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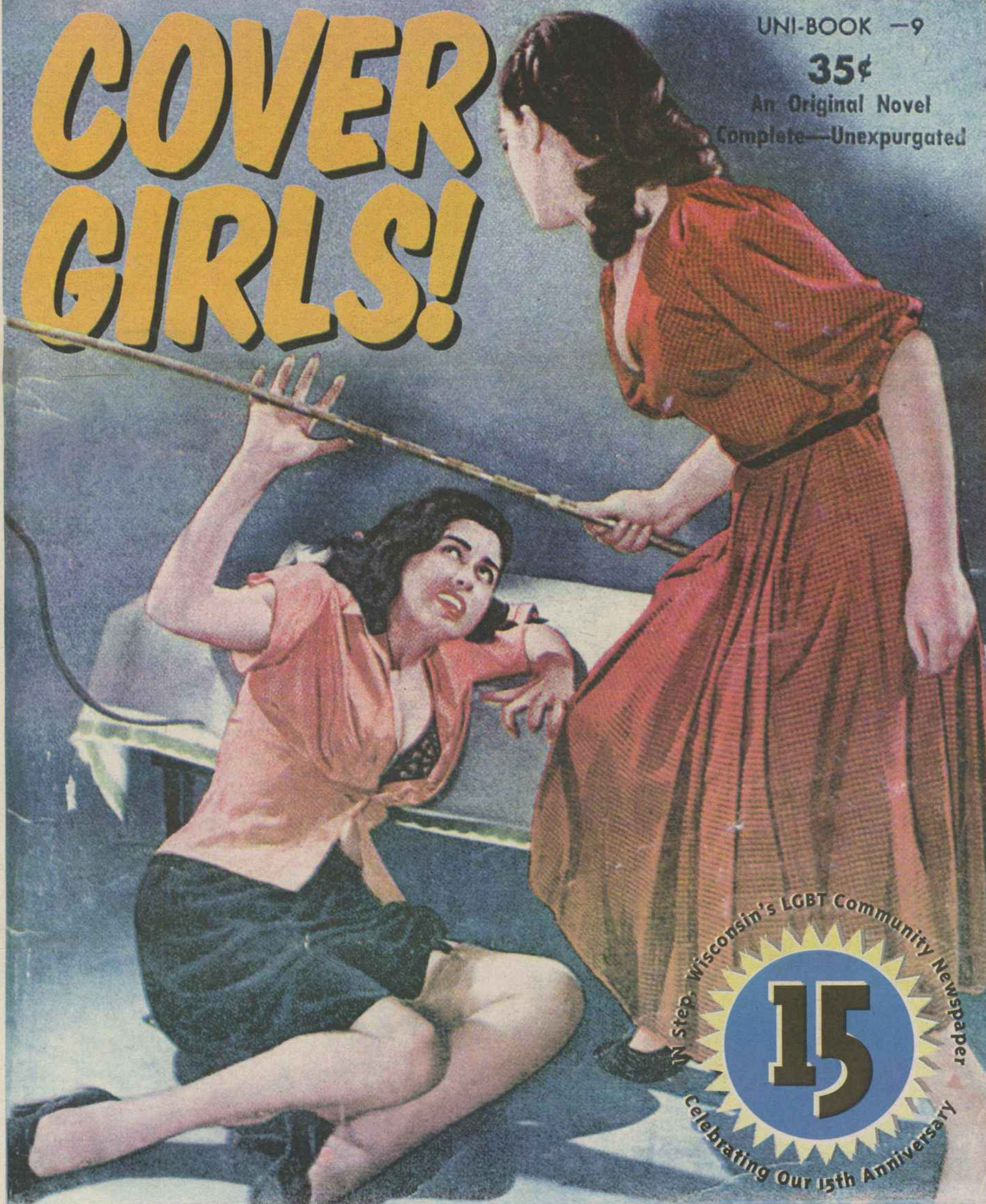
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Schmitz Attorneys to Paint Amedure as 'Stalker'

Pontiac, Mich. — As jury selection in the retrial of Jonathan Schmitz on second degree murder charges got started, news sources are reporting that the attorneys representing Schmitz plan to change their defense strategy to blame Scott Amedure, the gay man Schmitz is accused of killing.

Jerome Sabbota, an attorney representing Schmitz, told the *Detroit Free Press*, "Jonathan Schmitz is not a murder. He felt he had no choice, he was provoked to the point that he broke." He is quoted as saying that Amedure "stalked [Schmitz], pushed him and wouldn't leave him alone."

Schmitz admitted killing Amedure in 1995 after they appeared on the *Jenny Jones Show*, where Amedure admitted he had a secret crush on Schmitz, who has insisted he is heterosexual. Schmitz was convicted of second-degree murder in 1996 but the conviction was overturned on a technicality by the Michigan Court of Appeals, prompting the new trial.

It's the Real Thing

New York — We can all rest easier now with reports by the Internet-based marketing research firm Greenfield Online that gay men and lesbians prefer Coke to Pepsi.

The research company reports that as of data collected May 1999, 48 percent of gays and lesbians who participated in its "Lesbian and Gay Market Study" preferred coke compared with 42 percent who said Pepsi was their choice soft drink.

Ohio Rainbow Flag Incident Still Flapping

Columbus, Ohio — Stonewall Columbus, a gay rights group in the Ohio capital, has filed a complaint with city officials, claiming that three people who tore down a rainbow flag from the Ohio capitol flagpole and burned it had violated the city's anti-intimidation ordinance.

The three — Charles Spingola, Donald Richardson, and Toni Peters — are already facing a variety of other charges, ranging from rioting to misdemeanor arson for the flag-burning during the local gay pride parade on June 27.

The melee, which nearly exploded into a full-blown riot, may be the last time any such flags are flown at the state capitol, however, because a state panel has voted to let only U.S., state, military and other "official" flags fly from the capitol's flagpoles in the future.

Several state officials had expressed concerns that because there was no formal policy on use of the flagpoles extremist groups like the Ku Klux Klan might end up with their flag flying at the statehouse.

Although the parade organizers had permission to fly the flag, it was the first time any flag at the capitol had generated a controversy of this kind.

Madison D.P. Health Coverage Advances

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — Displaying a political and cultural dominance not seen since the zenith of the '60s peace movement, LGBT civil rights activists in Madison chalked up another victory last week, leading some observers to assert the political impotence of the local religious right here.

The Health Insurance for Registered Domestic Partners Committee on Aug. 18 endorsed reimbursing Madison city employees and their registered domestic partners and dependents for the disparity between what the city pays for single coverage health care insurance and family health care insurance coverage.



Mike Verveer

The recommendation by the Labor and Management Committee, established by Mayor Sue Bauman in 1998, would appear to put the city's imprimatur on the proposition that same-sex and opposite-sex registered partners should both be recognized as families. City employees now also have bereavement and family leave benefits identical to those available to opposite-sex marriage families.

The state Group Insurance Board, which provides benefits for Madison employees as a local government health insurance pool, does not provide domestic partner benefits. Consequently, the committee's recommendation calls for the reimbursement strategy as the remedy for the inequity in the lack of domestic partners' insurance.

Ald. Mike Verveer, a member of the committee, says he plans to introduce a resolution to the Common Council in September making Madison the first municipality in Wisconsin to provide domestic partner benefits.

The committee's recommendation needs Council approval, and is widely expected to garner a clear majority of council members as co-sponsors.

"We have to work around the state on this one, a lot of people put in a lot of work, and I'm optimistic this will prevail. The political landscape provides mostly smooth riding," says Verveer.

Verveer's expected resolution will be referred to the Board of Estimates Committee, possibly another committee, and then likely come before the full council in October.

"I want this to be voted on in October. It's important that funding on this initiative be debated and voted on then because the year 2000 budget is going to be voted on in November," said Verveer. "We want this in the next fiscal budget."

Presently, the Madison Metropolitan School District offers domestic partner health insurance, and the Dane County Board is expected to pass a similar resolution initiated by Dane County Executive Kathleen Falk in the near future.

Nationally, most sectors of industry and numerous other cities provide domestic benefits.

Verveer and Sloan, two of three openly LGBT aldermen on the 20-member Common Council, both said they were "embar-

"WE CANNOT JUST SIT ON OUR HANDS AND WAIT FOR THE STATE TO ACT ..."

assed" that it has taken this long for domestic partnership to come to the fore.

Officials and observers here say they believe the measure is almost certain to pass in a community that prides its self on liberty and fairness.

"I think the prospects are really great for domestic partners. Madison is a progressive city and even the conservatives are in favor of basic fairness, any objections will likely come on fiscal grounds — an argument which is at least debatable," said Ald. Matt Sloan.

Leadership on the initiative has come from many quarters of the Madison community, especially from the mayor's office and Verveer, and observers say coming out against LGBT civil rights in Madison in the present political culture consigns one to near political pariah status.

"If you analogize the peace movement to the LGBT civil rights movement, then speaking out against basic fairness and civil rights in Madison is roughly equal to calling for the napalming of little girls in Vietnam in 1969, not a winning position here today," says Tom "Boedes" Boeder, a long-time political observer of local politics.

"Look around, the mayor, the council, the school board, the county board and executive have all pulled for the civil rights movement, Milwaukee is making moves, this is an idea whose time has come," adds Boeder.

Verveer voiced similar sentiments, "Health care is a basic right of employment. And this is all about human rights and social justice. We cannot just sit on our hands and wait for the state to act, though eventually the state of Wisconsin will get with the times and stop operating under an old and unrealistic definition of what a family is."

All three of Madison's LGBT city council members agreed that any substantial opposition to this fast-track initiative would come in the form of fiscal concerns, and not from so-called moral objections of the religious right, seen as a defeated non-player.

Ald. Judy Olson, president of the Common Council and an out lesbian, said she expected the fiscal repercussions to be "small," offering little hindrance to Verveer's resolution. Verveer agreed, and offered, "In any event, you can't put a price tag on equality."

If, as expected, the domestic partnership resolution passes in October with strong mayoral support, the benefits package will begin on Jan. 1.

'godloves/hates/fags.com'

Phelps' Anti-Gay Web Site (Temporarily) Goes Pro-Gay

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Topeka, Kan. — God, theologians tell us, moves in mysterious ways. So, also, does the Internet, as rights activists are learning.

The mystery is that a rabidly homophobic Web site run by Fred Phelps and his Topeka-based Westboro Baptist Church at www.godhatesfags.com, suddenly on Aug. 18 was listed as no longer owned by the Phelps clan but instead by Kris Haight of Newport, N.H.

Haight already operates his own domain aimed at countering Phelps' anti-gay Internet propaganda at www.godlovesfags.com but says he has no idea how he got ownership of the Phelps domain.

In a statement, Haight said on Aug. 17 he got an anonymous e-mail instructing him to "pay close attention to the godhatesfags.com InterNIC information over the next few days."

InterNIC is the service operated by Network Solutions to register Web domains on the Internet. The InterNIC domain name system (DNS) is used to

direct Web browsers to the millions of sites on the Internet.

In his statement, Haight said, "While we are not aware of exactly how the domain was transferred, please note that it was by no action of our own. We received an authentication email from the InterNIC verifying the transfer. From the appearance of the headers on the authentication email, the transfer was both authentic and legal."

Haight says he didn't hack any servers, Web sites or e-mail systems, but merely "rerouted a domain name that had been transferred to our ownership."

Rights activists have long fumed at the rabidly anti-gay Web site run by Fred Phelps and his Topeka, Kan.-based Westboro Baptist Church. But now it seems someone has hijacked the Phelps domain and transferred ownership to Haight.

Network Solutions, which operates InterNIC in an agreement with the U.S. government, has so far not responded to inquiries about the domain transfer. Phelps' church originally registered the godhatesfags.com domain in January 1997, and Internet insiders say it's unlikely the transfer could have been the result of Phelps not paying the annual fee to maintain the domain.

The only other way the domain name can be transferred legally is by the agreement of the parties involved — which is hardly likely considering Phelps' virulently anti-gay views.

Of course, hacking Internet sites — Web servers, databases, e-mail servers, and so on — has become almost an amateur hobby these days and Haight acknowledges that someone obviously hacked InterNIC to make the domain switch possible — if even only temporarily.

A spokeswoman with Phelps' church said it would probably take them a couple days to put through the necessary paperwork to switch the domain registration back to Phelps and said the rerouting was just "a temporary inconvenience."

And in fact it's likely that within a few days the domain name registration will be switched back and the Phelps clan will return to spewing out its anti-gay message on the Internet.

But given the Phelps family's history of frequent lawsuits, it also seems likely that the rerouting could well lead to some kind of court action — assuming anyone can actually track down who is responsible.

Phelps' Web site, however, has had a number of problems in the two years it's been in operation and tracking down a skillful hacker on the Internet can be extremely problematic, even for experts.



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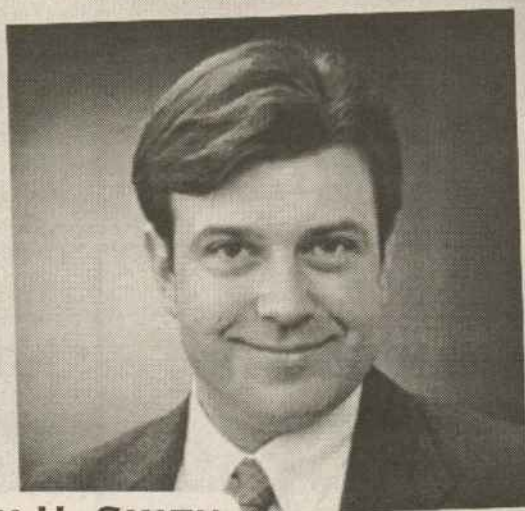


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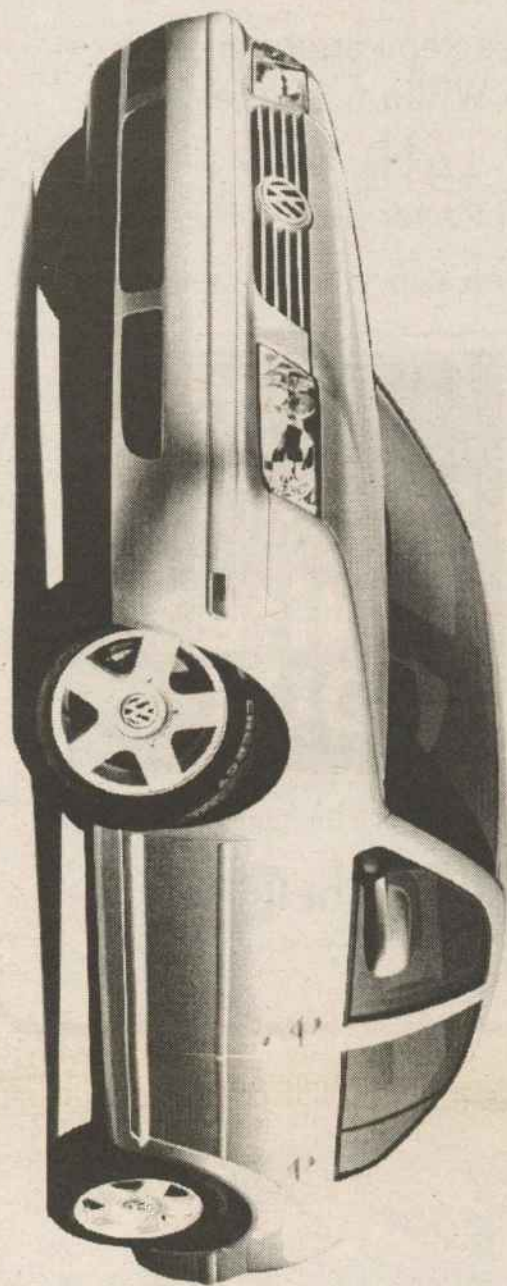
Summers flowers are in bloom at this delightful West Side sunny Colonial. The large living room with bay window and the dining room are perfect for entertaining. The eat-in kitchen with ceiling fan and lovely wood cabinets has patio doors that lead to the deck and the landscaped backyard. All the bedrooms are good-sized, with the master having an airing porch. And, if summer gets too hot for you, you'll enjoy the central air.



