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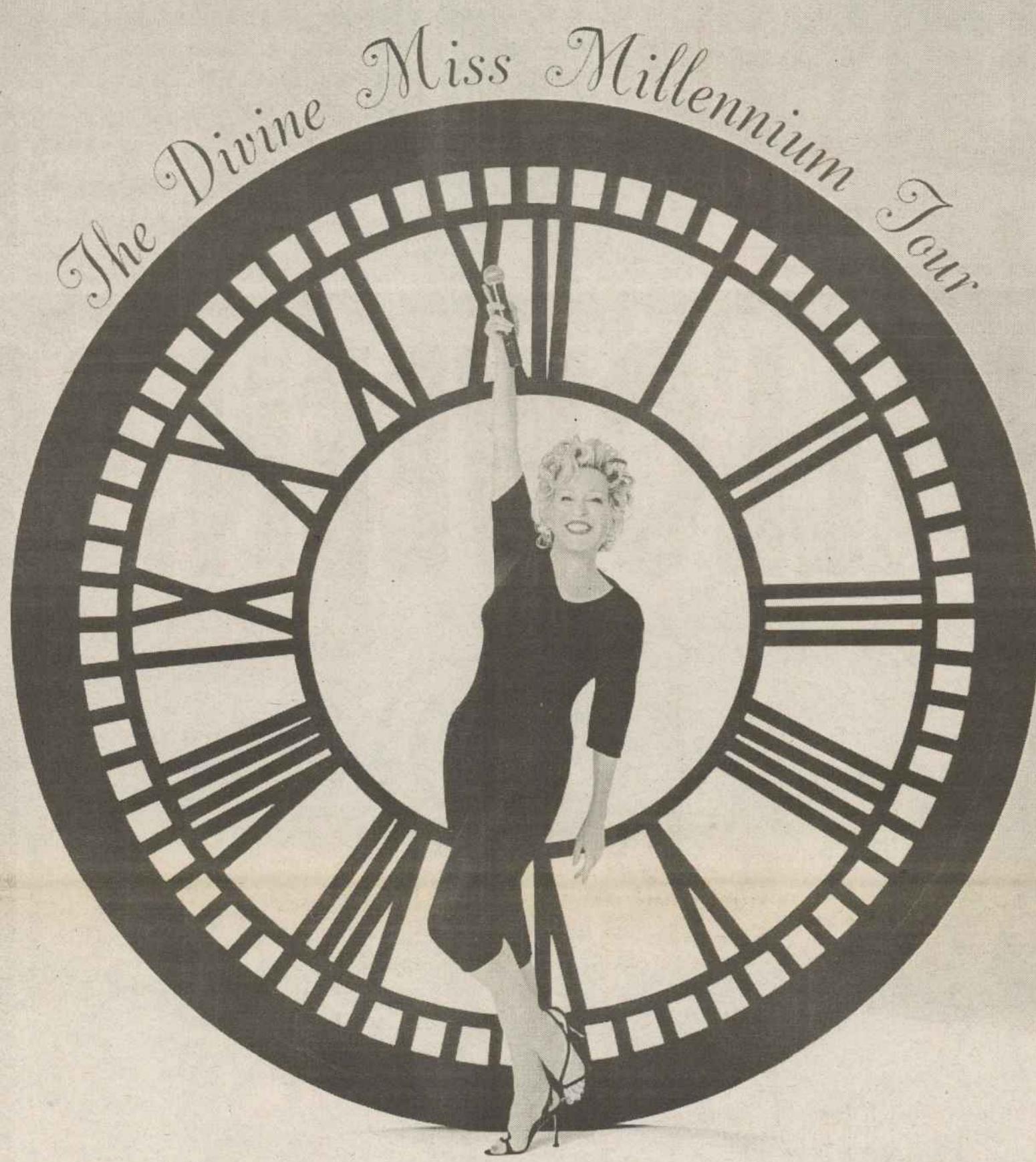
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PrideFest Moves to Permanent Office Space

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Milwaukee — Citing a need for a space that can adequately house all of the activities it takes to produce Wisconsin's largest Pride event, PrideFest, Inc. has leased office space in Milwaukee's Third Ward. According to PrideFest the new office space, located at 907 S. First St., has sufficient room for PrideFest meetings, bulk mailings, festival committee activities and storage for pre-festival supplies.

"We are thrilled to have this space," said Michael Lisowski, PrideFest co-director. "It was becoming increasingly difficult to find room to conduct our business and store supplies. PrideFest has simply grown beyond the carrying-capacity of council member's homes."

PrideFest organizers believe the new permanent office may also lead to greater corporate sponsorships.

"Many corporations and foundations prefer to give donations to organizations that have street addresses, rather than just post office boxes," said Christine Klein, co-director and sponsorship coordinator. "A street address indicates the organization is well-established."

PrideFest initially contacted the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center about renting space. However, according to Klein, the space needs of PrideFest were too great and Neil Albrecht, Community Center executive director, reportedly told Klein that there was not enough room in the current Community Center facility for an office of the size PrideFest required.

"While I am happy that PrideFest has been able to find their own office space," Albrecht told *IN Step*, "I cannot say that there was ever any sort of formal discussion relating to PrideFest's renting space in the same building as the Center. In March, Chris Klein and I did have a very brief conversation about space at the Center. There were no specifics discussed such as square footage requirements, occupancy dates, etc. Actually, I thought we were talking about additional cubicles. I had not heard anything else since that discussion."

"There is 2,700 square feet of vacant space next to us in this building," added Albrecht. "We would have welcomed the opportunity to formally discuss PrideFest's occupancy of this space and to have them as 'neighbors.' However, for reasons that are internal to that particular organization, PrideFest has selected a different site."

According to the press release, PrideFest was able to find a space that was available for half the going rate of \$10 per square foot.

With the new office, PrideFest will be able to offer the community daytime walk-in self-service and drop-off through use of a commons area, where PrideFest information will be made available. During the evening, PrideFest volunteers will staff the office. Office hours will be established by late November, at which time all home offices will be relocated to and organized at the new site. In addition, organizations are encouraged to send special events information to PrideFest so it can be posted on a bulletin board.

PrideFest also has a new phone number, (414) 645-FEST, and a new post office box number, P.O. Box 511763, Milwaukee, WI 53203.



PrideFest Co-Director
Christine Klein

Aiming Again for First in the Nation

New Bill Would Make Wisconsin the First State to Apply the Same Laws to Domestic Partnerships as Marriage

by Chris Ott
of the IN Step staff

Madison — In 1982, Wisconsin became the first state in the country to enact a gay-rights law. Now, a group of state legislators has introduced a bill that could achieve another important first.

Introduced at a press conference on Oct. 19, the Wisconsin Domestic Partnership Act (WDPA) would not only define domestic partnerships at the state level, but would apply existing marriage statutes to them. Rep. Frank Boyle (D-Superior), Rep. Mark Pocan (D-Madison) and Sen. Fred Risser (D-Madison) are the bill's current sponsors.

The WDPA aims to avoid debate about whether or not same-sex couples should be allowed to marry by "taking out the marriage concept," said Boyle. At the same time, the bill would treat domestic partnership and marriage in essentially the same way. "It's so simple," Boyle said, adding that as far as he and Pocan have been able to determine, the WDPA is the most far-reaching bill of its kind in the country.

Boyle and Pocan highlighted the current situation by pointing out the differences in benefits available to each of them. As members of the state legislature, both are state employees and have the same salary, length of term, and number of constituents. But Pocan, the legislature's only openly gay member, qualifies for no spousal or partner benefits. Boyle and his partner, if they married, could qualify for joint-property rights, tax breaks, and child-custody rights, as well as a range of less well-known rights: crime-victim recovery benefits, bereavement leave, and the right to sue for loss of consort in the event of a wrongful death.

The advantages don't stop there. Pocan joked that the "real reason" for introducing the bill was so that domestic partners could qualify for yet another benefit available only to married couples: combined fishing licenses.

Under the WDPA, a domestic partnership could be formed by any two people who are at least 18 years old, not married or in another domestic partnership, and unrelated in a way that would prevent them from marrying under state law (generally, not more closely related than second cousins). They must also consider themselves to be members of each other's immediate family.

The procedure for establishing a domestic partnership would be similar to obtaining a marriage license. The couple would apply for a declaration of domestic partnership from the

"THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN A LONG TIME THAT WE'VE HAD SOME BIG, PRO-ACTIVE LEGISLATION."

clerk of the county in which they live, with a 30-day minimum residency requirement for at least one of them. They would provide identification and sign the declaration in front of a notary. Information collected from their application would be used for statistical purposes but would not be open to public inspection.

The WDPA then provides that "any state statute or rule that applies to a married person or a formerly married person, such as a widow, applies in the same respect to a domestic partner." Among other things, this would mean that domestic partnerships would be covered by the same laws as marriages for things like divorce, shared property, taxes and inheritance.

The WDPA would provide an alternative to marriage for both same- and opposite-sex couples, and several couples and families spoke to support it.

Britt and Noel Rosado-Brown, the first couple to register under Milwaukee's new domestic-partner registry, said their "lifestyle" is like that of their neighbors: they pay a mortgage, work eight or more hours a day, and walk their dogs. Nonetheless, "the state does not recognize the 12 years that we have spent building our relationship," they said.

Wendy Kloiber, a Madison resident, said that her partner David could not attend the press conference because his car broke down, and this highlighted something that they worry about as a couple that prefers not to marry: the possibility that one of them could be injured.

"If I were in a serious accident, I would want David to make decisions about my care," Kloiber said. "But as it is, strangers would be making those decisions."

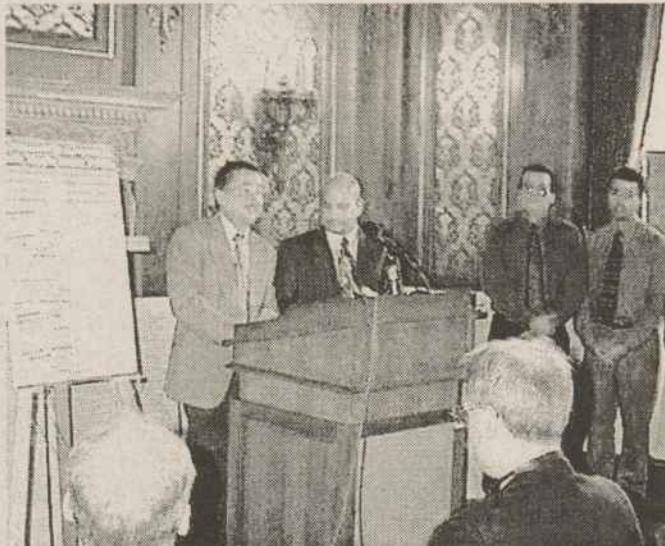
Sunshine and JoAnne Kelly-Jones also talked about the issues they face as a family. JoAnne Kelly-Jones said she is the family's primary financial provider, and yet she cannot provide health-insurance coverage for her partner or their daughter through her job. "And if one of them were to die," she said, "I

could even be denied bereavement leave."

The couple has been together for 21 years, and their 12-year-old daughter Sol drew applause when she added her support.

"All I want is to have the same rights and protections that other kids have," she said.

Rep. Boyle said inspiration for the bill came out of the real-



Rep. Frank Boyle and Rep. Mark Pocan (l-r, at podium) introduce WDPA Act in Madison.
Photo: Dan Ross, Action Wisconsin.

ization that debates about gay marriage center on a "Christian idea of partnership" that has "no place in a government with separation of church and state."

"All we need to do is set up a legally binding contract that takes marriage and religion out of the equation."

Rep. Pocan said the bill is about equality, "period."

In comments made before the WDPA's formal announcement, Pocan argued that it's important to begin setting the terms of the debate, not merely reacting to antigay legislation.

"I want to put something positive out there, not just respond to Steve Nass [R-Whitewater] and other right-wingers. This is the first time in a long time that we've had some big, pro-active legislation."

"This is going to take some time to pass," Pocan said, "but we've got to get started."

Boyle too acknowledged that the WDPA faces an uphill fight, but said the bill's focus on "equality and social and economic justice" makes him confident of its eventual passage.

"I'm telling you, this bill will become law."

Opening the State Insurance Pool

The legislators also unveiled a bill that would open the state insurance pool to provide coverage for domestic partnerships. Currently, the domestic partners of state employees are not offered the same health-insurance benefits as spouses, and the new bill would allow any government entity that uses the state insurance pool — such as local governments and the University of Wisconsin — to offer domestic-partner health insurance coverage.

Flanked by 13 poster-sized lists of employers that already provide domestic-partner health insurance, Boyle and Pocan cited figures meant to refute the argument that "doing the right thing" is too expensive. They said the addition of domestic-partner benefits generally produces only a one to three percent increase in total costs to the employer, depending on whether or not opposite-sex couples are included. They also pointed out that local employers — including the city of Madison, Beloit College, and a variety of private companies headquartered or doing business in Wisconsin — already provide domestic-partner health benefits.

"With this bill," Pocan said, "we're just trying to catch up to where the state should be."

Building Support

F. M. "Mike" Fitzpatrick, president of the non-partisan civil-rights organization Action Wisconsin, said the new bills would help move beyond attempts by the religious right to "dumb down" the discussion of family issues. He said the debate has been reduced to the point of "checking out the private parts of the participants."

"These bills get the debate out of the gutter."

Fitzpatrick urged people to contact their state representatives and senators to urge them to co-sponsor the bills.

"A bill with 50 or 60 co-sponsors is going to have a much better chance than one with only one or two."

He also urged enlisting the help of friends and relatives, especially those who live outside the districts of the legislators already supporting the bills.

"Straight people get this," he said. "They recognize how much they'd lose if they didn't have these rights and protections."

Gay Books Returned to Wisconsin High School Library

ACLU, BARRON SCHOOL DISTRICT SETTLE FIRST AMENDMENT CASE

Madison — The American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin announced on Sept. 15 that the plaintiffs it represents and the Barron Area School District have agreed to a settlement in the plaintiffs' federal lawsuit challenging the district's removal of four books on gay themes from the Barron Area High School Library.

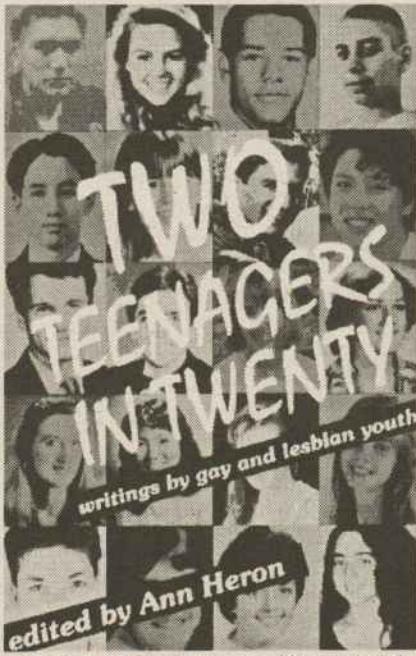
In papers filed at the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin in Madison, the parties agree that all the books on which the school board took action at its Dec. 21, 1998, meeting will remain on the shelves of the Barron Area School District High School Library and may not be removed or censored based on their content.

The four books in question all have gay-related themes. They are two works of fiction: *The Drowning of Stephan Jones*, by Bette Greene, and *Baby Be-Bop*, by Francesca Lia Block; and two non-fiction works: *When Someone You Know is Gay*, by Susan and Daniel Cohen, and *Two Teenagers in Twenty*, edited by Ann Heron.

ACLU of Wisconsin Executive Director Christopher Ahmety praised the parties for "removing any doubt about the acceptance of lesbian and gay students at the Barron Area High School. While removing the books violated students' rights to receive information, it also undermined the efforts of the Dis-

trict to provide a secure safe environment for all students."

ACLU of Wisconsin volunteer attorney Anat Hakim from the Madison office of the law firm of Foley and Lardner said, "The Supreme Court has previously said that it is unconstitutional to deny students access to protected speech



'Two Teenagers in Twenty' was one of four gay-themed books pulled Barron High School Shelves.

simply because those in charge do not agree with the content of that speech. The agreement reached in the Christensen case protects and reinforces the First Amendment rights of students."

Following a complaint from Karen Williams, a parent of a former Barron High School student, in April 1998, the district began a review process. On Aug.

13, 1998, the Reconsideration Committee made up of citizens and educators, voted to retain all four books. However, on appeal District Administrator Vita M. Sherry overturned the Reconsideration Committee's decision to retain *Baby Be-Bop* and *When Someone You Know is Gay*. In an Aug. 24, 1998, Sherry wrote that *When Someone You Know is Gay* expressed a viewpoint that "does a disservice to Barron's religious community." On Sept. 21, 1998, the board voted to remove the two remaining books as well.

