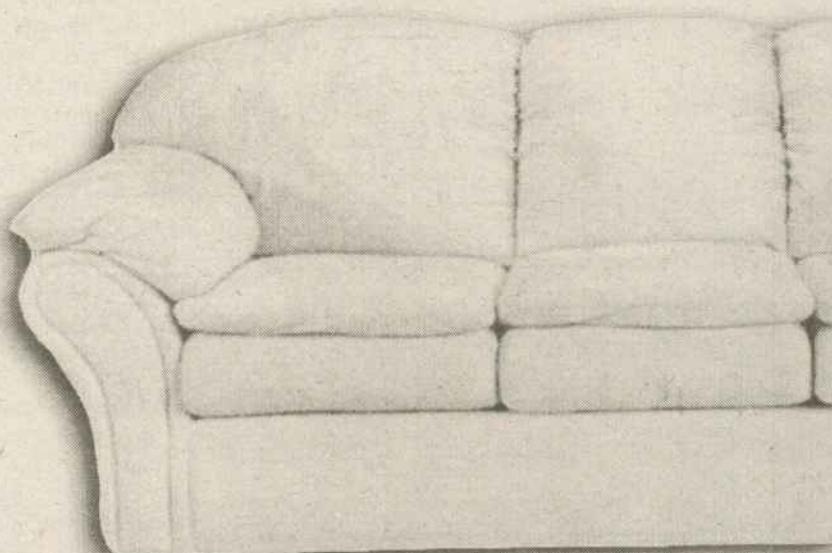
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Artists will offer one-of-a-kind, affordable fine crafts including jewelry, ceramics, photography and works in fiber, glass, leather, metal and paper. Also featured will be limited edition works by Wisconsin Designer Crafts Council artists to celebrate the fair's 25th anniversary. There will be a silent auction of fine craft items on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During the fair there will be an exhibition titled "Travels," featuring the works of artists Michael Koppa and Richard Waswo in the Great Hall and in the Mansion Galleries. Koppa's collages and Waswo's photography explore images of worldwide journeys and contemplation. The exhibit will continue through Sept. 19.

The Museum will offer free admission during fair days only. A \$1 donation to the fair is suggested. Regular admission to the Charles Allis Art Museum is \$3. Children and members are free. For more information call (414) 278-8295.

Art & Music Combined in Variety 2000

Milwaukee — The Charles Allis Art Museum and the Music from Almost Yesterday Ensemble present *Revolutions: The Culture of Time and Space*, the first of a four multi-disciplinary program series, titled "Variety 2000," which reviews the history of the avant-garde movements of

this century.

The series is an integrated program of live chamber music, staged dramatic scenes, recited poems, manifestos (proclamations of cultural ideas), and visual projections including art slides and excerpts from films. *Variety 2000* consists of four parts: Part One in July, and Part Two in August, 1999. Part Three and Part Four will be presented in the year 2000.

The first part of this retrospective "Revolutions: The Culture of Time and Space," deals with the artistic revolutions of Cubism, DaDa, and Futurism and the effects of new mechanical inventions such as records, photographs and cars on the artistic perception of time and form. The performance included works by Bela Bartok, Morton Feldman, Edgar Varese, Filippo Martinetti and George Zantheil. Theater selections include works by Gertrude Stein, Hugo Ball, Kent Schwitters, Luigi Russolo, Umberto Boccioni and Paolo Buzzi.

Participants will be challenged with an open philosophical discussion session after each "Variety 2000" performance at Café Philo. Guests will gather on the museum terrace, which will be arranged café-style, complete with specialty coffee and thought-provoking ambiance.

Part One will run over two consecutive weekends from Saturday, July 17 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 18 at 3 p.m. and on Friday, July 23 at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets are available in advance for \$8 general public, \$6 FOCAL, seniors and students and children are free. For tickets and further information call (414) 278-9120.

Allure of The East at Villa Terrace

Milwaukee — An exhibition entitled *Allure of the East: Near East Decorative Arts & European Orientalist Paintings* will open at Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum, 2220 N. Terrace Ave. on July 22 with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. This exhibition explores the West's fascination with the arts and crafts traditions of the Near East.

Admission is free to members, \$3 to non-members. The exhibit will continue through Sept. 12. For more information call (414) 271-3656.

Mercury Production of 'Jeffrey' Stands on Its Own

by Chris Ott

If you're quick, there's still time to catch one of the last performances of *Jeffrey*, which is making a short run at the Esquire Theater in Madison. The Mercury Players Theatre production of Paul Rudnick's comedy about a man's struggle to reconcile the risk of AIDS with his overachieving libido has three remaining performances: July 16 at 8 p.m. and July 17 at 5:00 and 8:30 p.m.

Before the show, I couldn't help but wonder if putting on a new production of this play-turned-movie didn't bring with it a special set of challenges. Would it inevitably come up short against the memory of, say, Patrick Stewart as a queen in the 1995 film version? Fortunately, the Mercury Players production is remarkably fresh. Even if you've seen one or another of the previous incarnations of *Jeffrey*, you'll laugh at the jokes despite having heard them before. And if you haven't heard them, here's your chance to enjoy jabs at everybody from couples with "that certain smugness" to Mother Teresa and Wisconsin parents.

Jeffrey is the story of how a man's vow of celibacy, inspired by the fear of AIDS, is immediately put to the test by the appearance of a more serious romantic interest. Performed skillfully on a sparse set, *Jeffrey* is directed by Paul Giuliani and Jamie England, and produced by Shonn Northam and Thomas McClurg. On stage, Paul Giuliani is particularly strong in the role of Steve, making it entirely his own. Also noteworthy are William Bolz in the playful role of a lascivious catholic priest, as well as Jamie England, who plays all the female roles.

One of the few weaknesses in *Jeffrey* is simply the plot, in which the hero's descent into angst over whether or not he can have a lifetime relationship with Steve — after about 10 minutes of conversation — seems a little unbelievable, even for the most cart-before-the-horse romantics. But the play achieves a kind of universality as *Jeffrey* moves from his complaint, "I hate life for giving me everything and then taking it back," to taking the hilarious sterling's suddenly serious advice that no, *Jeffrey* can't hide from sex or love, even if it does mean an inevitable loss.

Tickets for *Jeffrey* are \$10 and can be reserved for pick-up at least 30 minutes before show time by calling (608) 294-0740. The Esquire Theatre is located at 113 E. Mifflin St. in Madison, just off Capitol Square.

Fit to Be Queen

Unique new fitness book motivates with sizzling homoerotic photos

by Bradley David
Contributing Writer

Go into any bookstore and examine the endless titles in the fitness and exercise section, and you are as likely to become bored or depressed as you are to feel inspired and excited about getting in shape. Luckily, a very different kind of book with a deceptively ho-hum title — *Basic Training: A Fundamental Guide To Fitness For Men* (St. Martin's Press) — came out late last year and is motivating readers, not only with its common-sense approach, but also with its stunning and very sensual photographs of the male physique.

"We knew that we were going to push the envelope a little bit by showing bare buttocks," says the book's author, Jon Giswold.

"Most fitness books look pretty much the same on the inside, with pretty generic shots of exercise. But in looking at advertising at this moment in our history, I found that most everything — computer software, automobiles, feminine hygiene products, rice — is being sold by the upper torso of a naked man."

