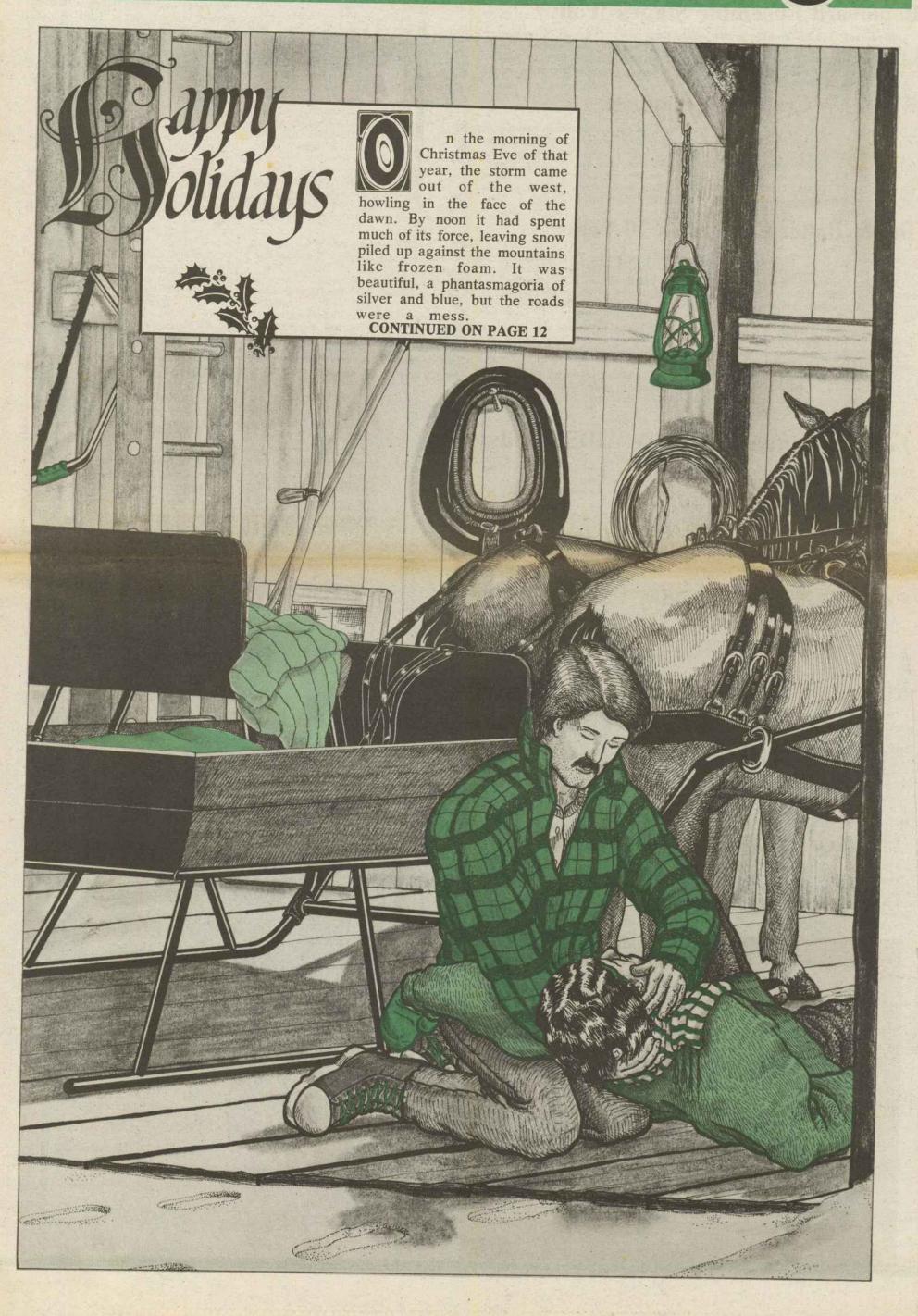
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# The Wisconsin Light



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Sherman Park Plans Social Benefit

[Milwaukee]- Food, fun and conversation was had by all.

On November 17, 1993, the Sherman Park Rainbow Association pot luck was held at St. Catherine's lodge. About 34 people showed up to eat, drink and be merry.

Those attending the meeting voted for the Executive Committee members. Those elected were Jeff Snyder and Scott D. Gunkel, co-chairs; Treasurer, C.B; and Secretary, Henrik Christianson.

The next main event will be held on December 18, 1993. It will be a social event. For time and place, please call Jeff at (414) 444-5274.

# **Boulevard Ensemble Stages 'Folly'**

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble will continue its eighth season by presenting Lanford Wilson's tender comedy Talley's Folly at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic from December 17 through January 9. Performances are Thursday through Sunday and all shows are at 8:00 p.m. For reservations (recommended) and ticket information, call (414) 672-6019.

#### Women's Craft Sale Planned

[Milwaukee]- A Craft Sale by and for women by "Our Space," a Lesbian community program of the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, will be held Sunday, December 12 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. A variety of woman-made crafts, including painted sweatshirts, wood and fabric crafts and decorations will be sold. Live entertainment and refreshments will be provided. Artists wanting to see their work at the fair can contact the Counseling Center at (414) 271-2565. The fair will be held at Holy Rosary Parish Hall, across the parking lot from the Counseling Center at 2038 N. Bartlett in Milwaukee.

#### **Bauer Ballet Celebrates 20 Years**

The Bauer Contemporary Ballet continues its 20 years of [Milwaukee]ground-breaking tradition, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 7 and 8, 1994, when it takes dance to the mainstage of the Skylight Opera Theatre in the Broadway Theatre Center. An evening of firsts and reflections on the past 20 seasons, the Bauer Contemporary Ballet is the first non-resident company to perform in the beautiful new 18th Century-style Baroque opera house.

A unifying theme of intimate and personal relationships permeates the evening's dance which will feature three world premieres. The choreographers, Susie Bauer, Van Collins and Billy Umland explore the tenderness of love, the joy and fragility of life, the

support and betrayal of friendship and the struggle to survive.

The Bauer Contemporary Ballet is a member of the Milwaukee AIDS Project Arts Action Committee. Audience members are invited to participate by bringing non-perishable food items along with personal care and infant care items. For ticket and other information, call (414) 291-7800.

# **Fashion Statements Raise AIDS Funds**

[West Hollywood, CA]- The Milwaukee AIDS Project will be one of the recipients of part of the proceeds from the sale of the new STOP AIDS shirt being manufactured by Eton Of Sweden. The STOP AIDS shirt is featured in the Eton Holiday Collection '93, and is a men's dress shirt made of Egyptian cotton, interwoven with a white, tone-on-tone message of "STOP AIDS." The shirt comes in three distinct styles, and all feature a "clock" button at the collar or cuff, signifying that time is running out for a cure for

In Milwaukee, the shirt is being sold exclusively at Harley's, 4009 N. Oakland Avenue in Shorewood. The cost is \$185 of which MAP will receive 10% and the Elizabeth Taylor Foundation will receive 20%.

### P-FLAG Planned Holiday Party

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) will be meeting on Sunday, December 19 at Kingo Lutheran Church, 1225 E. Olive St. in Shorewood from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. This will be a holiday party. Children, families and friends are welcome. Please bring a snack of your favorite Christmas treat to

# Ritke Exhibit Opens December 17

[Milwaukee]- The Silver Paper Gallery will be presenting an exhibition of paintings by Jackie Ritke from December 17, 1993 to February 5, 1994. The exhibition is titled 'Paintings; Mixed Watercolor Media.' The Gallery is located at 217 N. Broadway in

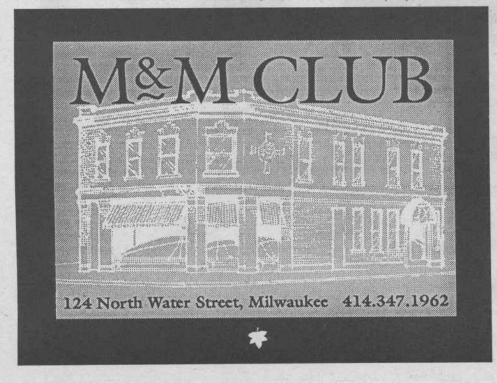
In her work, Ritke brings all different people together into staged settings, creating situations that make one question the relationships between sub-cultures. Subjects are often portrayed in an emotionally distant dialogue, yet the settings would suggest

An opening reception will be held at the Gallery on Dec. 17 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Call

#### (414) 273-7737 for more information.

# Liberace Is Alive and Coming Home

[Waterloo, WI]- Wisconsin was Liberace's home and the Winter holidays were his favorite season. To celebrate the outrageous phenomenon created by the World's Finest Showman, The Mode Theatre in Waterloo is producing Liberace is Alive and Coming Home. Randy Anderson literally becomes Liberace in a special New Year's Eve celebration that will include special treats, great music, dancing and, of course, Liberace himself. For reservations and other information, call 1-800-280-9632 or (414) 478-9632.



# President Clinton and David Mixner Settle Rift and Meet at White House

#### **Exclusive to Wisconsin Light** By Terry Boughner

[Milwaukee]- A true friendship is a rare and wonderful thing. Like a fine wine, it ages and mellows through the years. But sometimes, things happen and you begin to taste some dregs. Then it is time to talk. That time had come for David Mixner and President Bill Clinton.

The two had been friends for nearly 30 years. Mixner, a proud Gay man, an activist, had been senior advisor to the Clinton-Gore campaign. As such, he played an instrumental role in forging an unprecedented alliance between Clinton nation's Gay/Lesbian community.

But the friends reached a parting of the ways over the President's handling of the military ban against Lesbians and Gay men. In an interview with Light, Mixner called the way the President dealt with it 'disgraceful and disastrous.'

Mixner stood by his convictions and was arrested while demonstrating in front of the White House on July 31, 1993 and did not speak to his old friend after that. Until now

#### A Friendship renewed.

On Thursday, December 2, Mixner told Light, he received a call from the White House inviting him to come for an evening meeting. Mixner, his voice full of emotion at the memory, went and was escorted into the Oval Office. Vice President Al Gore was there. He had completed a meeting with the President, but had remained to say hello to Mixner.

After Gore left, Mixner and Clinton sat down, alone, for a one-on-one. A President's time is valuable and limited. but with Mixner, the President spent an hour and a half, the longest meeting any President has ever had with a Gay activist.

The first part of the meeting, Mixner told Light, was "very personal, full of emotion." Have things been healed, Mixner was asked?

"Yes," he replied quietly. "We have re-established our friendship.

For the remainder of the meeting, the two old friends talked about Lesbian/Gay issues, Mixner said. The President, Mixner said, showed a "remarkable knowledge of Gay/Lesbian issues. I was astounded."

Mixner said that he "made clear" to the President that they would continue to disagree on the Administration's military policy vis-a-vis Lesbians and Gay men. The President, Mixner said, told him that he understood, but that he would work to maintain their old, good friendship and

On leaving, Mixner asked Clinton what he should say. After all, he'd just spent an hour and a half with the President of the United States. There would be a great deal of interest.

Mixner said that the President replied, "Just tell them that you had an hour and a half meeting with the President of the United States who just happens to be a friend of mine."