Ultimately, the Barron Area School Board reconsidered decisions regarding all four books. The board voted to return *Two Teenagers in Twenty* and *When Someone You Know is Gay* to the library shelves only until replacements could be found. *Baby Be-Bop* and *The Drowning of Stephan Jones* remained off the shelves and unavailable to patrons.

In February, the ACLU of Wisconsin filed a complaint on behalf of the plaintiffs in the U.S. District Court in Madison.

The Plaintiffs alleged that a substantial factor in the Defendants' decision to remove the books in question was a disapproval of the perceived content and viewpoint of the books, in particular the books' discussion of homosexuality with a focus perceived to encompass religious and moral beliefs different from those of the defendants. They alleged the defendants' decision thus violated the free speech provision of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. On Feb. 26, 1999, the parties entered into a stipulation and the court signed an order that the defendants return *Baby Be-Bop* and *The Drowning of Stephan Jones* to the shelves of the library and that the books remain there for the duration of the lawsuit. Now the parties have agreed to settle this case.

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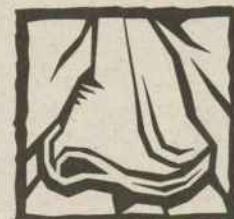


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Pie Tossers Give Homophobes the Blues

by Keith Clark
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San Francisco — The organizer of a highly publicized meeting to promote a program of "converting" homosexuals may not have been shame-faced in his efforts, but he definitely ended up with pie on his face.

Two members of the organization ACT-UP were arrested for lobbing two blueberry pies at Michael Johnston, head of Kerrusso Ministries and the organizer of the Oct. 11 event. One of the gooey purple pies smacked Johnston; a second glanced off and hit a bystander in the arm.

Police arrested Josh Trenter, 23, and David Lovejoy, 20, both members of ACT-UP and a radical street-theater group known as the Biotic Baking

"THEY'RE HELLISHLY WRONG IN THEIR ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT GAY PEOPLE."

Brigade, which takes credit for tossing pies at Microsoft head Bill Gates, Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton Friedman, and San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown.

The two were charged by police with battery and later released.

Johnston, who claims he was once homosexual himself but "abandoned that lifestyle" after being diagnosed with HIV and turning to a career trying to convert homosexuals to heterosexuality through his organization, said he expected trouble at the gathering, held in the city's enormous Golden Gate Park.

"We knew there was risk of serious injury," Johnston said. "But as Christians, we've got to take that risk."

Police said the only "serious injury" from the pie might have been to Johnston's sense of dignity. But Johnston said he would probably style himself as the "blueberry martyr" from now on.

Rights advocates, however, say groups like Kerrusso and the American Family Association, which helped organize the San Francisco event, encourage anti-gay attacks.

"They're whipping up anti-gay sentiment, and it wasn't lost on me or anybody else in this town that this is exactly a year to the day after the death of Matthew Shepard," said San Francisco Supervisor Leslie Katz.

Shepard was the gay University of Wyoming student who was savagely beaten and left tied to a wooden fence in freezing weather outside Laramie, Wyoming, last year. He clung to life in a coma but died five days later in an apparent anti-gay killing that stunned the country.

San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano called the timing of the event to coincide with the anniversary of Shepard's killing "very, very tacky." He said the organization had a right to hold their meeting in the city even if "they're hellishly wrong in their assumptions about gay people."

A long-time and popular activist-politician, Ammiano admitted when he first heard about the event that he had "fantasies about drag queens parachuting in and disrupting it," but said it was probably "better to hold your nose and get it over with."

The event drew a great deal of attention locally because Johnston initially announced that Jerry Falwell, head of the defunct Moral Majority, would appear at the gathering, which drew only about 60 people. Instead, Falwell simply made a televised address.

One activist at the event quipped, "Maybe he backed out because he's allergic to blueberries."

Developers Propose Florida High-rise for Gay Seniors

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — For many gay men and women, reaching retirement age and moving in to an elderly community can mean being thrown back into the closet for their twilight years.

Now, two Florida businessmen want to offer an alternative to those who live an alternative lifestyle.

John DeLeo, 54, and Jeffrey Dillon, 37, say they would like to build the nation's first high-rise, assisted-living facility serving gays and lesbians in the heart of Fort Lauderdale.

It would be the first of 14 such projects the two hope to open across the country in cities like San Francisco, Atlanta, Los Angeles and New York.

Their target audience is millions of the country's gay and aging Baby Boomers, DeLeo and Dillon said.

"Fort Lauderdale is first on our list because this has been voted one of the country's gay-friendliest cities," Dillon said.

Their project is unique to Florida. There is a gated, gay and lesbian community in Sarasota called The Palms, but that features private homes, not a high-rise, they said. If financing continues on schedule, groundbreaking would be next year for the \$60 million, 270-unit project called Arbours in downtown Fort Lauderdale. DeLeo and Dillon said negotiations for the land are ongoing and they can't be more specific.

Dillon, a real estate marketing and public relations specialist, and DeLeo, who once owned a chain of convalescent centers in Connecticut called Jericho Group, are confident they will obtain full financing for the project —

and buyers.

"There is tremendous level of discrimination for aging gays," DeLeo said. "As gays grow old and need assisted-living care, they have to become closeted again. This project offers them a chance to maintain their lifestyle."

The high-rise complex will offer a lively lifestyle for residents. It will have a theater, a gourmet market, art galleries, stores and restaurants. Life in the Arbours will offer commodities, much like a residential hotel. Single residents and couples can move in after they retire. As they age, they can move to sections where the staff offers more care.

Bob Tomasulo, president of the Broward County chapter of SAGE, Senior Action in a Gay Environment, said the developers are meeting a need.

"I think it's a great idea," Tomasulo said. "Many gays will go for it and I don't see who would be opposed to it."

The units would start at \$235,000 for one- and two-bedrooms and reach as high as \$400,000 for a penthouse suite. Single suites will go for about \$200,000. Residents do not hold title to their units. Once a resident dies or moves out, they or their estate will receive 90 percent of the money they paid over the duration of their lease. There will also be a monthly maintenance fee of anywhere between \$2,000 and \$4,000, depending on how much care a resident requires.

Non-gays will not be excluded, DeLeo and Dillon said. "Straight couples who would enjoy this type of community can move in, too," Dillon said.

20 Deaths in 'Epidemic of Hate Crimes'

Washington, D.C. — According to a press statement from the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force marking the year since Matthew Shepard died after being beaten and left tied to a wooden fence outside Laramie, Wyoming, at least 20 gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered people have been murdered in the U.S.

"The murder of Matthew Shepard was a national clarion call for strong hate crimes laws," said Kerry Lobel, head of NGLTF. The Task Force characterized it as an "epidemic of hate crimes."

But the Task Force noted that only three states — Missouri, California and New Hampshire — had taken positive actions to adopt or strengthen hate crimes laws covering sexual orientation, while 22 states rejected similar efforts.

The U.S. Senate has approved a federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act, but the House version of the bill appears to be stymied by conservative Republicans.

The murdered victims included: Rita Hester (Boston); Clay Jacquin (Detroit); Harold J. Eisenhuth 2nd (Eldora, Colo.); Lauryn Paige [aka Donald S. Fuller] (Austin, Texas); Steve Garcia (Houston); Billy Jack Gaither (Sylacauga, Ala.); Alden Hill (Lansing, Mich.); Hendry E. Northington (Richmond, Va.); Tracy Thompson [aka Tracy Turner, Billy Joe Turner] (Cordele, Ga.); Paul Meroski (San Juan, P.R.); Harold McCormick (Royal Oak, Mich.); William McFarland (Detroit); James Appleby 2nd (San Juan, P.R.); Emmon Bodfish [aka Margaret Bodfish] (Orinda, Calif.); Gary Matson and Winfield S. Mowder (Happy Valley,

Calif.); Pfc. Barry Winchell (Ft. Campbell, Ky.); Baretta Williams (Chicago); Dr. Alfred Moon (Providence, R.I.); and unknown Male-to-Female Transsexual (Houston).

Chicago Cardinal Says Mass — But Not the 'H' Word

Chicago — American Catholic leaders again found themselves walking a dicey line concerning homosexuality with the annual conference of the National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries.

For many the most significant event of the conference was that Cardinal Francis George offered a mass for the more than 150 people attending.

John Good, president of the national ministry, said George's willingness to say mass for the conference "demonstrates that the church is welcoming gays and lesbians in a major way."

Despite the praise, however, the one thing George avoided mentioning in his homily was any direct reference to homosexuality.

N.M. State Univ. Gay Man Runs for Homecoming Queen

Las Cruces, N.M. — Aaron Shubert, a member of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Friends at New Mexico State University, has been nominated by the campus organization as its candidate for homecoming queen.

Shubert told the school newspaper that his campaign to be the campus homecoming queen is aimed at drawing attention to homophobia at the universi-

ty and to protest a decision earlier this year by the school's regents not to add domestic partner benefits.

"This is pretty out of character for me," Shubert told the paper. "I'm usually a private person. But when people are discriminated against, it's important to bring it to the light."

Ellen & Anne: Wedding Bells in Vermont

Burlington, Vt. — Comic Ellen DeGeneres and actor Anne Heche told an enthusiastic audience celebrating National Coming Out Day at the University of Vermont that they hope to legally tie the knot in the state — if a pending court case permits.

DeGeneres said they will get married in Vermont if the state's supreme court legalizes same-sex marriages in a case currently before that court filed by three gay and lesbian couples seeking marriage licenses.

DeGeneres and Heche have been together since early 1997.

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Troubles on Nation's Campuses

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Academics often describe America's colleges and universities as a microcosm of the larger world around them, where students and faculty are free to explore without restriction the ideas and ideals that will help prepare them for dealing with the real world outside.

So it may not be too surprising that many of the gay rights political battles that are now going on in the country are also reflected in many of the nation's institutions of higher education.

Faculty, staff and students on campus continue to struggle to win domestic partner benefits, just as gays and lesbians around the country work to convince corporations, cities, counties and even states to set up domestic partner programs; the Pentagon's anti-gay policies are an ongoing point of contention in the nation in general, and on campuses, students, professors and administrators try to cope with ROTC programs that follow the same rules regarding homosexuals that the Pentagon sets out for the country's regular armed forces; and anti-gay bias — ranging from verbal slurs to physical attacks — are as much a concern on America's campuses as they are on the streets of its cities and towns.

What is somewhat surprising, however, is a growing timidity of the country's colleges and universities in defending their own ideals — and in some cases a downright retreat from them.

In the first half of the 1990s, schools across the country were banning military recruiters and threatening to dump campus ROTC programs because Defense Department policies restrict gays and lesbians. That restriction put the Pentagon

in conflict with anti-bias policies that scores of colleges and universities had adopted.

But in 1997 Congress passed the Solomon Amendment, which threatened to cut off all federal funding to schools that prohibited ROTC programs, blocked students from enrolling in ROTC programs, or barred Defense Department recruiters from campus.

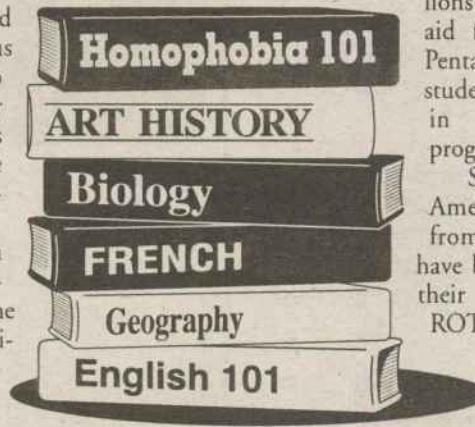
The measure amounted to a very big stick with millions of dollars for scores of universities that the Defense Department was threatening to yank. The bill also threatened to deprive millions more in student aid funding that the Pentagon dispenses to student-cadets enrolled in campus ROTC programs.

Since the Solomon Amendment, schools from coast to coast have backed away from their threats to dump ROTC and once again are allowing Pentagon recruiters on campus. Many

have worked out complex written statements trying to rationalize the conflict between their written nondiscrimination policies while continuing to offer ROTC programs that exclude gays and lesbians.

Perhaps most important, however, is a case now before the U.S. Supreme Court that could further undermine support and programs among the nation's colleges and universities for their gay and lesbian students.

In 1996, three University of Wisconsin-Madison law students who identify themselves as conservative Christians filed a lawsuit against the school's regents. The suit argued that the existing student fee policy violated their own First Amendment rights by forcing them to financially support political and ideological campus groups that they personally object to.



Their complaint specifically cited 18 organizations, including the Madison AIDS Support Network and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Campus Center.

The case is hardly an isolated legal challenge. The organizations backing the conservative students' suit include the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) of Phoenix, Ariz., and the Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF) of Sacramento, Calif.

ADF, which has already spent more than \$35,000 on this suit and has pledged to spend some half-million dollars this year in fighting similar cases, describes itself as a conservative organization that works to "reclaim legal ground in this country for the body of Christ." The PLF is described as a business-sponsored public-interest law firm, and its funders include Chevron, Pacific Gas and Electric Co., and Phillips Petroleum.

A federal judge and a U.S. appeals court have already ruled that the subsidies unlawfully force some students to subsidize views they find objectionable and ruled in favor of the conservative law students.

But the University of Wisconsin case isn't the only one of its kind now before the courts — although it has made its way to the Supreme Court first. A similar case

against Lane Community College in Oregon was recently decided in federal court in favor of the rights of the school to have such fees. Other cases involving the University of Miami at Ohio and the University of Minnesota, however, have brought rulings against the school fees.

The suits also have a parallel in the larger political world in the form of efforts by conservatives to prevent organized labor unions from using member fees for political contributions. While the circumstances are obviously different, the arguments against the labor union fees are identical: If part of a union member's dues goes to a union PAC, giving it to political candidates that the individual member doesn't support violates his or her political free speech, the argument goes.

If the deeply divided Supreme Court also rules against the university fees, the impact throughout the nation's campuses could be enormous. Officials at the University of Wisconsin and at the University of Minnesota are already working on plans to change their student fee distribution programs on the assumption that the high court ruling comes down for the conservative law students. One plan would call for students to sift through a long menu of campus organizations and check off which ones they would like their fees to fund; another plan would give students only the options of funding all campus groups or none of them.

Activists, of course, will be closely

Backsliding on Campus

For years the nation's colleges and universities seemed like bastions of progress for gay and lesbian students, faculty and staff. They were in the forefront in adopting anti-bias policies as well as adding domestic partner benefits.

But in the past few years, schools across the country have seemingly cooled to such efforts. Anti-gay activities on campus appear to be increasing, attacks on academic freedom have sprung up at unexpected schools, and university administrations that once took brave stands for gay and lesbian equality have more recently bent over backward to find accommodations with anti-gay elements.

Here is a sampling:

► Pennsylvania State University became embroiled in a controversy after the school's administration bowed to pressure from state lawmakers and decided it would not extend domestic partner health benefits, despite a near-unanimous vote for the program by the faculty senate. Some state legislators had suggested the school's state funding might be cut back if the university approved the benefit package.

► The University of Missouri-St. Louis ducked the issue of anti-gay discrimination entirely earlier this year by adopting an anti-bias policy recommended by Manuel Pacheco, the school's president, which vaguely says only that the school should provide an environment "where all individuals are treated with respect, regardless of their status." Two gay faculty members at the school — Horace Griffin, an assistant professor of religious studies, and Denny Schrock, an assistant professor of horticulture — resigned because of the university's refusal to add an anti-bias clause including sexual orientation.

► Prof. Mark Jordan, an internationally recognized scholar of Catholicism, resigned his post at Notre Dame University because the school refused to add a nondiscrimination policy covering sexual orientation. "My deep fear is, what is happening at Notre Dame signals the beginning of a real decline among Catholic universities," Jordan said.

► Arguably the most shocking anti-gay incident on campus recently occurred last year at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo. just days after gay University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard was brutally beaten and left to die on a wooden fence outside Laramie. Shepard had been flown to a hospital in Fort Collins, where he died.

Members of fraternities and sororities at Colorado State improvised part of their homecoming float by adding a scarecrow figure that was intended to represent the beaten Shepard with a sign reading, "Up My Ass." The fraternity and sorority members later said it had been meant to be a "joke."

Not everything taking place on the nation's campuses lately has been bad news, however.

► The undergraduate student government at the University of Connecticut earlier this year became the first in the country to endorse the equal rights of lesbian and gay couples to marry. "The state should not interfere with same-gender couples who choose to marry and share fully and equally in the rights, responsibilities, and commitment of civil marriage," the student resolution said.