While the book will definitely appeal to gay men, there is no mention of homosexuality in Giswold's text, not even in the section on "Lifestyle."

"I would say the book is targeted to the male market rather than to the gay male market," Giswold says.

"It's surprising — at a book signing in East Hampton, there was a straight gentle-

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man who just turned sixty and is married with children and grandchildren. I just got a nice note from him saying, 'My wife was certainly intrigued by the pictures in the book, but since buying it, I've lost three inches off my waist, I exercise every day, and I really got motivated by your words and certainly by the pictures. He got what we were trying to do as a way of motivating men and he saw past whatever homoerotic undertones the photos may have. We're really glorifying the male form as a piece of sculpture in a way.'

When the book was nothing more than an idea, Giswold went to New York photographer David Morgan, whose photography he knew from greeting cards and posters.

"I was always taken by his images," says Giswold. "He shot mostly men, and when this project came up, we really needed to shoot men in a very artful kind of way. I met him through a friend and he said he'd love to be a part of the project."

Morgan's exquisite black and white pho-

tos feature very '90s-looking men with fresh faces and sculpted bodies, either semi-nude (no full-frontal) or in sometimes revealing workout attire. Yum!

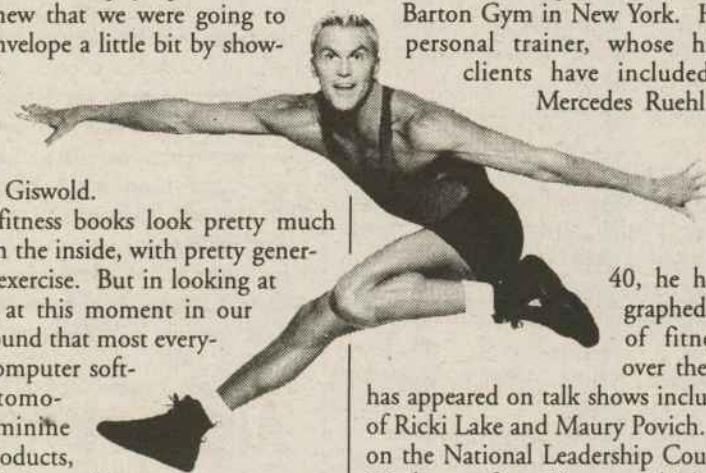
Giswold says he had no trouble convincing St. Martin's Press that his unique approach would be a winner.

"When we brought them our product in its treatment form, they got it right away and they saw where it could go and agreed that it would be a hit," he says. "Ten days later we had signed a contract."

Since its release in November, the book has sold about 15,000 copies and has gone into a second printing. Not bad for a first-time author in a niche category.

"It was a real labor of love," he says. "The book was something that we had a vision for and we were blessed to find a publisher that gave us room to realize that vision."

A Wisconsin native, Giswold is a highly successful aerobics instructor, working out of the Reebok Sports Club and the David Barton Gym in New York. He is also a personal trainer, whose high-profile clients have included actresses Mercedes Ruehl and Lucy Arnez.



Almost 40, he has choreographed a number of fitness videos over the years and has appeared on talk shows including those of Ricki Lake and Maury Povich. He serves on the National Leadership Council of the Workout for Hope, which benefits AIDS/HIV research. His next book, he says, will concern mid-life fitness and will be targeted to men and women of the Baby Boom generation.

Giswold anticipates that a lot of straight men won't feel uncomfortable with his current book's sexy photos.

"It's not much different from the muscle magazines out there with oiled-up body builders in vertical striped hot pants," he says. "They don't seem to be uncomfortable looking at those pictures. I really wanted to target men — be they gay, atheist, black, Republican, whatever. I think we all fall under the same realm as being male in gender. I was at a gay bookstore in New York doing a book signing and a lesbian asked me, 'Well, how can I benefit from this book?' I said, 'Exercise doesn't know a gender, just like it doesn't know what your sexuality is. If you apply some of the fundamental elements of this book, your life will improve.' I think too much of our struggle as a gay community has been caused by constantly trying to separate ourselves, even within our own community."

Noting the sad statistic that 80% of the American population is considered "unfit," Giswold says he wants his book to reach the people who need it most. "I didn't want to try to reinvent another product that's going to satisfy the 20% of the population that is already into fitness," he says.

"If my book can reach people who are having a hard time getting motivated, finding a commitment, and getting results, then I'm doing something good." ▼

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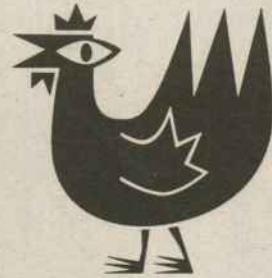
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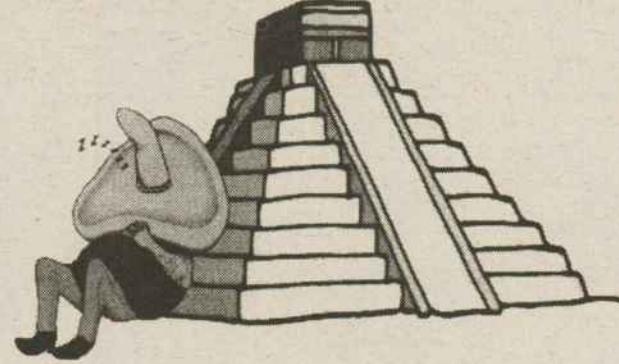
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**Tales of the Lavender Menace:
A Memoir of Liberation**
By Karla Jay

This memoir of feminist and gay liberation is written from the first-hand account and the personal and political transformation of author Karla Jay, who is in no way shy about sharing her experiences. We learn about her dysfunctional family — especially her mother, who is described as a *difficult* woman. "Her misery was like Texas oil: You could drill anywhere and find some." The family physician advised Jay to leave home as quickly as possible after one of her mother's numerous suicide attempts. She did just that when her mother trashed her bedroom in a fit of anger.

Her political life began in 1964, when she entered Barnard College as a demure student with a teased and sprayed shoul-

der-length flip. She says it "was as stiff and controlled as I was." Although she had increasing lesbian feelings, she steadfastly passed as a heterosexual and told no one about her earlier experimentation with girls and women in high school and at summer camp.

In her freshman year, she found a handsome blonde boyfriend from Alabama who asked her where her horns were when he found out she was Jewish. They never had sexual intercourse. In her senior year she met Kip, a Hunter student who lived in her building off campus. Kip would sleep with her but forbade her to use the word "lesbian" or even "bisexual" to describe their relationship. Kip insisted on calling it "practicing" for when they got married — they practiced a lot.

On April 23, 1968, more than 100 students seized Hamilton Hall to protest university policies, and the revolution was on. During that time she met Daniel who could only maintain his minuscule erection during sex by reading the *New York Times*, which he propped behind her head. She was drawn to the fledgling women's liberation movement when she joined the radical feminist group Red-

stockings

She worked by day for *Colliers* magazine and at night she wrote for *Rat*, a radical publication. She was involved in the start-up of the Gay Liberation Front. She was part of a media women's sit-in at *Ladies Home Journal*, and organized an "ogle-in" on Wall Street where they whistled and made obscene comments about the physical attributes of the bankers as they emerged from the subway.