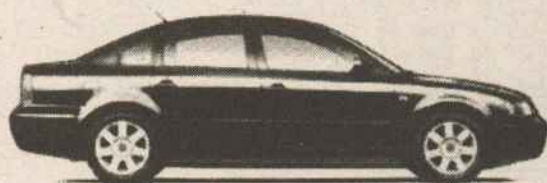
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It's Official: Project Q, Community Center Merge

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Project Q have merged efforts to establish drop-in space and activities for Milwaukee's Les/Bi/Gay/Trans and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

Under the new relationship, Project Q will become a program of the Community Center and Project Q members will coordinate the Center's youth space and activities.

"The establishment of a place where LGBTQ youth can host activities in a safe environment is another

lar youth drop-in activities.

Project Q will provide youth leadership, program development and direction.

Lockridge reported that many other LGBT-ally organizations have already exhibited support of the collaboration.

"The BESTD Clinic has very generously allowed us use of their office space at the Center. PFLAG members have helped us work through some of the details and also provided a lot of support."

The designation of space at the Center will allow for what Center and Project Q members describe as a core of activities for LGBTQ youth.

"These activities will include art, computer access, movie nights, game nights, mentoring and support opportunities, topic discussions and many, many others services" said Dyer.

"We are confident that other service providers working within the LGBT community will provide some of the wrap-around activities that would complete this type of program," said Albrecht. "Our goal is to fully integrate HIV prevention, health, mental health and other services into the program through the establishment of some very creative collaborations."

Albrecht, Dyer and Lockridge all spoke positively and appreciatively of some of the existing LGBTQ youth programs in Milwaukee, including Gay Youth Milwaukee and ARCW's True Colors Programs.

"The founders of these programs understood early on the need and value of providing youth with safe space and opportunities to socialize. Gay Youth Milwaukee has been around for more than ten years. Without their leadership, this initiative never would have been able to take form."

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Project Q members

hope to have weekly drop-in activities scheduled by early to mid Sept.

Project members have identified a number of items that would benefit youth drop-in space including computers, television/VCR, stereo and bookshelves.

Information on Milwaukee LGBT Community Center/Project Q youth activities can be accessed by calling Project Q at (414) 264-5524 or the Center at (414) 261-2656, or through accessing the Center's web page at www.mkelgbt.org.

Boy Scouts to Study Homosexuality

Irving, Texas — Although the Boy Scouts of America is preparing to defend its policy of kicking homosexuals from the youth organization, at the same time it is also considering a study into the "causes" of homosexuality and whether the bad publicity its anti-gay policy generates causes the youth group more harm than not.

According to news reports from several sources, in October a Boy Scout panel will start a year-long study of homosexuality — a proposal put forward by the Minnesota Boy Scout council earlier this year.

Following a New Jersey supreme court ruling that the Scout ban violates state law, a Chicago court ruling that ordered the Scouts to stop barring gay job applicants in its hiring programs, and an embarrassing flap in Rhode Island, the recommendation for the study suggests that failing to tackle the issue head-on "may ultimately be dictated by the courts."

The main thrust of the proposed study would evaluate scientific, sociological and religious views on homosexuality and a major objective of the review would be to try to decide if the Scouts should base its policies on orientation itself or on actual behavior.

The Rhode Island flap involved a Scout who was working at a summer camp who was not rehired in an office job after he was asked by a Scout leader if he was gay, but also a scoutmaster who was kicked out after he used a gay Scout's photograph for target practice on the camp's rifle range.

A number of scouting board members are increasingly worried that such incidents are public relations disasters and that regardless of what the Scouts ultimately decide on the policy, it needs to have a thoroughly rational basis for it if the youth group can ever hope to defend it in court.

Dubuque Rejects Rights Measure

Dubuque, Iowa — The Dubuque City Council has voted 5-2 against a proposed ordinance that would have prohibited bias in housing, employment, and credit or banking services based on sexual orientation.

The proposed measure had been recommended by Dubuque's human rights commission last month, but without much discussion, the council rebuffed the commission's recommendation and rejected the ordinance.

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'Family Reunion' at Center

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center will be hosting Milwaukee's first LGBT Family Reunion on Aug. 28 from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. The event will take place outside (in a tented area) and inside of the center at 170 S. 2nd Street.

"The purpose of this event is twofold," said center Executive Director Neil Albrecht. "We wanted to provide an opportunity to recognize our extended families — our partners, our friends and our allies. We also want to celebrate some of this year's community victories including the opening of the center and the passing of the Domestic Partner Registry."

Tickets to the event include fine foods (catered by Jack Norman Catering), exceptional entertainment provided by Mrs. Fun and the Cream City Chorus, a non-traditional "Family Reunion" T-shirt and extended family photos.

"This event is a great way to close out the summer in style and in fun," said Albrecht. "You won't want to miss it!"

Ticket prices are \$35, \$55 and \$100 for couples. The dollars raised through "Family Reunion" will be used to support the center's programs, services and advocacy efforts. To order tickets, call the Community Center at 271-2656.

AIDS Walk Bar Competition Heats Up

Milwaukee — Gay and lesbian bars throughout Wisconsin are competing to raise the most money to win the AIDS Walk Wisconsin traveling trophy.

"The gay and lesbian bar team competition has been part of AIDS Walk Wisconsin for five years. They walk to support their friends and loved ones affected by AIDS, to prevent the spread of HIV and to advance research to hopefully find a cure," said Renee Kirnberger, associate director of Development — Special Events.

The AIDS Walk Wisconsin traveling trophy, now in its second year, was inaugurated to reward the gay or lesbian bar that brought in the most funds to AIDS Walk

Wisconsin. The trophy will be engraved and awarded to the top fund-raising bar, continuing its travels to AIDS Walk team winners.

"The South Water Street Docks team won the first annual traveling trophy. But really, everyone won from the friendly competition," said Kirnberger. "Last year, 22 teams brought \$15,971 to the AIDS Walk. That's just astonishing. We're looking for the teams to bring in even more this year!"

As of mid-August, 11 teams are registered, and the Ballgame is the leading team with 13 members, followed by Fluid with nine teammates.

The competition is not limited to Milwaukee bars. Green Bay's Blue Lite Bar and Sass' and Ray's Bar & Grill of Madison are also in on the competition.

Now is the time to sign up and become a member of your favorite bar's Walk team to help them win the fifth annual bar competition. In addition to the bar competition, team members earn individual prizes. New this year is the denim shirt at the \$250 level and a commemorative sports watch for bringing \$500 to the Walk.

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Evertz Elected to Log Cabin Top Spot

Milwaukee — The Log Cabin Republicans (LCR) of Wisconsin elected Scott Evertz to serve as president at their annual convention. A founding member of the Wisconsin chapter of the national organization of gay and lesbian Republicans and their allies, Evertz previously served as the organization's volunteer legislative director.

"I am pleased to assume the leadership of this vibrant, vital organization. I truly believe that our organization represents the values and beliefs of the average gay and lesbian citizens of Wisconsin, and I look forward to representing those values to policy makers in Madison and Washington," stated Evertz.



Scott Evertz

During his tenure as legislative director, Evertz and other LCR Board members were responsible for persuading the first state representative who considered introducing an anti-same-sex marriage bill to drop those plans, convincing all Republican members of a committee considering an anti-domestic partnership bill to vote against the bill, drafting and lobbying for a hospital visitation bill which ensures that gay/lesbian individuals are able to visit their partners in health care facilities — a bill signed into law by Republican Gov. Tommy Thompson, and developing a highly effective lobbying day which brings members from throughout the state to meet with state representatives and senators and members of Thompson's administration.

Evertz announced some new initiatives including: 1) ensuring the organization has members in every assemble district in the state, 2) establishing an increased presence in the state capitol, 3) proactively recruiting women and people of color to join the organization, 4) launching a public information campaign on durable power of attorney and hospital visitation, and 5) establishing the Log Cabin Republicans of Wisconsin Scholarship Fund to be annually awarded to an individual studying political science or public policy in college.

"I am looking forward to working with leaders of other LGBT organizations such as Action Wisconsin, OutReach in Madison, the LGBT Community Center in Milwaukee, and others. Leaders of these groups truly do see the value in a gay and lesbian presence within the Republican Party and we are blessed by a spirit of bipartisanship in our LGBT organizations in this state. This cooperation benefits all LGBT Wisconsinites," Evertz added.

Evertz is no stranger to the Republican and gay communities and has previously served as chairman of the East Side Republican Club, member of the Republican Party of Wisconsin Finance Committee, member of the Bush-Quayle Committees in 1998 and of Action Wisconsin, and as an AIDS Action Wisconsin advocate.

Elected to other posts at the group's convention were: Curt Lamon, first vice president; Darren Kittleson, second vice president; Patrick Prudlow, secretary; and Jim McFarland, treasurer.

Log Cabin Republicans of Wisconsin is a statewide organization with members in all congressional districts of the state. For more information on LCR-WI, phone (414) 299-9443, write P.O. Box 199, Milwaukee, WI 53201, or e-mail its new president at serverz@execpc.com.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell — Don't Taunt Defense Department Tinkers with Anti-Gay Policy

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Washington — After years of criticism by activists that it doesn't work, continued increases in discharges of gay and lesbian soldiers, and a high-profile murder case at its largest military base, Defense Department officials are now trying to make some changes in the "don't ask, don't tell" policy in an effort to fix at least some of its failings.

The current Defense Department policy was intended to allow homosexuals to serve in the nation's armed forces, as long as they hide their sexual orientation. But the position of gays in America's military came under close scrutiny again following the brutal beating death in July of a gay soldier in an elite airborne unit.

Rights activists have long said that the policy, intended to ease restrictions on gays and lesbians, has instead created a huge increase in the number of homosexuals thrown out of the services. Now activists say the brutal killing of Pfc. Barry Winchell on July 5 at Fort Campbell, Ky., shows just how the policy also undermines the ability of military officials to conduct serious criminal investigations because of fears the policy creates.

Two fellow soldiers in Winchell's unit are facing military hearings concerning his death.

In its own questioning of soldiers at the base, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network said several base personnel had said they were apprehensive about telling military investigators what they knew about the killing out of fears they would themselves become the objects of Army investigations.

Administration officials defended the Pentagon policy as "the best policy workable at this time" but admitted it is not working perfectly — something rights activists have said almost from its inception in 1994.

Defense Department officials acknowledged that an internal report released last year prompted the changes in the current guidelines. A major prob-

lem the Pentagon has faced under the new policy is that it was clearly intended to reduce the number of discharges of gays and lesbians by eliminating unwarranted investigations of soldiers' sexual orientation for no particular reason. But instead, discharges because of sexual orientation have risen every year since its implementation, from a low of 617 in 1994 to 1,145 last year.

Pentagon officials so far have insisted that the increases are due to voluntary declarations of homosexuality by men

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OR THREATS IN
THE MILITARY."**

and women who simply wanted to get out of the military.

In announcing the updated policy, Defense Secretary William Cohen said, "I've made clear that there is no room for harassment or threats in the military. I have instructed the military services to make sure that the policy is clearly understood and clearly enforced."

The major changes in the new guidelines Cohen issued instruct commanders to consult with senior military legal officers before launching an investigation of soldiers suspected of being homosexual, and adding mandatory sensitivity training designed to curb anti-gay harassment.

Gay rights advocates have charged that soldiers who complain of anti-gay harassment often find themselves not only being harassed but also being investigated by military officials because they complained.

Ironically, the newly announced modifications will put the military in the rather awkward position of conducting required sensitivity training about gays and lesbians — people the military is

actively trying to exclude from the nation's armed forces.

Activists concede that if the two new guidelines are taken seriously by commanders down the line, they could improve the situation of many gays and lesbians in the armed forces by reducing unwarranted investigations — and discharges.

But, many say, it is unclear what impact, if any, the new modifications might have had in a case like the murder of Private Winchell.

Rights advocates say Winchell's death was motivated by hatred of homosexuals and should be treated as a hate crime and that Army investigators lack the expertise to properly investigate hate crimes and that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should be brought into the case.

Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon, however, said it is too soon to tell what motivated the killing and that the FBI has not been called in.

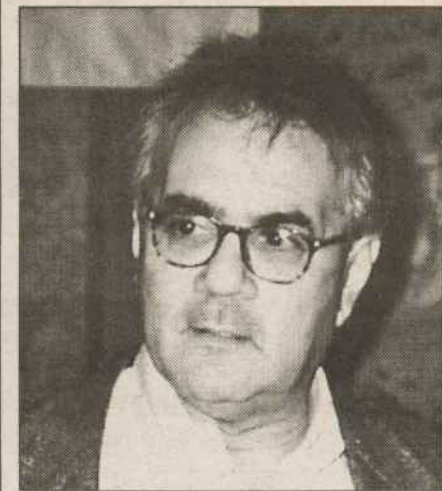
But during the hearings for Pfc. Calvin Glover, 18, one of the soldiers charged with Winchell's death, Capt. Gregg Engler, who is prosecuting the case, said Glover was upset that Winchell had beaten him in a fist fight the two men had two days earlier and had told another soldier, "I won't let a faggot kick my ass." It was the first time the military has acknowledged in public that Winchell's sexual orientation played at least some role in the attack.

Barney Frank Returns to Hill After Surgery

Washington — If there's a prize for being the most dedicated member of Congress, Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) is definitely in the running.

The 59-year-old Frank returned to Capitol Hill on Aug. 3, just four days after undergoing coronary bypass surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. The 10-term veteran, who spent most of last week in committee meetings and on the House floor, said he returned to work "because it's my job."

"I came back at a reduced pace," said Frank, who noted that he was in fairly good shape because he was working out



Barney Frank

regularly before his operation.

Frank startled some colleagues not only by returning so soon after major surgery, but by his sleek new hairdo, which replaced his usual unkempt look.

"He looks like a Republican," joked Rep. Jack Kingston (R-Ga.). "A new heart, a new hairdo, maybe another party switch is in the offing."

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Milwaukee — Following a successful campaign to pass a domestic partnership registry in the city of Milwaukee, a special reception has been planned to recognize the many committed LGBT relationships in the Milwaukee area. The free reception, called "Celebrating Love," will take place on Sept. 1 from 7 to 10 p.m., in the Milwaukee City Hall rotunda. Over 50 couples have indicated plans to attend, and sponsors are generously donating to help make the reception a first-rate event.