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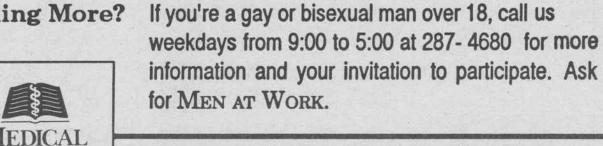


- The Gay community has taken a leading role in AIDS prevention efforts. Yet, even men who know a lot about AIDS often need support to keep up their change efforts, and want to learn even better ways to stay safe and help others stay healthy. That's why the Community Health Behavior Program of the Medical College of Wisconsin created MEN AT WORK.
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# **EDITORIAL**

# Milwaukee Setting Example for **Rest of State With AIDS Funding**

Recently, President Clinton spoke of the Holocaust that AIDS has wrought on all Americans, on women and men, the old and the young, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and straight, families, lovers and friends. He said that AIDS is not the face of the stranger. It is, instead, the pleading eyes of those closest to us saying, "I am dying: why doesn't

In Milwaukee, Mayor John Norquist has responded to that question by saying, "We will help." He has signed the 1994 City Budget that includes \$190,000 for use by the Milwaukee AIDS Project and other AIDS service agencies in providing care and some relief from the awful suffering. By doing this, the Mayor has placed Milwaukee at the forefront in the state and nation in the onerous and often terribly frustrating battle against this disease where every family, every child, is now at risk. We applaud him for this. We think every person in Milwaukee should do the same.

But Milwaukee is not an island and it cannot and should not stand alone in this. It is time for the suburbs, from Mequon and Brookfield to Hales Corners, along with the towns and cities out-state to follow Milwaukee's example. Some have done so. Many, too many,

It is time for people throughout the State of Wisconsin to realize that they have a problem that is not about to go away. It is time for them to show that they understand that in the President's words, AIDS "is a problem which has diminished the life of every American," no matter who you are.

The Milwaukee Common Council and Mayor Norquist have acted with compassion. Now, it is time for others to do the same. It is time for the suburbs and towns to see Milwaukee as a model, not as a place that is carrying the burden they should be shouldering themselves.

President Clinton has said that "there's no way I can now keep everybody alive who already has AIDS." The same thing is true for Governor Thompson. But the President also said that he underestimated the power of the "bully pulpit" that the White House is. The Governor should realize that the same thing is true of the Governor's Mansion.

We urge Governor Thompson to speak out; to tell people everywhere in this state in the strongest possible terms, that they must act and act now. They must follow the example of Milwaukee and other cities like it. As the late Jeffrey Schmalz said, this is an issue that is not going to go away.

We further urge Governor Thompson to take the lead in calling for the allocation of even more resources than has already been done. Let these funds be used by the towns and villages, the hamlets and the suburbs to help them bear what they must.

# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

#### By Terry Boughner

A lot of hard work and effort by a many dedicated people went into devising and moving the Milwaukee AIDS Initiative through to its final signing. I've mentioned some of them in my article in this issue. They richly deserve our thanks. But when the writing was done and the piece sent off for typeset, I thought of several more thank-you's that need to be said.

One is to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). Beginning last Summer, the people there began putting together the coalition of AIDS service agencies. That being done, they negotiated the always difficult process of bringing together a piece of legislation and getting it passed. All of us touched by AIDS and the suffering it is causing owe them a debt of thanks.

#### ACT UP

The second group is ACT UP Milwaukee.

When I was interviewing Doug Nelson, MAP's Executive Director, I remember

how much he praised ACT UP for bringing the matter to the public eye. It is good, I think, to keep in mind, that laws and budgets, no matter how worthy, seldom survive the democratic process without a heightening of consciousness. This is what ACT UP did and did most

have had reason to thank ACT UP and applaud them in what they do. It is ACT UP who carries the AIDS issue to the front pages and the ten o'clock news. They open doors so that the rest of us can go in and beyond.

I remember how Doug Nelson said that in the end, everyone worried about people living with AIDS; everyone praying that no more will die; everyone hoping that there will be someday a cure, should thank ACT UP.

Nelson did and on these pages, I can only second what he said. ACT UP is a valiant troop of people, dedicated and determined. We need them and I join MAP in thanking them for all they do.

Business in U.S. Gay/Lesbian papers and magazines with as few as 20 readers or as many as 40,000, from porno reviews to literary reviews, from very slick to definitely homespun. There is at least one Gay/Lesbian publication in 45 of 50

skillfully. Many times in the pages of this paper, I

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and a whole lot more.

# Civil Rights

like in any particular place.

Uses for The Directory

I was saddened to hear of the death of Mr. Schmalz. I had been wondering why I had not seen articles of his for so much this year. I was especially saddened because of Mr. Schmalz's promising change of attitude toward a problem that plagues the Gay community of this

we fully intend to continue pursuing

forced into a compromise that the TAA

approved at an emergency meeting. The

contract was made chaste, and it passed on the last day of the October floor

period." She indicated that the issue

Baldwin agreed, saying, "This whole

issue about rights for Gays and Lesbian is

very important. The TAA just wanted language symbolizing their commitment

to the rights of domestic partners and alternative families. This language is causing all this furor."

Carlinal as saying, "This current policy is as bad as stipulating that only married

people will receive wage increases, while

domestically partnered co-workers go

Kaminkow, President of AFSCME Local

634, dated November 29, Kaminkow expressed solidarity with the TAA on the

issue. "The Senate's action is an affront

to all working people and all labor

Kaminkow went on to note that the

Wisconsin State Employees Union and

the Wisconsin PEOPLE Conference had

both passed a resolution this year "which

supports enacting laws which... 'ensure

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[Guerneville, CA]-

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country.

I had written to Mr. Schmalz to object to his use of the term "Gay rights" in his stories. I sent him material published by right- wing hate groups showing how they use the term "Gay rights" to convince voters that Gays and Lesbians are seeking "special rights" rather

On February 14 of this year, Mr. Schmalz replied: 'Frankly, your point never dawned on me. The term 'Gay rights' is certainly well established among even Gay leaders. However, you are right that this is a civil rights battle and that it is never truly framed that way. I will discuss your note with my colleagues, Gay and straight, and take it under advisement."

I thought that I detected in Mr. Schmalz's own articles after that a trend toward the use of "civil rights," though "Gay rights" did rear its ugly head. Since then, The New York Times and other newspapers, including Gay ones, have continued ploughing with "Gay rights," and the right wing has continued from election victory to greater victory in its battle to deprive Gays and Lesbians of legal civil rights protection.

I wonder what Mr. Schmalz, were he alive, would think of "Gay rights" and his colleagues who still use it after the November victories of the hate groups in Cincinnati and other places.

Wouldn't it be a fitting tribute to Mr. Schmalz's memory if his fellow journalists reflected on the harm they have been doing and would then abandon "Gay rights" for "civil

# Same-Sex Marriages in Wisconsin [Madison]- State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) announced on December 1

**Baldwin Offers Bill to Legalize** 

that she will introduce bills early next year to legalize same-sex marriages and give all domestic partners the same privileges as married couples. Baldwin made her remarks at a press conference called by the Teaching Assistants Association (TAA) of UW-Madison held in the Capitol

Baldwin, a long-time leader in the struggle for civil rights, is the only openly Lesbian or Gay member of the State Legislature.

The TAA represents 2,400 University graduate students.

Baldwin told the press that the bills,

which she is still formulating, might take a long time to pass because of the "irrational fears" and "homophobia" of some legislators, but the issue has been raised.

According to TAA Co-President Hillary Callahan, the Republican-controlled Wisconsin State Senate is discriminating against University teaching assistants with domestic partners.

TAA leaders said that the Senate pressured members of the TAA to drop a precedent-setting clause in their contract before the Senate approved it.

The clause, known as "negotiation note #7," reads: "In the event that the Group Insurance Board expands the definition of family to include Domestic Partners during the course of this agreement, this coverage will be made available to bargaining unit members.' This would include domestic partners of current members.

According to Callahan, this language was offered by the State's bargaining team. It was agreed to by the TAA's bargaining team. It was ratified by TAA membership and unanimously approved by the State Legislature's Joint Committee on Employment Relations.

Then, at the eleventh hour, Callahan said, based on "a few bogus technicalities," the Department of Employment Relations (DER) said the clause had to be omitted. "Pressure from the Republican Senate? Let your readers decide," Callahan said.

Senate Majority Leader Michael Ellis, denied any involvement, saying there was no "Republican plot."

DER Secretary Jon Litscher, said he only asked to renegotiate the provision because it might set a precedent with the Group Insurance Board, which seeks to

maintain uniform insurance benefits for

all state employees. Since they did not want to delay this year's 2.77 percent wage increase, the

TAA removed the provision in exchange for language that strengthens protections against discrimination and harassment.

"The TAA did not want to compromise this issue," Callahan said. "By gaining this entirely symbolic negotiation note #7, we had made small but significant progress toward eliminating discrimination against domestically partnered employees. We didn't want that language to vanish without a trace, but without a compromise, our entire contract would have gone up in a puff of smoke, affecting nearly 2500 student workers. Despite the TAA compromise,

# Mental Health Services Benefit Persons With HIV or AIDS

[Milwaukee]- Nearly 250 Milwaukeeare men and women living with HIV infection volunteered their efforts in a 3-year study conducted by the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) which has shown that mental health services carry quality of life benefits to those with HIV or AIDS.

Results of the study, published in the November, 1993 issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry, demonstrate that mental health coping groups decrease depression, improve life quality, decrease substance use, and lead to less unsafe sex. Results of the MCW study are already being used to support increased appropriations by Congress for free mental health services for people living with HIV.

"People with HIV infection are living longer through advances in the treatment of some types of opportunistic diseases," said Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences and Director of MCW's Community Health Behavior Program. "The purpose of our research was to find ways to help persons cope better with the stresses of HIV disease so that they can live not only longer, but better," Kelly said.

said.

"We owe a debt of thanks to those Milwaukee men and women with HIV infection who participated in our study, called 'Positive Health,' because their efforts have improved our understanding of how people can cope with the enormous stresses of HIV disease," Kelly said.

The research was conducted in two phases. The first phase found that people differ in their ability to cope with HIV infection, with some individuals able to maintain their psychological equilibrium, others experiencing severe long- lasting depression, and still others fluctuating between hope and pessimism.

"We found that success in coping was directly related to the quality of an individual's social supports," Dr. Kelly said, adding that persons who coped best also were least likely to abuse substances or practice unsafe sex.

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"Understandably, stresses increased as persons became more ill, and this is when mental health services are most

The second phase of the study evaluated the mental health effects of 8-week social support groups, 8-week stress management groups, or individual therapy upon request for men and women with HIV infection and AIDS. Among those with initially high depression, all

# Madison Resource Center Set '94 Sights High

[Madison]- The Board of Directors of the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) has set its sights high for fiscal 1994, as 1994's budget is more than 40 percent greater than fiscal 1993's and five-fold greater than fiscal 1990's. MG/LRC's goals for fiscal 1994 include:

Raising \$5,000 through individual donations from our community; expanding and improving our current resources; setting the course of this growing organization for the next five

MG/LRC is a volunteer-based organization. Inquiries and financial contributions may be sent to MG/LRC at P.O. Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701. Book donations may be dropped off at The United, 14 W. Mifflin Street, Suite 103, Madison, WI 53703. This year MG/LRC intends to greatly expand their collection of books on Bisexuality, Transsexuality, Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual ethnic minorities, and on substance abuse and domestic violence in our community.

