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Gay Airman Guilty of Going AWOL from Fears

Atlanta — A military judge has found Airman Douglas Gilley Jr. not guilty of desertion but guilty of the lesser charge of being AWOL from the Moody Air Force Base near Valdosta, Ga.

Gilley had told the military court that he went AWOL out of concerns he would be the subject of anti-gay attacks if his sexual orientation became widely known at the base.

"I didn't want to become the Matthew Shepard of Moody Air Force Base," Gilley told local reporters, referring to the death of a gay University of Wyoming student who was killed because he was gay.

Gilley's partner is ailing with cancer and says he needs Gilley to help him battle the disease — which Gilley told the court would inevitably lead to others on base learning he is gay.

The judge hearing the case sentenced Gilley to a reduced rank, forfeiture of his pay, seven months confinement and a bad-conduct discharge.

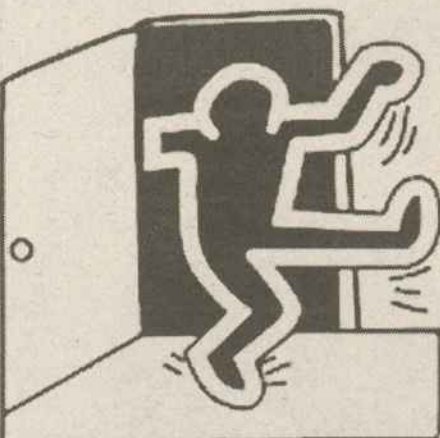
Protests Expected for Falwell-White Meeting

Lynchburg, Va. — Mel White and Jerry Falwell, two ministers with diametrically opposing theological views on homosexuality, announced that they would hold a meeting in October of 200 supporters of each group to discuss ways of lowering the shrill tone used in condemning each other's views.

Many have expressed skepticism that they can accomplish such a task, and now pro- and anti-gay groups say they may show up at the Oct. 23 meeting, both intending to protest the gathering.

The Lynchburg Police Dept. says Fred Phelps, head of the family-run Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kan., had called about obtaining a permit to protest the meeting, as had an unidentified anti-gay group from Texas. Phelps showed up last year for a protest at Falwell's church, saying the anti-gay preacher was "too lenient" on homosexuality.

But gay rights activist Bob Kunst, who heads a local group called the Oral Majority, has already applied for a permit. Kunst told police he expected about a hundred people to join his protest of the meeting — and that he would bring a 5-foot papier mache donkey and a 2-foot Tinky Winky doll as part of the protest.



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Higher Returns Expected for '99 AIDS Ride

AIDS Ride to Return in 2000

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Madison — Preliminary figures from the 1999 Twin Cities-Wisconsin-Chicago AIDS Ride indicate that Wisconsin riders and Pallotta TeamWorks, Inc. have managed a nearly 300% increase in money returned to Wisconsin AIDS organizations over the troubled 1998 ride.

According to Bob Power, Executive Director of AIDS Network, the initial fig-

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ures for 1999 show that approximately 40% of the money raised in the Wisconsin portion of the ride will go to benefiting agencies. In 1998, the rate of return for the Wisconsin AIDS Ride was less than 10%. The low return 1998 was roundly criticized by many in the AIDS community.

Power told *IN Step* that he expected approximately \$250,000 to \$275,000 to be split among the Wisconsin benefiting agencies in 1999. That is a substantial increase over the \$65,000 returned in 1998.

"I think the term turn-around is appropriate and we are very pleased," Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin told *IN Step*. ARCW is one of the benefiting agencies of the ride.

Wisconsin AIDS Ride 2000

AIDS organizations in both Chicago and the Twin Cities, were offered a con-

tract for next year's ride. However, according to Power, Pallotta was reluctant to sign up for Wisconsin in 2000 due to the low number of riders and a perceived lack of overall support from all of the Wisconsin beneficiaries.

The Wisconsin leg of the Twin Cities-Wisconsin-Chicago AIDS Ride is also the smallest of several AIDS Rides produced by Pallotta. The small size, coupled with increased scrutiny following low returns in 1998 made Pallotta seriously consider dropping the Wisconsin portion.

An agreement was reached only after lengthy discussions with Pallotta TeamWorks, Inc., according to Power.

"I am pleased that Pallotta was open to listening to the riders and the beneficiaries from Wisconsin and that they [Pallotta] made a decision in Wisconsin's favor," Power says.

"Pallotta was skeptical and not convinced that the ride in Wisconsin was viable," added Power.

An action plan from Wisconsin was presented to Pallotta including proposals on how benefiting agencies might work with Pallotta to improve the event.

That plan, accepted by Pallotta, includes a Wisconsin recruitment manager who will share space in AIDS Network's Madison office. The recruitment manager in 1999 was based in Chicago. Power believes this move will make it easier to recruit and retain riders. Other changes for next year's ride include a statewide marketing plan to attract more riders and support. AIDS Network will again act as lead agency for the Wisconsin portion of the ride.

Despite the criticism leveled by some, AIDS Network and the other benefiting agencies believe the AIDS Ride makes sense for their bottom line.

"I think it always takes time to get something like this off the ground," explains Power. "The total amount Pallotta puts back into agencies is unequalled. Yes, [Pallotta] takes their share. But, when you look at the total amounts raised, there isn't anything else that comes close."

If somebody has a better idea that can make us that kind of money, our ears open."

Beneficiaries for the Wisconsin AIDS Ride in 2000 will include The National Minorities AIDS Council, ARCW and Camp Heartland and AIDS Network.

Doyle, Diversity Conference To Address LGBT Issues



—James Doyle

Brookfield — Wisconsin Attorney General James Doyle will be the keynote speaker at "Threats to Diversity - Meeting the Challenge," a day-long conference to be held Oct. 9. The conference, sponsored by

the Interfaith Alliance of Southern Wisconsin, will be held at the Unitarian Church West, 13001 W. North Ave. in Brookfield.

The conference will address the activities of the Religious Right and how they impact on LGBT civil rights, education, welfare, health and reproductive rights.

Also presenting will be Sue Matulis, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Research Center, a right-wing watchdog group; Christopher Ahmuty, Executive Director of the Wisconsin chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union; F. M. "Mike" Fitzpatrick, President of Action Wisconsin, the LGBT civil rights group; Judy Mann of Wisconsin Planned Parenthood and Carol Medaris of the Wisconsin Council on children and Families.

Registration for the conference is \$15 per person and includes lunch and refreshments. Registrants may enroll at the door, and are encouraged to contact Bernice Popelka at (414) 228-4689 for more information or to pre-register.

Madison Makes DP History

**RESOLUTION EXTENDING
HEALTH INSURANCE
BENEFITS TO DOMESTIC
PARTNERS OF CITY
EMPLOYEES PASSES**

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — "It's a longtime coming," said Madison Common Council President and open lesbian Judy Olson several hours before the Council made history on Oct. 5 and passed a domestic partnership plan which would make Madison the first Wisconsin municipality to offer health benefits to LGBT couples.

The measure passed the Council with a widespread community voice calling for domestic partnership benefits as a matter of equity and human rights.

"We're talking about righting a wrong that has gone on for way too long," said Ald. Mike Verveer, sponsor of the initiative, in a sometimes emotional speech delivered some 15 minutes after registrants spoke on the initiative. "You cannot put a price tag on civil rights."

Verveer went to refute objections that the plan was too expensive, saying there

existed "a mountain of evidence" to the contrary.

Under the Domestic Partners Health Insurance Reimbursement Plan, city employees and their registered domestic



Judy Olson

partners and dependents are reimbursed for the financial disparity between what the City pays for single coverage health care insurance and traditional family health care insurance coverage.

The DP plan mirrored the recommendation made by the Labor and Management Committee established by Mayor Sue Bauman in 1998.

"It's a really exciting time to be on the council. At the very highest, it shows

how much as a city we are willing to set an example and go against the norm to become the only Wisconsin municipality to do this. I think it sets a shining example for our colleagues around the state," said Ald. Matt Sloan, one of three openly LGBT members on the 20-member council.

Ald. Steve Holtzman led a handful of handwringing council members both voting against the resolution and claiming a commitment to LGBT civil rights.

The domestic partnership plan passed 14 to 5, with one member absent.

It's a political certainty the domestic partnership resolution will be signed by the Mayor, and the benefits package will begin on January 1, 2000.

How They Voted

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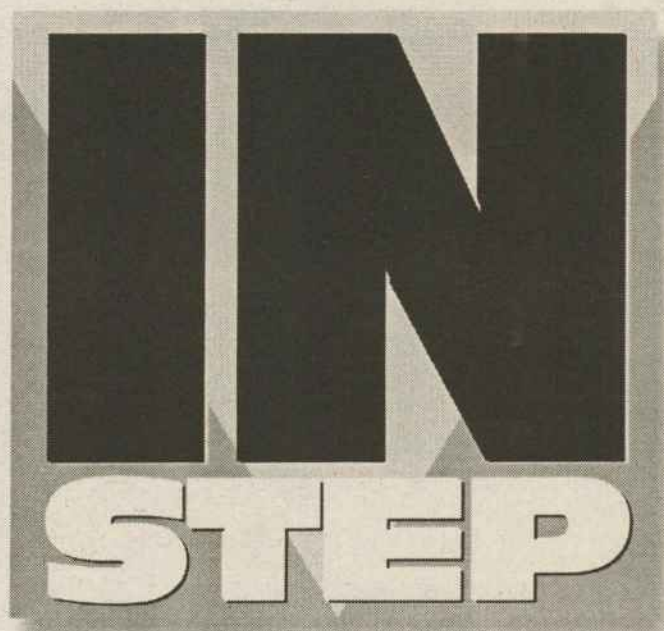
Linda Bellman, Barbara Vedder, Michael Verveer, Jose Sentmanat, Judy Olson, Michael Staude, Ken Golden, Jean MacCubbin, Matt Sloan, Tim Bruer, Kent Palmer, Judy Compton, Roberta Kiesow and Gary Poulson

Voting in Against:

Warren Onken, Cindy Thomas, Susan Hamblin, Dorothy Borchardt and Steve Holtzman

Absent: Santiago Rosas

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Drug-Resistant HIV Strains a Growing Problem

Chicago — Two new medical studies indicate that resistance to commonly used AIDS drugs is increasing in the U.S. as the medical therapies become more widely used among patients infected with HIV. Although medical experts say doctors may have to rely on different drug combinations tailored more precisely to each patient, the findings need not impede current treatment.

The drugs are, AIDS experts say, victims of their own success. Dr. Roger Pomerantz of the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia says their use against diseases like AIDS causes the organisms to mutate so the therapy may sooner or later become ineffective.

"Anywhere you put the selection pressure of an antibiotic or, in this case, anti-virals, you will stimulate evolution of the pathogen," Pomerantz says. "If you don't have the drugs, this virus will not develop resistance, just like every other pathogen."

Dr. Daniel Boden of the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York says drug resistance is the main reason for AIDS/HIV treatment failures in the U.S. today. Boden led a research study just published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* that found 13 of 80 HIV-positive white gay men tested had drug resistant strains of the virus.

"The overall prevalence of drug-resistant virus was 16 per cent, which was quite high, and multi-drug-resistant virus was found in 3.8 percent," Boden says.

In another study published in the journal, a team at the University of California at San Diego found 25% of 141 infected patients tested were resistant to one or more commonly used anti-AIDS drugs.

The percentages in the two studies differed because they defined drug resistance differently. Nevertheless, Dr. Pomerantz says they both reveal a similar trend.

Report: Another Millennium March Flap

New Orleans — According to a report in Atlanta's *Southern Voice*, the board of the problem-plagued Millennium March on Washington, slated for March 2000, ended a series of closed meetings with a shakeup that includes hiring an executive director to take over most of the work now handled by producers Robin Tyler and Ginny Foat.

The paper reported that both Tyler and Foat were angered with the board's actions as "unethical and illegal" violations of contracts signed by event organizers with Robin Tyler Productions.

The newspaper reported that Foat resigned "effective immediately should the executive director appointment stand."

According to the report, Tyler indicated she would continue her work according to the earlier contract but was "not willing to work under an executive director."

Board members declined to discuss the restructuring publicly.

Calif. Governor Signs Major Bills into Law

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Sacramento, Calif. — After years of little statewide political progress during Republican administrations, California's new Democratic legislature and governor, Gray Davis, rolled up the legislative year with three important new gay rights laws. Under-scoring the national political significance of the new measure, Gov. Davis announced the signing of the three bills into law at the Gay and Lesbian Presidential Dinner in Beverly Hills, where he and President Clinton were the guests of honor.

"These three bills will send a message across the country and around the world that we are determined to unleash the full potential of the human spirit here in California," Davis said in remarks at the fund-raising event.

One measure — AB 537, sponsored by State Rep. Sheila Kuehl (D-Santa Monica) — will make it unlawful to harass or intimidate students in the state's public schools because of their actual or presumed sexual orientation. The measure, and a previous version that narrowly failed, incited one of the most contentious debates in the legislature this year.

Kuehl said she was "moved beyond words" by Davis signing the new bill into law, which she had worked for since she was elected to the legislature in 1994. "This bill sends a message to school administrators that they must take steps to stop this kind of harassment," she said.

Three other states — Connecticut, Massachusetts and Wisconsin — already have similar laws in place, but activists say the passage of the Kuehl bill will be a huge catalyst for other states to follow suit.

A second bill, AB 1001, will add sexual orientation to the anti-bias provisions of the state's fair employment and housing act. State courts had already ruled several years ago that such employment discrimination was illegal under existing state anti-bias laws governing gender, and gay rights foes had in the past used those court rulings to oppose codifying new anti-bias laws. But rights advocates had insisted the law was needed because the state court rulings were "weak" and inconsistent. The new law, sponsored by Antonio Villaraigosa, the Los Angeles Democrat who is also the speaker of the state Assembly, overcomes those problems, backers of the measure say.

The third and final bill — AB 26 sponsored by San Francisco Democratic Assemblywoman Carol Migden — makes

same-sex partners of state workers eligible for health-care benefits. A more sweeping version of the measure was vetoed earlier this year by Davis, who considered it "excessive and unfair."

The Migden bill also allows unmarried same-sex couples in California to register with the secretary of state's office. Although the bill doesn't extend any financial benefits, it does give registered couples hospital or prison visitation rights as well as providing them with legal registration that may be helpful with private employers or local governments.

Davis, who has generally been supportive of civil rights legislation and, in favor of gay rights, is considered a centrist Democrat and his signature on all three measures had been uncertain until he announcement. Far-right anti-gay foes had lobbied intensely for vetoes, especially of the school anti-bias measure.

The far-right Capitol Resource Institute called the bill "radical" and urged conservatives and religious groups to flood Davis' office with calls opposing the school anti-bias bill. For several days, officials and state lawmakers complained that they were unable to reach the governor's office by phone and hand-delivered messengers frequently had to be used to reach Davis' office.

But despite fundamentalist far-right opposition — including a state ballot measure next year to bar recognizing same-sex marriages — activists introduced their most ambitious legislative package ever this past year. The bold move followed the election of Gov. Davis, the first Democrat to hold governor's office in 16 years, along with the election of enough Democrats to the state legislature to take narrow control of both houses for the first time in years.

Soldier to be Court Martialed in Killing

Fort Campbell, Ky. — Pvt. Calvin Glover will face a court martial on charges of premeditated murder in the July killing of Pfc. Barry Winchell, who was allegedly killed at least in part because he was gay. Winchell was beaten to death with a baseball bat in his barracks and died in a hospital the next day.

Investigating officers recommended the court martial after hearings in August at the base. No date for the court martial has yet been set and Glover could face a life prison sentence if found guilty of the killing.

Winchell, 21, of Kansas City, Mo., had only shortly before his death begun acknowledging his sexual orientation and his brutal killing attracted national attention, first because military authorities seemed extremely reluctant even to admit the killing may have been a gay-bashing, and next because the brutal death underscored serious failing in the Pentagon's current anti-gay policies.

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CAIR To Host HIV/AIDS Prevention Conference

Milwaukee — The Medical College of Wisconsin's Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) will host two days of education and information-sharing at its 1999 HIV/AIDS prevention conference scheduled for Oct. 25 and 26 at Milwaukee's downtown Hilton Hotel.

The HIV/AIDS epidemic has been a rapidly changing landscape of prevention efforts, at-risk populations, public policy debates, and treatment advances. Front-line specialists in all areas of HIV/AIDS prevention are challenged to anticipate new directions and respond to unexpected turns in the course of the epidemic. CAIR's 1999 "State of the Science in HIV/AIDS Prevention" conference is dedicated to providing opportunities for the public health, scientific and health care communities to share information about effective and innovative advances in HIV/AIDS prevention and care.

David R. Holtgrave, Ph.D., director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention: Intervention Research and Support, will present the keynote speech on Oct. 25. Dr. Holtgrave's division has major national responsibilities in funding HIV prevention programs, providing technical assistance to HIV prevention service delivery organizations, conducting program evaluation studies, and performing HIV prevention intervention research. Holtgrave will speak about the role of HIV prevention in today's era of treatment advances and policy change.

Keynote speaker for Oct. 26 will be

Terje Anderson, deputy executive director for policy of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA). Anderson is also a co-chair of National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), a coalition of more than 175 national organizations, and he is a member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS. As a former injection heroin user, former sex industry worker, and openly gay man living with HIV, Anderson brings a wealth of personal perspectives in addition to his professional HIV/AIDS background to this year's event.

The conference will also feature 11 breakout sessions on a variety of HIV/AIDS prevention and care topics. Local and national HIV prevention experts will host these sessions. Call (414) 456-7700 or (800) 644-1615 for more information or to register.

New Lesbian Al-Anon Group to Meet

Milwaukee — A new Al-Anon meetings for lesbians has formed and will begin meeting at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center beginning Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Al-Anon is an anonymous 12-step recovery group for relatives or friends of alcoholics. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism in a relative or friend.

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Gay Umpire Featured at UWM's 'Coming Out' Week Celebration



—Dave Pallone

Milwaukee — In honor of National Coming Out Day on Oct. 11, the Rainbow Alliance at UWM (formerly known as the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Community and before that the 10% Society) will devote an entire week to the celebration they now call "National Coming Out Week."

Their biggest event will be the appearance of Dave Pallone, a national speaker — once a major league umpire — who was fired when he was outed. The program, *Who's Really On First?* will be presented at the UWM student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. Pallone was invited back to the UW-Milwaukee campus due to the high amount of requests from those who had seen him before. Admission to the event is free.

Pallone is the author of the best-selling autobiography, *Behind the Mask: My Double Life in Baseball*, which offers a revealing look at baseball through the eyes of a gay man. Making history on Oct. 11, 1995, Pallone and tennis great Martina Navratilova appeared on stage together for a candid conversation at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. It was the first time that two prominent, openly gay people in professional sports appeared on stage in the United States.

Pallone travels the States talking with major corporations and universities about integrating and accepting queers in business, school and life. He has made a significant contribution to society by educating and enlightening people in the reality of sexual orientation. He sheds light on this not-so-openly-discussed topic that demands immediate attention on campus and in the workplace.

Other events scheduled for the week include an informational booth and pictures with the UW-M mascot (the Panther) in the Student Union on Monday, Oct. 11; an anti-hate crime candle vigil in honor of Matthew Shepard at 7 p.m. in Spights Plaza, in the Student Union on Wednesday, Oct. 13; an amateur drag show at 7 p.m. in the Union Theater on Thursday, Oct. 14; and on Friday, Oct. 15, the weekly meeting of the Rainbow Alliance will be held in the Student Union, with coming out stories, food and drink!