"It's great to see the amount of enthusiasm building for this event. I'm hoping that every couple I've joined in holy union will attend and not miss this opportunity to have their relationships recognized," said Rev. Lew Broyles, pastor of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church and an organizer of the event. Broyles has performed unions for many LGBT couples and conducts the annual mass wedding at Pridefest.

All members of Milwaukee's LGBT community are invited to celebrate with the couples at the free event. A light buffet will be provided and music will be performed by the John Schneider Orchestra.

While the reception is scheduled to coincide with the Sept. 1 opening of the domestic partnership registry, couples do not have to register as domestic partners in

order to participate in the reception.

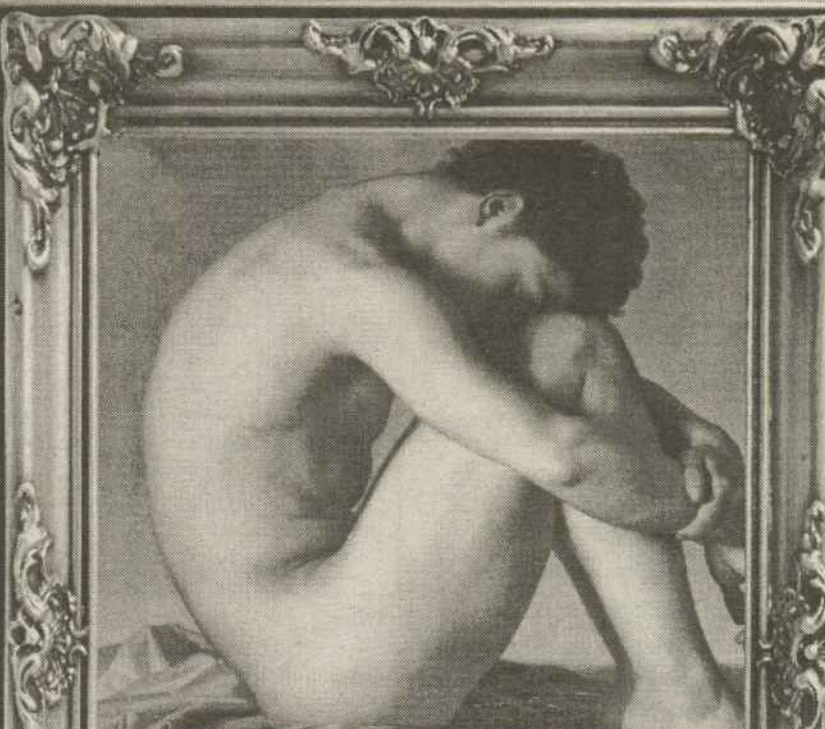
"This gathering will be an opportunity for the community to honor all LGBT couples who have made personal vows of commitment to each other. It is important for couples to have a special event that celebrates their relationships," said John Griffith, co-chair of the Human Rights League and an organizer of the event.

A short program is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. to recognize LGBT couples who are present. Families and friends are encouraged to attend.

"We hope that parents, siblings and friends will all be present to share in this special occasion to recognize the couples' efforts to build life-long partnerships," said Elna Hickson, a member of Milwaukee's P-FLAG group. "Even if our kids are not in Milwaukee, parents need to attend the event in honor of their own children who are in committed LGBT relationships elsewhere."

Hixon and P-FLAG are helping to organize the event because they know that not all couples receive the support they deserve from their families. "P-FLAG will be there cheering along with everyone else for every couple who is present," said Hickson.

Couples who wish to participate in the reception can call the Task Force. Milwaukee couples interested in registering as domestic partners can contact the city's Licensing Division or the Domestic Partnership Task Force at (414) 225-1621.



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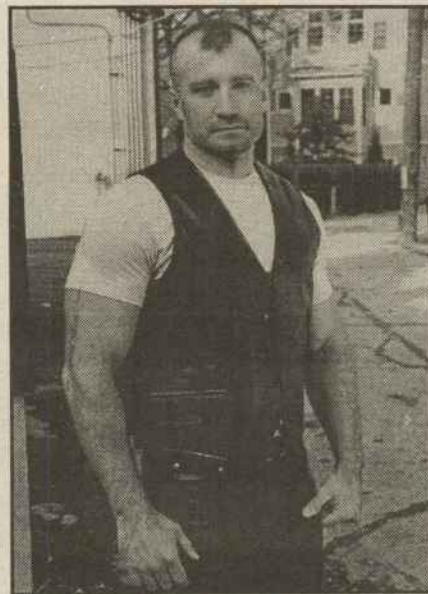
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Kinsey, Computers, and Kids

by Paul Varnell

Earlier this year a group of social scientists announced in Science magazine that they had found much higher rates of stigmatized sexual behavior and drug use among high school age young men than anyone had previously reported.

The article "Adolescent Sexual Behavior, Drug Use, and Violence: Increased Reporting with Computer Survey Technology," reported a survey in which 1,672 youths, 15-19 years old, were divided into two groups. One group answered questions using a common written questionnaire. The other group heard and saw the questions asked by a computer and answered using the computer keyboard.

To the surprise of the researchers, the computer users admitted far more homosexuality and drug use than the questionnaire users.

In particular: Only 1.5 percent of those using the written questionnaire admitted any homosexual behavior, but 5.5 percent of those using a computer did so.

Some of the details were interesting. In the more candid (less dishonest) computer wing of the survey, the most common homosexual behavior the youths admitted was being masturbated by another male (3.5 percent), followed by being fellated by another male (3.1 percent). Then followed masturbating another male (2.6 percent), fellating a man (2.3 percent), insertive anal sex with a man (1.9 percent) and finally receptive anal sex with a man (0.8 percent).

In each case, the written survey produced far lower estimates.

Not surprisingly, the more stigmatized the behavior the greater the difference between the two sets of answers. For instance, five times as many computer users admitted fellating someone, and eight times as many computer users admitted receptive anal sex. (Hardly anyone using the written survey admitted receptive anal sex.)

The researchers were amazed! For years, social scientists tried to convince us that people give fairly honest answers on written questionnaires because that format assuages their concern about keeping their behavior secret. And they have doggedly, arrogantly, defended question-

naires against frequent criticism that they were showing absurdly low estimates for many activities, especially homosexuality.

So now all those earlier findings are shown to be palpable nonsense-and by a factor of three or four.

"We had the analysis done and redone, but this is real," senior author Charles Turner confessed frankly to The New York Times. "It means everything you thought about the risks adolescents face is an underestimate, if you're deriving your perceptions from past surveys."

But trusting those previous surveys is exactly what Charles Turner told us to do in the past, with as much confidence in the old method as he now places in the new method.

The researchers wondered why the computer elicited greater honesty. They might better have wondered why written questionnaires do so poorly and wonder if the computer method is much better.

Pioneer sex researcher Alfred C. Kinsey scorned written questionnaires, calling them "an invitation to lie."

As Kinsey wrote: "People, even when guaranteed anonymity, will not commit themselves on socially taboo and legally punishable activities like . . . homosexual activity, when they have to put it down in black and white. Practically all previous questionnaire experience indicates that they come out with figures very much lower . . ."

But the computer survey results are subject to many of the same objections as a written survey.

Kinsey and his colleagues were able to get greater candor from people because they asked a large number of questions very rapidly, minimizing the opportunity to lie, and used numerous cross checks on accuracy.

In addition, Kinsey's small group learned to use whatever language people were most comfortable with, depending on their educational level (e.g., sometimes using "fuck" instead of "have insertive anal sex"). They also were able to explain the question if someone seemed confused.

Finally the Kinsey group could change the order of the questions, dropping a line of inquiry if a person seemed uncomfortable, coming back to the topic later when the person was more relaxed.

Standardized questionnaires, whether on paper or on computer, are able to do none of these things. In fact, modern researchers, including Turner, strangely continue to assert the superiority of the standardized wording and question order

for everyone, despite evidence to the contrary, and examples of inconsistency, lying and misunderstanding in this study.

The researchers would have understood this if they had read Kinsey, but modern researchers seem determined to forget everything Kinsey ever taught, and then congratulate themselves on rediscovering any small piece of it. Much social science progress occurs this way.

Consider some of the methodological problems and difficulties in the newest survey.

Most obviously, many people refused to participate at all, many perhaps having something to hide. These people are conveniently ignored.

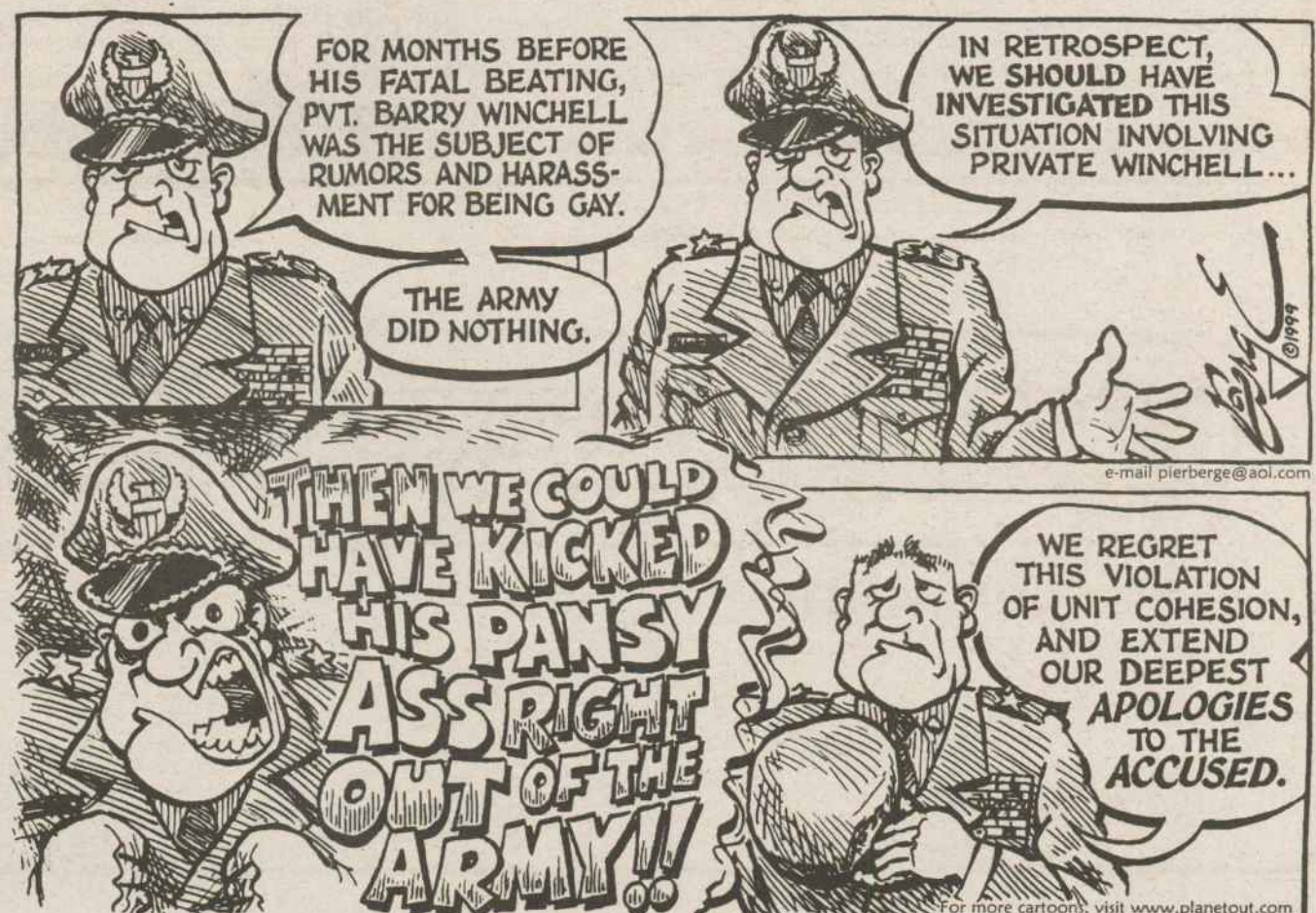
The researchers asked ambiguous questions. For instance, they asked about sex with a prostitute, but not whether the sex was for money. They did not ask the gender of the prostitute, though I know of youths who have paid for sex with men.

The researchers seem naive. Nearly 4 percent of the youths said they themselves had been paid for sex, and most (3.5 percent) said they had been paid by women (twice the number who had sex with a prostitute). However, that is not the way the world works. Women rarely pay for sex. (Kinsey found that about 0.1 percent of his female subjects had done so.) If the researchers had any knowledge of the world they would know they were being lied to, yet they report this without comment as a "finding."

Third, do the researchers really believe that more than twice as many young men are being anally insertive with males as are being anally receptive?

Fourth, Kinsey pointed out that stigma and hypocrisy about homosexuality, like homosexuality itself, are more common among the less educated. Here too, none of the youths who were below normal grade level in school admitted any homosexual behavior on the written questionnaire. But a higher than average number of them using the computer admitted homosexual behavior (6.2 percent). Turner reports this as if no one knew it before.

Given such clear evidence of homophobia, some youths are no doubt still lying. So the question is: Given this and other evidence of lying, why should anyone think the new computer technique has eliminated cover-up and finally gotten accurate answers? ▼



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Some Thoughts on the Boy Scouts

Opinion by Scott Evertz



Like many of you, I was elated when the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that the Boy Scouts had to drop their antiquated prohibition against gay scouts and scout leaders.

My elation, however, stems from that which members of the court said; not from that which they did. The New Jersey court appropriately articulated that the idea that someone who is homosexual is less likely to be morally upright is absurd and proceeded to shoot down all of the ridiculous arguments to which the Boy Scouts have clung these many years in defending the prohibition against gays.

Adding to my excitement at what the court had to say was the fact that Republican Gov. Christine Todd Whitman indicated she agreed with the court's line of thinking and added some of their own comments on the Boy Scouts' misguided policy, and misguided it is. It has always been my opinion that if the Boy Scouts organization really wanted to prevent the sexual abuse of its scouts, it should enact a prohibition against heterosexual men serving as leaders because in all cases where scouts have been abused by their leader, the perpetrator has never been an openly gay man. In fact, all too often scout leaders who have had their ways in the woods with young men in their charge are actually married men (who probably shouldn't be but who would be included in the "no-gay" criteria nonetheless). It seems to me that the last person who would dare abuse a young scout is an openly gay man because, quite frankly, his behaviors would be watched like a hawk.

All agreement with the New Jersey court and Gov. Whitman on why the Boy Scout prohibition is ridiculous aside, I do not believe the court should have ruled that the Boy Scouts organization is a public accommodation and they are, thus, subject to the state's civil rights law prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. As unjust and absurd as the Boy Scouts prohibition against gays is, they are, in fact, a private organization and should be allowed to discriminate if they so choose, as wrong and unjust as that is. And while I won't go as far as our opponents on the religious right and argue that this decision is

just another step in a slippery slope towards forcing churches and religious organizations to accept gay men and lesbians against their wills, in this case their paranoia is not entirely unwarranted. If the New Jersey court can conclude that a voluntary, private organization which is not funded by the taxpayers is a "public accommodation" subject to the state discrimination statutes, it is not entirely far-fetched to imagine a court concluding that a church (or say a church-run school or college) is a "public accommodation" which has to abide by those statutes and this does our cause no good.

