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WHAT'S UP FRONT?

Our cover, once again for this issue, is done by our staff artist, Tom Rezza. Don't forget to check out Tom's cartoon "The Gay Side."
showed that Hansen had eaten a ham sandwich and pickles before he was killed and dismembered, but medical examiners could not determine the cause of death.

Ormson said he hoped that detectives would find more evidence when spring comes and more people walk in the countryside.

From Journal

Rep. Studds To Be Honored

Rep. Gerry E. Studds (D-MA) will receive the Howard J. Brown Award at the Seventh Annual Fund for Human Dignity Dinner, to be held at New York City's Plaza Hotel on Monday, May 14th. Studds, who became the nation's first openly gay Member of Congress last year, will be present to accept the award, which is given "for the beauty and courage which sustain lesbians and gay men in their struggle for dignity, to those whose example freedom is a step closer for humankind." Past recipients have included U.S. Sgt. Perry Watkins, New York City Police Department Sgt. Charles Cochrane, and former Legal Services Corporations President Dan Bradley.

Mondale Responds To Questionnaire

Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale, replying to a questionnaire issued by a coalition of national lesbian/gay organizations, said that he would support a "legislative remedy" for anti-gay/lesbian discrimination, extend the mandate of the Justice Department and other civil rights agencies to include questions of anti-gay/lesbian bias, and include federal contractors in the scope of an executive order banning discrimination against gay men and lesbians in the executive branch. However, Virginia M. Apuzzo, executive director of the National Gay Task Force, who described the Mondale position as "an improvement," said that "the former Vice President needs continued education on several key issues of abiding concern to NGTF, and to all lesbians and gay men in America."

Those areas include Mondale's apparent reluctance to support extending a ban on anti-gay/lesbian bias to the military or, particularly, to the area of security clearances; his unwillingness to take executive action on existing bans on immi

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The Gay Side

Tom Rezza

The Gay Side

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integration by gay men and lesbians (though supporting legislative remedies); and his lack of specific statements regarding health care issues and the AIDS crisis. Mondale’s positions on the first two issues, Apuzzo said, "represent an apparent backtracking from earlier commitments to deal with military and immigration exclusion at the executive level."

Jerry (Bodyshop/Green Bay) bartender, wrestles a customer during the Bodyshop’s Beach Party mud wrestling segment. (Jerry’s the one kneeling.)

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CONSIDER
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With all due respect to Miss Manners and Emily Post, standard etiquette does not seem to address the contemporary social behavior of gays. Gay manners, as well as others, consists of doing precisely what everyone thinks should be done, especially when no one knows quite what that is. So, in an attempt to answer such pressing concerns like how to introduce two people when you've forgotten both their names, or which XXX rated video to show at your next party, welcome to a "gay etiquette primer."

A Gay Etiquette Primer

by W. W. Wells III

Whom To Invite?
• Cute young guys.
• People with more than a gram of cocaine.
• Anybody else with drugs.
• A bunch of people who've all gone out with each other's former lover (to get the mate swapping mood established).
• Somebody famous like Boy George or Bobby Rivers (they don't actually have to come, just be expected).
• At least one person who will be deeply shocked and distressed by what goes on.

As a rule of thumb, figure out how many people the room will hold and invite three times that number. Fun, like a social disease, is contagious through close personal contact.

The Gay Wedding
The gay wedding by nature is a confusing social event. Selection of who will be the bride is often determined by which of the couple can refrain from sweating too much in the wedding gown.

Wedding Gifts
If you attend a gay wedding you are obligated to bring a gift, usually an electric food processor. A more personal gift would be to be absent yourself from the ceremony if your relationship with one or both of the happy couple has been tangled and ugly in a sexual way. Bookstore tokens are not acceptable gifts.

Wedding Rings
Wedding rings may or may not be worn in pierced nipples.

Gay Anniversaries
Gay anniversaries are not really an etiquette problem, since there is rarely more

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Half My Father's Age

by Kevin Rozman

Half My Father's Age by John Wood, Theatre X, Lincoln Center for the Arts, 272-2787, through March 3rd.