The Rainbow Alliance is the queer campus organization of which any student may be a member. There are no dues or fees and their goal is to educate the campus on queer culture and to provide a safe place for queer students to come and talk with peers and listen to other students who may have similar issues. Beyond the support and political activities, they are also a social group. There are movie nights, cookouts, and the occasional night of bar-hopping. To contact them, call (414) 229-6555 or e-mail them at glbc@uwm.edu.

Lesbian Health & Wellness Series in Madison

Madison — The Lesbian Health Issues Task Force, which has been in existence since 1995, is presenting its second annual *Health & Wellness Series*. The sessions began on Saturday, Oct. 2, and will continue each Saturday through the end of the month. Each session is different in content and is designed for lesbians and any other women who have an interest in learning more about breast cancer and other health-related topics. There is no charge for the sessions.

Sessions will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jennifer St. Topics include: "Cancer and the Environment" on Oct. 9; Feel Up, "Feel Good: A Day For Us" on Oct. 16; and "Menopause & Cancer Risk" on Oct. 30. All events will provide refreshments, day care with advanced notice, ASL interpreters, and are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call Megan Barry at (608) 246-0101.

KUUMBA Seeks Female Poets and Performance Artists

Milwaukee — KUUMBA Productions is looking for female poets and performance artists for its upcoming Revolution of Womyn poetry open mike on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second Street.

Revolution of Womyn is a monthly multicultural gathering bringing women together through poetry and performance art. October's open mike takes place at the center at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 873-7133.

Thinking "Maybe a Baby?"

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's Oct. 21 Rainbow U lecture series will explore the options for single parents and same-sex couples looking to start a family.

The lecture will cover adoption, foster care, surrogacy and artificial insemination. Additional discussion will identify opportunities for single and same-sex parents to connect, provide support and share experiences.

Pastor Andrew Warner of Plymouth

Church is one of the lecture's organizers. "We see an increasing interest in this issue. This lecture will be both informative and supportive to persons wanting to explore their parenting options."

The Rainbow U Lecture series occurs on the third Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St.

"We created this program to encourage discussion and information sharing on issues that are particularly relevant to our community," said Neil Albrecht, LGBT Community Center Executive Director.

For more information on the Rainbow U lecture series or other LGBT Community Center programs, call (414) 271-2656.

BWMT-Milwaukee Social Group Schedules Meetings

Milwaukee — After a hiatus of several years, a new social group of Black & White Men Together (BWMT) is forming in Milwaukee. This social organization is open to all who support the concept that love can be found and supported across racial barriers. One need not be in a relationship, nor does a person have to be cross-racial themselves to join. Couples and singles are welcome.

The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. Second St. It is anticipated that the group will meet every third Saturday of the month and have a number of alternative social activities each month. For more information, call (414) 461-4586, voice mail 3 or check out the BWMT-Milwaukee Web site: <http://members.aol.com/Milw4bwmt>.

Flu Shots Offered at M&M Club

Milwaukee — The flu season is almost upon us and, once again, Flu shots will be offered at the M&M Club upper level banquet room on Thursday, Oct. 21 and Tuesday, Oct. 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. The vaccinations continue to be recommended for individuals who are immune compromised and their care takers.

This community outreach is sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Nurses' Association, the M&M Club, the Milwaukee Health Department, BESTD Clinic, and *IN Step*. The flu shots are free, however, donations will be accepted. For more information, contact BESTD Clinic at (414) 272-2144 or Jeff Miller at (414) 817-0957.

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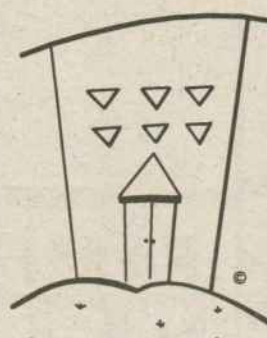
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Lesbian, Gay Cops Plan Convention

Miami — The Gay & Lesbian Criminal Justice Professionals, which represents gay and lesbian law enforcement officers, has announced that it will hold its convention next year in Key West, Fla., which it says has the second-best law enforcement agency in the U.S. in terms of being openly gay or lesbian.

The organization says Boston's police department is the country's best and the Los Angeles Police Department is third. The convention will be held Sept. 19-24, 2000.

Transsexual Teacher Fights for Job

Antelope, Calif. — A popular high school teacher suspended after announcing his intention to get a sex-change operation is fighting for his job.

Dana Lee Rivers, who changed his name from David Warfield, received notice from the Center Unified School District over the weekend that he will be fired due to his "evident unfitness for service" as a teacher, his lawyer, Margaret Geddes, said.

Rivers contends he was put on paid administrative leave in August by the school district because of his decision to become a woman. Rivers has filed a complaint with the state labor commissioner asking for his job back.

He is taking hormones to prepare for a sex-change operation next year that would complete his transformation to a woman. He said he has a disorder that causes people to suffer extreme discomfort with their sexual identity.

In May, knowing he would return to school this fall as Dana Rivers, he sent a letter to co-workers.

"I want to be a whole person," he wrote. "It is not a lifestyle choice. It is not a fetish. I am not hoping to make any kind of social or political statement. It is the single most significant aspect of who I am."

Chicago's Howard Brown Celebrates 25th Anniversary

Chicago — Chicago's Howard Brown Health Center, one of the nation's leading health-care facilities for lesbians, gay men and bisexuals, is observing its 25th anniversary this year.

Launched in 1974 as the Gay Horizons and Gay Medical Students Association VD Clinic, it was renamed later in honor of openly gay Illinois physician Howard Brown, New York City's first public health commissioner and a co-founder of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force.

The agency rose from shoestring budgets run by volunteers to its current mainstream status as one of the leading health-care facilities in the country operating with an annual budget of \$8.5 million. It serves some 30,000 people each year.

Florida School Says Boy in Drag Can't Be Queen

Tampa, Fla. — JaVonn Hicks dreams of being homecoming queen but a Florida school district says no way. JaVonn Hicks is a boy.

"It's not a sexual orientation issue," Hillsborough County public school

"IT'S SOMETHING I REALLY WANT TO DO. I'M NOT ASHAMED OF WHO I AM."

spokesman Mark Hart said in a recent interview. "It's about equity."

Hart said Hicks' school would choose both a homecoming king and a homecoming queen, with boys running for king and girls for queen.

"If there wasn't a category for him to participate, then he would have the right to be homecoming queen," Hart said. "He has the opportunity to run, because he's a boy, for king."

The 17-year-old student, who wears blue polish on perfectly manicured nails, has been allowed to dress in drag since his sophomore year at Tampa Bay Vo-Tech.

Hicks, whose bedroom resembles that of any high school girl, with fashion magazines, lipstick, curling iron and fingernail polish strewn about, was diagnosed with gender identity disorder but does not want a sex-change operation. He dresses as a girl because he is more comfortable that way.

"I'm a very fashionable boy," said Hicks, who says he is gay. "I'm happy the way I am. I don't know why I was born a boy or why this is happening to me. I just take the bitter with the sweet."

Tampa Bay Vo-Tech Principal Sylvia Albritton said Hicks has been well accepted by other students.

"The student body has been very supportive of him," she said. "He's a respectable student and he's very stylish in what he wears."

Hicks' slinky black prom dress hangs in his closet and he is still hoping school officials change their minds before the queen is crowned Oct. 23.

"It's something I really want to do," said Hicks. "I'm not ashamed of who I am. No student should be discriminated against."

Shepard's Mother Launches Ads

Atlanta (AP) — The mother of Matthew Shepard, the gay college student who was beaten and left for dead, launched a public service announcement Sunday aimed at curbing anti-gay taunting.

It begins airing this month on MTV. In the announcement, high school boys in a locker room shout anti-gay insults. Then Judy Shepard says: "The next time you use words like these, think about what they really mean." A photo of her son flashes on the screen with the dates 1976-1998. Then the words "Murdered" and "Hate" are followed by a shot of Mrs. Shepard with her head bowed.

"Please don't let there be a next time," she says quietly.

Shepard died Oct. 12, 1998, days after he was beaten unconscious and tied to a ranch fence outside Laramie, Wyo.

Two men were accused of luring the 21-year-old student out of a bar, driving him to a remote prairie and then robbing and pistol-whipping him.

Russell Arthur Henderson, 21, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison. Aaron James McKinney, 22, is scheduled to go on trial Oct. 11.

Mrs. Shepard's public service announcement is designed to get viewers to "think maybe there is a connection between their casual use of words like 'faggot' and 'homo' and a culture of intolerance that sometimes manifests itself in anti-gay violence," said Jim Anderson, spokesman for the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

It is part of the music network's "Take a Stand Against Violence" campaign.

Mrs. Shepard spoke Oct. 3 to about 600 students and educators who attended GSLEN's three-day conference in Atlanta.

Mexican Gays Parade To Virgin Shrine

Mexico City — About 150 gays, lesbians, transvestites and transsexuals marched through Mexico City Sept. 25 in a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Mexico's patron saint.

They carried balloons, chanted prayers, sang religious songs and handed flowers to onlookers.

Rev. Jorge Sosa of the Metropolitan Community Church said the marchers sought an end to "intolerance, discrimination and violence" against sexual minorities.

"We are here to give a testimony of faith and to ask the Virgin to renew the values of tolerance," he said. "The Virgin protects everyone and accepts everyone, and we're here to show her our devotion and to ask her protection as we fight for our rights in Mexico."

Catholic Cardinal Norberto Rivera denounced the procession.

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Lawyer Fights For Gay U.S. Vice-President

Seattle — Thirteen years ago, King County was officially renamed to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Now a gay activist is concerned about a move that would further emphasize the change because the county's original namesake, William Rufus Devane King, a 19th century vice president, is widely believed to have been gay.

Jason Kelley, a lawyer who is gay, said he plans to testify at a County Council committee hearing on a proposal to put a likeness of the slain civil rights leader on the county logo, replacing a generic crown.

Kelley says he doesn't object to the change sought by Council Member Larry Gossett, but believes Rufus King — a slave holder, founder of the town of Selma, Ala., and U.S. senator — should be remembered, too.

"Recognizing Vice President King, a homosexual, as well as Dr. King would do even more to celebrate the diversity of our county," Kelley said.

According to *Madmen and Geniuses: The Vice Presidents of the United States*, a book written by historian Sol Barzman in 1974, Rufus King and James Buchanan had a nearly 20-year relationship when both served in the Senate. Buchanan went on to become the nation's first unmarried president.

Barzman wrote that Andrew Jackson "had dubbed the prissy senator (King) 'Miss Nancy,'" and Aaron Brown, a prominent Tennessee Democrat, "referred to King as Buchanan's 'better half,' and described the Alabama senator as 'Aunt Fancy ... trigged (sic) out in her best clothes.'"

King was elected vice president on the pro-slavery ticket with Franklin Pierce in 1852. To curry favor for an attempt to gain statehood that year, the Oregon Territorial Legislature named Pierce County for the new president and King County for his vice president.

King died of tuberculosis in Alabama in 1853, a week

after taking the oath of office. Oregon was admitted to the union in 1859 after being carved out of the original territory, and the county names remained when Washington gained statehood in 1889.

In 1986 the County Council switched namesakes because of Rufus King was a slave holder and pro-slavery politician.

European Court Declares British Military Ban Illegal

London — Britain's liberal Labor government quickly acted to suspend all investigations into armed forces personnel believed to be homosexual after the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg declared the country's policy of banning gays and lesbian from military service illegal under international treaties.

The European Court's ruling came after five years of battling Britain's ban against homosexuals by four former service members — Graeme Grady, a former Royal Air Force officer; Jeannette Smith, a former RAF nurse; and John Beckett and Duncan Lustig-Prean, both former sailors with Britain's Navy.

Resistance within Britain's military leadership to ending the ban, however, appeared to remain high even though the ruling itself had come as no surprise and the government may face the prospect of paying out hundreds of thousands of dollars to compensate gay and lesbian ex-service members who have been booted from the armed forces because of their orientation.

But government officials in London said it will probably be two years before the actual policy of excluding homosexuals from military service can be changed because Parliament is not scheduled to debate a new armed forces bill until 2001.

Prime Minister Tony Blair's government, which has generally been very supportive of gay rights issues, indicated it will probably revise the military code on a provisional basis to temporarily stop most of the discharges of gays and lesbians.



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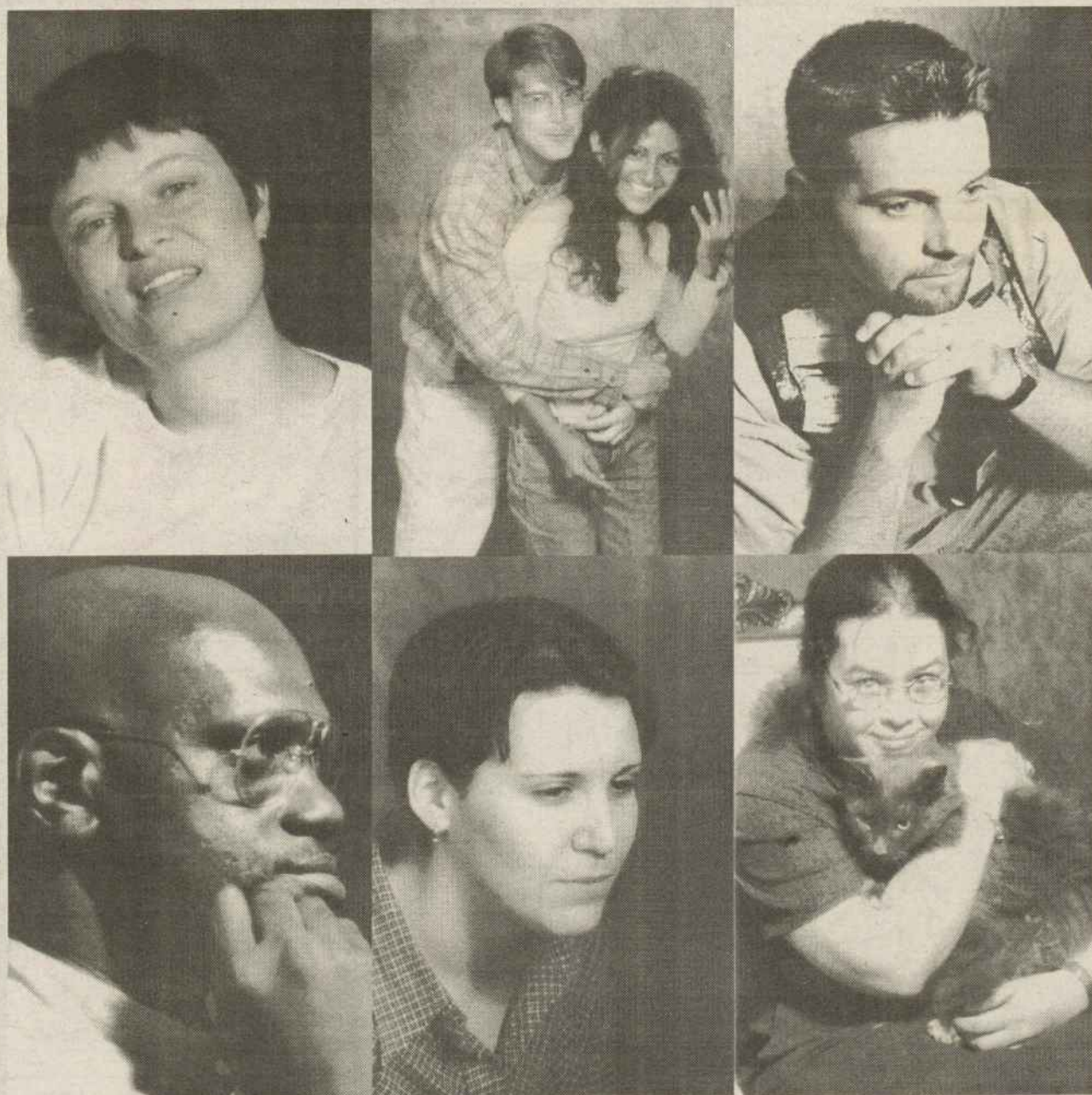
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St. Cassie of Columbine

by Chris Ott



By now you may have heard that the "martyrdom" of Cassie Bernall — one of the students killed in the library of Columbine High School — probably didn't happen as originally reported.

The story goes that Bernall said yes when asked by her killer if she believed in God. But Dave Cullen, a writer for the on-line magazine *Salon*, recently broke the news that Bernall was probably killed without having much of a chance for famous last words.

According to Cullen's interviews with the only living person to witness Cassie's death, Bernall was praying, "Dear God. Why is this happening? I just want to go home." Then Dylan Klebold slammed his hand on the table where she hid, yelled "Peekaboo!" and shot her without any theological questioning. The *Denver Post* and the *Rocky Mountain News* have belatedly corroborated Cullen's research, and investigators say that they doubt the conversation between Klebold and Bernall ever really happened.

Instead, a version of the exchange did take place between Klebold and another student, Valeen Schnurr. Schnurr had already been shot, and while down on her hands and knees bleeding, she said, "Oh, my God, oh, my God, don't let me die." Klebold asked if she believed in God. She said yes, but wasn't shot again and survived. Investigators now believe that Schnurr's answer was attributed to Cassie Bernall by a student who couldn't actually see what was happening.

No matter what happened that day, this is a terrifying and tragic story. But you might be wondering why you're reading about it here, in a column devoted to misunderstandings about sexual orientation.

The answer is that there is something deeply troubling about the enthusiasm that has greeted Cassie Bernall's "martyrdom." It says a lot about what passes for Christianity in America today, and especially about the strain of Christianity that is so frequently energized against us.

On April 26, ABC News showed a videotape of Cassie Bernall made by a Christian youth group just two days before she died. But in that tape, Bernall is not St. Cassie of Columbine. She's just a girl, and what she says is not exactly profound. "I really can't live without Christ," she says. "It's like impossible to really have a true life without Him." Consider also that the 17-year-old's conversion to Christianity took place after a rebellious period in which her parents forbade her to see friends or use the phone, and allowed her to go only to church and weekend religious retreats.

Instead of admitting that Cassie Bernall was just a child, and that her conversion to Christianity was not exactly built on the most solid foundation (nor

yes," Cassie's mother Misty has gone on to write a bestselling book: *She Said Yes: The Unlikely Martyrdom of Cassie Bernall*. Maybe a mother's overzealous attempt to give meaning to her daughter's death can be forgiven, but it's shocking that there is such an eager worldwide audience that treats Cassie's senseless murder as if it were the best thing that ever happened to her.

To be fair, it's worth remembering the exaggerated reputation of Matthew Shepard as well, who has also become a symbol for gay people in sort of the same way that Cassie Bernall has for some Christians. It's tempting to believe that Shepard was something more than what he was, too, but there are still important differences.

Shepard became such a powerful symbol because violence — or at least the threat of it — is such a real part of gay people's lives. Bernall's murder was not part of any trend, and no one beats a drum about the perversity and moral inferiority of Christian girls from the suburbs the way some people do about us.

Shepard's parents have been saying almost from the outset not to mistake him for a saint, and I've never heard anyone suggest that Matthew Shepard got in a last line worthy of Hollywood.

Anyone concerned about the influence that narrow interpretations of Christianity have on law and public life — along with anyone with a more genuine view of spirituality — should be concerned about the dimensions of the myth that Cassie Bernall's story has attained in such a short time. A religion that draws such troubling inspiration from a myth like Cassie's will be hard-pressed to give up any of its other myths either — including its cherished myths about sexuality — or to ask even the most basic questions about itself.

After all, creating the myth of a martyr is far more appealing than simply mourning a girl whose beliefs may not have been as deep as we would like them to be. And marching under the banner of a fresh-faced new saint is a lot easier than asking troublesome questions about what belief is, and what is worth believing in.