Now I must confess to feeling a little conflicted as I write this column. On the one hand, I strongly maintain that our cause is best served by ordinary (defined however you like) gay men and lesbians going about their day-to-day activities and showing our families, friends and colleagues that we are just like every one else. To legislate and litigate tolerance, in my estimation, only forces employers and landlords to do that with which they are not comfortable and their discomfort is transferred to our cause because they have been forced to do something against their will. For instance, I can, without a doubt, tell you that a number of my neighbors would feel entirely comfortable with me serving as their teen-age sons' scout leader but not because they have been told they have to accept me as such but because they know me and trust me. If they did not know any gay men and, unfortunately, harbored uninformed prejudices, the most well-reasoned court decision in the world would not convince them otherwise.

On the other hand, I understand the long-term impact of the government saying discrimination is wrong and recognize that were it not for the courts there may still be schools and colleges in the South refusing to admit African-Americans. Clearly, sometimes legislation and litigation are necessary. In fact, while I still believe that we will win the war by our openness and honesty about who we are, for some time we will probably need civil rights protections like those offered in Wisconsin (and New Jersey) for the battles some unfortunately must fight along the way. I'm just deeply concerned that winning the battle of inclusion in the Boy Scouts will have a negative impact on our winning the war of full, welcomed inclusion in all aspects of American life. ▼

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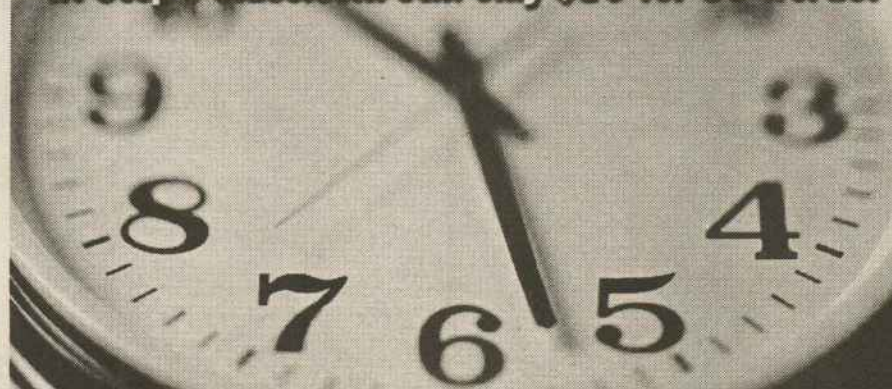
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Surprise!

by Ed Grover

PrideFest is over for another year. So is the State Fair. It's been a busy summer except for some excessive heat, and thankfully we got enough rain to make things grow. Soon the green markets and outdoor concerts will be ending. Some of us will be thinking of theater tickets, or visiting the Apple Festival in Gays Mills or driving up to see the fall color in Door County and staying at The Chanticleer or The Blacksmith Inn.

I volunteered to spend both afternoons of PrideFest sitting at the SAGE booth with Eldon. On Sunday, I was busily reading a funny biography about Tallulah Bankhead when two old women came up, asked a dumb question and then snickered a lot. I looked up and there was — of all people — my aunt Ursy, with her partner Zöe in tow. They were both wearing T-shirts that said "I'm An OUTrageous Old Woman," and they just stood there shrieking with laughter and said "Surprise!"

My sister had told them where I would be. We all started to talk at once and Eldon graciously suggested that I take a break. We went over to the Harley Stage to listen to some lesbian entertainment, but the music was so loud that it was hard to talk. Over at the lake, we found a table and had a good chat while we watched The Spirit of Wisconsin sail around on Lake Michigan.

Ursy told me she had just sold the farm to two men named George and Herb. They plan to spend next spring fixing up the fruit orchard and getting into the mail order business, like those two guys who sell fruit in Oregon. Ursy showed me some photos and asked if I

thought they were gay. From the pictures I saw, I'd say ... well, I guess! Anyway, they seem to have plenty of money and are growing fancy heirloom vegetables for some of the best restaurants in the country. They ship stuff off by air every day.

I asked if the girls came up in the Packard, and they said in unison, "Oh no ... we took the train." I hadn't noticed that Ursy was wearing a railroad cap; trains, it seems, are her new love. Her involvement

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with Kit Carson has come to an end. I asked what happened and she sort of groaned and said, "Oh him!" Zöe told me that Ursy did just what I thought she would do. She found out so much about the man that she drove everyone nuts talking about him.

Her latest discovery is the "Cumbres and Toltec Scenic Railroad," an old fashioned smoke-belching train that snakes back and forth along the border of New Mexico and travels through the San Juan Mountains. She's been on it a dozen times and knows everything about every twist and turn on the run.

They took off to look at everything at PrideFest and to get involved with gay life. I went back to the booth and we hooked

up there later in the day. As we walked back to my place, we made plans for dinner and a trip out to the State Fair. We had a ball going through all the barns and Ursy had to touch the udders of all the cows "to get the feel back," as she said. After seeing geese and ducks and chickens galore, we had the obligatory cream puffs and went to see the flower show.

The theme for the show was a wedding. It was a disaster. Who ever told this florist that it was easy to use silver Mylar, white twigs and glitter was mistaken. I've never seen such a mess; it was like a whore's nightmare ... too much of everything and then more piled on top of that. It was all in the worst possible taste and was impossible to even think that there were any gay men involved.

I remember when I was in display in New York at Lord & Taylor. Management (read Mormons) wanted to get rid of the "fags." The president of the company said absolutely not! She said, "No Faggots, No Flair!" That was it, and we all stayed on the job. Thankfully Martha Stewart has enough sense to use every gay man she can find to help her. She's not capable of doing all that cute stuff by herself; if we leave straight people to their devices they always make a mess of it.

I put the girls on the train to the north. My sister planned to meet them at the Dells and they would stay with her for a week or so while Ursy took care of the closing. They flew back to Albuquerque via Madison and Chicago, but not before there was a very funny phone call from all three of them saying, "You were right. They're gay!" My sister had already taken George and Herb under her wing; they were now, best of friends. It will be interesting when I go up for my annual visit this fall. ▼

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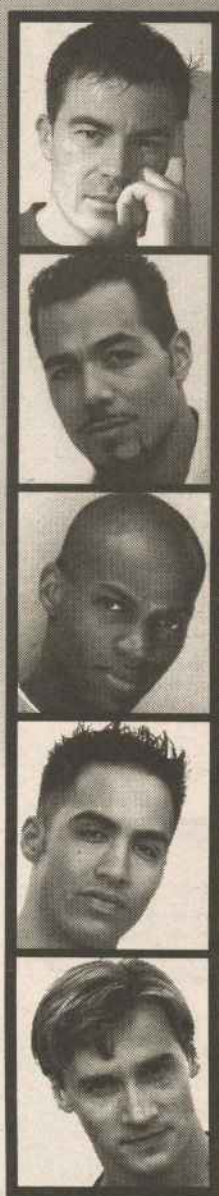
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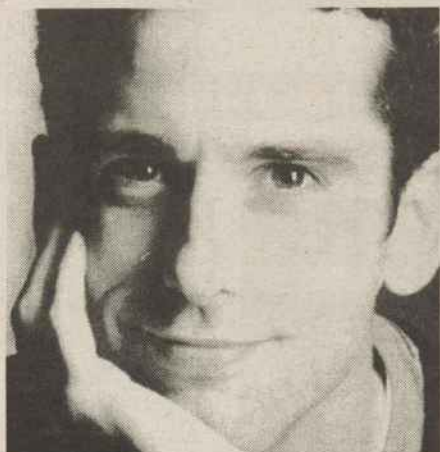
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know, Glen, that what I say publicly about gay people doesn't pertain to you."

—Republican Presidential candidate and Texas Gov. George W. Bush to openly gay State Rep. Glen Maxey, D-Austin, April 19 on the floor of the state House of Representatives, according to Maxey, as reported in the Aug. 19 Houston Chronicle. Bush spokesman Scott McClellan told the Chronicle Maxey is lying.

What About the Log Cabin Boyz?

"We don't have the gays and lesbians with us."

—From a David Letterman-style list of reasons Republicans should be proud of their party, read at last month's Utah Republican State Convention by U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who is a candidate for U.S. President.

Acting Gay

"If I had to do a story about a gay love affair, I don't know [about that]. If I had to spend the next eight weeks eating face with some guy, I'd think it wasn't the role

for me. But it's different if the story's about whatever and one of the characters happens to be gay. [My new film] 'Happy, Texas' is about unrequited love. The sheriff I play is smitten with, and gets his heart broken by, Jeremy Northam. It's unclear whether the sheriff is out or not."

—Actor William H. Macy, best known as Jerry Lundegaard in Fargo and Dr. Morgenstern on ER, to Out magazine, September issue.

Hypocrisy in Politics! You've Got to Be Kidding!

"George W. Bush's possible cocaine use isn't the only issue from the past haunting GOP presidential candidates. Lately, some political observers have been questioning the 'hypocrisy' of Steve Forbes, who has taken several anti-homosexual stances, although his father was gay."

—MSNBC, Aug. 23.

Gay Bar Bashing

"Going into a gay bar expecting to meet another single guy and start a healthy relationship is like arranging a commitment ceremony on Rentboy.com. Bars are all about red lights, dark urinals, and married gay guys getting woozy and trying to forget their mealy relationships with neat-freak visual merchandisers."

—'Out' advice columnist Mike Albo.

Diana the Diva

"Yes, I am a diva. ... The Diva! I'm kidding, you know. ... Come on, you can't take me seriously. I mean, I never considered it a negative word. It's certainly a pos-



itive word. But, it's been used so much recently that it has lost its value. It's supposed to refer to someone who's on the top, someone who has earned the title of the best. But what has happened now is that any female performer who's had any success at all is being labeled a diva. So it's losing its value for anyone who has really earned the right to be called a diva."

—Diana Ross to the AIDS magazine A & U, August issue.

Cliché City

"It's amazing how as gay people we're supposed to be so creative and so smart — or that's the cliché anyway — and it seems a lot of gay movies lack some basic storytelling 101. The audiences are definitely expecting more and want variety."

—Trick director Jim Fall to Portland, Oregon's Just Out.

Quips and Quotes are compiled by Rex Wockner

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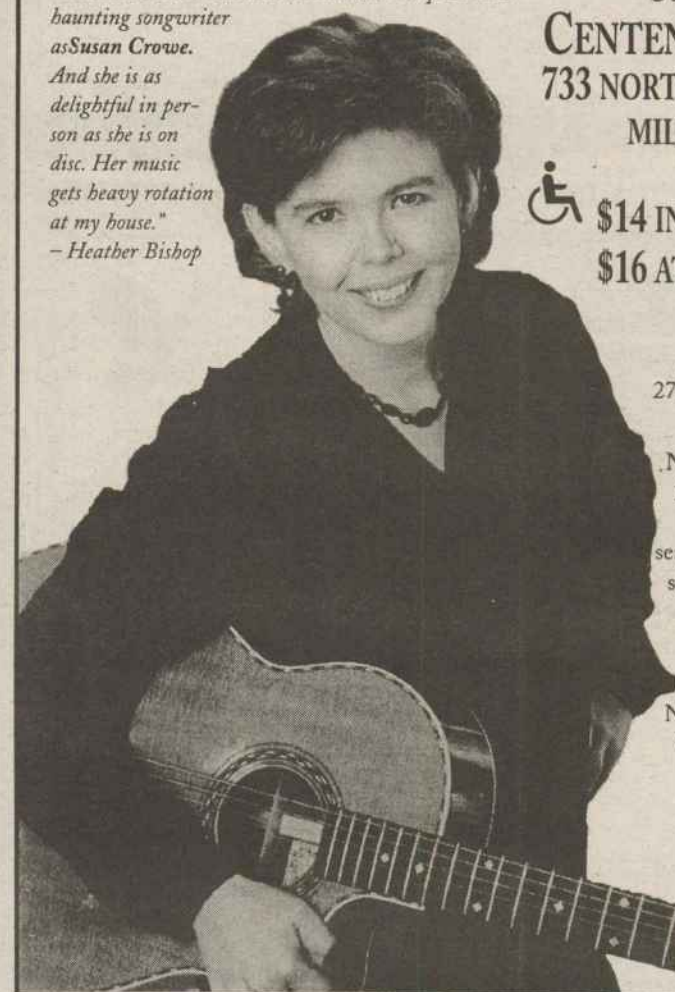
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Adambomb Holds Book Signing and Gallery Reception

Milwaukee — On Sept. 9, the Adambomb gallery will be hosting a book signing from 7 to 10 p.m. for Craig Thompson, author of "Good-bye Chunky Rice," the tale of a small turtle and his classic journey to find one's self, and the deeper meaning of life. A Dr. Seuss-ian cast of colorful characters and lush cartoon-y brushwork shapes this adventurous story of human connection and loss with charm and fun. The book will be on sale for \$14.95

On Sept. 10 there will be a gallery reception from 6 to 10 p.m. for Philip Krecjcarek and his show entitled "Lettuce Dance." The show includes a variety of prints that display scanned objects which are manipulated into brightly, colored formations. The flipped and juxtaposed images of lettuce form abstract faces and masks. Krecjcarek is currently a professor of Art at Carroll College and is the author of "digital Photography: A Hands On Introduction." The exhibit will run through Oct. 9. Adambomb is located at 524 S. Second St. in Walker's Point. For more information, call (414) 276-BOMB.

MIAD Fall Exhibits & Receptions

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) will have an opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. for "Designs for the Next Century: Industrial Design Excellence Awards 1997-1999" in the Brooks Stevens Gallery of Industrial Design. The exhibit features the winners of the Industrial Designers Society of America's prestigious Design Excellence Awards and runs through Mar. 25, 2000.

"recycle-record-reflection" opens Sept. 14, with a reception on Sept 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. Four artists explore and alter the perceptions of "time and place" through visually challenging multimedia installations. Minneapolis-based artists William Gorcica and Anne George join Milwaukee artists Lane Hall and Lisa Moline for this compelling exhibition. A gallery talk with the artists will close the exhibition on Saturday, Oct. 16, at 1 p.m. For more information, please call (414) 276-7889.

COVER girls

Jaye Zimet shines light on the sometimes lurid pulp-fiction covers of lesbian fiction published nearly a half century ago

Interview by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

In the scandalous world of pulp fiction in the 1950s and into the '60s, detectives, gangsters, and mad doctors were joined on the racks by bad girls, dissolute youths, drug-crazed beatniks, and other assorted miscreants and misfits.

Where romance met with soft porn there was also a surprisingly large population of butch brunettes pursuing and seducing blond femmes. This was an alternate universe of erotic pulp fiction where gals and dolls were exploring the illicit pleasures of lesbian love — much to the delight of a largely male, non-gay readership. Before the sexual revolution of the 1960s, these books offered a thrilling peek into the deviant underworld of wild passion and scandalous sex.

The often-lurid tales told in these books made the most of their taboo subject matter, but also attracted throngs of female readers, some of whom were seeking indications of the ways of that twilight world of the lesbian community.

