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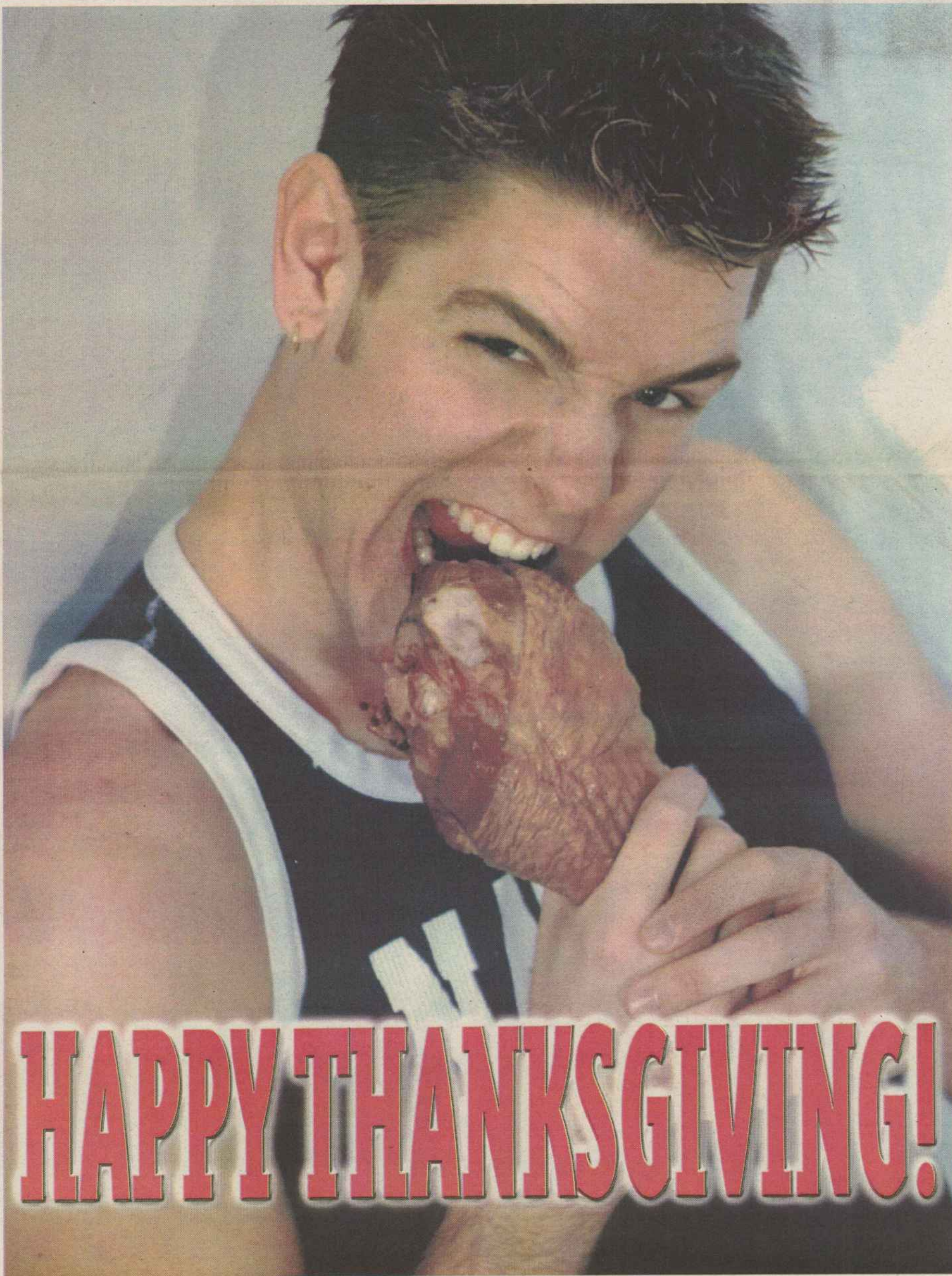
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Helms Boots Baldwin, Other Congresswomen, from Hearings

Washington — Among the 10 U.S. House of Representatives members ordered expelled from a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing by its chairman, Sen.



Rep. Tammy Baldwin

Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), was Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.).

The delegation of 10 women from the House was led by Rep. Lynn Woolsey (D-Calif.) who had come to present Helms with a letter signed by more than 100 members of the House of Representatives endorsing a UN human rights document, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Helms has managed to block a vote in the Senate on the UN treaty and the House members came to the Senate committee hearings to present Helms with the letter signed by House colleagues in an effort to convince him to allow the treaty to be voted on by the Senate.

But as the women stood in the back of the committee chambers, apparently because there was no seating available, Helms ordered Capitol police to expel them from the chamber.

House and Senate members, as a matter of courtesy, are allowed to attend committee hearings in each other's chambers. But Helms insisted later that the House members were protesting — which violates Capitol rules — and ordered police to eject them.

Woolsey later told reporters: "It totally amazes me he would treat us that way." Baldwin called Helms' action "shocking."

Holy Lesbian Lapdancing!

Edinburgh, Scotland — Scottish women looking for some new thrills and excitement now can get just that with lesbian lapdancing at Edinburgh's Fly Bar.

The show, called ... ahem ... "Girls in Yer Face" ... features female dancers in scanty leather thongs for a women-only audience and, according to the club's managers, is proving extremely popular.

The club has a cover charge of about \$8 and for women who'd like one of the lapdancers to perform just for them alone, there's an added fee of \$8.

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Creating Change Hits Hot Topics

Anti-Marriage Initiative & 'Stop Hating' Religious Right on Agenda

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Oakland, Calif. — More than 2,200 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender activists from around the country gathered in Oakland, Calif., for the 12th annual Creating Change conference.

Although the conference was clearly dominated by the pending fight against a state ballot initiative that would bar the state from recognizing same-sex marriages, whether legally performed elsewhere or not, it wasn't the most controversial issue the gathering addressed.

The California ballot measure — the Definition of Marriage Act more commonly known as the Knight Initiative after state Sen. Pete Knight (R-Palmdale), the lawmaker backing it — is seen by many gay rights advocates as a first step in efforts to roll back progress made in domestic partnership benefits in the state. "This is the greatest current threat to our quest for equality," said Tracy Conaty of the No On Knight campaign.

Although the annual National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Creating Change conference addressed a variety of other issues — anti-gay hate crimes, youth and aging issues, repealing state sodomy laws, sharpening activists' skills, religion — it was also clear that the California ballot measure was going to be the primary topic of the gathering even before it got started. Simply holding the conference in California just four months before state voters will cast their ballots on the issue virtually guaranteed it would be Topic No. One.

In addition, other state groups coordinated events about the Knight Initiative around the gathering as well. The East Bay Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club conducted a door-to-door poll in Oakland on the eve of the conference to gauge voter reaction to the ballot measure.

Although Knight has tried twice before to get legislative approval of a law that would have done what the ballot measure is seeking to accomplish, his efforts were all thwarted. Unable to win approval in the state capital, Knight has now turned to the state's voters with the backing of the Traditional Values Coalition, the Mormon Church and many of the state's top Catholic Church leaders.

The initiative's backers have raised more than \$4 million to help pass the anti-gay measure, while opponents have raised less than \$1 million — much of it through a few large contributions like \$300,000 donated by Jennifer and Kathy Levinson, head of the Internet-based ETrade Group in Silicon Valley. And while polling still shows more voters approve of the measure than are opposed to it, opposition to the Knight Initiative has been consistently growing throughout the year and is now showing the two sides nearly equal.

But some 30 states so far have enacted similar laws, either through their legislatures or by statewide ballot measures, out of concerns over possible court rulings first in Hawaii and more recently in Vermont that might legalize same-sex marriages. And California is viewed by many activists as crucial in turning back a wave of conservative anti-gay laws that's swept through the country.

Activists say, however, that with Knight Initiative backers sitting on a \$4

million war chest they expect an all-out media campaign after the December holidays. "There is going to be an intense radio and TV campaign for this initiative," openly gay San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno told the conference. "It's not going to be pleasant."

Although California's looming ballot measure got most of the attention at the conference, the most controversial issue arose from a panel on religion at which the Rev. Mel White urged gays and lesbians to stop hating fundamentalist leaders whom he described as "victims of misinformation."

White told the conference: "We have to be able to say, 'I too am guilty of hatred. I too am guilty of fear. I too am guilty of hyperbole, half-truths and lies.' You have to say it. Because once you say it, the spirit of truth will ennoble you and make you strong at the task."

White said he had concluded that far-right religious leaders like Jerry Falwell "wasn't my enemy" but that he was a "victim of misinformation and it's our task to bring them to the truth in love relentlessly."

In October, White led a delegation of 200 of his supporters in a meeting with Falwell and 200 of his fundamentalist backers to discuss ways to tone down increasingly hostile rhetoric between gay rights advocates and their opponents.

White drew criticism for that meeting with Falwell at the time. Bob Kunst of the Florida-based gay rights group, Oral Majority, led a protest outside the meeting at Lynchburg, Va., because of White's participation, which he called "an obscene act."

Kunst went on to call White a "self-hating homosexual" who was "selling out" the gay and lesbian rights movement by meeting with Falwell at all.

White's urging to rights activists to stop hating right-wing opponents raised eyebrows at the Creating Change conference as well — although no anti-White demonstrations.

Some activists at the conference questioned whether a civil rights movement could exist without a sense of anger. "There has to be room for anger in our movement," said Shaun Travers of Texas A&M University.

Other activists attending the panel

on religion echoed Travers' position, insisting that they may fear Falwell and other far-right fundamentalist leaders and may be angered by their actions, but that they don't hate them.

Some pointed out that at least 20 gays and lesbians had been murdered in the past year with hundreds of other anti-gay attacks taking place around the country. "I'd have a difficult time pointing to one actual case of a killing or even an attack aimed at a fundamentalist Christian in this country because of their religious beliefs," one activist in the audience said. "And it's kind of hard to expect people to turn the other cheek while their homophobic attacks are killing us."

Supreme Court Hears UW Student Fee Case

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

Washington — The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in a Wisconsin case that could have far-reaching effects nationwide.

The high court heard a suit filed against the University of Wisconsin by conservative students who were upset that mandatory student fees fund groups such as an AIDS support network and the campus lesbian, gay, and bisexual center.

"We are simply asking that they be funded by volunteers, and that they do not have the university force unwilling students to fund their political activities down at the statehouse in Madison, Wis., or across the street here at Congress," said the students' attorney, Jordan Lorence.

He said students should not have to support groups they find objectionable.

The university is worried that getting rid of university funds for such campus organizations would spell disaster for many of the groups that wouldn't get money elsewhere, such as groups representing ethnic and racial minorities.

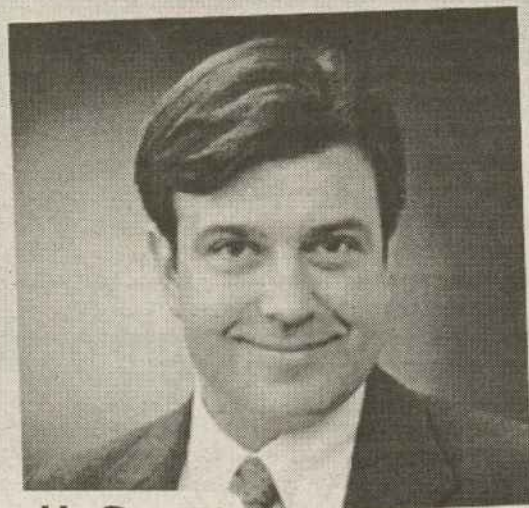
It is unclear when the nation's top court will rule on the case.

Clinton Speaks Out Against Hate Crimes



During an address before the Anti-Defamation League on Oct. 29, President Clinton invoked the name of Matthew Shepard as he called for Congress to pass Hate Crimes legislation, and to "do the right thing." Photo by David Scull.

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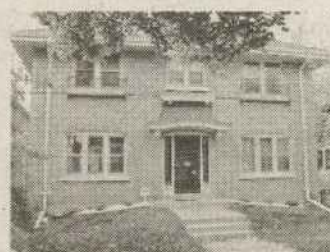
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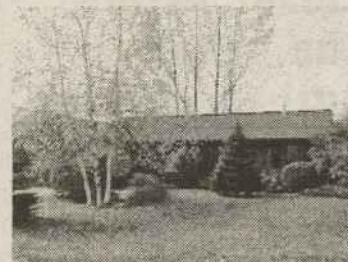
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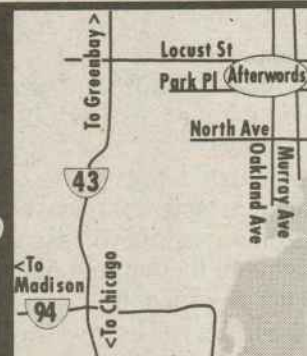
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Canadian Census to Begin Counting Gays

Ottawa — Statistics Canada, the government agency that conducts Canada's census count, will for the first time ask about sexual orientation in its 2001 head-count of the country's population.

The Canadian census, which is conducted every five years, won't be an accurate count, officials admit.

Among other things, the question apparently will allow individuals to identify themselves as part of a same-sex couple — which means gays and lesbians not in relationships would not be counted.

Statistics Canada officials also acknowledged that answering the question is entirely voluntary and that many gays and lesbians in the country may avoid telling the truth out of concerns about privacy or discrimination.

'Veronica's Closet' Actor Charged in Anti-Gay Attack

Hollywood — In an ironic twist, actor Wallace Langham, who portrays a character whose sexual orientation is ambiguous at best on NBC-TV's *Veronica's Closet* has been charged with attacking a gay reporter for the tabloid paper "The Star" at a Hollywood market.

The charges include misdemeanor battery and committing a hate crime.

Authorities said Langham was shopping with his girlfriend on Sept. 7 when he met the unnamed reporter. According to the reporter, he had been looking at the tattoos that cover the girlfriend's body when Langham approached, shouted anti-gay slurs and knocked him to the floor, then continued punching and kicking him. The reporter was taken to a hospital, where he was treated for cuts and bruises and released.

But Langham's publicist, Haley Sumner, said the reporter had been ridiculing the woman's tattoos and that Langham "came to the defense of his girlfriend."

Sumner also said that the nearly 2-month old charges were filed only after Langham "refused to be pressured into paying [an] extortionate demand" by the reporter.

Amazons Settle Lawsuit

Minneapolis — Internet bookseller Amazon.com and the Minneapolis feminist shop Amazon Bookstore have settled a trademark lawsuit out of court.

Although details of the settlement were not released, Amazon Bookstore will assign its rights to the Amazon name to Amazon.com and Amazon.com will license the Amazon name back to the

HIV May Resist Vaccine

Washington (AP) — A short time after it invades the body, the virus that causes AIDS creates a reservoir of silent infection that cannot be stamped out by current anti-viral drugs and may resist vaccines, a study shows.

The study, published Nov. 12 in the journal *Science*, sheds new light on how quickly HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is able to establish a chronic, drug-resistant infection.

Earlier studies have shown that HIV establishes a reservoir of silent infection. The new research shows that this disease pool is created almost immediately after the virus is transmitted.

"These chronically infected cells are important because they allow the virus to persist below the radar screen of the immune system, particularly at the time of the transmission," said Dr. Ashley T. Haase, an HIV researcher at the University of Minnesota and the senior author of the study.

Haase said the study shows that a short time after the sexual transmission of the AIDS virus, there is an infection established in what are known as resting T-cells. These are white blood cells that are not actively participating in the body's immune response to the virus and are resistant to anti-viral drugs.

The finding is contrary to the belief that HIV first infects two other targets, macrophages and dendritic cells, and then spreads to active T-cells.

Instead, said Haase, the virus quickly moves in about equal proportions into both the resting and the active T-cells.

Dr. Tony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, said the Haase study "was a nice piece of work" that gives important new insight into the early stages of HIV infection.

By quickly infecting the resting T-cells, said Fauci, the virus "gives itself some insurance of survival." Virus in resting T-cells is a much more difficult target for both the immune system and for anti-viral

drugs, he said.

Fauci said the finding also is "bad news for vaccines" because it makes it more difficult to inoculate the body against HIV infection.

In the study, Haase and his colleagues first studied the step-by-step progress of AIDS virus infection in monkeys. The animals were vaginally infected with SIV, the simian form of HIV. Researchers then took specimens to trace the disease progress.

They found that just three days after infection, the virus was in both activated and resting T-cells. In the following days, it spread faster and faster into the resting T-cells.

Haase said his group then looked at specimens from patients recently infected with HIV and found a similar pattern. The virus was present about equally in both resting and activated T-cells, he said.

Virus in the resting T-cells is reproducing at a very, very low level, said Haase. This makes the cells less obvious to the immune system. It also creates a powerful defense against anti-virals because these drugs attack HIV only when the virus is actively reproducing.

The finding suggests that the current drugs never will completely eradicate the virus, he said.

State Dems Fight Right on AIDS Policy

by Mike Leon
of the IN Step staff

Madison — Public health advocates and Democratic allies are again colliding over AIDS social policy with Assembly Republicans.

A Republican penalty enhancer bill, introduced by state Representative Mark Gundrum (R-New Berlin), that increases punishment for an individual who knowingly transmits HIV has critics seething.

Under Assembly Bill 550, a person can be imprisoned for up to 40 years if he or she has had a positive test for HIV or had been diagnosed with AIDS and then engages in behavior, sexual intercourse or needle exchange, without first disclosing to a partner the presence of HIV in him or her.

The bill passed the Assembly last week. Public health advocates and critics charge that AB 550 would discourage some people from being tested for HIV, resulting in more AIDS cases.