This year, as you make up your holiday giving list, please remember MG/LRC and other volunteer organizations. The three gifts MG/LRC would most like to receive are:

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2) Volunteer time

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the programs carried benefit, but the social support groups produced the greatest reductions in emotional distress.

"Overall, almost two-thirds of study participants had clinically significant reductions in emotional distress following the program," Dr. Kelly said. Improved coping also resulted in decreased substance abuse and increased safer sex, suggesting that mental health services may carry both psychological and physical

Because of the success of the study and its findings, health organizations have asked Congress to appropriate additional funds to provide improved mental health services among persons with HIV infection and AIDS. "The purpose of this research is to improve services and to promote policies that will benefit people with HIV/AIDS," said Dr. Kelly, "and we are very pleased this work is doing that."

In addition to Dr. Kelly, who served as study director, MCW personnel conducting the project included Debra A. Murphy, Ph.D., Seth C. Kalichman, Ph.D., Michael G. Morgan, L. Yvonne Stevenson, and Jeffrey J. Koob. The project was coordinated by G. Richard Bahr, Instructor of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences who died last July. The research team dedicated the work to Dr. Bahr's memory.

# Miller Brewing Is Exclusive Malt Beverage Sponsor for Gay Games IV

[Milwaukee]- Miller Brewing Company will be the exclusive malt beverage sponsor of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, June 18-25, 1994, in New York City, a Miller Brewing Company official announced on December 1.

According to Greg Plowe, Consumer Promotions Manager, "Gay Games IV is an international event, and this year more than 15,000 athletes from 40 countries are expected to participate. We are pleased to be able to help these athletes compete in an event of this caliber and to bring the games to an estimated 500,000 spectators."

The sponsorship will be supported with point-of-sale materials and Miller Lite and Miller Genuine Draft promotional advertising in local publications.

Additionally, Miller will work with distributors in select markets to assist in fundraising events for local teams. "With our distributors, we'll raise additional funds to help defray some of the expenses of these teams," said Plowe.

The Gay Games were founded by the late Dr. Tom Waddell, an Olympic decathlete who believed "to do one's personal best is the ultimate goal of human achievement."

The first Gay Games competition was held in San Francisco in 1982.

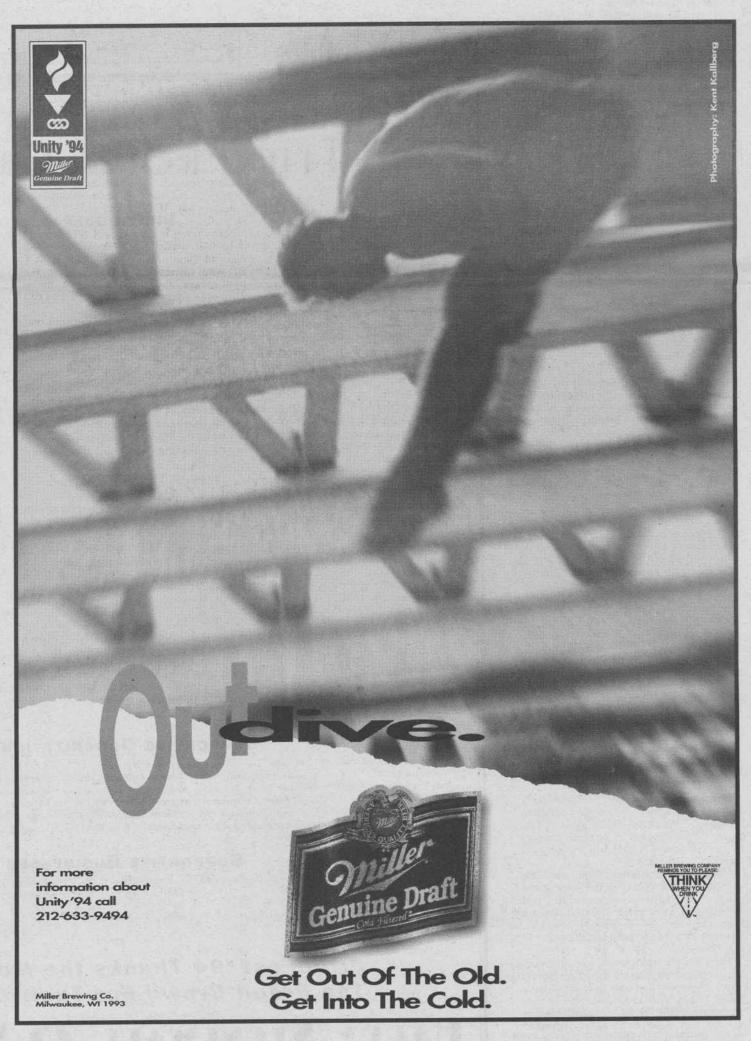
Subsequent competitions were held in San Francisco in 1986 and Vancouver, British Colombia, in 1990. The Games continue to grow in scope, vision and participation with 1,300 athletes from 12 nations competing in the first event and 7,250 participants from 30 countries involved three years ago at Gay Games III. For more information about Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival, please contact Chris Fowler at (212) 633-9494.

Miller Brewing Company's principal beer brands include Miller Lite, Miller Genuine Draft, Miller Genuine Draft Lite, Miller High Life, Miller Reserve, Lowenbrau, Meister Brau and Milwaukee's Best. Miller also produces Sharp's, a non-alcohol brew.

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# 'Light' Subject of Final Hales Corners Library Hearing Dec. 13

[Milwaukee]- Before it makes a final decision on whether to continue to keep the Wisconsin Light in the newspaper shelves and distribute copies in a brochure rack, the Hales Corners Library Board will hold a hearing to get comments from the public.

The hearing will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13, in the lower level of the Hales Corners Village Hall, 5635 S. New Berlin Road. Speakers will have five minutes to make comments. Hales Corners residents will be precedence.

The Library Board will make its final decision during a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, at the same site.

A committee appointed by the board to consider the newspaper has recommended keeping it in the library but moving it to the top tier of the newspaper shelves and a public pamphlet rack in the library lobby to keep it out of reach of small children.

The committee also held a meeting for public comment. Only two out of 14 speakers favored keeping the newspaper.

Jeff Baas, a Hales Corners resident

who filed a complaint about the newspaper in July, will be invited to speak first at the December 13 hearing. Baas's complaint said the advertisements in the newspaper were "almost pornographic" and the newspaper was too accessible to children.

This issue has shaken the Village of Hales Corners, a suburb of 7,677 people in southwestern Milwaukee County. Rumors and anonymous flyers have carried charges and misinformation back and forth.

Before the December 1 meeting, where Library Board members received the recommendation of the committee and set the date for the public hearing, Bob Braun of the Christian Civil Liberties Union distributed flyers with a picture of Hitler on them and taunted Library Board members.

His flyer accused Hales Corners and Milwaukee libraries, which carry The Wisconsin Light, of "destroying children's minds by allowing the reading of vulgar language, obsenities (sic), & sexual pervision (sic) in our libraries.'

Several residents who opposed keeping the newspaper were in the audience, and one woman requested the telephone numbers of board members so she could ask them why the library carried homosexual publications.

But the debate has extended beyond

the Library Board.

According to village trustees, anonymous flyers had urged residents to come to the October 27 village budget hearing to try to convince the Village Board to withhold funding from the

About 40 people came to that meeting, where Marilee Baas, wife of Jeff Baas, told trustees the library's Review Committee was a farce and a new committee should be appointed that would be more concerned with pornography than issues of Gay rights, free speech or the First Amendment.

Trustees agreed to consider an ordinance prohibiting the distribution of adult-oriented materials to children. At the urging of Trustee Daniel Besson, trustees also voted 4-3 to ask for a joint meeting with the Library Board.

That meeting was held November 20, three days after the Review reached its decision.

Besson, who opposes keeping the newspaper in the library, opened the joint meeting by saying he was angry the Library Board postponed the meeting until after the recommendation was made.

"I would think that when a request came to meet," he said, "you would take it with some seriousness." He said he had wanted to be sure the Library Board handled meeting notices and conducted committee work properly.

His remarks were immediately countered by Library Board member John Faragher. "What the library does in this regard is our concern," he said, whether or not its actions would win votes in an election.

"The worst tyranny that can be exercised is the tyranny of the voice of the people," Faragher continued. He told Besson that as a village trustee, Besson had taken a vow to uphold the U.S. Constitution, which includes the right of

Faragher also complained about rumors circulating about Library Board members. "You have annoyed me because I have heard things said about our people that are disrespectful and I personally resent it," he told Besson. Faragher defended the morality of Library Board members, including himself. "I'm 72 years old, I raised seven children and gave them a Catholic education. What more do you

want about morality?"

Faragher said he was an American first of all, "and I fought for my country. That's something you can't say. Remember that. And I fought for liberty

About the joint meeting, he said, "I think this whole thing is a farce.'

Other Library Board members were unhappy about the meeting, saying they felt like they were being "called on the

Library Board member Carolyn Andrejat, who had sat in on all the Review Committee meetings, told village trustees that the people speaking against The Wisconsin Light were a minority in Hales Corners and cannot speak for the whole community.

She added that Besson had "very rudely" requested a draft of the Review Committee's decision after its final meeting without introducing himself. "What political gain are we getting here?" she asked.

Village trustees told Library Board members that they have been hounded by citizens who don't understand that the Village Board has no control over the library and that trustees have taken a lot of heat on behalf of the Library Board.

Village Trustee Linda Teschendorf asked Library Board members for advice on what to say to angry citizens. "What are we supposed to do? Hand out your

"Yes, that's exactly right," several Library Board members answered, almost

Library Board member Rita Boehrer

said the issue has grown beyond Hales Corners. "All the libraries in the state are looking on to see what happens," she said. Board members expect a lawsuit regardless of what decision they make.

# **Boot Camp Raises** \$435 On World **AIDS Day**

[Milwaukee]- Si Smits, owner of the Boot Camp announced that the Boot Camp's benefit dinner held on December 1, World AIDS Day, in the M&M Club, raised \$435.

The Boot Camp's giving does not stop there. In several other fundraisers held over the year, donations from Boot Camp customers have amounted to \$960.

These funds are distributed to: the Gay People's Union, the Brady STD Clinic, St. Mary's Hospice Center, the Milwaukee AIDS Project, the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) as well as various persons living with AIDS. Smits said also that two other Gay social organizations beneficiaries of the money.

Throughout the year, the Boot Camp has an AIDS jar in the bar. Donations are encouraged, with the money going to people living with AIDS.

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# Milwaukee's Mayor Norquist Signs Budget with \$190,000 to Fight AIDS

[Milwaukee]- In a dramatic political move, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist decided to approve the AIDS Funding Initiative that was promoted by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) by signing the 1994 City Budget with the new AIDS funding intact. The Mayor's approval means city AIDS funding will increase for the first time in several years and that \$190,000 of city funds will go to fund critical services on the front lines of the AIDS epidemic.

MAP Executive Director Doug Nelson hailed the Mayor's decision to approve the funds as a "critical milestone in the continuing struggle against AIDS." Nelson said that "the Mayor has made the City of Milwaukee a meaningful financial partner in responding to AIDS at time when the city's help is urgently needed."

Nelson praised the Mayor for providing unique leadership on AIDS during his administration citing the fact that Mayor Norquist and his spouse Susan Mudd were the honorary co-chairs of the first Wisconsin AIDS Walk four years ago.