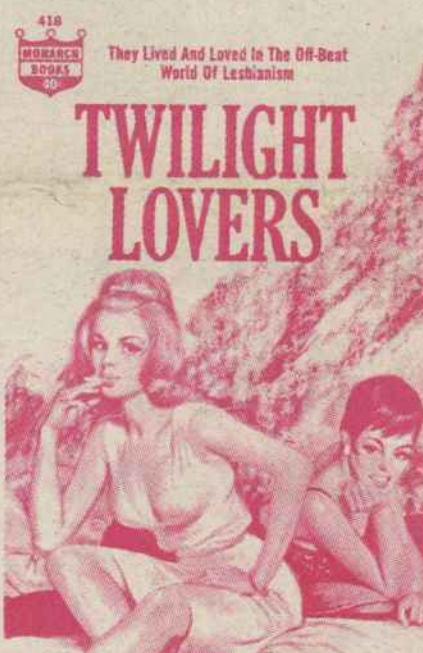
"What was on the outside is usually much more interesting than what was written on the inside," says Jaye Zimet a



Jaye Zimet

New York-based art director and book designer who compiled the images for *Strange Sisters*.

Strange Sisters is a collection of the cover art of these wildly wicked novels. The women who writhe across the covers of books such as *Strange Lust* ("She Wanted a Woman — Then She Met



Another Woman Obsessed by the Same Burning Hunger") and *Women's Barracks* ("The Frank Autobiography of a French Girl Soldier") sizzle with sexual energy and freedom — in a high-camp defiance of the prudish, conservative 1950s.

"In my own coming out, I searched for references to lesbian culture, no matter how obscure or coded to help validate a newly forming part of myself," says Zimet. "I was having trouble with this in the seventies, what was it like for women in the fifties and early sixties?"

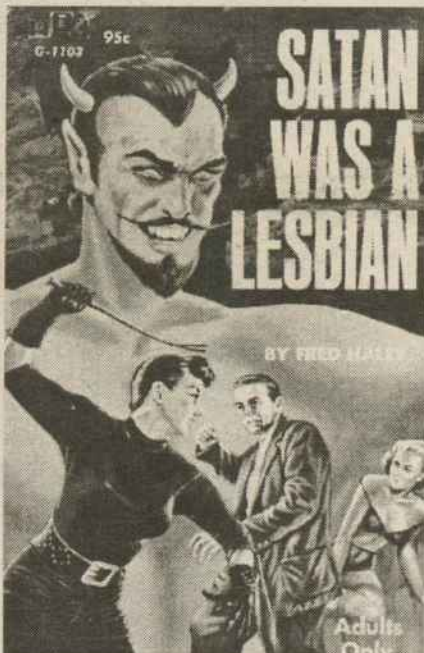
According to Zimet, the covers are much more lurid than the stories themselves, with cover art and titles often having little to do with the actual story line.

"You won't find full-out nudity on the covers," Zimet says. "But many of the artists went as far as they could — especially with a lot of cleavage."

While most of the cover artists were men, lesbian pulp book authors included the legendary Ann Bannon and Radclyffe Hall.

"I've talked to several of the authors and there was no other information generally available about lesbian women at that time, except for maybe some non-fiction text books. Even though the writing is generally poor and stereotypical, I think lesbians were able to pick them up and read between the lines."

According to Zimet, the lesbians that were able to find these books often passed them from friend to friend. Some of the



Bannon titles were used as a sort of guidebook to New York's Village and how lesbians lived in New York. Bannon also wrote the forward to *Strange Sisters*.

According to Zimet, Bannon tried to write the stories as honestly as possible, given the constraints of the period, and was often given some creative freedom as long as the end of the novel followed a strict set of unwritten guidelines.

"The editors were afraid of the postal censors — writers were given free reign in the middle of the books — but in the end, the lesbians in the story had to either kill themselves, go crazy or repent and get married to a man," relates Zimet.

"When I look at these books, I have a better understanding of what it must have been like to grow up in that kind of repressed society. It reminds me how far we have come from that time and how far we have yet to go."

Zimet can't remember the very first lesbian pulp book she discovered, but says she has now collected over 400 titles.

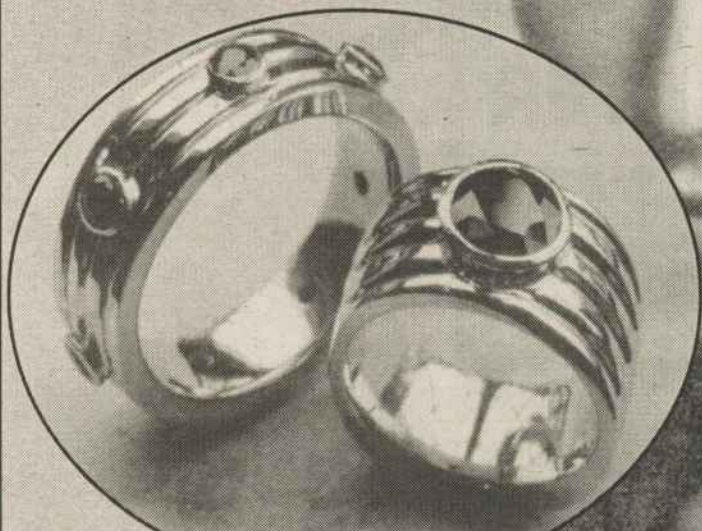
"If the cover doesn't strike me, or isn't interesting — I don't buy it," she says.

"I love collecting them and it has been a lot of fun. It is always wonderful to happen upon a great book in the back of a store and buy it for a dollar. It is really fun just hunting them down." ▼

Jaye Zimet lives in Brooklyn with her girlfriend Stephanie and four cats. "Strange Sisters" is published by Viking Studio.



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Using a mixture of commercial and fine arts printing techniques, Roy Lichtenstein created a unique body of work which expanded the language of Pop into our image- and media-conscious age. The exhibition, which opens in the Journal/Lubar Galleries on Friday, Sept. 24 and runs through Jan. 2 begins with a romp through the classic Pop imagery of the mid-1960s. By the late 1960s and early 1970s, many works show how Impressionist and Abstract Expressionism had entered into the popular mainstream.

The 1990s mark a return and reevaluation of Lichtenstein's themes of the '60s and '70s. Large and small interiors, such as "Red Lamps (1991)" and "Interior with Chair: (1997)" recall the homogeneity of our everyday world, while the Nudes series (1994) alternately reminds us of Betty and Veronica of the 1970s and the 1990s craze for Barbie perfection.

MAM is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from noon to 9 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors. MAM members and Milwaukee County residents are free from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday and Saturday. For more information on the exhibit call (414) 224-3200.

'Footloose' Dances into Town

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's been holding out for a hero and they are about to find one in Broadway's hottest new musical *Footloose*, coming to Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Tuesday, Sept. 28 through Sunday, Oct. 3.

Footloose has been nominated for four Tony awards, including Best Book, Best Score, Best Choreography, and Best Featured Actress in a Musical. "Footloose" is the story of a free-spirited kid who reminds a local minister that it's no sin to be young. It is a high-energy dance musical and features one of the most popular scores ever written.

The cast features Joe Machota as Ren McCormack, the energetic young man surprised to find himself in a town that outlaws dancing. Ariel Moore, the rebellious daughter of the town's minister, is played by Niki Scalera. The minister Shaw Moore, is played by Dan Kelly. Eileen Barnett portrays his wife, Vi.

Tuesday through Thursday performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening performances begin at 8 p.m. Sunday evening performances are at 7 p.m. There are matinee shows on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$21.50 to \$56.50. Tickets go on sale Aug. 20 at the Marcus Center Box Office (414) 273-7206 and all TicketMaster outlets.

Gay Men's Writers Group at Center

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center announced plans to begin a gay men's writing seminar in the fall of this year.

The program calls for "writers, poets, essayists and all other decorous yet slightly rebellious wordsmiths" to participate in the seminar.

The program's purpose will be to "create an engaging and producing workshop where members write together, share together and critique together propelling each member closer to his own publishable work.

There is no fee for attending the seminars. Meetings will occur monthly on the third Thursday to the month. The first meeting will be at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m.

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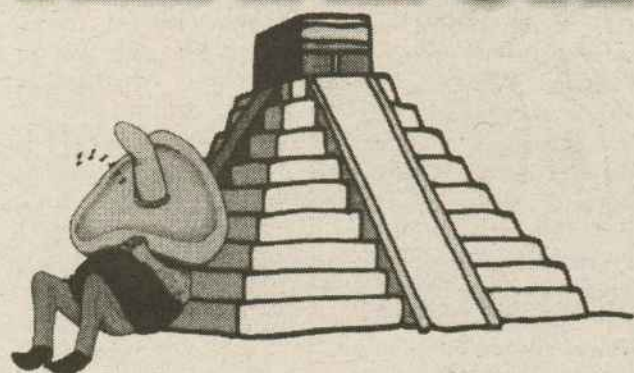


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MUSIC REVIEW

Donna Summer: State Fair, August 14th

One reason some "Disco Sucks" dick-heads dug Donna Summer was that she displayed a sense of intent (or at least a modicum of artistic presence) by painlessly adhering to such rock pretensions as the concept album. 1977's *Once Upon A Time* for instance, was a de facto opera emotionally coherent enough for critic Simon Reynolds to deem it one of the ten most underrated albums of all-time in a 1991 *Spin* ("Eurodisco's Exile On Main Street"). No doubt this dramaturgical urge had roots in her early days as an aspiring musical theatre star and she recently admitted that "each song is like an acting piece and I sing each one as a different woman."

Luckily for those of us tone deaf to musical theatre, her concepts remained, on the whole, narratively incoherent. For Summer, albums-as-art pretension was merely one stop along the way towards spreading boogie fever which could run any temperature from hot stuff to cold rock. It could turn her brown body white and even dim all the lights. In short, she was slave not to conveying character much less espousing a profound worldview but rather to breathing fire into blank emotions like "What would I have to do to get you to notice me too ... walk a tightrope way up high? Write your name across the sky?" or "Melody of Love, Oh! Set me free! I want to hear somebody sing!"

And those two examples come from 1989 and 1994 respectively, long enough after her heyday for each to get labeled as one of her many "comebacks." So it was with a deep trust in her ability to light up banalities in perpetuity that I went to see her show at State Fair. Unfortunately, this

time around she's pushing *Ordinary Girl*, her forthcoming musical about the trials and tribulations of Donna Summer. Most of the self-styled arias from it that Summer performed gave her about as much breathing space as the tomb at the end of *Aida*. That's because for once they make sense as a chain of events in a character's (Summer) life.

Well, at least that's what she wants us to believe. From her recitative at the beginning of "My Life" (howz that for a tell-all title?) to her use of props like a suitcase which symbolized her movin' on or whatever, she's opening her autobiography for the world to sing. But these new songs are just too specific to get anyone but her most devoted fans to care. The rest of us want her as The Wanderer or Juliet or the gal listening to the letter you wrote her on the radio or any medium who'll put rapture over cause and effect; she's just not as interesting as merely Donna Summer. Such story-driven bouts of expression were the undoing of musical theatre as a powerful hit-making force and they can do the same for Summer if she's not careful.

The classics, on the other hand, sounded as splendid as they have every right to be. I don't prefer my disco played by real bands but the only time that proved a limitation was on "This Time I Know It's For Real" and even there they pulled off a reasonable approximation. And I'm grateful they didn't attempt "I Feel Love" live as can be heard on the new *VH1 Presents Donna Summer: Live and More - Encore!* (Epic) (apparently the best way to impersonate Moroder's mesmerizing sequencers is with a guitar that recalls "Edge of Seventeen"). But in general, the band was even tighter than on disc (particularly dangerous was a sped-up rendition of "Hot Stuff"). And at 50, Summer still makes you believe. I'm a fan of her new single (especially in its remixed reincarnations), "I Will Go With You," which she opened with. But keep in mind that it was first recorded in Italian by Andrea Bocelli and, erm, Sarah Brightman who left a disco career (check out the great resumé ruiner "I Lost My Heart To A Starship Trooper") for the arms of the Phantom. Come back now, Donna, before it's too late.

—Kevin John

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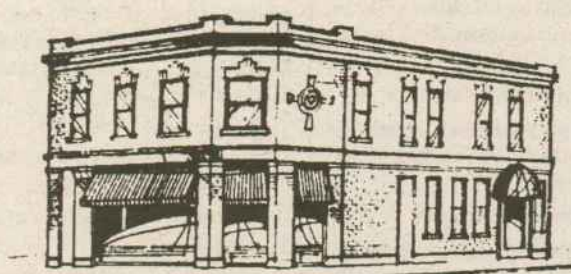


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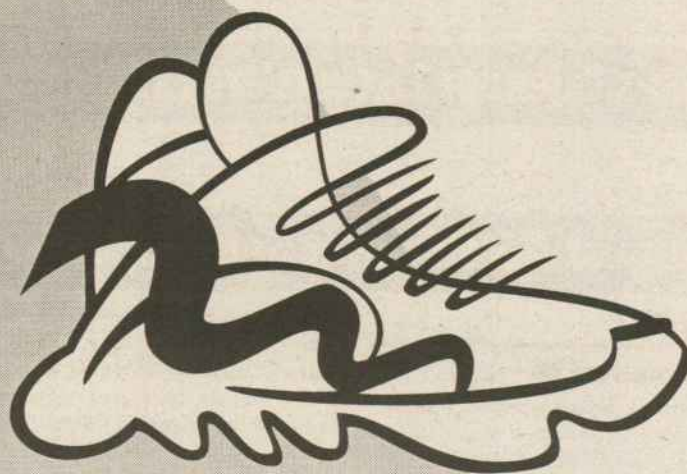


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ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, August 26

Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islanders National Gay Conference - Reservations (Washington, DC.): The conference takes place over Labor Day weekend on 9/3, 4, & 5. FMI call, (608) 241-2500.

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: THE EAST TOWN JAZZ ORCHESTRA, with Jerry Grillo, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Grillo's new CD will be available. 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, August 27

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.

Mexican Fiesta - Ethnic Festival (Milwaukee): Enjoy the sights and sounds of Mexican tradition at the Summerfest grounds. Everything from a Jalapeño eating contest to shouting contests. There will be food vendors, music stages and a marketplace. Today 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., 8/28 & 29: d noon to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 28

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

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Big Wheels Bike Ride (Madison, WI): Join the group for a ride around Lake Mendota. Meet at Orin Park's gazebo on Spaight Street at 10 a.m. FMI: (608) 274-5959.

Integrity/Dignity - Canoe Trip (Madison, WI): Canoe the Wisconsin River from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch (no glass containers), sunscreen, and swim wear. A canoe seats 2 to 3 people and costs \$35 to rent. Meet at Perkins Restaurant, 5237 University Ave., at 7:30 a.m. FMI call Ken (608) 251-2486.

LGBT Community Center - Family Reunion (Milwaukee): Join the Center for their first ever annual social fund-raising event from 5 to 11 p.m. They're blocking off Seebath Street, putting up big tent and having a party! Entertainment by Mrs. Fun, the Cream City Chorus and others. There are different admission levels. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Wednesday, September 1

City Hall Rotunda - Domestic Partner Kick-Off Party Domestic (Milwaukee): Join the DP Kick-off Party at the City Hall Rotunda from 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Witness the first registered LGBT persons and celebrate with them!

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Birthday Party & Benefit For OutReach (Madison, WI): Celebrate Richard's birthday. Come for cake and dance lessons. At 7 p.m. there will be Beginning Line Dance lessons with Ron, followed by Beginning Swing Dance lessons with Kris at 8 p.m. 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 & Western Gear is not necessary. FMI call (608) 245-0627

Thursday, September 2

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: DOUGLAS SPOTTED EAGLE, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Bring a picnic & a blanket or grab a table and set up a feast. Food and beverages are also available. FMI call (414) 271-1416.