"People don't do a cost/benefit analysis when they commit these kinds of crimes, so raising the penalties won't change behavior. This bill won't do anything to promote HIV counseling and testing, and it won't do anything to promote HIV prevention and case management," said state Rep. Jon Richards (D-Milwaukee). "It has not been shown that current statutes aren't strong enough to deal with this issue. It's unnecessary and very counterproductive in the fight against AIDS."

IN Step was unable to reach the bill's author for comment. The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has condemned the bill, and state Rep. Pedro Colon (D-Milwaukee) cast the lone negative vote in the Judiciary and Personal Privacy committee.

AB 550 has three Republican sponsors in the Senate, and public health advocates are looking to the upper chamber, which has stopped numerous right-wing social policy bills passed by the Assembly, to kill this Republican initiative.



State Rep. John Richards

McCain Woos Gay Republicans

Washington — Setting himself apart from more socially conservative candidates, Sen. John McCain assured gay Republicans on Nov. 8 that he welcomes their support and would work to eliminate discrimination if elected president.

In a 30-minute meeting with the Log Cabin Republicans, McCain said he has a nondiscrimination policy in his office and made clear his desire to appeal to gays.

"I am unashamed, unembarrassed and proud to work with you," McCain told the group, according to participants in the meeting.

GOP candidates have not always welcomed support from the Log Cabin Republicans, the nation's largest gay Republican organization. In the 1996

... My goal is to eliminate discrimination."

This year, social conservatives such as Steve Forbes, Gary Bauer and Alan Keyes are running far behind in public opinion polls.

GOP front-runner George W. Bush has hardly addressed gay issues. However, gay advocates were alarmed last month when the *Dallas Morning News* reported that Bush told religious conservatives that he would not appoint openly gay people to his administration.

That story was at odds with comments made to *The New York Times* last spring, when Bush said he would not discriminate in appointments on the basis of sexual orientation. "As a general statement, if someone can do a job, and a job that he's qualified for, that person ought to be allowed to do his job," he told the Times.

The Log Cabin Republicans said Bush has accepted its invitation for a meeting, but has not offered a time or place.

Though gays tend to vote Democratic, Ivers estimated that a million gay Republican votes were cast in the 1998 election, enough to alter the outcome in many key states.

And perhaps more important than the gay vote itself, Ivers said that a candidate's position on gay issues may provide important clues to swing voters turned off by social conservatism.

Voters may ask themselves: "Is this can-



Sen. John McCain

didate a scary Republican, or is this a candidate who is breaking ranks with the things that really scare me about Republicans?" Ivers said.

Democratic candidates have been far more open in their quest for gay votes. Bill Bradley advocates opening up the 1964 Civil Rights Act to include discrimination based on sexual orientation. Gore has opposed that move, but has spoken repeatedly on the need for strengthened gay rights.

The Log Cabin Republicans, which endorsed Bob Dole in 1996, expects to issue an endorsement for president but has not yet decided whether to endorse someone in the primary.

In a candidates forum in New Hampshire two weeks ago, Republican candidates were asked their attitudes about gays. McCain said there is "no room for discrimination in the party of Lincoln." The other candidates were less supportive of gay rights.

Forbes said he would be willing to appoint someone who is openly gay to his administration, but added, "If a person wants a job to make a statement, they won't get it."

Former Reagan administration official Gary Bauer said, "Marriage is between a man and a woman, not between two men, two women or any other combination."

Keyes, a blunt radio talk-show host and a former State Department official, said, "Homosexuality is an abomination."

Added Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch: "Gays are human beings, too."

Gay.com Sets Record for LGBT Web Site

San Francisco — Online Partners, operator of Gay.com: The Gay Network (<http://www.gay.com>), announced that its Web site Gay.com hit new growth milestones in October 1999.

Media Metrix's report of domestic Internet sites places Gay.com as the leading gay and lesbian Web site based on key audience retention measures.

Gay.com is ranked number one among community sites according to the Sept. 1999 Media Metrix Audience Measurement Web Usage Report. In fact, Gay.com beat many non-gay sites including; GeoCities, iVillage, TalkCity, ThirdAge, and Women.com in average usage days per visitor, average unique page views per visitor in a month, and average minutes spent online per usage month at home. No other mainstream gay and lesbian site is large enough to be reported by Media Metrix.

"Gay.com's reach is four times greater than that of the next two gay and lesbian Web sites combined," said Lowell Selvin, CEO Online Partners. "The company continues to strengthen its position as the category leader by rapidly deploying innovative services and by providing the most extensive lesbian and gay content on the Web."

In October, Gay.com delivered the world's first gay browser, fresh interactive content for women, new e-commerce offerings, and produced several well-attended online events for MTV, Atlantic Records, and PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

Gay.com is a leading provider of interactive services for the gay and lesbian community. Services include news, search, shopping, chat, message boards, e-mail, radio, matchmaking and local event guides. Content channels include finance, food and wine, arts and entertainment, home and family, travel, sports and fitness, health, and HIV. Gay.com has forged exclusive partnerships with many leading gay content providers and has amassed over 2,000 network affiliates. Online Partners is based in San Francisco, with offices in New York and Los Angeles.

Howard Brown Launches Lesbian Cancer Patient Study

Chicago — The Howard Brown Health Center is joining in a collaborative research study with the University of Chicago to examine the quality of life and coping among lesbians who have been diagnosed with cancer.

The study, under the direction of Alicia Matthews, Ph.D, is believed to be the first such research project aimed at lesbians. It will last two years and will compare the coping skills and various quality of life issues of lesbians and heterosexual women who have been recently diagnosed with cancer.

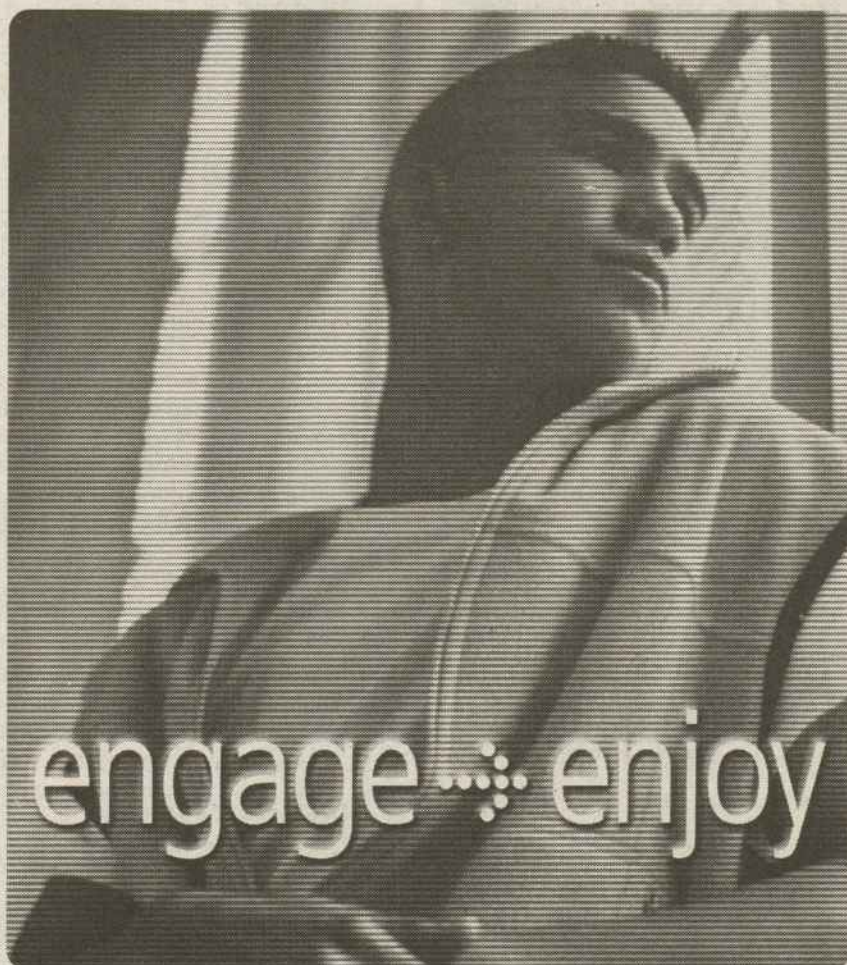
The study is being funded by a \$145,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Earlier in 1999, the Institute of Medicine published an exhaustive review of existing research concerning lesbian health issues and found that very little real information was, in fact, available.



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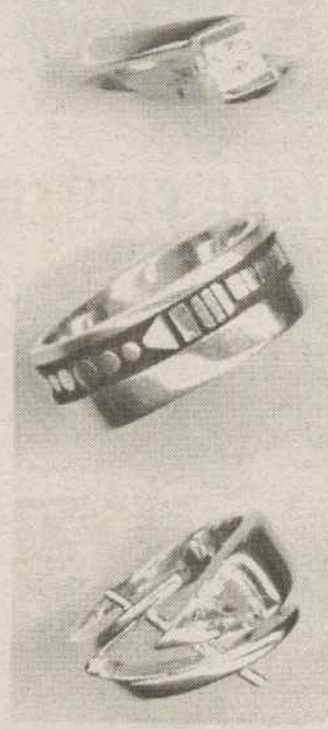


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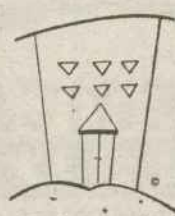
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IN STEP GROUP NOTES

Leather Community Provides BESTD Support

Milwaukee — While the support of the LGBT community has been ongoing and consistent, there has recently been an outpouring of financial support from the leather community to the BESTD Clinic of Milwaukee. During the past several weeks, three significant gifts were delivered to BESTD, resulting from fund-raising efforts within the levi/leather clubs.

Chuck Grosz organized and ran a Uniform Night at the Milwaukee Eagle as a benefit for the Clinic. As a result of his hard work in soliciting raffle gifts and promoting the well-attended event, he raised \$638.

"Huck," who has been the leader of the Firebirds, Ltd., recently made a decision to disband the group at this time. Like many other groups, it is sometimes prudent to put a group to a dignified rest and let it rise again when the time is right. As a result of this decision, Huck and his partner delivered a check for \$1,500 to BESTD Clinic, representing the residual of The Firebirds treasury. Also, special thanks to Huck for doing a super job as bartender at the Clinic's recent 25th anniversary celebration.

On Oct. 30, Oberon's president, Jerry Straley, presented checks in the amount of \$90, resulting from their recent Mr. Southeastern Wisconsin Leather contest. The gift was given to Jeff Miller, BESTD Clinic VP. This gift comes on the heels of their recent gift of over \$600 raised for the Clinic during their "run."

As an addendum to these gifts, BESTD Clinic has also been the recipient of additional 1999 Possum Queen funds of \$1,325, raised by The Ballgame. The total Possum Queen proceeds designated for BESTD Clinic were \$14,500.

OutReach Forms Work Groups

Madison — OutReach is forming a number of work groups to examine Madison LGBT community needs and issues. These groups will study a number of areas and try to determine what needs there may be and how OutReach can help meet them. The agency is looking for dedicated people to get involved with these groups. Action-oriented problem solvers who want to make a difference in the community will want to be a part of this effort.

The Minority Outreach, Environment, Library and Advocacy meetings have been held prior to this notice. The following is a schedule for the next or first meeting of the remaining groups. Youth, Thursday, Nov. 18; Social Activities, Tuesday, Nov. 23; Visibility, Wednesday, Dec. 1; and Elder Issues, Thursday, Dec. 2. All of these groups will meet at 6 p.m. at the OutReach offices in the Gateway Mall, 600 Williamson St.

If you have any questions, or are interested on one or more of these groups, and cannot make a meeting, please contact OutReach Direct Services Coordinator, Callen Harty. Harty can be reached by phone at (608) 255-8582 (10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday), by fax at (608) 255-0018 or by stopping at the OutReach offices. You may also reach him via e-mail at dirtserv@outreachinc.com.

The OutReach Directory Committee is looking for new members. Work will soon begin on the 2000-2001 Directory. The agency is also looking for additional volunteers to help with coat check and information tables at community events. Finally, planning is already well under way for the annual New Year's Eve extravaganza, the Pink Party, but extra help is always needed. Currently, people are needed to help put up Pink Party posters. The poster

group will meet at the OutReach Office at 6 p.m. on Nov. 22. Refreshments will be served and all are welcome to come along.

UWM Gay & Lesbian Studies at LGBT Community Center

Milwaukee — Dr. Beatrice Green, who received her Ph.D. in ancient history from New York University will offer a course on *Homosexuality in the Ancient World and the Development of Modern Gay Identity* at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. The course is offered through the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) Department of History during the spring 2000 semester.

The course will be taught on five Fridays from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 28 and 29, Feb. 18 and 19, March 17 and 18, April 14 and 15, and May 5 and 6. The course will explore the meanings of homo-sexual sexuality in classic antiquity, the pro-social function of male homosexuality in classical Greek societies, The Roman experience of homosexual desire and attitudes toward homosexual practice, and the transformation of these attitudes in the late antique period. The emergence of modern gay male identity will be examined in comparison with, and contrast to, these alternate understandings of same-sex relations.

People interested in this course can take it without being enrolled in a degree program at UWM. For information about procedures call Gloria Kopke in the Office of Adult and Returning Student Services (414) 229-6019, or Ilga Strazdins in the Office of Off-Campus Programs (414) 229-6209, or complete and electronic application at <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/DES>.

Glitterati Galore at Green Bay Gala

Green Bay — The 11th observance of the United Nations' World AIDS Day here will advance this year's theme of "AIDS - End the Silence, Listen, Learn and Live!" with a two and a half hour, 19-act extravaganza at the region's most prestigious performing arts center.

"A Celebration of Remembrance and Hope" will be held World AIDS Day Eve (Nov. 30), beginning at 7:30 PM in the Cofrin Hall of the Weidner Center at the University of Wisconsin — Green Bay. The program, hosted by local media celebrities Teri Barr of WLUK-TV and Kathy Larkin of WQLH-FM will feature appearances by Mayor Paul Jadin, Brown County Executive Nancy Nusbaum, and Miss Green Bay Kelly Marie Kujava. A cast of more than 125 members ranging in age from their pre-teens to their eighties will perform dance, musical, comedic and dramatic routines interspersed with messages about HIV/AIDS and its impact in northeastern Wisconsin.

The evening is the largest event developed thus far by the Green Bay-based Entertainers Against AIDS, a year-old regional group of professional and amateur entertainers and other talented individuals who have brought HIV/AIDS awareness messages to audiences around the state.

Celebrities from the LGBT community will perform as well. T. C. Hammond, the current Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Dee Marie Murphy, the current Ms. Gay Wisconsin USofA and Jeff Jennings, the current Mr. Gay Wisconsin All American are all scheduled to appear. C.C. Rae (AKA Randy Bouche), a veteran of several national tours, will reprise the show-stopping lounge medley from the movie "Sister Act."

Admission for the event is free. Attendees and performers will be invited to attend a reception following the program.

LGBT Groups Foil Anti-Gay Billboard Messages in Appleton

by Mike Fitzpatrick
IN Step contributing writer

Appleton — What if Ralph Ovadal put up a number of anti-gay billboards and no one cared? That's apparently what happened this fall in northeastern Wisconsin when the placement of four billboards by Wisconsin Christians United (WCU) in Appleton, Green Bay, Kaukauna and Oshkosh failed to repeat the media storm that 1998 WCU anti-gay messages had incited in Madison and Milwaukee.

The billboards, which began showing up in August, contained the message "Some Choices are WRONG" and "Some Preferences Are PERVERSE" along with the biblical references Romans 1:18-32 and Psalm 139:13-16. WCU's name and phone number also appeared on the billboards. Only the red-toned words "wrong" and "perverse" lived on the black-and-white displays. All but one of the signs were paired with commercial messages for a variety of regional and national companies.

Members of Action Wisconsin and northeast Wisconsin PFLAG chapters began alerting their organizations within a day of the billboard placements. Following several days of research, including an informal recall survey of drivers at a traffic light six blocks south of the Green Bay billboard, the groups strategized on the most effective way to counter the signs' messages.

Research had shown the messages were wordy and vague. The messages appeared to address two subjects indirectly: abortion and homosexuality. The layout of the billboards was confusing, with the biblical references both detached and transposed from their corresponding statements. The recall survey confirmed those conclusions, showing that only 4% of all drivers even remembered the billboard and none could recall anything beyond the word "wrong."

Strategists concluded that the only way the billboards' message could gain any significant exposure was if somehow they were "decoded" by news reports in the media. The primary goal of the LGBT groups' strategy would be to refuse to assist in the decoding process.

Action Wisconsin also suggested a repeat of a second strategy used successfully in 1998. AW had urged the mainstream companies whose billboards were adjacent to WCU's in Madison to distance themselves from the potential controversy by requesting removal and replacement of their billboards away from WCU's. The strategy had been 100% successful.

The twin-pronged strategy was put into action. Action Wisconsin and PFLAG contacted LGBT-supportive and women's groups, advised of the strategy and requested to discreetly inform their members. Editors of the three statewide gay newspapers were also advised of the plan and promised a detailed story once the billboards were gone.

Volunteers from both groups also began contacting the national and regional companies with adjacent billboards. The sign of the first company contacted — U. S. Cellular — was removed within 24 hours of notification. The three other national firms whose signs were inadvertently paired with WCU's initially — McDonald's, Chrysler and Kellogg — also had their signs moved.

Companies who paid for messages which replaced the original four were also

contacted when their signs went up. Both Old Dutch Foods and McLeod USA phone services also responded supportively when advised that the net effect of their products was to be tagged as "wrong" and "perverse."