Half My Father's Age is receiving its American premiere at Milwaukee's own Theatre X. The play, conceived by Amsterdam's Mickery Theatre Director Ritsert Ten Cate, was written by British playwright John Wood. It was performed for two weeks at the Mickery, starring Theatre X playwright John Schneider, and he has recreated his role here in Milwaukee. Ten Cate has designed and directed this production.

The play is primarily a monologue by Schneider. He is a paraplegic (we never know if his wheelchair confinement is psychosomatic or not), who has returned home after three years to bury his father. In just over an hour, a tortured man bears his soul. Wight, as the character is named, tells us he "can't pretend to have feelings I don't have." He seems to mourn himself and his plight in a guilt ridden trip through his relationships and his life. Yet the ironic twist with his physical predicament is that physically he can't feel and emotionally he won't or has tried not to. As he asks plaintively, "is real pain better than numbness?"

As both the play and film, Whose Life Is It Anyway?, did as well, this play raises our consciousness and awareness of those with handicaps. It also makes us question just who is handicapped? The emotional underpinnings of Wight's existence are his real handicap and as he remarks about his chosen absence, "You can't stop off the world and expect it not to move."

Schneider's performance is powerful. He brings a strong emotional presence and sensitive interpretation to Wight. With the multiplicity of mood shifts and topics the play covers, he has no difficulty maintaining the energy level necessary to carry it off, and that he does superbly.

Wood's work is rather unevenly written. Some of his thematic choices are so obvious that they lack the originality we expect from a work of this sort. At other times, his script is extremely insightful and raises a great many thought provoking questions. Some portions of the monologue are flat, uninteresting, and in fact, boring. Thus, it strikes me that this work needs rewriting and reconstruction and would be better suited to a workshop situation where the recreation process could unfold.

Marcie Hoffman is credible in her brief appearance as Wight's estranged wife. The set was simple. A series of hanging mirrors were used to reflect his self realization process and coupled with some of Ten Cate's staging was quite effective.

The production at the Black Box Theatre at Lincoln Center for the Arts runs through March 3rd, Wednesday through Saturday.

Clavis Theatre has just extended its run of the recent off-Broadway hit Cloud 9 through the 11th of March. Caryl Churchill's satirical farce examines the question of liberation from many perspectives, most notably using sexual mores. Included are a wide variety of role reversals including both gay and straight characters. This work, winner of three Obie and two Drama Desk Awards, is set in 1880 in Africa. Interestingly, though one hundred years pass, the characters are only twenty-five. Neal Brenard directs.

What's Happening?

Bartok — Two Violin Rhapsodies, Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, PAC, 273-7206, March 2nd through the 4th.

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Gay Fathers... Going For Custody

by Kevin Rozman

Several million gays in America are parents. Not surprising. Yet as marriages break up and families regroup, gays are "coming out" fighting for custody and winning.

A Milwaukee area gay father and his lover have received custody of his two children, a first grade girl and preschool boy. What is noteworthy about this case is that Wisconsin is the second state where the custody decision has been granted in favor of the father with his lover in residence. In the first instance, custody was removed from the mother — she being incapable of handling the children in a responsible fashion. The court made its decision having all information about the lovers' relationship.

It should be noted that while Wisconsin is the "Gay Rights State," the law forbids discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, but that is only in relation to employment and housing. There are no provisions regarding family law in the statute.

What follows is an interview of the father and his lover conducted by Kevin Rozman of the Wisconsin Step staff.

All three are members of the Milwaukee Area Gay Fathers Coalition, which is primarily a support group for men with similar needs and concerns as gay fathers... custody problems, visitation difficulties, legal confusion, questioning of self as fathers, alienated children, if and/or how to share choices in lifestyle with their children or spouses and former spouses, etc. For further information write: MAGF, P.O. Box 07018, Milwaukee, WI 53207 or call weekdays between 7 and 10 p.m. (414) 475-5425 or (414) 488-0137.

WIS: Let's start with the decision. You've won, they ruled in your favor. How do you feel?