"The Mayor has always supported us in the difficult work that we do at MAP, but his support for crucial city funding to MAP and five other community AIDS agencies is the most meaningful of commitments without which our ability to manage the future challenges of AIDS would have been weakened."

#### What Does Funding Mean?

The new Milwaukee AIDS Initiative will mean \$190,000 of direct city funding to support AIDS prevention programs, case management programs, support services for people with AIDS, and HIV counseling and testing to underserved populations.

These services will be delivered by a coalition of Milwaukee agencies working on the front lines of the epidemic. The coalition was pulled together by MAP last Summer and each agency identified its most urgent need for AIDS funding.

MAP will receive \$60,000 to help fund its legal assistance program, housing program, and the MAP food pantry. According to Nelson, all of these services MAP makes available to everyone in the city with HIV or AIDS whether or not they are a MAP client.

Ninety thousand dollars will be divided equally among three minority community AIDS agencies including the Milwaukee Indian Health Board, United Migrant Opportunities Services, and the Institute for Child and Family Development/Black Social Workers of Wisconsin. Each of these agencies will receive \$30,000 to enhance their HIV case management programs.

Thirty thousand dollars will be disbursed to Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin to fund its AIDS prevention work with women at high risk for HIV and for women within Wisconsin's correctional system. \$10,000 will be given to STD Specialities Clinic to increase its HIV testing out-reach to underserved people.

"We are very pleased with the success of this unique coalition in Milwaukee," Nelson explained. "I strongly believe that as the HIV epidemic dramatically expands that we must expand the network of agencies delivering services and secure the financial commitments that are needed to make these agencies and their AIDS services viable and consistently reliable," Nelson said.

Nelson went on to say that, "There is great power that results from working in coalition. Our message to city public officials was a compelling one because of our coalition. It is a vital approach that we must continue in the political advocacy that we conduct in the future."

#### **Common Council Acts**

Prior to the Mayor's final decision, the Milwaukee Common Council was asked to support a budget amendment that put the AIDS Initiative into the 1994 City Budget. Leading this effort was Alderman Michael Murphy. With the help of MAP's public policy staff, Murphy secured a majority support of the Council's Finance Committee for the amendment and became the Council's strongest advocate for the increased AIDS funding.

"Alderman Murphy took up this cause and skillfully pulled together a majority of the Common Council behind the amendment," Nelson explained. "Without Michael's strong leadership, we could not have succeeded. He was dedicated and brilliant in working this through the Council and onto the Mayor's desk."

The Council's vote on the AIDS amendment was a close 9-7 margin. In addition to Murphy, the following Council members supported the new AIDS funding:

Lorraine McNamera-McGraw, Paul Henningsen, John Kalwitz, Faye Anderson, Marlene Johnson, Fred Gordon, Wayne Frank, and Don Richards.

"Although our margin of victory on the Council was small, the meaning of this vote was enormous to the AIDS community in Milwaukee," Nelson said. "All of us can take heart that the Council and the Mayor, not only endorsed the important work that we are doing, but are delivering critical funding that enables us to continue on in the fight against AIDS."

Nelson urged members of the Gay and Lesbian community to express thanks to the Mayor and those on the Common Council who supported the AIDS Initiative.

"Unfortunately, we will have many struggles ahead to secure the resources that are needed so that Milwaukee and Wisconsin can successfully manage the worsening AIDS epidemic," Nelson added. "With Milwaukee's new commitment on AIDS funding, we are well ahead of most cities in this country. We must use our success in Milwaukee as a model for securing the support of local government in other communities throughout Wisconsin."

# Boulevard Ensemble Plans Benefit for Homeless; to open 'Tally's Folly'

[Milwaukee]- The Boulevard Ensemble continues its Charity Benefit Series by staging a reading of Christmas stories at Mader's German Restaurant, 1037 Old World Third Street, on Tuesday, December 28, beginning at 8:00 p.m. The suggested donation is \$10 and all funds raised will assist Hope House in providing services for Milwaukee's homeless. Reservations can be made by calling the Ensemble at (414) 672-6019.

The reading will be directed by Ensemble General Director, Mark Bucher, and will feature Boulevard performers Pamela Brown, Jennifer La Porte and Jonathan Meyer.

The Boulevard Ensemble thanks Mader's Vice President, Robin Taglienti, for his generous donation of the Restaurant's banquet hall.

#### Tally's Folly

Lanford Wilson's Tally's Folly will be running at the Boulevard Theatre from December 17 to January 9. The play marks the directorial debut at the Boulevard of Maureen Kilmurry, a native of Milwaukee and a Marquette U. alumnus. Kilmurry has directed for the annual Playwright Studio Theater Ten Minute Play Festival, P.S.T.'s Play Reading Series, Playwright Studio Theater and for the Boulevard Ensemble's Annual Summer Acting Workshop.

#### Auditions

The Boulevard Ensemble will hold

auditions for its February production of Niccolo Machiavelli's raucous comedy of lust and intrigue, **The Mandrake**, on January 7, 8 and 9 at the Boulevard Theatre. Director Tim Troy will be casting men and women of all ages and types for this play.

Those auditioning should prepare both a classic and a modern comic monologue, not exceeding two minutes total.

Auditions will be held Friday evening (7:00 to 10:00 p.m.) and Saturday and Sunday afternoons (1:00 to 4:00 p.m.). Auditions are by appointment only.

The Boulevard Theatre is located at 2252 S. Kinnickinnic in Milwaukee. Phone (414) 672-6019 for ticket and other information.



# White House Issues Anti-Discrimination Policy

[Washington, D.C.]- The White House has issued an "Equal Employment Opportunity Statement" for the Executive Office of the President which explicitly includes protection for employees based on sexual orientation. The statement asserts that the White House "does not condone nor tolerate discrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, age (over 40), disability or sexual orientation, in any of its personnel policies, practices and operations."

Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, called the White House statement "a major statement from the highest office in the land that discrimination has no place in the workplace." The Campaign Fund has met regularly with Clinton Administration officials to press for an anti-discrimination statement.

The White House non-discrimination announcement comes during a period when other Executive Branch agencies

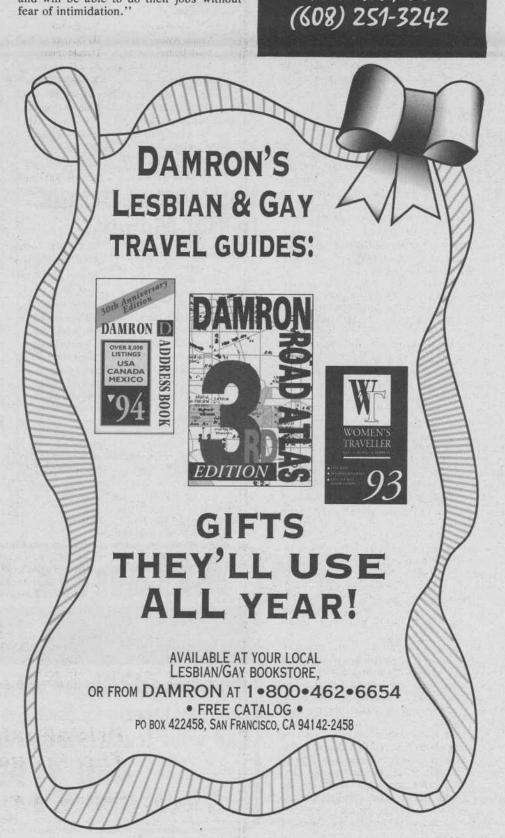
are also announcing non-discrimination

Earlier the same week as the White House announcement, the Attorney General, Janet Reno, announced that the Justice Department will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation when conducting security clearances, reversing a long-standing FBI policy. In addition, the Office of Personnel Management in recent weeks recognized a Lesbian and Gay employees organization, OPM GLOBE.

"We will continue to press for an executive order prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation throughout the federal government," McFeeley stated, "These announcements are welcome news that employees will be judged by the quality of their work and will be able to do their jobs without fear of intimidation."



Madison, WI



# Potential AIDS Vaccine Proves Promising and Safe in Study

[St. Louis, MO]- A potential AIDS vaccine under study at St. Louis University School of Medicine's AIDS Vaccine Evaluation Unit (AVEU) appeared to cause no major side effects in study volunteers and produced antibodies that killed a laboratory strain of HIV. Findings of the study on gp160 (Immuno AG, Vienna, Austria) appear in the December issue of the Journal of Infectious Diseases and represent the first published results of studies with this gp160 vaccine.

The vaccine is made by using genetic engineering to create a synthetic protein that mimics one protein of HIV. When the gp160 vaccine is injected into the body, it triggers production of antibodies, stimulating the immune system into mounting a defense against HIV. Because gp160 is synthetic, it is impossible to contract HIV or AIDS from the vaccine.

"The results are encouraging," said Robert B. Belshe, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine, Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases and Immunology, and Director of the Center for Vaccine Development. Dr. Belshe is principal investigator of the study.

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"There are several significant findings," Dr. Belshe said. "One is the vaccine's safety. Two, the vaccine induced antibodies that killed a laboratory strain of HIV. We don't know if this means that the vaccine will work against a 'real world' strain of HIV, but we're on the right track."

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The study also showed that gp160 may produce an effect known as T cell memory, so that once exposed to the vaccine, the immune system is primed to recognize and attack the AIDS virus at some time in the future. "This vaccine induced a very vigorous T cell memory response that we hope would enable the immune system to react quickly to attack and kill the AIDS virus," said Dr. Belshe.

"How long that memory lasts is something we'll be looking into in the future, but we think it's a very significant finding."

The study at St. Louis University School of Medicine's AVEU and four other universities involved 60 volunteers. Each volunteer received four injections over a one-year period. One group received a low dose of gp160, a second group received a higher dose of the vaccine, and a third group was given an injection that did not contain the vaccine.

Antibodies were measured every one to two months during the study.

Researchers found that three injections of the vaccine stimulated vaccine-induced antibodies to HIV. Four shots boosted that antibody response. The best response were seen in those in the high-dose group. Seventy-five percent of volunteers who received the highest dose developed neutralizing antibodies.

Researchers will now test even higher doses of gp160 in an attempt to boost antibody production. They will also test a form of gp160 vaccine made from a different strain of HIV, more commonly found in the United States.

St. Louis University School of Medicine is part of a network of five university-based AVEUs nationwide supported by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Other AVEUs are located at Johns Hopkins University, the University of Rochester, the University of Washington and Vanderbilt University. The AVEUs are conducting clinical trials to develop a safe, effective vaccine to prevent HIV infection. In five years, more than 250 volunteers have taken part in 16 protocols examining 10 different vaccines in St. Louis and nearly 1,400 volunteers have participated in AVEU protocols nationwide. Active recruitment for study volunteers continues.

"Williamson County has gotten a lesson in Gay 101," said David A. Smith of the National Gay and Lesbian Task

Force. "The bottom line is, jobs

triumphed over prejudice," adding that "the debate will help Austin fight off a

Right Wing attack to repeal its domestic

**Park Patrol Brings** 

[Milwaukee]- In an update to our story

of alleged entrapment going on in the

Milwaukee County parks, Susan Shields,

Parks Research Analyst in a letter of November 10 to County Supervisor Penny

Podell wrote that the County Executive,

Tom Ament, recommended that 4

positions of Deputy Sheriffs for Parks Patrol be abolished. This would mean a savings of \$191,711. This, Shields wrote,

would have terminated Sheriff's security

in County Parks and would have resulted

"in the loss of an estimated \$28,000 in

However, Shields wrote, the Finance

Committee, listening to the advice of the

Budget Team, recommended a partial

restoration of the Parks Security Patrol,

services expenditures by \$125,000 to provide for a limited patrol..."