More signs were replaced, this time with public service advertising for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Following contact by PFLAG member Harriet Bruyn, MDA was reported to have contacted the sign owner and expressed regret that their charity was paired with such a negative message. One MDA sign was eventually replaced with a public service sobriety message.

Based on advertising rate information provided by the sign company, WCU paid between two to four thousand dollars for their placements. At least two appeared to have been placed close to evangelical organization sites on purpose, which would incur a higher rate for placement.

According to Action Wisconsin and PFLAG members who monitored for coverage, the billboards garnered no mainstream news stories, no letters to the editor, and no television images. Seven national and regional companies chose to move their signs away from WCU's, citing various reasons that included the negativity of the WCU message and the desire to distance themselves from controversial social issues.

Most of the signs were down within a month. One peeling sign along US 41 was not replaced until early November, apparently because the sign's poor location made even a one or two word message hard to read at highway speeds.

One last irony: WCU posted a photo of one of the signs on their Internet Web site — improperly. Most browsers fail to load it, so even those who might be interested in viewing the message are prevented from doing so.

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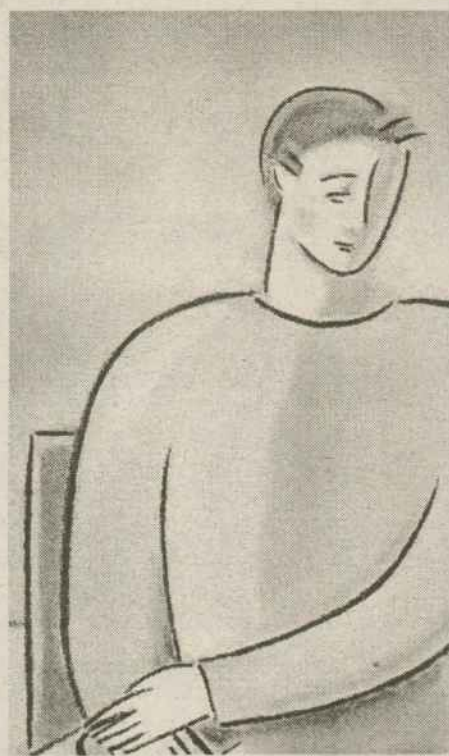
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'Hostile Climate' Documents Rising Tide of Anti-Gay Bigotry

by Jamakaya
of the IN Step staff

"**H**ostile Climate," the 6th annual nationwide survey of anti-gay discrimination compiled by the People For the American Way Foundation, details almost 300 incidents in 47 states, more than twice as many incidents as reported in the 1998 edition. Wisconsin was the site of three major anti-gay campaigns.

"Since Matthew Shepard's death, we have been asking ourselves, as a nation, 'How have we arrived at such a place, where someone could commit such a heinous, heartless crime?'" said Carole Shields, president of People For the American Way (PFAW) Foundation. "The answer, as this book reveals, is that we start down this path whenever we deny people their basic human rights and dignity. The hostile climate that lesbians and gay men face — with its powerful undertow of partisan rhetoric, public and corporate policy — fosters hate by validating and perpetuating discrimination."

The states reporting the highest number of anti-gay incidents are California (31), Texas (18), Florida (17), and New York (15). Incidents related to marriage and family issues — such as same-gender marriage, adoption, child custody and foster parenting — more than doubled from 20 in 1997 to 42 last year. In the area of education, which includes incidents that occurred in secondary schools or colleges, the number again more than doubled, from 34 in 1997 to 76 in 1998.

The incidents cited for Wisconsin include the anti-gay rhetoric and activities targeted against the openly lesbian Tammy Baldwin in her successful campaign for the U.S. Congress. The assault was led by former Madison firefighter and GOP congressional candidate Ronnie Greer, with support from Focus on the Family and the Family Research Council, two national Christian conservative, anti-gay lobbying groups.

The anti-gay rhetoric of former Green Bay Packers player Reggie White is also cited. In a speech before the Wisconsin legislature, White condemned homosexuality, saying it is a sinful choice that people make. He compared homosexuals to "liars and cheaters" and said the fact that homosexuality was allowed to "run rampant" in the U.S. was leading our nation away from God. White's speech also included stereotypical slurs against Asians, Latinos and Blacks. Because of White's celebrity status, his words got major play in the print and broadcast media. When he was criticized by some media outlets and community leaders, the Christian Coalition, the American Family Association and other Christian Right groups came to White's defense.

The third incident cited for Wisconsin was the attempted censorship of gay-themed books in the Barron school district. Barron school board members acceded to the wishes of one parent (whose children no longer attended district schools) that four books be withdrawn from school libraries: *Baby Be-Bop*, *When Someone You Know is Gay*, *Two Teenagers in Twenty*, and *The Drowning of Stephan Jones*. After three students and their parents filed a federal lawsuit challenging the book banning on constitutional grounds, the school district agreed to a settlement and the books were returned to the shelves in September.

"Hostile Climate" does not purport to be a comprehensive report of anti-gay hate crimes. Those crime statistics are released annually by the Justice Department and are based on reports from police departments and prosecutors in localities throughout the U.S. Instead, the PFAW report focuses on "the individuals, government bodies and institutions that shape public policy and public opinion — the decisions that create a hostile climate in which discrimination, hatred and even

violence become permissible."

This year's "Hostile Climate" also includes a series of 14 personal essays by people who have firsthand experience with anti-gay discrimination and the movement to end it. The essayists include Wisconsin Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (D), California state legislator Sheila Kuehl, filmmakers Arthur Dong ("Licensed to Kill") and Debra Chasnoff ("It's Elementary"), and activists such as David Mixner, a former adviser to President Clinton.

Baldwin writes about the silence that exists in educational institutions about the achievements of gay and lesbian people, a silence that contributes to public ignorance. She also discusses the state legislators she worked with who would promote anti-gay measures while denying they had any animus toward homosexuals. "They could not understand that when a public figure stands up in an effort to codify discrimination against gays and lesbians, he or she is sending an explicit message that it is OK for others to do the same."

The PFAW Foundation has received support from the Gill Foundation, a philanthropic foundation focusing on justice and equality issues, to establish the "Hostile Climate Campaign," an aggressive program for distributing the report to state policy-makers and universities. As part of the Hostile Climate Campaign, activists will hand-deliver copies of the report to state legislators at the beginning of the legislative sessions in early January. In addition, anyone with Internet access can get involved by visiting <<http://www.HostileClimate.org>> and donating a copy to a legislator, school or library.

"There's an old saying, 'Everyone talks about the weather, but no one does anything about it.' Well, you can help change the hostile climate by sending this report to someone who really needs to understand the truth about discrimination against lesbians and gay men," said Shields.

"As the lives of gay and lesbian people and families become more visible through policy discussions on the state level — employment non-discrimination, hate crimes, same-sex unions and family issues — it is critical that the public, the media and policy-makers have accurate information. "Hostile Climate" is one of the most comprehensive and well-documented catalogues of discrimination against our community," said Katherine Pease, executive director of the Gill Foundation.

The report is available online at <http://www.HostileClimate.org/>. You can subscribe to the People For the American Way Foundation Press Release distribution list by signing up for PFAW's Activist Network at <<http://www.pfaw.org/activist/>>.

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VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

- Seldane® (terfenadine, for allergies)
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- Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)
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A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
- Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

- Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

- Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)
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If you are taking both Videx (ddl) and VIRACEPT: Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

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When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

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- Other NNRTIs

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WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. The light blue VIRACEPT Tablets should be taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. You do **not** have to take VIRACEPT exactly every 8 hours. Instead, you can take it at normal times when you are eating.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 through 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily

Body Weight		Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
Kg	Lb			
7 to < 8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	-
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1¼	-
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1½	-
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1¾	-
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	-
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2¼	-
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2½	2
≥23	≥50.5	15	3¾	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: **A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication** should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do not mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. **Do not** heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do not add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

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New Milwaukee Restaurant One of Many at Jolly Holly Folly

Milwaukee — This year's Jolly Holly Folly fundraiser for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin will feature savory entrees from over 20 of Milwaukee's best restaurants. The November 30 event will include the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's production of *Noises Off*.

One of the newest entries to Milwaukee's vibrant Mexican restaurant scene, Cempazuchi Comida Brava, will bring the flavor of authentic Oaxacan food to this year's event.

Oaxacan food was born in southern Mexico and found its way to Milwaukee's Brady Street with the help of Cempazuchi's co-owners and founders, Sal Sanchez and Bryce Clark.

"After many trips to Mexico to learn more about Oaxacan culture and eating lots of the local food, we decided this was a flavor not found in Milwaukee," said Sanchez, the restaurant's chef. They decided to make the corner of Brady Street and Franklin Place home for their new restaurant.

At the fourth annual Jolly Holly Folly, participants can experience the mouth-watering entree Guelaguetza, a classic Oaxacan mole negro that is served over turkey breast, rice, vegetables and tortillas. This dish is named after a Mexican dance festival in Oaxaca.

"It's important to us to give to the community and help in the fight against HIV and AIDS," said Sanchez. "What better way than to share some of our delicious food," he added.

Along with Cempazuchi Comida Brava, 20 other local restaurants will add to the festive evening including Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro, Sanford Restaurant and the Bark River Inn.

ARCW will host the fourth annual Jolly Holly Folly on Nov. 30 at the Milwaukee Center Arboretum and Gallery and the Quadracci Powerhouse Theater.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and open bar by Miller Brewing, SKYY Vodka and the Market Basket. Following will be the Milwaukee



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Repertory Theater's production of the hilarious Broadway smash hit, *Noises Off* at 7:30 p.m.

All funds raised will be used for ARCW services such as Wisconsin's only HIV dental clinic, the food pantry, and needle exchange programs.

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INQUIPS AND QUOTES



Problem Child

"I have no problem with my sexuality. I have a problem getting laid."

—Hollywood Squares star Bruce Vilanch in the Advocate.

He's Easy

"I'm still not crazy about the word gay, because I think it conjures up a certain stereotypical image. I like the idea that so many younger people today are using other terms, like queer. I took some heat from a lot of people when I did and interview and said I don't like to use the word gay. I said, 'Yes, I've slept with men, and I do sleep with men, but I don't use the word gay.' A lot of people accused me of being afraid and being in the closet, but they missed the point of what I was trying to say. So now I just say I'm gay, even if I don't like the term. It's easier."

—Pianist Michael Feinstein to the Advocate.

Wanted: Dead or Alive

"If unwanted sexual advances were an excuse to murder people, there wouldn't be a straight man left alive in America."

—Syndicated columnist Dan Savage on ABC's Politically Incorrect.

Disillusioned

"It took me almost five years of living in America to come to the sad conclusion that the whole Western idea of a gay movement is totally bankrupt at this point. My idea of being queer is totally different from singing in the gay chorus or marching down Fifth Avenue in a crowd of thousands of topeless cartoon-like clones. If I grew up in today's Chelsea, I would probably end up being a hardcore gay-basher in order to protest and attack this scary world of the unified

look, unified morality, and lifestyle. We need more Andrew Cunanans, more queer terrorists, more 'faggot-individualists' like Ginsberg, queer literary outlaws like Burroughs, more bad-ass fags to prove that the pioneering gay spirit of rebellion isn't yet entirely smothered by the Great American Consumerism. Or is it?"

—Yaroslav Mogutin, the first Russian granted asylum in the U.S. due to anti-gay persecution in his homeland, to the national gay magazine The Guide.

Non-Conformist

"The first thing I would do differently than Ellen [DeGeneres did on her TV show] is I would make sure my writers wrote funny for me. I also wouldn't give a rat's ass what the gay community told me was right or wrong to say, which is something that I've always done anyway as a stand-up. I've never been a conformist."

—Actress/singer/comedian Lea DeLaria to Miami's The Weekly News, Oct. 28.



Rumor Control

"There's a rumor going round that I outed George Michael — he's a grown man, I'm not responsible for what he does. I think he's a great singer, I think he's a great artist — and if I've been bitchy about him, I'm sorry. I often open my mouth before I think."

—Singer Boy George at quoted by Yahoo! News.

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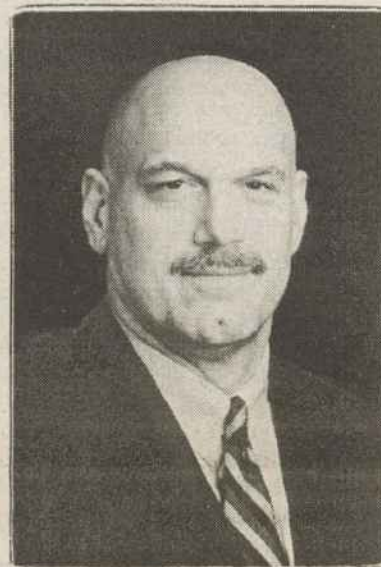
to the efforts of NGL and others, that's its decision to make. If AOL wants to deal with stockholder questions and press conferences at its next annual meeting, that's fine too. If AOL executives want drag queens and street hustlers demonstrating in front of their nice suburban homes in Fairfax and Prince William Counties in Virginia, that can be arranged with a few phone calls. We're in this for the long haul."

—A press release from NationalGayLobby.org, which charges that America Online singles out gay users' online personal profiles for enforcement of the obscenity provisions of its Terms of Service.

Activism Primer

"Affluent queers will push for just enough social change to cover their own asses, and that will do the rest of us about as much good as any other charity fuck. Real activism is a much more arduous, risky, time-consuming, and (dare I say it?) democratic process."

—Columnist Pat Califia in the November issue of Out magazine.



Getting the Job Done

"Who am I to tell someone they can or cannot serve their country? I couldn't care less if the person next to me is gay as long as he gets the job done."

—Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura to Playboy magazine.

—Compiled by Rex Wockner



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Mazo Tribe on War Path

To the Editor—

Some people like to hunt on public land. Some like to fish and some like to bake in the warm sun — naked. There ought to be enough space for everyone to do their own thing. The Wisconsin River is 430 miles long; Mazo Beach is about a quarter of a mile long. The only time there are ever problems is when the beach is put under a microscope (like it is now) with the objective of closing it down.

For years, the people who enjoy Mazo have functioned as a happy impromptu tribe with tolerance and discretion at its core. The opposition is a few Old Testament clutched looking to kill these free spirits.

Will someone please give all this opposition to Mazo a proper name, like: sex panic, gay baiting, liberal bashing or maybe just plain making 'mountains out of mole hills?' Will the great white fathers in Madison allow our tribe, on this tiny reservation in the Wisconsin River to be free, or will we have to go the way of the buffalo?

Lance Wilde
Madison

Evertz Love Letter

To the Editor—

May I compliment you, and Scott Evertz, for his Mazo Beach column in your recent issue (Vol. 16, #22).

Both intellectually and emotionally, it was competently comprehensive and fair-minded. It avoided the over-simple, narrow tunnel vision of both sides. No hyper-liberationist-radical rant of "they're oppressing us." Equally, no over-assimilationist or reactionary "gay sex is naughty." Oh, the column was passionate — not to trumpet an ideology, but to pursue accuracy and truth with verve! It used logic and reason — but to clarify a complex situation,

not to defend a bias or trash the other side. It was shrewdly practical and pragmatic — but without any sell-out.

In short, the column's thinking was (or seems to me) mature, competent, useful and admirable. As a retired teacher, I could have used it as a good example for my former college-level classes in good reasoning and critical thinking.

Evertz's "Out Right" seems to confront difficult issues of morality, justice, morals, rights and responsibilities in a truly mature and competent manner. Good work!

Brian K. Beck
Whitewater

Holy Misnomer!

To the Editor—

In a recent article, your writer Ed Grover referred to Ralph Ovadal as Reverend. This is an error. The title Reverend is like Dr. or ESQ; it is given to a person who has earned a specific degree, in this case a Master of Divinity.