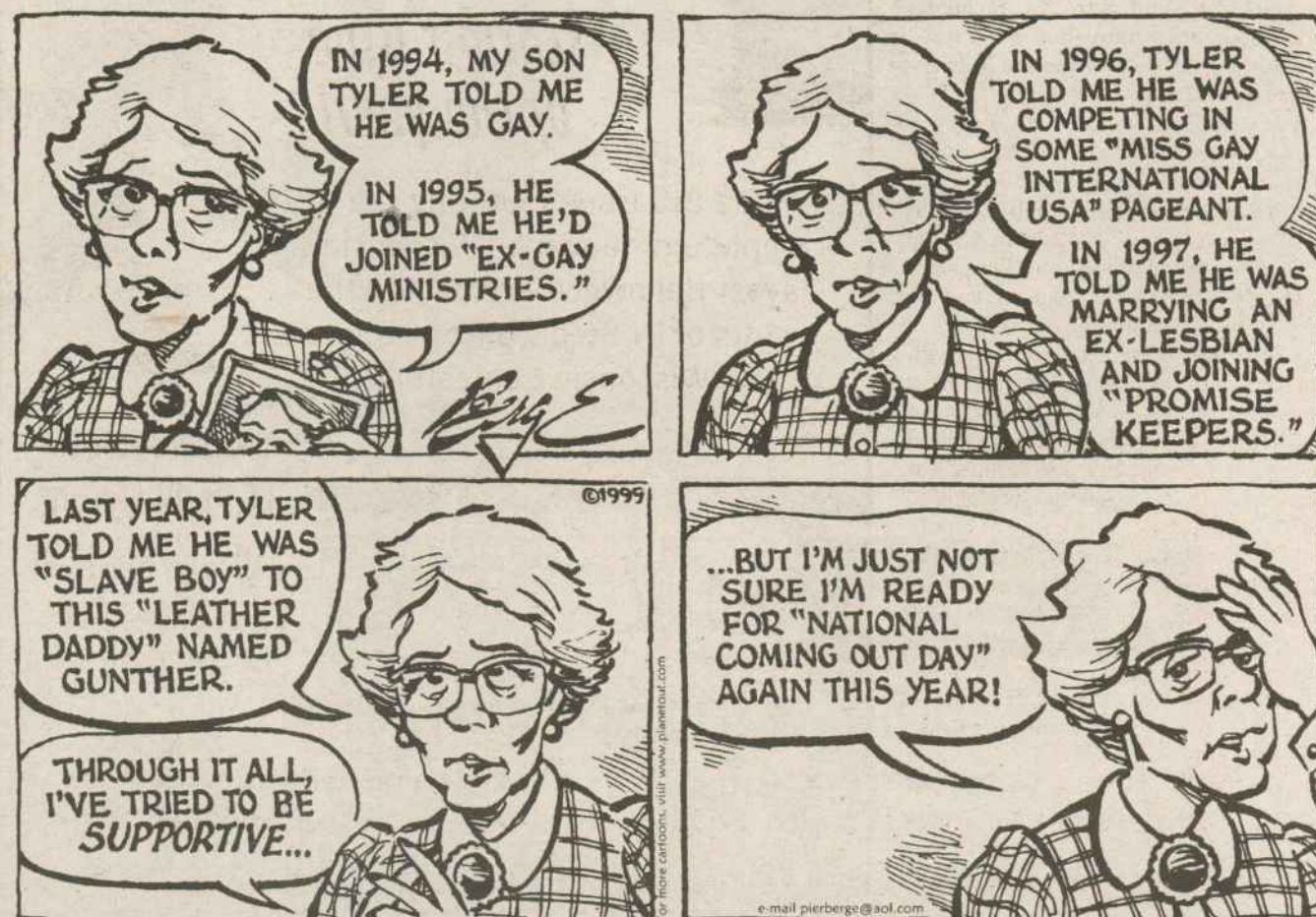
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had it stood the test of much time), the strength of her faith has been absurdly exaggerated. A girl mouthing platitudes — platitudes which casually dismiss all non-Christians as "not having a true life" — has been turned into a heroine.

St. Cassie is so popular not because of the fullness of what she believed, but because of her emptiness. Cassie Bernall has become an empty vessel into which an appealing mythology can be poured. The fact that she was "martyred" just helps her fill that function even more successfully. There's no chance now that she might show her beliefs to be as shallow or cavalier as on that ABC News broadcast, or that she might continue to think or change or grow. Immortalized in that last moment which probably never happened, Cassie Bernall is more useful dead than alive.

Despite reportedly hearing from both investigators and the only witness to her daughter's death that Bernall never "said



Newspaper War!

Editor's Note: The following letter was forwarded to all three Wisconsin LGBT publications.

An Open Letter to Greg Quindel—

I am both saddened and disappointed by your opinion of the publishing needs of our community. A single source for news, information and entertainment can only cause the quality and the diversity of ideas presented to degrade — not improve, as you suggest. Common sense dictates that lack of competition too often leads to stagnation and complacency.

At the same time, less competition tends to lead to higher costs with lower benefit for businesses. Some may even go as far as to call the idea un-American. I can not, in good faith, support your 'cause' and, in fact, will vigorously oppose it.

You may think that you and your company are the answer to all of the Wisconsin LGBT community's needs but that hardly makes you right. As far as I'm concerned, you've just declared war on both your competitors and on the community as a whole by claiming a mantle to which you have no right.

Tsk! Tsk! It appears that you believe money, greed and power are more important than community and pride, and that your survival is the only one of interest to our community. That's often the sign of a failing leader who is eager to blame anyone but himself for the problems he faces.

Competition is good for our community. The fact that you try to twist it into something else betrays the fact that it may be the *Wisconsin Light* who is in the greatest peril.

Bret Holstein

More Bombs

To The Editor—

One of Wisconsin's gay-oriented newspapers, Milwaukee-based *Wisconsin Light*, appears to be in serious financial trouble.

That's not at all surprising, for if we review comments from the former owner, it was always a kitchen table-based shoe-string operation.

Changing ownership and editorship, and slicking up the appearance (no glossy paper, though) were hardly likely to draw in significant extra revenue, and one wonders what the buyers must have been thinking when they decided to risk their capital. The Milwaukee gay news market isn't necessarily a zero-sum proposition, but it can't be far from it.

If the problem is the small available pool of advertising dollars, then the editorial content of the paper is perhaps not to be faulted for the financial problems, but *WI Light* has really suffered from a lack of interesting news and commentary that would draw readers to it. It's become rather limp, and there's no excitement to it.

When Terry Boughner owned/edited the paper, I excoriated him for lazily printing press releases from the Log Cabin Republicans as though they were valid news stories, for opening his pages to their bashing of true gay friends in the Democrat Party, and for insensitively printing "soft porn" pictures verging on "kink" in a publication that not too long ago was helped by many friends to keep a place on the open shelves of public libraries.

But I will have to say that for Boughner's faults (faults in my opinion), his paper was far more interesting than the

current *WI Light*. It wasn't all slicked up with color and white space. It had small type with close tracking and little leading in a rather muddy looking face. But it had a LOT of content.

It's amazing what Boughner could do on a shoestring.

And now, with what was supposedly solid financial backing, *WI Light* seems ready to fold. Maybe it should get rid of the glitz and the staff of glitzers it can't afford to pay, and go back to the good old days.

Al Geiersbach

IN Step Stacks Up

To The Editor—

I wish to compliment you on your fine publication. When I travel, I always make a point of picking up the local "papers" and guides for the area I am visiting. On recent trips to Washington, D.C., and New York, I compared Wisconsin's *IN Step* to the papers available there. You should give yourself a pat-on-the-back because *IN Step* is right up front, neck-and-neck with the big ones in substance and content. Congratulations!

On a local note, your events calendar, your coverage of the arts, music and theatre are excellent! And the new "Cordially Yours" column by the very talented Michael Johnston is superb! Keep up the good work and continue to keep us informed!

James Schroeder

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Sarah Ann Ford, 1951-1999

Sarah Ann Ford, a strong advocate for economic development and the arts in Milwaukee and a leader of the city's African American community, passed away on Sept. 23 after a heroic bout with cancer. She is survived by her longtime partner Mary, family members and many friends.

Ford was born in Gary, Ind., and came to Milwaukee in 1974 to serve as director of Marquette University's Multicultural Center. Since then, she had immersed herself in many community organizations and activities, including the Colorlines Foundation, the United Performing Arts Fund, and the Milwaukee Art Museum.

From 1990 until her death, Ford was a program officer for the Milwaukee Foundation. In this role, she supervised the disbursement of several million dollars in grants for the revitalization of the Harambee neighborhood on Milwaukee's north side. She was the recipient of many awards for her community activism.

"She had a tremendous fight with cancer, and so many friends have supported her for so long," Ford's friend Lula Reams commented. "Her cancer had been in remission, and this summer was especially active for her. She was able to attend her nephew's wedding in St. Louis, and she traveled to Gary for her 30th high school reunion. We'll all miss her so much. It's really a loss for the whole city."

A memorial service for Ford was held on Sept. 26 at the Milwaukee Art Museum. Relatives and friends shared their memories of her and the Heritage Chorale, a chorus she participated in for years, sang several inspired selections. Donations can be sent to the Sarah Ann Ford Fund at the Milwaukee Foundation, 1020 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

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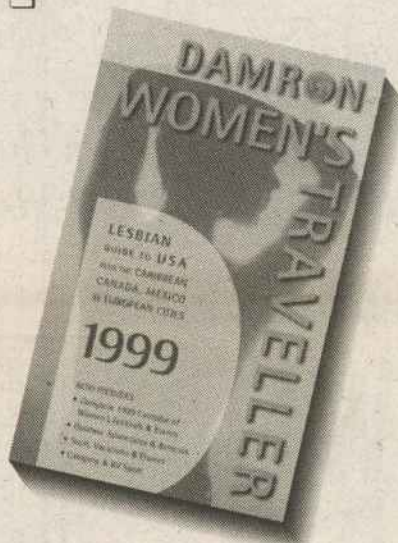
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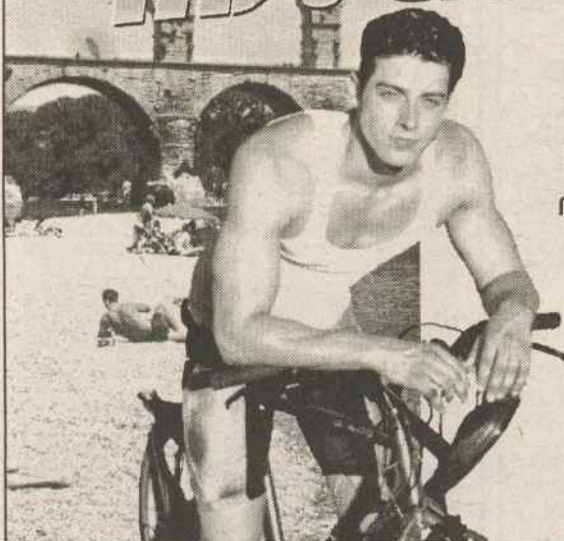
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IN STEP TRAVEL

10 YEARS AFTER THE "VELVET REVOLUTION," THE CZECH CAPITAL IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR DESTINATIONS IN EUROPE — FOR GOOD REASONS

by Chris Ott
of the IN step staff

Just days before an election to fill an empty seat in the Czech Senate, opponents of candidate Vaclav Fischer tried to capitalize on the fact that Fischer, who says he has never hidden his sexual orientation, is gay. Billboards appeared in Prague saying, "A homosexual in the Senate? Why not? Vaclav Fischer for the Senate."

It would be hard to prove that this attempted "smear" actually helped Fischer, but it certainly didn't seem to hurt. He won the election with 71% of the vote.

Prague has a well-deserved reputation as one of the most beautiful cities in the world, but for gay travelers, it offers something else too: a level-headed sense of tolerance and respect for others, and a decent lack of interest in other people's business. A recent poll by the Czech News Agency found that 60% of respondents believe that society should be more tolerant of gay people, and earlier this year, a member of the Czech parliament was forced to apologize after making derogatory remarks. If only we could do the same with Trent Lott.

All this level-headedness and open-mindedness is not new, however. It's part of a tradition that is being re-established. For much of its history, the Czech Republic (Czechoslovakia dissolved in 1993 after Slovakia filed for divorce) has been one of the most forward-thinking countries in the world. Czechoslovakia's first president was such a believer in women's equality that he added his wife's name to his own. We have the word "robot" thanks to the inventiveness of a Czech playwright in 1921. Martina Navratilova was one of the world's first pro athletes to come out, and earlier in the century, Prague was even home to one of the world's first gay-rights organizations.

All of this creativity and progress was stifled by the Nazi takeover in 1938, along with a communist coup in 1948, and a brutal Soviet crackdown in 1968. But now that it is independent once again, the Czech Republic is a country that has bobbed to the surface.

It all changed in the "Velvet Revolution" of fall 1989. In the space of a few weeks, pretty much the whole country decided that enough was enough. Massive vigils and demonstrations convinced the totalitarian government to simply give up and resign, and by the end of the year, Vaclav Havel, the country's most respected dissident, was elected president.

Within eight months, at the end of summer 1990, a few lucky friends began coming back from trips to Europe during their school summer breaks. They were

among the first in the wave of visitors drawn to Prague after the revolution, and they raved about it. If you go, you'll see why.

Going to Eastern Europe used to be like going into space: you almost wanted to take cyanide capsules with you just in case something went wrong and you couldn't get back. Today, the dreariness of Soviet rule is being swept away, and Prague essentially has all the comforts (and problems) of a Western city again. The centuries-old historic centers of Prague are among the most ornate and well preserved in the world, and Prague is said to compare favorably to Paris. As a resident of Rome — not exactly a shabby city itself — once told me, "Everywhere you look in Prague, there is something beautiful."

That may not hold true in some of the apartment-block neighborhoods of the outskirts, and unfortunately, Czech youth have discovered decadent Western diversions like spray-painting graffiti. But despite the downsides of a return of capitalism, Prague is still a remarkable place.

A good place to start exploring the city is Wenceslas Square, which you might recognize from TV coverage of the revolution ten years ago. Actually a boulevard about a third of a mile long, Wenceslas is flanked by 19th century buildings that are now home to a variety of restaurants and shops, and topped off by the gold-domed Czech national museum.

Wenceslas is worth a stroll or two, but keep your eye out for pickpockets, who are routinely being hauled away by plainclothes police. It's also tourist-kitsch central, and it's not the best of what Prague has to offer anyway. Head to Old Town Square, which is just a few blocks away through Prague's winding cobblestone streets.

The centerpiece of Old Town Square, or "Staromak" in Czech, is the tower of the historic city hall, which has an elaborate astrological clock built in 1338. The clock displays the procession of the signs of the zodiac, and little figurines perform antics for crowds that gather every hour to see them. At the time it was built, the clock was so extraordinary that its maker is said to have been blinded to prevent him from creating another.

Staromak is even more striking at night, when its towers, spires and cathedrals are all lit up. I ran into a fellow Wisconsinite there one night, and it made perfect sense to both of us that something like 100,000 Americans have moved to Prague in the last ten years.

From Staromak, it's just a short walk to the Charles Bridge, a long, graceful stone crossing of the Vltava river, which was built in 1357. The bridge takes you to Mala Strana, another intricate old section of town packed with cathedrals and points of historic interest. And when you've taken all that in, you can walk up to the city's most prominent landmark, the Prague Castle. Looking out over the city from the castle hill, you'll see where Prague's nickname "the city of a hundred spires" comes from. Some of the most impressive spires are on St. Vitus', a Gothic cathedral within the castle compound itself, which took more than six centuries to build and was not finally completed until 1299.

This stroll from Wenceslas Square to the castle is what to concentrate on if you have only a short stay in Prague. You could several spend days admiring this area's dozens of cathedrals, theatres and concert halls (performances of Mozart's "Prague Symphony" and "Don Giovanni," which debuted in Prague, abound), but there are lots of other attractions.

Petrin Park, south of the castle, offers a wooded escape from the crowds of the city, and Czechs escape there, too. The park has a reputation as a make-out spot for young people fleeing crowded Soviet-era apartments that offer little privacy, and a few years ago, a popular song called "Laska je laska" ("Love is Love") created a stir by

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pointing out that boys and boys and girls and girls make amorous use of Petrin, too. You can take romantic walks along the park's paths, or ride a funicular (a cable car on a really steep angle) through the park up Petrin hill. At the top, there's a 90-foot Eiffel-like tower that was built for an exposition in 1891. You have to walk up, but it offers a view of the city even higher than that of the castle's.

Prague also has centuries-old synagogues and a Jewish cemetery that survived the Holocaust, plus Vysehrad, a smaller castle predating the main one. The Wallenstein gardens, just below the castle, and Troja, outside of downtown and near the Prague zoo, are two beautifully preserved estates. Outside Prague are destinations like the city of Plzen, known for its world-famous creation, Pilsner beer, and Karlovy Vary, a spa resort. Prague can also be a springboard to other nearby cities like Vienna, Munich or Budapest. Getting around the country and beyond is easy through rail and bus connections.

For an experience that's both authentically Czech and gay, try the Pivnice U Dubu, a gay beer hall where you seat

yourself on a bench and have a beer with whoever else is at your table (lots of Czechs speak at least a little English). A somewhat more cozy gay beer-drinking venue is the Kafirna U Ceskeho Pana, the Czech Gentleman's Club, at Kozi 13.

Some of Prague's beer halls and restaurants were established more than 500 years ago, and with all due respect to Milwaukee, Czech brews are among the best in the world. They may leave you incapable of drinking pale imitations ever again. After the Soviet invasion in 1968, the communists made sure that beer was cheap, which was a shrewd move. The beer is delicious, and it delivers the smoothest buzz I've ever had. After drinking a couple half liters, I didn't feel like overthrowing any governments either.

For a night out, try the popular club Radost FX (Belehradská 120), which is gay on Thursday nights, or Stella (Luzická 10), one of the most well known gay bars in town. Also popular is Gejzeer (Vinohradská 40), the name for which is a play on the Czech words for gay and geyser. Unfortunately, Gejzeer keeps getting attacked with canisters of tear gas, but the alleged culprits are not antigay maniacs. They're supposedly the begrudged owner of a competing club (now that's fierce competition). I went the night after an attack and was blaming the cigarette smoke before someone explained to me that traces of the tear gas were still in the air.

For the whole scoop on gay life in Prague, pick up a copy of the magazine *Amigo*, published in Czech, English and German and available at most gay establishments and on the Web at www.amigo.cz. Also online is www.gay.cz, which has an English guide to Prague and other Czech cities with color-coded maps showing gay-friendly hotels, restaurants, cafes, wine cellars, etc.

For food, there are also options in gay-friendly restaurants. If you can get in, try the Pizzeria Grosseto (Jug. Partyzanu 8). Near Old Town Square, there's also the Restaurant U Kapra, which offers traditional Czech fare — meat and potatoes,

meat and potatoes, meat and potatoes — and seating in a garden out back. The Petrinske Terasy (Petrin Terraces) is a restaurant at the halfway stop on the ride up Petrin hill. This restaurant in particular is a must-see, since it offers some of the best views of the city you can get. You'd also have to knock yourself out to spend \$10 per person there or at almost any other restaurant in town that doesn't cater exclusively to foreign tourists. Almost every place you'll want to go is also easily reachable by subway or tram, and some tram routes run all night.

Prague is worth visiting for everything that it offers to see, do, eat and drink, but another fascinating aspect of the city is its people. The Czechs seem quite capable of deciding for themselves what's right and what's wrong, and there's a certain

unshakeable calm about them. Czech men in particular seem to be free of a something-to-prove attitude that American men have, and this is a country where just ten years ago, crowds of students, workers and grandmas won out over an army of space-helmeted riot police. The Czechs also took Havel, one of their most outstanding citizens, and made him president. Reading the essays that Havel wrote in a communist prison can only make you wonder why we insist on electing such bozos.

