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# The Wisconsin Light

# Gebbie Meets To Discuss Federal AIDS Policies

[Washington, D.C.]- Members of ACT UP Washington, D.C. met with AIDS policy coordinator Kristine Gebbie on Tuesday, September 7. The hastily arranged meeting was in response to a request by ACT UP Washington, whose members have been highly critical of Gebbie's record on AIDS and health care issues and the lack of power that the office commands.

"We felt it necessary to at least talk with Gebbie," said Steve Michael, an ACT UP D.C. member. "Unfortunately all our fears were justified. It was cordial, but there's just nothing there. The post is nothing more than a satellite location of the White House Press Office, designed to cover up their lack of real action in fighting AIDS."

#### The Case of the Missing Czar

Long time D.C. AIDS activist and one of the founders of ACT UP Washington, Cheryl Spector, described the search for Gebbie and her office.

"Wayne (Turner) set the meeting up and was informed that it would be held at the Hubert Humphrey Building (Health and Human Services). When we arrived at building security, they didn't know who Gebbie was and when she punched the office of AIDS Policy and Gebbie in her computer, nothing came up.

"We gave them a phone number and were told that number was not in the building. We called the number and were told to go to the New Executive Office Building (EOB) on 17th Street.

Other members of ACT UP were told at another Humphrey desk to go to the Old Executive Office Building.

At the New EOB we were told that there was no Gebbie here and no AIDS office in the White House.

"Finally, we discovered that the Office of AIDS Policy was across the street, above the McDonald's restaurant."

Turner put it this way. "In Washington, if you work for the President, your power is judged by two basic things: access and proximity to the President. Gebbie fails on both counts. She is both outside the protection of the Secret Service and has not had one face-to-face meeting with the President since becoming AIDS Policy Coordinator."

#### Meeting With Gebbie

During an hour-long meeting, members of ACT UP told Gebbie of their concerns about the range of issues that make up AIDS.

Among these concerns were: the urgency of a Manhattan-style project to find a cure; full implementation of the National Commission on AIDS reports; needle exchange; condom availability; and single payer universal health care.

Gebbie voiced her opposition to federally mandated condom availability in schools and needle exchange. Neither did Gebbie show any interest in a Manhattan-style project to find a cure for AIDS.

Gebbie, however, did say that there would be plans to form a White House Task Force on AIDS. There was no time-line when this would be done.

#### Target: Clinton

"Those of us familiar with Gebbie from Washington State knew this appointment would be a disaster," Turner said. "Gebbie has been underwhelming AIDS advocates everywhere she goes."

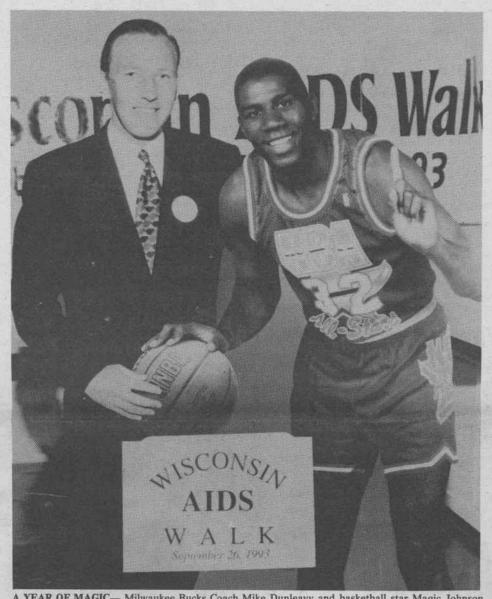
Michael added, "Our message to Clinton is: Fight AIDS or expect our campaign against George Bush and his AIDS policy to look like a love fest compared to the pressure we'll bring to bear against you and your Administration."

ACT UP Washington has decided to call for a formal meeting with Clinton prior to the chapter's National Coming Out Day demonstrations in front of the White House.

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# Sept. 26 Wisconsin AIDS Walk Must Raise \$500,000 for Client Care

HIV Caseload Growing at an Annual Rate of 30% in Wisconsin



A YEAR OF MAGIC— Milwaukee Bucks Coach Mike Dunleavy and basketball star Magic Johnson will co- chair the Wisconsin AIDS Walk on September 26 in Milwaukee.

# Senator Nunn Pushes Tough Anti-Gay Military Policy Through Congress

[Washington, D.C.]- The issue of Gays in the military continued to bubble in Washington, despite what observers say is the Clinton Administration's desire to put it behind them.

On September 9, 1993, the Senate voted 63-33 to endorse the language on the ban proposed by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) in the Defense Authorization bill. Nunn's language would effectively write the Gay ban into law.

The vote came on an amendment to the Defense bill introduced by Senators Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-CO) to remove the Nunn military language from the bill and leave future personnel decisions in the hands of the executive branch.

The Nunn wording codifies a double standard against Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual service personnel, going beyond the "Don't ask, Don't tell, Don't pursue" language announced by President Clinton in July.

Nunn's proposal removed "Don't ask" and gives the Pentagon the right to reintroduce a policy of asking recruits about their sexual orientation.

A weil-info med source on Capitol Hill, speaking for background, told Light that Nunn's motivation for the provision lies in looking forward to a time when there is a Republican Administration in office, "either headed by himself (Nunn)" or with Nunn as Secretary of Defense.

In addition, the Nunn proposal does not include the President's assertion that witch hunts will end or that the military's codes of conduct will be enforced strictly and equally for all personnel.

Sen. Russ Feingold voted for the

Boxer/Campbell Amendment. Sen. Herb Kohl, voted with Nunn and the majority. Kohl is expected to seek re-election next year.

On September 13, lawyers for the Clinton Administration began arguments before the Federal appeals court in Washington, D.C. in the case of Joseph Steffan.

Steffan was forced to resign from the Naval Academy after he told another midshipman that he was Gay.

At issue is whether a member of the Armed Services can be dismissed for saying he/she is Gay.

To defend the government's position, the Administration is arguing that both the old and the new regulations on Gays and Lesbians is constitutional, using many of the same arguments that were used by the Bush Administration. Candidate Clinton sharply criticized these.

According to reports in The New York Times, the three judge panel seemed unconvinced that there is a rational basis for restrictions on Gays in the military — under the old or the new rule — that could withstand constitutional scrutiny.

Under judicial questioning, the Administration was forced to concede that the military would not punish someone for being Gay and talking about it, but not acting on it.

Whatever the court rules, it is unlikely that it will be the last word on the subject. If the government loses, it will probably take its case to the full appeals court and possibly the Supreme Court, Gay activists said.

[Milwaukee]- The 1993 Wisconsin AIDS Walk scheduled for September 26, 1993 has been titled "A Year of Magic." And it is magic that the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the other AIDS service agencies around Wisconsin are hopping the Walk will help produce; the magic of help and of healing at a most critical time.

Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director, called the up-coming Wisconsin AIDS Walk "the most critical event of the year" for Wisconsin AIDS services agencies. He strongly stressed the importance of the September 26 Walk to the fight against AIDS and urged as many people to participate and pledge as possible.

Currently, some 16,000 people in Wisconsin are infected with HIV and the numbers are growing by over 30% a year, according to Nelson, especially among women, children, African-Americans and Hispanic people. This at a time when Wisconsin AIDS service agencies, MAP included, are "struggling to find the revenue to expand the services that are needed to meet the worsening epidemic," Nelson said.

Nelson went on to say that "In Milwaukee every month, 50 newly diagnosed clients come to MAP and the the minority AIDS organizations that are also delivering AIDS services." He added that "We are rapidly approaching the point of overwhelming our current capacity for service delivery."

He added that Milwaukee's experience was being duplicated "on a different scale" in Madison, Green Bay, Eau Claire and other areas of the state.

#### No Light At The End of the Tunnel

Asked about the reports that say that the epidemic has hit a plateau, Nelson said that nothing could be further from the truth.

"The AIDS epidemic is getting worse everywhere," he said, adding that "Anyone who believes that the HIV epidemic has peaked in Wisconsin, or that there is any kind of light at the end of the tunnel for AIDS is seriously misinformed. The worst of this epidemic is yet to come."

#### Agencies State-wide To Benefit

Twenty agencies that provide AIDS-related services throughout Wisconsin will benefit from the more than \$500,000 expected to be raised at the 4th Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk.

Six agencies will co-sponsor the 1993 Walk and the proceeds will be disbursed among them and 14 additional agencies.

The sponsoring agencies are: MAP, the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project-Kenosha, the Madison AIDS Support Network, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project-Eau Claire, the Wisconsin Community-based Research Consortium, and Center Project, Inc. in Green Bay.

Among the Walk beneficiaries are: The Brady East STD Clinic, the Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition, the Milwaukee Indian Health Board, Inc., Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Association of Black Social Workers, among others.

This year, for the first time, ACT UP Milwaukee will also be a beneficiary. ACT UP's proposal to formalize their youth education initiative received the approval of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk producers. ACT UP teams are currently forming. Please join by calling Patrick Flaherty at [414] 643-6743 or [414] 273-1991 x210 days.

#### Register Now!

Louise Searing, director of special events at MAP said that the "response has been tremendous" to the Walk. "From corporate support and teams, we

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# TIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

# **Ohio State Drops Gay Dorm Plans**

[Columbus, OH]- Ohio State University has withdrawn a proposal to let Gay couples live

in a family housing complex.

The university president, Gordon Gee, said in April that apartments at the complex, Buckeye Village, would accept Gay couples in compliance with the university's policy against discrimination. Buckeye Village is now occupied by married students and single students with children. But some tenants and a state lawmaker opposed the move and the university dropped the idea last week.

#### **New Orleans: Domestic Partners OK**

[New Orleans]- Gay newspaper publisher Rip Naquin and restaurant cook Martin Greeson have become the first couple to register under a city law that recognizes "domestic partnerships" between all couples who live together, but are not married.

New Orleans is one of the nearly 30 U.S. cities and counties giving some kind of recognition to relationships outside of religious marriages.

The early registrants were Gay or Lesbian couples, whose appearance at City Hall was the result of an effort by local Gay and Lesbian groups to spread the word about the new

Over time, however, other cities with similar registries have found that unmarried straight couples also sign up in large numbers.