When Betty Friedan of NOW (National Organization of Women) called the lesbians in the feminist movement the "Lavender Menace," they picked up on the name. Eventually they had purple T-shirts made with the name across the chest and wore them at a humorous protest at the Second Congress to Unite Women, which was held in Manhattan. Their actions were a complete success, and their only regret was that Betty Friedan and Susan Brownmiller, the two women who had spurred them to action, weren't there.

Because of her activism while she lived in New York, her phone was tapped and she fled to California, exhausted, ill and frightened. After a summer filled with beaches, bars, sex (she had an interesting

encounter with a woman who was almost completely tattooed with the names of her ex-lovers), and a trifling amount gay politics, she withdrew from activism and started her trek to tenure in academic circles.

"*Tales of the Lavender Menace*" illustrates the link between the personal and political that was the hallmark of the second wave of feminism. ... Jay brings on a dazzling cast of unforgettable characters and gives voice to the sweeping tale of the activists who struggled for their vision of social justice and sexual liberation." Gloria Steinem says, "Karla Jay's intimate account of life on the early years of feminism and gay liberation is as irresistible as a novel, but as credible, humorous and unexpected as real life."

The author is Director of Women's and Gender Studies and Professor of English at Place University in New York. She is the author of nine books, including *Lesbian Erotics*, and *Dyke Life*, which won a Lambda Literary Award. (Basic Books, ISBN: 0-465-083641, HC, \$25 USA, \$36.50 Can).

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July 15 through July 29, 1999

ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, July 15

Festa Italiana - (Milwaukee): Cultural tents and a marketplace and glorious Italian food will be featured. Don't forget the FIREWORKS. It's all on the Summerfest grounds through 7/18/99.

JAZZ in the Park - Outdoor Summer Concert Series (Milwaukee): This weekly event is held in Cathedral Square Park in the heart of East Town. Tonight: JESSIE COOK from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic blanket or grab a table and set up a feast. Food and beverages are also available. FMI call (414) 271-1416.

Perfect Harmony's Chorus - Summer Concert (Madison, WI): Start Pride Weekend on a high note with Perfect Harmony's salute to Arthur Seymour Sullivan at 8 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 116 W. Washington Ave. Admission is free but a \$10 suggested donation is welcomed. FMI call Clay Jones (608) 232-0528.

SHAKE IT UP! - Overnight Camping Trip (Crystal Lake, WI): Exploration of the Crystal Lake area includes optional camping. This is a trip where we need to make camping reservations (if you want to do this) way, way ahead of time, like NOW. Chamber of Commerce brochures will be available. Everyone will meet at 4701 Judy Lane, on Saturday 7/31 at 9:30 a.m. and return on Sunday 8/1/99. FMI: Dave Runyon at (608) 241-2500.

FRIDAY, JULY 16

AIDS Ride - Closing Ceremonies (Chicago): The AIDS Ride 4 Twin Cities - Wisconsin-Chicago closing ceremonies will be held in Grant Park at 1 p.m. FMI call Cristal Menden (888) 743-3947, x18.

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.

Midwest Regional Gay Volleyball Tournament - Registration (Madison, WI): Registration takes place from 7 to 11 p.m. at Club 5. FMI: call Jeff Pintor (608) 251-8716

OutReach - 7th Annual Community Award's Dinner (Madison, WI): At 6 p.m. you can acknowledge the outstanding community leaders and volunteers with awards at the Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center. Speakers: U.S. Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin & Assemblyman Mark Pocan. Emcee is Tina Fleischman. There will be a cash bar at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 8 p.m. Reservations are a must. Parking at the Convention Center is NOT free. FMI: Joe Bednarowski at (608) 255-8582.

Ten Percent Society - Pride Weekend Dance (Madison, WI): Starts at 8 p.m. at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, One John Nolan Drive, Admission is \$5. There will be DJ's & a cash bar. Dance ends at 12:45 a.m. Parking is NOT free.

Saturday, July 17

26th Annual MAGIC Picnic (Madison, WI): The festivities start at noon at Brittingham Park at the corner of West Washington Ave. & Park Street. A \$10 ticket gets you lunch and all the beer and soda pop you can drink. An extra \$1 per person will get you bottled water, ice cream, candy cotton, pop corn, etc. Games, a midway of concessions and tables distributing information related to various support agencies. Dancing and music in the shelter, plus a demonstration by the Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys Dance group.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dance Cotillion (Madison, WI): For an hour in the afternoon DC&C will be organizing a time slot for country dancing at the Magic Picnic in the shelter. They will do 3 or 4 line dances and 3 or 4 couple dances. That evening at 8 p.m. DC&C will have a cotillion at the Sapphire Ballroom at the Northgate Mini Shopping Mall on North Sherman Ave. At 8 p.m. there will be lessons and review with Bill or Sharon. From 9 p.m. to close there will be open dancing. Free parking. Suggested donation is \$3. Cash bar, smoke free. Call Richard Kilmer (608) 255-9131 or e-mail rkilmer@facstaff.wisc.edu or visit their web site at <http://execpc.com/~sapphire>

Flaming Dykesaurus - Comedy (Madison, WI): This all lesbian comedy-improv troupe will perform at 8 p.m. at the WilMar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jenifer Street. There is a sliding scale admission \$5 to \$7. Parking located across the street in the fenced-in chain link area or on the street. FMI: (608) 249-0626.

Fyfe's Corner Bistro - Dance (Madison, WI): Fyfe's, located at 1344 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI, 608-251-8700, will be having a dance in the upstairs bar, and a country/western swing/cowboy songs/yodeling band on Magic Picnic Saturday from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for the band, and until close for the DJ and dancing. The DJ will

be Ty, and the band will be KG and The Ranger, they bring their own props, and The Ranger will dazzle folks with rope tricks.

Midwest Regional Gay Volleyball Tournament (Madison, WI): Play takes place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at East High School, 2222 East Washington Ave. That evening there will be a reception at the Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson Street. The Tournament continues on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and is followed by a post-tournament party at Ray's Bar & Grill, 3054 East Washington Ave. FMI: Jeff Pintor (608) 251-8716.

Sunday, July 18

Action Wisconsin - Annual Meeting (Madison, WI): The meeting of this LGBT civil rights group takes place at noon at the State Capitol in the North Hearing Room.

Madison GLBTQ Political Rally, March & Picnic (Madison, WI): The GLBTQ Political Rally is at 1:30 p.m. at the State Capitol, followed by the GLBTQ Political March at 2 p.m. from the State Capitol down State Street and then to Brittingham Park for the Madison GLBTQ Political Picnic until 6 p.m. For a \$10 donation, you get lunch and all the beer and soda pop you can drink. An extra \$1 per person gets you bottled water, ice cream, cotton candy, pop corn, etc. Games, a midway of concessions and tables distributing information related to various support agencies. There will be dancing & music in the shelter, plus entertainment will be comedian Kate Clinton and The Dixieland Dykes + 3.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Annual Picnic (Milwaukee): The picnic will begin at 1 p.m. at Estabrook Park, Picnic Area #8 (nearest area to Capitol Drive). Bring your own picnic basket of the foods you personally like to eat. SAGE will provide ice, Charcoal grill, soft drinks, plates and flatware etc.

UW-Madison GLBTQ Alumni and Friends Brunch (Madison, WI): The brunch starts at 10 a.m. at Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center, One John Nolan Drive, \$10, with awards presentations. Parking at the Convention Center is NOT free.