► A group of law school students at the University of Vermont has filed a legal challenge in federal court to the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment, which would penalize colleges that bar Defense Department recruiters because of the Pentagon's anti-gay policies.

► The University of Richmond in Virginia voted to add sexual orientation to its anti-bias policies to help distance itself from the Baptist General Association of Virginia, with which the school has a "covenant relationship."

► Vanderbilt University has also announced that it will be offering its faculty and staff a domestic partners benefit program beginning in January 2000.

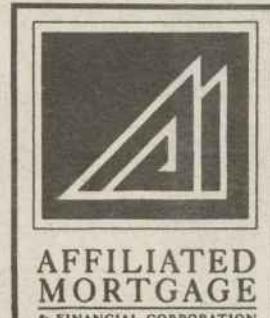
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watching the court's decision for any larger implications it may have for the gay rights movement. But Supreme Court rulings are not always the clear-cut black-and-white decisions one might expect and can sometimes take time to understand thoroughly. And this case could well be the sort that leads to a number of conflicting opinions by some justices that may leave the matter almost as murky as before.

Lesbian and gay students also have expressed concerns that if the court rules students must approve of their fees going to support specific campus organizations, it is exactly the most vulnerable and most underrepresented groups that will most likely loose out — particularly in isolated campus towns, where they are most badly needed.

For many younger lesbians and gays on their own, perhaps for the first time in their lives, and just beginning to deal with their sexual orientation, campus groups may be their first contact with another gay or lesbian person.

"It would be sad if the court's decision caused campus gay groups to fold," said Steve Sepick, 20, of the University of Minnesota, "especially at smaller or more rural colleges where resources are limited and the campus gay group may be the only organization around. It's difficult to develop a positive self-image if there are no support systems around in these important formative years." ▼

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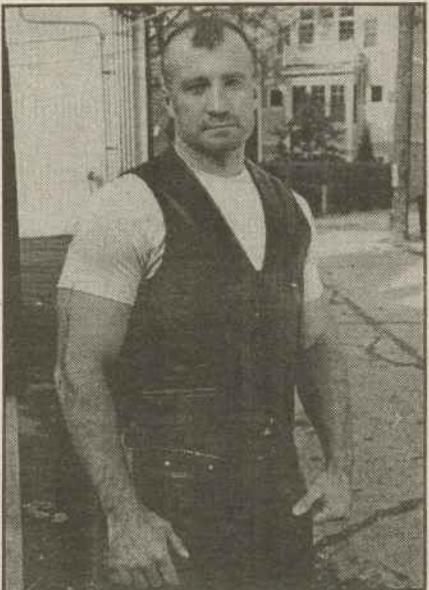
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Dairyland Dancers Plan Harvest Hoe-Down

Madison — The Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys (DC&C) Harvest Hoe-Down has become an annual October event. Last year over 100 dancers participated. This year's event is planned for Oct. 23 at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. in North Gate Mall. Tickets are \$5, cover the whole day and may be purchased at the door or from a Dairyland member.

The all-day hoe-down includes dance lessons, a dinner party (location to be announced during daytime lessons) and an open dance in the evening. American Sign Language interpretation will be used for both the lessons and the dance. The Hoe-Down starts at 1 p.m. with Sharon and Bill teaching Beginning and Advanced Line Dance until 2:30 p.m. Elaine will teach a Group Mixer at 2:30 p.m., and Kris and Michael will teach Beginning and Advanced Two-Step lessons from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The dinner party will take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Everyone will come back to the ballroom for more lessons and review from 8 to 9 p.m., followed by open dancing until closing.

DC&C is a collective of Madison and Midwest LGBT people and their friends dedicated to promoting country dancing and camaraderie. DC&C has been very active with OutReach's New Year's Eve Pink Party. They also have had several events during the summer.

Active participation in all aspects of instruction and events is encouraged. Suggestions for guest instructors, live music, and special events are warmly welcomed. Previous experience, partners or western-wear are not required — only a desire to have a great time. As they say, "Let's dance 'til the cows come home!" For more information, call (608) 245-0627.

BESTD Clinic Provides Social Gatherings For HIV+ Men

Milwaukee — BESTD Clinic will provide the setting and opportunity for gay HIV+ men who are tired of the bar scene and want to spend time together. The drop-in HIV+ gay men's Social Gathering will be scheduled and available on the last Saturday of every month from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m., beginning Oct. 30.

There will be no agendas, no preaching and no structure; merely time for gay HIV+ men (and their partners, if they choose) to socialize, watch movies or TV, listen to music and come when they want and leave when they feel like it. Scheduled "gathering" nights are Oct. 30, Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving weekend), and Dec. 25 (Christmas Day). The calendar dates fall right this year, because for many HIV+ gay men, holidays are often difficult and depressive.

The "Social Oasis" will meet on the second floor of the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. Please use the side entrance closest to Brady and go directly upstairs. Off-street parking is available from Brady St. just east of the building, off the parking lot. For more information, please call (414) 353-4798.

Community Center Schedules Social Night, Rainbow U Lectures

Milwaukee — A new social night and Rainbow U lectures are just a few of the exciting things happening at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

On the first Monday of the month, the Center's Membership Committee will host a social night with games including pool and ping pong, board games and cards, snacks and light refreshments. The first social night will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on the Nov. 1 as an opportunity for people to visit the center and meet other people.

"According to the survey we took at this year's PrideFest, an overwhelming number of people wanted some kind of regular social event at the Center," said Neil Albrecht, Center executive director. "These First Mondays will be an opportunity for people to hang out at the Center, enjoy our pool and ping pong tables, visit the library, or look at the many resources available."

The First Mondays are sponsored by the Center's membership committee. The social evening is free to members, a nominal fee will be charged for non-members, which will be waived upon joining. Upcoming social evenings will be Dec. 6 and Jan. 3.

On Nov. 6, presenters from the Gill Foundation will return to Milwaukee for an all-day training on "Building a Better Board" and "Strategic Planning." These workshops are sponsored by the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and are free and open to all non-profit organizations. The workshop runs from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Call (414) 271-2656 to register.

The November session of the Rainbow U lecture series is titled "Financial Strategies for Gay Men and Lesbians." The lecture will take place at the Center on Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. The lecture will address a wide range of financial topics, with special emphasis on planning for the legal and social realities that uniquely affect gay men and lesbians.

Specifics include preparing legal documents to maintain personal financial control, joint ownership issues and estate planning concerns. Carol Busche, senior financial advisor with American Financial Advisors, Inc. and Ruth Irving, attorney with Nelson, Irving & Waefler, S.C. will present at this Rainbow U, which is sponsored by the Center.

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

Bay View Forms Neighborhood Rainbow Association

Milwaukee — A group of gays and lesbians in Milwaukee's Bay View neighborhood are organizing a rainbow association to build a sense of community among the area's LGBTs.

The group's first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Bay View Library located at 2566 S. KK Ave.

Modeled after the Riverwest, Washington Heights, Sherman Park and other existing rainbow associations the Bay View group will focus on creating social opportunities for meeting neighbors, community organizing, information sharing, and advocacy that ensures public officials are aware of and represent the needs of the LGBT community.

Association organizers Neil Albrecht, Richard Gaeta, John Griffith, Stephanie Hume, Jean Ligocki and Paul Masterson estimate that Bay View has one of the largest LGBT communities in the city.

Anyone interested in information on the formation of a Bay View Rainbow Association can contact Neil Albrecht at the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center at (414) 271-2656.

Community Center Lands \$15,000 Grant from Wisconsin AIDS Fund

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center announced receiving a \$15,000 grant from the Wisconsin AIDS Fund/Milwaukee Foundation to support the start-up activities of Project Q, the Center's youth drop-in program.

"The Wisconsin AIDS Fund has been a longstanding supporter and friend to Milwaukee's LGBT community," said Neil Albrecht, LGBT Center executive director. "We are very grateful for their trust and faith in this important program."

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center and Project Q merged in August to create drop-in space for youth. Project Q operates a core of youth activities in a space that is welcoming, safe and accessible to LGBTQ (questioning) youth. The program partners with other organizations to ensure that the diverse needs of youth are met, including HIV risk reduction, mental health support, tutoring, adult mentoring and social opportunities.

"Tragically, we continue to see high incidence of HIV infection among gay youth," said Albrecht. "The Wisconsin AIDS Fund recognizes that in order to reach this population, there must be a core of activities that will bring youth together. The grant will be used to further support the integration of HIV prevention strategies into Project Q activities."

The grant also includes a subcontract with the Counseling Center of Milwaukee to provide training for youth leaders, adult allies and support group facilitators.

Street Beat Finale at Survival/Revival's Current Location

Milwaukee — Survival/Revival's Halloween Street Beat finale on October 23 will mark the last at the shop's current location. The event will include live music, a fashion show, refreshments and great shopping with 60 percent off all merchandise. Street Beat and this mega sale will benefit the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in its fight against HIV and AIDS.

Starting at 8 p.m., join the Halloween extravaganza starring Sister Cash-

box with emcee BJ Daniels and live music by bands Quince and Joke. The fashion show will include 12 models and 40 outrageous costumes, many fit for Halloween outfits.

"Survival/Revival's Street Beat continues to grow and appeals to shoppers, dancers and music lovers. People who attend Street Beat know they'll have a great time in a unique venue AND help fight AIDS. This Street Beat finale on Chicago Street will be the best ever," said Jim Schleif, ARCW's director of development. Schleif added that over the past 5 years, Street Beat productions have raised over \$20,000.

The shop will be moving in November to a yet to be determined location. The popular event will continue at the shop's new location. Don't miss the biennial Street Beat. Admission is \$10 general public, \$8 students with ID. Survival/Revival is located at 246 E Chicago Street.

Project Q Youth Group Plans Activities

Milwaukee — Project Q, the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center's youth program, has several upcoming activities planned for LGBTQ (questioning) youth. Youth between the ages of 14 and 24 are invited to attend.

On Oct. 27 from 7 p.m. to midnight, Project Q and ARCW's True Colors program will be co-hosting a masquerade ball at the Holiday Inn City Centre located at 611 W. Wisconsin Ave. The dance will include a live DJ, good food and lots of friends. Admission is \$2 with prizes for best costume. For more information, call James at (414) 225-1573 or Kurt at (414) 223-3220.

On Oct. 29, Project Q will be gathering a ghoulish group of 50 youth to attend "FrightFest" at Six Flags Great America. Ticket price is \$15 (compared to \$39 at the gate). A bus will be leaving the LGBT Center at 3:15 p.m. For more information on this event call Clarissa at (414) 271-2565.

Beginning Nov. 2, Project Q will be offering drop-in activities at the LGBT Community Center (170 S. 2nd Street) on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 5 to 10:30 p.m. Drop in activities will include art projects, movies, game nights, tutoring, job-finding assistance and support/discussion groups.

Project Q is a youth-run program that encourages youth leadership. For more information about Project Q or upcoming events, call (414) 223-3220.

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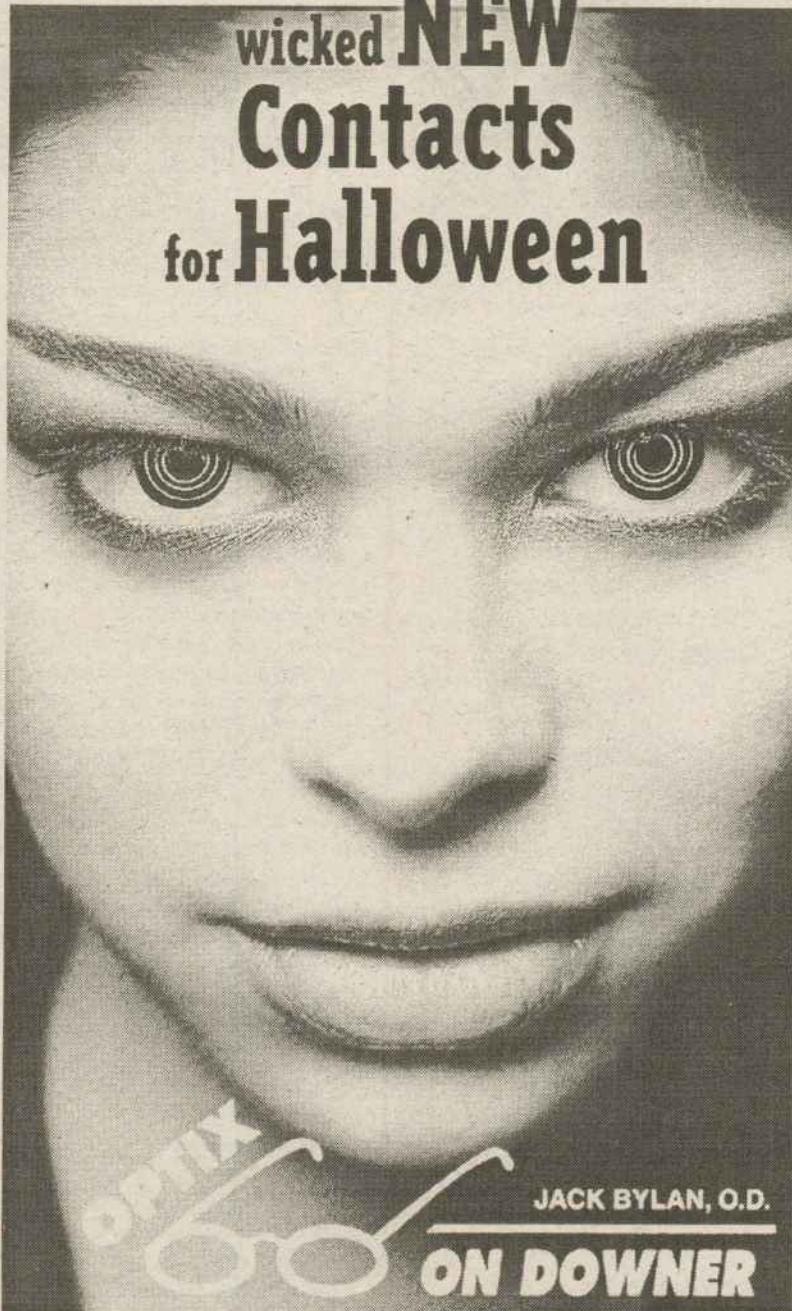


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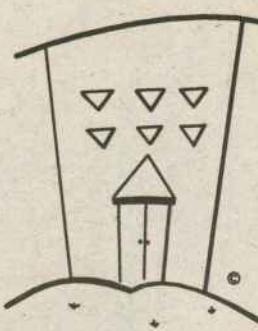
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Be Afraid, Be Very Afraid...

by Jamakaya

Forget horror movies, serial killers and apocalyptic visions of the millennium. In our mass market, mega-media culture, they've all become so over-hyped they've lost their ability to shock and frighten.

What really freaks me out is reading the newspaper these days.

Each morning as I sip my o.j. and open the pages of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* or *New York Times*, I find plenty of real life stories that send shivers down my spine.

One morning in August I woke to the news that the Kansas Board of Education had voted to delete almost any mention of evolution from the state's science curriculum. Questions about evolution will be excised from the assessment tests all public school students are required to take in that state. The decision was a victory for conservative Christians who had mounted a long and steady campaign to discredit the theory of evolution in favor of the dubious concept of "creationism," the belief expressed in the Bible that God created the world as it is in seven days.

Many teachers in Kansas, especially biology teachers, are perplexed as to how they can possibly go on teaching their courses without acknowledging and imparting to their students one of the fundamental theories underlying modern scientific thought. A larger question for us all is how we can expect America to continue as a leader in science and technology when we allow religious dogma to displace rational discourse in our public schools.

The push to legitimize "creationism" is a nationwide campaign gaining footholds in other states and localities as well. It is well-funded and well-organized by Christian fundamentalist groups and is likely to achieve many victories elsewhere. It's being promulgated, by and large, by the same folks working to ban gay-themed books (and the innocuous "Harry Potter" children's series) from school libraries. The imposition of "creationism" will be challenged in the courts, but the organizational savvy and momentum of its proponents suggest that this battle royal will be with us for some time.

That same day in the paper, a headlined screamed: "Green Bay Art Exhibit is Branded Blasphemy." It was our own little home-grown version of the brouhaha going on in New York City over allegedly sacrilegious art displayed at the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

In Green Bay, the religious-themed works of noted Wisconsin artist Norbert Kox were attacked by the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, a meddlesome New York-based group famed for picketing plays and exhibits that don't tow the Catholic line. The league's zealous leader, William Donohue, demanded that Brown County withdraw funds from the Neville Public Museum, even though no one in Green Bay itself had apparently complained.