For now, at least, domestic partnerships in New Orleans will have few immediate effects. The new registry does not affect state laws on marriage or inheritance.

However, the law will allow registered couples to take advantage of benefits offered by a few private employers, or discounts offered by certain companies, Gay advocates say.

## Gay Rights Under Attack In Ohio

[Cincinnati, OH]- A conservative Christian group, Citizens for Community Values, is trying to get a ballot issue that would prohibit the Queen City from adopting or enforcing Gay rights ordinances.

The citizens group submitted 17,000 signatures on a petition to the Hamilton County Board of Elections. The signatures were verified in the last week in August.

A group called Gay and Lesbian March Activists is threatening a tourism boycott of the

city if the City's Gay rights ordinance is repealed. 'If the lies and rhetoric of the rabid right succeed in taking away equal protection for Gays and Lesbian, then we are prepared to set a national boycott in motion," said Gregory Cajus, spokesperson for the 1,200 member local group.

#### **Families: Source of Youth Violence**

[Washington, D.C.]- A new report issued by the American Psychological Association (APA) issued August 10 blames "widely accepted prejudice" for making Gay youth more vulnerable to violent victimization, and it notes that over half of the violence against Gay youth occurs within the family, according to The Washington Blade. According to statistics from one previous study, a 1990 article in the Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 46 percent of teenagers' "reporting violent physical assault" said that the assault was related to their sexual orientation. Of these, 61 percent reported that the violence occurred within the family.

The APA report looked at "several studies" about violence on campuses and found that 40 to 76 percent of Gays on campus "had been verbally harassed," three to five percent had been attacked physically, 16 to 20 percent "had been threatened with

## Log Cabin Elects Black President

[Philadelphia]- The Log Cabin Federation, a national group of Gay Republicans, elected Abner Mason as Federation President. Mason is an African-American and resident of Boston, Mass.

In a speech, Mason said that the mission of Log Cabin was to defend liberty from "those who seek to sway the American people to a cause that is unjust and contrary to our Founding Principles" by "playing fast and loose with the dictionary of American

Mason said that Log Cabin's energy would be directed toward correcting "the problems in our party." "We (Gays) are not getting any help from the other party," he

## Lumpkin To Sue San Francisco

[San Francisco]- The Rev. Eugene Lumpkin, fired from San Francisco's Human Rights Commission because of his remarks about the bible and homosexuality, plans to sue over his dismissal, a lawyer, Brad Dacus, for the Rutherford Institute says.

The Virginia-based Institute is a conservative organization. It has no ties to the right-wing Christian political movement, Dacus said.

As reported in Light, San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan ordered Lumpkin off the commission after the minister implied on a TV talk show that he agreed with the biblical penalty of stoning to death for Gay men.

Jordan's secretary, Noah Griffin, said the city believed it was on solid ground in dismissing Lumpkin.

# Gay Allowed To Adopt Child

[New York]- In striking contrast to a recent Virginia court ruling denying custody to a Lesbian mother, the Administrative Appeals Unit (AAU) of the U.S. Department of Justice approved the application of a Gay man to adopt a child born outside the United States in a September 3, 1993 decision, reversing a previous decision by the Immigration and Naturalization Service New York District Director.

The AAU reversal establishes that: "The nature of a relationship a prospective adoptive parent may maintain with another adult in the household will not serve as the basis for denial of an orphan visa petition.'

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund represented the prospective adoptive parent after his initial application was denied.

# Goldwater Supports Military Gays

[Washington, D.C.]- Barry Goldwater, who for years was the conservative voice of the GOP, says it is "just plain dumb" for Republicans to oppose Gays and Lesbians in the armed forces. "The Republican Party should stand for freedom and only freedom," the former Arizona senator said in an interview with The Advocate. In the interview, Goldwater said he has also lost all respect for the religious right.

"There is no place in this country for practicing religion in politics. That goes for Falwell, Robertson and all the rest of those political preachers," he said.

Goldwater added that the televangelists are "raising big money on God. I don't believe in that. It's not a very religious thing to do."

"There has been homosexuality ever since man and women were invented. I guess

there were Gay apes. So it's not an issue," Goldwater said. Goldwater said Clinton sought his views on the issue of Gays in the military. "I told

him... give the order and then shut up about it.'

News Briefs are compiled by the Editor from mainstream newspapers and wire services, organizational press releases and Gay and Lesbian papers from across the U.S.



A RECORD CROWD— Some 3,500 people attended MAPFEST at Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center on Sept. 5, raising \$43,000 for AIDS patient care.

## Car Club To Form Chapter In Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- America's largest Gay car club, Lambda Car Club International, is forming a local chapter in Milwaukee. Lambda has 27 chapters in the U.S.A. and Canada with almost 1,000 members (closest is in the Chicago area).

The purpose of the Lambda Car Club is the enjoyment and exchange of information on old and special interest motor vehicles, combined with social fellowship by Gay people interested in such vehicles.

You will notice that there is nothing in the above description that says you even have to own a car.

Our members collect model cars, sales promos from the dealerships, license plates and some even own older cars. Those cars range from fixer-uppers on blocks to showroom condition antiques.

Each chapter hosts events every year that draw members in from around the country. We also have a major national event hosted by one chapter (1994 is in Philadelphia) that draws hundreds of

Additional information can be provided

by calling Scott at (414) 271-1521. Date and time of the first Milwaukee meeting will be determined by the response of callers, but no later than mid-October.



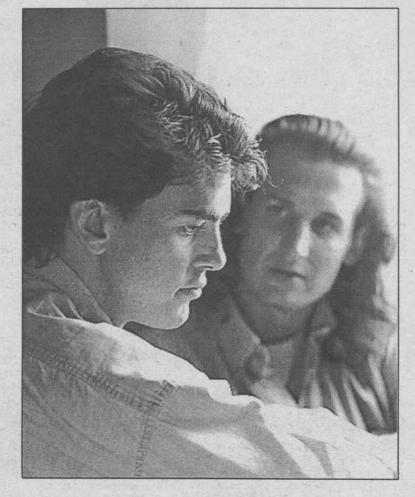
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# Farm Life to Highlight Annual Womyn's Land Coop Meeting

[Madison]- The annual meeting of the Wisconsin Womyn's Land Coop (WWLC) will be held on Sunday, October 10, at 9:30 a.m. at Daughters of the Earth (DOE) Farm. There will be a potluck lunch on Sunday and tours of the farm on Saturday afternoon. Free camping for any annual member or a \$3 discount on sleeping space in the Lodge is a feature of the October 8-10 weekend. You can join when you arrive. Reserve Lodge space by calling (608) 269-5301. Campground reservations are not required.

DOE Farm was established in 1977 by WWLC. WWLC was formed by about 30 women, mostly from Milwaukee. DOE Farm is located southwest of Tomah on 80 acres of scenic rolling hills, with a primitive camping area, four bedroom lodge house and other buildings and shelters. It was created as a safe space where women and girls could come for recreation and to learn survival skills by sharing and working together.

New Members Needed

This valuable women's space is in

serious need of new members of WWLC: active or supportive. Any woman interested in DOE Farm and its future is encouraged to come to the annual meeting or to any coordinating council meeting which are held at DOE Farm on the second Sundays of most months. The October "CC" meeting will be Saturday morning, October 9. For more information or directions, call Sylvia in Madison at (608) 244-3154.

DOE Farm is open to any woman. WWLC is legally organized as a membership cooperative. Annual membership is \$3 per thousand of net/take-home pay, self-adjusted plus or minus for access to extra income or for special expenses. Daily memberships are also available. Work in exchange for land use fees can be arranged. No woman is turned away for lack of funds.

DOE Farm is about 3 1/2 hours from Milwaukee via I-94 and I-90. For general information write: WWLC/DOE Farm, Rt. 2, Box 42, Norwalk, WI 54648.

# National Organizations Taking A Serious Look at Themselves

[Washington, D.C.]- In the wake of the euphoria of the March on Washington and the subsequent defeat on the issue of ending the military's ban on Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals, both the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) are taking a look at themselves, in the case of NGLTF, changing personnel, and moving to re-evaluate the Gay agenda.

#### **Tori Osborn Resigns**

In a letter dated September 3, Tori Osborn, NGLTF's Executive Director, resigned after being on the job since March, 1993. The resignation will become effective November 1. Osborn said that she was not suited to the management requirements of her position and wanted to freelance on various interests to the Lesbian/Gay community.

Some on the NGLTF staff said they were frustrated with Osborn. She brought a strong executive management style to the organization which traditionally has run on more of a consensus model.

"I think she left some people spinning," said Elizabeth Birch, co-chair of the NGLTF Board and Director of litigation at Apple Computer, Inc. Birch said that the "mismatch" had become apparent once people caught their breath after the March On Washington. "Tori's methodology could have been better thought through," Birch added, saying that she was "disappointed with Tori's decision."

Osborn said that she was looking forward to "supporting NGLTF over the coming years in whatever way I can."

On September 13, at the meeting of the Board of Directors in Detroit, NGLTF named Peri Jude Radecic as the new executive director. Radecic, 33, a native of Pittsburgh, is NGLTF's current Deputy Director for Public Policy.

Radecic promised "new programming priorities, such as health policy with a focus on Lesbian health care and AIDS, campus and workplace organizing, state and local civil rights organizing and strengthening our response to the increasing threat of the Far Right.

#### HRCF Looks At Priorities

Meantime, HRCF's spokesman, Gregory King, announced that "We are actively engaged in a re-evaluation of all of our programs, the legislative issues we work on and within the next month we expect to make some major announcements regarding our future direction."

HRCF is the nation's largest Gay lobbying group with 80,000 members. It is currently seeking suggestions from its members about where to focus its energy.

Among the questions being asked are:
Do Gays want a civil rights bill or are
they more concerned about other
measures, such as legalization of
same-sex marriages?

Should the political movement shift its focus from Capitol Hill to fighting anti-Gay initiatives in the states?

Should leaders start looking for money from non- Gay sources?

Should leaders mobilize an aggressive voter registration drive in Gay bars and community centers?

What do leaders have to learn from the Christian Coalition, both in fundraising and running candidates in local elections?

"We are now at the cusp of breaking out of the ghetto," said Osborn, "and into the mainstream. That is where our movement is."