Friday, September 3

Blue Jazz Barbecue - Veteran's Park (Milwaukee): Three days of food and music in the open air. This event features an all Barbecue menu and music by popular live bands. Today: 4 p.m. to midnight, 9/4 & 5: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

LGBT Community Center - SAGE Social Night (Milwaukee): Join SAGE members for movies, games and social activities at 6:30 p.m. at the Center. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Mr. Minnesota Leather Contest - Two Day Leather Event (Minneapolis): The contest is sponsored by Minnesota Leather Productions. This is Joshua Smith's step-down. FMI call (612) 871-0010.

Saturday, September 4

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Labor Day Picnic (Madison, WI): This social group will have a Labor Day Picnic at noon at Orville Park in

Turville Woods across from the Coliseum on Lake Monona. FMI (608) 274-5959

Shake It Up! - Annual Picnic (Madison, WI): The group has their annual frolic at Devil's Lake. There will be a pot luck picnic lunch. They take the ferry both ways. Car pool from 4701 Judy Lane at 9 a.m. FMI: 241-2500.

Wednesday, September 8

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dance Lessons (Madison, WI): At 7 p.m. there will be Beginning Two Step lessons with Kris, followed by Advanced Line Dance lessons with Reese at 8 p.m. 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 & Western Gear is not necessary. FMI call (608) 245-0627

Shake It Up! - Boat Cruise (Madison, WI): Make your reservations now for a three hour dinner/sunset cruise on Lake Mendota. Betty Lou Cruises is a 50 foot launch, and leaves from the Mariner's Inn at 6 p.m. There will be dinner and a cash bar. FMI & prices call (608) 241-2500.

Shake It Up! - Canoe Trip (Madison, WI): Make your reservations now for a canoe trip on the colorful Kickapoo River on Saturday, 9/25. The group leaves from 4701 Judy Lane at 9 a.m. Rent canoes for around \$20. Bring a picnic lunch to munch on part way down the stream. There is car pooling. FMI (608) 241-2500.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus - Weekly Practice (Milwaukee): Practice will resume for the winter/holiday concert on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI call (414) 276-8787 or (414) 271-2656.

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. Pitches of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Live Drag & Male Strippers. Patio opens 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.

Naplese 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. 2/4/1 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 Marys \$2. Mimosas \$2.

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust, Packer Bashes. Be Part of the Cheese Head Club!

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

Mondays:

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

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

219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed until March 1999.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

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

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

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

The Kloser (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): 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.

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

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

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.

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

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

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. on drinks up to \$3.25. 50¢ off all taps & rails. Cuervo & Dr. \$1.50 Karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m. 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. Pitches of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close.

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 Kloser (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 Nite, \$1.50 taps and \$2.00 bottles.

Naplese 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 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).



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The Iron Giant

The *Iron Giant* is the best American film I have seen so far this year.

How many films can balance a concern with recycling, a mordant anti-gun agenda, a deep feeling for misfits, a glimpse into the burdens of single motherhood, a mistrust in the role of government and a stylish recreation of the '50s with all the attendant Commie/nuke paranoia and TV kitsch and still not overload the resulting tapestry with preachiness and still make it palatable to both children and adults? This tight (less than 90 minutes), animated foray in animism pulls it all off and then some. Maybe the distance inherent in animation allowed the more radical politics to seep in. But it's the genre's penchant for fostering the illusion of absolute control that is responsible for the film's singular vision.

Directed by Brad Bird (*Simpsons*, *The Critic*, *King of the Hill*) from a book by Ted Hughes' (apparently the same one already adapted by The Who's Pete Townshend into a rock opera), *The Iron Giant* takes place in 1957 Maine where nine year old Hogarth Hughes (voiced by Eli Marienthal) discovers a one hundred foot tall robot in the backwoods. The giant eats scrap metal and after too many cars get bites taken out of them, a tyrannical government investigator, Kent Mansley (Christopher McDonald), arrives on the scene. Hogarth hides the giant in beatnik Dean McCoppin's (Harry Connick Jr.) junkyard where there is a surplus of food for the gargantuan tin man. When Mansley discovers the robot's whereabouts, he calls in the U.S. Army to destroy it.

One great thing about the robot is that, despite his propensity to spark the film's most maudlin moments, he's a much richer character than either ET or even King Kong. We eventually learn that with the proper provocation (i.e. when weapons are aimed at him) he turns into a terrifying death machine. What follows is a heartbreaking dissertation on the nature of good and evil that would most likely have made the *Clockwork Orange* era Kubrick wretch. But if you have your doubts on the moral sanctity of that film, chances are you'll love *The Iron Giant*.

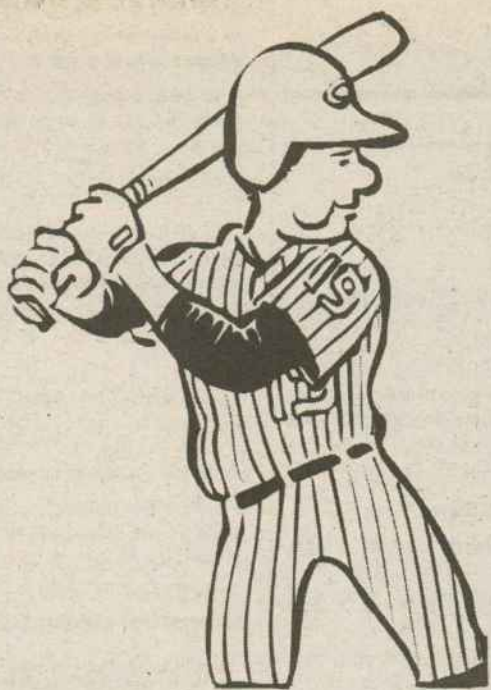
The film is PG and there are a few instances of mild swearing. Also, the film has a rather stately (nice word for slow) feel to it but attentive viewers will only have their pleasure magnified by this pace. And really, children of any age are likely to get something very life-affirming out of it. The friendship between the robot and the boy is so touchingly peculiar that it can't help but build a sense of compassion. Why not start it early on?

—Kevin John

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- Thur. 16 Black Raspberry
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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, Jimi 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.
Cell Block (Chicago): Big Buck Thursdays! \$1 well, wine, domestic beer
Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pain & Pleasure in the Pit. \$1.50 longnecks. Pit open.
Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25. Frozen cocktails \$3. Pitchers of Lite \$5. Will & Grace Night: \$1 off 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!
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.
The Kismet (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¢ taps.
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 tap 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): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m.
Za's (Green Bay, WI): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

Fridays:
Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks. From 4 to 8 p.m. plus the Happy Hour wheel.
Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.
Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Check your Monthly Planner. \$100 drawings. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.
Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Club Night. Chicago's Leather and S&M Clubs welcome. Pit open.
Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Patio open in June.
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Emeralds (Milwaukee): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. No cover before 9 p.m.
Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN \$\$\$cash & prizes. DJ at 10 p.m. with the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s.
Fluid (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 drinks from 5 to 8 p.m.



LOVE BIRDS. Photo by Jamie @ La Cage

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 Kismet (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).
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 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced. DJ Eddie.
Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Fish Fry 4 to 7 p.m. Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Friday Fetish Night!
Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): \$1 domestic bottles 9 p.m. to close.
South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m.
Station 2 (Milwaukee): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2.
The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Cocktail hour from 2 to 9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres.
The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cris.
Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!
Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off every drink for proper L/L/Uniform attire. 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all drinks over \$3.50, plus spin the Happy Hour Wheel from 4 to 8 p.m.
Club 219 (Milwaukee): \$1 tappers & \$1.50 rail drinks 4 to 8 p.m.
Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.
Dunes Resort (Saugatuck, MI): The Midwest's largest G/L Resort with Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.
Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.
Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ Eddie!
OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.
Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close: 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.
Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.
Station 2 (Milwaukee): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.
The Ball Game (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One!
Woody's (Milwaukee): Bucky Badger Day! Beer Bust During the Game. \$1 Highlife All Day!

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, August 26

Switch - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTO Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 9 p.m. to Midnight. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

Friday, August 27

Dunes Resort - Cabaret Entertainment (Saugatuck, MI): DJ Chris Racine Spins. No cover before 10 p.m. Strippers at 11 p.m. BILL & LYNN entertain in the Cabaret. Saturday too! FMI call (616) 857-1401.
The Kismet - One Year Anniversary Weekend (Beloit, WI): A Drag Show starring Ms. Cassmarie Domino, Entertainer of the year 1999 & Miss Capital City 1999, and other guests starts at 10 p.m. DJ follows show. Drink Specials. FMI call (608) 363-8764.

Saturday, August 28

The Kismet - One Year Anniversary Weekend (Beloit, WI): Free Beer, free shooters all night. Speed Queen Drinks \$2.75. DJ from 10 p.m. Balloon Drop at 1 a.m. \$1,000 in prizes. Raffles all night long. Free & anonymous HIV testing. FMI call (608) 363-8764.

Thursday, September 3

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

Friday, September 3

Dunes Resort - Labor Day weekend (Saugatuck, MI): DJ Chris Racine Spins. No cover before 10 p.m. Strippers at 11 p.m. BECKY MENZIE entertains in the Cabaret tonight. On Saturday & Sunday AMY & FRED are featured in the Cabaret. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES & CLUBS:

Tuesday, September 7

Gerber/Hart Library - Men's Book Club (Chicago): The club meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the library, 1127 West Granville Ave. September's book is BECOMING A MAN: HALF A LIFE STORY, by Paul Monnette (1992), a coming out autobiography.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Thursday, August 26

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

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

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

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison, WI): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989. South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison, WI): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

HIV Self-Help Group - Monthly meeting (Baraboo, WI): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served & transportation assistance is available. FMI & location call (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

LGBT Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Gay/Bi Men's Group (Madison, WI): This weekly group provides an outlet for gay/bi students at UWM and has a number of social outings and great discussion. It is hosted by University Health Services and Sex-Out-Loud and meets on Thursday nights at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Campus Center, located on the second floor of the UW-Madison Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street.

South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison, WI): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

Triangle Coalition - LGB Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meet to establish and explore friendships & relationships. Discuss a variety of topics every Thursday at 8 p.m. FMI call (319) 583-1834.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison, WI): Meets weekly at 5:30 p.m. at 122 State St. Suite 403. FMI call (608) 250-6775.

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

Friday, August 27

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 long 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 wheel chair 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.

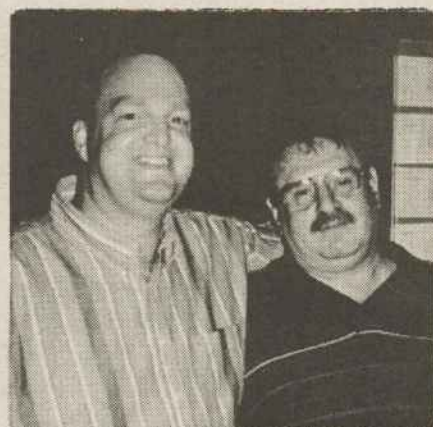
Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison, WI): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI call (608) 255-4927.

Saturday, August 28

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.

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.



Big Wigs. Photo by Jamie @ 219



Birthday Girl. Photo by Jamie @ Fluid

Sunday, August 29

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 Capitol Square from 7 to 9 p.m. Enter from the West Washington side of the court yard. FMI (608) 232-0528.

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

Seeking Sobriety - Non-Religious Recovery Group (Milwaukee) This recovery group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday at 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, August 30

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.

Bi? Why? Why? - Meeting (Madison, WI): For more information on this group call (608) 257-5538.

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.

LGBT 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, August 31

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

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

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.

Sober Seniors - AA Meeting (Milwaukee): This meeting is focused on the unique recovery needs of elders, and meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 3200 W. Highland Blvd. FMI call ElderLink (414) 289-6874.

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison,

WI): This discussion group for Gay/Bi students meets in the Memorial Union at 12 p.m. every Tuesday. FMI call (608) 265-4901.

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

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

Wednesday, September 1

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

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

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

LGBT Campus Center - Les/Bi Curious Women's Group (Madison, WI): This weekly 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. The center is 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.

Thursday, September 2

GLB Business Alliance - Meeting (Madison, WI): meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Cullen, Weston Pines & Bach, 122 W. Washington Ave., Suite 900, in Tamara Packard's office. Hosts are needed for events, so if interested, please leave a message at 608/245-1611 or email lgba@lgballiance.org

Saturday, September 4

Bi Definition - Social/Discussion (Milwaukee): The group meets at the LGBT Community Center at 7 p.m. The Topic is VIOLENCE AGAINST BI's. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Wednesday, September 8

GLEAM-Wisconsin - Meeting (Milwaukee): This LGBT Ameritech group meets at the LGBT Community Center at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Friday, August 27

SAGE-Milwaukee - Film (Milwaukee): The film, BAR GIRLS, is specifically for women, but men are invited to join the group at 6:30 p.m. in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. There will be a discussion afterwards. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, August 29

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 2 to 3 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents ABC's THE CENTURY - LABOR HISTORY. Re-runs on Mondays at 8 a.m.

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

Wednesday, September 1

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents a report from one of the representatives of the DANE COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO THE NETHERLANDS in May over the issue of the obstacles to world peace. Re-runs at Midnight 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 5

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): From 2 to 3 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents LABOR HISTORY: THE HAY MARKET MASSACRE. Plus DEADLY DECEPTION: GENERAL ELECTRIC, NUCLEAR WEAPONS & OUR ENVIRONMENT, 1991 Academy Award Winner: Best Documentary Short.

Monday, September 6

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Film Circle (Madison, WI): Breaking The Code will be screened at 7 p.m. FMI call (608) 274-5959.

Wednesday, September 8

Channel 10 - LGBT Programming (Milwaukee): IN THE LIFE, a documentary & experimental films will be shown at 11 p.m.

WORT, 89.9 FM - G/L Radio (Madison): QUERRY. Madison's local GLBTQ radio show, followed by THIS WAY OUT, the international LGBT show which runs from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Friday, August 27

Gallery 218 - Open Mike (Milwaukee): This event happens on the last Friday of each month at 218 S. Second St. Sign-up at 7:45 p.m. Start at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 270-1043.