Father: How do I honestly feel? That this isn't the end, particularly due to the real sensitive subject matter of sexuality which really shouldn't be the case... They didn't deal with any of those facts. The thing that bothers me is that is was so soft-pedalled. There is still a very strong prejudice against the father having the children.

Lover: I agree there is still the very strong prejudice and at the same time I feel we're in the best stage we could be in being in this situation. Wisconsin is the most progressive with regard to gay laws. But at the same time, they have not gone far enough.

WIS: What dimension have the children brought to your relationship?

Father: Prior to getting them, we were committed to each other, but that's all we were. My lover is the one who encouraged me to get the children. A major reason I did was knowing that I had his full support and that it wasn't going to be just me raising them. He would be there.

WIS: Do you ever see them as an intrusion?

Father: We can't make love in the living room in the middle of the day, the way we used to.

Lover: You can't embrace because it might have an "adverse affect." But more importantly than that, it might give the mother ammunition when she decides that she wants them again. So you safeguard yourself. I don't believe that it is an adverse effect, but that's what she'd twist it to be.

WIS: What do you find to be the reaction of grandparents to a same sex spouse raising their grandchildren?

Father: My parents? No problem. Particularly with my lover being accused by... Continued on page 12
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than one. Thus, the standard type of gifts for certain anniversaries (silver for 25th, gold for 50th, etc.) is obsolete in the gay world. Given below, however, is a proposed list for gift themes for all the anniversaries a gay couple is likely to have:

First — Drug Anniversary (give singemilla, MDA, etc.).

Second — Marital Aide Anniversary (give a life-size inflatable sex doll, year supply of vaseline).

Third — Divorce Anniversary (give moral support, sympathetic ear).

Steppin' Out

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little R&R, and then celebrated the bar's 3rd Anniversary and his personal anniversary with Delbert (who then left on his own vacation). Marianna was great, and Robert — the banners were real nice. (Does Daddy like his office?)

Joe at This Is It stuck a sticker on me on Valentine's when I stopped in there. A cherub of all things . . . I may be cherubic in girth, but certainly not in attitude.

Matthew from Shadows tells me that not many of you came in for the Anniversary buffet, but piled in shortly after the buffet table was taken down — for sandwiches. Just can't win — can you Matthew?

Word was the Finale was packed for the Presidents Ball honoring new CCBA President Marc Haupert. Good for you and your new ideas, Bobb.

Bumped into Sam from Sam's/Madison last week in Milwaukee, and he regrettably informed me that his remodeling wasn't done on time (thanks contractors!). It was to have been done on Valentine's Day, but it should be done by the time this issue hits the streets.

La Cage, Milwaukee's newest nightlife spot will be opening soon. Don't want to spoil the surprise too much, so you'll just have to wait and see it for yourself.

Fannies is looking for a design student to work up plans for her expanded dance floor. Stop in and see Sharon for more information.

Judy from Jo'Dees says "come on down," Racine can be a lot of fun especially her Tuesday beer bust night!

At my deadline time, Andy from 1101 W. still wasn't sure but he's trying to pin down a date to bring a well-known Lesbian comic to the stage at 1101 W.

I guess First Street's phone has been ringing off the hook, as has mine (I must have answered the phone ten times just while writing this column).

Gotta run, gotta sell more ads, so we can keep giving you a better magazine with each issue.

Write (please)!

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my ex of sexually abusing the children. When I told them "I know for a fact nothing is happening," they said "We know."

Lover: His parents are supportive of me and the children. His parents say they are, but don’t come across being supportive of our relationship.

WIS: How do your parents react to your being the lover of somebody with children? 
Lover: My parents accept them as their own grandchildren. They know I’m gay and this is their only chance at grandchildren from me.

WIS: What effect has this custody fight had on your relationship? 
Lover: I think it’s had a devastating effect. It’s simultaneously pulled us apart and brought us together. There are things that we disagreed on severely ... but at the same time we pulled together and fought for what we, as a couple, thought to be correct and essential for the children's well being.

Father: Any relationship has its tugs and pulls. It seems being under a glass dome did nothing but magnify and intensify all our ups and downs ... We have come out of it much stronger in relationship with a much stronger commitment to each other and the children.