HRCF itself has come under fire from a Washington-based group called Gay and Lesbian Americans, "a newly formed coalition of grassroots leaders" headed by Steven Reichert and Michael Petrelis, formerly of ACT UP and Queer Nation.

On Friday, September 10, the group ran a full-page ad in the **Washington Blade** presenting a three-point plan "to improve HRCF's effectiveness.

The points are: 1) Develop an agenda, "No more inside-the-beltway isolation-ism;" 2) build a grassroots coalition; 3) improve dialogue within our community.

"They (HRCF) may be no different than any other inside-the-beltway advocacy group, but that needs to change and they need to open up and adopt a mechanism for input through regular town meetings and public forums," Reichert said. He added that, "Times had changed" and that Queer Nation's protests "no longer carry the same weight."

This Summer, in the wake of the military debacle, there was a flurry of suggestions that what the community needed was a single large national organization. Some have called for the merger of HRCF and NGLTF.

The two groups, Washington observers say, do, in fact, compliment each other with little overlap in program activities. On paper, a merger would make sense.

## Safer Sex Practices Topic On Cable TV

[Milwaukee]- Brady East STD Clinic will host as a special guest, Ken Multauf, Research Associate with the Medical College of Wisconsin. Co-hosts, Bob Ambelang and Jeff Buckles have received numerous questions from callers pertaining to negotiation skills on safer sex practices. The special program will air at 7:00 p.m. on September 23, 1993 on MATA Channel 47. It will be repeated at 10:00 p.m. the following Sunday night.

Ambelang, Clinic Administrator, said that there is as yet no cure or vaccine found that will effectively halt the progression of the HIV virus and that the only way to halt the spread of the disease is through either abstinence or safer sex practices.

"Abstinence is impractical for most people," Ambelang said. "It is idealistic. So, although no sexual activity with another person is 100% safe, certain practices will greatly reduce the likelihood of transmission."

For more information on any of the Clinic services or for an appointment, call (414) 272-2144 after 10:00 a.m.

# Lesbian Rights Is Subject Of NOW Meeting

[Milwaukee]- Three members of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will discuss and answer questions on Lesbian rights and related issues at the September 28 meeting of the West Suburban Milwaukee Chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW). The meeting, which will be at the Capitol Library, 7413 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee, will start at 6:30 p.m., and is open to the public.

LAMM Community Education Committee members, Barb, Julie Kleppin and Nancy Port will be available to answer any questions on Lesbian rights and related issues. In addition, Kleppin, a long-time member of West Suburban Milwaukee NOW, will explain NOW's position on Lesbian rights.



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# **EDITORIAL**

# **ACT UP Deserves Stronger Support** In Helping End the AIDS Epidemic

We greet with approval and applause the decision by the organizers of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk to add ACT UP Milwaukee as one of the beneficiaries of the proceeds of the

In the midst of this raging epidemic, it is the members of ACT UP, both here in Wisconsin and elsewhere around the country, who have been on the cutting edge in bringing this disease to the public's consciousness. It is the members of ACT UP through their actions, demonstrations, and heated calls for action who have brought new drugs to the market, who have led the fight for the distribution of condoms (absolutely necessary, we believe), who have been instrumental in gaining new funds to fight this hideous

In ACT UP's own words, they are "radically committed to the value and preservation of human life, radically committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis." We stand with

We see ACT UP and the various AIDS service agencies, including MAP, as being a team, complimentary in a common cause. We deplore any words or actions that have as their purpose separating that team.

The Wisconsin AIDS Walk has been successful because it has been inclusive, not exclusive, of the entire AIDS community. The 20 AIDS agencies, including ACT UP and MAP, who will receive funds from the Walk are very diverse, but what they all have in common is that they are fighting for the lives of people with AIDS and they all deserve our

As to WISN and its radio jockeys, they simply don't know what they're talking about.

# Senator Kohl's Voting Record Says He Is Not OUR Senator

When he ran for the Senate in 1988, Wisconsin Light endorsed Herb Kohl's opponent. We did so in part because we believed his committment to advancing Lesbian and Gay rights was not a strong one. His recent statements and votes have proved us to be right.

First, Kohl called Clinton's shameful actions on the issue of Gays in the military, "a good solution." Now he has insulted us even more by voting for Sam Nunn's bill which would put discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the Military into the statute books.

This isn't the first time Kohl has disappointed us. In arguing for a bill that would have allowed the District of Columbia to have a domestic partnership law, he stated he disagreed with the intent of the law and what it would do but would vote for it only because it was an issue of home rule. He also voted against changing immigration policy to allow HIV positive individuals into this country.

Senator Kohl above nearly every Senator should understand the cause of Lesbian and

Gay rights. Yet he acts as though he understands nothing.

In 1988, Kohl ran for election with the slogan "Nobody's Senator But Yours." We hope he drops that slogan in his 1994 race. His voting record and statements prove that he is not OUR senator.

# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

# When Are Gays and Lesbians Going To Take Religious Right Seriously?

There is a rapidly growing threat from the religious right that should frighten, not only our community, but all democratic thinking people like a fire bell in the night. These are dedicated extremists who aim at nothing less than the establishment of an intimate connection between church and state; the homogenization of society in a totalitarian, doctrinal form. They do not believe in nor do they want a pluralistic

They are not to be taken lightly, not at all. They are extremely well organized. They are highly funded, they have a distinct and clear ideology, (based on a misreading of the bible which most of them can't read in anything other than English so they don't know what it really says) and they have their media in place. Thus, they are dangerous.

As Gay and Lesbian activists from around the country are beginning to realize, the religious right has defined us and is busily setting our agenda.

It is they who continue to identify AIDS as a "Gay disease." It is they who describe us by sexual function. It is they who raise the accusation of recruitment and child molestation against us contrary to all established fact. But then, these people have no respect for the intellect. They are in the position of the professor who is said to have told his class, "I have my theory, heaven help the facts!"

To meet this threat (and we must meet it), we, Bisexuals, Lesbians, Gay men, and all the rest, have got to organize. We have got to stop this incessant back-biting and carping among ourselves. We have got to submerge our differences (however valid some may be) and realize that we have a higher and much more important goal: freedom and our share of the American dream.

As it is now, in Wisconsin and everywhere else, we are little independent islands, not even meriting the word "confederation."

In Hawai'i, they win a victory. In New York, they do the same. In Mississippi, they call for help. In Colorado, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona and elsewhere they fight goes on. But in each case they more or less do it alone.

Even among the 250 plus Lesbian/Gay newspapers, magazines and other publications, there's no cooperation, and little communication. That is not only sad, it's tragic. In the face of a movement that

calls for our complete subordination, that advocates our loss of dignity, our right to love, that increasingly is calling for our deaths, we continue our fragmentation, slitting our own throats.

We have got to get organized. We have got to realize that what happens in Mississippi affects us in Wisconsin; that we do not and can not stand alone.

We have got to begin to marshal our tremendous resources, all of our talents, and every skill we've got, to help ourselves. We have got to use those resources to establish the political clout that will win our victory in the end.

And we have got to start educating people, not only to who and what we really are, but to the fact that we carry in our knapsacks the American dream.

We have got to say that if anyone believes in equality, then we stand with them, or they with us. If anyone believes in freedom, if anyone believes in diversity, if anyone believes in human dignity, in the right to love and have that love legitimized, then we stand together. If we don't, then not only we, but America is lost.

I firmly believe that we Gay men, Lesbians, Bisexuals, all of us, are part of the true majority in this country; the majority of people who want for themselves and others the right to live decently and with respect.

What we want to say, what we must say, to liberal (in the classic definition of that word) thinking people everywhere is that our fight, our struggle, is the same as

But if we, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men, don't get organized, don't put aside our personal agendas (individual or group) and come together, here in Wisconsin and everywhere else, then no one's going to hear us say anything. All they will hear is the whimper. "If I bow a little lower, will you beat me a little less

#### ETTERS

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I believe it was last Sunday's (Aug. 29) New York Times Magazine that had a very provocative picture of a reclining young man in it. The young man was shown totally naked from just above the pubic hair region. The picture was far more sensuous than anything that has ever appeared in the Gay/Lesbian papers. Wisconsin Light and In Step. If you

want to see the picture, I'm sure it is available on the shelves in any public library, for any library worthy of the name carries the New York Times.

"Naughty Gals Talk Dirty, 1-900-HOT-DUCK"... That is advertising from Milwaukee's "alternative" newspaper, The Shepherd Express. That is frequently found on

library shelves.

Both the Milwaukee Journal and the Milwaukee Sentinel carry numerous personal ads from people wishing to meet each other for sex veiled as "friendship." Surely all libraries provide those papers to their users without

restrictions.
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Any quality library must keep PC Magazine on

its shelves and not restrict its circulation.

So what's the point of this letter? I find it very hard to believe that the objection raised by wery hard to believe that the objection raised by Mr. Jeffrey Baas to the Hales Corners Library keeping The Wisconsin Light on its shelves is motivated by anything other than homophobia. If otherwise, let Mr. Baas raise objections to other publications on the grounds he uses to complain about Wisconsin Light. At this stage it appears that Mr. Baas has singled out Gay/Lesbian Wisconsin Light for special attack while ignoring "straight" publications.

— Al Gelersbach

Al Geiersbach

Editor's Comment: I agree completely. On another point, why did it take Baas two and a half years to become horrified? Or perhaps, he doesn't go to the library that often, hummm?

#### TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter to Gay papers around the country, but this one's for Wisconsin Light. I get your paper here when friends go to Houston. I think people in Wisconsin should know about our fight here for Gay equality in Mississippi. Your readers should know the urgency of it. This is a brief account of what has harmoned to date

argency of it. This is a brief account of what has happened to date.

On July 19, 1993, G.L. FRIENDLY, an organization which formed to open Gay and Lesbian-oriented community centers on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, ran a small public service announcement regarding meeting times in a local newspaper. Within days, G.L. FRIENDLY was under attack from local groups and churches who began petition drives to stop and churches who began petition drives to stop us from meeting in Ocean Springs (in a private

The petitions were accepted by the Ocean Springs Board of Aldermen on July 21. At that meeting, many persons were permitted to speak against us and did so in very slanderous and abusive terms, saying that Gays only want a center as a place to meet and have sex and recruit children. Some quoted scripture to support their view that we should be put to

death. When members of G.L. FRIENDLY attempted to respond, the Mayor said there had been enough public comment at that point. The Board reluctantly concluded that there was no law under which they could prevent us from meeting, but made it clear they wished we

would go away.