The controversy in New York was similar, with current Mayor and senatorial aspirant Rudy Giuliani expressing outrage that some pretty far out art was included in a display called "Sensation." (Gee, the name seems a dead give-away!) Hizzoner pledged solidarity with offended Christians, canceled city funding for the museum and, in the process, assured huge attendance at the sensational exhibit. The issue of public funding of the arts heads once again to the courts.

More recently, the U.S. Senate voted down by a slim margin the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. The international treaty, years in the making, fell to petty partisan bickering. The

queer community's worst nemesis in the Senate, Jesse Helms (who sadly for our country is head of the Foreign Relations Committee) ended his diatribe against the treaty by taunting the President directly, asking sarcastically, "How's Monica?" It was clearly a matter of the Republican leadership trying to humiliate president Clinton because they could not "get him" during the impeachment trial. It was not the GOP's finest hour. And it was thoughtless, reactionary blow to the U.S.'s attempt to exert leadership in the campaign for nuclear non-proliferation.

The newspapers offer ongoing reports about the latest anti-gay campaigns around the country. One is the initiative in California (on the ballot next year) which will prohibit marriage between persons of the same sex (sponsored by a Republican congressman whose own brother was gay and died of AIDS and whose son is also gay!). Others aim to prohibit gays and lesbians from becoming foster parents or adoptive parents. The mean-spiritedness of these efforts is chilling.

I could run through a much longer litany of frightening happenings in the news, but I'm sure you get the drift. It can feel very frustrating and helpless reading about all these reactionary campaigns and victories. Some of us can be motivated to take action. Others can be frozen into complacency.

The old aphorism, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing" is critical here. The right wing in this country continues its ascendancy, in part, due to the absence of a strong and united opposition. Frustration and apathy on the part of liberal, progressive-minded people who no longer vote or actively promote their views benefits the right wing. At the recent "Road to Victory" conference of the Christian Coalition, Ralph Reed spoke of organizing 170,000 new conservative voters in the state of Colorado this year alone. "You ain't seen nothing yet," he warned.

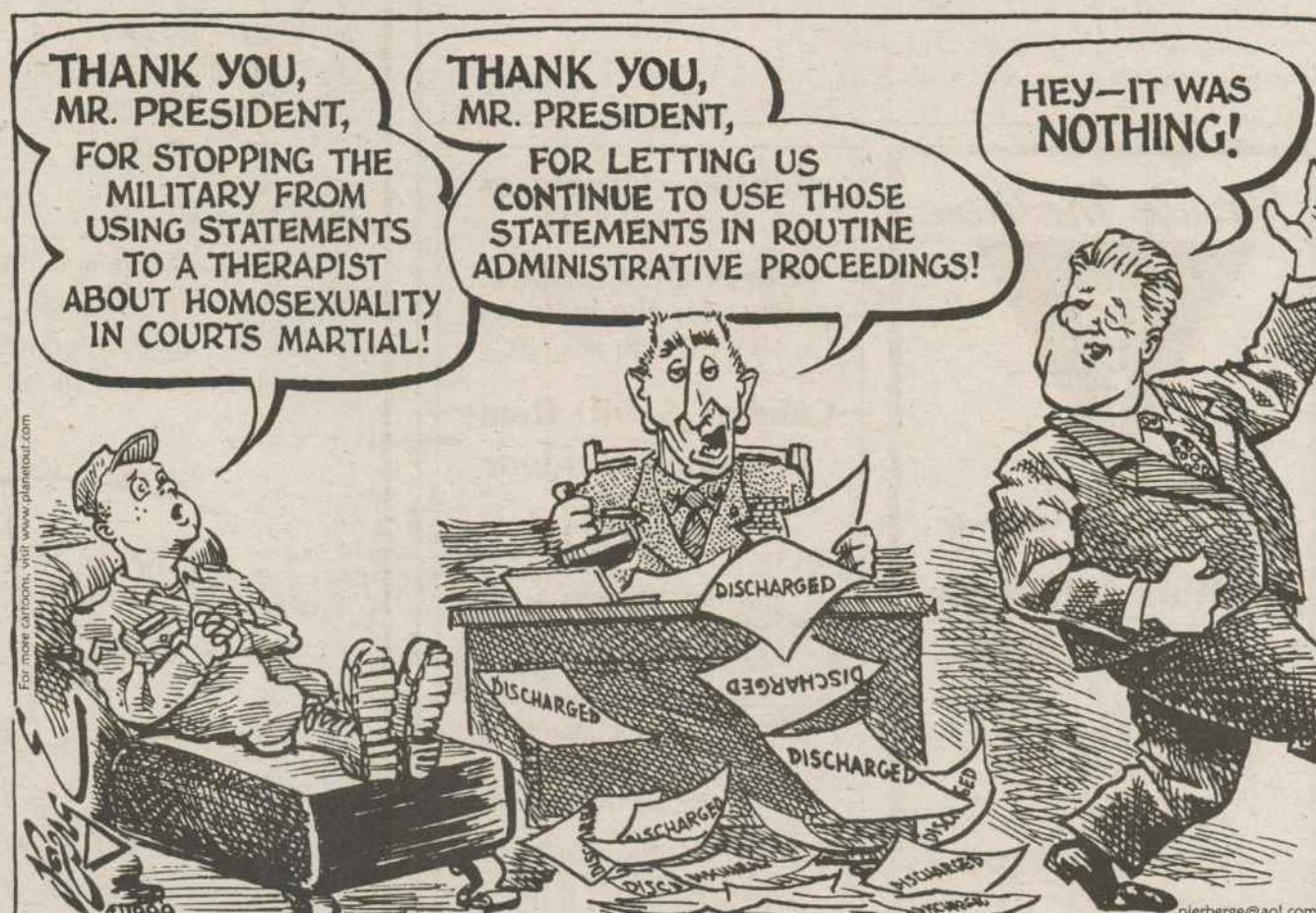
It's time for all of us to renew our commitment to some kind of organized political action either through involvement with local issues, with organized political parties or through much-needed financial donations to activist groups.

The Internet has provided new opportunities to become involved and make a difference with a minimum of effort. Some of the best sites for keeping up with political happenings are the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force www.ngltf.org, the Human Rights Campaign www.hrc.org, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund www.lambdalegal.org, the American Civil Liberties Union www.aclu.org and People for the American Way www.paw.org.

Each of these organizations operates activist networks on the Internet that will automatically inform you about critical issues and forward your letters about specific issues to members of Congress or other powers that be. They are easy to sign up for; just visit their sites.

People for the American Way's primary purpose is to monitor right wing activities around the country. It does an outstanding job of it and can keep you informed daily through reports sent directly to your e-mail address. Lambda Legal Defense is the organization behind many of the victories gays and lesbians have won over the past 20 years. Their Web page is an excellent resource for keeping updated on the progress of legal cases nationwide.

Please don't sit back and feel defeated — get involved! ▼



IN LETTERS

STEP

Feingold on ENDA

To the Editor—

I wanted to take a moment to update you on my legislative efforts to ensure that the civil rights of gay and lesbian Americans are as fully protected as those of all other Americans.

I am committed to aggressively and actively combating all forms of discrimination and prejudice. In particular, there is simply no place in America for discrimination in employment. For these reasons, I am therefore again an original co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). This bill would amend Title VII of the federal Civil Rights Act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the workplace. We long ago disallowed employment discrimination on the basis of race, gender, religion or national origin. Prohibiting employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation should be a top priority of the Congress.

In addition to discrimination in the workplace, it is vital that we eradicate violence directed against the gay and lesbian community. Senator Kennedy has introduced the Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 1999. This bill would expand federal jurisdiction to include hate crimes against victims because of their gender or sexual orientation. The bill would also enhance the federal government's ability to assist in the prosecution of hate crimes.

I have expressed First Amendment concerns with hate crime legislation in the past because I believe it is crucial that we not criminalize thought or speech. I also believe, however, that the current hate crimes law should be applied fully and fairly to protect all minorities. As last year's vicious attack on Matthew Shepard reminded the nation, gay and lesbian Americans are the frequent targets of hate crimes. These crimes must be fully investigated and prosecuted, as well as condemned. I therefore support the Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

As a staunch supporter of civil rights and as your senator, I would appreciate hearing your concerns. I encourage you to contact my office with your thoughts regarding the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, the Hate Crimes Prevention Act or any other federal issue.

Sen. Russell D. Feingold

Madison Madness

To the Editor—

Wow, am I glad I don't live in Madison! How could I trust my so-called friends knowing that ... thanks to Scott Evertz ... they were all (gulp) liberals and I was but a notch on their "tolerant neighbor" belt.

How much happier to reside in "the most politically conservative community in Dane County" where all my fellow rich folks loved me for me, did not support or vote in a block for candidates trying to mandate my second-class citizenship; who believed in equality for all, especially in the military, the diplomatic corps, the family and the bedroom, and — oh yes — occasionally invited a gay couple to lunch. OK — to a cocktail party.

On Sunday, Oct. 10, we (the Fest City Singers) were privileged to be part of the Bridges of Faith Worship Service at the Village Church. At the service the Rev. Lew Broyles stated, "we can't begin to cross a bridge until we deal with it in our head and hearts."

Either Mr. Evertz has his head securely planted in a spot discussed in the past or he is writing a less than successful satirical column. In either case, I suggest he look into his heart before attempting to tear down strong bridges we have built and will continue to cross with our many true friends from diverse backgrounds and beliefs.

Sandy Lewis

One for All

To the Editor—

This was a weird one for me, I agree with Bret Hostein (Letters, Vol. 16, Issue 20) that the *Wisconsin Light* is looking at money when they challenge the need of so many newspapers in our community.

Is that wrong? *IN Step* is a business. Face it, that's what a newspaper is. *IN Step* sells ads to make money. [Greg] Quindel and the *Light* do the same thing and in this community, that is not an easy thing to do. There are only so many ads to go around, and printing them in all three papers is hardly worth it.

Quindel and his folks at the *Light* have a better idea. Instead of a weekly and two bi-weeklies, let's do one weekly. Sure, it cuts out the competition for advertisers, and surely the prices will go up — but so will the readership.

Increasing the revenue of the paper gives a publisher an opportunity to print more pages, hire more writers and possibly expand their circulation. This gives them the opportunity to make sure more views are made available.

People in our community look and see three papers. I look and see one bar rag that prints press releases, one bi-weekly that is published too infrequently to print any real news and a weekly that admittedly needs a little help with diversity.

Wouldn't we be better off if there were just one that actually had a staff of some quality who could put out a paper of some substance? Don't we deserve more than 40 pages every two weeks?

In conclusion, I agree that we would be better off with one newspaper. It's the only way we could have anything of quality. As to which one it will be, we will just have to wait and see.

Justin Lockridge

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EDITORIAL

Where's the Blueprint?

It is a testament to PrideFest's growth and stability as an organization that it has been able to take a significant leap and lease office space in Milwaukee's Third Ward. They are to be acknowledged for the commitment that has brought the organization to this point.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center too has shown it is clearly on the right track. They have proven their ability to land grant money and to program activities vital to our community's continued growth.

However, it is troubling that PrideFest — for whatever reason — was unable to work with the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center to find a way to lease space in the same building. A centralized location for both PrideFest and the Community Center would have added enormously to the traffic and legitimacy of both organizations.

More importantly, it tells me there is a clear lack of long-term vision or a blueprint for our community.

The Community Center's Third Ward location is a good start, but the center needs to grow and become more a part of the community at large. Quite simply it needs to own a visible building in the community — in a neighborhood.

I am not an architect, but if the Center's location was simply inadequate and failed to provide the appropriate space for PrideFest, then PrideFest should seriously explore making a long-term commitment to the Community Center to acquire such a space. Similar efforts have proven successful with other summer festivals and pride events across the country.

Milwaukee's Festa Italiana is a perfect example. Their commitment to raise funds that would later help build The Italian Community Center is a road map PrideFest could follow to harness the enormous earning potential of the festival for the long-term good of the community.

Yes, PrideFest does give back to the community, but joining with the Community Center with the goal of purchasing an actual building would give PrideFest an impressive mission and a moral underpinning that might head-off a growing perception by some that PrideFest is simply another "BeerFest" on the lakefront. (Not that there's anything wrong with beer.)

Believe me, I am not talking merger, I've had enough of that kind of talk lately, myself. I strongly believe both groups could — and should — remain autonomous while sharing this common interest.

Whatever happens, PrideFest and the Community Center both deserve and need our support. However, leaders of both organizations also have a responsibility to the community to layout a road map for their organizations which hopefully can include common goals and sidesteps the petty turf wars that have clearly hamstrung our community in the past.

A visionary plan that includes the purchase of a building for the Community Center would show that Milwaukee's LGBT Community has really matured.

While I hope that both groups can play nicely in the sandbox, I also remember how uncomfortable sand in the shorts can be.

Let the bickering begin.

—William Attewell



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Black & White Men Together-Milwaukee

by Ed Grover

In 1980, the late Michael Smith of San Francisco wanted to start an organization that would serve as a meeting point to foster relationships between black and white men. He placed an ad in *The Advocate*, and San Francisco, Chicago, Kansas City, New York and Boston responded by establishing local chapters of Black and White Men Together (BWMT). Milwaukee formed a chapter of this national organization in 1981 and D.A. Leonard has been involved since the beginning.

I recently checked out the first meeting of the newly reformed Milwaukee chapter of Black and White Men Together. While I was there I ran into Mark Behar, who told me that shortly after the 1987 National Conference was held in Milwaukee at the Park East Hotel, the local group became inactive due to severe burnout on the part of the organizers. BWMT-Milwaukee soon ceased to exist as we knew it. Now, he said, some of the former members want to reach out to the increasing number of interracial couples they see at PrideFest and around the bars.

D.A. remained active and, with his partner Michael (Echo Chambers), attended national and regional conferences and continued to keep in contact with members throughout the United

States, England, Brazil and Africa. D.A. explained that the Nationals have begun to include more people of color, such as Latinos, Asians and American Indians. As a matter of fact, he said the Milwaukee chapter went through a few name changes to include people of color before they disbanded.

As this was a first meeting of the new group, with many new and some former members (a total of 20, and not everyone was from Milwaukee), it was suggested that the proceedings be kept informal and remain that way. Michael/Echo said that although he was aware that there were politically active people in the former membership, and that he was one of them, that was one of the reasons the group disbanded.

He said he wanted this to be a group where everyone participated. This was a going to be primarily a SOCIAL group, where all suggestions for activities were welcome. He suggested movie nights and going out to the bars as a group. D.A. asked for people to help form a newsletter that could be mailed out to members who don't have Internet access. And, like all groups that are open to the LGBT community, we were informed that while people are expected to meet and form friendships with each other, this was not a pickup spot, it's a place of friendship and support. Seems to me I've heard that song before!

Peter Kokh, who is the group's webmaster introduced himself and talked about their Web site at <http://members.aol.com/Milw4bwmt/>. Among other things you will find a history, an on-line newsletter, a local activities calendar, a memorial page and a scrapbook with lots of pictures, not to mention local and national links to other sites of interest and a NABMTG chat site. Peter said that

he wasn't at the meeting to see "what it was all about," he was there to help make [the group] "about something."

While everyone else made their introductions and explained why they were there, some people looked at a large photo album of snapshots. There was a lot of talk about members who had died of AIDS and other causes — a few members were Dahmer victims. At this point, Peter Kokh asked everyone to look at the memorial page on the web site. He said they were in need of pictures and testimonies for some members. If anyone knew someone and had a photo, it would be appreciated if they would let it be used for the Web site.

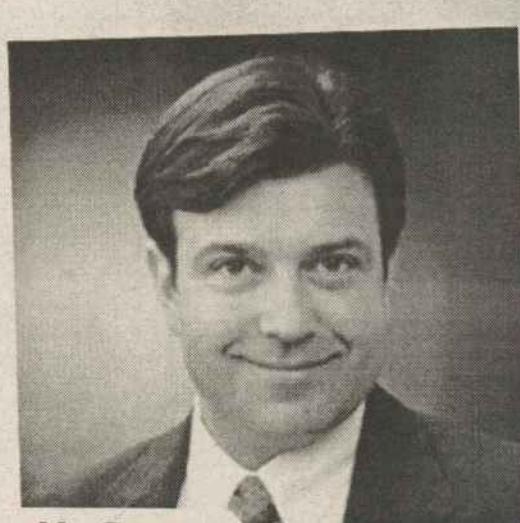
Everyone got acquainted and we made preparations to see the videos D.A. had brought. Fortunately, KUUMBA, who was going to meet in another room agreed to switch locations, and the boys moved en masse to a more comfortable site. The videos were of the "No Talent Talent Shows" at the Fort Lauderdale ('97) and Philadelphia ('98) National Conventions. A good time was had by all and, although I had to bow out early and get home to type this up, it looks like the group is up and running again.