Prague is worth a visit just to have fun, but we also have a lot to learn from the Czechs. Americans pride ourselves on freedom and democracy, but the Czechs have a much more recent and relevant experience of making those things real than we do. ▼

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Some More Thoughts About Madison

by Scott Evertz



In the last issue Jamakaya wrote quite well of the Madison-Milwaukee Divide, articulating the many differences between these two communities and some of the attitudes of their respective residents. Indeed, as Jamakaya points out so well, many lesbians (and gay men, for that matter) view Madison as Nirvana compared to Milwaukee. I'd add that they view Madison as Nirvana compared to just about anywhere. The truth is, however, that Madison is far from Nirvana and the only people I believe who could possibly articulate it as such have cloaked themselves in rhetoric about Madison as a "progressive" so they can ignore the fact that it is not.

Well, my dear readers, the emperor has no clothes (or cloak). Madison is neither progressive nor is it anything approaching Nirvana. While I suppose it may be true that those lesbians and gay men who choose to live in a very limited geographic area of the city and who ascribe to the very liberal attitudes of that neighborhood's residents likely feel comfortable in that neighborhood, I ask them to consider how comfortable they'd feel if they were also African-American as well as gay or lesbian. I'd further ask them if they'd feel comfortable living as openly gay in all of Madison's neighborhoods. It's been my observation that there are many areas of Madison where a gay or lesbian couple would, in fact, be treated with outright hostility and even in those neighborhoods where such couples are tolerated, they are simply tolerated and not embraced.

I have further observed that self-described liberals (or "progressives") living in the so-called tolerant neighborhoods love to welcome "us" to their neighborhoods because having a gay living next to them adds to their list

of liberal credentials. Hell, if we behave they even invite us over to dinner so that their liberal friends can see that they even socialize with us, but we are ultimately reminded that, like African-Americans invited into so-called "all white" neighborhoods in the sixties; we are never really invited to achieve full neighbor status. And it's called Nirvana simply because the neighbors are polite?

Meanwhile, people of color and the homeless are kept in their place by allegedly "progressive" members of the City Council. When a piece of legislation was circulated by a "progressive" alderperson that would make it an offense to be in a bus shelter for any reason other than waiting for the bus, not only did few see this as a direct assault on homeless people simply trying to stay warm, but no one challenged this alderperson's "progressive" credentials. To the contrary, he was rewarded by the business

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interests he was working to protect with this measure. When that same alderperson decided he would work to ban the sale of 20 ounce bottles of malt liquor and beer (the product of choice of many African-American males according to brewing officials) on State Street, he did receive some flack but virtually no one suggested this was a racist attempt to get "those people" off of State Street.

Now, to his credit, this same alderperson has worked tirelessly to secure domestic partnership benefits for city employees and he needs to be applauded for this. However, doesn't anyone think it a little bizarre that this so-called Nirvana wasn't the first such municipality in the country to provide such benefits and that it has been presided over by a host of "progressive" leaders who, for one reason or another, have blocked the implementation of such benefits for decades?

The problem, as I see it is, with the "Madison attitude" is that it is one of complacency. Its residents seem to need to believe that they really are progressive and that they really are living in Nirvana and in so doing close their eyes to the fact that a real Nirvana has never existed

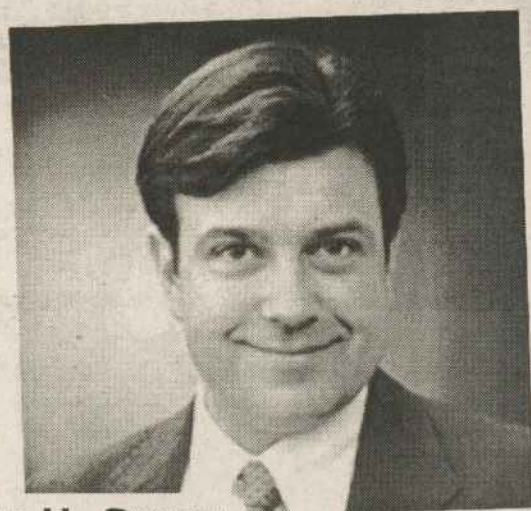
here on Earth. If I live in such a perfect place, I can ignore the fact that for many it is not. Madison is, in fact, a place where if you point out to the average citizen that there really isn't much of an African-American middle class you will be told that is "because all those blacks came up from Chicago." Seriously! Most Madisonians are not even able to understand the concept that there might be an underlying racism in their community which prevents people of color from sharing in the Nirvana dream.

Madison is, after all, home to American Family Insurance which has accused of redlining, the practice of identifying areas (usually those with a high minority population) for whose residents they will not write insurance policies. The company's seeming response to being accused of this was to purchase outdoor billboard advertising with drawings of people — all of whom were a different color of the rainbow — and some cheesy saying about this being America's family. Again, no one pointed out the irony and the company was applauded for the advertising campaign and for their efforts at promoting diversity. But does anyone know if they are still redlining?

It's time for Madison to truly "progress" into a city where symbolism is cast aside in favor of real solutions for real people. It's time for its gay and lesbian citizens who are comfortable in their lives to say, "It's not enough for just me and my white, upper middle class partner to be comfortable. That's not Nirvana. If we are truly 'progressive,' it's time to share it with others."

(In the interest of full disclosure, I do not actually live in Madison. My partner and I live in a neighboring village which is, by anyone's definition, the most politically conservative community in Dane County. We do so, in part, because it's nice to know that our neighbors who are our friends really are our friends and are not simply liberals wishing to add our friendship to their list of liberal credentials.)

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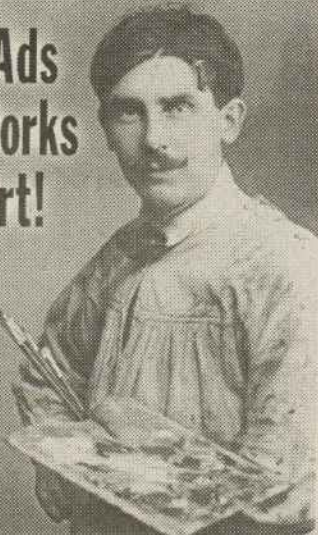
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by Michael Johnston

Greetings — and welcome to yet another, "Cordially Yours," putting aside my Halloween preparations for the time being, I thought I would catch you up with what's happening.

For those of you who are looking for something fun and different to do on Friday evenings, may I suggest dropping by **The Astor Hotel** for a little live entertainment. Local bands like **Unknown Citizen**, **Street Life** and the **Eddie Butts Band**, just to list a few, are scheduled. **Loie**, the blonde bombshell bartender from **Switch** can be seen here doing her special form of mixology.

The **M&M Club** once again this year is doing a dinner and theater in conjunction with The Marcus Center of The Performing Arts. Kicking off this season is *Footloose*. Such a deal, dinner upstairs at the M's and a seat for the performance, transportation to and fro and upon your return, dessert and coffee with the invited cast. I've done this in the past personally and intend to this year, as well.

This past Sunday, I had the pleasure of brunching at the M's. If you haven't been lately, I suggest you treat yourself to quite a taste treat. A fabulous new menu, and service by the likes of an All-Star Review: **Sage LaRue**, **David B.B. Rogers**, **Sasha Mitchell**, the one and only **Lizzie Bordeaux**, up front **Boo Boo Larue** (no relation to Sage) and the ravishing **Rita**.

While on the topic of local theater, I would be remiss not to mention the tour de force of **Ms. Angela Iannone**. Her performance of **Diana Vreeland** in *Full Gallop* was of majestic proportions! Obviously, it's too late for you to see this

production, but please keep an eye out for the works presented by **The Renaissance Theaterworks** ... extraordinary effort and economically priced! **Ms. Iannone's** next project will be playing the diva of all divas — no not me — **Maria Callas** in *Master Class* on Oct. 16-31, brought to you by **The Milwaukee Chamber Theatre**.

Have you ever had the delight of dining at **Sanford's**? Recently, I said good bye to the last Summer of this Century and Happy Birthday to two of my Dearest. A most delicious, delectable dining experience. **Dan** was off, but **Jennifer** was truly excellent and I whole-heartedly suggest the Mystery Dinner and no, you don't have to wear a blindfold!

Congratulations to **The Brady East STD Clinic** on marking 25 sterling years of service to our community. **Erv Uecker** and **Ross Walker** will mark BESTD's silver anniversary with a reception Oct. 2. Keep up the great work gentlemen and your priceless volunteers. How many of you, remember the clinic when it was located where **The Third Ward Cafe** is today? A good way to say "thank you" and "congratulations" is with a generous donation! Unfortunately, I could not attend due to the fact that the same day **Paul Milakovich**, **ARCW's** deputy director and I celebrated our 20th high school class reunion ... *Dust in the Wind* ...

Also, celebrating an anniversary was **Out of Solitude** on Brady St. My spies tell me that Milwaukee's premier jeweler **Charles Bahringer** and dozens of friends and customers donned their favorite piece of jewelry and partied till the wee hours, marking their sixth year! Congratulations!

Friday, Oct. 8, will mark **The Absolut For AIDS Benefit — 4**. A truly classy evening with a chance to bid on celebrity painted plates — everyone from Milwaukee's own **Dear Ruthie** to **Madonna**! A bountiful buffet and my favorite potato juice brought to you by **ABSOLUT**. The venue is really hot, too! The old firehouse in the Third Ward.

The **Florentine Opera** opens their 67th Season with the most popular French opera *Manon*. Based on Prevost novel, *The History Of Chevalier Grioux And Manon Lescaut*. The run is Oct. 15-17, featuring many familiar Milwaukeeans including: my work out partner, **Scott "Mr. Gay Wisconsin 1987" Sowles**. The Cast Party on Sunday is always a time... just like opera, everyone sings, everyone dies!

Don't forget **National Boss' Day**, Saturday, Oct. 16 (does that mean mandatory overtime — celebrating on Saturday?) Happy day to all my bosses: **Jon, Bill, Jorge** and **Rambo**! In fact, for you last-minute shoppers, I suggest you try **The Holiday Invitational Tournament's Silent Auction**. The HIT Auction will take place upstairs at The M&M Club; rumor has it they have a king's ... errrr, make that a queen's treasure! Of course, proceeds will go to making Thanksgiving's **HIT Tournament** the must it is every year! Belated congratulations to HIT's new director, the dashing **David Kiefer**. This is his first time, so please be gentle.

To those of you putting/pulling your Halloween costumes together, keep in mind **Survival Revival, Resale Shop** in The Third Ward. Survival Revival, will be doing its infamous **Street Beat Fashion Show** starring Milwaukee Favorites

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Remember, the next **Night Out With The Milwaukee Repertory Theater** is Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m., Tennessee Williams' *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof*.

Beware, **The Divine Miss M** is returning to Brew City, Monday, November 15th. **Charlotte**, start saving your egg money! I already have my ticket for her Chicago concert on Saturday, Nov. 6, I'll tell you all about it...

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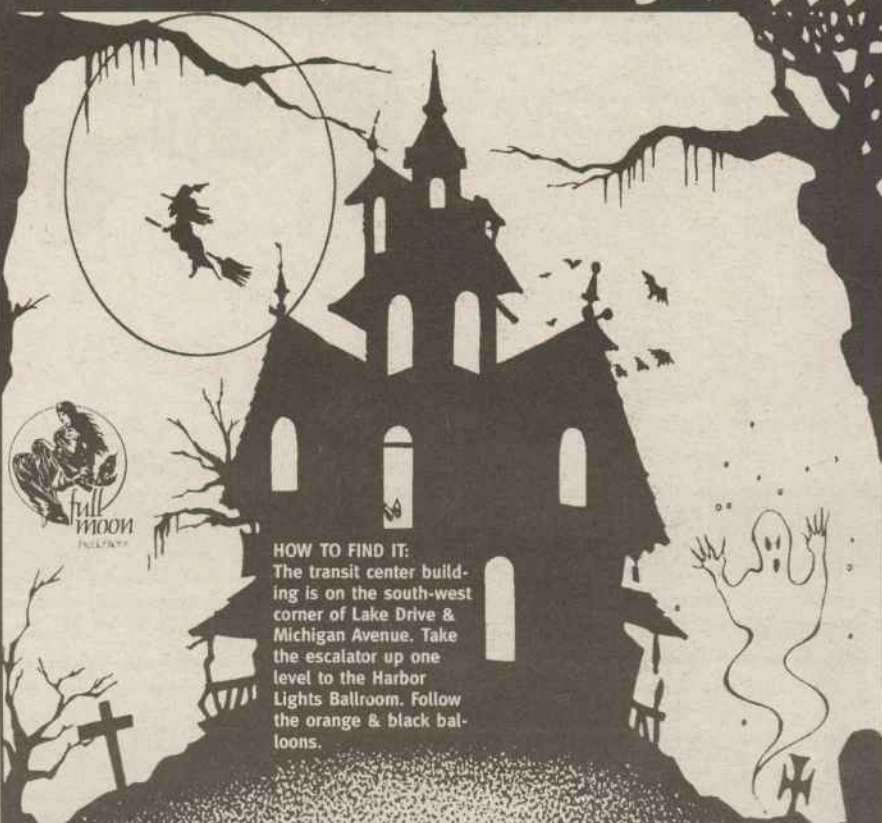
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Getting It On with Bruce!

A Drive in The Wine Country with Bruce Vilanch

by Brandon Judell
Special to IN Step

"I built a house on fart jokes," notes the husky, possibly bleached blond, highly hirsute gent in front of me. Add a few Sophie Tucker tales for Bette Midler, lots of Oscar material for Billy Crystal, plus comic gems for the likes of Lily Tomlin, Robin Williams, Whoopi Goldberg and Nathan Lane, and you can add a swimming pool.

Yes, for the past two decades, when Hollywood stars needed material to make their audiences laugh, they screamed, "Get Bruce," which also happens to be the title of new Miramax documentary on this kind-hearted, acerbic Bruce Vilanch. You better say "kind-hearted" with his mother sitting next to him.

"Bruce is my son. He's my career," says the charming woman with a cigarette growl who's made up and attired like a suburban Joan Collins about to have a mid-afternoon martini at the Russian Tea Room. "He's my pride and joy. He envelopes everything I would have wished for in a son. What more can I say? My only annoyance is that he had this hair fetish. He played with his hair all the time."

His chest hair? I asked.

"I didn't have any chest hair then," Bruce explains.

But he's hairy now, and with his appearances on the new *Hollywood Squares*, he's getting lots of fan letters from bear lovers.

"Their letters usually start: 'I don't usually go for guys as small as you,'" Bruce shares. "Who are they dating? The Queen Mary? Their other dates must be huge. I was taken to a bear bar recently in Los Angeles, and I was told, 'Everyone will love you there.' I mean, I was the smallest person by 200 pounds. A guy came around the corner, and it was really like someone was docking. I said, 'That's the largest human being I've ever seen.' He was like a Rose Bowl Parade float. 'Who is he?' I asked. 'Oh, that's Beverly.' I said, 'Who? Beverly Center.' He had little guys hanging off him like ticks. They were adoring him."

"You know, if I'm a type, and I'm going to attract somebody because I'm that type, what happens if I shave one day?" I didn't have an answer.

"I went through chubby chasers earlier," Bruce continued, as his mother looked on approvingly. "Guys would come over with food. They'd show up for a date with a casserole. 'Eat this! You're painfully thin.'"

But more than the gay response to his TV celebrity, what surprises him is the straight response. "I think it's hysterical. Wonderful. I'm going through the airport at Salt Lake City, and the Mormons are jumping off of trolleys to have their picture taken with me. 'Oh, my God, it's Bruce! It's Bruce!' I think, Do they really know who I am?"

"You know, at first, we didn't know what kind of reaction *Hollywood Squares* would get with me on it because I'm OUT there. We kept waiting for somebody to say, 'Well, you got to get rid of him. You got to lose him.' Instead, what happened was the station manager from Dallas called and said, 'We need some promos. We like the show. Get that gay guy. He's funny. We laughed at him. We love his look.' So I don't know."

"You should have been with us at the mall in Florida," Ma Vilanch butts in. "We were at a flea market. How they carried on! The next best thing to being Joan Crawford is having Bruce as your son. It was a riot. Someone grabbed hold of her husband and said, 'Hymie, come here. Look who's here.'"

"Look! It's that guy from *The Match Game*," they said." "You're so funny with that Oprah. Say hello to Oprah for us." I told that to Whoopi. She said, 'I've been getting that for 20 years. Ever since *The Color Purple*, I've been getting "Hello, Oprah!" You'd think I'm a little distinctive.' "

Well, on top of TV adulation, Bruce is also getting applause for his monthly *Advocate* column. "They came to me when they were losing their Hollywood columnist. They said you can write whatever you want as long as your pieces are tied in somehow to something's that's happening in the arts and has a gay angle. So I started writing the column, and a couple of things happened. One was that I didn't realize that my observations were observations that other people hadn't had. I was taken

aback. I was just writing from a perspective of a gay person of a certain age who's always been out and who's always been involved in show business. There was an audience of people interested in the way I saw things. I was kind of amazed they paid attention to it but then so much writing that gay people do professionally is so strident and argumentative. Everyone's at each other's throat. We're a community but everybody hates everybody. It's terribly divisive. I'm not like you and you're not like me, but I'm the good one. You're the bad one."

"So I think when someone comes along and writes, 'We're all crazy but it's okay that we're all crazy, that we all have a unique view of the world,' I think that people sort of sit up and say, 'Oh, I never thought about that. I was so busy hating her because she's a leather dyke ... I was so busy hating him because he's a decorator and because he's not my idea of what a gay person should be because he's effeminate ... or because he's bald or because he has a pierced nose or any of those things' — which we love by the way. It amazed me that nobody had actually said, 'Lighten up a little bit. We have to win the fight but we also have to live a life.'"