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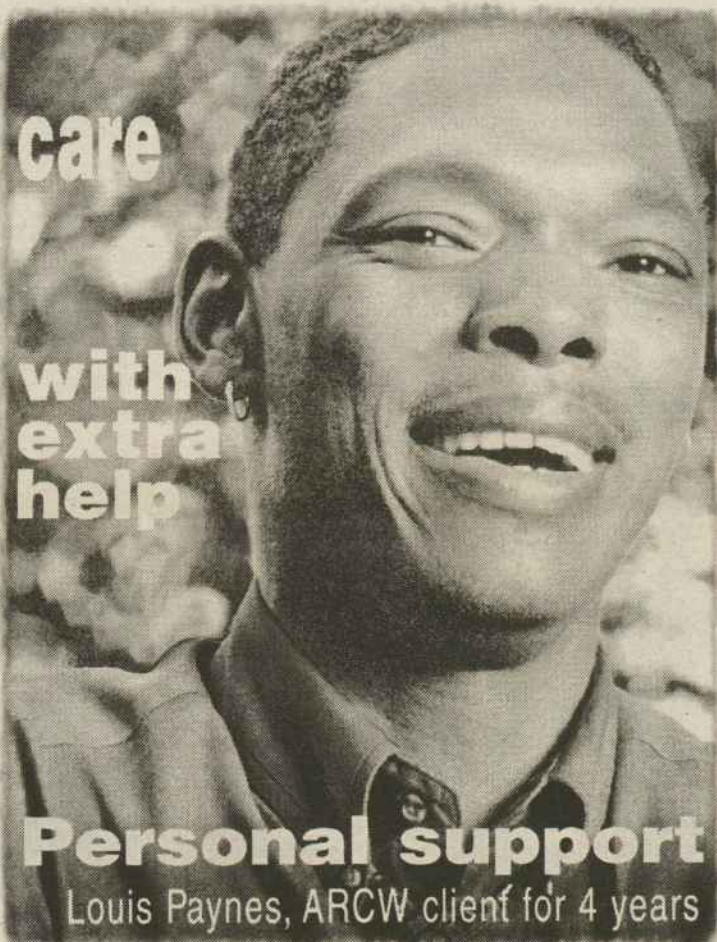


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Tallulah Bankhead

by Bryony Lavery

The author gives us a tongue-in cheek ride through Tallulah's life with appropriate comments (a la Tallulah) that mark significant milestones. Born in Alabama in 1903, Bankhead was in competition for her father's affection with her older sister Eugenia, and was a complete showoff from an early age.

Her mother had died while she was very young, and she and her sister were raised by the grandparents Bankhead. Tallulah accompanied grandma B. to the Negro quarter and listened to the old lady dispense her superior



Tallulah Bankhead

advice while dropping off her dirty laundry. She also electioneered with her grandfather and showed off by telling people who she was while asking for their votes. Grandpa won a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Daddy, who would eventually get elected to Congress, sent his wayward daughters as far away as possible to a series of Catholic convents in the East, even though they were Episcopalian. At one of these convents, Tal-

lulah, at age 10, got a huge crush on Sister Ignatius. "She had a long line of nun crushes. And, later, a cloister full of nun stories." I'm sure you've all heard a Tallulah/nun story; if you haven't, ask an older friend. Somewhere along the line she fell in love with movie actress Alla Nazimova, the lover of notorious lesbian Mercedes Acosta. Exotic and fascinating, Ms. Nazimova "hit poor Sister Ignatius right out of the stadium as crush material."

With her "bizarre, dysfunctional, competitive family life," there seemed nowhere else for a fourteen-year old "histrionic, bad-tempered, tantrum-throwing exhibitionist, sex-mad girl to go but into the world of entertainment." What other future could be hers but that of an actress? At fifteen she got her first break. By the time she was twenty-five she had been on the stage in London for eight years and was on her way to Hollywood. The rest is history, and it's great fun to read.

Tallulah Bankhead was addicted to drink, drugs and sex and didn't care who knew it. She is quoted as saying, "My family warned me about men; but they never thought to mention women!" Another quote is, "Cocaine isn't habit-forming; I should know, I've been taking it for years!" ... and finally, "It doesn't matter what they say Darling, as long as they talk!" Well, nobody has ever stopped talking about her and they probably never will. (Absolute Press, ISBN: 1-899791-42-6, \$9.95).

Armistead Maupin

By Patrick Gale

Patrick Gale does a splendid job of letting us in on Maupin's life. We find out who most of the characters in "Tales of the City" might have been based on. Gale says, "Armistead constantly fights the pressure on him to name the originals of the characters ... and there are certainly no tidy parallels between his address book and the cast list." My favorite character, Anna Madrigal—the transsexual, pot smoking landlady of 28 Barbary Lane (a fictional address, by the way), was based largely on the "generous free spirit" of his maternal grandmother.

Coming out was something that took a long time for Maupin to do. When he finally made the move, he did it by being named as the lone gay male on San Francisco's "Ten Sexiest Men in Town" list. He did this with the full knowledge that his parents would probably never read it.

They finally found out through an article in *Newsweek*, when he agreed to be identified as a gay journalist in a story on beauty queen turned homophobe, Anita Bryant. Armistead is quoted as saying, "... I'm sure it was a little brutal ... but in a way it was the kindest way because they didn't have to go through the decision of whether or not to tell their friends."

The rest of the book is full of anecdotes about his friends, his lovers, his various residences, his pot smoking and his writing. Artist David Hockney — who has his own *Outlines* bio—is included — as is gay artist Don Bachardy and his lover Christopher Isherwood, who wrote *I Am A Camera*. You know, the story that was transformed into the musical *Cabaret*. Armistead had a minor affair with Rock Hudson, who he inadvertently outed when he used the experience as Michael's fling with Blank Blank in "Further Tales." His close friendship with Sir Ian McKellen, and McKellen's eventual outing of himself is wonderful. There are many, many more stories, and every one of them is a delight. (Absolute Press, ISBN: 1-899791-37-X, \$9.95).

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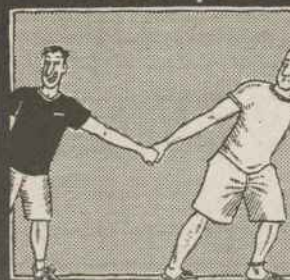
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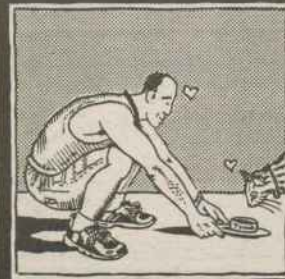
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Shush

by Jamie



Whew! A lot has been going on since the last issue. To start with, after that awful movie, *The Haunting*, we went to see *The Blair Witch Project*. This movie is one of the best horror movies I've seen in a long time. Plenty of suspense with a new concept in movie making. Unfortunately, we went to the Movies 10 at Southgate on a Sunday afternoon. I, for one, will never go to that theater again. The low life that was in the theatre was unbearable. One guy was boozing it up throughout the whole movie and kept yammering on about everything. There were also a couple of ladies that chattered through the entire movie. To top it off, one couple brought about five kids (we're talkin' ages 4-10) with them to see the movie. I'm sorry but any parent that brings their children to see an R-rated movie really shouldn't be a parent. We've decided to go see the movie again, but at a theatre outside of Milwaukee County. Oh, before I forget, even though Tori Spelling is far from my favorite actress, we're gonna head over to the Oriental to see what's supposed to be a hilarious movie, *Trick*. Reviews to come...

Work continues on the house. We've started tearing out the plaster in the kitchen. It was in such bad shape that we've decided to drywall and re-plaster. Last Sunday, I spent much of the day with a hammer, a pry-bar and a dust mask banging on the walls. I'm gonna leave the lath up and just drywall over it. It actually looks kinda cool right now. You know, the refugee camp motif. Slap the cabinets back on the walls and call it a day ... hmmm, maybe not. No, I think blue-board and plaster will be a better plan. New cabinets, counter tops and a new floor are part of the plan as well. Thanks to Rob from the Triangle, I already have the new floor and I should be able to get a pretty good deal on cabinets at Builder's Square's going out of business sale. I will, however, wait a bit longer. Their idea of a sale hasn't impressed me much.

Speaking of renovation, I see **George Prentice** is working on the second floor of **La Cage** again. It'll be cool when he gets the exterior of the building all done, after all, it is a historical land-

mark and is really a beautiful building.

We were out and about last Wednesday and stopped in at **219** for a cocktail. We were sitting there for a few minutes when this guy whips out a deck of cards. It was **Amazing Mike** and he kept us entertained for over an hour, doing a bunch of pretty cool card tricks. It must have taken years to get that good. The only card trick I know is 52-card pickup. We also stopped in at **Dish**. I have to admit it has been a few weeks since I have been in there and I've been missing a lot. The main floor still has great dance music, but the upstairs has even better rave music. **Julia** has a great thing going on over there and I highly recommend stopping in and checking it out.

Hey, I got a little tidbit for ya. We've decided that **Josh** over at **Triangle** is straight. Yup, every time my Josh and I kiss — he gets all weird. That can only mean one thing; either he can't handle two guys kissing, or he ain't gettin' any. Hmmm... what do you think?

The Packer pre-season has started and that means **Rick** at the **Ball Game** is cookin' up a storm again. Lots of people were on hand at the **Ball Game** to cheer on the Packers and scarf up **Rick's** yummy vittles. **Kurt** from the old **In Between** was over at **Switch** with his wonderfully goofy Packer hat on also cheering on the Pack. I heard there was a pretty good crowd over at **Woody's** as well.

The **SAGE** (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) **Patio Party** at the **Boot Camp** was also a hit. These parties are for gays, lesbians and bisexuals of all ages. They are usually fun parties so watch the paper for future events; there is always free food and door prizes.

A big happy birthday goes out to **Tammy** at **Fluid**. We went to her party to give our condolences, I mean congratulations, and it was standing room only. Tammy has become quite an asset to **Fluid**. I know she's one of my favorite bartenders.

That's a rap for this issue. I couldn't tell you about **219's** anniversary weekend 'cause it isn't over yet. Tonight (Monday) is the big party and I gotta get this column in so ... next issue. Until then, check out the *The Blair Witch Project* and *Trick*, and as always, slower traffic keep right. ▼



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OutReach, Inc.
600 Williamson St, 53703 225-8582
email: outreachinc.com, web: www.outreachinc.com
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
PO Box 1722, 53701
Rainbow Community Collective (L/G/B/T Social Org)
Wil-Mar Neighborhood Ctr. 2nd & 4th Thursdays
953 Jenifer Street (Lira) 608/238-9150
Rainbow Friends (Quaker Worship Group) 250-9789
Shake It Up! (L/G/B/T Social Org)
http://www.mailbag.com/users/dkr/shake.html
4701 Judy Lane, 53704-1723 241-2500
10% Society (student organization)
http://tps.storg.wisc.edu, e-mail: execs@tps.storg.wisc.edu
P.O. Box 260394, 53726 262-7365
Unicorns of Madison (L/L club)
PO Box 536, 53701
UW LesBiGay Alumni Council (Russell Betts) 262-2551
Womansong (Woman's Choral Group) 246-2681

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity
Box 730, 53701 836-8886
Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
University Church, 1127 Univ. Ave, 53705 256-2353
James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church
2146 E Johnson, 53704 242-8887

SERVICES

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4702 Dutch Mill Road #14 222-9128

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229 North Street, 53704 245-9229

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

Aeon Group (Interactive Fiction Gaming)
P.O. Box 93953, 53203-0953 291-0530
AIDS Awareness Group
(Sue Hall, Carroll College) 524-7764

Alcoholics Anonymous
(Request gay meetings) 771-9119
Beer Town Badgers
PO Box 840, 53201
Bi Definition (Bisexual Community Events)
PO Box 07541, 53207
Nikki 774-5055
Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136
Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club)
PO Box 1697, 53202-1697
Community Elections Coalition
P.O. Box 92722, 53202
Counseling Center (LesBiGay support & discussion groups)
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565
Cream City Chorus
P.O. Box 1488, 53201 344-9222
Cream City Foundation (CCF)
170 S. 2nd St, 53204-1409
PO Box 204, 53201 265-0880
Cream City Squares
(G/L Square Dancing Club) 445-8080
DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression)
PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201
Delta Lambda Phi (Gay Frat)
PO Box 413, Union Box 51, 53201 229-4054
Fast City Singers (Gay choral group)
PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING
Firebirds (L/L group)
P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159 53202
Front Runners (Running Group) 332-1527
http://execpc.com/~blackjon/frontrun.html
Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)
2408 N. Farwell 276-6936
GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)
P.O. Box 1900, 53201 365-3453
Membership Information 264-9180
http://www.execpc.com/~mkegamma
Gay Father's Group
1240 E. Brady St., 53204 372-8008
Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM
Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555
Gay Lesbian Education Employees of Metro Milw.
(GLEEMM), Larry 462-8404
Gay/Lesbian Studies UWM 229-6402
Gay & Lesbian Tavern Guild
209 East National, 53204
Gay People's Union
PO Box 208, 53201 562-7010
Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings)
PO Box 09441, 53209 265-8500
Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill) 276-7626
Gemini Gender Group (TV/TS/TG Support/Social)
PO Box 44211, 53214 voice mail 297-9328
Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee
P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862
G/L Community Center Trust Fund
P.O. Box 1686, 53201 643-1652
Great Lakes Harley Riders
PO Box 341611, 53234-1611
Human Rights League (HRL)
PO Box 92674, 53202 228-1921
Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event)
PO Box 899, 53201 831-4038
Imani (Support/Social Group for Black Lesbians)
PO Box 09441, 53202 521-4565
Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
PO Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 548-4344
IAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
PO Box 93323, 53203 264-2600
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Awareness Alliance (LGBAA)
Stephanie King, Carroll College 524-6966
LOC/Women of Color
PO Box 93594, 53203-454-9300
Log Cabin Republicans (Gay Republicans)
PO Box 199, 53201 299-9443
MGALA (MU Graduates)
PO Box 92722, 53202
Marquette LesBiGay Student Group
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873
Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott) 543-9643
Milwaukee LGBT Community Center (www.mkeight.org)
170 S. 2nd St., 53204 271-2656
Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) 543-4850
Orgullo Latino/a Latin Pride
1532 N. Astor (c/o Murguia) 963-9833
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PrideFest (Pride Committee)
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The Queer Program (Cable TV Show)
PO Box 09441, 53209265-8500
Riverwest Rainbow Association
1001 E. Keefe Ave., 53212225-1645
SAGE Milwaukee (For older Lesbians)
PO Box 510492, 53203 after 4pm271-0378
Saturday Softball League (SSBL)
PO Box 92605, 53203-0091454-9204
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)299-0755
Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.
PO Box 76115, 53216777-3986
Shoreline (Country Dancing, Instruction)
PO Box 510283, 53203-0051962-9822
Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians)
c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett271-2565
S.O.S. (Alcohol/Addiction Recovery)442-1132
UJIMA, Inc. (African Am. Support/Social)
2821 N. 4th Street, 53212263-5330
FAX263-5530
WL Leather Mens Assoc. Inc.
PO Box 897, 53201-0897

RELIGIOUS

ARCW Spiritual Care
PO Box 92487, 53202225-1565
Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
1821 N. 16th St.344-1746
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
PO Box 597, 53201444-7177
Lake Park Lutheran Church
2647 N. Stowell Ave., 53211962-9190
Lutherans Concerned
PO Box 1676, 53201372-9663
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church
UFMCC PO Box 1421, 53201-1421332-9995
Pentecost Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
5226 W. Burleigh St.445-2696
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)
2717 E. Hampshire964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, nondenominational)
1636 W. National647-9199
St. Ann's Church
5933 W. National Ave., 53214259-1229
St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226259-4664
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

MEDICAL

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
820 Plankinton Ave., 53203273-1991
(800) 359-9272
Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/Primary Care)