Monthly meetings are set for the 3rd Saturday evening of the month, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. If you want to contact the group, you can e-mail them at Milw4bwmt@aol.com or you can write to BWMT-Milwaukee, P.O. Box 100608, Milwaukee, WI 53210. ▼



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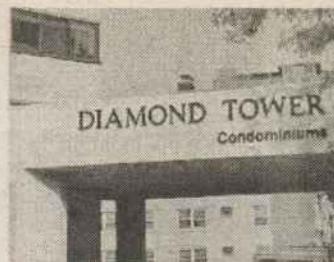
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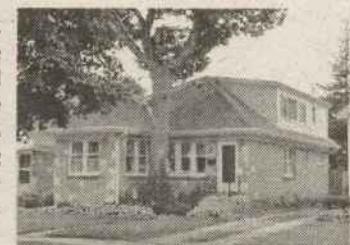
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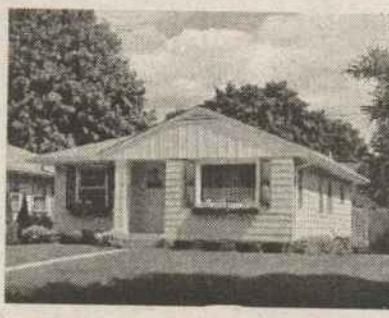
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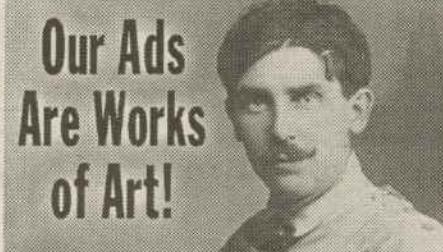
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by Michael Johnston

Greetings — and welcome to yet another "Cordially yours." Let me remind all of you that this is a society column, not a gossip column! While nobody likes — make that thrives-on gossip more than me, I would sooner have Rona walk on my hands in six inch spike heels than write gossip. Besides, some things are meant to be related verbally!

The **M&M Club** hosted a fabulous *Footloose* Theater Night Kick-Off! The dinner upstairs was simply scrumptious! Service by **De** and **Sasha**, extraordinary! I was lucky enough to be able to sit at the most royal of tables. And thank God, all the queens kept their heads! **Rona, Charlotte Lorraine, Trixie** — this time not on the keyboard, and **Baby Jane Hudson** — this time not driving. As **Jane** put it so aptly, at our table, it was more like "Screwloose". The production was high energy and quite upbeat. I was thrilled to see such a young audience, and during the intermission I found out why as I learned the **Milwaukee School of the Arts** was on a field trip. The nuns used to take my class on field trips too, but never to a theater, not while you could do churches, cemeteries and watch slides of old nun's pilgrimages to the Vatican ... **Dr. Kevin Michaels**, a former *IN Step* columnist, takes great pride in his school (deservedly so) and his well-mannered students. The students project was to decorate shoes, and they were on display — the keen imagination of our youth! After, there was a post-theater dessert and coffee party at M's. As part of the package, you are welcomed back as well as the cast to mingle. Many cast members did attend, but **Jana Robbins**, who played the leads

mother, stole the show. First Ms. Robbins sang and then was surprised when Ms. Rona pulled a trumpet out of her car, enabling **Jana** to recreate her number from *Gypsy*, starring **Tyne Daly**. You gotta get a gimmick, but that night all M&M's had to depend on was true Broadway talent ... bravo!

A great big thank you to **Dan Taylor** of **Taylor's** for personally inviting moi to his **Love Party**, a party given by the bar to thank patrons for their patronage. Taylor's is definitely one of the downtown's best "drinkeries" ... cheers!

My friends at **The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus** (CCC) report to me that this past fall they are actively raising funds for an 88-key synthesizer. Some of their grassroots activities have included rummage sales and bake sales, and they're interested in collecting aluminum cans once more. There is no better way to fund an organization than the old-fashioned way. Maybe car washes next spring? What memories...

I truly had an enchanting evening at **Absolut Benefit 4**, sponsored by *Milwaukee Magazine* benefiting **The Wisconsin AIDS Fund**. "We want olive you to be there" was the tag-line, and I believe they were! It was wonderful running into the **Billy Baldwin** of Milwaukee Greg Ross, as well as **Mike Gifford, Christopher Krimmer** and **Jim Schleif** from **ARCW**. The delicious **Nick and Joanne Anton**, stunning **Steven Peck**, my idol **Kathleen Arenz** the RSVP columnist from *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, and the best-looking Martini-makers this side of the Mississippi: **Bill, Paul, Dan, Owen, Michael and Jack**. **Jerold Fox** and **Kevin**

Baldwin did a great job watching over the cherished celebrity plates. And even though I was overbid (how painful), I can't think of a better cause.

My neighbor **Ray** loaned me his lederhosen and on Oct. 20 off to **Fluid** I flew. Fluid hosted an **Octoberfest Party** to help raise funds and awareness for **PFLAG-Milwaukee**. Leave it to Milwaukee's leading party boys; **Jim Balsistreri** and the recently married **Bill Wardlow**, to not only throw the most topical of parties, but to always open their doors to the community at large. Every polka!

Mark Saturday, Oct. 23, on your social calendar for a stylish time at **Survival Revival's Street Beat Fashion Show** with **B.J. Daniels** and **Sister Cash Box**. I understand ARCW's very own **David Todd** will be taking to the runway as well!

The next day, I will be doing the **Gray Line Tour to Drury Lane** to see **Debbie Reynolds** in her one-woman show. I just love vintage, and what's better than vintage MGM? Can't wait to hear her latest jokes about her ex, **Eddie Fisher**, "who's been there, done that..."

Please don't forget *IN Step's* next **Nite Out, Cat on a Hot Tin Roof** on Tuesday, Oct. 26 at **The Quadracci Powerhouse Theater** ... Meeeeow!!!

HIT will be hosting a **Halloween Gala** as well on Friday, Oct. 29 at the **South Water Street Docks**. Docks should be an ideal place to hold such doings with their rather gothic decor and all...

I believe the best costume for 1999 will be as Hollywood's favorite couple from the '50s: **Jeff Chandler** and **Esther Williams**. All you'll need is a

dress and a swimsuit, and you can "flip" for who wears what! Esther you're all wet... what's wrong with wearing an occasional frock? Jeff probably looked better...

Please keep in mind a very important fund-raising event to take place on Tuesday, Nov. 2. It's **The Annual Epilepsy Foundation Dinner and Auction** at **The Pfister Hotel**, hosted by WKLH's **Dave and Carole**. Too many people are plagued by this condition and funds are at a premium. And I hear that the Silent Auction is festooned with incredible contributions from: **George Watt's, Miller Brewing Company, Bear Brew Coffee, Studio 223, Taylor's, The Shorewood Florist, M. Anthony Salon, Florentine Opera Company** and **Schlotzsky's Deli** just to name a few! See you there...

We're broaching that time of the year, again — time for me to go a haunting! Have a ghoulishly lovely time of it and I'll remain cordially yours. ▼

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The Results Are In...

Oh wow! Thank U. U did it again. Lots of entries. A joy to read. And such clear writing. Lots of blank spaces, too! Even good thoughts from those of U who forgot this was a QUEER Wisconsin contest and nominated people and places from the far flung corners of the earth.

Then there were those of U who got yer paperz mixed up and nominated **Dear Ruthie** for yer fave columnist. Well, we love U anyway and thanks to Judy Garland and her friends for their spectral votes. We'll look for U at the seance next Tuesday evening. In the meantime make sure that you do.

You voted for bartenders with Kissy Lips and waiters with Cute Butts, oh my! Without a doubt you liked **Boo Boo**'s lips at M&M. **Jim** from **Fluid** came in a close second and the girls wanted to kiss **Cheryl** from **Station 2**.

As for cocktails and martinis and friendliness, **M&M** went over the top in all categories with **Fluid** coming in second. You like to dance at **Club 219** and **La Cage** and **Dish** in no special order. The girls think that **Dish** is the best lesbian bar and they also said it was the Best Place to Find a Lesbian. Wonder why, although some of you prefer to go women hunting at **Fannie's**.

The honors for Best Gay Bar of the Century Past or Present go to **The Factory** (hear that Chuck?) with a smattering of votes for **M&M**, the **Triangle**, the **Boot Camp** (with those creative misspellings again) and **Dish**. As far as where to wear leather, aside from some smart-ass remarks, the **Boot Camp** and the **Milwaukee Eagle** topped out that category. There were fond memories of the **Wreck Room**, **Rod's** in Madison, the **YP** and **Tony's Riviera**. That was the hottest bar of the '50s for those of you who aren't in the know!

M&M waiter, **David**, wiggled his way to victory in the Cutest Butt category. **Tabby** at **Big Mama's Café** came in second. Staying in the restaurant category, you liked **M&M** for brunch, lunch, after hours and romance, but you still like **Big Mama's Café** and **Ma Fischer's** for those late-night snacks. There were a few votes for fancier places like **Lake Park Bistro** and the **Boulevard Inn**; even **Sanford's** got a mention.

Politicians (other than **Tammy Baldwin**) you liked were **Paul Henningsen**, **Russ Feingold**, **Madeline Albright**, **Billy Clinton** (Billy?), and **Jesse Ventura**. When you got around to what other elected office you wanted Tammy to hold, you chose everything from mayor to governor to vice president and president.

In the category of Wisconsin's most underrated activist you chose everybody under the sun and gave them each one vote. As for your choice of who from Wisconsin you want to see nude at Mazo Beach, all I can say is other than **Bret Favre**, **Mark Chumura** and **Paul Schroeder** of the Packers, somebody's got a green and gold fetish! The best answer for what to do to **Ralph Ovadal** to piss him off, was "Totally ignore

him." We agree!

What you liked best about **PrideFest** was celebrating with the Wisconsin community in August; location, location, location; the **Possum Queen Contest**; the **Milwaukee Pride Band** and the fireworks. What you didn't like was the protesters at the front gate, the fact that the food was dreadful, and there was no MAJOR entertainment.

For Most Glamorous Drag Queen of the Century (past or present) you chose **Holly Brown**, followed by **Lana St. James**, **Lizzie Bordeaux**, **Rona**, **BJ Daniels**, **Lady Belle Bradley** and **Big Daddy**. Top entertainer went to **Sage LaRue**, with **John Schneider** and **Ms. Fun** making a showing.

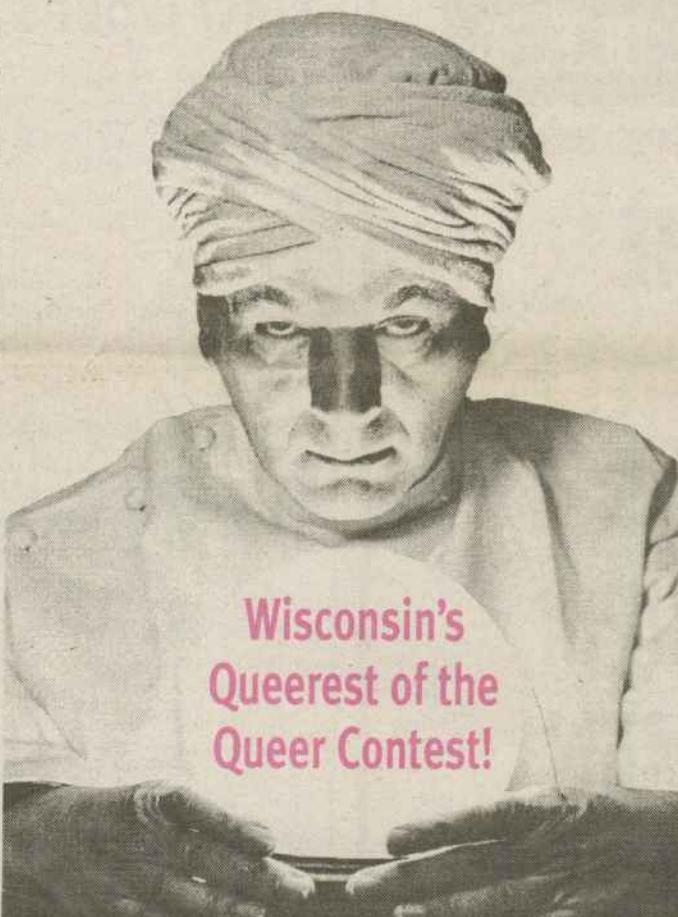
With **Waswo** on his way to Italy for the winter, the rest of the staff at **IN Step** finally had a chance at getting noticed. **Jamie's** loyal following gave him the top space. **Ed Grover** came in second, and somebody remembered that **Jamakaya** was a serious writer. Here's where that **Dear Ruthie** vote came in along with a few names we couldn't find on the staff roster.

While **Elsa's on the Park** was a something surprise as one of the top places to See and Be Seen, **M&M**, **Fluid** and **La Cage** were the gay bars you wanted to be seen in. You said you picked up your issues of **IN Step** while you sipped cocktails at the bars, shopped and cruised at **East Pointe Pic 'N Save** or wandered the shops on Brady Street.

You like your coffee at **Starbuck's** on Downer, **Afterwords Bookstore**, and at especially at home. You shop for clothes at **Marshall Fields** in Mayfair Mall, **Survival Revival**, **Structure** and **Old Navy** and the **GAP**. For furniture you like **Rubin's** best with **Flux Design Gallery** following close behind. You told us the best gay gifts came from **Afterwords** followed by **Designing Men** and the Internet.

You favorite Hair Salons were **Diva** and **Beauty**, **Carlo's** and **Fringes** in Bayshore Mall. You like to drive up to Door County or Green Bay or out to Mazo Beach to get away from it all, and the best place to cruise is still in your car while near the lakefront or those Walker's Point bars. What seemed to make you all the happiest was the fact that Wisconsin has lived up to its reputation as the "Gay Rights State."

And the winner of our fabulous first place prize drawing for \$100 in cold, hard cash was **Gary Piehl** of Milwaukee. Without explanation, Gary named Channel Six's handyman **Gus Gnorski** as his favorite local entertainer. Maybe next year, Gus! ▼



19th Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival

Chicago — Reeling '99: The 19th Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival wraps up the millennium with a global explosion of the most innovative, exciting and diverse gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered cinema from around the planet.

Some 16 countries are represented in the 41 programs of features, shorts, retrospectives, and special presentations, to be shown over 14 days, Nov. 5-18, at the Music Box Theater, 3733 N. Southport Ave., and the Village Theater, 1548 N. Clark St.

Opening Reeling '99 is former Chicagoan

Rose Troche's eagerly anticipated new film *Bedrooms and Hallways*. Troche's new work is an exploration of modern gay male romance in contemporary London. Troche will attend the festival for the 7 p.m. screening on Friday, Nov. 5 (\$15), with a reception before the viewing at 6 p.m. at the Music Box Theater.

Other festival special events include a closing night party at Girlbar, 2625 N. Halsted St. (admission is \$5) on Thursday, Nov. 18 and a free party at Circuit, 3641 N. Halsted St. on Friday, Nov. 12. Two outstanding documentaries about homophobia in high school will be presented at a free screening for queer youth on Wednesday, Nov. 10 at Horizons, 961 W. Montana, co-presented by Reeling, Horizons and Fuel Niteclub.

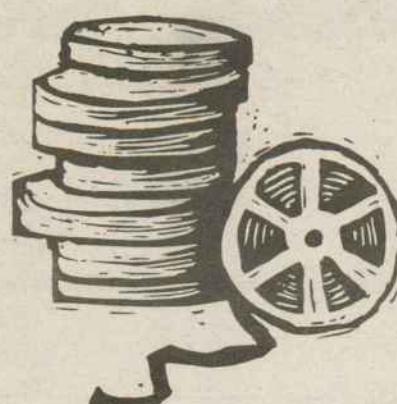
Youth take center stage in a number of the

most exciting features this year. The hugely popular Swedish film *Show Me Love* is the coming-of-age story of budding love between two young women in a small Swedish town. Directed by poet Lukas Moodysson, the film was Sweden's entry for this year's Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Feature.

Speedway Junky, a Gus van Sant-produced feature directed by newcomer Nickolas Perry, further explores one of van Sant's favorite subjects: gay youth street culture. It features a young man and his dream of being a big-time race car driver. The film boasts an all-star cast, including Daryl Hannah, Jesse Bradford, Jordan Brower, and Jonathan Taylor Thomas.