\$50,000 in citation revenues.

'specifically to increase personal

This would be offset partially by

citation revenue

Rev. Jim Chandler of the First United Methodist Church of Round Rock was quoted as saying, "Lord, lift us above this controversy, out of this whirlwind."

partner benefits ordinance.'

In Big Money

# Bigots Back Down After Snubbing Apple Computer In Texas

[Round Rock, TX]- It's pretty much of a lily-white suburb, the kind the surrounds many U.S. cities. The grass looks like it's painted, not planted. The houses are pretty much alike. Unemployment is low (only 3.5) and the people are reasonably affluent. They are safe and secure in Round Rock, Texas. That's what they moved there for. But no matter how good things seem, they can get better.

Apple Computer, with annual revenues of some \$8 billion making it the second largest maker of personal computers in the world after IBM, announced that in tandem with a \$750,000 property tax abatement, it was going to build an \$80 million office complex on a patch of ranchland just in Williamson County just north of Austin. The jobs (700 of them) and money were about to flow in.

But then, the people of Round Rock and Williamson County discovered a hitch. Apple Computer confers health benefits on domestic partners, both Gay and straight.

On Tuesday, November 30, some 70 people crowded in to a Williamson County Commissioners' meeting demanding that there be no tax abatement. The reason? They didn't want Lesbians and Gays living in Round Rock.

"What do you teach your kids?" Sherry Roberts was quoted in the New York Times as saying. "That's what this is all about." Roberts owns the Heart and Home antique and curios store on Round Rock's Western-style Main Street.

The County Commissioners voted against allowing the tax abatement. Apple responded by saying they'd find someplace else to build. This, in a state that has been desperately trying to lure high-tech companies to set up shop there. According to the Milwaukee Journal, Apple was deluged with offers from other parts of the country.

Texas Governor Ann Richards wasn't about to put up with that kind of bigotry. After what the **Times** reported as "arm-twisting," the County Commissioners met again on December 7 and voted again.

This time, they voted to approve \$1 million in tax incentives to Apple in return for the company's agreeing to build the office complex. The difference is largely semantic.

In the first case, Apple would have received a formal tax abatement; now it will pay full taxes, but receive a reimbursement from the county for the costs of road construction and other work it will undertake near the 128 acre site.

Apple has accepted the county's offer.

# [Washington, D.C.]- The AIDS Action Council urged increased action on health care reform by the AIDS community on November 25 when it released its analysis of the key reform proposals before Congress. "For people with AIDS, the health care

"For people with AIDS, the health care debate is not abstract," said AIDS Action Council Board member Pedro Zamora, who is living with AIDS. "The plan that is ultimately passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton will affect me for the rest of my life. We will be working with AIDS activists around the country to oppose plans that are unacceptable and won't do the job."

"A reformed health care system is desperately needed and must meet the needs of all Americans," said Dan Bross, AIDS Action Council Executive Director. "The AIDS epidemic, more than any other public health crisis, has exposed the woeful inadequacies of our present system. Our analysis shows that for people living with HIV/AIDS, only two of the plans currently being considered offer hope for meaningful health care reform: the plan outlined by President Clinton in the American Health Security Act and the single-payer plan offered by Senator Paul

Wellstone (D-MN) and Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA)"

**AIDS Action Council Urges Increased** 

**Action On Health Care Reform** 

The AIDS Action Council measured the various health proposals against criteria developed in its "Health Care Reform Statement of Principles for People Living with HIV/AIDS." The Council is particularly concerned with the areas of:

Universal coverage Comprehensive benefits Eliminating financial barriers to care Consumer protection

Retaining current public AIDS prevention and service programs like the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act.

The AIDS Action Council weighed the plans of Clinton; McDermott/Wellstone; Senator John Chafee (R-RI); Rep. Jim Cooper (D-TN); and Rep. Bob Michel (R-IL). According to the analysis, plans such as that offered by Reps Cooper and Grandy fail to ensure affordable, universal coverage.

The AIDS Action Council, founded in 1984, is devoted to lobbying the federal government on AIDS policy, legislation and funding. The Council represents more than 1,000 community-based AIDS service organizations.

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# A Letter From Karen Lamb

Merry Christmas, Darlings!

This, for me, the most glorious of seasons, rushes forward... and I'm not ready! But then...

It seems forever since I've visited with you: at a parade, over a drink, at some political event. The year has been full for me, but I want you all to know that I follow your contributions to our community and our nation with great interest and with

It has been a year of small gains, many disappointments. I still pray our President can continue to push forward, enabling policy changes in which I think he truly believes.

Regardless of the length of my life, it is still a surprise when the powerful uglies come from their closets. It's always frightening to look into the faces of bigotry and hate... even when you are prepared.

You each contribute, in myriad ways: whether in the "politically professional" style of our beloved Doug Nelson or as in some of the "attention-getting" practices of Act Up. Every political movement must have a variety of styles and armaments... and be prepared to use

But as we end this year, I want to congratulate you on the many battles you have undertaken successfully. You are a powerful political movement. One not to

As a woman, one who in the past launched a suit against her own chosen party, it is satisfying today to see women climbing, still with obstacles, through the

Your day is not simply coming: It is here.

Life remains good for my Sweetie and me. He seems never to miss the mayoralty, and I certainly don't. His autobiography was published this year, and after a proper launching, we vacationed "down home" in Georgia with my daddy, now well into his 80s.

Although we lost our dearest mother this last year, Pa remains in good health and still charms the ladies. But his fiveacre garden seems to get the best of us all! Not to mention that stuffed old barn that dates well back to the turn of the century. Ma used to threaten: "I can't wait until your son gets old enough to play with matches...

After wrangling a few days with a briar patch that would make Bier Rabbit pea green with envy, and threatening my son: "I can't wait until your son gets old enough..." I threw in the trowel ... and went to Florida for the rest of the winter!

But some how, chaperoning two elderly gentlemen, really puts a crimp in a gal's style. There was no tea time at the Marlin, but millions of gorgeous birds, well in evidence since so much of the vegetation in the Glades temporarily was 'gone with the wind" after Andrew.

Not to mention the supposed "storm of the century." an exhilarating experience. It was only after the water was rushing over the porch and literally over the bed that I finally was forced to close the doors.

I missed the famous trip to Gettysburg this year, hosted by Terry and Jerry. For those of you thus far not fortunate enough to have had our learned historian, Dr. Boughner, talk of America's battles while visiting her battle fields, let me affirm that this experience is one that truly can be considered a "gift."

It is so much fun, so enlightening, and so moving that perhaps we should seek our MAP Project's assistance with



DR. KAREN LAMB

organizing a tour. Imagine, our own personal tour guide!

This letter to my wonderful friends goes on much too long, however Terry and Jerry threatened to tar and feather me should I not send my Christmas greetings in a timely manner.

May this season and this new year bring to each of us health, the strength to bear Life's difficulties, the tranquillity and peace to enjoy Life's beauties.

Your friend: Karen Lamb

P.S. Several of you have joined me fishing this summer. Please don't forget, the invitation is open.

#### **AfterWord Events**

[Milwaukee]- The following events for December and January. Please mark your

Sunday, Dec. 12: A Christmas Open House from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., featuring live classical music and special holiday

Sunday, Jan. 9: Six Month Anniversary Party from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Come help AfterWords celebrate six wonderful

Wednesday, Jan. 12: AfterWords Reading/Book Discussion Group's initial meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Thursday, Jan. 13: Gay/Lesbian Writing Group's initial meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Tuesday, Jan. 18: Poetry reading by Tim Grair beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 20: Play reading — Playwrights Studio Theater beginning at 7:30 p.m.

AfterWords is located at 2710 N. Murray in Milwaukee. For more information, call (414) 963-9089.

# **UW-Oshkosh Gay Network Meeting**

[Oshkosh, WI]- The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues Network (LGBIN), a group of concerned and involved University of Wisconsin System faculty, staff and students, met at UW-Oshkosh on Friday, October 8. It was the second meeting of the network, which was formed last May.

Agenda items included exchanging information on campus climate, writing a mission statement, and drafting a list of goals. Thirty-four representatives from 12 of the UW System campuses were

The next meeting of the LGBIN is cheduled for February 11, 1994 at W-Stevens Point. For further UW-Stevens information or to get on the mailing list, contact Ellen Taylor, UW-Oshkosh at (414) 424-2061 or Jan Sheppard, UW-Madison at (608) 265-2407.

# **Student Council Denies Funding for UW-Whitewater Gay Student Group**

[Whitewater, WI]- The Gay/Lesbian/ Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU) at UW-Whitewater has been denied student funding because they are a Gay

As is ordinarily done, GLBSU members went to the UW-Whitewater Student Association (WSA) on November 29, 1993, to request \$600 in normal operating funds. This is done annually. The \$600 amount had been downgraded earlier from \$900 by the Allocation Committee, but according to a spokeswoman for GLBSU, the Gay organization had found the lesser amount "reasonable."

However, instead of being granted the funds. GLBSU members had to sit for an hour and a half and be lectured.

In the upshot, student senators commented that they did not approve of Gays and Lesbians and therefore, would not fund the group. Campus administrators who were present at the meeting, sat by and said nothing, according to a press release put out by

At the end, GLBSU was told that their funding was denied, but that the WSA would match any funds the group raised themselves up to \$300.

#### March and Rally

In response, GLBSU is sponsoring a peace rally and march for December 9, 1993. The event is titled "A Simple Matter of Justice" and the hope is to educate the campus and the community at

The rally will begin at noon on the mall outside UW-Whitewater's University Center. Among those invited to speak is State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D- Madison), Wisconsin's first and only openly Lesbian or Gay legislator.

At the end of the march, a letter is to be delivered to the Chancellor detailing GLBSU's grievances.

In addition, GLBSU will file a complaint with the Student Organization Judiciary Board.

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# Dykes to Watch Out For



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CHINESE MASTERPIECE— Zhang Fengyi and Leslie Cheiung appear in Chen Kaige's masterpiece, 'Farewell My Concubine.''

# 'Farewell My Concubine' Is An Epic Chinese Masterpiece

By Gene

Chen Kaige's Farewell My Concubine is an epic film about a love triangle of two male actors of the Peking Opera and a prostitute. It is truly an epic portrayal of their tumultuous, dramatic lives covering over fifty years and taking place against the equally tumultuous events of the Japanese invasions of China, the Communist takeover and the terrifying years of the Cultural Revolution.

In 1925 as boy apprentices in the ironically named All Luck and Happiness Academy, they suffer together the rigorous, abusive training required for the Peking Opera with Douzi (Leslie Cheung) forced to learn the exacting disciplines to play female roles, while athletic Shitou (Zhang Fengyi) specializes in heroic roles. Shitou becomes Douzi's protector and special friend.

By 1937, on the even of Japan's Manchurian invasion, Douzi an Shitou, now known by their stage names, Cheng Dieyi and Duan Xiaolou, are still fast friends and the toast of the Peking Opera for their acting partnership. Farewell My Concubine, a classic Chinese opera, is their most famous offering.