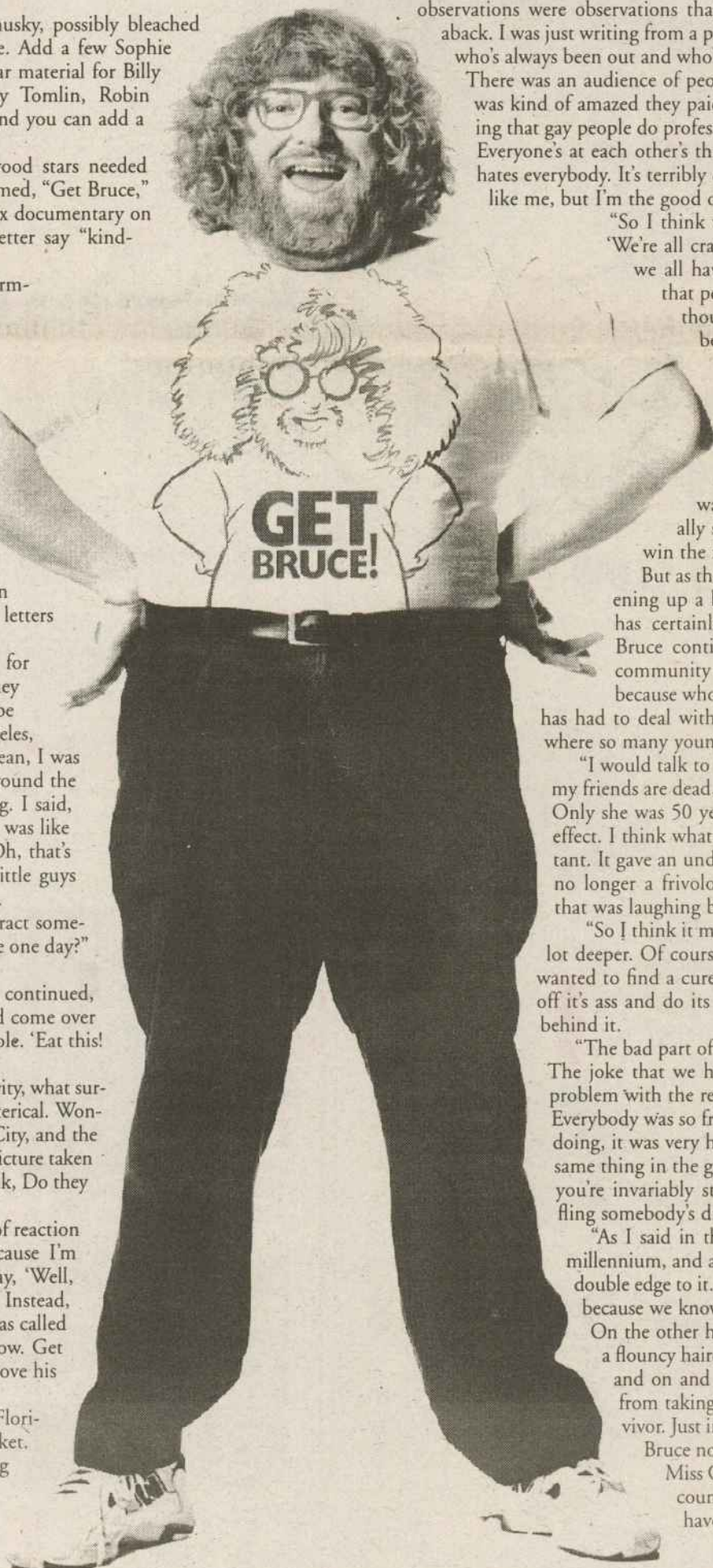
But as the film and Bruce's activism shows, "lightening up a bit" is a bit different now. "Well, AIDS has certainly deepened and enriched everything," Bruce continues. "It's given everybody in the gay community a perspective. A unique perspective because who else has had to deal with this? Who else has had to deal with a plague? What does this compare to, where so many young people suddenly die?"

"I would talk to my grandmother and she would say, 'All my friends are dead,' and I would say, 'I know how you feel.' Only she was 50 years older than I was. It had a profound effect. I think what it did was make every day more important. It gave an underpinning to our frivolousness. We were no longer a frivolous community. We were a community that was laughing because otherwise we'd be crying."

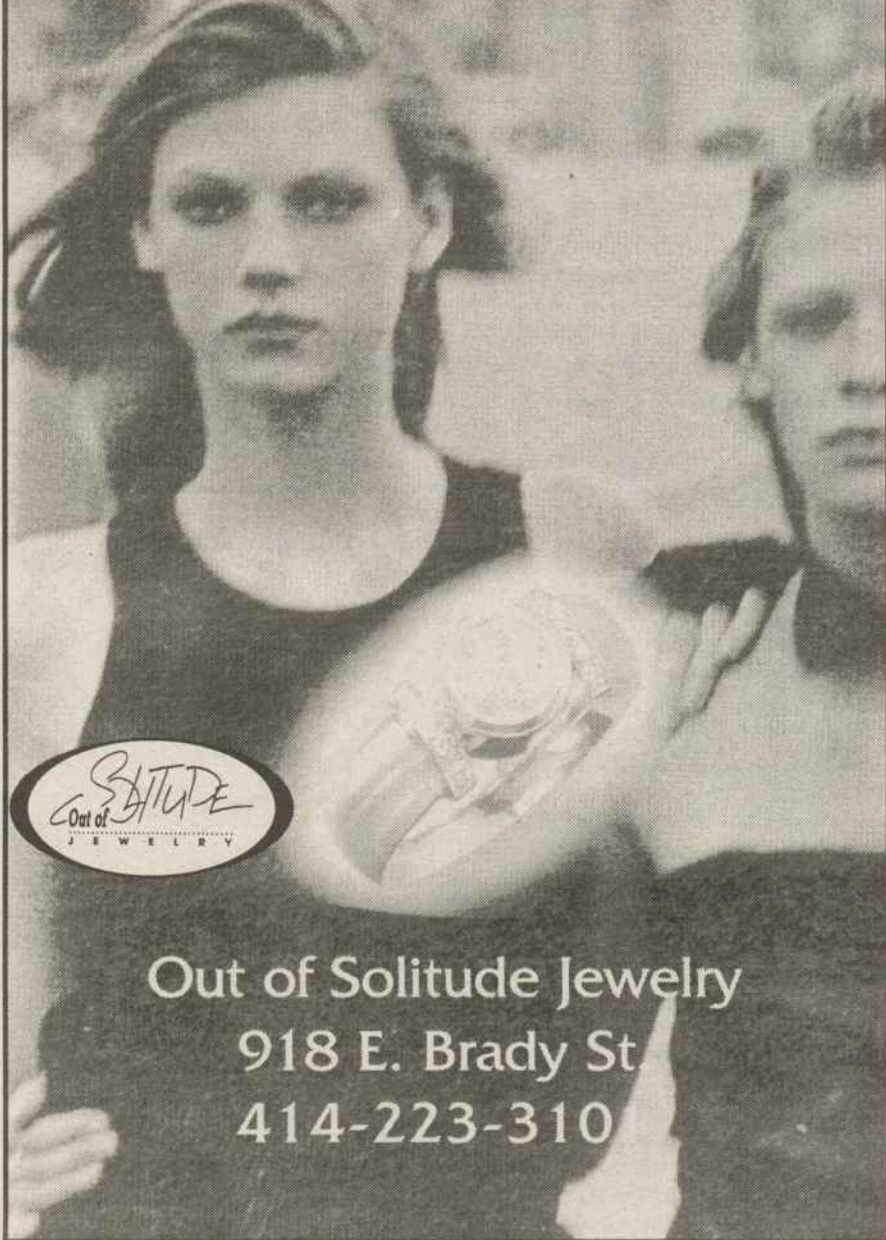
"So I think it made all of our writing seem to be a whole lot deeper. Of course, it was a whole lot angrier because we wanted to find a cure, and we wanted the government to get off its ass and do its part, and so there was a lot of activism behind it."

"The bad part of gay rights is that it can be so humorless. The joke that we had when I was in college was the only problem with the revolution is that it may bore us to death. Everybody was so frank and so serious about what they were doing, it was very hard to get them to crack a smile. It's the same thing in the gay rights movement. If you make a joke, you're invariably stepping on somebody's toes. You're ruffling somebody's drag feathers. It's never easy."

"As I said in the movie, we're in the politically correct millennium, and any joke that you make is going to have a double edge to it. If you make a hairdresser joke, it's funny because we know there are so many flouncy hairdressers. On the other hand, are we reinforcing the stereotype of a flouncy hairdresser by making that joke? This goes on and on and on." But that's not going to stop Bruce from taking a chance to make us guffaw. He's a survivor. Just imagine 20 years with Bette Midler, and as Bruce notes, "I should point out she wasn't always Miss Congeniality. She was no drive in the wine country back then, but she has matured." As have most of us, too. ▼



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Florentine Opens Season With "Manon"

Milwaukee — One of the most popular French operas, Jules Massenet's *Manon*, comes to life in an opulent Florentine Opera production on the nights of Friday, Oct. 15, Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a matinee performance at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17. Based on the famous Prévost novel, the three-hour production from L'Opera de Montreal will be brilliantly set on the Uihlein Hall stage of the Marcus Center for the Arts and will be sung in French with English Supertitles.

The elegance, artifice and passion of the age of Louis XV will be ever-present with rich costuming, liveried servants, stylish women and dandies in elegant powdered wigs, as well as beautifully executed representations of the various locales; a shady courtyard, luxurious apartments, and the interior of St. Suplice. All this will be capped in a final scene, when Manon dies in the arms of Chevalier Grioux amid a scene of barren trees and a lurid sunset.

Soprano Karen Driscoll makes her Florentine debut in the leading role which she shares with Milwaukee favorite Eric Mills. Returning to the Florentine is tenor Mark Thompson. Manon will be directed by Bernard Uzan and David Agler will be conducting the stellar cast and the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. Pre-opera talks with Prof. Corliss Phillabaum will take place one hour prior to each performance in Magin Lounge of the Marcus Center.

Tickets prices range from \$22 to \$100 and are available at the Marcus Center Box Office, 929 N. Water St.. Phone orders may be made by calling (414) 273-7206 or (800) 612-3500.

UWM's Mainstage Season Opens

Milwaukee — UWM's Professional Theater Training Program (PTTP) opens its 1999-2000 season with works by two notable and widely divergent French playwrights. The Mainstage season begins with *Ubu* on Thursday, Oct. 14 and runs through Oct 30. The production is based on the plays and writings of Alfred Jarry and is adapted and directed by Bill Walters. Molière's *Tartuffe* begins Dec 2 and runs through Dec. 18 and is staged by PTTP's artistic director James Paul.

The 1896 Paris opening of Jarry's "Ubu Roi" touched off a riot among the critics in the theater and generated weeks of scandalized talk in the city's cafés. Walters creates a violently farcical theatrical collage from the life and works of Jarry (1873-1907). *Ubu* is an ambitious undertaking for Walters, who in addition to adapting and directing, has designed the set and costumes. Music will be performed by members of the UWM Contemporary Music Ensemble.

Jarry's modernism, strikes a chord with the young cast who appreciate the kinship between this particular production and the multi-media installations that are such a prominent feature of the contemporary art scene. "Jarry barely set foot in the twentieth century," says Walters, "and yet his presence is felt everywhere, even as we prepare to enter the 21."

For more information call, (414) 229-4308.

Madison Rep Premieres New Translation of "A Doll's House"

Madison — Madison Repertory Theater presents the first of three premieres of its 1999/2000 season. In a translation developed especially for the Madison Rep, D. Scott Glasser has re-created Henrik Ibsen's classic tale of deceit and self-discovery in *A Doll's House*. The production, directed by Glasser, will open Friday, Oct. 22, at 8 p.m. and run through Nov. 14 at the Madison Civic Center's Isthmus Playhouse.

While honoring the period in which the play is set, Glasser's version takes a fresh look at the script's universal theme of one woman's struggle to break the bonds of convention. Glasser worked on a literal translation of the text and consulted Tanya Thresher, assistant professor at UW-Madison's Scandinavian Studies Department. The two were in contact while Thresher worked at the Ibsen Institute in Oslo, Norway.

Cast members include Richard Mariat as Torvald Helmer, Andrea Stevens as Nora, Paul Boesing as Nils Krogstad, Gloria Pickard as Anne-Marie and Monica Lyons as Helene. The roles of the Helmer children will be played alternately by Aaron Frank, Taylor Feldman, Max Pschorr and George Zeigler.

Tickets are available at the Civic Center ticket office, 211 State St., or by calling (608) 266-9055. For tickets to the sign-interpreted performance on Nov 14, please call TTD (608) 267-2674.

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Stacey Meyer and Matthew Shawlin in *Quorum*. Photo: Maureen Kilmurry.

Boulevard Ensemble Opens Season With "Quorum"

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theater will open its 14th season with playwright Mark Anderson's witty and literate comedy *Quorum*. The production will play a five-week run, opening Friday, Oct. 8 and playing Thursdays through Sundays through Nov. 7, 1999.

This delightfully oddball comedy tells of seven strangers who attend a mysterious meeting that quickly descends into a verbal hall of mirrors. The elements of "modern interfacing" that currently haunt our lives (boardroom double-speak, rules of order, and rampant ambition disguised as valiant leadership), all provide grist for Anderson's finely-honed comic mill.

Directed by Boulevard Ensemble Artistic Director, Mark Bucher, the comedy testifies to local playwright/performer Anderson's talent for efficiently exposing language's ability to be manipulated. Call Boulevard's 24-hour voice mail at (414) 744-5757 to reserve seats at Milwaukee's most intimate theatrical venue.

Lesbian Author at Afterwords

Milwaukee — Author Barrie Jean Borich will read from her new book, *My Lesbian Husband*, at Afterwords Bookstore at 7 p.m. on Oct. 29. Borich is the winner of many literary awards and is the author of "Restoring the Color of Roses," a memoir set in the Calumet region of Chicago, where she grew up. Today she lives with her beloved, Linnea Stenson, in Minneapolis, and teaches at Hamline University and Minnesota College of Art and Design.

Kirkus Review said the book was "A passionate, intricately composed memoir of the author's long-term love relationship, set against the backdrop of their Minneapolis neighborhood and complicated family ties. With colorful, witty, richly woven prose, Borich invites the reader into a life that is at once ordinary and wholly unique."

The book, published by Graywolf Press, is \$24.95 in Hardcover, and can be referenced by ISBN: 1-55597-292-6. For more information on the author's appearance, call Afterwords Bookstore at (414) 963-9089 or check their Web site at www.afterwords.com.

Schneider's 'Werewolf' Howls into Theater X

Milwaukee — Theater X is proud to present a re-staging of *My Werewolf*, written by John Schneider, opening Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theater of the Broadway Theater Center (BTC), and running through Oct. 31. Schneider is also the director of the production which is perfect for Halloween.

As the first play staged at the Broadway Theater Center in 1986, Schneider's work is the retelling of the classic were-

wolf legend, and has been a successful Theater X production for 15 years, both in Milwaukee and worldwide. Fun and scary with a great sense of style, *My Werewolf* is perfect Halloween entertainment.

Set in the 1940s, it portrays a community that is haunted by the discovery of a manuscript that tells the horrifying tale of anthropologist Hilary Hunter, her cousin, and his fiancée. The cast includes Flora Coker, Marcie Hoffman, John Kishline, Johnathan Wainright and Adekola Adedapo. Child performers Sam Kishline and Asabi Adedapo complete the cast.

Original music by Dan Dance, producing director of Theater X is Michael Ramacyh. Margaret Hein is stage manager, R. H. Graham does set and lightning, Isabelle Kralj handles the choreography and Amy Horst designed the costumes. Tickets range from \$18 to \$20 and can be purchased at the BTC Box Office or by calling (414) 291-7800.

"Forever Plaid" at Marcus Center

Milwaukee — After more than 2,000 performances, Chicago's longest-running musical ever, *Forever Plaid*, started previews at Volgel Hall of the Marcus Center for the Arts for a 13-week engagement on Wednesday, Oct. 6 and at 7 p.m. Opening Night, Thursday, Oct. 14. The production will run through Sunday, Jan. 2.

Forever Plaid is a hilarious tribute to the four-part harmony guy groups of the 50s and 60s. The "Plaids," whose dreams of stardom were cut short by an unfortunate accident in the night of their first big gig in 1964, are back to do the show they never got to do in real life.

Single tickets ranging from \$28.50 to \$36.50 are available from the Marcus Center Box Office and by phone at (414) 273-7206; toll-free 1-800-612-3500; TTD (414) 273-3080 or Ticket Master (414) 276-4545.



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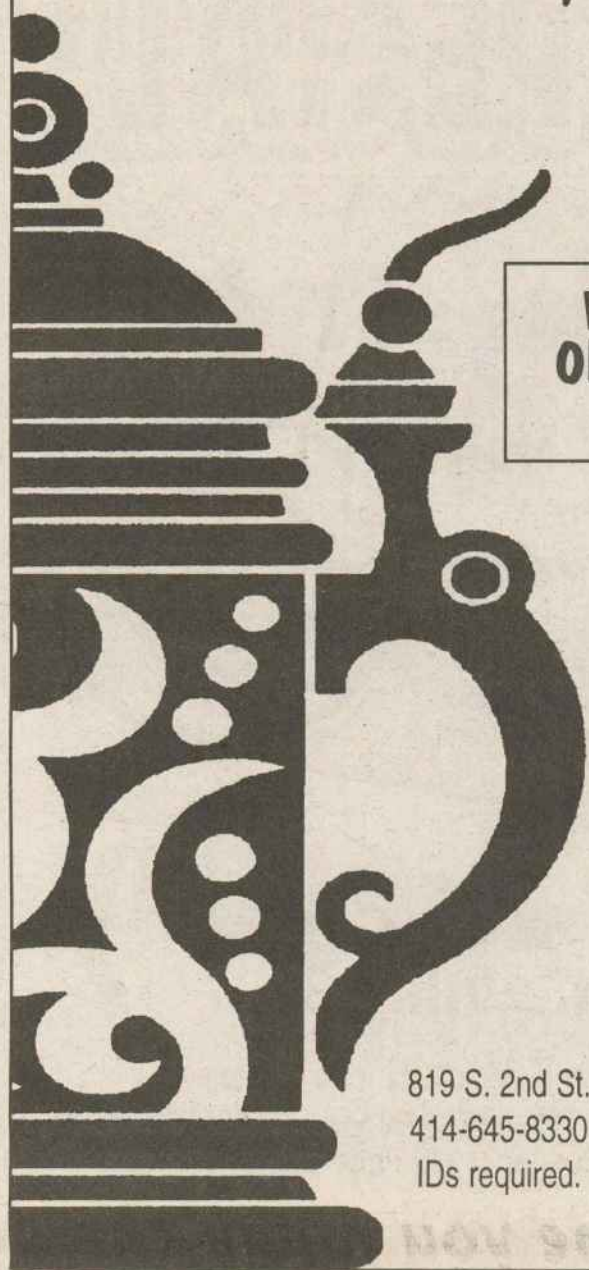
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Hustlers & Other Exotic Creatures

Here are three books that cover all types of hustlers, a porn star who loved words as much as he loved sex, and a book with photos of porn stars and some of their quips and quotes!

A Consumer's Guide

to Male Hustlers

By Joseph Itiel

Mr. Itiel shares 35 years of observations and experiences in dealing with sex workers from many different countries. Whether he is picking up a hustler from the streets of San Francisco, or making use of the many ads placed for massage the companionship of models in gay publications, he has a straight-forward approach that he uses with all of them: it's business.

Itiel says there are three kinds of sex workers: hustlers, part-and full-time; the massage group, professional and otherwise; and those model/escorts. He answers a number of questions such as, "Can only the wealthy afford hustlers? Why do male hustlers hustle?" and "Can there be emotional involvement between clients and hustlers?" To find out, read this delightful book that may give you some pointers in the art of sex selecting on demand.

The author illustrates the text with lots of anecdotes from his vast experience and he entertains and counsels us with "clear and practical advice on taking control of one's own sex life." If you are thinking of sampling one of the guys who populate the streets or advertise in the gay or straight publications, this is a book you should read. Even if you are sexually experienced,

you should enjoy comparing notes... and you may pick up a few pointers! (Harrington Park Press, ISBN: 1-56023-947-6, Pb).

Rarely Pure and Never Simple

By Scott O'Hara

This is a collection of selected essays by a former porn star and the man behind the "Biggest Dick in San Francisco," who often performed auto-fellatio on stage. In a Forward by Steven Zeeland, we get a brief look at O'Hara's early life. He was born in Grants Pass, Oregon in 1961 on a 38-acre farm outside of town. His parents were John Birchers — puritanical Presbyterians — and were slightly eccentric in that daddy was obsessed with flying saucers and sometimes barbecued road-kill! The title for this book refers to a famous line from *The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde.

Scott "Spunk" O'Hara was a well-known porn star who appeared in 26 films between 1983 and 1992. He was editor and publisher of the sex journal *STEAM* from 1993 to 1996. Of his published books, his autobiography, *A Memoir of Life in the Lust Lane* was #14 on the "Books Bought Mainly by Men — 1997 Top 100 Bestsellers" list as rated by A Different Light Bookstore.

Brian Boulder of the *San Francisco Chronicle* says these writings are: "Refreshingly full of opinions, rants, revolutions, jeremiads, and incendiary beliefs. ... A few examples: In "Soaking in It," O'Hara discusses the joys of being pissed on. He describes a cross-country drive in which he makes the miles pass by not only shooting a load on the steering wheel, but the need to see if he could wash it off all by himself — while he was driving.