Advance tickets, discount cards and passes are available by mail order, over the phone by

credit card, or in person (beginning Oct. 25) at Chicago Filmmakers, 5243 N. Clark Street. Program information will also be posted on the festival web site: <http://www.chicagofilmmakers.org/reeling/>.



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**David Sedaris,
NPR Commentator
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at UWM**

Milwaukee — Well-known National Public Radio commentator and best-selling author David Sedaris will bring his irreverent style and great humor to the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Saturday, Oct. 30, with two public appearances in the School of the Arts Recital Hall, at 7 and 10 p.m. His rare Milwaukee appearance is sponsored by the UWM School of the Arts with promotional support from WUWM 89.7 FM and Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops.

Called by *New York Magazine* "the most brilliantly witty New Yorker since Dorothy Parker," Sedaris made his comic debut recounting his strange-but-true experiences of being a Macy's elf clad in green tights, reading his "SantaLand Diaries" on National Public Radio's "Morning Edition." His sardonic humor and incisive social critique have since made him one of NPR's most popular and humorous commentators. The great skill with which Sedaris slices through euphemisms and political correctness proves that he is a master of satire.

Author of the best-sellers *Naked* and



David Sedaris

Barrel Fever as well as a collection of Christmas related stories entitled "Holidays on Ice," Sedaris also has collaborated with his sister, Amy Sedaris, on several plays which have been produced at La Mama and at Lincoln Center in New York City. A new book of essays, "Primates on the Seine," is due out in June 2000.

Tickets to the readings by David Sedaris are \$16, and may be purchased by contacting the School of the Arts Box Office, (414) 229-4308. Advance purchase is recommended, as the hall seats only 300 people.

Sedaris will autograph books between shows only. Books will be available for purchase at the hall, courtesy of Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops.

EMO Opens Season with "Double"

Milwaukee — Ensemble Musical Offering (EMO), Milwaukee's Midwest Band for Early Music, opens its 1999-2000 season with a concert to benefit the American Bach Project, Stage IV. With the theme of "Double Your Bach," the season features a number of Bach works scored for pairs of instruments.

Included in the Oct. 30 program at 8 p.m. at All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau Ave. is the J.S. Bach "Concerto for Two Harpsichords in C minor," featuring Artistic Director Joan Paisley with harpsichordist Stephen Alltop. Another "double" feature of the program is Vivaldi's "Concerto for Violin, Il Favorito" led by Patricia Ahern, and Vivaldi's "Concerto for Two Cellos in G minor," with soloists John Mark Rozendaal and Ravenna Nelson.

Tickets for the event range from \$60 for Premier on-stage or choir Loft seating (complete with flowers, candlelight and chocolates), \$45 for Reserved seating (first six rows on Cathedral main floor) and \$35 for open seating. For more information call (414) 226-BACH (2224).

UWM Dance Season To Open

Milwaukee — The 1999-2000 dance season in Milwaukee is one of the most exciting ever. Marcia Parsons, Director of Dance at UWM says, "Wonderful dances are being made and performed at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and throughout the community. The UWM Dance Faculty is genuinely committed to the 'spirit of partnership' set forth in UWM Chancellor Nancy Zimpher's 'Milwaukee Idea.'"

New Dancemakers, a six-day series of dance, opens at the Mitchell Hall Dance Theater at 5:30 p.m. and runs Nov. 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 19 at 8 p.m., Nov. 20 at 4:30 and 8 p.m. and has its final performance on Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. UWM Dance events will be general admission events (no reservations). The theater will open one-half hour before the performance and seats are on a first-come basis. Tickets (\$9 general, \$7 students) are now on sale at the School of the Arts Box Office or by calling (414) 229-4308. Advance purchase is recommended.

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A Quilted Heart

by R. M. Vaughan

The story begins with the discovery of Marsh Cole's frozen body near an empty swimming pool at an old Victorian house in Magog, Quebec. Samson Brindle, heir and last son of an Anglo family, avoided his Quebecois neighbors just as his family had for generations. There is no love lost between them. Officer Foulard (who is assigned to the case and wants to be Inspector Foulard), finds and reads a notebook found with the body. "The disturbing death becomes less a mystery than the deceased's life. Was it suicide or the vengeful ghost of Sylvain Oulette?"

One summer Samson Brindle met his young lover, Sylvain Oulette, at an art show and brought him to his family home. Sylvain was fascinated by the family treasures, which Samson considered run-of-the-mill. Every room was a profusion of mysteries, treasures and enchanting stories for him. He quickly named the three upstairs parlors "Grisly," "Awful," and "Flammable."

Samson suggests that Sylvain start to write a novel to keep himself occupied. He gives him an expense account and a room for an office. Sylvain orders lots of supplies and disappears for days. He becomes increasingly secretive. He hides his manuscript somewhere in the house and demands that Samson barricade the place and paper over the windows to isolate

them completely from the town.

There's some occasional "foxy" sex, but their love wanes and Samson takes his lover to Paris where he plans to kill him. Samson plans to find the hidden manuscript and publish it as his own. Their life together finally unravels at a seedy Arab Quarter Hotel. He gives Sylvain poison laced with ground mountain lion whiskers (never fear, I'm not giving away any of the plot), "The whiskers massage their way through the bottom of the esophagus and needle down to the aorta... . The victim dies of a "quilted heart." Thus the title!

Brindle brings Sylvain home to die; the attending orderly is a young Marsh Cole. By the time Sylvain is nothing but an outraged ghost, forever tied to Samson, Cole has moved in. Now Brindle offers Cole a pile of money to write; he plans to kill him, too. But Sylvain, who is longing for revenge becomes visible only to Cole and begs him to kill Samson for him.

The chapters of this slim volume are arranged so that each of the neurotic lovers "tells their stories, twisting every act of sex and love into betrayal and poison. Each of them is convinced that he alone will be the winner of this dangerous game. Can words kill? Can the dead return to haunt the living?" Read this convoluted tale along with Officer Foulard and see if you can figure out what really happened.

R.M. Vaughan's stories, poems and essays have appeared in periodicals, magazines, on radio broadcasts across Canada and around the world. He is the author of one book of poems, 12 staged plays, and numerous chapbooks. He lives in Toronto and is at work on a second book of poems and a new novel entitled "Spells." (Insomniac Press, ISBN: 1-895837-39-1, Australia \$19.99; Canada \$18.99; UK £8.99; USA \$14.99 Pb).

— Ed Grover



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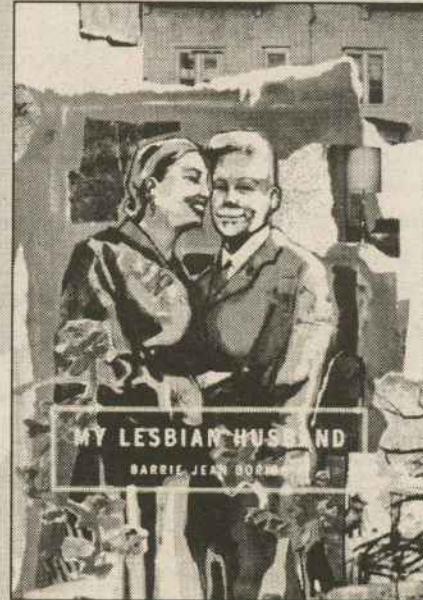
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Oct. 21 through Nov. 3, 1999

ACTIVITIES:

Friday, October 22

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.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Dining Out (Madison): Meet the gang for Happy Hour at Club 5, and continue on to EDWARD'S at 7 p.m. FMI call host RJ at (608) 274-5821.

Saturday, October 23

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - All Day Hoe-Down (Madison): Admission \$5 for the day, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. lessons with guest instructors. 5:30 p.m. Dinner provided by Dairyland at location to be announced. Return at 8 p.m. for review and lessons. 9 p.m. to close General Dance. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Picnic & Hike (Madison): Hike SOUTH KETTLE MORaine at 10:30 a.m. FMI call Jim at (608) 588-3073.

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 wmriley@ptinet.net.

Rural Dykes Assn. - 2nd Annual Fall Folic (Mt. Horeb): Come to the Folic by 5 p.m. for some fun, games and music and a lesbian potluck (bring a lawn chair & dish to pass). Bring along a pumpkin to carve. FMI & directions call (608) 437-3637.

Survival/Revival - Halloween Street Beat Extravaganza (Milwaukee): This farewell show, featuring Sister Cashbox and BJ Daniels at 8 p.m. will be held at the shop's current location, 246 E. Chicago St. There will be live music, a fashion show, refreshments and great shopping with 60% off all merchandise for the remainder of October. Admission is \$10/\$8 students at the door.

Sunday, October 24

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

Tuesday, October 26

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 27

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison): At 7 p.m. there will be Beginning Line Dance led by R.J. At 8 p.m. there will be Advanced Line Dance with Elaine. At 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.

Wisconsin 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 29

SAGE-Milwaukee - Guest Speaker (Milwaukee): Pat Bruce

Monday Night Irregulars

Bowling standins thru Oct. 18, 1999

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

of Interfaith will present a program entitled LIVING OPTIONS IN THE LATER YEARS at 6:30 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, October 30

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Halloween Bash (Madison): Meet at 7 p.m. Frontiers provides a buffet dinner with complimentary beverages. FMI call host Larry at (608) 244-8675.

Full Moon Productions - 12th Annual Halloween Dance (Milwaukee): Womyn's dance at 8 p.m. at the Milwaukee Transit Center in the Harbor Lights Ballroom, southwest corner of Lake Drive and Michigan Ave. Wear a costume or come as you are. Prizes, beer & wine, non-alcoholic drinks. Professional DJ. Admission is \$8 at the door.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

Club 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison): 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 toppers & \$1.50 rail drinks from 4 to 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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): 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.

Cell Block (Chicago): WWF/WCW Wrestling. \$2 specials on micro-brews.

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

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

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

Jo'Dees International (Racine): \$6 Super Bust! by MGD and Miller Lite, all the MGD or Miller Lite you can drink - ALL NITE! (S4 Packer Bust for televised Monday night Packer's games. Open 1 hour before televised games).

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

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

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - Cocktail hour 5-9 pm. Nuts and Bolts Night Match and Win!

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): 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.

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

The Closet (Beloit): 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!

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 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): \$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.

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 6 to 9 p.m. Girl's Night Out!

2-4-1 rails and tops 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!

50¢ pitchers of beer. Melrose Place Mondays.

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

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

Tuesdays:

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

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/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): \$5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

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

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1.70 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75

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): 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): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Free pool with drink purchase from 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 8 p.m. Tickets good until 9 p.m. 2/4/10 all day, all night (open to close).

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

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. Boyz Night! 2-4-1 top shelf and rail mixed drinks and tops for the guys.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Top beer Special Export 80¢ a glass.. 9 p.m. to closing.

The Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

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

South Park Wednesdays. \$5 All-U-Can-Drink Superbust (beer & soda).

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

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

Thursdays:

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The Gayest Month of All... October?!

by Carl M. Szatmary
of the IN Step staff

Although June has become synonymous with the notion of "Gay Pride," a case can be made for October as being designated the gayest month of the year. First, National Coming Out Day has long been a fixture on the gay calendar, being celebrated on every October 11th. Second, October has for



Pictures and Passions: A History of Homosexuality in the Visual Arts

several years been designated National Lesbian and Gay History Month. And if that isn't enough, the gayest holiday of them all, Halloween, brings October to a fabulous climax.

Yet even as October comes to a close, there is still time for the LGBT community to look back on our surprising and astonishing history, one which had its origins long before the fabled Stonewall Riots of June 1969.

Forget boring history texts dreaded from high school. Instead, gay men and lesbians have available wonderful video documentaries, fascinating social histories filled with delicious title-tattle and beautifully illustrated coffee table books from which to choose.

New this fall is James Saslow's *Pictures and Passions: A History of Homosexuality in the Visual Arts* (\$39.95, HC). Forget its scholarly title, this is a sensational and comprehensive survey of gay and lesbian visual expression in all media encompassing art by, for, or about lesbians and gays across the world and across time. A fabulous book that deserves a place on every gay coffee table.

Several other titles are equally worthy of attention (not to mention coffee table space). *One, Becoming Visible* (\$34.95, HC), brings together in book form highlights from the New York Public Library's groundbreaking 1994 exhibit of the same title. There is also *Improper Bostonians* (\$23.95, Pb), a lavishly illustrated, astutely researched look at the role that homosexuals have played in constructing Boston society.

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George Chauncey's marvelous *Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture & the Making of the Gay Male World, 1890-1940* (\$18.00, Pb) proved Gay history could be both informative while at the same time deliciously gossipy. In a similarly entertaining fashion is Charles Kaiser's *The Gay Metropolis* (\$14.00, Pb).

Without peer, *Hidden from History* by Martin Duberman (\$17.95, Pb) gathers together the works of the most exciting scholars in the dynamic field of homosexual studies, making this a ground-breaking and provocative work that reveals the history of gays and lesbians in different cultures and eras.

Also new in paperback in summer is John Loughery's wonderful exploration of Gay men's lives in the twentieth-century, *The Other Side of Silence* (\$15.95, Pb).

Paris was a Woman: Portraits from the Left Bank by Andrea Weiss offers a rare look at the female literati (with tight focus on its lesbian subculture) in Paris at the turn of the century emerging as a "scrapbook" of the work of Colette, Djuna Barnes, Gertrude and Alice and many others. So successful a book, Weiss and filmmaker Greta Schiller collaborated on a cinematic version which is available on video (\$29.95, 75min.).

Thank heavens for our own wonderful Gay and Lesbian Film Festival and also to PBS for bringing to light many wonderful films now available on video. Recently shown on PBS is the thoughtful *After Stonewall* (\$29.95, 88min.), Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss' sequel to their landmark film, *Before Stonewall* (\$24.95, 87 min.).

Three other essentials for every LGBT history video collection are the mother of all gay documentaries, *Word is Out* (\$29.95, 130 min.), *Out of the Past* (\$24.95, 66 min.) and *Last Call at Maud's* (\$29.95, 75 min.). ▼

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Switch (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 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): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

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

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

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

Fridays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Closet (Beloit): 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): 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!

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 - 6 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.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire): All chilled shots \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m.

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

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

Saturdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison): 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 6th 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bone DJ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Man's Country (Chicago): 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): 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): 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. Top beer \$8.00 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 21

M&M Club - Flu Shots (Milwaukee): Free flu shots in the upstairs banquet room from 6 to 9 p.m. Donations accepted. FMI call (414) 272-2144 or Jeff Miller at (414) 817-0957.

Saturday, October 23

Woody's - Madison Bar Crawl (Milwaukee/Madison): Check out the UW students and Madison's hottest spots with Miss Bar Trash 1999, Eleanor and the Mouth. The bus leaves 1579 S. Second St. at 5 p.m. and returns at 1:30 a.m. For \$35 you get food, drinks and more. FMI call (414) 672-0806.

Tuesday, October 26

M&M Club - Flu Shots (Milwaukee): Free flu shots in the upstairs banquet room from 6 to 9 p.m. Donations accepted. FMI call (414) 272-2144 or Jeff Miller at (414) 817-0957.

Friday, October 29

Kathy's Nut Hut - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BEST Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

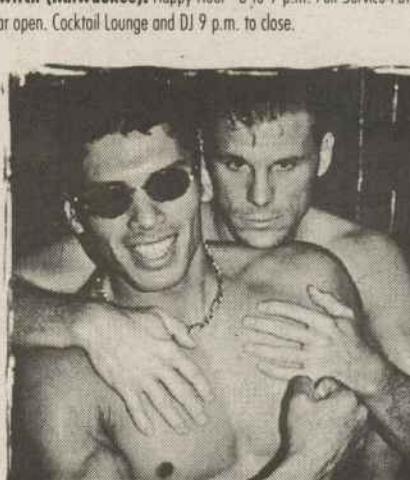
BOOK READINGS, CLASSES & CLUBS:

Friday, October 22

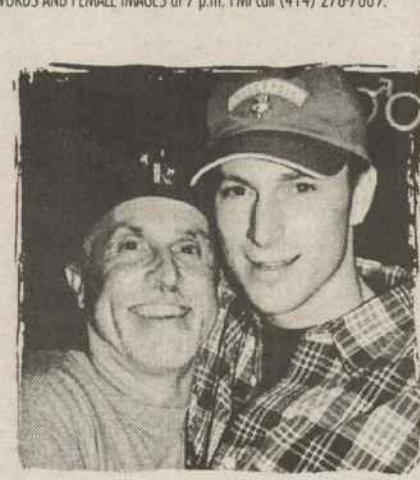
A Room of One's Own Bookstore - Author Appearance (Madison): Barrie Jean Borich will read from her new book *MY LESBIAN HUSBAND* at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Thursday, October 28

MIAD - Author Appearance (Milwaukee): Leonard Schlein will lecture on his new book *THE ALPHABET VERSUS THE GODDESS: THE MALE WORDS AND FEMALE IMAGES* at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 276-7889.