Wednesday, July 21

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): At 7 p.m. there will be Beginning Line Dancing with Joan. At 8 p.m. there will be Cha-Cha lessons with Elaine. 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.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Concert on the Square (Madison, WI): Join the guys at 7 p.m. Buy and/or bring potluck goodies for a picnic. Meet at the end of Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive, on the grass on Capitol Green Commons. Bring a blanket. Candlesticks are optional.

Waukesha County Fair (Pewaukee, WI): Food, drink and an alligator show. There will be country & rock music featuring Loretta Lynn, Steppenwolf & the News Boys. Runs through 7/24/99. It's all at the Waukesha County Expo Center, located in Pewaukee.

Thursday, July 22

JAZZ in the Park - Outdoor Summer Concert Series (Milwaukee): This weekly event is held in Cathedral Square Park in the heart of East Town. Tonight: DARYL STEURMER from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic blanket or grab a table and set up a feast. Food and beverages are also available. FMI call (414) 271-1416.

Friday, July 23

German Fest - (Milwaukee): A three-day bash full of music and culture. There will be wonderful food like roast pig and don't forget the German beer. Trace your heritage at the Genealogy booth through 7/25/99.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Co-Ed Discussion Group (Milwaukee): At 6:30 p.m. both men & women will discuss part one of Aristedo Maupin's TALES OF THE CITY at the LGBT Community Center in the small meeting room. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Wednesday July 28th

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison, WI): At 7 p.m. there will be Rhumba lessons with Orton. At 8 p.m. there will be Country Line Cha-Cha & Advanced Swing with Kim. 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.

Racine County Fair - (Racine, WI): County fairs are wonderful. This one will have tractor pulls, rodeos, grilling contests, music and more. It's all at the Racine County Fair Grounds through 8/1/99.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Sunday afternoon bottle beer special

from 3 to 7 p.m.

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.

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

Dunes Resort (Saugatuck, MI): The Midwest's largest G/L Resort with a hotel, cottages, indoor & outdoor bars, a pool and a night club featuring the areas hottest DJs. Today there is a TEA DANCE from 4 to 9 p.m. Open seven days a week with music spinning a drink specials by the pool. Today there are Slushy Specials on the deck from 4 to 6 p.m. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

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.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI):

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 call 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 top & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

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

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

Woolly's (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust! Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers are \$2 from 2 to 6 p.m.

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

Monday:

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

Dish (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tacos \$1.75 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75.

The Closet (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. \$1 shots (Liqueur or Schnapps) and 75¢ taps. Starting at 8 p.m. Karaoke with Pam!

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Levi/Leather. Open 8 p.m. Free Pool, \$5 pitchers.

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Free pool with drink purchase from 9 p.m. to close.

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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2 Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. \$4 pitchers 9 p.m. to midnight. Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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

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

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

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

Woolly's (Milwaukee): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. FREE Bountiful Buffet!

Wednesday:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 12 a.m. to 2 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 12 a.m. to 2 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy

Robin Hood Was Gay; Preferred 'Merrie Men'

by Paul Majendie (AP)

London — England's legendary outlaw Robin Hood was gay, preferring his "merrie men" to Maid Marian, a leading English literature professor has concluded.

The reassessment of one of Britain's greatest folk heroes was greeted by gay activists as a welcome — if belated — "out-

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ing". But the Robin Hood Society said the claims were damaging to one of the great role models for today's children.

Stephen Knight, professor of English literature at Cardiff University, decided Robin Hood was gay after studying 14th century ballads that are the earliest known accounts of his deeds.

"The ballads could not say outright that he was gay because of the prevailing moral climate, but they do contain a great deal of erotic imagery," he said.

"The green wood itself is a symbol of virility and the references to arrows, quivers and swords make it clear too," he told *The Sunday Times*.

He said the ballads showed that Maid Marian — always described as Robin Hood's true love — never existed.

Knight thinks her name was added by 16th-century authors who wanted the tale of the outlaw who robbed from the rich to give to the poor to be more respectable to heterosexual readers.

His theory won backing from Barry Dobson, professor of medieval history at the University of Cambridge.

"In the 12th century, homosexuality was accepted, but in the 13th the church became much less tolerant and such people were driven underground," he said.

Robin Hood has always been portrayed as a swashbuckling aristocrat who became an outlaw after his lands were confiscated by King John in the 1190s.

Peter Tatchell of the gay rights group Outrage was delighted by the new academic speculation: "His lifestyle alone was enough to provoke speculation. It's about time school history lessons acknowledged the contribution of famous homosexuals."

But Mary Chamberlain of the Robin Hood Society was outraged: "Robin remains a highly regarded figure the world over and children like to play at being Robin Hood. These claims could do a lot of damage."

The Sunday Times concluded that in Hollywood, it was Mel Brooks and not Kevin Costner who had got the story right.

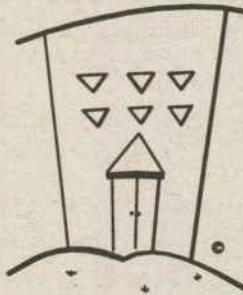
"The revelation flies in the face of Kevin Costner's portrayal of the outlaw in *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves* and suggests that the title of Mel Brooks's film *Robin Hood: Men In Tights* was closer to the mark," it said.

You Don't Want To Miss This

Reunion

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center invites you to "Our Family Reunion" — our first annual event to raise funds to ensure the continued success of the Center including; a safe space, youth activities, LGBT advocacy, and access information

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p.m. to close pints of Lite \$2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or Doctors \$1.50

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Klosset (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 tops 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.

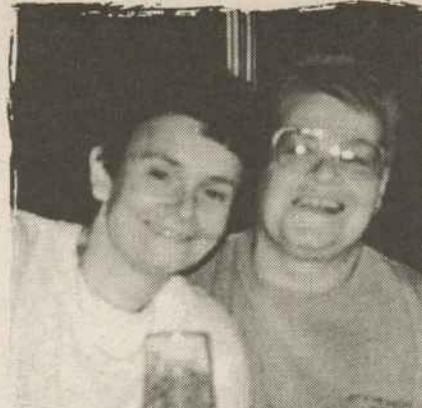
South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. 2/4/1 all day, all night (open to close).

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50

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



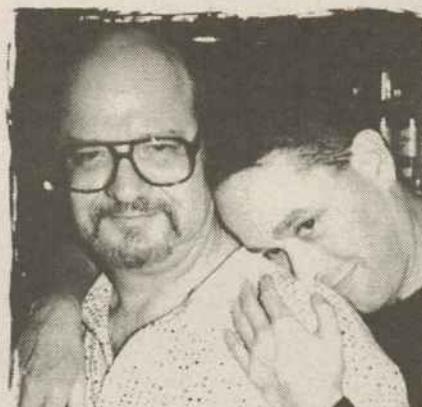
Cuties of the Week? Photo by Jamie @ Woody's



Love Birds? Photo by Jamie @ M&M



Smile. Photo by Jamie @ M&M



Nap time? Photo by Jamie @ Woody's

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): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. Dart Tournament 7:30 p.m.

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

Thursdays:

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

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

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25. Frozen cocktails \$3. Pitchers of Lite \$5. Will & Grace Night: \$1 off Martinis 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!

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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 Martinis \$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

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

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

The Klosset (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.

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

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): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. Specialty Beers \$1.50.