WIS: How did you feel when the court ordered psychological testing? 
Lover: I was nervous. There was so much riding on the psychologicals. Not only would the psychologist make a recommendation as to where the children’s custody would go, but the guardian ad litem would also decide from his report. (A guardian ad litem represents the rights and the interests of the children in a custody hearing.)

WIS: What do you think about the effect of your relationship on the sexual development of your children? 
Father: I was raised in a heterosexual household and here I am. We deal with sexuality with the children on a readiness level. I don’t think that what they’re experiencing here is going to determine what they’re going to be, but it’s going to make a total difference in their outlook on life. Hopefully, we’ll have two very open-minded, sensitive children who are understanding of many and varying lifestyles.

WIS: What about reaction from their peers? 
Father: They know they’re living in a different situation now and we try to help them through that. Dad and lover sleeping together is something that stays home. Something we keep among the family and in the long run that’s protecting them. I bought my lover a gift for our third anniversary and the children didn’t understand why. We’re not afraid to answer questions with answers they’re able to handle.

WIS: Have you received negative feedback from parents? 
Father: We have. The asshole who lived upstairs was definitely a queer hater. I think perhaps there have been repercussions for the children that we’re unaware of.

Lover: There was a conflict with the children and their friends who lived across the way in the apartment complex. I tried to resolve it with their friends’ mother, but she couldn’t understand why the children were living with two men. Where was the mother? Who was I and how did I fit into the situation? I told her it was none of her business.

WIS: How do you feel about your ex-wife? 
Father: It started out in a very positive vein. She knew my lover from the beginning and handled it outwardly well. She has hurt the children a great deal to get back at me. I hate the bitch! To drag me through court doesn’t phase me, but when she’ll drag the children through anything just to make sure she hurts me, there’s very little love lost there.

WIS: How do you as lover relate to his ex-wife? 
Lover: Very frankly, I don’t like the woman, she’s a bitch! She’s very self-centered and has little concern for her children’s well being.

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Shonni Streetman (Wausau) performed with Rose's Red Light Revue at The Pendulum.

Anita Peters (Wausau).

The Pendulum (Wausau) & Rose's Red Light Revue featured guest performers "Members Only" from Green Bay with manager Jeff Dugan.

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Paul Henningsen recently. Good interview from a very interesting man. You'll read the interview after we sift through an hour and fifteen minutes of taped comments.

Hope you all had a good Valentine's Day, even if you only found "love" for an hour.

—— BAR NOTES ———

The Wreck Room had a great idea with using the tokens on Valentine's Day. I saw the ad that said "free tokens," and right away my mind thought "bookstore." What is was, however, was everytime you purchased a drink, you got a wood token that you could gather and cash in for gifts. Great idea from Wayne and Jimmy. By the way, Wayne should just be getting back from his vacation in Hawaii about now.

Jim, from the Pendulum in Wausau, is vacationing in Los Angeles (thanks for the pics of Rose's Red Light Revue, Jim), I guess he's keeping Greg tied to the bar while he's gone.

Other vacations: Pa Boo (Bob Schmidt) of the M&M Club is just getting back from "beaching it" in Puerto Rico. Chuck Cicirello of the Factory II spent four days in Louisville for a gay bowling convention (ask him about the big, blond stud). Tony from Club 219 just got back from a

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WIS: Is she trying to interfere with or color the children's view of your relationship?

Lover: Most definitely. I have never done that with regard to the children's view of their mother. I've known my lover's son since he was ten months old. He's a part of my life and I'm a part of his. I even see characteristics in him that he gets from me.

WIS: Where do you two go from here?

Lover: We live for today and when the court service knocks at our door again, we get the attorney and spend five or six thousand dollars and fight her, but we can't fret today about what tomorrow might bring.

WIS: What advice do you have for other gay parents?

Father: I still feel that we're the unusual given the fact we have full time custody. Not too many fathers are looking for that... We did not go after those children as a self-fulfilling thing, but the reason we have the children is primarily we are the better household... I really would like to pursue my career, but right now they come number one... You have to be willing to put your priorities in order.