"Performed Consent" discusses some of his more bizarre exhibitionist acts. He also relates some very kinky stuff by Scott Taylor, one of his porn colleagues, and wonders whether it is classified as pornography or performance art, and what could be the fundamental difference between the two? He admits that one is definitely "profit driven."

O'Hara died of AIDS related complications in February of 1998. In his obituary he asked that in lieu of flowers to please make a donation to your favorite sperm bank. He also said if anyone held a memorial he would come back and haunt them. He was cremated and invited people to write his executor and request a fragment of his remains ("one final chance to do with him what you will"), and sent change of address cards with invitations to visit him at his final relocation. (Harrington Park Press, ISBN: 1-56023-939-5, PB).

All-Male: The Hottest

Erotic Video Stars Tell All

By Ed Karvoski, Jr.

From the book's subtitle: "Quirky Quotes, Intimate Interviews, and Tantalizing Trivia from the Most Desired Men on Earth. Sizzling Photos Throughout" Yeah, like really! In truth, it's a DOG! There are dull photos with names pasted over the important stuff (we see more in sex ads). The quotes are DUMB, the intimate interviews are a BORE, and the tantalizing trivia is just trivial! Don't waste your money. (Kensington Books, ISBN: 1-57566-423-2, US \$12, CAN \$18 PB).

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Ray Jivoff and Tony Clements star in 'That's Amore'

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RAY JIVOFF AND TONY CLEMENTS TALK ABOUT 'THAT'S AMORÉ'

Interview by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Ray Jivoff and Tony Clements are no strangers to Milwaukee's performing arts scene. Jivoff has been featured in a number of productions with Skylight Opera. Clements has also worked with the Skylight and last year was in The Chamber Theatre's production of *Angels in America, Part 2*.

Now, both are starring in *That's Amore* at the Milwaukee Rep's Stockner Cabaret and Clements also serves as musical director the show. Recently, I caught up with them to discuss their roles.

IN Step: Tell me about the show. What's it about?

Tony Clements: What's it about? Well, it's about an hour and 12 minutes. (laughter) Actually, it's about an Italian couple who run a restaurant who are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the family's coming to America. Is that right?

Ray Jivoff: He's acting like he never heard it before.

Tony Clements: Anyway, it's a big anniversary celebration and everybody in the audience is in an Italian restaurant. They're coming to see a show ... it's very participatory. The set comes right out into the cabaret and is part of the environment.

IN Step: What characters are you playing.

TC: There's mama and papa, sort of.

Colleen Burns plays Theresa Fabrizio and Ray is Joey Fabrizio. It's their restaurant and anniversary. I am Theresa's nephew, Frankie Capezio. Just like the ballet shoe (laughter). The newest addition to the wait-staff is Angelina Boccacina (sweet like the coffee). And those are the four characters.

IN Step: What can people expect?

RJ: First we give instructions on the kind of behavior that we are expecting at the restaurant: How to pronounce waitress in Italian; how to pay your bill. We want everyone to drink and sing and have a great time. It's kind of like two plays. There's the play that the family is gonna put on for people; a little show inside the show.

IN Step: Do things go awry?

TC: Yeah, things go awry

RJ: There's lots of crashing going on in the kitchen ... then we tell the story of how Theresa and Joey met and eventually married in a medley of songs about romance in Rome.

IN Step: Are these songs people will recognize?

TC: Yeah! There are Dean Martin and Jerry Vale songs.

RJ: The audience sings "That's Amore" along with Dino.

TC: Several times.

IN Step: Would you say that this was type-casting?

RJ: (lots of laughter) Yeah, right. He plays a criminal, so I think there is some type casting (more laughter).

TC: Colleen and I are two of the most Scandinavian looking people there are; my hair is naturally blonde.

IN Step: Is there anything you'd like to add?

RJ: I assumed we were having this interview because we do drag in the show.

TC: (Laughter). He's always in drag

IN Step: That's a revelation, what do you wear?

RJ: He's gold, I'm silver.

TC: We wear pant suits.

IN Step: What's the biggest challenge of acting in drag?

TC: Not laughing at him.

RJ: I think not breaking. There are times when we just do and it's kind of fun because we can as the characters. There are several moments in the slide show where Bert and Rose laugh at the stupid jokes

that they've made and it's kind of like that energy is there ... and they just laugh and seem to enjoy it.

IN Step: You have fun...

RJ: It is really fun, and because it involves the audience so much, that keeps it really fresh. You never know what the reaction is going to be and who's going to be out there. That keeps it different. We also like each other, so it's really fun to do. ▼

That's Amore will run through Oct. 31 at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Stockner Cabaret. For times and tickets, call (414) 224-9490.



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ACTIVITIES:

Friday, October 8

GAMMA - Social Volleyball (Milwaukee): Play volleyball from 1 to 3 p.m. at UWM's Englemann Hall. \$2 GAMMA members, \$3 non-members and free to full-time UW students. FMI call John at (414) 540-1202.

SAGE-Milwaukee - Game Night (Milwaukee): SAGE men & women gather to play cards and board games at 6:30 p.m. Have a favorite game? Bring it along. Sheephead lessons are available. It all happens at the LGBT Community Center in the small meeting room. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, October 9

East Town Farmers Market - Season End (Milwaukee) Today and 10/16 are the last two Saturdays of the season. Flowers, vegetables, homemade bakery and more! It all happens on 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.

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

Sunday, October 10

National Coming Out Day - Religious Events (Milwaukee): Cross Lutheran Church, 1821 N. 16th St., will host Sunday Service featuring lesbian gospel singer MARSHA STEVENS at 9:30 a.m. At 2 p.m. The Village Church, 130 E. Juneau will have BRIDGES OF FAITH with MARSHA STEVENS and the FEST CITY SINGERS. FMI call (414) 344-1746 or (414) 273-7617.

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

Tuesday, October 12

Rainbow Lightning Marching Band - Bi-Weekly Practice (Milwaukee): Practice will take place at 7 p.m. on the second & fourth Tuesday of each month at the MCC Church, 1239 W. Mineral Street. This schedule will hold through Spring. FMI call (414) 933-3743.

Wednesday, October 13

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison): At 7 p.m. there will be Beginning Line Dance Balamas led by Ron. At 8 p.m. there will be Advance Line Dance Lessons led by Reese. 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.

Cream City Chorus - Weekly Practice (Milwaukee): Practice takes place at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. FMI call (414) 276-8787 or (414) 271-2656.

Friday, October 15

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison): At 8 p.m. there will be Line Dance Lessons & Review led by Sharon or Bill. 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.

Monday Night Irregulars

Bowling standings thru Sept. 27, 1999

- 1) Switched at Birth
- 2) Boot Camp Barbies
- 3) Milwaukee M.C.C.
- 4) Greta's Boys
- 5) Seamen From Docks
- 6) Lisa's Libidos
- 7) Switches Bitches
- 8) Ballgame Bitches
- 9) Flaming Fluids
- 10) M&M's With Nuts
- 11) Every Ass Gets Licked Equally
- 12) The Bewitched Broom Riders
- 13) This Is It Again
- 14) Landmark Cosmic Queens
- 15) Switch
- 16) Dish Rags

Ten Percent Society - Coming Out Week Dance (Madison, WI): Dances are open to UW-Madison LGBT students, staff, faculty, and their friends. The WELCOME BACK DANCE will be held from 8 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. There will be DJ's and a cash bar. Admission is \$3 at the door. The campus is smoke-free. Great Hall is accessible to people with disabilities.

Saturday, October 16

BWMT - New Social Group (Milwaukee): Black and White Men Together will have the first meeting of their new group at the LGBT Community Center from 7 to 9 p.m. The new group anticipates meeting on the third Saturday of the month. FMI call (414) 461-4586, voice mail #3 or <http://members.aol.com/Milw4bwmt>.

Kuumba Productions - Open Mike (Milwaukee): Revolution of Womyn poetry, a monthly multicultural gathering bringing women together through poetry will take place at the LGBT Community Center at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 873-7133.

LGBT Community Center - Gill Foundation Training (Milwaukee): Two sessions are presented, NITTY GRITTY ON GETTING GRANTS from 9 a.m. to noon, and FIX YOUR FUND-RAISING EVENTS from 12:30 to 3 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, October 17

Rural Dykes Barn Dance Preparation (Mt. Horeb, WI): Help RDA get ready for their Fall Frolic & Barn Dance (10/23). The barn will be cleaned and decorated starting at 10 a.m. Bring a vegetarian dish to share. FMI & directions call (608) 437-3637.

Monday, October 18

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Man-to-Man Rap (Madison): The group meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 at the OutReach office, 600 Williamson St. There is no set agenda and new participants are always welcome. FMI call David (608) 274-5959.

Wednesday, October 20

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison): At 7 p.m. there will be Swing Dance lessons led by Kris. At 8 p.m. there will be Beginning Line Dance Lessons led by Joan. 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.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

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

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

Dish (Milwaukee): Rotating Events!

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Open at 3 p.m. \$1 off all Miller products. \$4 pitchers of beer.

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

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

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 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

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): During the day there is a \$1 beer sale from 3 to 9 p.m. on selected varieties. Shirtless Sunday

Nights with Jake and Steve M. Half-price tap & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

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

Switch (Milwaukee): Tea Dance from 3pm-7pm, \$6 Beer Bust, 1/2 Price Rail Drinks.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey 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. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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. Open seven days a week with music spinning a drink specials by the pool. FMI call (616) 857-1401.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Margarita Mondays!

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 Klostet (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!

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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!

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. Girl's Night Out! 2-4-1 rails and taps for the girls from 9 p.m. to close.

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.

Cell Block (Chicago): SMUT Tuesdays! XXXX Videos. Cheap Drinks.

Free Games.

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

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

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

Dish (Milwaukee): Closed

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

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. Nuts and Bolts Night.

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

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

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

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

Woody's (Milwaukee): 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 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.


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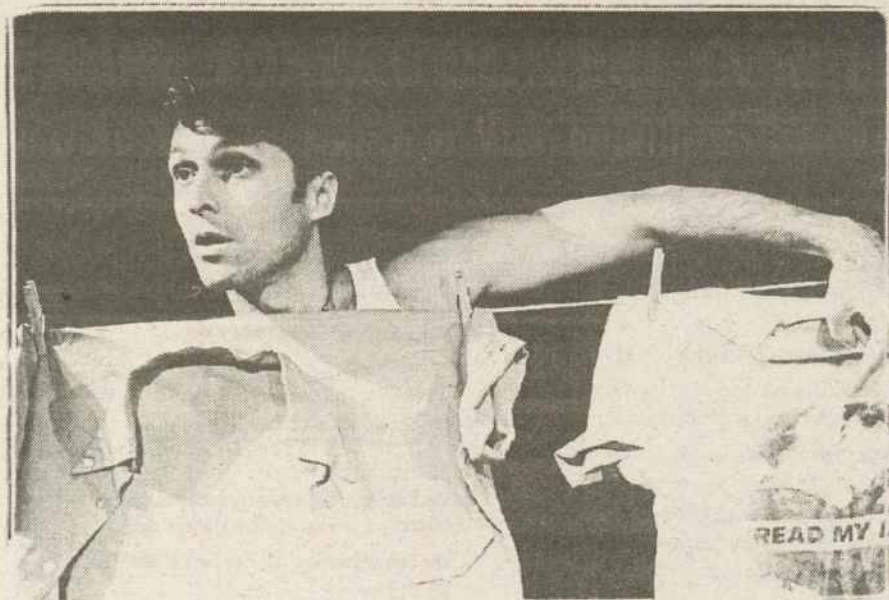
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Irregular Forms of the Verb "To Be"

**NINE YEARS AFTER
LOSING FUNDING FROM
THE NEA, TIM MILLER
PROVOKES LAUGHTER —
AND THOUGHT — WITH
THE STORIES IN
"SHIRTS AND SKIN"**

by Chris Ott
of the IN Step staff

Tim Miller took the name for his book and one-man show *Shirts and Skin* from a flash of understanding he had in his high school P.E. class: it was during a huddle with shirtless football teammates that he figured out which "team" he was on.

As Miller points out during the rest of his show, he's learned "to play by a whole different set of rules" since then. In *Shirts and Skin*, he offers a funny — and challenging — look at identity for gay men, hanging different shirts on a clothesline to represent different stages of his own life. There's his race to conception against Jesse Helms-like sperm. There's Fraulein Rodriguez, his Latina lesbian German teacher who taught him the irregular forms of the verb "to be," and who also let him know that she understood which team he was on and that it was OK. There are tales of love and lust, and narrow escapes from Moonie indoctrination and Santeria rituals in scary Manhattan apartment buildings.

Plus he takes off all his clothes.

The bad news is that if you haven't seen *Shirts and Skin* by the time you read this, you'll have to read the book (Alyson Publications, 1997) or catch Miller in another city. Information about perfor-

mances in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Oct. 8th and 9th is available by calling (319) 364-1580.

Before his two recent performances in Madison, *IN Step* caught up with Miller to talk about his career. *Shirts and Skin* is just the latest of Miller's provocative performances: in 1990 Miller (now 41) became one of the "NEA Four": four performance artists whose grants from the National Endowment for the Arts were revoked under pressure from the Bush Administration because they contained gay and lesbian themes.

Miller said the revocation of the grants launched an ongoing battle over the question of "do gays and lesbians have the same access to funding that any other artist has?" The government eventually settled out of court and gave Miller and the other artists the amount of their original grants, but since then the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of applying "standards of decency" when making grants to support the arts. Miller sees the decision as a blow against free speech, and called the NEA the "National Endowment for

Safe Heterosexual Art."

"Now they fund lots of dull summer bands," he said. "I'm glad the NEA is still there, but its bold history of encouraging fierce diversity is way a thing of the past."

"What people object to is a gay man talking about life, politics and love," he said, "but of course none of these people ever saw my work." He said his use of nudity probably had something to do with the original controversy ("who knows how these dark little minds work?" he asked), but the overriding objection to work like his is "this vague notion of promoting homosexuality. The idea that there's any money going to support a gay citizen or identity-based work is really the flashpoint."

Miller's other pieces include *Fruit Cocktail* (1996) and *My Queer Body* (1992). His performances have been presented throughout North America, as well as in Australia and Europe. He has taught performance at UCLA, Cal State LA, and New York University, and is also founder of Performance Space 122 in Manhattan, as well as the Highways Performance Space in Santa Monica, CA where he currently serves as artistic director.

Miller said that he's "never gotten a cent" in arts funding from the government since his out-of-court settlement, and that coverage of the NEA scandal didn't necessarily help. "Becoming notorious doesn't necessarily translate into being able to get work or being able to pay the rent." He said he was fortunate to already have built a working reputation while performing and touring during the previous nine years.

"I developed some new gigs, but lost more. People think that you did something wrong. They think, 'Oh, you're that guy who Jesse Helms hates.'"

Miller said his work does let him "opine on political subjects, which I like." He said he's most "pissed off" about "the complete lack of relationship rights in this country," and is spending thousands of dollars trying to keep his Australian boyfriend Alistair in the country.

"If he were a terrorist, he'd have a green card already if he were female,"

Miller said. "There's no better way to know that gay relationships are treated like shit than to get a boyfriend from another country. You can sort of get around the 1,400 rights and privileges given to people who are married, but the immigration one is one that there's no way around. You either split up or leave the country."

Miller says he's hopeful that Vermont's supreme court will rule soon in favor of gay marriage — "Get ready for a really exciting couple of years," he said — but that it may not happen fast enough for him and Alistair. "I'm imagining that we'll have to leave the country."

Miller said gay marriage will probably become "one of the most divisive issues since the civil war, or certainly the civil rights movement."

It's also an issue that motivates his work.

"I don't know if I would be making work about this now if it weren't so personal for me." ▼



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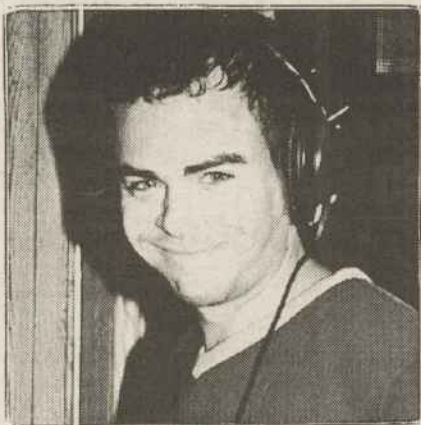
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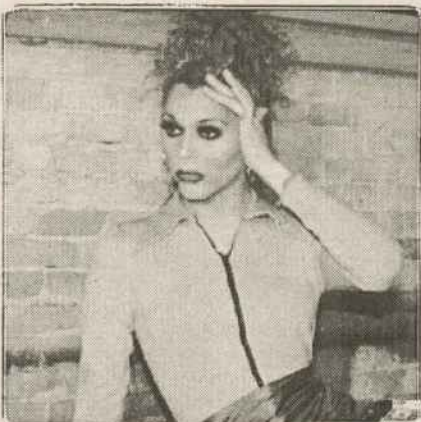
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All smiles. Photo by Jamie @ La Cage

The Klostet (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.

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

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

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

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 6 to 9 p.m. Hump Night! 2-4-1 rails and taps for the boyz from 9 p.m. to close.

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-Can-Drink Superbust (beer, wine & soda).

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

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

THURSDAYS:

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

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

Cell Block (Chicago): Big Buck Thursdays! \$1 well, wine, domestic beer.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pain & Pleasure in the Pit. \$1.50 long-necks. 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.

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite. Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra Shots - \$2.50

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

The Klostet (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.

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

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.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 6 to 9 p.m. Karaoke Night! 9 p.m. to close.

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-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.

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

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Bring on the Bears and Bikers! \$1.25 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 Klostet (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. DJ spinning the hits starting at 8 p.m. \$1.50 bottles and \$1 shots (Liquor and Schnapps).

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

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Midnight.

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.

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

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

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

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. Full Service Patio Bar open. Cocktail Lounge and DJ 9 p.m. to close.

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.

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot til 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bone DJ.

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

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

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

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

Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. DJ Eddie!

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Live DJ 9 p.m. to close. Men's Room (Levi/Leather) 7 p.m. to close. 50¢ off all drinks with card. Progressive Happy Hour from 7 to 10 p.m.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.

Switch (Milwaukee): Full Service Patio Bar open. Cocktail Lounge and DJ 9 p.m. to close.

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, OCTOBER 7

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES & CLUBS:

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Gerber/Hart Library - Lesbian Book Club (Chicago): The Lesbian Book Discussion Group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Library, 1127 West Granville Ave. Suggested donation: \$2 - Gerber/Hart members \$3 - non-members.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

A Room of One's Own Bookstore - Authors Appearance (Madison): Inga Musica will read from her book CUNT: A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Pink Ink Writers Group - Meeting (Milwaukee): The group meets at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center. New members are always welcome and the group is open to all. FMI call Cindy (414) 444-0256 or (414) 271-2656.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

A Room of One's Own Bookstore - Fall Poetry Reading (Madison, WI): Join LOCAL POETS Andrea Potos, Rhonda Lee, Marilyn Annicco, Gay Davidson-Zielske, Eve Robillard & Laura Bailey for an evening of reading, song & transformation at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

A Room of One's Own Bookstore - Music in the Coffee-house (Madison, WI): Singer songwriter MARY WAITROVICH will perform at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

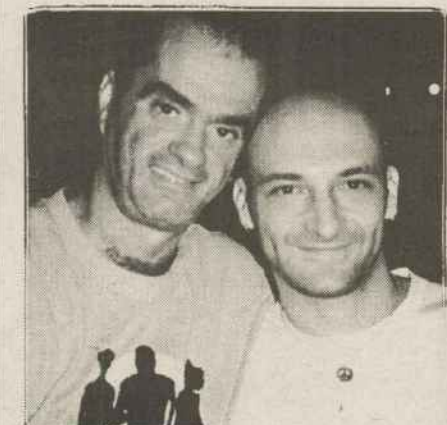
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

A Room of One's Own Bookstore - Author Appearance (Madison, WI): Peggie Carlson, author of THE GIRLS ARE COMING will read from her work at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

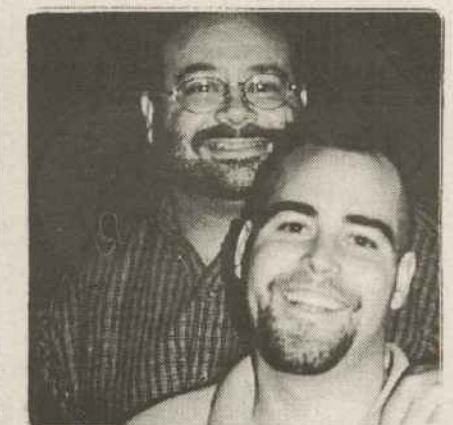
COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

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.