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. Specialty Beers \$1.50.

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

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 dancing & romancing.

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

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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. Top 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): Open at 2 p.m. Softball Crazy Day. Help Celebrate our Wins!

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 dancing & romancing.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN SSScash & 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 Klosset (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 and other great specials.

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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.

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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): \$1 off drinks from 4 to 9 p.m. Come Down & Harass Us!

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.

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

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

High Tea & Talk - Men's Group (Madison, WI): High Tea & Talk is an organization-free (no longer associated with SAGE/Dane) opportunity for men of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men to have a bull session and graze the goodies at Monty's Blue Plate Diner. The group meets at 1:30 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible.

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

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

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison, WI): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI call (608) 255-4927.

Saturday, July 17

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

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

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

Gay Youth Milwaukee - Weekly Meetings (Milwaukee): This youth group meets every Friday & Saturday in a safe space. FMI e-mail gayouthmil@aol.com

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, July 18

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

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

Rainbow Friends - Quaker Worship Group (Madison, WI): This group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Diversity is encouraged, feelings are

honored, and boundaries are respected. FMI & location, call (608) 250-7989.

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

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

Monday, July 19

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.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Open Discussion Group (Madison, WI): Called Man to Man, the group meets at 7 p.m. at OutReach, 600 Williamson St. in the mini mall inside the entry on the right.

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.

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

Tuesday, July 20

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

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

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.

Wednesday, July 21

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.

LGBT Campus Center - Weekly Les/Bi Curious Women's Group (Madison, WI): This group, which is open specifically to lesbian, bisexual and curious women who are UWM students, meets every Wednesday night, 8 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center, located on the second floor of the UWM Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St.

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.

Wisconsin Corporate Alliance - Meeting (Milwaukee): WCA is an umbrella organization made up of, and serv-

ing, corporate LGBT groups in Wisconsin. The meeting will take place at the LGBT Community Center at 5:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Friday, July 16

SAGE/Milwaukee - Film Night (Milwaukee): SAGE will show THE KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN at 6:30 p.m. in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, July 18

LGBT Campus Center - Weekly Movie Night (Madison, WI): Join other LGBT students and community members every Sunday night to watch popular LGBT themed movies at 8 p.m. on the second floor of the UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street. There is no charge and this event is open to all LGBT's and allies. Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 2 to 3 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents Free Speech TV: DYKE TV # 1, plus FARON EVANS & MAX WARD singing Let's Talk Dirty To The Animals at the New Bar, Hotel Washington in the mid 1980s. Re-runs on Mondays at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, July 21

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents OUT OF THE PAST, gay history produced by GLSEN and Kevin Jennings, plus Free Speech TV presents: FAGGOTS ARE NOT FOR BURNING; I HUNG BACK, plus Cafe' Homophobia's satire on Aimee Semple McPherson. Re-runs at Midnight 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

Sunday July 25

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 2 to 3 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents NATIONAL HEALTH CARE, produced by WYOU's Brazen Brains, Lucciano. Plus WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN CHIAPAS, MEXICO? Re-runs on Mondays at 8 a.m.

MIAD/Hotel Milwaukee - Live Pilot Radio Show (Milwaukee): There will be taping before a live audience at 5 p.m. at the Astor Hotel Ballroom, 924 E. Juneau. There will also be a reception and a raffle. Admission is \$15 in advance \$20 at the door. FMI call Pam Percy (414) 276-7889, Ext. 009.

Wednesday, July 28

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents DANE COUNTY'S OMBUDSMAN, former city council member, Andy Heidt, interviewed by Rita Wlodarczyk, for president of Monona's City Council, and currently co-host of "Senior Beat" on Cable channel 12. Plus Midge Miller interviews CYNTHIA EDWARDS about the bio-tech, genetic-engineering threat to our foods and us. Plus Free Speech TV. Re-runs at Midnight 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Saturday, July 17

Charles Allis Art Library (Milwaukee): VARIETY 2000: PART ONE is a festival of music theater and art of the twentieth century that runs today at 8 p.m. and 7/18 at 3 p.m. FMI call (414) 278-8295.

Tuesday, July 20

Milwaukee Art Museum - Gallery Talk (Milwaukee): Director Russell Bowman will give a gallery talk about AFRICAN AMERICAN ART: A DECADE OF COLLECTING at 1:30 p.m. Free to members, regular museum admission to non-members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Thursday, July 22

Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum - Opening Exhibit (Milwaukee): ALLURE OF THE EAST: NEAR EASTERN DECORATIVE ARTS & EUROPEAN ORIENTALIST PAINTING. Reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$3, free to members. FMI call (414) 271-3656.

Friday, July 23

Adam Bomb Gallerie & Tattoo Studio - Gallery Night (Milwaukee): CHRISTOPHER FREDERICK shows photography entitled ACCUMULATIONS. There is a reception from 6 to 10 p.m. FMI call (414) 276-2662.

Milwaukee Art Museum - Gallery Night (Milwaukee): Start the evening of free gallery hopping with light appetizers and a cash bar at MAM. View AFRICAN AMERICAN ART: A DECADE OF COLLECTING, and catch the Gray Line Tours (\$10) to other galleries. FMI & reservations call (414) 271-0996 or MAM at (414) 224-3200.

Stage Review

Miss Saigon

It is quite impossible to imagine a musical so absolutely brimming with those necessary components for long-run success as *Miss Saigon*, which has recently landed at the Marcus Center for a three week run.

Miss Saigon has, after all, a nifty pedigree, having been created by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michael Schonberg, that illustrious French collaborating team responsible for the mega-success, *Les Misérables* as well as the not-so successful *Martin Guerre*. *Miss Saigon* has a simple love story, borrowing heavily from *Madame Butterfly*, set against the waning days of the fall of Saigon. *Miss Saigon* has an extraordinary budget of \$12 million and a cast larger, one presumes, than many of the small Vietnamese villages the musical depicts.

Most of all, *Miss Saigon* has a helicopter. A helicopter???

Yep, a helicopter.

One cannot help but ponder if *Miss Saigon* could have ever had such a long-run in New York (8 years) and London (10 years) if not for the gimmick of the "really working" helicopter.

Yet even without a helicopter, there is much to entertain in *Miss Saigon*.

For those who follow the old adage that for a musical to be successful, one must leave the theatre humming, *Miss Saigon* will be a winner. Bubble-gum ballads "The Last Night in the World" and "The Movie in My Mind" were being hummed throughout the parking structure following Friday's opening performance.

Still, Boublil and Schonberg probably do not want those in the audience thinking too much about their central story, that which has the cute, boy-next-door soldier Chris (Greg Stone) falling in love with the lovely, virginal, first-night-on-the-job Vietnamese bar girl Kim (Kym Hoy). Their improbable story has the comely lad falling truly, madly, deeply in love with Kim quite literally at first sight. After a night of not passion but true love, Chris commits to taking the lovely Kim home, to Mom, apple pie and all things American.

As is often the case in such stories, things don't happen quite as planned. The pesky war — or should one say, the pesky armed conflict separates our ill-fated lovers. Chris returns home desolate and alone while Kim must struggle amidst the chaos with a little "Chris, Jr." on the way.

Clearly a reunion is in the works in the second act. Yet, in as much as Chris has gotten married in the meanwhile, a "happily-ever-after" end does seem rather unlikely.