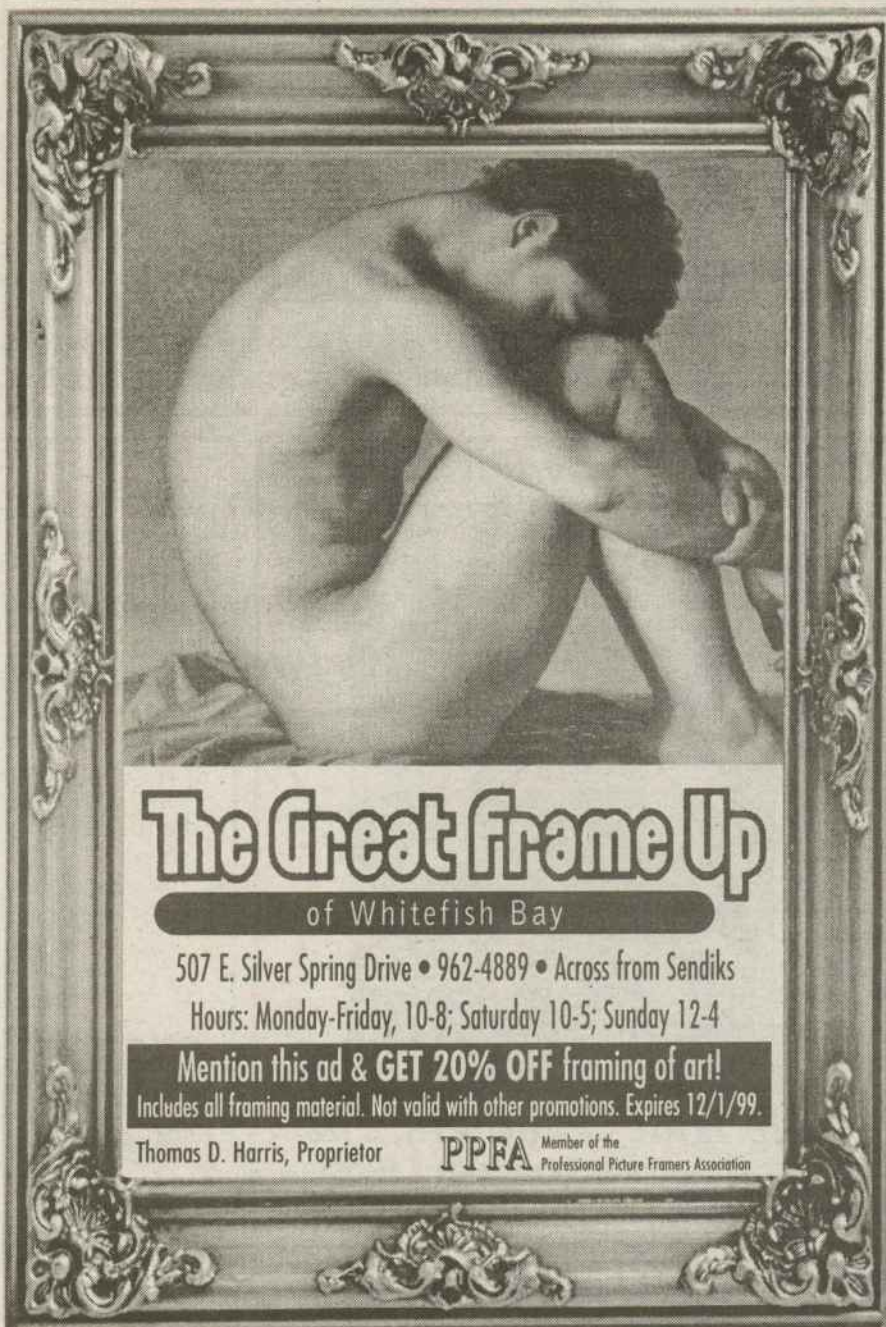
Mr. Ovadal does not have an MDiv; in fact, he brags about his lack of academic credentials. A person seeking a Master of Divinity from a reputable seminary must study for four years and learn Greek, Hebrew, Latin, ancient history and culture. Lacking a degree, the only honorific title Ralph Ovadal is entitled to is Mister.

Alane C. Spinney



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New Friends

by Ed Grover

After Ursy and Zoë were here for PrideFest in August, they went north to sign the closing papers on Ursy's old farm. Ursy told me about the new owners, George and Herb Black. She said she they were rich, they were twins, and she thought they were gay; she had pictures to show me. Gay, yes, but twins? I decided that while I was on my annual pilgrimage north to help with Christ-

mas cookies, I'd check out the "gay" part of these new neighbors for myself. They were way ahead of me; when the train pulled in at the station, there were two men standing there with my sister. There was also a big black Lexus van waiting to take my luggage and the shopping bags full of peppers, tomatoes and green beans I brought along from my final visit to the green market. Introductions were made, eyes met and there was no need to say another thing — or guess about anything. Ain't gaydar wonderful? The "boys" as my sister calls them were as different from each other as they could be.

George had dusky ash-blond hair (out of a bottle) and not a streak of gray. He was willowy and wrapped in the latest trends from New York — A/X (Armani Exchange) all the way. He talked incessantly. Herb, on the other hand, had short, dark, salt and pepper hair and tended to be on the heavier side of a what was once a husky body. He was dressed in old jeans and an old sweater topped with a tattered leather jacket. He reminded me of a small lumberjack. Something immediately told you they were related — they both had the same piercing blue-green eyes and the same infectious laugh. They are "paternal" twins as opposed to "maternal" twins (who are mirror images of each other).

As we walked up the steps of Nan's back porch we were greeted by dogs and the smells of apples, cinnamon and nutmeg. There were bushels of baking apples sitting around and a huge caldron of fresh apple sauce was cooling on the stove. My sister giggled and said, "Maybe I should be making apple butter, too. I have all these apples from the boys orchard to use up." The boys beamed and George offered more produce. "We have lots of squash — and pumpkins,

too," he squeaked, "You didn't have to bring all that stuff up here." Herb was embarrassed and said, "Oh hush up, we have to go." To no one in particular he added, "Don't forget you're coming to dinner tomorrow. We can have a long chat about those two women in New Mexico."

After they drove off, Nan and I sat at the big oak kitchen table with steaming mugs of green tea and talked about her new neighbors. She calls them G&H. George calls her to talk during the day while Herb is out in the apple sheds helping to make cider. George takes care of the house and the money. Herb does the work! Our talk soon turned to the cookbook my sister and her girlfriend were working on for the Y2K high school reunion in our home town. We snickered over some of the recipes that had been sent in and chose "Leftover Bratwurst Stew" as our favorite addition to the list of food we would like serve to "People We Hated." It was right up there with "Wienie-Water Soup" and "Hot-dogs Stuffed with Peanut Butter in Lime Jello."

Before I knew it, it was time to get ready to go for dinner. We arrived to a newly painted farm house. Not barn red with white trim as Ursy had it, but the dusky blue of Cape Cod with dark green and ivory trim. It looked great and we knew it was G. who had supervised the painting. Dinner was superb — there was curried butternut squash soup with duck livers floating in it and duckling stuffed with pears and wild rice. Herb had done the cooking and George had set the table in

that greenish purple carnival glass embossed with grapes. He collects antiques and we had to see everything.

For dessert we had one of my sister's apple pies; a lattice topped affair she's very proud of. She promised G&H some of her fruit cake for the holidays. They groaned and I quickly explained that her cakes were not those rock-hard things people make jokes about on TV. These are super-nal, and made of nothing but fruit. It's all these ground dried and preserved fruits with pecans and citron. It's bound together with honey, orange and lemon juice. A few of these cakes get a good dash of brandy before being wrapped in waxed paper and foil, weighed down with a brick and left to sit in a cool part of the attic.

The mention of brandy seemed to soothe the boys and we left them with visions of fruit cake as we drove back to our beds.

G&H said they would be leaving just after Christmas for their house in Acapulco. They planned a fabulous New Year's Millennium celebration. We are all invited for the festivities, but Ursy and Zoë will probably be the only ones to show up. The boys are staying through March, when they have to get back and begin preparations for the growing season. I think this friendship is going to be great fun! New friends always come in handy for comparing notes and all sorts of other things. ▼



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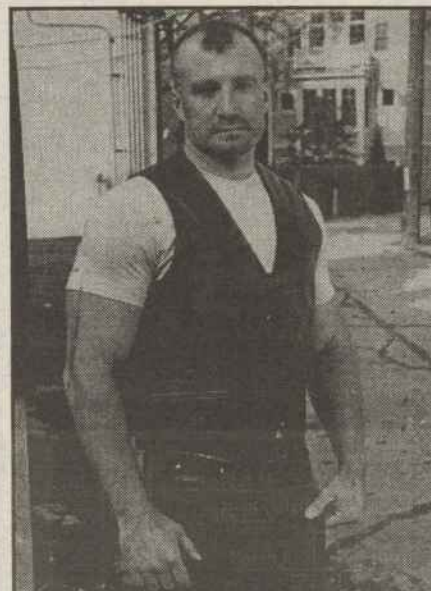
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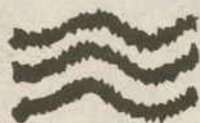
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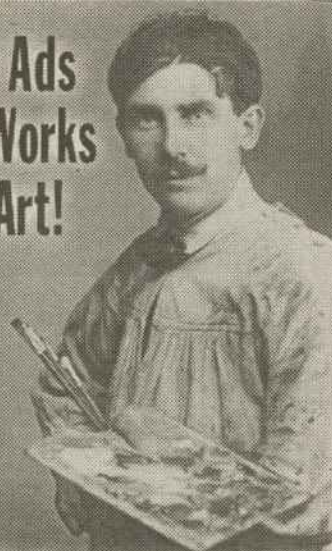
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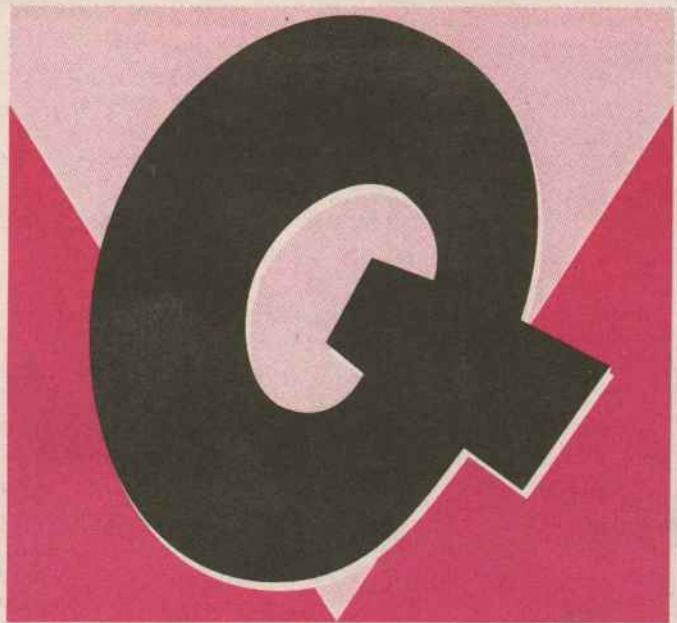


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CHO & TELL

Comedy diva Margaret Cho
is back the comeback trail

by Bradley David

IN Step Contributing Writer

"I am a fag hag," proclaims Margaret Cho in her stand-up comedy act. "And I am damn proud, because fag hags are the backbone of the gay community."

Unfortunately, Cho's words in print don't begin to do justice to her talent as a performer. The 30-year-old San Francisco native has an amazing stage presence and has honed her craft to the point of near-perfect timing and delivery. She induces the rare variety of laughter that makes your belly spasm and renders you completely drained and teary-eyed from her relentlessly hilarious assault on the senses.

A fine example of this is her recent CD *Margaret Cho Live In Houston* which she recorded on World AIDS Day (Dec. 1) last year as a fund-raising tool for Houston's Montrose Clinic. Listening to the album, you can hear her heavily gay audience rolling in the aisles, shrieking with laughter.

"I feel so close to the gay community — I grew up with it," says Cho. "I feel that this relationship that I have with the gay community is so nurturing and so beautiful."

Cho says she became a "fag hag" very early, around the age of nine. Her Korean-immigrant parents owned a bookstore on San Francisco's Polk St., then the city's gay epicenter before the Castro began to blossom in the 1980s.

"There were a lot of gay men that worked at the store, and I naturally gravitated towards them and always hung around them," she says. "It was San Francisco in the '70s. It was so exciting and it was before AIDS and it was when society was starting to really embrace homosexuality as a fashionable thing, as an exciting thing. It was a really great time to be gay and to be young and to be alive. I'm so lucky to have been there to see it."

While there was a comedy club located above her family's bookstore, Cho says she didn't even notice it until she started doing stand-up in her early teens. At the ripe old age of 16, she quit school to pursue a life on the road as a comedian.

This year, Cho is enjoying the most fulfilling time of her career. She wowed New York audiences and critics this summer with her triumphant, held-over off-Broadway show, entitled *I'm The One That I Want*, and is now



touring the country with it. This month, she will film her performance at San Francisco's Warfield Theater for an upcoming independent motion picture of the show.

Much of the 90-minute show focuses on Cho's breakdown following the 1996 cancellation of her short-lived ABC sitcom *All American Girl*. Because the show's producers wanted her to lose weight, she dropped thirty pounds in two weeks, becoming addicted to diet pills and ending up in the hospital with kidney failure. As the first Asian-American-themed TV show in history, the series crumbled under the pressure to be both funny and politically correct.

"I was very depressed after the show was canceled and I was really abusing alcohol and drugs a lot," Cho says. "I was really having a lot of trouble in my personal life, and I was literally committing suicide over a long period of time."

A year and a half ago, she got sober.

"It was a long time coming," she says. "I've just been going through this process of really discovering what life is about without any of that stuff. You know, I love drugs and alcohol, and that's always been a part of my life, and

it's really weird to not have that. But it's great. I wouldn't change anything that's happened to me, because now my life is so beautiful. All that stuff had to happen for me to get to where I am now."

I'm The One That I Want has been a cathartic experience for Cho, allowing her to put the recent drama of her life into perspective through her hysterically skewed brand of humor.

"The show is basically about taking care of yourself and loving yourself," she says. "For me it was really difficult to learn how to do that. I had a lot of problems — especially in Hollywood — in coming to terms with my own identity and learning to enjoy who I was, because I'm so different from anybody else that's out here."

Cho, who lives with her boyfriend in the Hollywood Hills, is matter-of-fact about her past lesbian experiences. In her act, she says, "Am I gay? Am I straight? I'm just slutty. Where's MY parade?" ▼

Early Music Now Holiday Treat!

Milwaukee — Early Music Now is bringing to southeastern Wisconsin a very special holiday treat: *Caliope*, the world's favorite touring Renaissance Band, performing with acclaimed soprano Jane Byden. The performance will be held at St. John's Cathedral, 802 N. Jackson St. at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4.

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to 16th Century Paris and Germanic Lands. Tickets are \$25 and may be obtained by calling (414) 225-3113.

Composer in Residence at Skylight Opera

Milwaukee — Composer Richard Wargo will begin a two-year residency at the Skylight Opera Theater funded by the National Theater Artist Residency Program. The Skylight is one of 16 leading American companies chosen to receive grants totaling \$1 million.

The \$100,000 grant received by Skylight will be used to provide

Wargo with the resources to develop two new operas: *Sive*, a three-act, large scale opera based on the play by Irish Playwright John B. Keane, and a smaller, intimate chamber opera based on *Molly Sweeney* by Irish playwright Brian Friel. Wargo will work extensively on *Sive* this fall with an early workshop scheduled for December and a full-cast workshop of Act I scheduled for August 2000.

After the first of the year, Wargo is looking forward to working with Ray Jivoff, the Skylight's Education Director, on programs involving students throughout the Milwaukee area.

Broom Street is "Breathless"

Madison — Broom Street Theater is currently presenting its latest production *Breathless or Is There Sex After Asthma?* This original comedy was written and directed by Joel Gershman, Broom Street's Artistic Director, and tells the wild and wacky story of a year in the life of a man who discovers he has asthma and how he survives. All shows are at 8 p.m. on weekends from Nov. 12 through Dec 19 at 1119 Williamson Street. Admission is \$7 at the door. For more information call (608) 244-8338.

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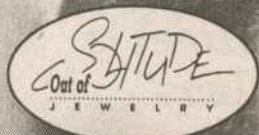
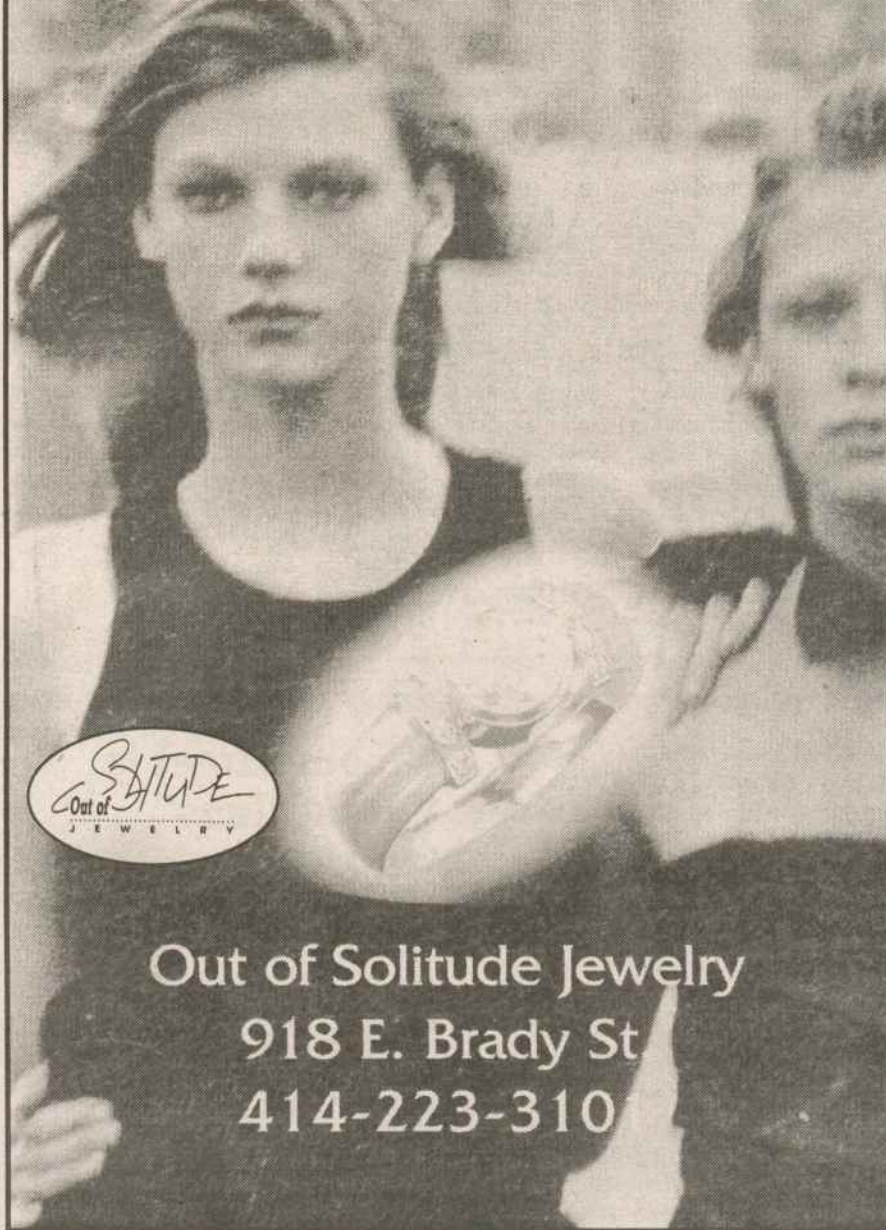
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The comedy debuted in New York in 1937 and *Time* wrote "There is no funnier show in town ..." In 1938 RKO made the play into a movie starring the Marx Brothers, which opened to rave reviews. It was revived in New York in 1986 and was again a success. Three talented local actors lead the cast: Norman Moses as Gordon Miller (the Grouch character), Ray Jivoff as Faker Englund (Harpo) and Michael Herold as Harry Bineli (Chico).