It is the story of a king who believes that he is about to be defeated by his rival and who tells his favorite concubine to flee while she can. Instead, she dances one last time for him and then cuts her throat. The opera parallels and prefigures events in the men's lives as their loyalties, personal, sexual and political are put to the test.

Dieyi has always been in love with Xiaolou, but when Xiaolou marries Juxian (Gong Li), the most desired prostitute at the House of Blossoms, a brothel, the strains of their relationships become more and more complex. The confrontations between Dieyi and the practical minded Juxian are intense, Dieyi

becoming cold or bitchy by turns. The two women fight for the love of good-natured Xiaolou and, at times, must work together to save him when he gets into trouble.

Leslie Cheung is most convincing in the duel role of a glamorous Peking Opera diva and a handsome young man in love with his childhood friend.

Gong Li, recently named one of the world's fifty most beautiful people by People Magazine, plays Juxian, the practical-minded prostitute, with passionate intensity, another side of feminine nature and worthy antagonist to her male rival. She almost steals the nicture

All of the characters are absolutely real individuals, from the lecherous old eunuch to the boys' sadistic teacher at school — none of the actors seem to "act," they simply "are."

Director Kaige and author Lilian Lee have woven a rich tapestry of spectacle, historic events and human lives. They have made the Peking Opera come alive with grand displays of song, dance, recitation, acrobatics and costumes. faabulous costumes.

Cinematographer Gu Changwei has invested every frame of the film with visual, almost tactile images that remain in the memory. Together they have created a masterpiece.

Although Farewell My Concubine won top honors at the 1993 Cannes Film Festival, tied for the Palme D'Or as Best Film with Piano, the government of China has banned the film then reversed the ban with a warning against portraying the Communist regime in a negative light when shown in China. However, the film shown in the United States is uncensored and uncut (153 minutes) and will be shown exclusively at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre beginning December 22.

# Cream City Chorus Goes on the Road With the Sounds of the Season

[Milwaukee]- On Saturday, December 4, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus took its holiday spirit to the road with a portion of its upcoming holiday concert, HO3. In a day-long marathon, the Chorus sang at four local nursing homes, sharing with the residents a selection of several concert numbers as well as some classic carols.

After caroling, the Chorus participated for the 5th consecutive year, in the City of Milwaukee's annual tree lighting ceremony, performing a few songs, and joining Mayor John Norquist in his rendition of "Oh Christmas Tree" to celebrate the lighting of the grand tree outside City Hall.

The Cream City Chorus' holiday season continues on December 12 at the Performing Arts Center Vogel Hall, with the holiday concert H03. The 3:00 p.m.

concert contains a mix of seasonal, Christmas and Hannukuh songs, and is a great holiday gift to the whole family. Tickets are on sale through Chorus members or the Chorus office for \$8 in advance, and \$10 at the door.

But even those who miss the concert can enjoy the music of the Cream City Chorus with a cassette tape of holiday songs, entitled **Sounds of the Season**, available for only \$10 through Chorus members and the Chorus office. For more information or to purchase a tape, contact the Chorus office at (414) 344- WCCC.

Anyone interested in joining the Cream City Chorus for the upcoming season should contact the Chorus office or attend the first rehearsal on Wednesday, January 5, a the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, 1342 N. Astor at 7:00 p.m.

# Prize Winning 'Piano' Is Beautiful Film

By Woodrow Thalberg

In recent years, New Zealand director Jane Campion has emerged as the world's leading woman filmmaker. Her two previous works, the bitter-sweet comedy Sweetie and An Angel at my Table, a biography of Australian writer, Janet Frame, are masterpieces. Both are available on video and receive the highest possible recommendation.

When her new film, **The Piano** won the grand prize at the Cannes Film Festival earlier this year, expectations were skyhigh. My opinion is in the critical minority when I say that I believe **Piano** doesn't quite deliver.

Piano, an original script by Campion, is the tale of a 19th Century Scotswoman, Holly Hunter, forced into an arranged marriage with a dullard colonial, Sam Neill. In a breathtaking opening scene, she is dumped on a New Zealand beach with her daughter and baggage.

In an early Victorian bonnet and black, hoop- skirted dress, Hunter dominates the film as the voluntarily mute woman who expresses herself through her prized piano. Her husband foolishly barters it away to a neighbor, Harvey Keitel. Hunter must give Keitel "lessons" to get her beloved piano back.

Unfortunately, the male characters are so underdrawn there isn't enough balance in this love triangle to make it sizzle. Moreover, the ubiquitous Keitel surpasses John Malkovitch as the most often miscast actor in cinema. Here, he does an adequate job of playing a Scotsman, but his Brooklyn accent still manages to emerge.

As mysterious as the casting of Keitel

is, the sad under-utilization of the large supporting cast of Maori, the native people of New Zealand, who are as exotic and beautiful as the primeval New Zealand landscape.

Even on a less than great day, Campion is far better than most filmmakers. The Piano is a beautiful film.

The Piano is now playing at the Oriental Theatre in Milwaukee and at the Majestic Theatre in Madison.

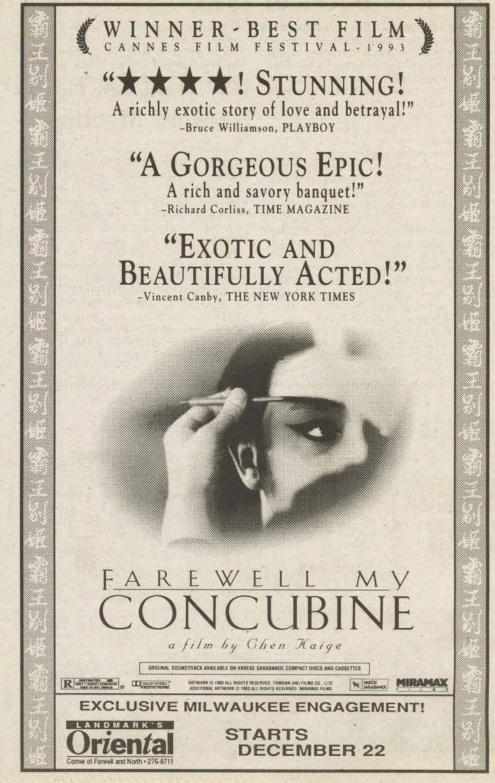
# **Fest City Singers**

By Terry Boughner

On Sunday, December 5, the Fest City Singers put on their annual Christmas Concert, A Fest City Christmas. The Singers, under the direction of Peggy Lozier, performed with their usual bubble and style, warming the audience with caroling cheer and bringing them in at every turn. By the time we had gotten to the sing-along, the Singers had charmed us all into a family atmosphere, the kind that remind you of apple wood, hot cider and gently falling snow (though there wasn't a snow flake in sight).

I was especially impressed and very moved by a segment called "Womyn Songs." This was original music and lyrics done to guitar accompaniment and dance and sung by Diane, Peggy, Sandy and Penny. Peggy Lozier put the whole thing together and is to be congratulated.

It was a good, old-fashioned holiday treat that the Singers provided, like those big outside lights, real pine and Lionel electric trains.



# Abortion Video to Premiere at Benefit Concert with Julie Darrough

By Sue Burke

[Milwaukee]- A montage and music deo called "The Inquisitor," video called documenting the violence of anti-abortion protestors, will debut at the first annual Christmas concert to raise funds for the Womyn's Cultural Community Center.

Singer and songwriter Julie Darrough will also perform, and an artists' reception will follow the concert. The community center would house Lesbian social activities and events.

The concert will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, December 17, at Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door and are available at Outpost Natural Foods Store and Afterwords, High Wind and Peoples bookstores.

The videotape was created by Stephen J. O'Dell, known as "Spy Cam Weasel" for his work documenting anti-abortion protests. He has shot more than 80 hours of tape at clinic protests and has edited them down to a little over 10 minutes for The Inquisitor.

The tape opens on anti-abortion protestors being instructed to pull down a fence outside an abortion clinic and rush the door because the offense will incur only a forfeiture similar to a traffic ticket. Other scenes show patient escorts being shoved and clinic defenders grappling with protestors to keep them away from doors.

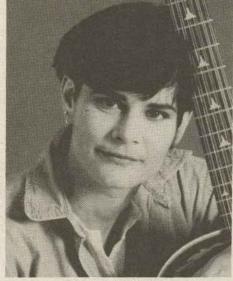
Protestors also crash through police lines and resist arrest. In one scene, young people who have already been handcuffed break free from police to rush the door again.

One defender displays a bleeding arm to O'Dell's camera. The tape ends with a protester calling O'Dell a faggot.

O'Dell said protestors seemed offended by his videotaping.

"What they're doing is illegal and they know it," he said. "Those people are using the First Amendment to engage in criminal activities."

His tapes have led to 20 convictions in court and a permanent legal injunction against protestors from coming near abortion clinic doors, he said. He plans to



JULIE DARROUGH

distribute his videotape to talk shows and political leaders to show them the continuing violence at clinics.

In the video, over the melee, Darrough sings "The Inquisitor," a song she wrote that describes women resisting unjust authority. O'Dell says she may have been influenced unconsciously to write the song after viewing his tapes as he was creating the video. O'Dell produced and engineered Darrough's new music tape, "A Step Above Stop," which will be introduced at the concert. It contains six songs that try to touch listeners' feelings and foibles about present and past love of women.

On the tape, Darrough backs up her songs with delicate acoustical guitar, but she will be accompanied by a drummer at the concert to give her songs more of a pop rock feel, according to a concert producer.

Darrough has performed at Indian Summer, a Milwaukee AIDS Project benefit, the Lesbian Variety Show in Madison, Earth Day and art galleries.

Originally from California, she has spent the last year working in the studio to complete the tape. In 1994, she will go

# Variety of Cards, Calendars on Sale At AfterWords

By Terry Boughner

They make good Christmas gifts to both yourself and others. And they should be pleasant to look at because they last the whole year through. Calendars, you say? Not time? It's only November? Au contraire, now is the perfect time. AfterWords bookstore has a nice, wide selection to suit every Lesbian and Gay

#### For the Women

One of my favorites in this category is Dykes to Watch Out For by Alison Bechdel. Each month brings a new adventure by your favorite characters, the ones the world has come to know and

An especially attractive calendar is Lesbians Are Everywhere. This is a series of black and white photographs of Lesbians in loving, happy moments together. It was they, along with the photographer, who decided how each couple would be portrayed.

Another beautiful calendar is I Dream A World - Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America. Women like Norma Merrick Sklarek, Beah Richard, Odetta and Leah Chase are shown in photos and drawings. It's very moving, a very strong piece of work.

#### For the Men

In this category, there are many to choose from as well, everything from a calendar showing the work of Robert Mapplethorpe to one of the art of Tom of

But my favorites begin with the 1994 Annual ManDesk Calendar. This is a splendid item, showing various color photos of male physiques in all their luscious contours.

Body Sculpture by Robert John Guttke is another one that I liked. Here are young men in the blazing morning of their muscular youth, thighs bulging with sexuality and all the rest.

There is also the Colt 1994 Leather Calendar. Need I describe it, or can your imagination take flight?