While the characters Chris and Kim might be about as exciting as milquetoast, Boublil and Schonberg do manage to throw in a thoroughly fascinating character, The Engineer (Joseph Anthony Foronda), a pimp, a con man, a survivor who has learned how to land on his feet no matter what happens. Played with a wink and a delightful irascibility, Foronda easily steals the show with a deliciously wicked turn in the climactic, "The American Dream".

For a touring company, *Miss Saigon* boasts performances and production values equal to the Great White Way. The large production numbers were delivered with verve and the helicopter (yes, back to the helicopter) still managed to elicit absolute gasps from the expectant audience.

Besides the wonderful Foronda, Greg Stone makes for a most appealing Chris and equally fine is Jacqueline Piro as Chris's wife Ellen, surely one of the most thankless part in any major musical. Kym Hoy is suitable noble and heroic as Kim but at times her voice seemed rather strained.

Miss Saigon is really Broadway at its best, not profound perhaps but big, brassy and, gosh-darn it, awfully entertaining!

—Carl M. Szatmary

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Lovin' Summer

by Jamie

Summer sure is turning out to be lots of fun this year. I can only attribute that to the fact that Josh is able to spend more time with me doing daytime things, rather than having to work every weekend. We have time to "putz" around the house doing somewhat mundane things that I actually enjoy doing. Since he moved in, we have cooked out on the barbecue many times, gone over to other people's parties and have really taken advantage of Wisconsin's sometimes strange but fabulous weather. We even stood half-naked in the pouring rain at 2 a.m. I won't tell you what we were doing just before that; some things should be left up to the imagination ...

The 4th of July weekend was lots of fun this year. It started when Rob from the Triangle invited us on his boat the S.S. Triangle to watch the fireworks. The weather was near perfect. OK, it could have been a bit cooler but I ain't complaining. The next day we spent more time on the S.S. Triangle catching some sun and doing a bit of jet skiing. Monday the 5th was a bit too warm and muggy to spend much time outside so we opted for a nice cool theater. Yes, we went to see *South Park: The Movie*. The beginning was pretty funny but the last half of the movie started to suck. After the movie we went to Chris's house to have another barbecue, burn down half of his back yard and set off some fireworks. We also watched a bit more *South Park* on his patio before calling it a night. Yup, this

year's 4th was much more fun with Josh being a part of the entire weekend.

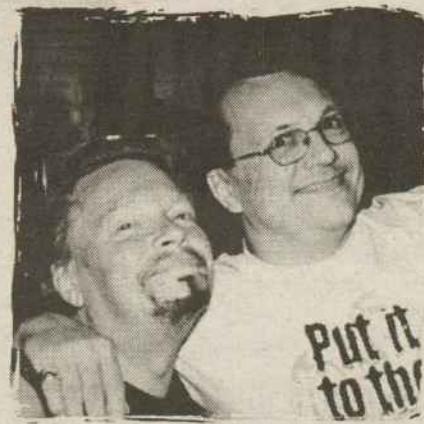
Another little tidbit. I have a week-long class I have to take for the security end of my real job with Skylab. And that class happens to be in Austin, Texas. I am so excited that we get to spend 10 days down by my aunt and uncle, and the company is picking up most of the tab for it. This means Josh can spend the day at Hippie Hollow while I sit in a classroom all day long... Hmm that doesn't sound right.

Anyway, at least we will be able to do some traveling and not have to spend a fortune doing it. That brings me to the next subject. My sister bought me three tickets to see *Miss Saigon* for my birthday unfortunately for me, is on the 24th of July. That's one of the weekends we will be in Texas. Anyone out there have tickets and want to trade? If you do, call (414) 510-8888 and leave a message, you might walk out of the deal with some pretty nice orchestra seats.

And speaking of my birthday, the **Annual Jamie-Jack Smith Birthday Bash** will be held on Monday, July 19th around 8pm at the **M&M Club**. Jack thought it would be a good idea to turn it into a fund-raiser for the **LGBT Community Center**. So, if you donate \$5, we will pass that donation along to the LGBT Community Center and you can drink all the free beer, wine or soda you want, all night long.

I hope you made it over to **Afterwords Books & Espresso** for their 6th Anniversary sale and celebration. There were huge discounts on most of the merchandise in the store, so I hope you took advantage of the sale and bought that book you've been wanting.

Triangle is gearing up for their 11-year anniversary party as well. July 30-



Two Baskets of Trouble. Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game



Drinks with the Ball Game Boss Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game



NOT camera-shy. Photo by Jamie @ Ball Game

Aug. 1 will be a weekend long celebration with drink specials, a balloon drop and there are rumors of naked guys. Make sure to check it out.

Let's not forget Madison's gay pride celebration and parade. I, for one, will head out there early Sunday morning to catch the parade and then head over to the park for some food and fun.

Another anniversary celebration to tell you about ... Hat's off to Mark, Ken and the staff at Z's for 10 years of giving Green Bay a fun place to party. The celebration included lots of great food, free beer and, of course, a great time.

The weekend of July 11th was pretty busy around here... **Woody's** threw a Softball Team Party with raffles, drink specials and yes, we had a blast. After Woody's we headed over to the **Boot Camp** for their Cookout Benefit for Possum Queen candidate Miss Aint'B Gotten. That also turned out to be lots of fun. I also headed over to the **Ball Game** to see what was going on over there. I shot some photos and yes, also had a great time.

If you're wondering what to do for happy

hour, check out **Dish's** happy hour. They started with the typical 2 for 1 drink special and added free pool, darts and foosball.

That's gonna do it for this issue. It took me twice as long as normal cause just when I was about finished, a breaker blew and I lost the entire column and had to start over. Yes, I did go into properties and set the auto-save to 1 minute. Until next issue, always save your work often and as always, slower traffic keep right. ▼

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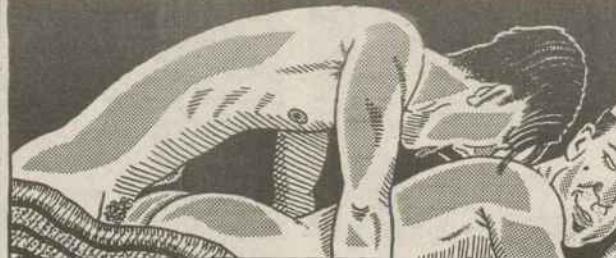
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The Blair Witch Project — the most uncompromisingly experimental film to reach a Scream-prepped, mainstream audience this year, perhaps even ever.

Because first-time writer-directors Eduardo Sanchez and Daniel Myrick have bucked such hallowed traditions of the Hollywood narrative arsenal as slickness, closure and thrills (just to name a few), all sorts of extra-filmic texts (a forthcoming graphic novel from Fantagraphics; Josh's *Blair Witch Mix* — a CD containing creepy gothic/industrial tracks from Lydia Lunch, PiL and Bauhaus from Chapter III Records; the Sci-Fi Channel's nasty *The Curse of the Blair Witch* special; and, most profoundly, blairwitch.com, the official movie website) have arisen to supplement the film's raw material. This explosion of discourse mirrors exactly the bits of information that arose around Cameron's *Titanic* to transform tragedy into something more quantifiable (my hope for *Blair Witch* is that it inspires as stone-cold a masterpiece as Bigas Luna's *The Chambermaid* on the *Titanic*, the best film of '98). And like that fabled ship and its Oscar-validated biopic, *The Blair Witch Project* as a film experience runs the risk of drowning in its own finely-tuned mythmaking. So rather than bear down too much on the film's specifics, I've offered a guide below on how to maximize your viewing pleasure.