The audience will watch these characters ruthlessly wheel and deal to put "God-speed" on stage with no backing or support. They wangle free food and hotel accommodations, con their hotel manager into paying for everything, fend off hunger and money collectors, and subject their playwright to illness and death in the name of his art. You will find yourself laughing through this hilarious romp of classic Marx Brothers antics.

Single tickets are available at \$18 (Wednesdays) \$20 (Thursdays) \$26 (Fridays and Saturdays) and \$22 (Sundays). Preview tickets are \$18 and there will be one Pay-What-You-Can performance on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Talkbacks with the cast and director will be held following performances on Dec. 9 and 16. For more information and tickets call (414) 224-9490.

Gutzman Stages 'Forum'

Milwaukee — Dale Gutzman has produced and directed a Stephen Sondheim musical for each of the past 10 years. This fall Gutzman and company tackle *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*, at Centennial Hall of the Milwaukee Public Library on Nov. 19, 20 and 26 and 27 at 8 p.m. Anyone who has seen his wildly off-the-wall tribute to the hype of the holiday season, "Holiday Punch,"

knows what to expect from this performance.

The story deals with the attempts of a Roman slave to gain his freedom by matching up his master with a courtesan who is promised to a handsome, vain, braggart warrior. The ensuing complications include madcap chases, crossdressing disguises, good, clean, dirty burlesque numbers, and a cup of mare's sweat.

Gutzman has gathered some of Milwaukee's funniest comic actors for this production. Michael Weiser appears as Hysterium, a very nervous slave. Mary Henrikson, Gutzman's co-producer, appears as Domina, the oppressive wife of Sennex, played by Lawrence Lukasavage. Dick Katschke plays Marcus Lycus, a buyer and seller of the flesh of beautiful women.

Ernest Brusubardis is the Musical Director. Sondhiem's delightful score includes "Comedy Tonight," and "everybody Ought to Have a Maid." Tickets are \$15 and may be ordered by calling (414) 327-3552.

'Muskateers' at Madison Rep

Madison — Madison Repertory Theater and University Theater present Kim DeVita's new adaptation of Alexandre Dumas' classic *The Three Musketeers*. In this epic tale of romance and adventure, the focus lies on a developing tension between the all-too-human lust for power and the need for human integrity. The production is directed by Scott Glasser and runs Nov. 26 through Dec. 19 at the UW Mitchell Theater, 821 University Ave.

DeVita provides a fresh look at the age-old duel between good and evil, adding comic flair to plots of intrigue, deception, passion and murder. This co-production is an exciting opportunity for both organizations. This is the largest production the Madison Rep has produced and this would not be possible without the efforts and talents of both organizations.

Ticket prices are \$25 for Friday and Saturday performances and \$20 for Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday performances. Tickets are available at the Villas Hall Box Office or by calling (608) 262-1500. There will be a sign-interpreted performance on Dec. 19. For more information on group rates contact the Madison Rep at (608) 256-0029.

'Fiddler on the Roof' at Cabot Theater

Milwaukee — Skylight Opera Theater presents *Fiddler On The Roof*, an American musical classic and winner of nine Tony Awards. Opening night is Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cabot theater of the Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway. The production runs through Sunday, Dec. 19, 1999.

Set in 1905 Anatevka, a small Jewish village in Russia, the story revolves around the dairyman Tevye (William Theisen) and his struggle to preserve his family's traditions in a changing world. When his eldest daughter, Tzeitel (Beth Johnson), begs him to allow her to marry a poor tailor rather than a middle-aged butcher that he has chosen for her, Tevye must choose between his daughter's happiness and his cherished traditions.

Those very traditions are threatened again when government troops force Tevye and his fellow villagers from their homes. In the end, it is the value of family and community that leads Tevye and his family to a life in the New World. Stage directors are Richard Carsey and Pam Kriger. The music director is Richard Carsey. The show's original choreography is reproduced by Pam Kriger. Set/Lighting design is by Peter Dean Beck and costumes are by Dawana Gregory.

At 10:30 p.m. after Friday and Saturday evening performances, The skylight opera Theater's Miller Cabaret Series presents "Dukes Place," a tribute to Edward "Duke" Ellington, featuring vocalists Adekola Adedapo, Bill Jackson and Sheri Williams Pannell, with Richard Crabtree on piano and Michael Lorenz on percussion. Cabaret performances are free and open to the public.

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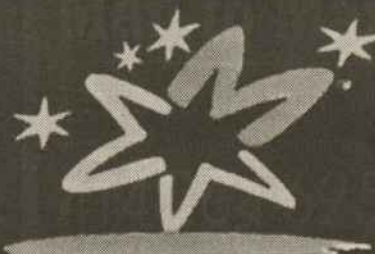
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Dreaming Under A Ton Of Lizards By Marian Michener

This novel deals with the specific issues of Olivia's story. Our heroine wakes up again "dreaming under a ton of lizards." She's had another one of her mornings-after, and begins to remember some of the night before. She realizes she is back to back in bed with another woman. Slowly she remembers who it is. Like all of us, Olivia recalls the horror of what she did to herself and others before she finally came to, realized it wasn't worth it anymore, and made an effort to stop drinking.

As the story evolves, she remembers her youth and the young girl she was in love with even though she didn't know it. At the time she was also learning how to drink. A man named Malcom befriended her and taught her how to make the drinks she didn't know how to make yet. It was Malcom, who made her Gibsons which she drank for the little onion at the bottom. She calls gin snake oil and Malcom was the patent medicine man. She becomes a bartender, better to stay close to her real love, "the seductive woman in green — booze."

Malcom makes endless bottles of vile home brew in the kitchen—wherever it is this month — and Olivia drinks and lives with him, and fights and makes love with him. She finally leaves Malcom and his bottles for a series of women. There's Allison who doesn't drink and Brooke who does. Somewhere along the line there are others she can't remember. She tries to go it alone on the windswept winter coast of Oregon [Ah, those geographic escapes that never work. Been there. Done that!]. Here she meets Rachel and tries to stop drinking ... again ... but that falls through.

Finally, she breaks up with her beloved companion, Sister wine, but this is her most difficult choice. On the morning of her first sober day, she does

laundry, makes her bed, has breakfast, and goes to her job as a ward clerk on the bone marrow transplant floor of the local hospital. She thinks of music and writing and meets a recovering woman named Kathleen. There are more relapses. With Kathleen's help, she makes it through what she describes as "the year we decided it was better to feel the hurt than to not feel it at all."

Dreaming is the story of addiction and recovery, lesbian love and longing, of being friends and the nerve to get through it all. In this novel Olivia searches for her identity and the need for friendship and community. She discovers not only who the LGBT community is, but who we can be. This is a warm, friendly, informative read. (Spinsters Ink, ISBN: 1-883523-34-5, \$12, Pb).

—Ed Grover

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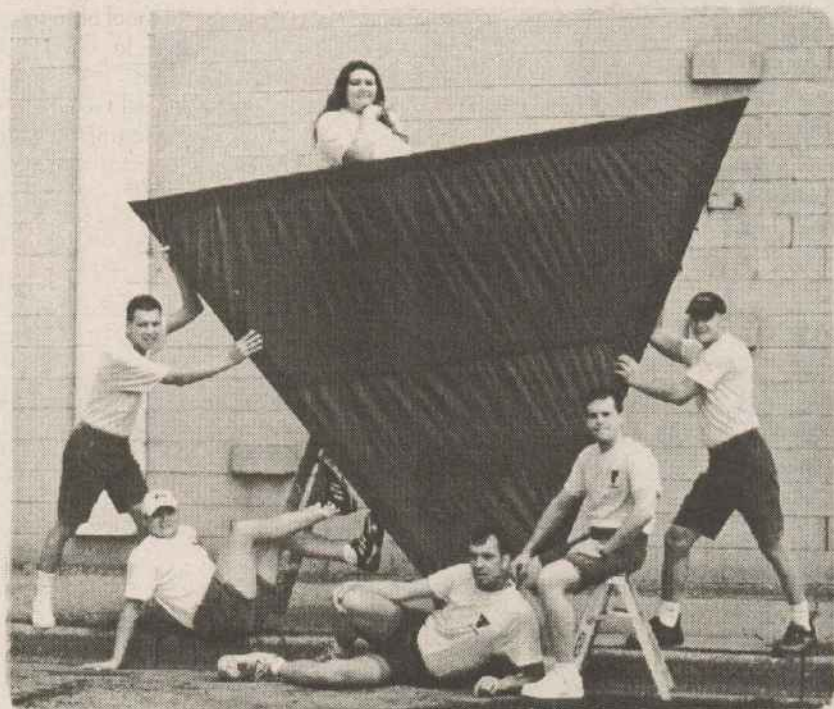
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Anyone who wants to understand the Total Request Live take-over of the post-grunge era need only turn to this fascinating little soundtrack from the Melissa Joan Hart (Sabrina - The Teenage Witch) vehicle. A club-disco remix of the Backstreet Boys and The Stop Remix! Of Britney Spears title tune compete with meta-pop nuggets like Barenaked Ladies' "It's All Been Done" and Silage's "Original" to demonstrate the amazing resilience of the all-important-again youth market. All four of these standouts cast a heretofore unacknowledged self-conscious glow across the Christian boys (Jars of Clay, Silage) rubbing elbows with the punk rock girls (The Donnas) holding hands with the Abba wannabes (Steps). In fact, Youth is Truth is so much the flava that it has room for an old school popist in the form of Matthew Sweet. Inside the CD booklet are ads for Britney's debut home video, the Drive Me Crazy screenplay novel and Sweet Valley High Senior Year books. They're unstoppable. And don't discount the very Neil Tennant-esque smirk on Adrian Grenier's face that graces the cover.

**Invaders From A
Forbidden Planet: Queen City**

(AAJ/meanboylee@aol.com)

The Invaders are a beyond obscure garage band from Charlotte. The reason you should care isn't just because they sing about coming out of the closet or work a queer twist on "Come A Little Bit Closer." But a portion of the sales of

Queen City will be donated to Time Out Youth. From the press kit: "Time Out Youth is a Charlotte-based non-profit organization that provides counseling and emergency housing for gay and lesbian youth between the ages of 14 and 23. In addition, T.O.Y. organizes community outreach and public speaking programs promoting tolerance and compassion." Interspersed between songs are interviews with some Time Outers. Now you know.

**Klaus Nomi:
Eclipsed - The Best of Klaus Nomi**

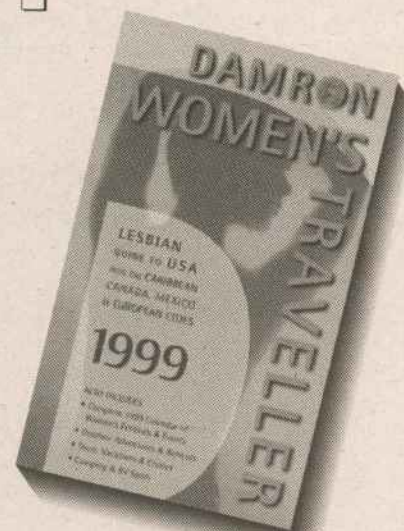
(Razor & Tie)

Nomi was an archetypal new wave figure. An expatriate Berliner in Hurrah-era Manhattan, Nomi felt completely at home in his lonely planet boy persona. It's no surprise to learn he was a Fiorucci mannequin for his robotic stage moves were creepy and precise enough to be Kraftworthy. His Maria Callas-wannabe screech is quite possibly the most unnatural vocal style in pop music history. And with his triangular tux and oversized slicker bow tie, he was matched by simply no one for sartorial insanity. Of course, the resulting music was hideous but attractively so, a typical New Romantic contradiction. The key here is the Lesley Gore, Lou Christie, Doris Troy, Wizard of Oz and Elvis covers. They're hilarious but as a totality they prove that aliens can make their home just about anywhere. Punk cleared the ground for this sort of self-creation but really Eclipsed is what "anything is possible" sounds like.

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Six Surprises

by Wayne Brasler

Just when you think the record biz has become completely predictable (I could sing the new Backstreet Boys CD before I heard it) along comes music off the well-trodden melodic track to delight the ears and bring a smile to the face.

Surprise Number One: The Emmylou Harris-Linda Ronstadt duet *Western Wall: The Tucson Sessions* on Assylum. It's not really a duet album, but more a matter of each singer doing songs supported by the other. This album is a surprise hit (the surprise being people are buying a disk with no song about teenage angst on it) but equally surprising is its utterly unique sound.

It's a heavenly blend borne of exquisite material, heartfelt performances, blissful harmonies and off-the-wall arrangements. It's equal parts folk, country, pop and sacred and razor-sharp intelligence start to finish. Ronstadt hasn't sounded this relaxed in years and Harris is nothing less than angelic.

As for the songwriters, how's this lineup: Jackson Browne, Rosanne Cash, Leonard Cohen, Sinéad O'Connor and Mr. Bruce Springsteen. Get this gem if you haven't already. You won't be sorry.

Surprises Two Through Five: Motown Records has gone through several new owners since Barry Gordy Jr. let go of his corporate baby many moons ago. Until now, none of the new owners has evidenced a clue as to what to do with the Motown catalog other than re-releasing the hits again and again and again.

Finally, though, Motown's newest owners have dipped into the incredible catalog of hundreds of unreleased recordings and come up with startling "Lost and Found" albums by Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, The Temptations, the Four Tops and Marvin Gaye.

Hearing cut after cut of unfamiliar but oh-so-familiar sounding Motown music, all totally complete and polished recordings hidden away for decades, is like entering a Motor City twilight zone. This is the hidden side of the Sound of Young America and it is glorious.

The Four Tops album is a special goodie, consisting of music recorded for the group's unreleased first album for Motown's Jazz Workshop album, "Breaking Through" (the cover, not shown in the CD booklet, was the photo later used for a painting on the group's second album). All four Tops take leads in what sounds like a sort of Black Four Freshman project mostly involving standards. The arrangements are hip, the vocals intricate and you can hardly believe these are the same four guys who sang "Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch, You Know That I Love You." Or that Levi Stubbs wasn't the only Top who could spin out fabulous lead vocals. Great stuff.

Surprise Number Five-and-a-Half, "Merry Christmas — The Supremes." The ladies' 1965 album with four bonus tracks. This was supposed to have been a two-LP set with 12 traditional holiday songs and 12 Motown originals. The 12 traditionals were recorded but only five originals before time ran out, so the package became one LP with 12 songs. The expanded CD inexplicably is still missing one track, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" but it is available on another Motown CD.

The album's best track is a sinuous Motown original "Little Bright Star," which later turned up on a Tammy Terrell album with exactly the same orchestral track but a different title and lyrics, "I Can't Go On Without You."

But Motown arrangements of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town" and others are much fun.

This album also demonstrates the genius of Diana Ross (who did nothing but complain when she recorded it

because Mary Wilson and Florence Ballard got a vacation while she was doing the lead vocals). The orchestra was recorded in August in Los Angeles, then the tapes were shipped to Detroit where the vocals were recorded in September.

Ross had no way of changing anything the orchestra did but, presented with an arrangement of "White Christmas" which moved slower than God, she still was able to come up with something, a decidedly dreamy, sleepwalky interpretation of the song.

The new expanded CD closes with the Florence Ballard-led "Silent Night." She also recorded a stunning a Capella version but neither made the original album. But that was an old story. Both Ballard and Wilson recorded many Supremes leads over the years but only a handful ever go released, always as album tracks, and Ballard's departure from the Supremes traced back to her striking lead vocal of "People" in their concert program being yanked as Ross was moved to the forefront.

"Silent Night" demonstrates anew what a stunning singer Ballard could be and how hopeless her getting any recognition in her own group would prove to be.

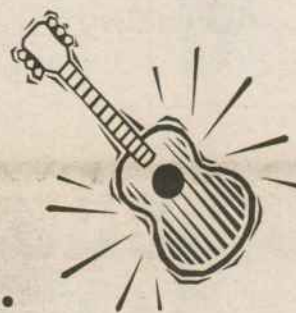
Surprise Number Six. Michael Feinstein's album "big City Rhythms" on Concord Jazz with, huh?, Maynard Ferguson's orchestra. You'd think from the Barry Manilowish album title and Ferguson's presence the album would be bombastic but, actually, it's quite intimate and much fun. (The orchestra, and Ferguson's horn, are mixed way, way back possibly because Feinstein is not of the belting school of singing.) Lots of great standards here, lots of almost-forgotten jazz gems such as "Let Me Off Uptown" in nearly its original Gene Krupa arrangement and some interesting originals. From a man who has recorded too much Gershwin, a nice surprise. ▼



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CORIDALLY YOURS

by Michael Johnston

And now it's "Cordially Yours," welcome back, you've been missed. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, our column didn't run last time. Actually, I was "bumped" by Bette Midler, again! She breezed into town and gave Milwaukee a sneak peak at her Las Vegas millennium show. And what a show it was, Bette was in top form ... but more on that later.