But the one I will buy for gifts and for myself is Denim, photography by Kal. If



MADISON TIES- The country's first AIDS themed postage stamp was issued by the U.S. Post Office on December 1st, World AIDS Day. Jean Ann Hiavacek, a Madison nurse, had lobbied since 1987 for a postage stamp about the AIDS crisis. She calls the stamps issuance "a heck of a Christmas gift."

you like handsome guys in skin-tight jeans encasing hard-muscled, well-cut legs, this is for you.

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AfterWords has a wide variety of Christmas cards suitable for every Lesbian and Gay man on your list - as well as for that "special someone," the kind that can say a thousand things.

I've only space here to mention a few of the items. You should go and take a look for yourself. Remember, AfterWords is a bookstore for our community there's a lot more there besides books.

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# It Is Time to Vote For Your **Favorite Books of 1993**

[Washington, D.C.]- Lambda Book Report on December 1, opened nominations for the Sixth Annual Lambda Literary Awards. The "Lammys," recognizing excellence in Gay and Lesbian writing and publishing, will be presented during a gala banquet in Los Angeles on Friday, May 27, 1994, during the American Booksellers Association Convention.

The Lammys have witnessed an unprecedented and still expanding boom, with previous Lammy-winning authors such as Dorothy Allison and Paul Monette gaining national recognition. This year, the Pulitzer Pride in drama was won by a Gay AIDS play, Angels in America. Following the March On Washington, a host of Gay and Lesbian authors received book advances in the six figures, and many mainstream publishing houses have joined pioneers St. Martin's Press and Dutton in publishing Gay and Lesbian fiction and non-fiction.

At the same time, Gay and Lesbian small presses are thriving. And 19 see a major young adult publisher begin a major series of books about Gay and Lesbian biographies and issues aimed at

The public is invited to nominate their favorite Gay and Lesbian books of 1993 in 16 categories: Lesbian fiction, Gay Men's Fiction, Lesbian Studies, Gay Men's Studies, Lesbian & Gay Anthologies, Lesbian Biography/Autobiography, Gay Biography/Autobiography, Lesbian Mystery, Gay Men's Mystery, Lesbian and Gay Humor, Lesbian and Gay Science Fiction/Fantasy, Gay and Lesbian Drama, Lesbian Poetry, Gay Men's poetry, Gay and Lesbian Small Press Book Award (for a single book published by a Gay men's or Lesbian press), and Children/Young Adult, for the increasing number of Gay and Lesbian related books aimed at young readers.

Books must have a 1993 copyright date in order to be eligible and must have been published in the United States. Nominating ballots must be returned to: Lambda Book Report Offices, 1625 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20009-1013 or phone the LAMMYS LINE

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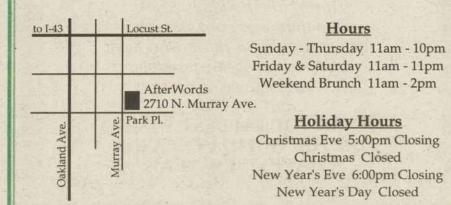
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# **A Christmas Short Story**

# ALL LOVES EXCELLING

By Terry Boughner

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The radio advised people to stay indoors and not to drive unless it was absolutely

That afternoon, the phone rang in the living room of the little farmhouse. Helen Martin left off helping her son Paul trim the tree and went to answer it. She was a small woman, wiry, with only a few strands of gray in her black hair to betray her 55 years. Still, she thought of herself as old, a person walking on the last sidewalk of time, as she said.

Paul placed another strand of tinsel carefully on a branch, pausing to listen apprehensively. He was a month shy of 19, a young man in the full bloom of his youth. People said that in face and form he strongly resembled Michelangelo's statue of David. In that they were right. He did.

For a moment, he was afraid that the phone call was bad news. He'd heard how bad the roads were. Maybe it was Jesse calling to say that she and Bobby couldn't make it.

But then he thought of Jesse, tall, stately, a force of nature in herself. When she'd made up her mind to do something, it was done. He took comfort in that.

"They're coming? Bobby too?" Paul asked his mother eagerly. He had to make sure.

"Yes, Bobby too," Helen confirmed, sighing a little with relief. "They're using the

sleigh. Now, just finish the tree." She paused. She was worried and it showed "Paul, please don't expect too much.'

At his mother's words, he nodded, but did not really hear. She turned and went off to the kitchen to fix coffee and sandwiches.

There were only a few more strands of tinsel in Paul's hand. He draped them absently on a branch and went to the end table by the couch to get a cigarette. He lit it and sank

An image of Bobby shimmered in back of his eyes. He was a shorter than Paul's six foot frame, small-boned, but not delicate, and outrageously cute. His hair was thick, very black, and hung in a wave that swept his forehead. His eyes were large, lustrous, with a look of boyish vulnerability and innocence about them that could change to impishness or seduction whichever and whenever he chose.

They had first met when they'd both been six after Bobby had come to live with his grandmother, Jesse. Since Jesse and Helen were the best of friends, it was only natural that Jesse bring Bobby with her when she came to the farm.

At first, thing did not seem to go well. The two boys had said nothing to each other, but just stood and stared.

The women had been afraid that the boys might not get along at all, but in that they were mistaken. Nor were they being shy. Young though they were, something inside each of them had clicked firmly and securely into place. Each fit the other perfectly. The

attraction was that strong, deep and instantaneous.

After that, they were together every chance they got. They played together. They worked together. They laughed together. Each shared with the other everything he had.

Now and again, there would be disagreements. Then, Paul would give Bobby a look

that said that he could not be persuaded, no matter what. long silken lashes. 'Ahhhhh,' he would say in a murmur that was a sweet, soft, beguiling purr. It was maddening, but Paul's insides would feel like chocolate melting in the sun, purr. It was maddening, but Paul's insides would feel like chocolate melting in the sun, and Bobby would get his way.

Paul got from the couch and went over to the window. A Winter's twilight was covering the snowy land in a magical peace. It was a time for dreams - and for memories

In Paul's mind he could see another Christmas Eve, when he and Bobby had both been 15. Helen and Jesse had gone into town to do some last minute shopping, leaving the two boys by themselves. Bobby suggested that they take a walk, go see if the cat had had her

It was snowing, great big feathery flakes, but it wasn't that cold. They hadn't needed

gloves. Somewhere between the house and the barn, Paul had taken Bobby's hand.
"Do you know what you're doing?" Bobby had asked quietly.
"Whatdayu think about what I'm doing?" Paul had replied.
"I think you love me," was the soft, unhesitating response, adding, "Just like I love

you.' Then, they'd kissed. It was their first kiss, soft and tender, full of delicious sweetness like a slice of orange. That Christmas Eve, they'd gone on to the barn and shared there many kisses and much more.

Later, they would come to understand that their love for each other was a function of their Gay humanity. Sex was what expressed that love. But that night, all they knew was the sublime and wondrous beauty that they shared; like sun streaming through a rose window making jewels of light shine radiantly in their common soul.

Jesse and Helen watched all this with approval. As Jesse said, "Love's rare in this

world, damned rare. If the bigots don't like it, so much the worse for them.'

Then had come last August.

Bobby had come down with appendicitis and the doctor had said that his appendix would have to be removed. It was a simple operation. There was nothing serious or complicated about it, the doctor said. But, out of a routine blood test afterward, came a terrible truth. Bobby had been infected with HIV.

It was like all the mountains had collapsed on them all at once. Bobby had cried in Paul's arms, cried as if there would be no end to tears. He was scared, more frightened than he'd ever been in his life. A terrible, dark miasma of dread settled over him, a hellishly lonely, self-pitying depression, a deep despair that with all Paul's love, he could

He and Paul had had their dream of one day having their own farm. But that was over life was over. He was dieing with AIDS, and had, at most, he decided, a couple of months

Paul had tried in every way he could think of to snap Bobby out of his gloom. But

nothing worked. Despite every effort, Bobby stayed hidden behind the seemingly impenetrable wall he had built for himself, huddled there, quivering in lonely fear.

Finally, he'd sent Paul a letter, a kind of farewell note.

"You can't want me, Paul," he'd written, "not with me like this, not dying like I am.

Let me go. Forget about me and what we once had. Love, like our's, is part of life, but death must see an end to both.

After he'd gotten the letter, Paul had stormed over to Jesse's farm. He wasn't about to accept that their love was over. It wasn't! It couldn't be! Not when he felt it like a nuclear meltdown in his heart. He knew Bobby spent most of his time in his bedroom with the door locked. He was determined to kick it down if that was the only way.

But Jesse had restrained him, thinking that a frontal assault like he had in mind wouldn't do any good at all. Instead, she'd taken him to her kitchen for coffee and a cigarette to calm him down.

Jesse, why is he doing this to me? Why?"

"Remember when you were on the gym team in high school?" she asked, "and the rumor ran around that you were Gay? Remember how Bobby tried to distance himself from you, to save your place on the team? Paul, try and understand. That's what he's trying to do now. Save you."
"And you remember what I did?" Paul countered, with flashing eagle eyes. He was

famous for that piercing look.

Jesse did remember. How could she forget?

At the meet with the school's arch rivals, Paul had performed as never before. His strong, lithe body was poetry in motion. Afterwards, when he'd won the trophy, he'd announced that he was dedicating it to the only person on earth he'd ever loved and ever would love. Then, he'd walked over to the stands and handed it to Bobby

A bigoted coach had kicked Paul off the gym team. That had hurt and hurt badly as did the slurs and cat-calls that they got. But for Paul, the pain was muted to the vanishing point because he and Bobby were back together. They had each other and their love. So, the rest didn't matter.

"That trophy was the greatest gift I could give him then. What have I got to hand him now?" he pleaded, holding out both hands.

"Only love will ever be able to tell you that," the wise old woman replied. "And, as love told you the last time, it will this time as well."

Paul had said nothing after that, but had gotten from his chair and left the house. But as Jesse watched him go, she'd decided that come what may, she would get Bobby out of his room and to Helen's farm for Christmas Eve. After that ...?

In the distance, Paul heard sleigh bells ringing, jingling in the frosty air, interrupting his thoughts. He stubbed out his cigarette, seeing from the window Jesse's big old sleigh pulling up to the house. Jesse was driving. In the pale light of the full moon, Paul could just make out Bobby's dark form huddled in a pile of blankets on the seat beside her

It was Jesse who carried the bags inside. Bobby trudged along behind. Besides his scarf, coat and gloves, he was wrapped in two afghans and looked like a sparrow driven to earth by some fierce storm.

Jesse and Helen embraced warmly, then Jesse said she was in bad need of some coffee with "maybe a little something in it." With that, she took Helen firmly by the arm and they went off to the kitchen leaving the boys alone to themselves.

"We gotta put the horses in the barn," Paul said.
"You do it. I'm sick." Bobby's tone was miserable and full of self-pity. "I didn't wanta come here at all.'

Paul's look hardened. For a second he wasn't sure how to respond, but then all the Continued on Page 13



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months of pent-up frustration, rejection and pain took over and he yanked the afghans away. "You don't look sick. You look healthy. An' I'll tell you one thing, you're gonna help me, damnit. You're not just gonna sit on your ass and wilt. You may not have wanted to come, but you're here an' you're gonna earn your keep, so get movin'."

Bobby looked startled, as if he'd been hit. Then, just for a second, there was the look that he got just before he said, "Ahhhhh"; the look that could twist Paul around his little finger. But then that was snuffed out by Paul's eagle glare to be replaced by a forlorn, yielding, and hopeless expression.