BESTD (Brady East STD) Clinic (STD diagnosis and treatment; HIV tests) 1240 E Brady 53202272-2144
BESTD Womens Clinic
1240 E Brady, 53202272-2144
Gay Mens HIV+ Support Group
BESTD Clinic272-2144
Gay Men's Support Group for Partners of HIV+ Men
BESTD Clinic272-2144
Health Options (Holistic Health Services)
823 N. 2nd Street, #811, 53202225-9303
Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center (HIV testing, condoms)
4311 W. Vliet, 53208342-4333
Positive Health Clinic
Medical Center Specialties Clinic
945 N 12, 53233219-7908
St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry
(Nursing Care)
10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226259-4664
STD Specialties Clinic
3251 N. Holton, 53212264-8800

BARS

1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F)
196 S. 2nd St., 53204273-7474
Barbie's Playhouse (Wm)
700 E. Meinecke, 53212374-7441
3 Boot Camp (M, L/L)
209 E. National Ave., 53204643-6900
4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D)
231 S. 2nd St., 53204291-9600
5 Club 219 (Mw, DJ, V)
219 S. 2nd St., 53204271-3732
4 Dish (Wm, DJ)
235 S. 2nd St., 53204273-DISH
Emeralds
801 E. Hadley, 53206265-7325
6 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F)
1100 S. 1st St., 53204647-9950
2 Fannie's (Wm, D, F)
200 E. Washington St., 53204649-9003
9 Fluid (Mw)
819 S. 2nd St., 53204645-8330
22 Kathy's Nut Hut (Wm, G/S, F, D)
1500 W. Scott 53201647-2673
7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V)
801 S. 2nd St., 53204383-8330
21 Milwaukee Eagle (Mw, DJ, D)
300 W. Juneau Ave., 53203273-6900
10 M&M Club (Mw, F)
124 N. Water 53202347-1962
29 South Water Street Docks
354 E. National Ave., 53204225-9676
20 Station 2 (Wm, D)
1534 W. Grant 53215383-5755
30 Switch (Mw)
124 W. National Ave., 53204220-4340
13 This Is It (M)
418 E. Wells 53202278-9192
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1205 E. Brady St., 53202	291-5233
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1340 W. Towne Square Rd., Mequon	241-9589
Cielito Lindo	
733 South 2nd St., 53204	649-0401
Fitzpatrick's	
W2596 Hwy E.S., East Troy, 53120	642-7999
Harry's Bar and Grill	
3539 N. Oakland Ave., 53211	694-6800
La Fuente	
625 South 5th St., 53204	271-8595
10 M&M/Glass Menagerie (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)	
124 N. Water 53202	347-1962
North Shore Bistro	272-0111
Riverpoint Village, I-43 & Brown Deer	351-6100
Silver Dollar Cafe	
831 South 16th Street, 53204	645-8860

HELP LINES

The Force	
(referrals to GBLT counselors)	276-8487
Gay Information Svcs.	
(referrals)	444-7331
Gay Bash Hotline (confidential)	444-7331
Gay Youth WI Hotline	272-TEEN
	888-GAY-TEEN
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	271-3123
Pathfinders (24-hour youth counseling/referrals)	271-1560
Wisconsin AIDSline (free/anonymous)	(414) 273-AIDS
	(800) 334-AIDS
Milw. Mayor's Office LesBiGay Problem Resolution	
	286-2200

SERVICES

Able Amazon (Home Repair, Remodeling)	447-0251
Barney H. Moore Agency (insurance)	536-7575
7655 W. Luscher Ave., 53218	
Bay Tax Service, Paul Rathjen	332-9584
B&G Construction	405-7843
Carlo's (Hair Styling)	604-0713
Creative Home Concepts (Home/Remodel)	964-5945
Roland E. Daneau, CPA (Accounting/Tax Service)	
	962-1400
Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling)	
6510 W. Layton Ave., 53215	282-6160
Financial Planning Services (Investments/Insurance)	
	445-5552
Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)	
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202	272-2427
Full Moon Productions (Women's Music Promoters)	
N235 Co Hwy W, Campbellsport, 53010	
Gay/Lesbian International News Network (GLINN)	
PO Box 93626, 53203 (Fax 289-0789)	289-8640
GLINN Voice Mail	289-8780
Rod Gilbert (Prudential Real Estate)	

	784-9360
Voice Mail	797-7600
GLINN Network One (Internet Access, www.gn1.net)	
1618 N. Jackson, 53202	289-8640
e-mail	sales@gn1.net
Horizon Travel (Member IGTA)	
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051	255-0704
Hume, Attorney Kathleen	
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners, 53130	529-2129
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Denis Jackson, PhD. (Relational training, hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling)	276-8669
Klaus & Meyers (attorneys)	
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C.A. Klein (Accounting Services)	384-1640
Landmark Plumbing	224-8008
Makin' Tracks Travel	
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Millennia Hair Design	
8007 N. Port Washington Rd., #103, 53217	228-0391
Milwaukee Financial Planning Service	
(money management, retirement planning)	
175 N Corporate Dr #110 Brookfield 53045	792-1690
Milwaukee Restoration (construction)	771-2917
Realty Executives, (real estates sales)	
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Red Tail Painting & Restoration	607-1180
e-mail: redtail@execpc.com	
Reiki Master/Wm Jacobs	
(energy balancing)	668-8860
Side by Side (performers)	961-2135
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Jack Smith (Realtor)	962-4413
home/voice mail	224-1452
Streff Advertising/Sandy Lewis	771-8300
7600 Harwood Ave., Wauwatosa, 53213	
Travel Directions (Travel Agency)	
515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213	774-2174
Travel Experience (Travel Agency)	744-6020
Wauker Photography (Portraits, Commitments, Advertising)	
by appointment only	383-0740
Wells Ink, Advertising & Design (Advertising, PR)	
1661 N. Water St., Suite 411, 53202	272-2116

RETAIL

Adambomb Gallerie (tattoos, jewelry)	
524 S. 2nd St., 53204	276-BOMB
AfterWords (G/L Bookstore & Espresso Bar)	
2710 N. Murray, 53211	963-9089
Argosy (Gifts & Decorative Accessories)	
18900 W. Bluemound Rd., Brookfield, 53045	821-6900
Back Pages (Bookstore)	
1425 W. Oklahoma Ave.,	383-6464
Body Inspired (Health Club)	
2009 E. Kenilworth Place	272-8622
Body Ritual (Body Piercing, Jewelry, Gifts)	
2010 N. Farwell Ave., 53202	273-3777
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
Designing Men (cards, t-shirts, jewelry, leather, etc.)	
1200 S 1st St., 53204	389-1200

Edictic i (art/gifts)	
411 E. Silver Spring, Whitefish Bay, 53217	906-0665
Forever Yours (flowers, fresh cut, dried)	
2201 E Capitol Dr., 53211	963-1006
Highland Garden Center	
5911 W. Vliet St., 53208	607-9607
Mega Discount Nursery	
1901 E. Rowson Ave., Oak Creek 53154	571-6565
Out of Solitude Jewelry	
918 E. Brady St., 53202	223-3101
Outpost Natural Foods	
100 E. Capitol Dr., 53212	964-7789
exchange@execpc.com	
Popular News (adult books, videos)	
225 N. Water St., 53202	278-0636
Red Wheelbarrow Bookshop	
1213 E. Brady St., 53202	223-5941
Survival Revival (Resale Shop)	
246 E. Chicago, 53202	291-2856
Video Adventures (video/dvd sales/rentals)	
1418 E. Brady St., 53202	272-6768
Wishful Things (Antiques)	
207 E Buffalo, 53202	964-9799

CENTRAL WI (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1105 Grand Ave., #3, Scholfield, 54476	(800) 551-3311
Central Wisconsin Rainbow Alliance	
P.O. Box 390, Stevens Point, 54481	
	(715) 592-6245, extension 5920200
Joseph T. Chojnacki, PH.D. (Psychologist)	
Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, 54449	387-5442
The Edgewater — Inn & Resort	
Eagle River, 54521	1-888-334-3987
http://www.edgeinn.com	
Empowerment/PAWS (Newsletter for PWAs)	
1932 Strongs 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. (MGLGO)	
c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449	
Vic: (715) 387-2068 Jim	(715) 384-6731
Platwood Club (MW, D)	
701 Highway 10W, St. Pt., 54481	341-8862
Prince Edward B&B	
203 W 5th, Shawana 54166	526-2805
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous	
(ask for Gay meetings)	536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP	
336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481	346-4851

NORTH CENTRAL (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
Oneida County Health Dept.	(715) 369-6228
P.O. Box 400, Courthouse, Rhinelander, 54501	
Gay/Lesbian Support Group	
Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave. Ashland 54806	
Northern WI Lambda Society	
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bi's	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: 458-2506Carolyn:467-0422	
Sheboygan Antiques	
336 Superior Avenue 53081	452-6757
Wesley United Methodist Church (Reconciling Cngregation)	
823 Union Avenue, Sheboygan	458-4889

RACINE/KENOSHA (414)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin	
1212 57th St., Kenosha, 53140	657-6644
	(800) 924-6601
Clubhouse Filling Station (Mw)	
6325 120th Ave., Kenosha 53140	857-3744
Club 94 (MW, DJ)	
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C& I-94)	
Kenosha 53140	857-9958
Doggie Style (Pet Grooming)	
6828 Sheridan Road, Kenosha 53143	657-5667
JoDee's (MW, DJ)	
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403	634-9804
What About Me? (WM)	
600 6th St. Racine 53403	632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)	554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine	
625 College, Racine 54303	634-0659
UW-Parkside G/L Organization	
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141	595-2244
UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union	
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190	472-5738

Diamond Hill Inn B&B	
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie	63-4421
Wychowolde (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
Cothren House (B&B)	
Mineral Point	987-2612
Crossroads Bar (G/S/M/W)	
W6642 Hwy 8, Lake Mills 53551	648-8457
The Kismet (MW, DJ)	
232 Shirland Ave., Beloit 54991	363-8764

NORTHWEST (715)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Eau Claire (www.arcw.org)	
505 Dewey Street S., Suite 107 Eau Claire 54701	836-7710
	(800) 750-2437
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin—Superior (www.arcw.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 (eglcove@cannon.net)	
W4387 120th Avenue, Maiden Rock, 54750	448-4302
GLOBE (Campus LesBiGay group)	
105 Garfield, 132 Davies Ctr, 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 Lesbians & 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	
Menominee, 54751 UW Eau Claire	
Variations on Spring (Gifts, Collectibles)	
22 West Spring Chippewa Falls 54729	723-8490

SOUTHWEST AND WEST CENTRAL (608)

AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)	
Grandview Center, 1707 Main St., #420	(608) 785-9866
La Crosse, WI 54601	(800) 947-3353
The Alliance (LesBiGay Social Group)	
PO Box 131, Platteville 53818	348-5596
e-mail: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu	
Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)	
114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601	782-9061
Chela and Rose's B&B and Forest Retreat	735-4829
GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)	
P.O. Box 602, Onalaska, 54650-0602	791-1963
Gay & Lesbian Alliance	
Box 131, Platteville, 53818	
LaCrosse L/G Support Group	
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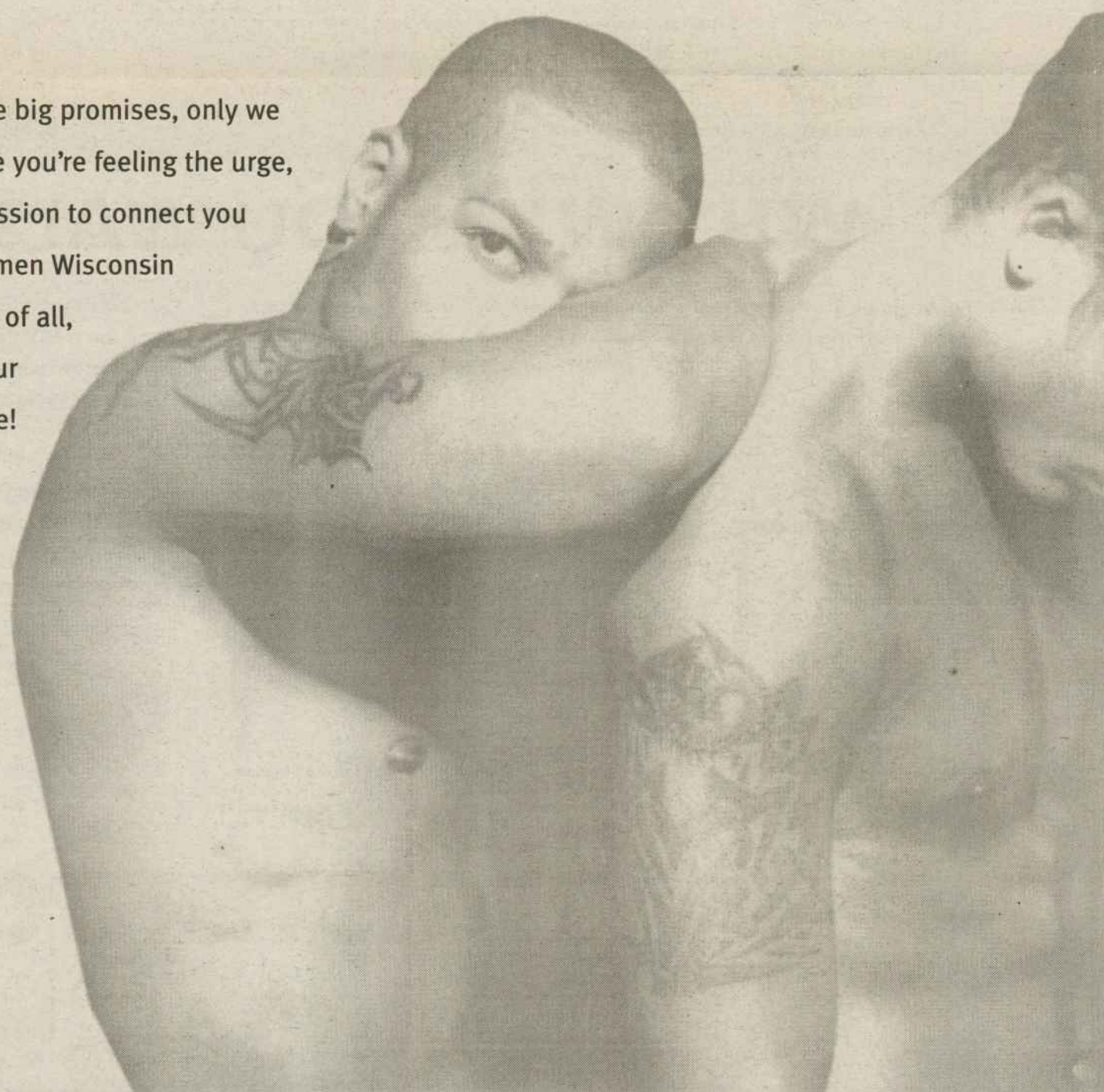
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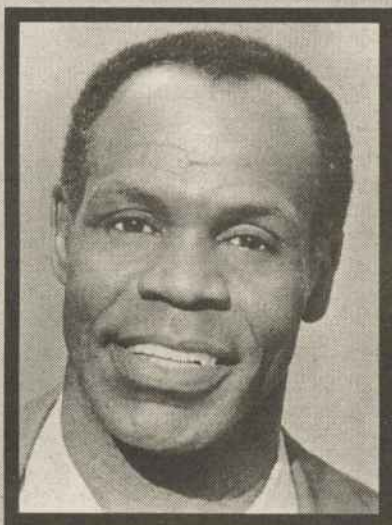
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