Hmmmm... beefy. Photo by Jamie @ 219



Cuties of the Week Photo by Jamie @ 219

Friday, October 29

A Room of One's Own Bookstore - Author Appearance (Madison): Pamela Gemin & Paula Sergi will read from *BOOMER GIRLS: POEMS BY WOMEN FROM THE BABY BOOMER GENERATION* at 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Afterwords Bookstore - Author Appearance (Milwaukee): Barrie Jean Borich will read from her new book *MY LESBIAN HUSBAND* at 7 p.m. For more information call (414) 963-9089 or check the web site at www.afterwords.com.

Saturday, October 30

Afterwords Bookstore - Halloween Weekend (Milwaukee): Come in for ghostly specials and ghoulish refreshments! For more information call (414) 963-9089 or check the web site at www.afterwords.com.

Tuesday, November 2

A Room of One's Own Bookstore - Author Appearance (Madison): Bob Smith will sign his new book *WAY TO GO SMITH!* At 6:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

GerberHart Library - Gay Men's Book Club (Chicago): The club meets at 1127 West Granville Ave. at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Tonight's book: *SECOND SON* by Robert Ferro. A gay man deals with having AIDS and its impact on parents and others.

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (Oakland Ave.): Bill Watkins will share his new book *A CELTIC CHILDHOOD* at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Thursday, October 21

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

Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay): 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): 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): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p

nity for men of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men to have a bull session and graze the goodies at Monty's Blue Plate Diner. The group meets at 1:30 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield): 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): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-T-F and F-T-M), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI call (608) 255-4927.

Saturday, October 23

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison): 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): 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): COMING OUT - FAITH STORY SHARING 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-Mor 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 24

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

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

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison): 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) 271-2565.

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) 271-2565.

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) 271-2565.

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.

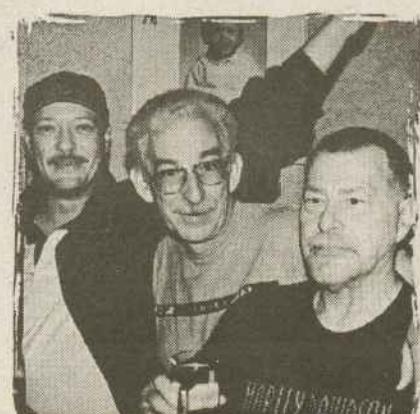
Rainbow Friends - Quaker Worship Group (Madison): This group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Diversity is encouraged, feelings are honored, and boundaries are respected. FMI & location, call (608) 250-7989.

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

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

Monday, October 25

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton): 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.



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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): 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): 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): The group meets weekly at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Community Ctr., 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI call (608) 249-5096.

Tuesday, October 26

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

HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha): 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): 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) 271-2565.

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 seniors, and meets every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 3200 W. Highland Blvd. FMI call EldertLink (414) 289-6874.

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison): This discussion group for Gay/Bi students meets in the Memorial Union at 12 p.m. every Tuesday. FMI call (608) 265-4901.

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

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

Wednesday, October 27

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): 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): 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): 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): 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): This group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

Saturday, October 30

BESTD Clinic - Social Oasis (Milwaukee): A social gathering for HIV+ men who want to spend time with people like themselves will take place the last Saturday of every month. Socialize, watch movies and TV from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI call (414) 353-4798.

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-Mor Neighborhood Center, 953 Jennifer St. Tonight: MENOPAUSE & CANCER RISK. FMI call Megan Barry at (608) 246-0101.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Friday, October 22

SAGE-Milwaukee - Documentary Film (Milwaukee): Part One OUT OF THE PAST, which tells of gay and lesbian pioneers, takes place at 6:30 p.m. in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center. This film is of special interest to women, but men are welcome to attend. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, October 24

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison): Every week from 2 to 3 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents IN THE LIFE, the national PBS TV show, thanks to WHA-TV; this episode focuses on new documentary and experimental films. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Womyn's Radio (Madison): 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>

Tuesday, October 26

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Film Circle (Madison): A screening of CONSENTING ADULTS at 7 p.m. FMI call host Bob at (608) 244-3351.

Wednesday, October 27

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison): Every week from 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents Flaming Dykesaurus the 1999 musical comedy OBLIVIA, mixture of the sinking of the Titanic, Lesbian Cruises, & a little Wizard of Oz thrown in for good measure. Remainder of program is to be announced. 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.

Saturday, October 30

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club & Madison Gay Video Club - Halloween Film & Party (Madison): DIAL H. FOR HITCHCOCK will be screened at 7 p.m. There will be a buffet. Halloween costumes optional. FMI call (608) 244-8674 (evenings).

Sunday, October 31

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison): Every week from 9 to 11 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents SAN FRANCISCO'S SISTER'S OF PERPETUAL INDULGENCE. Plus IN OUR OWN WORDS, quickie interviews produced by a very savvy Texas group. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS & GALLERIES

Thursday, October 21

Milwaukee Art Museum - Southern Furniture Lecture (Milwaukee): Johnathan Prown of the Chipstone Foundation will lecture on the FURNITURE OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH at 6:15 p.m. There will be a reception at 5:30 p.m. Free to MAM members, regular museum admission to non members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Friday, October 22

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

MIAD - Lecture (Milwaukee): Illustrator TY WILSON will talk about his career in the fashion and entertainment industry at 11 a.m. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Tuesday, October 26

MIAD - Dual Exhibit (Milwaukee): Alternate views of the artistic process will be examined in a dual exhibition SYNERGY and ACADIANA/IMPRESSIONS OF SOUTHERN LOUISIANA through 11/20/99. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Friday, October 29

State Historical Museum - Salute To American Musicals (Madison): The Smithsonian exhibition RED, HOT & BLUE will open at 30 N. Carroll St. and run through Jan. 2000. Free to Wisconsin residents. FMI call (608) 264-6555.

Sunday, October 31

Walker's Point Center For The Arts - Opening Exhibit (Milwaukee): The 7th ANNUAL EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (Day of the Dead) exhibit will open at 1:30 p.m. with a slide show, demonstrations and the BALLET CULTURAL HISPANO. Artists will be on hand

to discuss their works. FMI call (414) 672-2787.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Milwaukee Art Museum - Music in the Museum (Milwaukee): Pianist Jeffrey Hollander will present the music of DUKE ELLINGTON at 5:30 p.m. There will be a tour of the Roy Lichtenstein prints. Admission is \$15, \$12 to MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

THEATER ARTS:

Friday, October 22

Foothold Dance/Performance - Dance (Milwaukee): A program of BRAVE NEW WORKS by 8 choreographers with Middle School students at Ivory Hall at 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Center for the Arts, 820 E. Knapp St. Also on 10/23 at 8 p.m. FMI & tickets (\$10, \$8 students) call (414) 265-1346.

Madison Rep - Opening Night (Madison): A production of Ibsen's A DOLL'S HOUSE opens at 8 p.m. at the Madison Civic Center's Isthmus Playhouse and runs through Nov. 14. (No shows Mon. & Tues.) Reception at Deb & Lola's, 227 State St. following the performance. FMI & tickets (\$20-\$25) call (608) 266-9055.

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IN STEP MUSIC

To my delight, there was a pile of CDs at the *IN Step* World Headquarters awaiting a juicy review. Here's the skimming of the cream.

Chic: Live at Budokan

(Sumthing Else)

If you didn't know that Chic was the greatest disco band of all-time, these 4/96 tapes are not the place to figure out why. The arrangements are too loose to show off the trademark interlocking Nile/Nard groove. And vocalists Sylver Logan Sharp and Jill Jones are no match for Alfa and Luci. But the spirit is high throughout. Sister Sledge, Steve Winwood and Slash join in the fun. And the whole package has an enormously eerie documentary power for genius bassist Bernard Edwards, who died immediately after this performance. For obsessives only, to be sure, but boy, do our feet keep dancing.

Gay Dad: Leisure Noise

(London)

Critic bands (that is to say, bands fronted by music critics) are invariably eclectic, and Gay Dad (fronted by The Face/Mojo scribe Cliff Jones) is no exception. But they come by their eclecticism with a subtlety undreamt of in Beck or Tricky's philosophy — a brief dance break here, a horn chart wisely mixed down there. The best I can do with generalizing is to say they're a friendlier, groovier, more blissed out Smashing Pumpkins. Lots less to say, I would imagine, but if they're only

a Britpop idea of pop, it's a melodious and endlessly catchy one. For this, they've already been subject to hyperbolic rumor and reams of disgust. *The Onion's* Stephen Thompson snorts that their sound is "calculatedly false" but calculated falsity has been a grand Britpop tradition from the Rolling Stones to the Psychedelic Furs to Tiger. So I believe every little false moment. As for the rumors, my favorite is that the band doesn't even exist. Just like my beloved Milli Vanilli.

Millie Jackson: Between The Sheets

(House of Hits)

For an artist given to concept albums, definitive covers and a decent-plus collaboration with Isaac Hayes, Jackson is difficult to anthologize. No one will better Rhino Records' two-disc *Totally Unrestricted!* from 1997, which contains 12 of the 16 cuts on this one-disc summation. So this is obviously superfluous, especially since it throws chronology to the wind. But if you're low on coins and in need of a fix of ghetto Sturm und Drang, stop your bucks here. These telephone line soliloquies are the Top 40 R&B distillation of those *Not With My Man You Won't*-style plays that pop up now and then at the Riverside, and they're every bit as dramatically expedient. But who cares about that? They're tough, funny and suffused with a sustained intensity that has more than a little to do with great sex. She still suffers at the hands of men at times, but if I were the Mrs. on the other end of the line, I wouldn't fuck with her.

—Kevin John

STREISAND ALERT!

Barbra... in Love

Barbra Streisand has been making records for nearly 40 years. She burst upon the scene a total phenomenon with her first two Columbia singles, "Happy Days are Here Again" and "My Coloring Book." Then came the *Barbra Streisand Album*, and it was clear one of the major talents of the century had arrived. She is also one of the major perfectionists of all time. She redid "Happy Days" for the album, then re-recorded "My Coloring Book" and both B-sides of her first two singles for the next album.

She hasn't strayed much from the top of the charts since then. Her last album, *Higher Ground*, entered the charts at number one, all the more amazing in this era of rock, rap and whatever because it was a traditional inspirational album (opening with, of all songs, the hoary, "I Believe").

And now comes *A Love Like Ours*, an uncompromising collection of romantic songs originally titled "Barbra... in Love." In the album, Streisand doesn't give an inch to contemporary trends. This is full-blown popular song writing rendered with the highest artistic standards by an unmatched singer surrounded by lush, all-out orchestral arrangements. By comparison, other lady singers seem like lightweights artistically and probably will look like lightweights when the final sales figures are in.

Streisand is not the same singer as she was in the beginning. She was astounding then, with no precedents in her style, phrasing or pronunciation and a pure, aching voice that soared angelically, but also could handle comedy deftly.

But today she is even better. Her voice is richer, with a broader palette; the artist sings with more subtlety and restraint. Oh, she's still the perfectionist. Thirty years after the fact, she redoes "The Music That Makes Me Dance" from the stage version of *Funny Girl*. The song wasn't considered significant enough to be included in the movie version, but here she is anyway, showing us the difference three decades can make.

The best tracks on the album are a sweeping interpretation of the Gershwin's poignant "Isn't It A Pity" and a dare-ya-not-to-swoon duet with Vince Gill, "If You Ever Leave Me." With his lovely tenor and lyric sensitivity, Gill proves a perfect mate for Streisand, though in all her previous duets with males she's been contrasted with macho voices.

What is most amazing about Streisand is that she still sounds young. She's never been in better voice, and that's saying something about an artist who has always exhibited a magnificent instrument. She also looks gorgeous these days. From this viewpoint, the title *A Love Like Ours* could also refer to her relationship with her fans over the years. They have been faithful and true decade after decade ... and so has she.

—Wayne Brasler

QUIPS & QUOTES

How Much Do You Tip?

"I can have dick delivered to my door faster than a pizza."

—An Atlanta P.R. executive who cruises America Online gay chat rooms, to Salon.



George's Desire

"I'd like to bed Tom [Cruise] and Nicole."

—Gay singer George Michael to London's Mirror.

"George Michael: He says he'd like to have sex with Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman. His bathroom or theirs?"

—Entertainment Weekly magazine.

Heche on Coming Out

"Because I was so excited about having fallen in love, I wasn't aware of the struggle and pain that people go through to come out. ... What I learned more over the last two years is how difficult it is to be gay, which is so different for me than when I first fell in love with Ellen, because it was the greatest thing in my life."

—Actress Anne Heche to Curve magazine, November issue.

Take A Number!

"Can you imagine what the divorce courts will look like when gay men start filing adultery suits [after gay marriage is legalized]?"

—Columnist Cliff Bostock in Atlanta's Etcetera magazine.

Gay Press Pooh-Pooh

"The biggest problem was the complete ignorance on the part of the mainstream journalists as to our very existence. You'd think people would be at least aware of their own local gay newspaper, but often the attitude toward the gay press was one of condescension. ... What I really want from this organization is not to get that look when I'm introduced to someone from mainstream journalism."

—Jim Boxter of North Carolina's The Front Page on the attitudes of mainstream journalists attending the eighth annual conference of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association in Atlanta.

Practice Makes Perfect

"Before the film I had never seen a vibrator and now I'm an expert."

—Better Than Chocolate star Karyn Dwyer (Maggie) to Chicago's Outlines.

"The other day after buying groceries, a woman asked me, 'Were you queer before you did this movie, or did you become queer for the part?' Nobody believes I'm straight anymore, and I can't say I really mind. People can't seem to believe that two straight girls could have pulled off such a realistic lesbian sex scene."

—Better Than Chocolate star Karyn Dwyer (Maggie) to Chicago's Outlines.

Birch Bash

"In a recent lengthy interview in Chicago's Outlines, Elizabeth Birch, executive director for the Human Rights Campaign, commented that she was likened to Margaret Thatcher by her critics. I am probably Birch's most vehement critic, but I would never do such a thing. Mrs. Thatcher had better taste in clothing. The person to whom I feel most comfortable comparing Elizabeth Birch is Joseph Goebbels. Prior to the Nazi ascendancy in Germany, Goebbels said: 'We are entering the Reichstag, in order that we may arm ourselves with the weapons of democracy from its arsenal. We shall become Reichstag deputies in order that the Weimar ideology should itself help us to destroy it.' Likewise, the HRC has become willing to utter a few words ostensibly in support of transgendered people, even though objective analysis shows that they are anything but supportive."

—Columnist Katrina C. Rose, writing in Austin's Texas Triangle.

Babs Bashing

"Her version [of *Somewhere*] is horrible, isn't it? It's legendarily horrible, her



version. Barbra Streisand came out in the '60s. She was a comedienne — *Funny Girl*, and those early records and the films she made. It's amazing. But the humor. What happened to it? I think there must have been an accident during the filming of *A Star Is Born*. I think her sense of humor went when the perm came. She's a great singer, though."

—Singer Neil Tennant of the Pet Shop Boys to the Texas Triangle.

Recruitment Drive

"Straights are always saying to me, 'Are you trying to recruit us?' What would be the selling point? We have no rights. People hate us. Come join us."

—Comedian Jason Stuart performing Oct. 2 at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

What Do YOU Believe In?

"When we went to a two-day seminar at the agency, they brought birth mothers to talk to the couples considering adoption about their decision-making process, who they picked and why. They both said they were looking for Christian homes. We're both sitting there going hupta-hupta-huh. We believe in a lot of things — we believe in Stephen Sondheim's inherent genius, we believe in Bette Midler's world tour, but we don't believe in the second coming of anything except ourselves."

—Gay syndicated sex-advice columnist Don Savage to Salon.com.

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Keepin' In Step

Waxing Moon

by Jamie and Josh



It's that time of year again. A time when everything dies, and the landscape takes on a dead quality. A time when all the green washes away and the bones of winter show through. When everything you see is all shadows, and the earth grows dark early. The air becomes cold, lacking warmth to anything touching it. It's my favorite time of year.