Romance at the Docks. Photo by Jamie @ SWS Docks



Goatee Club. Photo by Jamie @ SWS Docks

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

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday 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/AIDS Support Group & Hotline (Upper Peninsula, MI): These projects serve Dickinson, Iron, & Menominee Counties. For information on the support group which meets in Iron Mountain, Michigan on the first Thursday of each month, call the HIV/AIDS Hotline at (906) 779-2904.

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-OUTloud 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, OCTOBER 8

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.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

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.

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

Lesbian Health & Wellness - Free Series (Madison): Each session is different in content and will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jennifer St. Tonight: CANCER & THE ENVIRONMENT. FMI call Megan Barry at (608) 246-0101.

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

Sunday, October 10

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.



The Old Switch-A-Roo. Photo by Jamie @ Switch

Gay Men's Discussion Group - Monthly Meeting (Milw.): 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 Honel at (414) 271-2565.

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison, WI): Services are at 9 and 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.

Rebuilding Faith - LGBT Catholics (Milwaukee) This group has their monthly discussion meeting from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe School, 613 S. 4th St. This month's topic: Coming Out Spiritually. FMI call Fred (414) 481-8543.

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

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

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.

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.

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, OCTOBER 12

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.

PFLAG - Milwaukee - Open Office (Milwaukee): A representative of the Milwaukee Chapter will be at the LGBT Community Center and be available to speak to parents, youth or anyone who wants to stop and say hello each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Project Q - Weekly Youth Night (Milwaukee): Youth meet weekly at the LGBT Community Center. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

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) 222-9987.

Yoga Spirit - Free Classes (Milwaukee): Every Tuesday there are



Buddies. Photo by Jamie @ Switch

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, October 13

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

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

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

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.

Saturday, October 16

Lesbian Health & Wellness - Free Series (Madison): Each session is different in content and will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 953 Jennifer St. Tonight: FEEL UP, FEEL GOOD: A DAY FOR US. FMI call Megan Barry at (608) 246-0101.

The Lesbian Connection - One-Day Workshop (Madison, WI): Choices Counseling & Psych-Seminars will hold the workshop (9 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$180) St. Benedict Center. FMI call (847) 884-7750, e-mail PsySeminar@aol.com or visit their web site at www.PsySeminar.com

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group - Man-to-Man Rap (Madison, WI): The group meets the third Monday of the month at 7:30 at the OutReach office, 600 Williamson St. There is no set agenda and new participants are always welcome. FMI call David (608) 274-5959.

Wednesday, October 20

WI Corporate Alliance - Meeting (Milwaukee): The WCA meets at the LGBT Community Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Room A. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison, WI): Every week from 2 to 3 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents 63 DOWN TOWN PASTORS SIGN AN AFFIRMATION OF GLBTQ UNIONS, plus PLATO at the UW-Extension, Continuing Education for people of any age, especially senior citizens. Plus IN OUR OWN WORDS and NUCA LYPTUS - an animated computer movie. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Womyn's Radio (Madison, WI): A weekly show titled HER TURN: Womyn'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, OCTOBER 13

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison, WI): Every week from 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents WORKING BELOW THE LINE, MUMIA ABU JAMAL & 1999 UW GLBTQ ALUMNI AWARDS. Re-runs at Midnight 12:30 to 2:30 a.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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

SAGE-Milwaukee - Film (Milwaukee): In honor of National Coming Out Week, a film showing of AN EARLY FROST will be held in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16

Madison Gay Video Club - Videos (Madison, WI): THE TOILERS and THE WAYFARERS (in German with subtitles) and STOCK: SENTENCED & RELEASED will be shown at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Saturday, October 9

Riverwest Artists Assn - Arts Fair (Milwaukee): RAA has their semiannual fair at Bayshore Mall from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, textiles and more. FMI call (414) 481-1136.

Friday, October 15

Grava Gallery - Gallery Night (Milwaukee): JASON FRICKE will show drawings featuring images from dance performances, concerts and nature. There will be a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. at 1209 E. Brady St. FMI call (414) 277-8228.

Lincoln Center for the Arts - Gallery Night (Milwaukee): The Center located at 820 E. Knapp St. will show PANELS FROM THE AIDS QUILT to the public from 6 to 9 p.m.

Milwaukee Art Museum Lecture & Gallery Night (Milwaukee): MAM will have a lecture at 5:45 p.m. about THE LAST SHOW OF THE CENTURY There will be light appetizers and a cash bar. For \$10 you can hitch a ride on Gray Line Tours and continue on to galleries throughout the city. FMI & reservations, call (414) 271-0996.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Milwaukee Art Museum - Music In The Museum (Milwaukee): Pianist Jeffrey Hollander will present the music of GEORGE GERSHWIN, PAUL WHITEMAN & WALTER DONALDSON at 5:30 p.m. \$15 admission, \$10 to MAM members The concert will be followed by a tour of the current exhibition. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

THEATER ARTS:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theater - 14th Season Opener (Milwaukee): The comedy, QUORUM, by Mark Anderson opens for a 5-week run. FMI, times and tickets, call (414) 744-5757.

Broom Street Theater - Current Show (Madison, WI): TRENCH COAT MAFIA is currently playing at 1119 Williamson St. The production will run through 10/31. Tickets are \$7 at the door. FMI call (608) 244-8338.

Wild Space Dance Company - Season Opener (Milwaukee): FISH SMELL, DANCERS STINK opens the season at the Miramar Theater, 2844 N. Oakland Ave. Also on 10/8 & 10/9. FMI call (414) 271-0307.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Alverno Presents - A Capella Sextet (Milwaukee): SoVoSo, a San Francisco on a capella jazz quartet, performs for one night only at 8 p.m. at the Pitman Theater, 3431 S. 39th St. FMI & tickets (\$18 & \$20) call (414) 382-6044.

JM Kohler Arts Center - Footlights Season (Sheboygan, WI): A full-length performance featuring NOCHE FLAMENCA will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the JMKAC Theater, 608 New York Ave. FMI (tickets \$19 general, \$14 students & members) call (920) 458-6144.

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra - Classical Piano (Milwaukee): ALICIA DE LARROCHA will perform Mozart at 8 p.m. in Uihlein Hall. Also on 10/9 at 8 p.m. FMI (tickets \$14 to \$60) call (414) 281-7605 or 800-291-7605.

Broadway Theater Center - Theater X 30th Anniversary Season (Milwaukee): A re-staging of MY WEREWOLF, by John Schneider, opens at 7:30 p.m. in the Studio Theater of the Broadway Theater Center, & runs through 10/31/99. Tickets are \$18 to \$20. FMI call (414) 291-7800.

The Grand Opera House - Comedy (Oshkosh, WI): PAULA POUNDSTONE will entertain at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$23, \$26 & \$28. FMI & reservations call (920) 424-2350.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

UWM School Of The Arts - Vocal Arts Series (Milwaukee): CYNTHIA STIEHL, mezzo-soprano & JEFFERY PETERSON, piano present An Afternoon of American Song: From Womb To Tomb at 3 p.m. in the Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Tickets are \$12 general, \$6 students) FMI call (414) 229-4308.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Artist Series At The Pabst - Chamber Music Series (Milwaukee): TAKACS STRING QUARTET performs at the Historic Pabst Theater. FMI & tickets call (414) 286-8777.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14

UWM School Of The Arts - Mainstage Series (Milwaukee): UBU, a theatrical collage based on the life & works of Alfred Jarry, adapted by Bill Walters. There will be a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the lobby of the School of the Arts Theater, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. FMI (tickets \$15 general, \$9 students & seniors) call (414) 229-4308.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

Grdestage Theater- Opening Night (Milwaukee): JERRY'S GIRLS, an all-female revue featuring the music of Jerry Herman opens at 783 N. Jefferson St., and runs through 10/30/99. Tickets are \$14 at the door. FMI & reservations, call (414) 270-1994.

Florentine Opera - Opera in French (Milwaukee): Jules Massenet's opera MANON will be sung in French with English Supertitles in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center at 7:30 p.m. Also 10/16 at 7:30 & 10/17 at 2:30 p.m. FMI & tickets call (414) 273-7206 or 800-612-3500.

UWM School Of The Arts - UWM Orchestra & Choir (Milwaukee): Dr. SHARON HANSEN conducts the music of JACOB HANSON, & FUARE at 7:30 p.m. at the Irish Cultural & Heritage Center, 2133 W. Wisconsin Ave. Tickets are \$8 general, \$5 students/seniors) FMI call (414) 229-4308.

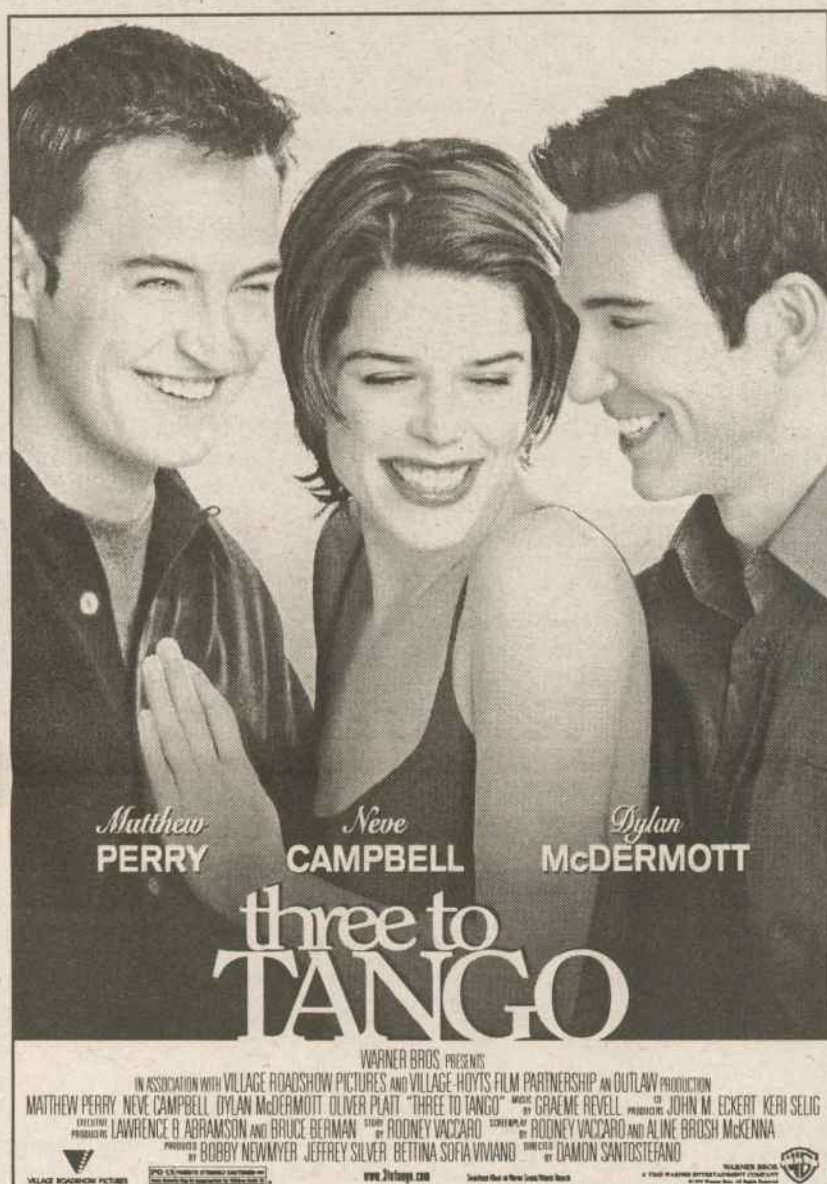


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CINEMA

Romance

The Downer Theatre is certain to have a record number of walkouts for Catherine Breillat's *Romance*. This is the most sexually explicit mainstream film I have ever seen and it's bound to embarrass, disgust and infuriate even the most liberated of filmgoers. And it's about time. *Romance* is definitely not the best film of 1999 but it may be the most important, forging a new cinema that expands the range of bodily activities that can be put in the service of a story.

Caroline Ducey, in an amazingly brave performance, stars as Marie, a woman frustrated with her smug lover Paul's (Sag-



Caroline Ducey and Sagamore Stevenin

amore Stevenin) lack of sexual appetite. Instead of kicking Paul to the curb, she becomes utterly obsessed with examining what's wrong with their relationship and embarks on a tour of one-night stands (with Italian porn star Rocco Siffredi in his first "vanilla" role), BDSM (the role of the boss who initiates her into this world was originally offered to Jean-Luc Godard who turned it down saying the film would be "impossible to pull off") and rape in a effort to arrive at some sort of understanding. Aficionados of the porn loop will be disappointed with the explicitness but everyone else will be properly (and one hopes pleasantly) shocked at all the body fluids and imagination-obliterating close-

ups Breillat gets away with.

Breillat makes it easy for us to see Marie's obsession with Paul. He's a stunningly gorgeous creature that Breillat freezes into an indelible image of ferocious temptation early in the film during a model shoot. Eventually, though, his enormous ego and twisted mind-fucking swallows his persona so totally that his pretty face is hardly a benison by the end. Viewer patience will therefore be stretched to breaking at precisely the point where Paul's inhumanity is made to seem no longer worthy of the intense analysis/discovery Marie undergoes. That point will come at different moments, if at all, for different viewers, of course. But resisting the temptation to see Marie and Paul's relationship as no less fucked-up than the one in *Natural Born Killers* will be the primary challenge of watching *Romance*. Placing psychological, socio-political and moral strictures upon the film will rob you of one of the most intimate and harrowing portrayals of erotic destitution cinema has to offer.

The end is a lot more difficult to defend (major spoilers ahead). I just wish all the time clocked in Marie's self-examination was worth more at the end than blowing up Paul in their apartment (along with their cat, let's not forget). There are films with similar erotic themes, such as *Last Tango in Paris* and the masterful *Some Call It Loving*, which end with the need to destroy the object of obsession. But that need was always contextualized in a struggle between sexual fantasy and the everyday grind. Here in *Romance*, there's a sort of jokey coda that casts Marie as a barefoot gypsy (?) gleefully following Paul's coffin to its burial site. Maybe a glimpse into how her explorations have impacted her life as a schoolteacher would have made this bit seem less tacked-on. As it stands, it trivializes all that's come before as a waste of time.

—Kevin John

THEATER REVIEW

That's Amore

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Stackner Cabaret is a delightfully intimate space lending itself to a variety of distinctly unique theatrical entertainments. Such is the case with *That's Amore*, which opens the 1999-2000 Stackner season.

For this latest work from writer/director Roger Bean, the Stackner Cabaret has been authentically transformed into the Fabrizio family restaurant just in time to share in the celebration of Teresa and Joey's 25th wedding anniversary. On the menu are some songs, and a few stories plus the unusual family squabbles.

Cast members are members of the Fabrizio family who work in the restaurant. Teresa (Colleen Burns) is the strong-willed but warm-hearted "Mama," while her hubby Joey (Ray Jivoff) can't seem to keep his eye from wandering. This is a problem shared by young Frankie Cappezio (Tony Clements), who is quite happy to chat up any and every attractive young lady he sees, just as long as girlfriend Angie (Gina Torrecilla) is out of earshot. Angie is an attractive, high-spirited young woman whose physical attributes apparently compensate for her lack of waitress skills.


For their 25th wedding anniversary celebration, Teresa has planned a little show. Between kitchen emergencies and family arguments, Teresa and company offer up the Fabrizio's charming family history, particularly Joey's courtship of Teresa along with a few musical numbers. If some of the humor often borders on the corny, it is at least serves up with tremendous enthusiasm.

Nor are those of the audience allowed to merely watch the merriment. Many in the audience find themselves assuming roles within the extended Fabrizio family. Others simply play regular restaurant diners who are encouraged to join in the festivities, ranging from toasting the happy couple to singing along (repeatedly) to *That's Amore*, (the song lyrics are provided on the back page of the program.)

The evening is all rather jolly and light-hearted. The small cast of four are energetic, sing well and are all clearly enjoying themselves immensely. Still, the highlights of *That's Amore*, are the songs, and if this reviewer has a quibble with *That's Amore*, it is that there are simply too few of them.

That's Amore will run through Oct. 31 at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Stackner Cabaret, with evening performances Wednesday through Sunday, and matinees Saturday and Sunday. For times and tickets, call (414) 224-9490.

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A Few Thoughts

by Jamie

Just gonna hit a few short subjects and then I'll get you caught up on things around town...

More New Friends

I really don't know if we set out to, but Josh and I have been meeting new people lately. Not just acquaintances, but people we would consider friends. There are a few people to mention, like Justin, Jim, John and Dave, but I wanted to focus on Chad and Jenni. It was a Friday night at La Cage when we went to say hi to Mike and Paul, two other people we've know for awhile. Chad is a very attractive guy and Jenni is a knockout as well. Together they make a great couple, and yes, they play for the heterosexual team. To us, this is very cool, we like hanging out with couples, gay or straight. In any case, I think we all hit it off pretty good. We talked about many things, including Josh's god, Tori Amos, and other common interests. You see, Chad is a DJ for a local radio station, so he actually met and talked with Tori. I'm pretty sure we talked until they turned the lights on and told us it was time to go home. We exchanged phone numbers and have since gone out a few more times. Next Sunday, it'll be brunch at M&M. Josh and I absolutely adore Chad and Jenni, and thank the forces that be for giving us the opportunity to meet them.

Dr. Laura

As you know, in the past I used to listen to her all the time. This was up until more than a few months ago. I really believe something happened with her because in recent months she hasn't been very favorable toward gays. It used to be that she was very tolerant and even sympathetic to many of our issues. She used to have some compassion for us and even admitted to "struggling" with whether it is right and wrong, even though her religion says it's wrong. I listened to her to help me become and stay morally stronger. I don't listen to her any more because I got tired of listening to her rant about gays and lesbians. I will, however, to this day defend how I felt about her before she went on this "crusade" against gays.

Judges Choice Award

No, I'm not trying to turn this into a scandal, but I have to agree with the letter to the editor that appeared in the last issue of *IN Step*. I'm guessing that many club owners in this city wouldn't want to take the same responsibility and liability Triangle was asked to do for such an award. Yes, it's a great looking award, but the price tag

on it is a bit high. Is PrideFest making that much money? Why not save a few bucks and give a much more modest award that club owners can keep without having to worry about the \$300 price tag on it.

Halloween

October 31st is just around the corner. That means 2 things for me. The third anniversary for the house purchase and Josh having a blast. He really gets into decorating and Halloween seems to be his favorite. Today we spent the day driving around looking for branches, vines and other items for him to make spooky stuff. Our front porch really does look kind of spooky. If things go right, you will be able to see some of Josh's handy work at one of the clubs.