WIS: What advice would you give to others in your situation?

Lover: Their relationship better be strong or they won't make it. They've got to stand together even if they disagree... You have to realize that you're dealing with two other human beings... One of the definitions of children was never convenience... You have to sacrifice to get some of the rewards.

Father: They have to know within themselves they are providing the best home... We went through three attorneys who said, "Move him out." I said that's absolutely asinine... No matter what level you want your children, whether it's visitation all the way up through full custody, don't let the ex-wife back you into a corner. I think we've all had that fear... All gay fathers stand up and take note even if you're not looking for custody, but just for the right to be a father to your child.

THE CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, FEB. 25th

TUESDAY, FEB. 28th
FINALE Jim's Hawaiian Shirt Party, 10 p.m. Fun & special prices on Margaritas & Pina Coladas.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 29th
JO'DEES Taco night with Mexican beer.
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UNICORN Grand opening party. Free Champagne at midnight; 50 cent Tap and 75 cent Rail all night. V.I.P. cards available.

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ROD'S Pisces birthday party.

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I Have Survived

by Ron Geiman

We’ve made it to issue number two (for a while there I wasn’t sure). My partner and our Executive Assistant both came down with bronchitis or something disgusting like that, and I had to play mother and nursemaid for the two of them. (I’ve always wanted a pair of those white nurses shoes with the wedged bottoms that squeak.) I ran right over to Pill & Puff and got myself a rectal thermometer, so whenever the two sickies moaned, I whipped that out and told them to roll over. They both complained it wasn’t thick nor long enough.

Anyway...

Thanks for all the verbal congratulations from so many of you, but I wonder if there has been a rash of broken arms or something, because after all those pleas we had in the first issue to write us, we received a total of one (1) letter (thanks Samantha). We can’t print letters to the editors without letters to the editors, so please, write.

We’ve got two new columnists in this issue (both of whom use pen names), Jackie Oh, who will be doing our women’s column, Lipstick; and W. W. Wells III, who will be writing on different topics for us, in this issue look for his article on gay etiquette under the Consider This heading. We’re always accepting articles, preferably three pages double spaced maximum. So, if you’ve got something to say, write it and drop it off to us. Include your return address so we can get it back to you if we can’t use it. We’re also still looking for reps for Fox Valley, Madison and Racine/Kenosha areas, too. Sales reps are also needed for the Milwaukee market. Call us at 289-0744.

— TIDBITS —

BAM has a bar crawl coming up March 27th to Chicago. This is an annual event sponsored by BAM (Business Association of Milwaukee) that always spells F-U-N. We’re aiming at two buses, but a third can always be added if the demand is there. The exact locations as to where we stop in Chicago hasn’t been completely arranged...more on that in future issues. All I know from past experience is that the trip down there on the bus is often as fun as the crawl itself. The last time we went down, yours truly scarfed down an “electric” brownie offered to me on the bus. We made one stop in Chicago on the Halsted strip and when we loaded back on the buses for the next stop, the Bushes gave each of the buses a couple of bottles of Schnapps, and sent us on our way. All I’ll say now is that I don’t even remember what happened at the second stop (Gold Coast area), except that when I arrived back in Milwaukee I had dirty knees on my jeans, and a slight memory of pigging out at Jumbo Jerry’s (yuckkkk!).

Tickets for the bar crawl will be $12 and are available from BAM members...look for the flyers in the bars (and bath).

Since BAM only does one bar crawl a year, In Step is considering doing a few bar crawls ourselves. But not to Chicago. We’re thinking of a Milwaukee to Madison bar crawl, and then a month later, a Milwaukee to Fox Valley bar crawl. And if there is enough interest, a bar crawl from those areas, to Milwaukee. Sound interesting?

Yeah to sister Miriam Ben-Shalom on her continued valiant struggle to fight the Army on her discharge. The Federal Judge should be making a decision on Miriam’s charging the Army with contempt of court soon. Saw her on TV the day of the hearing, and she always says the right things to the media.

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