1. Stay for the entire end credits. That way, you'll be able to read that "the events and characters portrayed are entirely fictional..." clause. You should do this with all films anyway.

2. Try to read as little as possible about it, especially articles on how it was made (but nifty analyses like this one are

fine). That way the insane expectations incurred ever since the film premiered at Sundance are diminished as much as possible.

3. Don't let the website seduce you. The film is only 87 minutes so keep in mind that not everything you've read or seen will be accounted for in the film.

4. Also keep in mind that what moviegoers find scary is just as intensely personal as what they find funny. Personally, I found it more tense than scary. *Breakdown*, *Speed* and *Evil Dead* (its closest spiritual predecessor) all freaked me out more. But a gal at the screening I went to wanted to amend *Rolling Stone* film critic Peter Travers' recommendation on the poster from "Scary as hell" to "Double fuckin' scary as hell!" (P.S. Don't bother closing your eyes — it won't help.)

5. Pay attention. There's a lot of smack about the ending. Lots of folks don't like it because it doesn't provide heaps of closure. But if you pay attention towards the beginning of the film (hint: listen closely to what a young male townsperson says in an interview) the ending will seem infinitely less happenstance.

6. And now for my final trick, some deep meaning. I don't care how improvised and loose the film's structure is. I think *The Blair Witch Project* epitomizes the fagged-out fin-de-siecle as well as Kiarostami's 1997 *A Taste of Cherry*. Unfortunately, explaining myself further would go against the tenets of this guide. So listen for talk of America — a sour rendition of "America, America;" loose talk about what can or can't happen in America; and this line "It's very hard to get lost in America, and even harder to stay lost." Think of the inexorability of filming these events. Reflect upon final frontiers. And ponder the oppressiveness of the possible availability of the sum total of human knowledge. Enjoy.

—Kevin John

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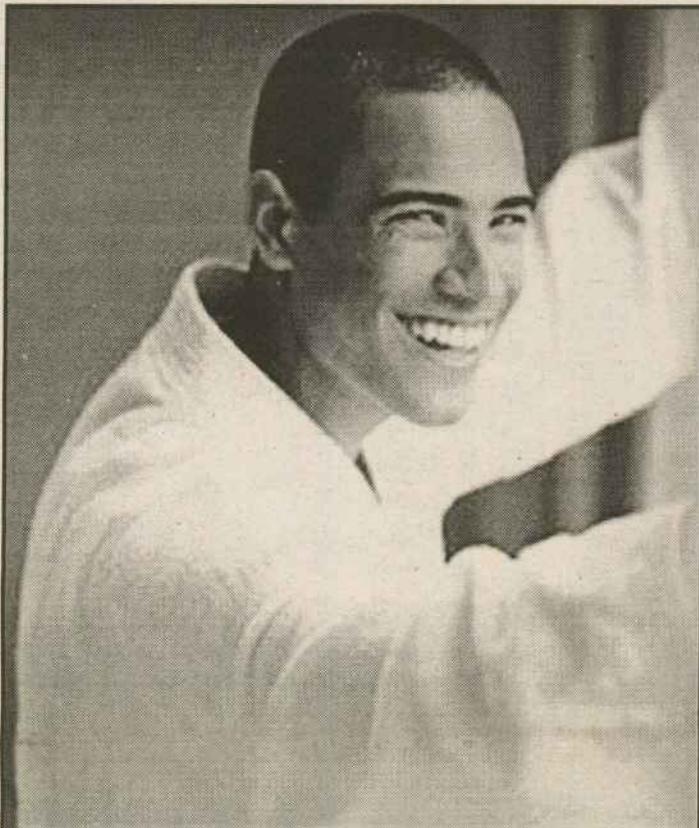
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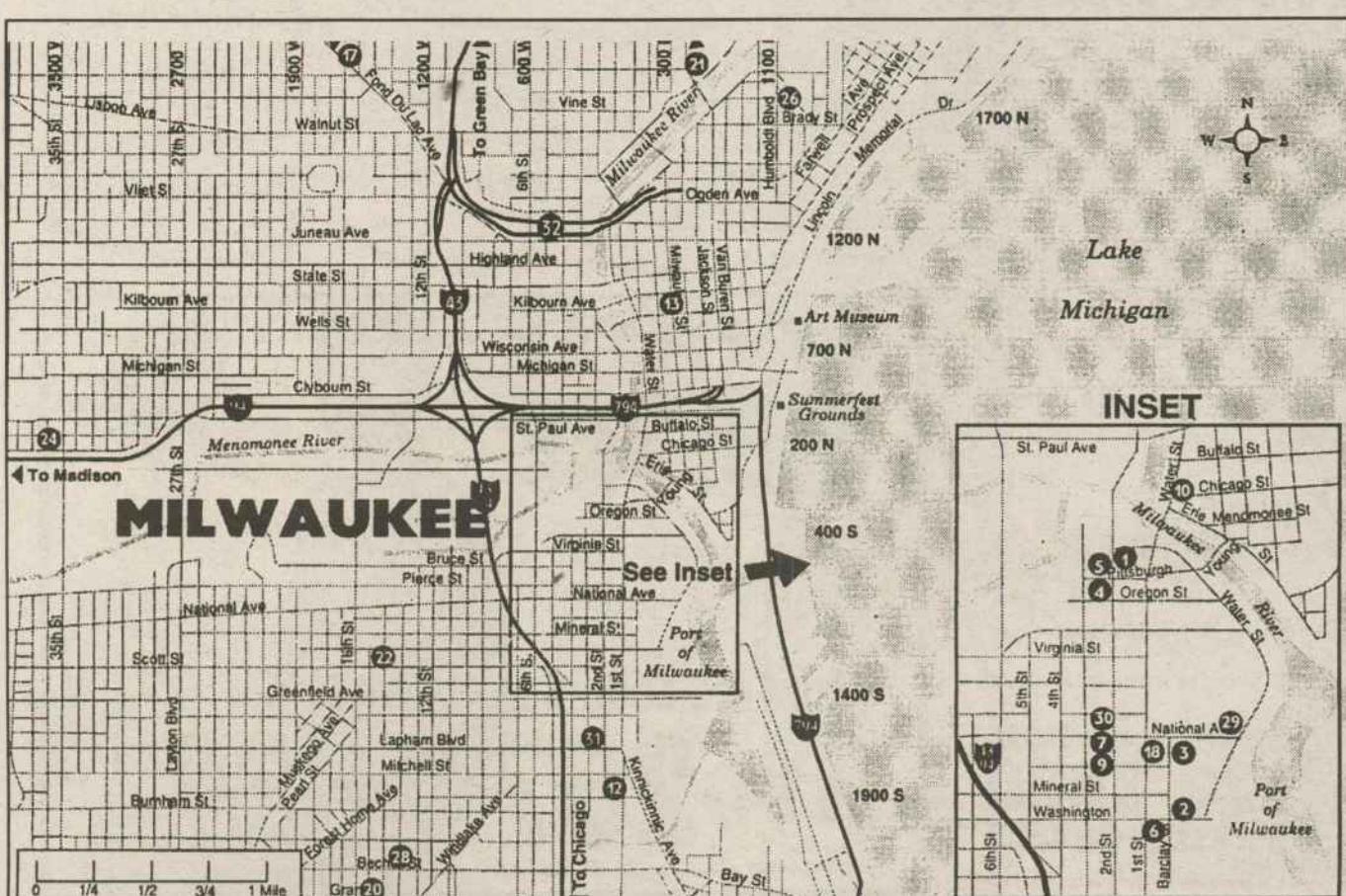
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St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664