We are not going away. We have instead scheduled a march and rally for downtown Ocean Springs on Saturday, September 18, at 3:00 p.m. We have received a great deal of interest from groups around the South and expect 1200 to 1800 participants, although in second days we have received calls that indicate recent days we have received calls that indicate

we may far exceed that number.

We hope for a peaceful, non-violent march, but we have received numerous threats, including death threats. There are active skinhead groups in the area which have carried out Gay bashings before, and some of our leaders have been subjected to intimidation leaders have been subjected to intimidation and vandalism in recent weeks.

The Police Chief of Ocean Springs (pop. 16,000) has called in police from around the region and has said there will be at least 150 police for the quarter mile parade. There will also be barricades up and down the streets, and she has warned us that the city's strict

obscenity laws will be enforced to the letter.

The reason I am writing is to ask Wisconsin for your help. We need it and we need it now. Many Lesbians and Gay men have moved out of Mississippi in the past to large cities to live free from harassment and discrimination, myself included. But I have come back to Mississippi because of my conviction that if we are to win full equality under the law, then it must be won in places like this.

We can only gain so much by clustering in large cities, as the recent effort to end the military ban demonstrated. Without broad-based national support, Gay and Lesbian equality has gone about as far as it can go. We must be a political force everywhere, even in Mississippi, to go further, By the time you read this, it will be too late

for you to support us personally, but you can, if you will, help us financially. We desperately need your help to open these community centers and pay for the parade and rally. Donations to the community centers are tax-deductible.

While donations to our political group, the Mississippi Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Gulf Coast, are not tax-deductible, they are necessary. This type of Gay activism is a first for Mississippi and is a direct result of the momentum generated by the March On Washington.

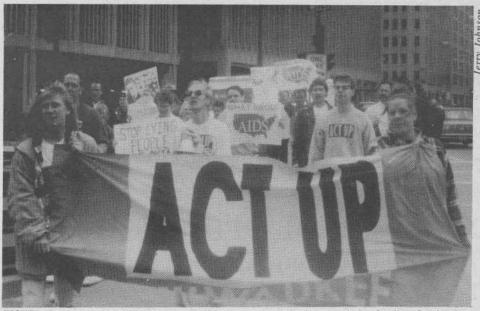
(Incidentally, I loved your March On

Washington issue.)

We are setting the agenda here, not the religious right. That is exactly what we as a community, in small towns all over the country. must do in our battle to end bigotry and injustice. If we can win here, we can win

Please help us to make that happen. Call us at [601] 875-3335 to offer your support. Thank

- Gary Barlow Biloxi, MS



FIGHTING FOR AIDS FUNDING— ACT UP demonstrated for increased city funding for AIDS on September 14. The group marched from Marshall Fields Department Store to City Hall.

# Milwaukee ACT UP Demonstrates For More City Funds to Fight AIDS

[Milwaukee]- On September 14, 1993, approximately 34 members of ACT UP Milwaukee met to hold a demonstration at Milwaukee's City Hall. The purpose of the action was to demand that the City of Milwaukee increase its annual AIDS spending by \$250,000 in next years budget.

The budget is currently before Mayor John Norquist and will be submitted to the Common Council on September 28. Milwaukee's current expenditure in this area is \$69,200.

Secondly, ACT UP is demanding that the City formulate a plan to fight AIDS.

In a speech given before the assembled demonstrators, Yuri Keegstra, a member of ACT UP, called the city's commitment to funding AIDS-related issues "scandalously paltry." Cumulative spending per AIDS case, he said, has dropped from \$293 in 1989 to a "mere \$76 in 1993"

Keegstra called Milwaukee "far behind the times. Cities around the country have increased their budgets over the last years, leaving Milwaukee in the dust," Keegstra said.

Keegstra spoke too of some "partially good news." He said that Mayor Norquist has agreed to meet with Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), later this week. Keegstra also announced that MAP has put together a proposed \$190,000 increase in AIDS spending by the city for 1994.

"While we applaud MAP's efforts," Keegstra said, "they don't go far enough. MAP is playing catch-up in the budgetary process while we feel that we must strive to move forward. Thus, our demands surpass those of MAP's both in funding amounts and in the demand for the creation of an AIDS Strategic Plan and City guarantees to implement it.

# Can the Log Cabin Club Prove Gays Have A Place With The GOP?

Commentary By Scott Evertz

Borrowing a line from Congressman Barney Frank (D-MA), Jamakaya recently suggested that the Gay Republican organization, Log Cabin Club, should change its name to the "Uncle Tom's" Cabin Club. I suppose she did not credit Mr. Frank for having originally come up with the joke because, as of late, Mr. Frank appears to be the true "Uncle Tom."

In her column in the September 2, 1993 edition of The Light, Jamakaya criticizes national Log Cabin Federation President, Rich Tafel, for remarks he made concerning how one individual dressed to participate in Bill Clinton's meeting with representatives of the Lesbian/Gay community and for Log Cabin's opposition to some demands of the March On Washington and the racial and gender quotas of the March's planning committee.

It would seem that she is suggesting that Gay people who believe in a certain standard of dress when meeting with the President of the United States and who are opposed to quotas in the selection of a national committee of Gays and Lesbians are modern day "Uncle Toms."

Further, she suggests that we should not be upset at "Republican bashing" because ours is a party with bigoted legislators and a recent national convention that was "Homophobia Central."

This is about as illogical as would be our suggestion that Democrat bashing is appropriate because yours is the party of Senator Sam Nunn, (and a President who promises much, but delivers little).

It is not adherence to mainstream fashion or certain political ideologies, like Republicanism, that make one an "Uncle (or Aunt) Tom," but rather the acceptance of a subservient role in relation to the "straight man."

In our relationship with the Republican Party, we make it clear that we will never endorse, work for or support individuals who do not support civil rights for our Lesbian sisters and Gay brothers. We are not, nor ever will we be, apologists for the bigoted members of the GOP nor endorsers of compromise when it comes to the clear-cut issue of Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

To the contrary, it is our stated purpose to promote the cause of Lesbian/Gay rights within the GOP and to elect candidates who are respectful and

supportive of our rights.

You can criticize our dress. You can criticize our political views. But you cannot call us "Uncle Toms" for, like you, we refuse to accept compromise when it comes to our civil rights, unlike Uncle Barney "Tom" Frank.

You should not criticize us for our efforts to bring the GOP around on our issues. Like it or not, we will have a two party system for some time to come and our ultimate success will only be realized when we have enough supporters on both sides of the aisle.

It is an extreme disservice to the Gay community for Jamakaya and others to continue the campaign of misinformation about the Republican Party. In criticizing its somewhat monolithic allegiance to the Democratic Party, we do not intend to "trash the Gay community," as Jamakaya has suggested, but rather to point out that it is untrue that all Gay people are Democrats and that it is individuals who maintain such blind allegiances who are most apt to become "Uncle Toms."

We all really know that there are bad and good Republicans just as there are good and bad Democrats. It is divisive to our community to suggest otherwise. By referring to members of the Log Cabin Club as "log-headed queers," Jamakaya perpetuates a climate of hostility that makes it hard for our community to unite. It is the type of "us and them" thinking which Bill Clinton so eloquently denounced in his speech at the Democratic National Convention.

As Republicans, there are a great number of issues on which we disagree with our Democratic friends in the Lesbian/Gay community. One on which there is total agreement is the issue of our civil rights. We need to work together to defeat the homophobes and "Uncle Toms" in both our parties. We need to work together to defeat Jesse Helms and

Sam Nunn.
We'll work with you, Jamakaya. Will you work with us?

# Jamakaya Responds

I respect your response as an honest discussion of the issues, but I continue to believe you are defending an indefensible

# Foundation Accepts Scholarship Applications

[Milwaukee]- The Cream City Foundation (CCF) is calling for applications for the two \$500 John M. Cowles Memorial college scholarships available for the Fall and Spring semesters of 1993-'94.

To be eligible, an applicant must: 1) Be enrolled in an accredited college or university as Junior or Senior; 2) Have at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average overall and in his/her major; 3) Have demonstrated interest in the Lesbian/Gay community; 4) Be a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Wisconsin.

Persons pursuing degrees in the natural sciences may be given preference.

For more information or an application, call or write the Foundation at (414) 265-0880; P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

#### **Foundation Awards Given**

CCF has announced that four grants will be given to the following Lesbian/Gay recipients.

Eldon Murray and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will receive Community Leadership Development grants. Murray's grant is to attend a Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) conference on how to start local chapters of SAGE.

LAMM's grant is to send two participants to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Institute to be held in North Carolina in November.

Men of All Colors Together (MACT) will receive funds for start-up costs and to hold a conference on racism in Milwaukee.

Gay Youth Milwaukee will receive funds to begin a counseling project for Gay/Lesbian teens.

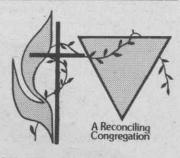
The next deadline for grant applications is December 1, 1993. For more information, call (414) 265-0880 or write CCF at P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI

#### Volunteers Needed

CCF is calling for volunteers to help support progress in the Gay/Lesbian community. The Foundation particularly needs volunteers to help staff their office several hours a week or month.

Also needed are volunteers with experience or interest in fundraising, graphic arts and telemarketing (for CCF's October Phono-athon).

Whatever your skills, if you are interested in working to advance the Lesbian/Gay community, call the Foundation at (414) 265-0880 or write to P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.



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- ▲ Transportation for the March On Washington





# The Light



MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY— Suzy Amis (left) plays Little Jo in writer/director Maggie Greenwald's (right) cross-dressing western, "The Ballad of Little Jo." The movie is playing limited engagements at the Downer Theater in Milwaukee and the Orpheum Theater in Madison.