I have to take a moment to thank you all for the flattering feedback! I hope you all will continue to enjoy my effort, as much as I enjoy sharing with you. Mr. **James Shroeder**, your words were sooo touching...

A correction or two, first off the colorful **Chi Chi** can also be found working to make Sundays kind of special at The M&M Club. And I'm columnist, NOT a Communist (nor have I ever been one, although I'm fond of the color red, when offset by navy and white!)

I will forever be a fan of the campy, fun, creative **Forever Plaid**. I'm so glad, and hope to make it a fad for all of you to be a grad of **Forever Plaid**. So, don't be a cad and miss this one. It'll be easier than ever now that the run has been extended for several more weeks!

I believe M&M Club is planning a dinner/show package, soon! (In January, *The King and I*). Please take my lead and take in this nostalgic, side-splitting show. The production is playing at Vogel Hall at The Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. A stage that holds a lot of dear memories for moi. ... **Ryan Bailer, Erik J. Boyd, Mark Meyer** and **Aaron Thelen** create heavenly harmonies and are worth making "moments to remember," thanks Jerry!

While I'm telling theater tales, I must include *That's Amoré* with **Colleen Burns, Tony Clements, Ray Jivoff** and **Gina Torrecilla**. It's like a delightful visit to anyone's family reunion. This Rep production is being played out at The Stackner Cabaret, an ideal venue that of it's self is part of the story. Clements and Jivoff steal the show as the visiting aunts, in fact, Tony does a terrific **Phyllis Newman**. Salute!

As I'm in my Italian mode, I would be remiss not to mention a lovely little birthday celebration I attended at **Albanese's Tavern on Keefe**. **Chicago Uncle Joe** an M&M Club fixture of nights gone by returned to Brew City for a weekend of debauchery and memories. So, a visit to **Helen's** was in store! If I wouldn't have known better we could've been doing *That's Amoré*, Part 2. The food and wine was excellent and quite a deal. The table was as rich and spicy as the meal: **Rona, Belle Starr, Shorts, Joe** and **Cordially Yours** in all our collective glory!

My bosom buddy **Vera Charles** and I had a simply divine time of it at **The Grayline Tour/Debbie Reynolds Show**. It's not very often we're considered "The Young and the Restless" but, in the crowd, we were! Kudos go out to: **RICK, LEE, MICHAEL** and those "Golden Girls" — **Bill, Gordon** and **Jim**. Great cucumber sandwiches! I can't wait for the next trek to Drury Lane.

That adorable little **David Rogers** (with notable credits including a stint as **Mr. Gay Wisconsin**, a member of the legendary **Holly Brown Revue** and now server to the stars at M&M Club) is thrilled to be THE David with the Best Buns! He won **IN Step's** recent Queerest of the Queer Contest. He wanted to publicly thank **IN Step** and the people preferring his posterior. Yet another accolade! What a mantle! Congratulations!

Don't miss the **Jolly, Holly, Folly!** on Tuesday, November 30th. I personally love this fund-raiser. The night is dedicated to as **Julie Andrews** would sing

"A Few Of My Favorite Things." The event is held at the glamorous Milwaukee Center, **Skyy Vodka, Miller Brewing Company** and **The Market Basket** provide beverages of the adult persuasion. Food from the best restaurants in the state, providing a delectable buffet. The third act (pun intended) The Milwaukee Repertory's final dress rehearsal performance of **Michael Fryan's Noises Off**. The top three needs for anyone's ideal night. A perfect time for families, friends, employees, business associates... When you buy nine tickets, you receive the 10th free. R.S.V.P. by: Monday, Nov. 22 call **Becky** at (414) 225-1577, all proceeds to benefit **The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin**.

More feedback: A little Sweetest Day bon-mot to share with you; what prominent socialite/showgirl has at long last found love? Hint: pPossum may be on the bridal buffet...

I have bittersweet news to report about dreamy **David Todd**. The sweet part first (besides the sweetness of Mr. Todd, himself). David has accepted a position with WITI TV 6, so our foxy corporate sponsorship specialist will be returning to the bombastic world of broadcasting. The bitter pill to swallow, he will be leaving his post at ARCW. I'm sure the Agency will miss the affable ToddMan and we the TV viewers can look forward to some innovative promotional work. You are ready for your close-up!

Farewell, **Fondy Daily**, Milwaukee's loss, will be Minneapolis' gain. You're gonna make it after all...

I had the pleasure of taking in *Master Class* — **Angela Lannone** was nothing less than mesmerizing! I look forward to her next Milwaukee engagement with baited breath. Brava, Diva! I rediscovered a wonderful Third Ward treasure by recently having a refreshing repast at **The Third Ward Cafe**, the meal was great and the place itself is bigger, brighter and by far more pleasant than I remembered.

Even though Halloween has come and gone I must share a few moments with you I had a dream/nightmare come true... I was "kidnapped" by the **Village People**, 20 years later! Oh, by the way I was dressed as **Virginia Graham**, just another Saturday! Trick or treat, take your pick... the evening started at an extraordinary party at **Terry and Ken's**, they are truly quintessential party-givers. Rather, like the "love children" of **Pearle Mesta** and **Elsa Maxwell**! If only they could have reproduced... Pearl and Elsa, that is. Then onto **This Is It**, just in time for costume judging, and once they realized I was in one, I won, too! There was an array of fun looks, besides those before mentioned people, *Star Wars* latest queen, Anna and the King of Siam, my dear friend Dame Edna, direct from Broadway and many more!

The Divine Miss. M. is still divine! Bette Midler — gets my vote for best concert of the year! She also deserves/earned the title of: Entertainer of the Millennium. Who else out there can sing, dance, act — both comedy and drama, and has the ability to reach back into the rich resources of show business her's and others, and bring it into today's world. A fabulous 2-1/2 hours of pure, may be not sooo pure entertainment. Even though her full page "invitation", took my place last issue — she's it! If you didn't make her Nov. 15 show at the Bradley Center, rumor has it she will be back in mid-December in Mad City.

By the by, if any of you find yourselves hungry and you're on the northwest side of town, might I suggest a visit to **Schlotzsky's**. Truly a silly name, but a serious sandwich, popular pizza, too! The home of a lot of meat... give my regards to **Dan**.

Until next time, I'll remain cordially yours. ▼

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ACTIVITIES:

Friday, November 19

Ten Percent Society - Harvest Ball (Madison, WI): Dances for LGBT Students, staff & friends are held from 8 p.m. to 12:45 a.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union, 800 Langdon Street. There are DJ's and a cash bar. Admission is \$3 at the door and a coat check is available for \$1. Please remember that the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus is smoke-free. The Great Hall is accessible to people with disabilities.

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison): At 8 p.m. there will be Line Dance lessons and a review led by Bill or Sharon. From 9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome & Western Gear is not necessary. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

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.

Saturday, November 20

BWMT - Milwaukee Chapter Monthly Meeting (Milwaukee): The Milwaukee chapter meets on the third Saturday of the month at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Tonight's agenda: Pick chapter officers and discuss meeting arrangements etc. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

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

Sunday, November 21

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

Tuesday, November 23

Milwaukee Pride Marching Band - Bi-Weekly Practice (Milwaukee): Practice for the holiday concert season will take place at 7:30 p.m. on the second & fourth Tuesday of each month at the MCC Church, 1239 W. Mineral Street & on the first & third Tuesday's at 7:30 p.m. at the M&M Club (upstairs), 124 N. Water St. FMI call (414) 933-3743.

Wednesday, November 24

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison): At 7 p.m. there will be Swing Dance lessons by Kris. At 8 p.m. there will be Line Dance Review led by Bill. From 9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome & Western Gear is not necessary. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

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.

Thursday, November 25

Frontiers/Shake It Up! - Teddy Bear Pot Luck (Madison): Cocktails (spiked and unspiked) start at 4 p.m. for this Turkey-day for orphans, waifs and strays. It takes place at 4701 Judy Lane. Everyone brings something to share, plus a Teddy Bear to take to the Women's Shelter on Monroe Street. FMI: (608) 241-2500

Saturday, November 27

Dairyland Cowgirls & Cowboys - Dancing (Madison): At 8 p.m. there will be a Review led by Bill or Sharon. From 9 p.m. to close there will be Open Dancing at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N Sherman Ave. in the Northgate Mall. Smoke-free & a cash bar. There is a \$3 suggested donation. Everyone is welcome & Western Gear is not necessary. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

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

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

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

Dish (Milwaukee): 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.

Naplese 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. 2/4/1 10 p.m. to close

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

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

Switch (Milwaukee): SIN Night

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.50. Tap beer 90¢ 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. Pucker Boshes. 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.

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! (\$4 Packer Bust for televised Monday night Packer's games. Open 1 hour before televised games).

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

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

Naplese 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 tap 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 taps for the girls from 9 p.m. to close.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.90. 9 p.m. to close.

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

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

\$4 pitchers of beer. Melrose Place Mondays.

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

Za's (Green Bay): 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 taps of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only \$1. 9 p.m. taps of Lite, domestic bottles of beer & rail drinks are \$1.25. Price goes up 25 cents every half hour until 11 p.m. From then to close taps of Lite, rails & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Emeralds (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 7 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.

Naplese 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): 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 p.m. Nuts and Bolts Night Match and Win!

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.

Wednesdays:

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

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

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

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. on drinks up to \$3.25. 50¢ off all taps & rails. Cuervo & Dr. \$1.50 Karaoke from 8 to 11 p.m. Power Hour from 8 to 9 p.m. Doubles for \$1 more up to \$3.25 regular drinks. Shots of Hot Sex or Pucker are \$1.50. Pitchers of Long Islands are \$10 from open to close. Patio open in June.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay): Rail drinks \$1.50. Soda & juice

are 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Special Export \$5 pitchers and 90-cent mugs from 9 p.m. to 1am

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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Klostet (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¢ taps.

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.

Naplese 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 tap 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): Pull tabs... try your luck!

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.

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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 Bange. No cover before 9 p.m.

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- Thur. 2 Butter Pecan
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- Sun. 5 Malted Milk Balls
- Mon. 6 Peppermint Stick
- Tues. 7 Caramel Cashew
- Wed. 8 Marshmallow Fudge
- Thur. 9 Black Forest
- Fri. 10 Strawberry Oreo
- Sat. 11 Death by Chocolate
- Sun. 12 Strawberry
- Mon. 13 Mudd Pie
- Tues. 14 Vanilla Lovers
- Wed. 15 Snickers Chunky Cheesecake
- Thur. 16 Egg Nog
- Fri. 17 Creamy Butterfinger
- Sat. 18 Peanut Butter Fudge Pretzel
- Sun. 19 Turtle Swirl
- Mon. 20 Grasshopper Pie
- Tues. 21 Cookie Dough
- Wed. 22 Peppermint Stick
- Thur. 23 Egg Nog
- Fri. 24 —closed—
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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 Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse. \$2.50 Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots.

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

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

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Fetish Nite! 50¢ off all beverages for those who are Fetish dressed from 10 p.m. to close. 2-4-1 on all mixed drinks from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced. DJ Eddie.

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): \$2.50 bloody's screw and greyhound & 90-cent taps... 11am to 6pm.

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.

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 Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.

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

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

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

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

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison): 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. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Bucky Badger Day! Beer Bust During the Game. \$1 Highlife All Day!

BAR EVENTS:

Thursday, November 18

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

Friday, November 19

Shamrock Bar/Fyfe's Corner Bistro - Frontiers Happy Hour & Dinner (Madison): Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Group will meet for Happy Hour at the Shamrock Bar at 6 p.m. and go on to Fyfe's Corner Bistro for more drinks and dinner at 7:30 p.m. FMI call David (608) 274-5959.

Sunday, November 21

SWS Docks HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTD Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 6 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES & CLUBS:

Thursday, November 18

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (4093 N. Oakland Ave.): Carl Klaus will discuss his new book TAKING RETIREMENT at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

LGBT Community Center - Gay Men's Writing Group (Milwaukee): Meets 1st Thursday and 3rd Monday of the month. For writers, poets, essayists and all others to create an environment where members write together, share together and critique together. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, November 20

A Room of One's Own Bookstore - Music in the Coffee House (Madison): Singer/Songwriter VICTORIA DAVITT will perform at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. FMI call (608) 257-7888.

Monday, November 22

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops - Author Appearance (4093 N. Oakland Ave.): Feng-Shui practitioner Helen Berliner will discuss her new book ENLIGHTENED BY DESIGN at 7 p.m. FMI call (414) 963-3111

Tuesday, November 23

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Thursday, November 18

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

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

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday 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.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

HIV/AIDS Support Group & Hotline (Upper Peninsula, MI): These projects serve Dickinson, Iron, & Menominee Counties. For information on the support group which meets in Iron Mountain, Michigan on the first Thursday of each month, call the HIV/AIDS Hotline at (906) 779-2904.

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

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian Singles Discussion Group (Milwaukee): this group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Ongoing discussion about unique challenges and rewards of being single, open to all lesbians. The group will pick a different topic each month. FMI call Pat Walsh, (414) 329-8404.

LGBT Community Center - Parenting Support Group (Milwaukee): this group meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The group grew out of the "Maybe Baby" Rainbow U lecture. The group is for people who are considering adoption or conceiving their own children. FMI contact Andrew Warner at (414) 964-9505.

LGBT Community Center - Rainbow U Lecture Series (Milwaukee): The series takes place every 3rd Thursday of the

month (nothing during December) from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The series is to encourage awareness and discussion of issues important to the LGBT Community. FMI call (414) 271-2656

LGBT Community Center - Weekly HIV Tests and STD Screening (Milwaukee): These testing/screening services are available at the BESTD office in the Community Center from 5 to 7:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656 or (414) 272-2144.

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

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

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

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

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

Friday, November 19

High Tea & Talk - Men's Group (Madison): High Tea & Talk is an organization-free opportunity for men of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men to have a bull session and graze the goodies at Monty's Blue Plate Diner. The group meets at 1:30 p.m. and is wheelchair accessible.

Integrity/Dignity - Conference (Madison/Milwaukee): The CALL TO ACTION CONFERENCE runs through Sunday. FMI call Marian (608) 256-0065 or Jim (608) 836-8886.

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

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

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

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

Saturday, November 20

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.

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, November 21

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

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

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison): Services are at 9 and 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI call (608) 242-8887.

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

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

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

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.

Rebuilding faith - LGBT Catholics (Milwaukee): The monthly meeting will have guest speaker DAVID SCHIMMEL. The group meets from 10:30 to noon at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe, 613 S. 4th St. FMI call (414) 481-8543.

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.

Silver Space - Older Lesbian Discussion Group (Milwaukee): The group meets on the third Sunday of the month at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. from 6 to 8 p.m. \$3 donation. FMI call (414) 271-2565.

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

Monday, November 22

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

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 Community Center - Membership Drop In Nights (Milwaukee): These are low-key, casual nights on the first Monday of the month. Board games, pool and Ping-Pong are available, along with snacks and coffee. Not a member? Stop by and see about the benefits. Free for members, \$2 for non-members. FMI call (414) 271-2656

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

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

Tuesday, November 23

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

LGBT Community Center - Lesbian 12-Step Al-Anon Group (Milwaukee): Al Anon is a 12-step recovery program for relatives or friends of alcoholics. This new group meets from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The only requirement for membership is that there be a problem of alcoholism with a relative or friend. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

LGBT Community Center - Project Q Youth Drop In Night (Milwaukee): The group meets Tuesdays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays from 5 to 10 p.m. Drop In nights provide a variety of youth activities in a space that is welcoming, safe and accessible to LGBTQ (questioning) youth. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Madison Community Health Ctr. - HIV Testing (Madison): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV testing from 3 to 5:45



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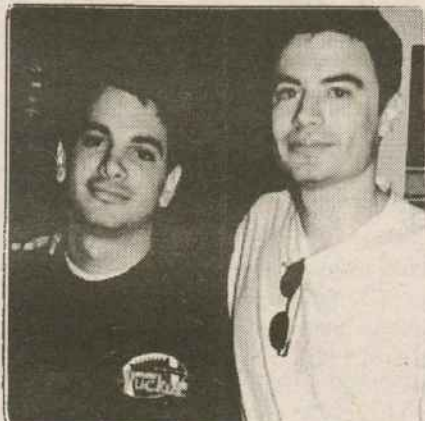
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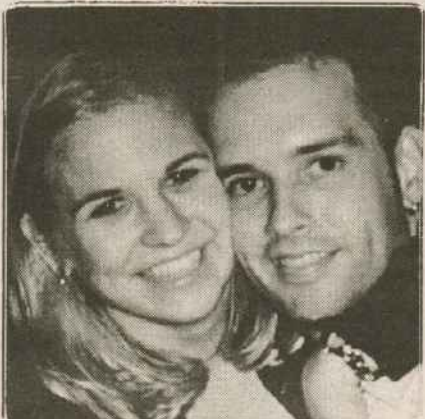
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Big Smiles. Photo by Jamie @ Ballgame.



Cuties of the Week. Photo by Jamie @ Ballgame.



Cheek to Cheek. Photo by Jamie @ Woody's



Two girls, a guy and a pool cue. Photo by Jamie @ Woody's

p.m. at 1133 Williamson St. FMI call (608) 255-0704.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

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

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

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison): 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.