Are you bored with all of this? OK, I'll move on...

I stopped in at **Docks** this past week and ran into **Papa Joe** and **Don**. I must say, I always enjoy chatting with these two people. It's nice to share war stories with another columnist, and **Papa Joe** has just about as many stories as I do. Thanks guys, for a great evening. Another fun stop was on my way back from a satellite job just west of Kenosha. I stopped at the **Clubhouse Filling Station** around 6:15 but it was closed. I walked up to the door and there was **Cha Cha** with a shotgun! He told me to get the hell out, he wasn't open for another 45 minutes. OK, he wasn't standing there with a shotgun and he didn't tell me to get the hell out. I waited 45 minutes until they opened and shot the shit with them for awhile. I had a really nice time.

There were two birthday parties to tell you about. The first was at **Club 219**, where **Miss Alaneous** was celebrating yet another year on this earth and even more liver spots on her hands. **Bill**, co-owner of **Fluid**, also celebrated his birthday with lots of friends and patrons to help him blow out the candles. I heard the **Stohli Party** at Fluid was also a smashing good time. Work continues at the old **Mama Roux** where **Julia** (owner of **DISH**) is hard at work getting another great club together for gay Milwaukee. Can't wait till the doors open.

As I write this column, the **Miss Gay Wisconsin-US-ofA 2000** pageant is being held at the Regency Suites Hotel in Green Bay. Last night was the preliminaries at **Za's**. Tomorrow, I will give **Mark** a call to find out who won and let you know in the next issue.

The annual Gay & Lesbian Film Festival was held on Sept. 30th. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend, so I missed it. If anyone recommends a film they saw, let me know.

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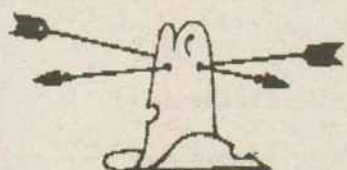


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2 Javas (MW, V)
1106 Main 54301 435-5476
2 Zas (MW, DJ, V)
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4 Sass (WM)
840 S. Broadway 54304 437-7277

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AA Hotline (for gay meeting referrals) 731-4331
AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (www.arcw.org)
824 S. Broadway, 54304 920-437-7400
(800) 675-9400

Angel of Hope (MCC Church)
3607 Libal Street, 54301 432-0830
Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)
PO Box 22096, Green Bay 54305
Bay City Chorus
PO Box 1901, Green Bay 54305 497-8882
Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-GB 465-2343
G/L Guide to N.E. Wisconsin
P.O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305
Men's HIV+ Support
Green Bay 437-7400
Women's HIV+ Support
Green Bay 437-7400
Parents & Friends of G/L Green Bay 499-7080
Positive Voice (Gay and Lesbian Support)
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Sturgeon Bay 733-2068

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4072 Cherry Rd Sturgeon Bay, 54234 746-0334
BlackSmith Inn (Bed & Breakfast)
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MADISON (608)

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HIV/AIDS Service Organization
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ORGANIZATIONS

Bi? Shy? Why?
(Bisexual Support Group) 257-5534
PO Box 321, 53701
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e-mail: bcbeers@aol.com
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PO Box 1722, 5370 255-8582
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Gay Mens Video Club
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GALVANize (Madison LesBiGay Pride)
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GLBT Phone Line (Outreach's Out-line) 255-4297
Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events)
PO Box 6091, 53716
Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence
Support Group) 255-7447
LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)
Dean of Students Office,
75 Bascom Hall, Madison 53706 263-5700
LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge,
Resource Center) UW Union 265-3344
LesBiGay Teen Support Group 251-1126
(Briarpatch & Picada) or
Lesbian, Gay and Bi Low Student Union
UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
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Madison Wrestling Club
PO Box 8234, 53708 244-8675
MAGIC Picnic Committee
c/o Outreach 255-8582
Mens Alanon 255-8582
New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
PO Box 1786, 53701
Nothing to Hide (gay cable) 241-2500
OutReach, Inc.
600 Williamson St, 53703 225-8582
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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 Jennifer 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://vps.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

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Box 730, 53701 836-8886
Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
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James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church
2146 E Johnson, 53704 242-8887
Services
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MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

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AIDS Awareness Group
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Alcoholics Anonymous
(Request gay meetings) 771-9119
Beer Town Badgers
PO Box 840, 53201
Bi Definition (Bisexual Community Events)
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Nikki 774-5055
Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136
Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club)
PO Box 1697, 53202-1697
Community Elections Coalition
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Counseling Center (LesBiGay support & discussion groups)
2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565
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Cream City Foundation (CCF)
170 S. 2nd St., 53204-1409
PO Box 204, 53201 265-0880
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(G/L Square Dancing Club) 445-8080
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Delta Lambda Phi (Gay Frat)
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PO Box 11428, 53211 263-SING
Firebirds (L/L group)
P.O. Box 159, 53201-0159 53202
Front Runners (Running Group) 332-1527
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Galano Club (chemical free recovery club)
2408 N. Farwell 276-6936
GAMMA (sports/outdoors/recreation/social)
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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
GLEAM (GLBT Employees of Ameritech)
P.O. Box 254, 53201 482-4310
G/L Community Center Trust Fund
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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)
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Keep Hope Alive (HIV Holistic Support)
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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
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Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873
Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club (Scott) 543-9643
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Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians)
c/o Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett271-2565
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2821 N. 4th Street, 53212263-5330
FAX263-5530
WL Leather Mens Assoc. Inc.
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RELIGIOUS

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Lake Park Lutheran Church
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St. Camillus (Interfaith AIDS Ministry)
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833 W. Wisconsin Ave.271-1340
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
1342 N. Astor 273-5257
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
130 E. Juneau Ave.273-7617

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Mark Behar, PA-C (Family/Primary Care)
Family Care Center, 1834 W. WI, 53233933-3600
BESTD (Brady East STD) Clinic (STD diagnosis and
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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)
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Positive Health Clinic
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945 N. 12, 53233219-7908

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3251 N. Halton, 53212264-8800

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4 Dish (Wm, DJ)
235 S. 2nd St., 53204273-DISH
Emeralds
801 E. Hadley, 53206265-7325
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1030 East Juneau, 53202272-0011
Campazuchi
1205 E. Brady St., 53202291-5233
Chip and Pys
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Gelito Lindo
733 South 2nd St., 53204649-0401
Fitzpatrick's
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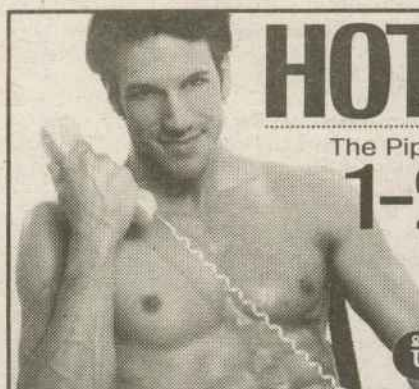
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 Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLG) c/o 130 S. Central Ave., #3 Marshfield, 54449
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 Women's Resource Center UWSP 336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 346-4851

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AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Oneida County Health Dept. (715) 369-6228
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 Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting) 554-6611
 Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine 625 College, Racine 53403 634-0659

UW-Parkside G/L Organization 900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141 595-2244
 UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union 309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190 472-5738

Diamond Hill Inn B&B W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie 63-4421
 Wychwalde (Jewelry & Gifts) 8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168 843-4209

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

Cathren House (B&B) Mineral Point 987-2612
 CrossRoads Bar (G/S/M/W) W6642 Hwy B, 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
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 Scooter's (MW) 411 Galloway St., Eau Claire, 54703 835-9959
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Gay & Lesbian Alliance Box 131, Platteville, 53818
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Leaping La Crosse News Box 932, LaCrosse 54602
 LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays Rainbow's End (G/S, WM), 417 Jay St., La Crosse 54601 782-6082

Rainbow Revolution (Alternative Books) 122 5th Ave S, LaCrosse 54601 796-0383
 Rainbow Ridge Farms Bed and Breakfast 783-8181

Pioneers (Southwest WI Rural G/L Alliance) Code 4419, e-mail to pioneersw@aol.com 800-484-8131
 PO Box 53, Richland Center, 53581

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A Brother's Touch Books (Books/Gifts) www.brotherstouch.com 2327 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55405 (612) 377-MARY
 CDC National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-2437

Gay & Lesbian Americans PO Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013 (800) 889-5111
 Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) (202) 628-4160

National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483
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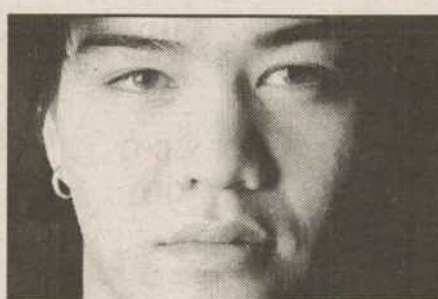
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Little Jim's (M,V), 3501 N Halsted, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 871-6116
 Lambda Car Club Int'l, PO Box 268534, Chicago, IL 60626 (312) 465-5307

Male Hide Leathers (Leather Shop) 2816 N Lincoln, Chicago, IL 60657 (312) 929-0069
 The Office (Mw,DJ,L), 513 E State, Rockford, IL 61104 (815) 965-0344

OH Zone (MW), 1014 Charles St. Rockford, IL 61104 (815) 964-9663

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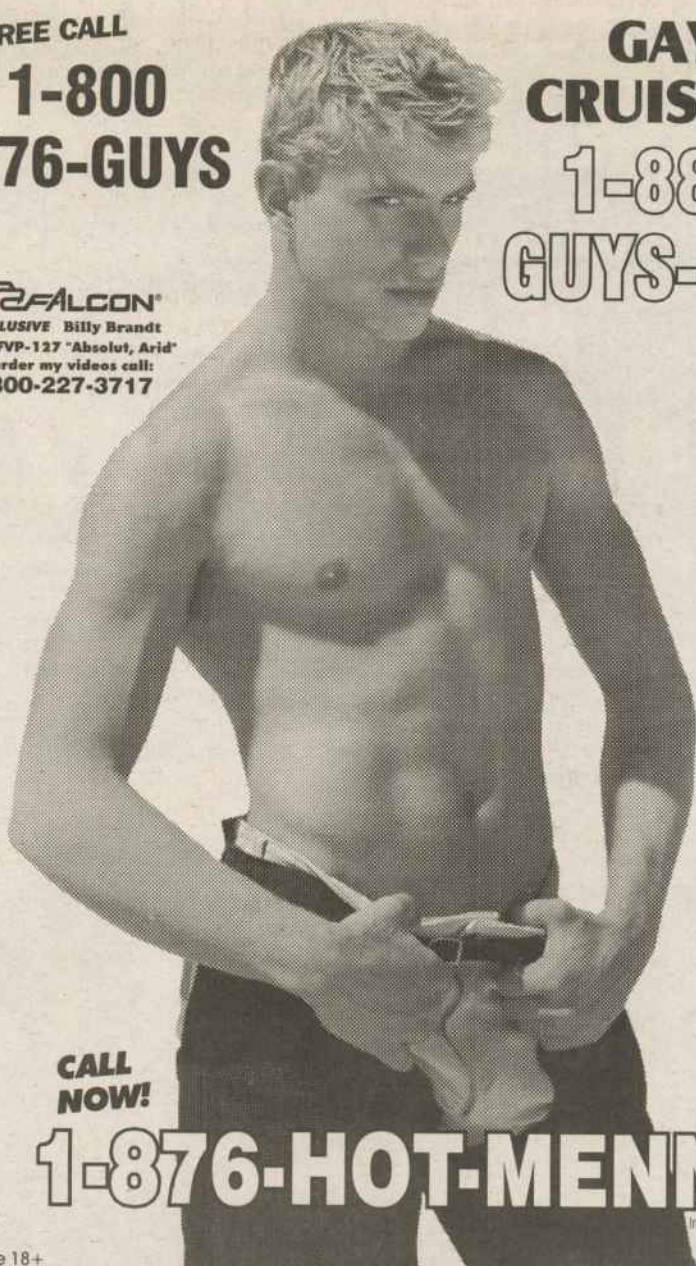
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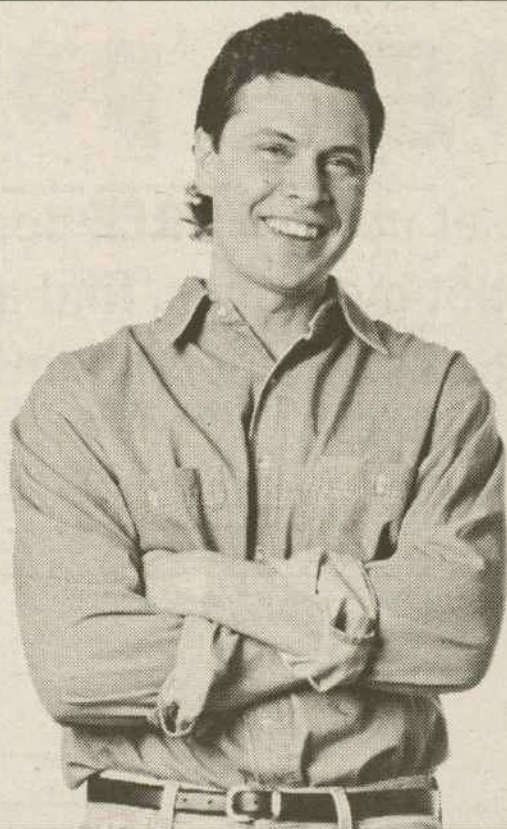
JOCK-TYPE Very clean-cut, athletic WM 6'2", 185 lbs., short blonde/blue, sports-minded. Seeking Male with similar interests in sports, to play sports with. (Milwaukee) ☎22272

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SEEKING SAME IN MILWAUKEE Jeff is an Italian Male in 30s, 6'0", n/s, very light drinker, brown/brown, mustache, medium built, honest, hard-working. Seeking same for friendship, possible relationship. (Milwaukee) ☎13416

JUST MOVED FROM ILLINOIS Scott is a 33-year-old Male in really good shape, 145 lbs., straight-acting/looking, has a problem meeting people, enjoys the outdoors. Seeking Male with similar interests and qualities, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎19968

I'LL MEET ANYONE 21-year-old WM, 6'2", 160 lbs, brown/blue, looking to meet someone 18-25, to fool around with. (Appleton) ☎14770

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NOTHING KINKY Senior WM, 5'10", 170 lbs, enjoys pleasuring and being pleased. I'm really into massages, kissing, fondling and touching. If you're interested in getting together, give me a call. ☎19463

I WILL SUBMIT Fit WPM, 30, 6'2", 170 lbs, looking for a dominant who's interested in training a submissive into being a slave. I'm not into pain, just being dominated. (Milwaukee) ☎19262

SEEKING SEXY SENIOR GWM, 40s, nice body, seeking an attractive, senior GWM, 60s-early 80s, in good shape. White hair and hairy chest are turn ons, but not necessary. Give me a call and I'll make you feel good. (Madison) ☎19235

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ARE YOU MY TEDDY BEAR? Good-looking SWM, early-30s, 6'1", 185 lbs., bottom. Enjoys camping, quiet evenings. Seeking a stocky, SM, 35-45, facial hair a plus, for companionship, possible LTR. (Green Bay) ☎11091

ILLINOIS

QUIET STAY AT HOME TYPE 62-year-old GWM, 6'0", 180 lbs., full head of blonde hair, trim beard, smooth body, well-built, enjoys French foods, champagne, vitamins and herbs, felines, San Francisco. Seeking SGWM, n/s, for friendship, possible relationship. (Chicago) ☎8595

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CHAT WITH ME D is a 35-year-old Male, 5'11", 180 lbs., dark-skinned, well-built, attractive. Seeking Male to have fun or develop a relationship with. (Chicago) ☎20131

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LET'S BE FRIENDS 36-year-old Black/Mexican Male, 5'7", 155 lbs. Seeking Male friend, 25-40, 150-160 lbs., must have transportation. (Chicago) ☎18282

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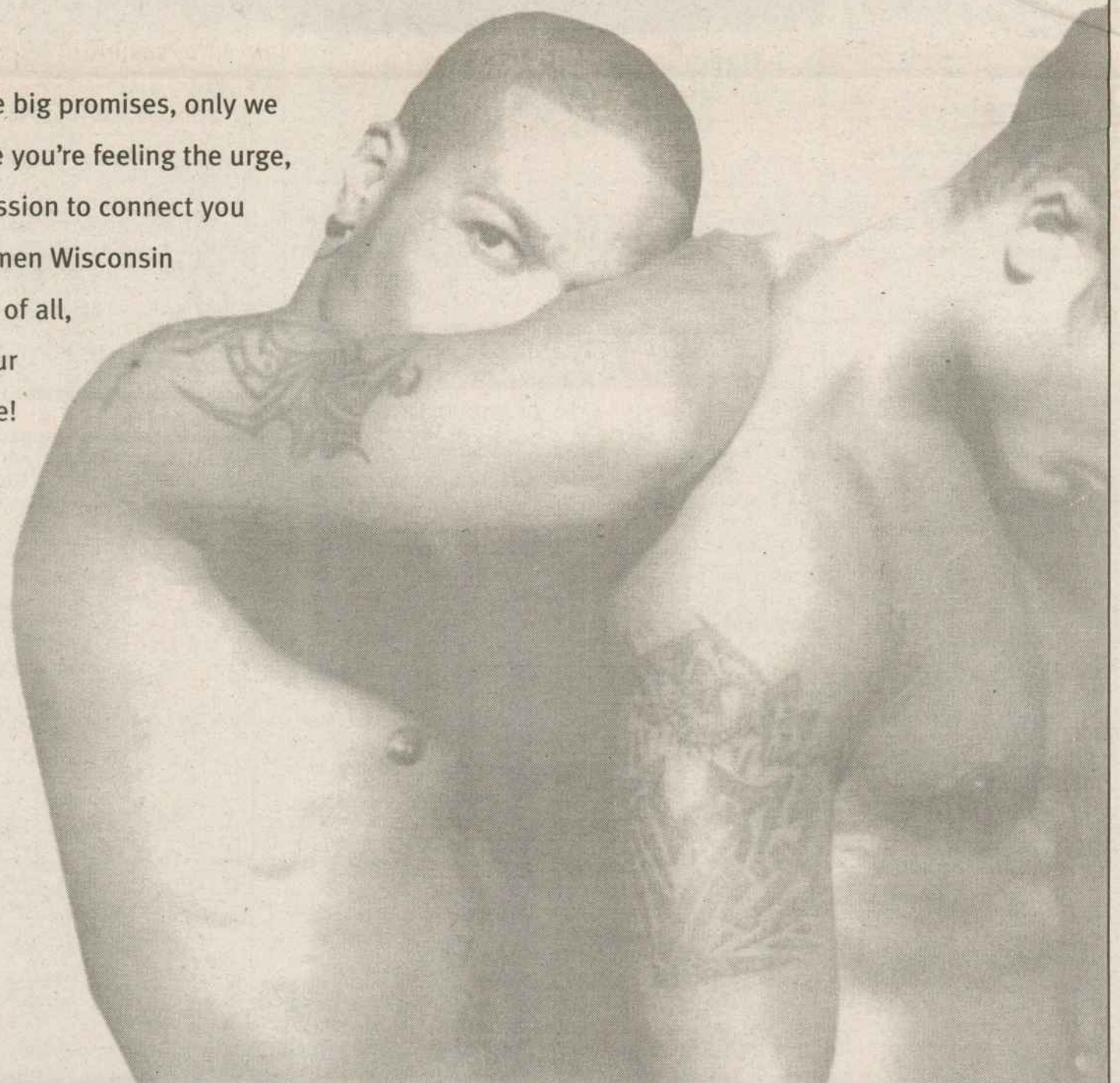
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