# 'Ballad of Little Jo' Director Denies Male-Bashing In Film

By Steve Warren

With The Ballad of Little Jo, the story of a woman who dressed in men's clothing to survive the rigors of life on the wild frontier, writer-director Maggie Greenwald is the visible "expert" on cross-dressing in the American West.

Her heroine, Josephine Monaghan really existed, Greenwald maintains. A society girl from Buffalo, New York, she had a child out of wedlock, left the baby with her sister and headed West. She lived as a man, "was considered a peculiar little guy," had few, if any, friends and kept her secret until her death, when the truth was uncovered.

The rest of the movie, including Jo's presumed heterosexuality, Greenwald's invention. Jo has a secret affair with "Tinman" (David Chung), a Chinese immigrant who becomes her housekeeper. "Who else would be a marginalized invisible person in that landscape?" Greenwald reasoned in selecting the love interest. "His real character is hidden from the world by our stereotyping of the "Chinese coolie," the "asexual Chinaman."

Speaking of types, the cross-dressing women of the last century became archtypes for some of their sisters in our own. But the 20th Century "cowgirls" have different reasons for adopting that look; or do they? Where there dykes in the old West too?

"It's not something I researched," Greenwald says, "but I always assumed it was there. What I thought of was the macho West, where they had miner's dances every Saturday night... I thought, 'Hummmmm, nobody's done anything about that.'

Greenwald says she doesn't know the orientation of Lesbian icon Annie Oakley, immortalized as a heterosexual in Irving Berlin's Annie Get Your Gun; but Oakley is legendary in Red Lodge, Montana, where Little Jo was filmed: "She was thrown out regularly for wearing pants.'

It wasn't just a social gaffe in those days; cross-dressing was against the law a misdemeanor, according to Greenwald. "It goes back to Deuteronomy," she says, quoting Chapter 22, V. 5. "Judeo-Christian tradition considered those things very deviant.'

On the bright side, the fact that cross-dressing was so uncommon made it easier for someone like Jo Monaghan to pull off her masquerade. Still, when 'he" arrives in Ruby City in 1866, Jo is hassled by Frank Badger (Bo Hopkins) who accused "him" of being a "dude."
Greenwald explains that "westerners Greenwald explains that

had a disdain for rich men from the East

who thought of the West as an amusement park."

Suzy Amis' performance as Jo is the film's backbone. "Nothing she'd done before prepared me for what I saw when I met her," Greenwald recalls. "Some women came to the audition in western garb, but Suzy was coming from another audition, for the role of sexpot. She was wearing tight black pants and high heels, with hair down to her waist. I thought, 'She certainly knows who she is.' But as she started to read, it was amazing to watch the androgynousness emerging from this woman.

#### **Ugly Stereotypes**

With only one male character, Tinman, who's not a rapist or a bully, The Ballad of Little Jo has been accused of male-bashing. Greenwald is ready with

"For nice guys I'll match mine against any in Unforgiven," she says. She admits Frank Badger is "a bigot and a Frank Badger is a one of misogynist," but adds that he's complex drawn, "I'll and so compassionately drawn, match him against any part John Wayne ever played.

The problem, the filmmaker suggests, is that "people aren't used to seeing men through the eyes of a woman. The sex and violence being perpetrated against women in our time is real, and is accepted in the work of men, but is taken as a comment on men if it's part of the work of

"Woman-bashing is traditionally a very acceptable part of our society. It's taken for granted. It's nice to see men become self-conscious about it, watching my film. They need to take it a step further to become aware of men's portrayals of women, whether it's Fatal Attraction or the way Woody Allen portrays women in his films."

Men's westerns, Greenwald adds, stereotype women as "either demure farm wives or whores...Stereotyping is bashing.'

When she started working on The Ballad of Little Jo two and a half years ago, no one had heard of The Crying Game or Orlando. Greenwald didn't know gender would be such a hot topic by the time her film was released. "It's amazing," she says, "when you start on something that hasn't been done and you realize there are all those other people out there aware of the same issues.

How about a good Lesbian film? Greenwald says she's not a Lesbian herself, but "if I found a great story I wanted to tell, I'd do it."

# Milwaukee's MAPFEST Draws **Record Breaking Crowd**

By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- By all accounts, the Eighth Annual MAPfest, held Sunday, September 5 at the Performing Arts Center's Peck Pavilion and Riverfront Grounds, was a rollicking success. A record attendance at the festival raised some \$43,000 for support services for people affected by AIDS and HIV disease.

For most of the day, rain threatened, but that didn't seem to bother anyone. There were booths aplenty, nearly 50 of them to take your mind off the weather, offering everything from food, drink and games to merchandise and information. There were also two stages with performances by some of southeast Wisconsin's most popular female impersonators.

#### Flirtations, Blomberg/Mahaffey Concert

An exciting new addition to MAPfest this year was a matinee concert in the PAC's Vogel Hall featuring Milwaukee's own Coni Blomberg and Foyne Mahaffey and the "Fabulous Flirtations.

Blomberg and Mahaffey warmed up the audience with their original music that was both delightfully saucy and satirically

Blomberg and Mahaffey have been performing together for more than 10 years. This was their first benefit for MAPfest, but they appear every second Sunday at Cafe Melange in the Hotel Wisconsin. They are not to be missed.

What can you say about the Flirtations? One thing for sure, they are as sparkling and personable off stage as on,

The Flirts, Jon Arterton, Aurelio Font, Jimmy Rutland and Cliff Townsend, laughed and joked easily. Two have lovers, Cliff and Aurelio. Two are single. "Funny," Jimmy joked, "the two most attractive ones are single."

The Flirts began their singing career on a street corner in Greenwich Village in 1988. The first night, they put a hat out on

the sidewalk and got enough money (\$46) to head out for Chinese, Aurelio said. He paused, then added, "food."

At that time, the four of them included "Diva" Michael Callen. Sadly, he is no longer able to perform because of AIDS. He is one of the longest surviving people with AIDS, but now it is getting to him. What he feared most, KS, for which there is no medication, has hit his lungs. All of his remaining energy now is being devoted to cutting his "legacy album" of his own songs.

Asked what they thought of Milwaukee, Aurelio replied that they'd never been here before, but they loved what they saw of it, "the airport mainly. He added that the taxi ride in was great. "The cab driver who took us over here was fabulously Gay." The only problem was that "He didn't have any idea where he

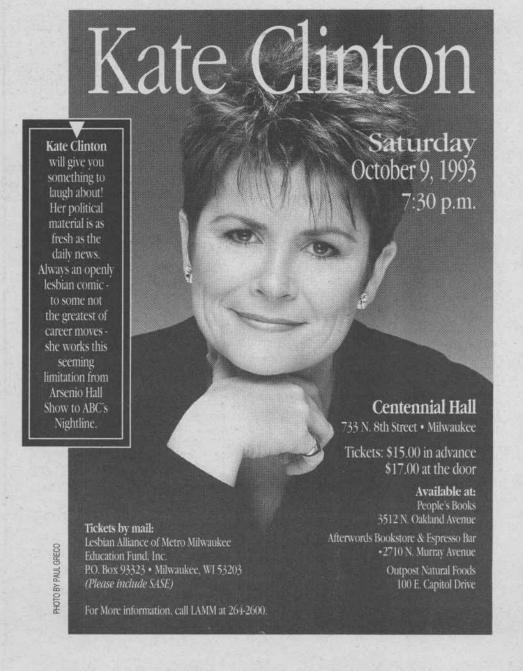
was going. At this point, Cliff took a banana. peeled it, and with one eyebrow raised

seductively, began to eat.

Asked about their future, the long run, they said they will continue to perform, dedicating themselves as they always have done, to making the general population aware of the contributions Lesbian and Gay artists have made to

As part of that, they will be appearing in the movie Philadelphia, staring Tom Hanks as a homophobic young lawyer who contracts HIV. His homophobia lessens as he grows in experience and suffering. The movie is due to be released in December. the amobula topics daid

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# Hilarious Comedian, Sutterfield, To Perform Oct. 3 in Milwaukee

[Milwaukee]- Deborah Parks Satterfield calls herself a "shy extrovert." A Milwaukee native, Satterfield, left Milwaukee in 1983 and after an eight year stint in Minneapolis, moved to Seattle in 1989. Once there she proceeded to "shake up the place" by forming a brand new Black Lesbian comedy troupe, "Four Big Girls."

Satterfield will be making a homecoming of sorts when she appears at the PrideFest 94 benefit, "A Night At the Theatre." The benefit will take place on Sunday October 3rd at Centennial Hall. It will also feature award winning playwright, Holly Hughes and her one woman show. Tickets are \$15.00, \$10.00 for low income and students.

"I left Milwaukee because I felt that I

"I left Milwaukee because I felt that I needed to leave my hometown in order to grow as an artist," said Deborah. "You know how when people get to know you they always want you to keep doing the same thing. I had to expand and try new things. Plus I had an opportunity to join a theatre company out here."

Satterfield does a one woman show that can only be described as a "riot." Her piece entitled "Just Desserts" is about "chocolate cakes, ugly babies and idle threats."

"There's nobody out there, that I know of, talking about being queer, body image and being a person of color all at the same time." said Deborah. "I find humor and serious comedy in combining all of those elements."

For a while Satterfield was working in social services but then she "liberated" herself by embarking on a full time career in the theatre. She has developed several different comic monologues, appeared in a number of productions with Seattle-theatre companies and done a lot of writing.

"My goal was to get all of my short stories published in different women's magazines and that happened." said Deborah. Among the magazines that have published her works are "Sinister Wisdom," "Conditions," and "Evergreen Chronicles."

Her writing has gotten her noticed by the Seattle Repertory Theater Company. The troupe recently commissioned Satterfield to co-write a play for junior high school students with the theme of fear. Deborah willingly admits to being 42. She attended Riverside High School but dropped out at age 15. "I just kind of ran the streets and hit the Gay bars." Then at about age 23, she decided to attend college. After passing all the entrance exams for UWM and being accepted, Satterfield was rejected when the school found out that she didn't have a high school diploma.

Not to be denied, Satterfield went out and got her GED. "I never stopped learning just because I wasn't in school," said Deborah. "I went to UWM for a year and then I left because I wanted to actively participate in theatre. I didn't want to just read about it, I wanted to do it."