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 E. Juneau Ave. 273-7617

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
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Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233 219-7908

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3251 N Holton, 53212 264-8800

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4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D)
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5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V)
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4 Dish (Wm, DJ)
235 S. 2nd St., 53204 273-DISH

Emeralds
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30 Fluid (Mw)
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1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673

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21 Milwaukee Eagle (Mw, DJ, D)
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Clinton Street Antiques
1110 South First Street, 647-1773
Changin' Times
932 E. Brady St., 53202, 281-7473
Constant Reader Bookshop
1627 E Irving Pl., 53202, 291-0452
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1200 S 1st St., 53204, 389-1200
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1213 E. Brady St., 53202, 223-5941
Survival Revival (Resale Shop)
246 E Chicago, 53202, 291-2856
Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)
1418 E. Brady St., 53202, 272-6768
Wishful Things (Antiques)
207 E Buffalo, 53202, 964-9799

CENTRAL WI (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Schofield, 54476, (800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481
(715) 592-6245, extension 5920200
Joseph T. Chojnicki, Ph.D. (Psychologist)
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449, 387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort
Eagle River, 54521, 1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgeinn.com
Empowerment/PAWS (Newsletter for PWAs)
1932 Strong Ave
Stevens Point, 54481, 342-0576
G&L Society/Wausau
848-0608
UWSP 10% Society
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68
UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481, 346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)
PO Box 152, Wausau, 54402, 848-0343
Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)
320 Washington, Wausau 54401, 842-3225
HIV/AIDS Spiritual Support & Education
2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481, 345-6500
Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO)

c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449
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Platwood Club (MW, D)
701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481, 341-8862
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Wausau Narcotics Anonymous
(ask for Gay meetings), 536-LIFE
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336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481, 346-4851

NORTH CENTRAL (715)

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

SHEBOYGAN (414)

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

RACINE/KENOSHA (414)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin
1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140, 657-6644
Clubhouse Filling Station (Mw)
6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140, 857-3744
Club 94 (MW, DJ)
9001 120th Ave. (Hwy C & I-94)
Kenosha 53140, 857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)
6828 Shendan Road, Kenosha 53143, 657-5667
JoDee's (MW, DJ)
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403, 634-9804
What About Me? (WM)
600 6th St. Racine 53403, 632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)
554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
625 College, Racine 53403, 634-0659
UW-Parkside G/L Organization
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141, 595-2244
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190, 472-5738
Diamond Hill Inn B&B
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie, 63-4421
Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168, 843-4209

SOUTH CENTRAL (608)

AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info)
P.O. Box 8486, Janesville 53545, 756-2550
Chase on the Hill (Bed and Breakfast)
11624 St. Rd 26, Milton, 53563, 868-6646
Coffren House (B&B)
Mineral Point, 987-2612
CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W)
W6642 Hwy B, Lake Mills 53551, 648-8457
The Kloset (MW, DJ)
232 Shirok Ave., Beloit 54991, 363-8764

NORTHWEST (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.orcw.org)
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701, 836-7710
(800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.orcw.org)
1507 Tower Ave., Suite 230, Superior 54880, 394-4009
(877) 242-0282

Backwoods Bears (For Bear Men)
PO Box 264, Superior 54880

Different Strokes BBS (Computer Bulletin Board)
PO Box 152, Wausau 54402, 842-1377

Do-Ri-Chi (Bed & Breakfast)
33 E. Spruce St., Chippewa Falls, 723-0943

Eagle Cove B&B (egcove@comcast.net)
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 448-4302

GLOBE (Campus LesBiGuy group)
105 Garfield, 132 Davies Cr., Eau Claire 54701

JP Creations (WEB Design)
477-8802

The Trading Company (MW, DJ)
304 Eau Claire Street, Eau Claire 54701, 838-9494

The Main Club (MW, DJ)
1217 Tower Ave., Superior 54880, 392-1756

Northland Gay Men's Center
8 N. 2nd Ave. E. Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802, 218-722-8585

Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbian & Gays (PFLAG)
Greater Chippewa Valley
PO Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0011

Rainbow Club (social/support for LGBT youth)
P.O. Box 11, Eau Claire, WI 54702, 836-7710

Scooter's (MW)
411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703, 835-9959

Trio (Wm)
820 Tower, Superior, 54880, 392-5373

Twin Ports Pride
P.O. Box 3198, Duluth, MN 55803, 218-728-5825

UW Stout 10% Society
c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UW-S

Menomonie, 54751 UW Eau Claire
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)
22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729, 723-8490

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.orcw.org)
Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420, 608-785-9866
La Crosse, WI 54601, (800) 947-3353

The Alliance (LesBiGuy Social Group)
PO Box 131, Platteville 53818, 348-5596
e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu

Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)

114 N. 5th St., La Crosse 54601, 782-9061

Chela & Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat, 735-4829

GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)
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Gay & Lesbian Alliance
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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

Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books)
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@aol.com
PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

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A Brother's Touch Books (Books/Gifts) www.brotherstouch.com
2327 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55405, (612) 377-MARY

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 (NGLTF)
(202) 332-6483

Crossroads (LesBiGuy Real Estate National Referral)
(800) 442-9735

Douglas Dunes Resort, Blue Star Hwy, Douglas, MI 49406
(616) 857-1401

Club Xpress (MW, DJ), 904 Ludington, Escanaba, MI 49829
(906) 789-0140

Little Jim's (M.V.), 3501 N Halsted, Chicago, IL 60657
(312) 871-6116

Lambda Car Club Int'l, PO Box 268534, Chicago, IL 60626
(312) 465-5307

Male Hide Leathers (Leather Shop)
2816 N Lincoln, Chicago, IL 60657, (312) 929-0069

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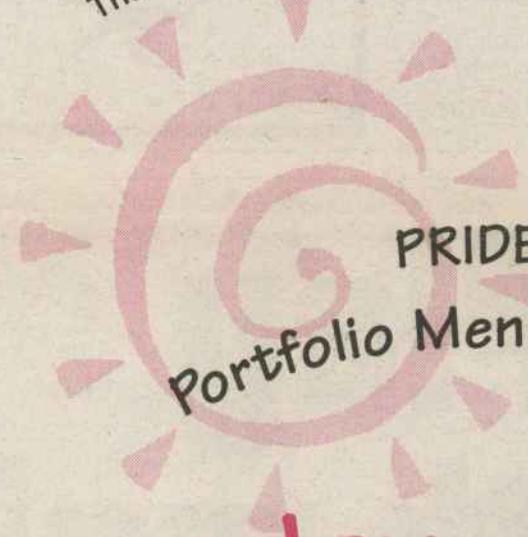
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Sunday, July 18

Brunch at the Bar: 9am to 2pm
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The Men's Room Open: 7pm to 10pm • Post-Picnic Party 2-4-1 from 10pm to close



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