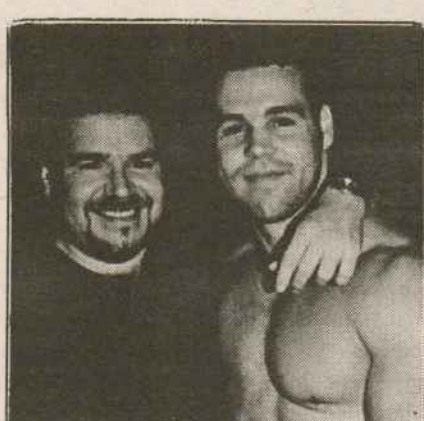
Yoga Spirit - Free Classes (Milwaukee): Every Tuesday there are free classes for all people living with HIV. Among other things you can reduce stress and ease neuropathy & joint pain. Classes are held at 301 N. Water St., Suite 410 at 3:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 289-9660.

Wednesday, November 24

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



Please pass the beef cake. Photo by Jamie @ 219



The Incredible Tilly... photo by ???

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 Landgon 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, November 27

Integrity/Dignity - Banner Bee & Sing Along (Madison): Gather at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave. to help assemble a banner for public events, learn harmonies for the holiday season and make new friends. FMI call (608) 836-8886.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Friday, November 19

Charles Allis Art Museum - Classic Movies (Milwaukee): The Museum & Dale Kuntz close the 1999 season with THE GREAT VICTOR HERBERT at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Admission is \$3 public, \$1 kids and FOCAL members. FMI call (414) 278-8295.

SAGE-Milwaukee - Film (Milwaukee): A showing of IN AND OUT will be screened at 6:30 p.m. in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Saturday, November 20

Madison Video Club - Videos (Madison): A screening of THE DELTA and MANHUNGRIY/IRON WILL will be shown at 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 224-8675 (evenings).

BWMT - Film (Milwaukee): Black & White Men Together will meet at the Humphrey Imax for an afternoon of film. 3:30 p.m. SPEEDWAY. 4:30 p.m. AMAZON. Look for Peter K. The group may go to dinner together before they go to the monthly meeting at the Community Center.

Sunday, November 21

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison): NOTHING TO HIDE runs every week from 2 to 3 p.m. Today: NATO TARGETS and MAD ELEPHANTS. Re-runs the next day at 8 a.m.

Cable 17 TBS Superstation - Movie (Milwaukee): THE WIZARD OF OZ will be shown at 7 p.m. Central Standard Time. Check cable listings in your own area.

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>

Wednesday, November 24

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison): NOTHING TO HIDE runs every week from 9 to 11 p.m. Today: THE MYTH OF HUMANITARIAN INTERVENTION. Re-runs from 12:30 to 2:30 a.m.

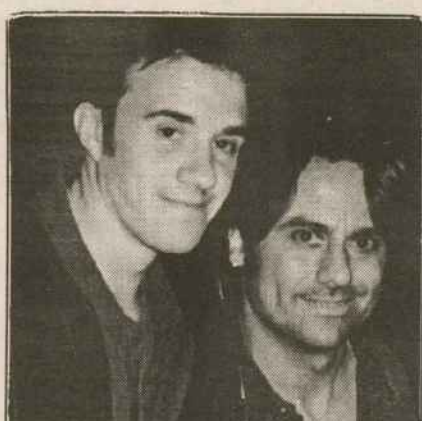
WORT, 89.9 FM - G/L Radio (Madison): QUERRY. Madison's local GLBTQ radio show, followed by THIS WAY OUT, the international LGBT show, which runs from 7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday, November 26

SAGE-Milwaukee - Documentary (Milwaukee): A showing of Part 2 of OUT OF THE PAST will be screened 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. FMI call (414) 271-2656.

Sunday, November 28

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Weekly TV (Madison): NOTHING TO HIDE runs every week from 2 to 3 p.m. Today: the WINTER WHITE CONCERT - MADISON GAY MEN'S



Weeding Bells? Photo by Jamie @ 219

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Monday, November 29

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Film Circle (Madison): A screening of the film WILDE will take place at RJ & Jeff's FMI: (608) 274-5959

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Friday, November 19

adambomb gallerie - Opening & Reception (Milwaukee): A reception will be held from 6 to 1 p.m. for Stacie J. Meyer for her mixed media show titled IMAGES FROM IDAHO. The gallery is located at 524 S. 2nd St. FMI call (414) 276-8086.

Saturday, November 20

Studio 613 Fine Arts - Sculpture Reception (Milwaukee): The opening and a reception for ETHNO ART IN TERRA COTTA by sculptor David J. Cusick will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 338 N. Milwaukee St. Suite 405. FMI call (414) 221-0613.

Sunday, November 21

Charles Allis Art Library - Square Dancing (Milwaukee): Experienced dancers from 8 different clubs will dance to the calling of JIMMIE BURSS from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Museum. \$3 Adults, \$2 seniors & students, members free. FMI call (414) 2787-8295.

Tuesday, November 23

Milwaukee Art Museum - Gallery Talk (Milwaukee): An informal gallery talk will take place at the museum at 1:30 p.m. for the ROY LICHTENSTEIN PRINTS exhibit. Cost is included with museum admission. Free to members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Friday, November 26

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.

THEATER ARTS:

Thursday, November 18

Broom Street Theater - Current Play (Madison): BREATHLESS by Joel Gershwann runs weekends through Dec. 19th. Tickets are \$7 at the door; 1119 Williamson Street. FMI call (608) 244-8338.

Friday, November 19

Centennial Hall/Milwaukee Public Library - Opening Night (Milwaukee): Dale Gutzman's production of A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM, opens at 8 p.m. and plays on 11/20, 26 & 27. Tickets (\$15) may be ordered by calling (414) 327-3552.

Milwaukee Symphony Pops - Concert (Milwaukee): DIONNE WARWICK will join the MSO Pops and Andrew Sills in Uihlein Hall at 8 p.m. Also 11/20 at 8 p.m. & 11/21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 to \$75 FMI call 1-800-291-7605.

UWM Fine Arts - Dance (Milwaukee): NEW DANCEMAKERS continues tonight at 8 p.m. in the School of the Arts Mainstage Theater. Also on 11/20 at 4:30 & 8 p.m. and 11/21 at 3 p.m. General Admission is \$9, \$7 for students. FMI call (414) 299-4308.

UWM Fine Arts - UWM Symphony Orchestra (Milwaukee): TRIPLE PLAY, with the Dorothea Trio, plays the music of COPLAND, BEETHOVEN & DVORAK at 7:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room of the UWM Union. General Admission is \$8, \$5 for students & seniors. FMI call (414) 299-4308.

Saturday, November 20

Ballet Wisconsin - Performance (Milwaukee): The company presents LOOKING BACK, a concert of the favorites of the past 9 years at Cardinal Stritch University, 2801 N. Yates Road. Performances are at 8 p.m. Also on 11/21. FMI call (414) 964-6700.

Danceworks Studio 1661 - Creative Workshop (Milwaukee): Create an original masterpiece in this series of workshops for adults who want to devote a few hours each month to art making and self-renewal. From 1 to 3 p.m. \$70 for a series of four workshops or \$20 each. FMI call (414) 277-8480.

Madison Civic Center - Music (Madison): The NYLONS (harmony that only gays could produce) perform at 8 p.m. These are always sell-out performances. FMI (608) 266-9055.

Sunday, November 21

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UWM Fine Arts - Concert (Milwaukee): This 3 p.m. concert in the School of the Arts Recital hall features HAYDN, SHOSTAKOVICH & Wolf. Admission \$16 general admission, \$8 students. FMI call (414) 229-4308.

Tuesday, November 23

Madison Civic Center - Dance (Madison): The Moscow Ballet will perform Cinderella at 7:30 p.m. FMI call the Box Office at (608) 266-9055

Friday, November 26

Madison Rep - Opening Night (Madison): The Madison Rep & the UW University Theater collaborate on THE THREE MUSKETEERS at UWM's Mitchell Theater, 821 University Ave. FMI, tickets and times call (608) 256-0029 or (608) 262-1500.

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Skylight Opera - Opening Night (Milwaukee): FIDDLER ON THE ROOF opens at the Cabot Theater at the Broadway Theater Center at 7:30 p.m. and runs through 12/19. FMI & tickets call (414) 291-7800.

Saturday, November 27

Skylight Opera - Miller Cabaret (Milwaukee): DUKE'S PLACE a tribute to Duke Ellington's music takes place at the Skylight Bar after Cabot Theater performances on Friday and Saturday evenings through 12/18. Cabaret performances are free and open to the public. FMI call (414) 291-7800.

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Madison Civic Center - Contemporary Music (Madison): The Canadian Brass will perform J. S. Bach, Foss, Wagner, Sousa and Ellington among other composers at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (608) 266-9055.

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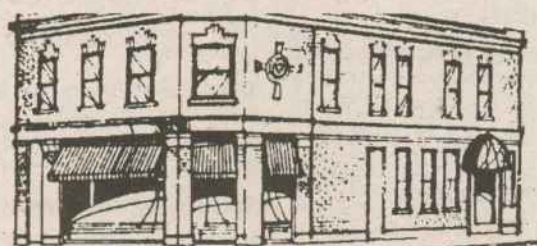
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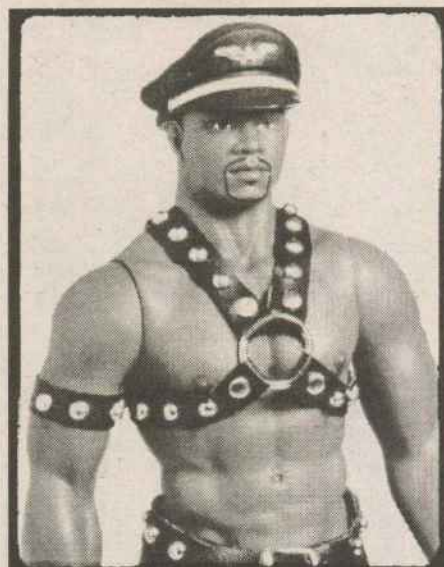
If you've been naughty or nice, these gifts are sure to please yourself, your friends, and that "someone special" in your life. That's right; just about everything on this list is great to share!

After a long session of fighting the crowds, why not curl up with a good erotic video? Falcon Studios — one of my personal favorites — has an extensive online store that offers complete & uncensored versions of their product line. I recommend *The Other Side of Aspen - Parts 3 & 4*; a fantastic 2-part extravaganza that Falcon put out to commemorate their 100th video release. The ski slopes of Aspen (as well as the hot cast and their poles) make winter look almost enjoyable.

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If something to slip in to (or out of) is on your list this year, why not start with underwear... the sexiest (don't you think?) piece of clothing ever invented. 10 Percent Productions (www.10percent.com) has one hot online underwear store, and they have all types of undergear to pick from. Even if you're not looking to buy, browse their on-line catalog ... the underwear models are terrific!

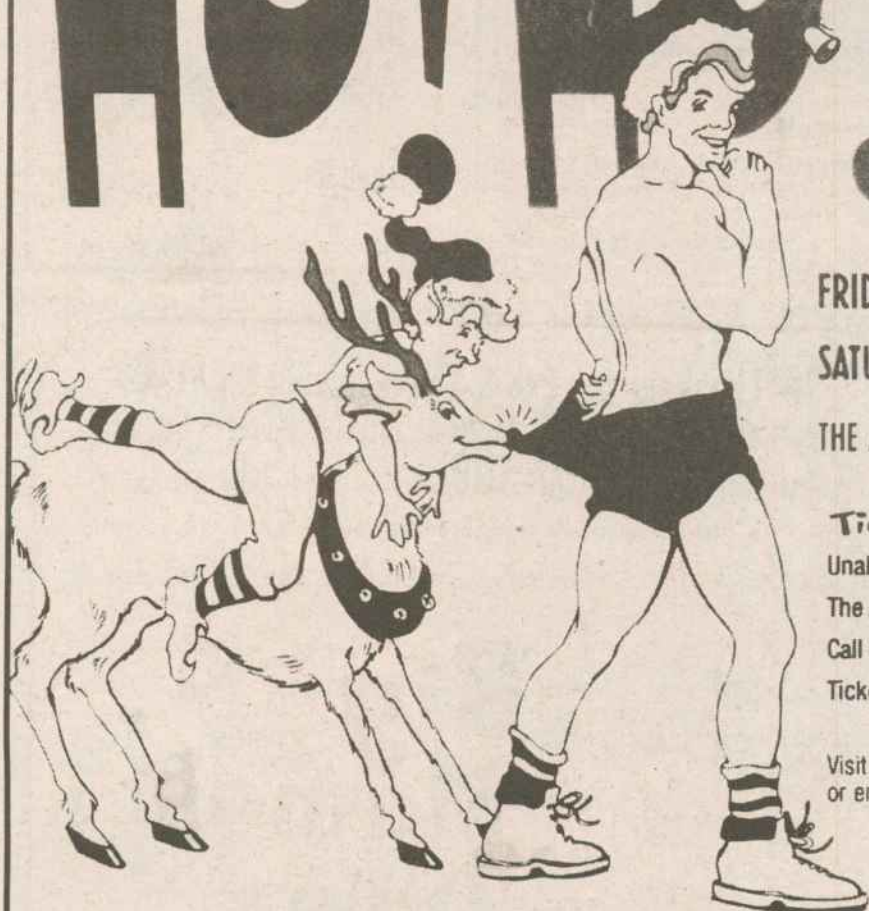
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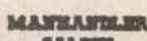
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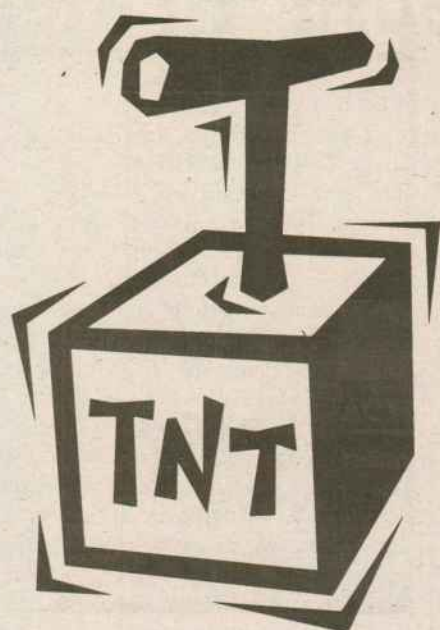
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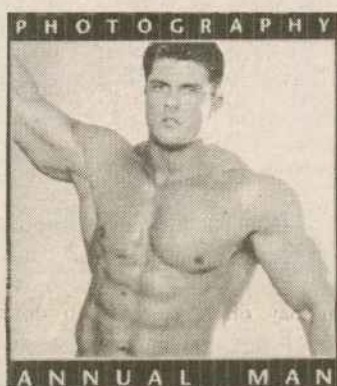
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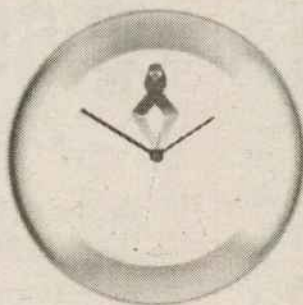
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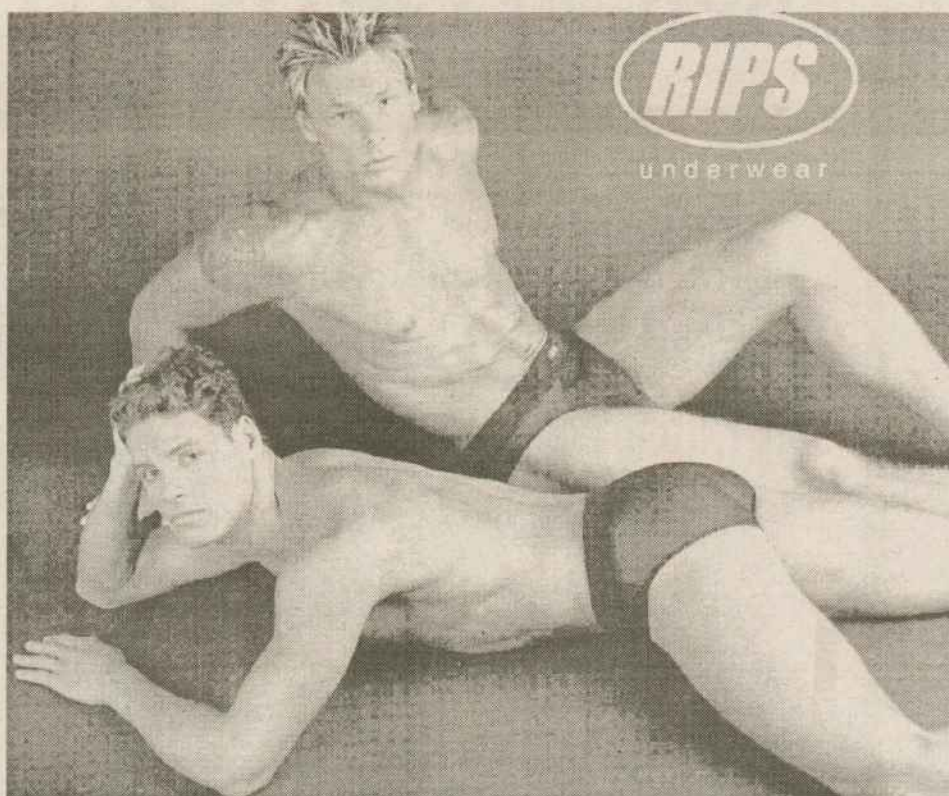
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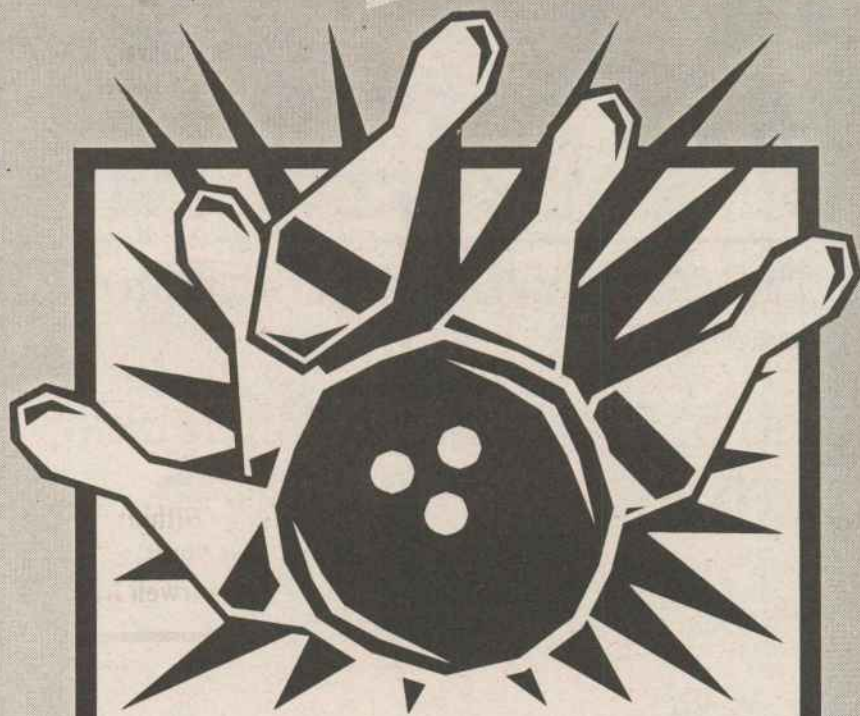