And do it she has. After twenty-two part time and full time years in the theatre, Satterfield has appeared in numerous productions, written a play, a number of monologues and formed her own comedy troupe.

Satterfield is excited about coming back to Milwaukee, "This is going to a blast, I am getting calls from old friends who are telling me how much they are looking forward to my show."

Deborah says that her friends will find her more serious about her work and they will find her work is more polished then it was ten years ago. "Every time I moved, I made decisions about increasing my professionalism and taking my work more seriously. Living in your hometown and having all of your friends and relatives tell you how wonderful you are is not as challenging as having to prove yourself over and over again to strangers."

On October 3rd, Satterfield will bring her new professionalism and polish to Milwaukee. Many of those who will see her, will do so for the first time. She is looking forward to proving herself again.

A Night At the Theatre is being sponsored by Full Moon Productions, the West Side Dykes, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Instep Magazine, Hurricane Productions, PrideFest, Theatre X and LOC (Womyn of Color).

Tickets are available at Afterwords Bookstore, Theatre X, Instep, OutPost Natural Foods, People's Books and the Station II bar. Tickets can also be ordered by calling the PrideFest Hotline, at 272-FEST. Both Barbara and Jeanne will be on hand to discuss book publishing, Mother Courage Press and perhaps read from some of their own books. This event will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, October 19, AfterWords is pleased to welcome another local writer, Elizabeth Ridley, to read, discuss and sign copies of her new novel, Throwing Roses, which has recently generated many favorable reviews, including substantial coverage in The Milwaukee Journal. Ms. Ridley's program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Additional special events, including poetry readings, author appearances and a gala Hallowe'en bash at AfterWords, will be announced over the next few weeks. Everyone at AfterWords would like to take a moment to remind people of the September Special of 10% off all T-shirts in stock and in October, 10% off all calendars in stock.

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# Queer Program to Air Teen Video 'Be True to Yourself'

[Milwaukee]- In a continuing effort to provide information and support to Queer teens in Milwaukee, the producers of the Brand New Queer Program will show the video Be True To Yourself on Tuesday, September 21. The Brand New Queer Program airs live every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. on Warner Cable Channel 47.

In Be True To Yourself, Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris, a successful Gay couple, talk to teenagers about growing up Gay, self-love, homophobia and the courage to be who you are. Rod, an international model, and Bob, a professional bodybuilder with the titles of Mr. America and Mr. Universe, were married in 1989 and now speak regularly on TV and on college campuses about equal rights and dignity for all people.

As always on the Queer Program, viewers will be invited to call in and join a discussion about the topics raised in the video. The show will include the latest Queer news. The show replays every week on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays at 11:00 p.m.

The producers of the Brand New Queer Program continue to invite individuals to participate in the program. Interested persons can call in, write or create a video for the show.

Also, persons are welcome to make an appearance on the program with a relevant topic or to discuss an upcoming event. Write to Queer Program at P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call (414) 265-8500 to contribute items or to get further information.

# AfterWords Book Store Plans Variety of October Events

[Milwaukee]- AfterWords is pleased to announce a series of special programs to take place at the Eastside Bookstore and Espresso beginning in October.

As our first author appearance, we are especially happy to present one of Milwaukee's most interesting poets, Jay Hanson, on Thursday, October 7th at 7:30 p.m. Jay has gained much recognition as a poet and has long been involved in AIDS

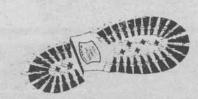
Our October highlight event is to be on Monday, October 11, when we will be hosting a National Coming Out Day "Coming Out" Party. There will be fun, food, and many surprises in store plus a full array of "National Coming Out Day" items available, including pins, T-shirts, postcards and the like.

Monday, October 11, will also be the launch date for new hours at AfterWords which will include being open on Mondays. AfterWords will now be open Sundays through Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.

AfterWords has designated Thursday,

October 14, as Mother Courage Press Day. Barbara Lindquist and Jeanne Arnold are Mother Courage Press, publisher of feminist, humanist and Lesbian titles and located in Racine, Wisconsin.

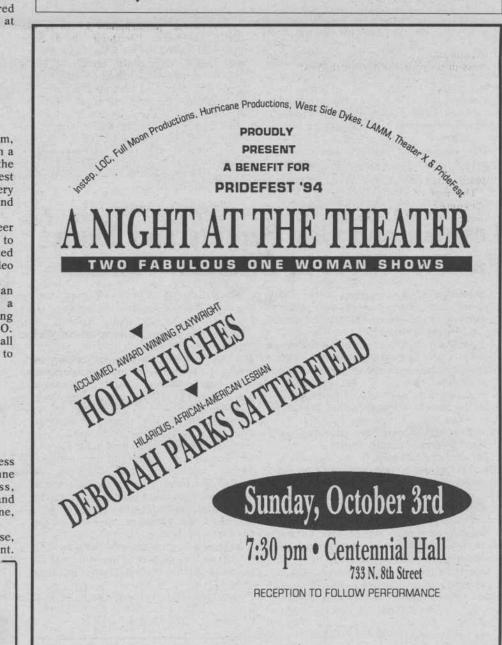
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#### POLITICALLY SPEAKING

# As Long As We Punch Holes In Their Dike, We Will Be Winning

**By Bill Menuier** 

Cobb County, Georgia; Hales Corners, Wisconsin; Fairfax, Virginia; Sussex, Wisconsin and the state of Idaho. As diverse as these locales may be they all have something in common: they are among the latest battlegrounds in the fight for Lesbian and Gay liberation.

In Cobb County, the County Commission passed a resolution stating Gavs and Lesbians are "incompatible with local standards." Several large demonstrations from an increasingly active Cobb County Gay and Lesbian community have ensued as a result.

In Hales Corners, a young, bigoted school teacher, Jeff Baas, objects to Wisconsin Light being distributed at the

In Fairfax VA, a local skating rink has become the site of several demonstrations because its management refuses to allow Gay and Lesbian couples to skate

In Sussex, Peter Meissner is trying to get the local library to remove "Daddy's Roommate," a book about a child with a Gay father who has a live-in lover.

In Idaho, another of those now infamous referendums banning Gays and Lesbians from equal rights has just been approved for submittal to the voters.

Some may find all of this to be depressing, and to a certain extent it is, but to another extent it isn't. Look at your map and you will find that these locations are spread throughout the country. When people in Idaho begin getting worried about the growing power of our movement it should tell us something, we are

The purpose of any political movement is to mandate change. The process of changing laws and attitudes is an arduous one. It takes decades to go through it.

If a movement is successful in effecting change, it WILL provoke a response. That is what is happening here.

Without our success in getting in changing at least some attitudes, we would never have gotten Gay and Lesbian literature and papers into any libraries to begin with. Without our success in getting new laws passed, the bigots of Idaho wouldn't have felt the need for a referendum. Without our success in destroying the unfair stereotypes foisted on us, the Cobb County Board wouldn't have felt the urgent need to pass its little piece of paper.

The fact is that twenty years ago, (maybe even ten years ago), none of these things would have happened. Even the right wing reactionaries who control the Cobb County board wouldn't have thought we were worth condemning. In their eyes, we were not only "beneath contempt" we were beneath notice.

So before anyone goes off wringing their hands and gnashing their teeth, let's recognize that before we can get people to change their minds about us, we first need to get them to recognize that we exist and that we are a force to be reckoned with.

We have pressed our case publicly and privately. On one end of the spectrum, a million of us marching on Washington; on the other end, ten Gay square dancers got a warm reception at the Wisconsin Square Dancing convention. All of these things have helped change attitudes towards us.

Society's attitudes have changed to such an extent that even when we are bashed by our enemies they are unwilling to admit they are enemies. Our opponents now couch their opposition in terms designed to hide their hatred. Jeff Baas, says he is not against Gays and Lesbians, as does Meissner. The County Commissioners of Cobb County also claim that they aren't anti-Gay/Lesbian. They recognize that society as a whole is uncomfortable with growing very homophobia.

The obvious response to such tactics is to expose those who use them for the hypocrites they are. We must continue to explain to people why the Boy Scouts remind us of the Hitler youth. We must state our case on the importance of children having access to books that show them we are not the dangerous pedophiles we are made out to be. We must continue to point out that we are entitled to the same rights everyone else

Meissner, and Baas along with the bigots of Fairfax, Cobb County and Idaho are like the little Dutch boy sticking his finger in the dike. Their problem is that there now so many holes that they can't possibly plug them all.

Censor our books and newspapers in libraries and you will still see us in the mainstream press and on television. Say we violate "local standards" and you will provoke more of us to come out of the closet and demonstrate. Tell us we can't skate together and more of us will be there to do so. Try to pass referendums condemning us and you will find that we are still here, still queer and still fighting

Yes we are winning. As long as we keep punching holes in that dike and keep the water flowing; the Jeff Baas', Peter Meissners', Cobb Counties, Fairfax skating rinks and Idahos' of the world can do very little about it.

# Lesbian and Gay Parents and Their Families Meet in Orlando, Florida

[Washington, D.C.]- More than 340 Lesbian and Gay parents and their children gathered in Orlando, Florida over the July 4th weekend for the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International's (GLPCI) 14th annual conference. The conference was composed of three related sub-conferences: one for parents, co-parents, step- parents and prospective parents; and two for children, one for those ages 6 to 12, and one for those 13 and older. Child care was provided for children 5 years-old and younger.

The 45 boys and girls in the children's conference were entertained by a magician, visited by a petting zoo which was brought to the hotel, swam in the pool, traveled to Disney World and spent Saturday night at a "sleep over."

The teenagers and older children put on their own conference, consisting of workshops and business meetings.

One particularly well-received workshop was a panel discussion by FLorida high school students from straight families on their views of Lesbians and Gay men.

It was founded in 1980 as a coalition of Gay fathers' support groups and redefined as a Lesbian and Gay parenting organization in 1986. Membership is evenly split between the sexes. This year begins a stronger commitment to do outreach to people of color.

A New Name

By the end of the weekend, the 65 young people present had officially changed their organization's name from "Just For Us" to "Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere" (COLAGE).