It's fall, close to Halloween. The festival of the night... Halloween... a celebration of the dark side. A holiday completely devoted to evil, and the things that man does not quite understand. A time filled with waxing moons, carved pumpkins to resemble dismembered heads, and candles that have special powers.

Candles hold the power to heal and mend. The candle color holds the key. Black to remove negativity, red to invoke passion, and purple to promote prosperity. There are many more colors to take into consideration, but I don't have that much time. The most important thing to remember about candles is to never blow out a candle. When you blow out a candle, the power it created is lost. To contain the power, the most effective way is to moisten the tips of your fingers and snuff out the wick. That way the candle's magic is not lost. When you burn a tapered candle for the reasons mentioned above, the amount of wax falling off the sides indicates how well it is working.

In this month of mystery and intrigue, it's important to understand that this is a festival of the unholy. A festival worshiped by many religions, one way or another. Its sole purpose is to show appreciation for the things we don't understand. Spirits, ghosts, massacres, devil worship, and many other dark things in life. Some things we are not supposed to understand, and some things we shouldn't understand. So if on this month's full moon, when you hear a noise downstairs or in your closet, don't dismiss it. It could really be something you shouldn't understand.

But remember this: If anything happens, there's something you can do. My sister is a Wiccan Witch. She told me that if anything happens to me in a supernatural way, I'm supposed to repeat three times: "Thrice around the circles bound, evil sink into the ground." Oh yeah, you're also supposed to draw a circle around your body in ink, or any medium. Take it from me. I've been there. Signing off, Josh.

I didn't have a subject in mind, so I asked Josh if he had any thoughts. I think

I'll have him contribute every now and then...

As promised, I have the results of the **Miss Gay Wisconsin Usfa**. Out of 18 contestants, **Kyllie West** took home the 2000 title. Did you see the picture of Miss Gay Usfa, **Erica Andrews**, in *Quest*? Wow, nice rack. For more pictures of Kyllie, check out her Web site at www.kylliewest.com.

Also in Green Bay at **Za's** were the hotties from Minneapolis, PS Male Review. Next weekend, **Holly Hot Damn** is throwing a Trailer Park White Trash Party. You're supposed to bring your own lawn chairs and of course, your best polyester sun-dress. Should be lots of fun.

I'm happy to announce that **Pride Fest** has given the **Triangle** a replacement Judge's Choice award for their fab float in the **Pride Parade**. This award is one that the bar can keep forever. Nice ending to that story... speaking of **Triangle**, **Lana St. James**' retirement show at **La Cage** turned out to be incredible. One of the numbers she did was *My Heart Will Go On* from *Titanic* which brought the house down. It's a shame to see such a great performer go into retirement.

Over at **Switch**, Beverly finally came out of the closet. Yup, she threw a party to celebrate her "outing," and it was a blast. There were lots of girls there willing to "show her the ropes," if you catch my drift...

A little further south in Kenosha, was the first annual **Kenosha Gay Pride Festival and Flea Market**. There was everything from dirty movies to kitchen sinks for sale there. Not only that but the all-girl band **Woody** and **Cher** were there for those of you not interested in shopping.

As Halloween draws closer, there are a few events to tell you about. **Woody's** is having a **Bar Crawl** to Madison you won't want to miss. The crawl is Oct. 23 so you better get over there to sign-up. You know the crowd over at **Woody's**, so you know it's gonna be a fun time.

The **Milwaukee Eagle** has planned a fun-filled Anniversary Weekend starting on the 29th. The event starts at 9 p.m. and runs until closing. Rumor has it that the doors will close to the general public, which can only mean one thing. Naked men. Should be fun... There will be an Anniversary Luncheon for **Eagle** over at **1100 Club**, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m., so don't be late.

That's all I have for now. Check out the ads in this issue so you can plan your Halloween weekend and be able to hit as many costume contests as possible. Until next issue, thanks for reading and as always, slower traffic keep right. ▼

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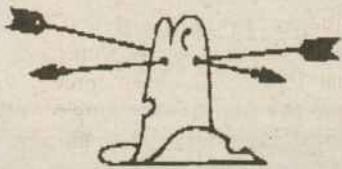
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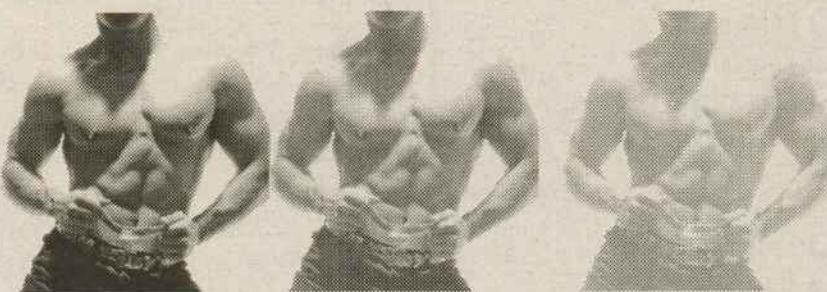
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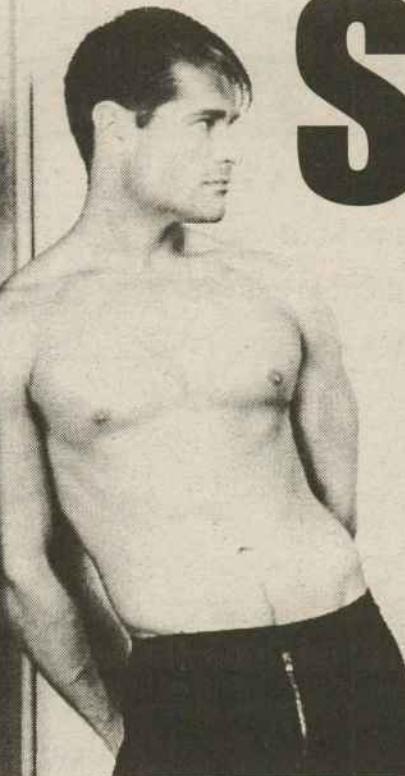


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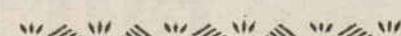
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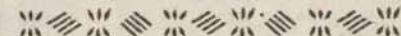


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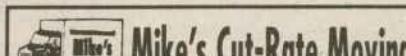
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 10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., 53226 259-4664
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 833 W. Wisconsin Ave. 271-1340
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
 1342 N. Astor 273-5257
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Positive Health Clinic
 Medical Center Specialties Clinic 945 N. 12, 53233 219-7908
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 Discovery & Recovery Clinic (Counseling) 6510 W. Layton Ave., 53215 282-6160
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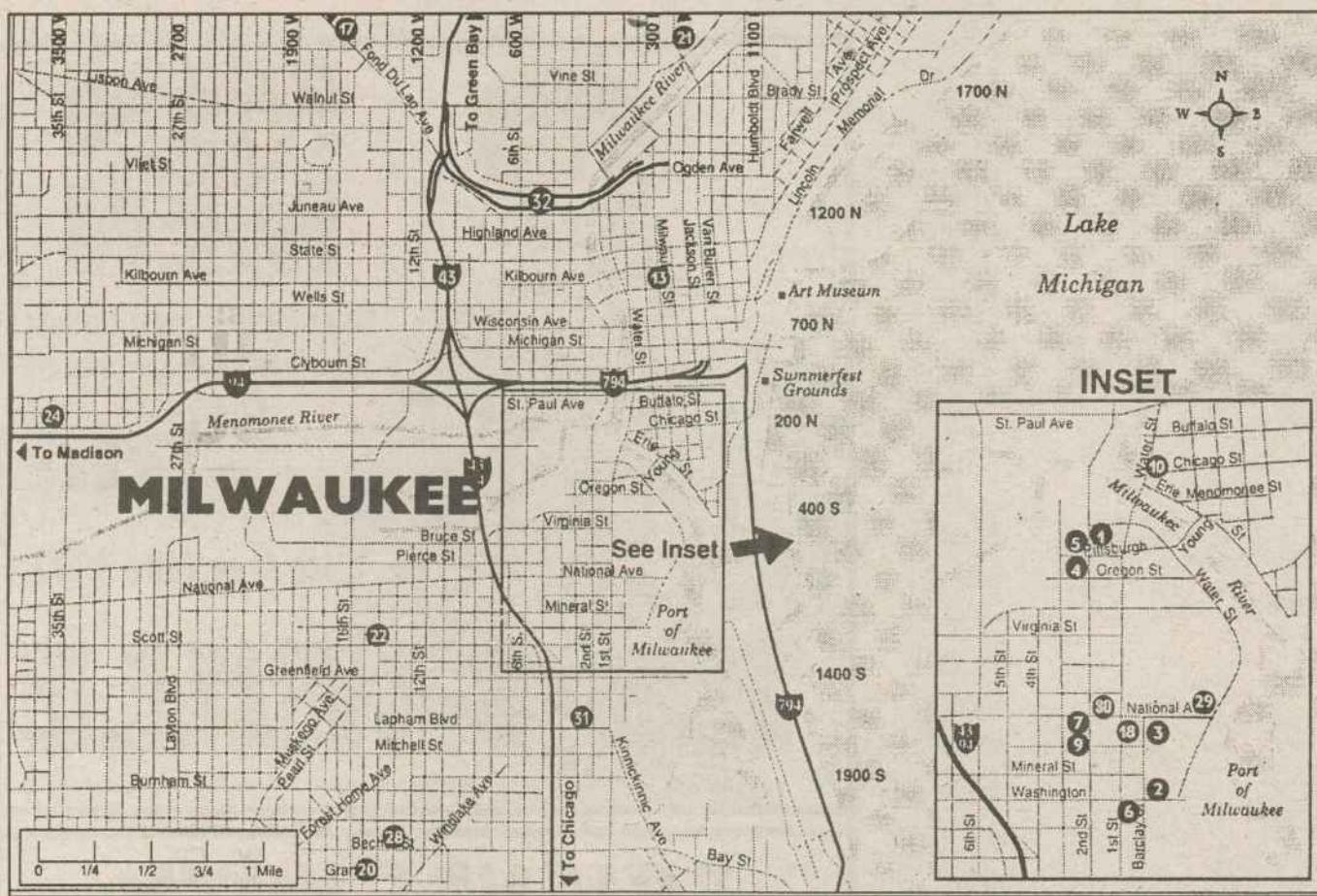
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AIDS Network Satellite Office (AIDS Info) P.O. Box 8486, Jonesville 53545 756-2550

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Wisconsin Personals

WISCONSIN

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VERY ENERGETIC Attractive GWPM 5'10", 150 lbs., blonde/blue, athletic build, enjoys dancing, the outdoors, running, movies. Seeking an attractive Male in 30s, good sense of humor, very passionate, enjoys making love. (Milwaukee) **10883**

FRIENDS DEFINITELY Mike is an 18-year-old, mature GM, 6'0", 160 lbs., reddish-brown/blue, enjoys reading, movies, the outdoors, going out, quiet times, good conversation. Seeking Male with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. (Madison) **10567**

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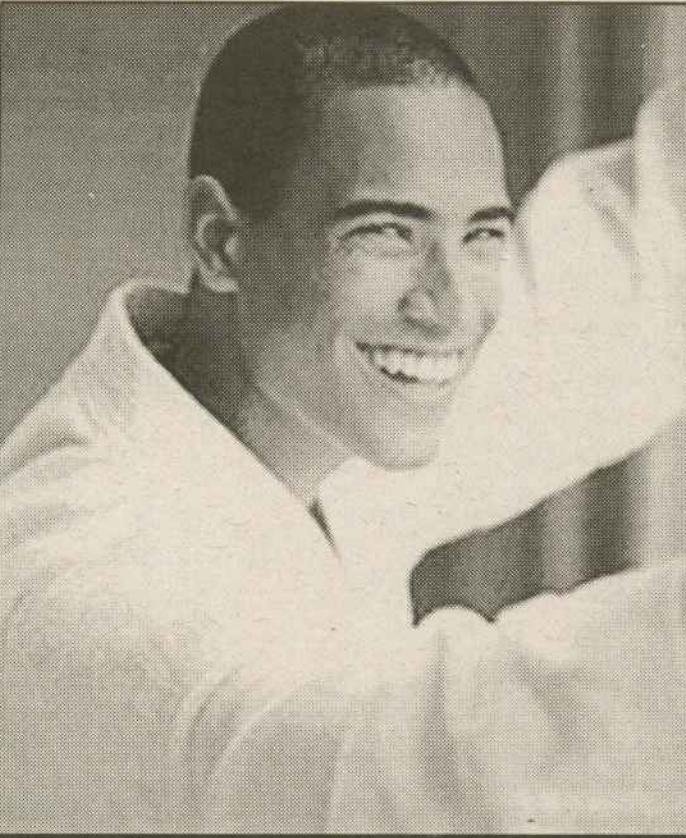
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I WILL SUBMIT Fit WPM, 30, 6'2", 170 lbs, looking for a dominant who's interested in training a submissive into being a slave. I'm not into pain, just being dominated. (Milwaukee) **19262**

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

LET'S HANG BM 5'8", 179 lbs., 34" waist, enjoys clubs, movies, dining out, hanging with friends. Seeking H/B/WM, for friendship, possible relationship. (Chicago) **10676**

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**

MAKE THAT CONNECTION BM 5'6", 170 lbs., muscular, athletic. Seeking TV, CD, TS, for friendship and dating. (Chicago) **17418**

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**

KNOWS WHAT HE WANTS Dontae is a good-looking GWM, 21, 5'7", 130 lbs., light brown/blue, great smile, well-educated, enjoys outdoors, clubbing, sex, drinking, smoking. Seeking good-looking, in shape, Male with similar interests. (Round Lake) **19278**

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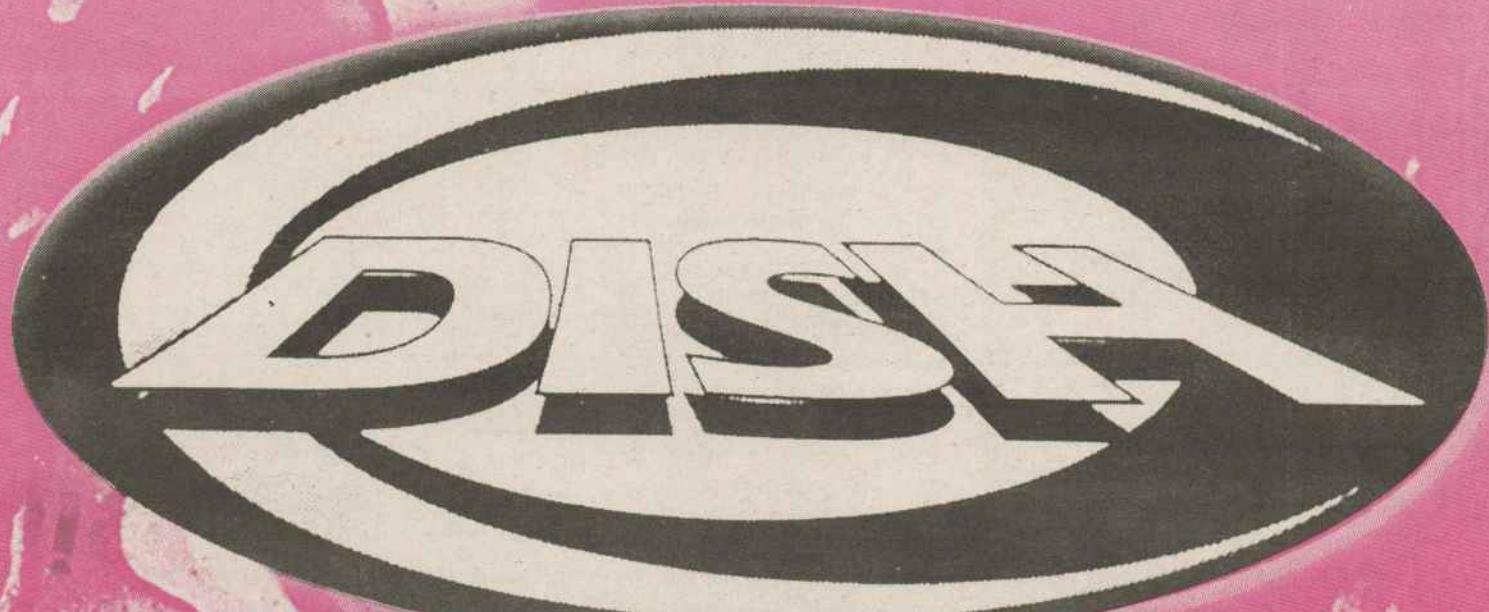
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