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by Jamie

I'm gonna start off with first apologizing. I have had one of the longest weekends I've had in a very long time so this column is gonna be kinda short. My head is pounding and it is all I can do to keep the contents of my tummy... in my tummy. It started Friday night. You see, it was Josh's birthday this weekend and we went all out... all weekend. Yes, it was a bit excessive on my part. We started at **Triangle** where Lana lost his underwear at bar dice. Then we headed over to **LaCage** where we ran into George. (From what we hear from George, the rumor mill is working overtime for us. No, we do not have crabs, and haven't had them. It's amazing some of the things I hear from various people about us and other people. Hey, if I can't see it, it ain't true.) In any case, we had a great time at **LaCage** and then headed to **Woody's** for our weekly game of pool. We had lots of fun that night and spent much of Saturday lounging. Saturday night again, started at **Triangle** and snowballed from there. We met up with some really cool people and wound up closing **Woody's** again. We were having such a good time we took the party to our house. About 10 of us were up all night talking about everything under the sun. We were having such fun we hardly noticed the sun come up. At that point Josh had enough and excused himself off to bed. This is where I should have followed his cue. Nope, I decided to stay up with the rest of the group. After all, I was the host, right? Somewhere around 8 a.m., someone said "Hey, isn't **1100 Club** open?" So it was off to **1100 Club**. Once again, we had a blast. Right around noon, I had run out of steam and headed home for some very much needed sleep. I slept right through the day until the phone rang. It was Josh and he was at his brother's house celebrating his and his niece's birthday. I got myself together and headed over there. This is where it all started to catch up with me. It felt like it was 120 degrees in their house and I wasn't sure I was gonna survive. Unfortunately, we had made plans to meet up with some people at 9:30 p.m., so after watching the movie *Rugrats*, we headed downtown. The first hour was a bit rough but I perked up a bit after awhile. We had a great time talking with **Julio** most of the night. I was very relieved when Josh said it was time to go home 'cause quite frankly, I had enough, and so did Josh. I was smart enough to have arranged it so I didn't have to go to work Monday. It probably would have been a very miserable and very unproductive day. The only thing I have to accomplish today is this column and getting this past week's photos

processed.

I was out early last week getting photos at the **Ball Game** last week and ran into Chicago's "most experienced" female impersonator, **Tillie**. She is a wonderful ol' girl and I had such fun talking to her. Thanks for the pictures girl! **Fluid** threw another fab **Stoli Razberi Party** last Saturday that brought in lots of people to try out the new concoctions that some of the staff there are always coming up with. Saturday the 20th it's gonna be **Stoli Ohranj**, so make sure you check it out. Last Monday over at **Club 219**, nine contestants wowed the judges for the **Miss 219 Pageant**. It was a fabulous show but as you know, only one of the girls can walk away with the crown and that girl was **Whisky Eudoxa**. I'm pretty sure she locked in the victory when she walked on stage with a string quartet and played the violin live. Conrats girl!

Another Birthday Bash to tell you about happened over at **South Water Street Docks**. **Jake** and **Phil** celebrated their birthday and actually turned the party into a fund-raiser for ARCW food pantry. Atta boy!

I wanted to tell you about one more thing before I head off to dream land. I was reading the *Quest Magazine* when something caught my eye. It was titled "Letter from the Fat Work-a-holic" it was from **Za** himself. It was a very funny, honest insightful glimpse into Mark's life. The gist of the article was a reminder that **Turnabout Y2K \$2000** is right around the corner. This is a very important fund-raiser for **Rainbow Over Wisconsin**. This group is largely responsible for the free condoms you can get at any bar. All of the proceeds at the door, and all of the tips the performers AND the bartenders make will be donated to Rainbow Over Wisconsin. Their goal is \$2000. That's enough money for a year's supply of free condoms. The show will be held as **Za's** in Green Bay, Friday, Nov. 26th. It will only cost you \$3 at the door but that is a great deal for a show at **Za's**.

That's about it for now. Just a couple of reminders before I let you go. If you like karaoke, it's over to **Switch** on Thursday nights. Thursdays are also a great night to head over to **M&M** for their ever-so-popular 2-for-1 night. If it's dancing you like, you can either hit **LaCage** or **Dish**. Both places have the best dance music in Milwaukee. Sports fans? You have several choices starting with the **Ball Game**, **Woody's** and then **Ray's** in Madison. The choice in Green Bay is either **Brandy's II** or **Sass**. Don't forget about the strippers at **219** and the "hot men and hot times" over at **Triangle** and of course the best martini's in town over at **Fluid**.

I'm gonna head off to bed now so I have the energy and the tummy to go to work tomorrow. You probably will not see much of me this week but come Friday night I'm sure I'll be out. Until then, remember moderation is the best policy and as always, slower-traffic keep right. ▼

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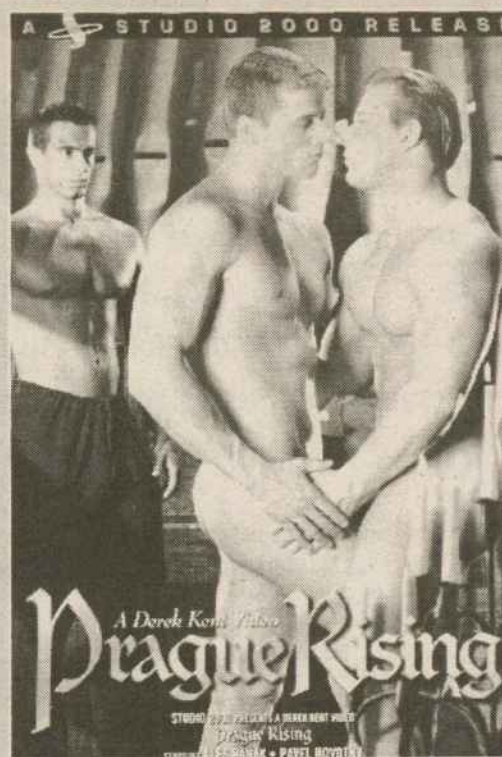
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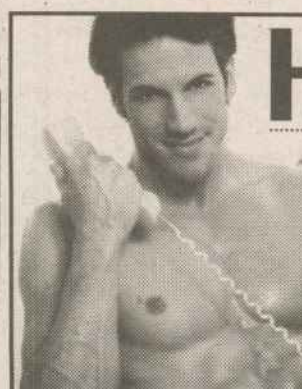
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196 S. 2nd St., 53204273-7474

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4 Dish (Wm, DJ)
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888-GAY-TEEN

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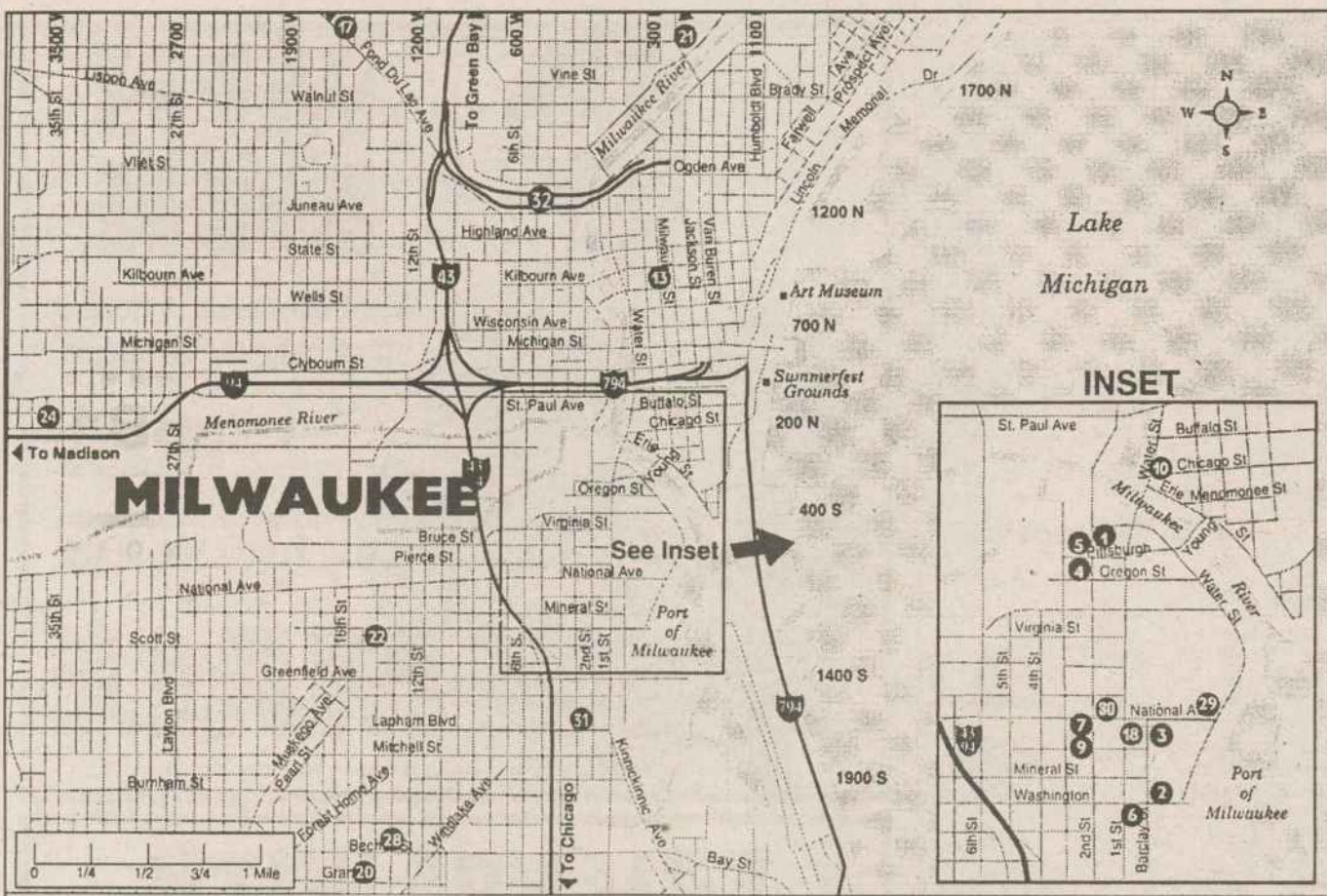
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Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians
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NORTHWEST (715)

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GLOBE (Campus Lesbians group)
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The Trading Company (MW, DJ)
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Box 131, Plattville, 53818

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c/o Campus Ministry Center784-7600

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Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF)(202) 628-4160

National G&L Task Force (NLTF)(202) 332-6483

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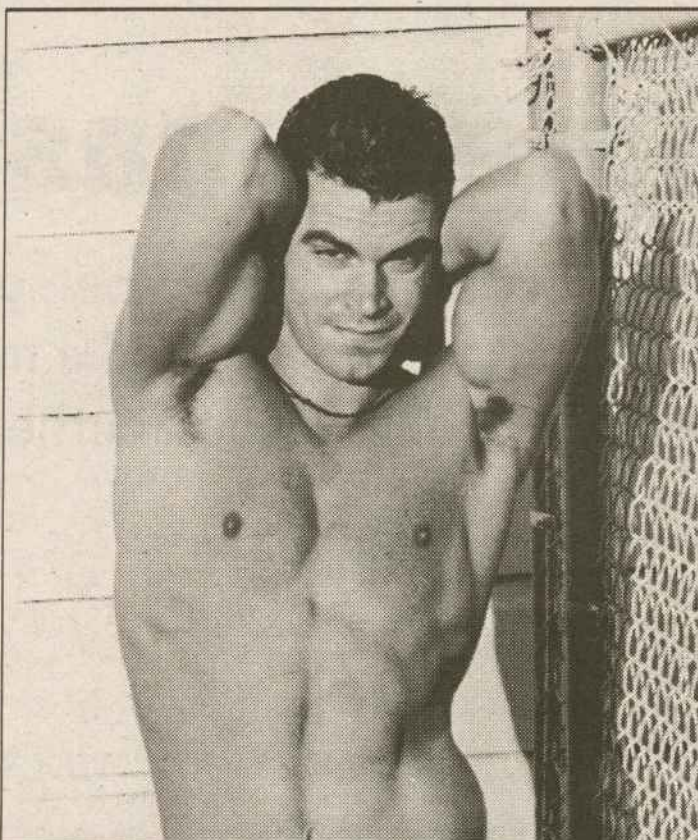
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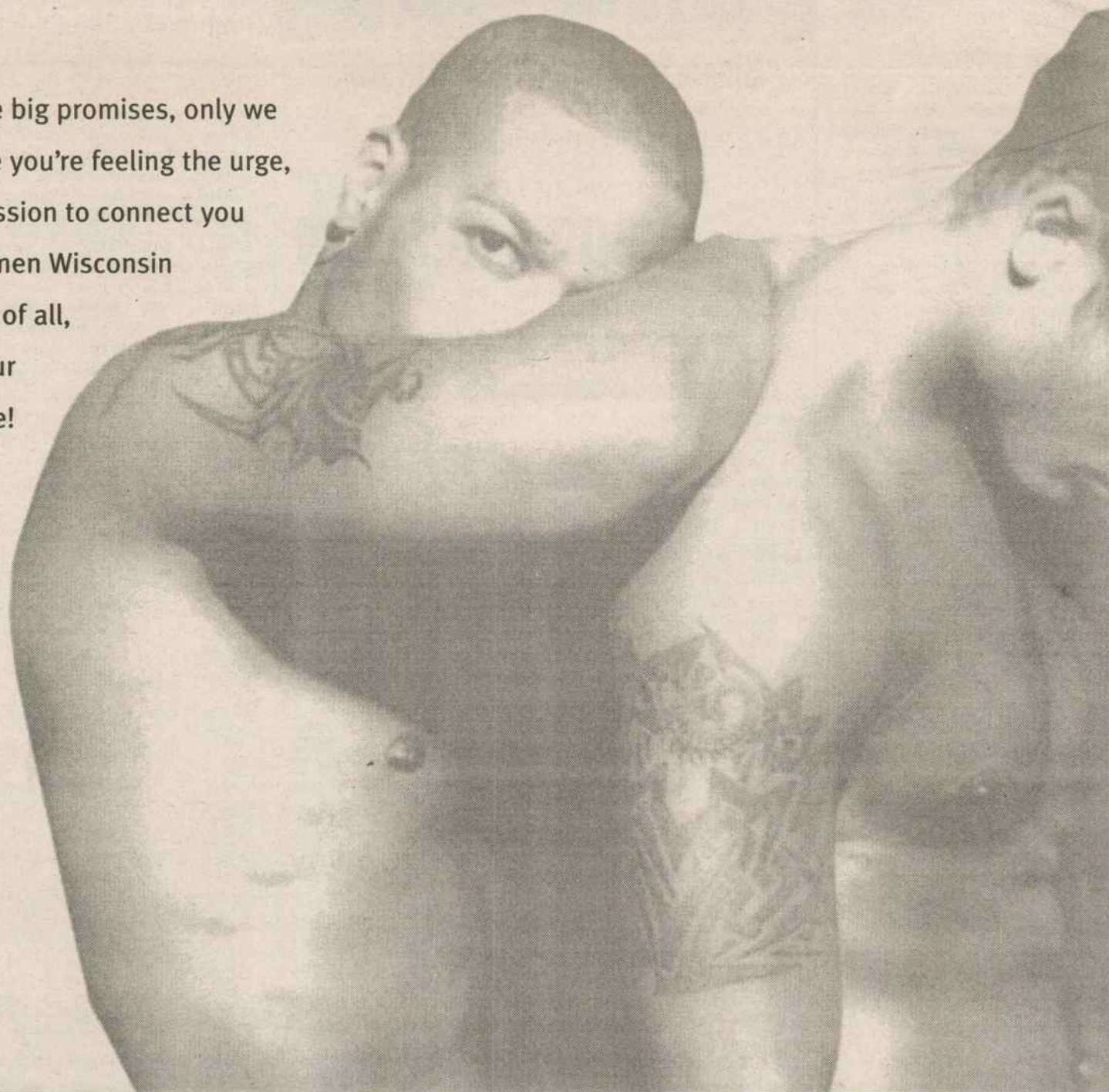
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