According to Emily Gmerek, codirector from Chicago, Just For Us existed to "foster the growth of daughters and sons of Lesbian and Gay parents by providing education, support and community on local and international levels; to advocate... awareness in society that 'Love makes a Family!' Under our new name, COLAGE, we will continue to

Co-director Stefan Lynch of Toronto, Canada added, "The old name was created at a time when kids with Lesbian and Gay parents weren't in the spotlight. As the media have focused on us...we wanted a name that would describe exactly who we are and still maintain the anonymity that many kids need. COLAGE can be as anonymous or out there as the situation calls for.'

Next year's conference will be held in New York City as part of the Stonewall 25 festivities on Friday and Saturday, June 24 and 25.

For more information about GLPCI, write: GLPCI, P.O. Box 50360, Washington, D.C. 20091.



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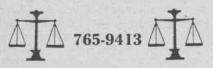
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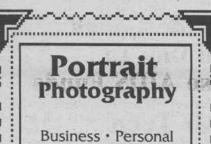




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# **FAGGOT SCENE REPORT—** Black Paint Dripping in the Fog

By Dave Houle

Author's Note: This is the second installment of an on-going scene report of hang-out spots for Homo boys and girls around Milwaukee.

Do not take this column as indicative of a "generation" or "Gay youth" or whatever labels you care to choose. We have enough people trying to speak for us. That's part of the problem. These are my words.

Juneau Park

It's weird when people or places have a reputation and then actually LIVE UP to

So 8:30 p.m. rolls around and Michail and I are in said park and he has to go back to the car for something. I'm sitting alone on the grass minding my OWN business when from the descending darkness, this edgy, late-20's man greets me and then leads me down this path. I don't resist and I'm not sure where I am anymore and we start running from nothing in particular. After some distance, I lean against a tree to catch my bearings and then he leans in and there's a sweet, urgent breath close to my face and I feel a hand about to touch me and then...AND THEN...

WHATEVER!

If hideous cruise parks aren't the nadir of Gay existence, I swear to GROD I know not what is. Except maybe Gay pride. But that's neither here nor there, hey.

Anyways, it's that really weird, thick foggy August Wednesday when Michail and I wade our way to Juneau Park. Our friends: "But why do you wanna hang out THERE?"

"It's... ahhh... 'research,' " I say. Ujima Begins a Monthly Film

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, September

The park is essentially an open space bordered by the city on one side and an embankment of trees on the other. The envelope of nightfall and surrounding fog, however, stricken any space so all I feel is claustrophobic uneasiness.

But perhaps that just mirrors what everyone feels there. No one is ever at ease. Ever notice?

We're pushing our way through the air and neither of us can believe: 1) That we're here and, 2) That that guy just passed us smiling, "Good evening, fella.

"He was looking at you, Dave."

"Bullshit. He was looking at BOTH of

us."
"Nope. He said, 'Fella.' That's not

I feel weird. Like I'm flattered and sickened simultaneously. It's at this time Michail and I walk past that big statue of like the founder of Milwaukee, Mr. Juneau or something. And spray-painted in alien black letters is one word.

It's so blunt and so obvious and so out of place on this monument we can only laugh at the recognition. We're like these scrawls of crude, black spray paint dripping down the walls of fog this evening that can't be happening.

We leave. I guess cruise parks have their place, so if that's your thing, do it and don't have any regrets. But Gay men are gross and cruise parks multiply that grossness by a power of 10.

That's why I'm a faggot.

## Dykes To Watch Out For







Nelson thanked the Lesbian/Gay community for all that it has done in the

past in waging the fight against AIDS.

But now, he said, with no cure in sight,

'energies must be reinvested for the

'The Gay and Lesbian community has





long haul."





now know we have a long, long journey

ahead of us together. My personal plea to

the community and it comes from the

bottom of my heart, is for a huge turnout

at the Walk with as many pledges as can

be obtained in hand.



Series with 'Jungle Fever' Sept. 26 If anyone would like further information

26, 1993, at 12:30 p.m., Ujima will be sponsoring Sunday Matinee: Movies about the African-American experience. The movies will be held at the Milwaukee Women's Center, 611 N. Broadway. The purpose of this monthly event is to offer African-American Gays and

Lesbians an opportunity to view positive images of themselves and/or issues facing the African-American Community

This month's selection is Jungle Fever, Spike Lee's controversial film about interracial relationships. A limited discussion with light refreshments will follow the movie. For more information about Ujima and its other events, please contact Rod at (414) 277-7671.

#### A Successful Picnic

The steering committees of Ujima, Men of of all Colors Together (MACT) and Black Lesbians United Emergence (BLUE) would like to thank all those individuals who made our MidSummer Jam Picnic a success on August 22, at Kern Park.

Over 75 people interacted and learned about each respective organization.

#### AIDS WALK Continued from Page 1

are witnessing the kind of participation and support that is imperative," said. But still more registrants are needed.

Registration brochures and pledge forms for the Walk are available at convenient locations throughout Wisconsin, including MAP, other AIDS service agencies and Kohl's Food Stores. Walkers are asked to return the convenient, pre-addressed registration form attached to Walk brochures, and then to solicit pledges from co- workers, family and friends.

Because of the generosity of corporate sponsors, all money raised by Walkers will go directly to support people with HIV/AIDS throughout Wisconsin.

Major corporate sponsors include Miller Brewing Company, Today's TMJ-4, Bank One, Aurora Health Care, Harley-Davidson, Inc., the Rath Foundation, Stein Medical, Time Insurance Co. and Ralph Marlin and Company, Inc.

To ensure the success of the Walk, approximately 300 volunteers will be needed on the day of the Walk. To volunteer, call (800) 359- 9272 in Milwaukee; (800) 486-6276 in Madison; and (800) 675-9400 in Green Bay.

The 10 kilometer (6.2 miles) Walk begins and concludes at South Urban Park, just north of the Summerfest grounds along the lakefront in downtown Milwaukee.

Opening ceremonies will begin at noon. The Walk begins at 12:30 p.m. Closing ceremonies will begin approximately at

about either Ujima or MACT, please contact Veral at (414) 347-0580. For further information about BLUE, call (414)

## Hair Designers Plan Day To Raise AIDS Funds

[Milwaukee]- On Saturday, October 9, 1993, Royale East hair designers will be joining hundreds of salons nationwide for National Color Can Make A Difference Day, a one-day campaign to raise funds for the fight against AIDS. As will the other salons around the country, Royale East will be donating 25% of the day's proceeds to the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), co-founded by Elizabeth Taylor and Dr. Mathilde Krim. AmFar is the nation's leading private, non-profit foundation dedicated to AIDS research, education and public policy.

Royale East is located at 759 Milwaukee Street, Suite 220. For more information, call (414) 273-1400.

3:30 p.m.

#### Magic Johnson/Mike Dunleavy To Head Up Walk

Retired L.A. Lakers star "Magic" Johnson and Milwaukee Bucks Coach Mike Dunleavy will team up as honorary co-chairs of the Walk, fittingly titled "A Year of Magic' in Johnson's honor.

Johnson said that he is looking forward to joining Dunleavy in the Walk. "Coach Dunleavy and I are working together to meet the challenges of AIDS and HIV disease," said Johnson. "And we're looking for a strong team effort to make the 1993 AIDS Walk a success.'

Dunleavy echoed Johnson, saying he was looking "forward to participating in the most successful Wisconsin AIDS Walk in history.'

Johnson and Dunleavy will also attend the Wisconsin AIDS Walk Breakfast prior to the Walk. The Breakfast will be held in the Italian Community Center at 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$50 per person.

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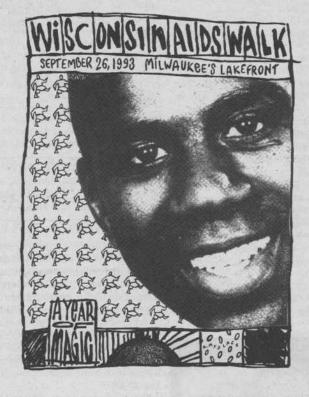
Prizes will be awarded to the individuals and teams who bring in the most collected pledge money to the Walk.

Prizes include a seven-day cruise for two, round- trip tickets to Jamaica, AM/FM Cassette Walkmans, cordless telephones and color stereo TVs.

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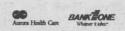
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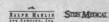
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38 yr old GWM, 5'10", 185 lbs, stocky build, blond w/ short beard & moustache, seeks masculine type guy, 25-45. If you're serious and want to have a good time, enjoy each other's company,...then, please give me a call. Box# 3678

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GWM, well-built, very attractive, 35 yrs old, 6'1", 190 lbs, blk hair & eyes, passionate & sensuous, serious yet fun. Seeking the same in a man, 20-30. We can get better acquainted through conversation, so please call. Box# 3249

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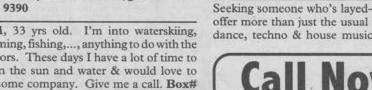
Pete, Milwaukee, 25, 5'6", 130, black hair, brown eyes, attractive, like water sports, tennis, movies, seeks friend 21-40 for possible relationship. Box# 6275

BM, 30, 5'8", 170, brown eyes, mustache, attractive, athletic, well-built, low-key, military haircut, ISO guy 21-35, who's masculine, non-smoker, confident, drug/ disease free. Box# 6379

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Good-looking GWM, 21 yrs old, 5'9", 135 conversation. Box# 4451

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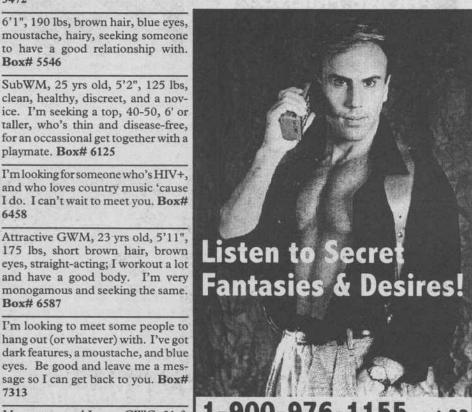
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GWM, 25 yrs old, 5'11 1/2", 167 lbs, wanting to meet someone interested in something other than the "same ol', same ol'." I'm looking for someone new, honest & true to himself. I hope that's you; give me a call. Box# 4873

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# Boycott Colorado Update

[New York, NY]- New York Boycott Colorado, on September 8, called for students and faculty in colleges and universities across the country to join in the boycott of Colorado. The boycott is directed against Colorado in an effort to bring about the removal of the anti-Gay Amendment 2 and to discourage the passage of Amendment 2-type legislation in other states.

The New York group urged students and faculty to stop Colorado grad schools, professional schools and companies based in the Mountain State from recruiting on their campus.

Students and faculty were also urged not to buy Coors beer, Viadent toothpaste and Celestial Seasonings from campus stores and surrounding stores.

In addition, students and faculty were encouraged to "Write about your anger toward businesses that choose a discriminatory state as a location on the postcard-size magazine subscriptions that use Colorado as their main processing facility." (Nearly all magazines use the company located in Colorado. You can check the address on the post card.)

Finally, everyone is urged to call the Colorado tourism board at 1-800-COLORADO and tell them you're not entering the state and why. It's a free call.

To call Colorado Governor Romer, call (303) 866-2471.

For more information, call Robert at New York Boycott Colorado at (212) 727-7558.

# Latest On Cobb County, Georgia

[Marietta, GA]- In an update to our story in the last issue about the anti-Gay resolution in Cobb Country, Georgia, cash and checks stamped "Gay Money" or "Gay \$" are turning up throughout the northern Georgia county. The marked money is not part of an organized effort, said Jon Greaves, president of the Cobb Citizens Coalition — a newly formed Gay group. "I think it's an effort to

demonstrate economic power," he said.

In the meantime, Mayor Mike Mears of Decatur in DeKalb County just east of Atlanta, has extended a welcoming hand to all Cobb County residents who feel oppressed.

oppressed.
"We in Decatur take a 180-degree opposite view of that in Cobb, Mears told the Associated Press.

Decatur, seat of DeKalb County, is home to 17,000 people, including a number of Gay groups including the Digging Dykes of Decatur and the Lesbian Avengers.

Residents say that Decatur is a paragon of progressiveness compared to Cobb County. As part of this, a group of DeKalb County residents are trying to raise money to lure Theater in the Square to Decatur.

Not everyone, however, in DeKalb County wants to welcome Gays,

"If the domestic partnership issue comes up, we'll come out against it because we don't want our tax money going for that sort of thing," said Doug Marshall, head of the DeKalb Christian Coalition.

#### **GEBBIE**

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Gebbie's luncheon address to the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association in New York, found a more receptive audience. She even pleased Denny Lee, media spokesman for ACT UP New York.

"She gave a good speech," said Lee.
"I've heard her speak before and this is was by far her best performance."

However, Lee still sees a fundamental problem with the AIDS czar. It is that "he (Clinton) created a powerless position and filled it with a powerless person, which is unfortunate."

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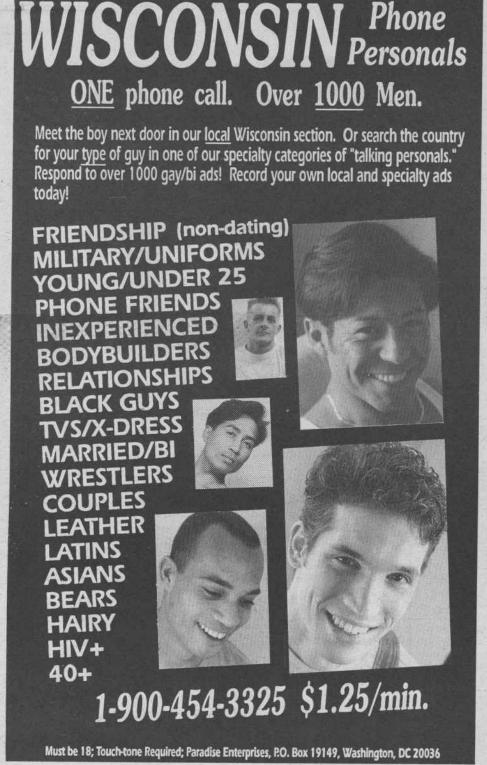
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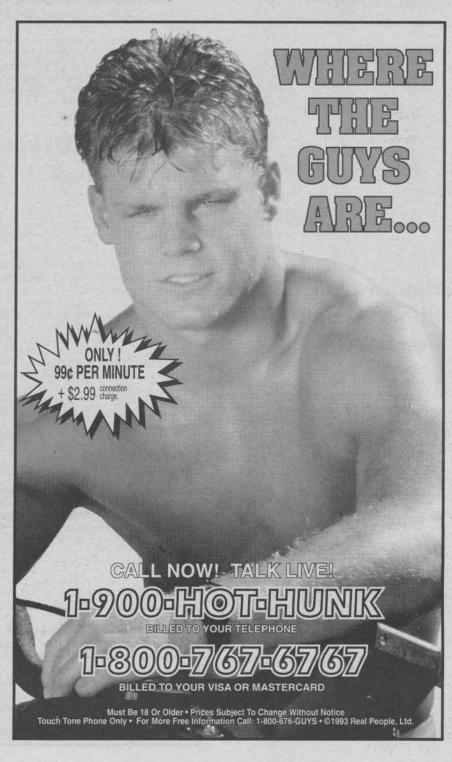
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# A Conversation with Congressman Studds On Gays In The Military

By Leonard Earl Johnson

Gerry Studds has represented the Massachusetts Tenth District in the U.S. House of Representatives for many years. He is a veteran of many campaigns. Since a long ago scandal linked him to a 17 year-old House Page, he has been openly Gay.

Leonard Earl Johnson: In our conversation during your last campaign, we talked about your ordeal with the page boy. I'm now curious about your growth. Was that what forced you out of the closet?

Gerry Studds: Yes, that was the scandal. It was very upsetting.

LEJ: Since you've come out have you gained inspiration from your own courage?

GS: It's different for everybody, and I certainly would not recommend doing it under those circumstances, and not on national television, but the fundamentals are the same.

You tend to be overwhelmed by the positive responses of your family and friends and colleagues. Besides, it's like someone has been sitting inside your head with a pillow for fifty years and suddenly they get up and you can breath. It is rather a nice feeling.

LEJ: It's my opinion people who hide for fear they will be oppressed for their homosexuality are creating a self-fulfilling prophecy.

GS: I think that's true. I think it's important to recognize there certainly are instances where those worst fears do come true. Where parents reject, where there is violence, where people are beaten and killed. It is important to never, ever forget that it is there. But it is very true for the most part, we construct and seal our own boundaries.

LEJ: Your rift with Barney Frank over Lesbians/Gays in the military, how serious is it?

GS: I think the press wanted to pick on that. We had a temporary disagreement over tactics, not on goals. The only thing we really disagreed about was when it was appropriate publicly to talk about compromise.

I felt you don't do it unless you have to, and Barney thought we should, at that point. We never differed on what we were trying to accomplish.

LEJ: You're fearful now, of codifying into law the military's Gay/Lesbian restrictive rules?

GS: We will codify something. I'm certain of that. Most likely whatever language Nunn (Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) and company come up with, and we (Congress) may do something much

People have sat back after Inauguration Day-dashing of their euphoric dreams... and realized the President is not by a stroke of the pen going to be able to end the policy.

Putting aside whatever wisdom, or lack of wisdom we may attribute to the manner in which he approached it, the bottom line is he was trying to do what he said he would do. He was unable to do it because of people like Sam Nunn and the Joint

#### Boulevard Theatre Plans A Benefit For Itself

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble will open its eighth season by presenting its annual Summer Acting Workshop, September 17, 18, 24, 25 and 26 at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic. The theatre will open with refreshments at 7:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m., with a social hour to follow. The suggested donation is \$10.

The Workshop, a collection of scenes rehearsed and directed by guest artists, is staged annually as both an opportunity to showcase the talents of area directors and actors and to raise funds for the operating budget for the Ensemble's October production.

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theatre companies.

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Chiefs. And the response of Congress and the country.

We need to realize who the good guys and the bad guys are. I get a little discouraged sometimes when I look at some parts of the community (and see) the negative reaction to the President.

This is, it ought to go without saying, but sometimes you have to remind people, the first and the only President ever to take the position he is taking. He's expended a great deal of political capital on it.

I spoke with the President a few months ago in the White House and said, "Mr. President, I want you to know that we understand you have spilled blood on this issue."

He was wearing a red polkadot tie and he said, "I know. This used to be blue."

The fact of the matter is the Congress was not ready. Even if the President had done what I wanted him to do, which was in the first week issue an executive order lifting the ban, the next day the Senate would have reversed it, and the House would have done it the following week. There is no doubt about that.

The bad news is obvious. You can list off the bad news until the sun sets. The good news is that we are going to win.

LEJ: In our lifetime?

GS: I don't know. And I don't know how. I think the military thing will be won in the courts. They will strike whatever in the hell we (Congress) do, down.

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The civil rights thing obviously, will have to be won in the Congress.

## Toll of AIDS On Uninfected Gay Men Is Topic

[Milwaukee]- In news from the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, the Gay Men's Discussion Group will be talking about the toll of AIDS on the uninfected Gay man. The discussion will be held Sunday, September 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. Preregistration is not required, and the cost is a \$2 donation. For more information, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

#### **New Support Group Forming**

A support group for male couples is scheduled to begin on Wednesday evenings in October at the Counseling Center. The group will focus on issues of intimacy, boundaries, expectations, trust, family, friendships and enhancing communication. Interested couples are invited to call Mark at (414) 769-1300 or Jerry at (414) 258-4676.

#### West Side Dykes Plan to Meet October 3

[Milwaukee]- The West Side Dykes, those neighborly women, are meeting on Sunday, October 3, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., which is a little earlier than usual (because a bunch of them are going to the Pridefest women's theater bash at 7:30

After noting the colorful events about to fall from the Milwaukee Tree of Lesbian Activities (translation: What's happening?), there will be games (bring your favorite), and/or a revival of the lost arts of conversation and discussion (not to mention listening). This will all take place at 2020 N. 49th Street and is open to women living between Lake Michigan and Madison

#### Correction

In the last issue of **Light**, we reported that the current interim delegate from Wisconsin to the national Stonewall 25 Committee was Lori Carlson. This is an error. It is Lori Coleman. We apologize for the error.

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