Paul went to the closet and grabbed his coat. He'd forgotten where he'd put his gloves,

but they didn't matter. He wouldn't need them. They wouldn't be out that long.

With Bobby seated beside him, Paul drove the sleigh to the barn. "We'll unhitch the

horses inside. Go open the door."
"You do it. It's too heavy for me anymore." Bobby's tone was pitiful, barely heard above the wind.

The horses whinnied impatiently, and one pawed the snow. They were high-spirited animals and Paul struggled to control them. "Go open the goddamned door!" he

Bobby did as he was told. Paul drove the sleigh inside and Bobby slid the door shut with a thud. The lights were on. The air was warm and full of the sweet scents of hay and animals. A cow ate contentedly from a manger.

Paul jumped down from the sleigh and went around it to face Bobby, looking at him

with a piercing glare. "We're gonna talk and we're gonna talk now."
"Talk about what?" Bobby asked in a small, miserable voice. He wanted to run, run fast, run anywhere. But after all the months of hiding and hurting, there was no where to 'Talk about that I'm dying? Paul, face it." he pleaded. "I have. I've faced it. I'm dy...''

Paul cut him off. "You haven't faced anything, Bobby, not a thing. All you've got is your own self..."

"No, Paul, no, no, not self-pity." He leaned with his back against the barn door, his hands stuffed into his coat pockets. "Death, Paul. I'm facing death." His voice was low, fearful. He turned his head from side to side as if he expected to see the pale, ghostly form lurking in the shadows. "That's what I've faced, faced facts, Paul. The fact that it's over, my life, us, our future togeth..."

"No.

"Yes."

One of the horses neighed impatiently and pawed the wooden floor. It was restless and wanted unharnessed.

Bobby continued. "Future, Paul, years? I have no future, no years. All I'll have is a grave somewhere, that's all. That's where they'll dump me, you know? In the dirt. What's left of me. So, just forget me. Okay? Paul, believe me, it's better that way.''

Paul could feel himself beginning to choke up. He couldn't do that, couldn't let that happen. He leaned back against the sleigh, head down, fighting for control. "Not better, not better at all." He raised his head and looked at Bobby with a piercing, pleading gaze. "Forget you? How? You may as well tell me to forget my hand." He held it up. "Good Christ, I love you, Bobby. No virus, can stop that. What'dyu think? It's just a sunny day love, no commitment?, no sacrifices? All I wanted was your body? Is that it?"

"No," Bobby replied and stopped, feeling hot tears sting his eyes. The wall was breaking down, crumbling into ash. "How could you say that? I never thought that, no more than you could think it of me. But don't you see, honey, I'm dying. I'm dying of AIDS. Can't you get that through your head? I do love you. I wanted you, marry you, be

your spouse, but that can't be, not now, Not when I have AIDS. Not..."
"You haven't got AIDS, damnit!" Paul retorted angrily. "You've got a virus. I've read about it. You're living with a fuckin' virus, living, Bobby, hear me! You're living with a virus! Only in your case you're not living at all. You've tossed me, our love, over like a piece of junk an' dug your goddamned grave and you're willing yourself to die, willing it, Bobby, and th' stinkin' problem is you're killing me as you go!" He turned away, trying to gain some control over himself. In his throat was a terrible lump. "I love you," he sobbed.

"Paul, think about it. Suppose we're together? Then what? You wanta wipe my ass when I can't control myself anymore? You wanta dress me when I can't dress myself? Clean me, feed me when I can't bathe 'r feed myself? You wanta carry me, lift me, put me in a wheelchair? Or when that happens, are you goin' ta run off an' find another man?

Paul whirled around. "Don't you ever, don't you dare, think that way! Another man?!! Another guy?! Don' be stupid! I love you, only you, forever you, always you. How many goddamned wavs. Bobbv. do I have to sav it?! An' all I ask vou, fur Christ's sake, is that you don't give up. That's all I want. What I want is..." He paused, "What I want... What I want, Christ Jesus, God in heaven, what I want is to love you, walk beside you. That's my commitment, Bobby. That's my love. Oh, fuck the goddamned virus an' this whole bloody straight world!" Tears overflowed his eyes and cascaded down his smooth

"Paul, I'm so scared." He held out his hand.

In the farmhouse kitchen, Jesse was crying, too. "They've gotta get together again," she said as Helen held her tight. "There's gotta be a miracle, just one little Christmas miracle. Is that too much to ask?'

But Helen thought she was too old to believe in miracles anymore.

In the barn, Paul closed his eyes in relieved thanks to whatever was there to hear.

Then, he started to go to take Bobby's out-stretched hand.

Perhaps it was the crying and sounds of voices. Perhaps it was barn owl that hooted in the rafters or the noise from loose board clattering in the wind. But whatever it was, that spooked the horses, they suddenly reared and started the heavy sleigh backing hard toward the door.

Bobby, look out!"

Paul spun around and grabbed the edge of the sleigh, trying to stop it with all his might. The horses whinnied, they reared. Their hooves pawed the air. The sleigh jolted backwards. Paul cut his hands badly on the metal edgings.

Then, suddenly, the horses lunged forward, pulling the sleigh with them. They came to a halt at the other end of the barn where they could go no farther.

It was only then that Paul saw Bobby. He was lying in a heap by the barn door. His eyes were closed. There was a nasty gash on his head from which the blood was pouring.

Paul didn't stop and think, and it wouldn't have made any difference if he had. He ran to Bobby, knelt down and gathered his limp forming into his arms. Then he pressed a cut and bleeding hand to the wound in Bobby's head. It was the only way he knew to stop the

How long he held it there, Paul did not know. But gradually, Bobby started coming

around, groaning a little. His eyes flickered and then opened.

He took Paul's hand, the one pressed to his head, and looked at it and suddenly, realized what had happened. "Good God! My blood! You're hand! Oh, Paul, Paul, Paul,

nooo! Why?"
"Because I love you, Bobby," came the quiet, hushed reply. "Because I love you

Paul got Bobby to his feet, one hand still firmly held against the wound to staunch the blood. "I gotta get you bandaged up," he said. "Me too, for that matter."

'But Paul, think! My blood mixed with yours. Whata we gonna do?'

Paul kissed Bobby on the tip of his nose. "Do? Honey, we're gonna live, we're gonna be together. We're gonna let th' future take care of itself like it will anyway an' we're gonna tell the virus to go screw itself. Besides, they say people're healthier when they're happy. And now just think, hon, just think how happy our love will make us be."

They say that for every act of sacrificial love an angel in born in heaven. If so, there was

one born in those high halls that night.

Paul kissed Bobby on the lips. Then he smiled and said, "Now hush and let's get moving. We've got Christmas to celebrate and," he added, "many, many Christmases

'Ahhhhh," came the soft, loving, sweet, beguiling reply.

Then they left the barn, going out into the still night air. "You still have that trophy I gave you?" Paul asked.

"Sure. Why?"

"Nothing. Just wondered."

Arm in arm, they went back to the house.

# Kelly Appointed to International Conference Relating to HIV Infection

[Milwaukee]- Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences at the Medical College of Wisconsin, has been appointed to serve on the Scientific Committee of the Conference International Biopsychosocial Aspects of HIV Infection. The conference, to be held next July in Brighton, England, brings together researchers in the areas of AIDS prevention, mental health, neuroscience and health care issues.

Dr. Kelly's specialty, behavioral medicine, focuses on research that involves the application of psychological principals for illness prevention, psychological treatments for persons who are ill, and the interplay of behavioral and medical factors related to health and

With over \$14.6 million in grants from

the National Institute of Mental Health, Dr. Kelly is one of the nation's leading researchers in AIDS prevention through community-based prevention programs in urban Milwaukee and small cities throughout the country, for at-risk populations, including Gay men, minority women and the chronically mentally ill.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Kelly completed his undergraduate work at Case Western Reserve University in 1971 and received his Masters degree in 1973 and Doctoral degree in 1975 from the University of Kentucky. He completed his clinical psychology residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in 1976 and joined its faculty as an Instructor of Psychiatry in 1976, and achieved the rank of Professor of Psychiatry in 1985. He joined the Medical College faculty in 1990.

# **Madison Metropolitan Community Church Welcomes All to Services**

By Vicki Heinz

What would you say if I told you that there is a church which proclaims liberation for one and all; a church which extends its ministry to persons of all races, backgrounds, to young and old alike, rich and poor; a church which welcomes Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transsexuals and Heterosexuals to worship, witness and serve together?

Impossible you say, in this day and age, a rarity at the very least?

Well, have I got good news for you. October 3, 1993, was the first meeting of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in Madison. It was a very powerful coming together, a start towards the growth of a productive church carrying a healing and affirming message - that we are all God's children, unconditionally loved by God.

We celebrated ourselves and each other. It was a feeling of "coming home" to ourselves, a faith community, and to a loving and affirming (not a condemning and judgmental) God.

I'll never forget my first experience at an MCC service. I had been brought up

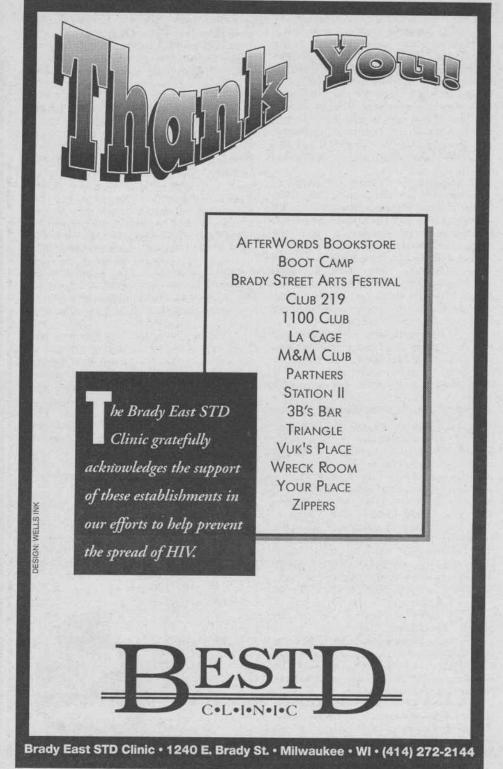
Lutheran and converted to Catholicism while in college. But it was not until that MCC service in Minneapolis that the seed that had been planted started to grow. For the first time, I felt inside the unconditional love, peace, joy and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. I was so deeply touched that tears rolled down my face throughout much of the service.

More than 15 years after its founding, the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is composed of over 200 congregations in 10 countries.

The Church continues to grow - and right here in Madison too!

If you are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, whatever, and have strayed away or stayed away from Christianity because of feeling that you are not loved or accepted - as you are - MCC is here for you.

We welcome you and look forward to meeting you. Please join us. We worship every Sunday evening beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Avenue (wheelchair accessible, smoke- free). Call Kim at (608) 2517636 for more information.



# At Last! More Quotes of A Queer Nature

By Jamakaya

Boy George says on the booklet inside his new CD: "I'd like to thank Mum, Dad and the rest of my family for making me the twisted, confused queen that I am."

Our Boy also testified recently in a paternity suit filed against him. What queer-minded person would doubt his defense? "I have never penetrated a woman in my life," said Boy George, "so it's unlikely to be me." Case closed.

Baring his soul to the Associated Press, Yves St. Laurent gushed: "I couldn't live without making dresses. Without that, I'd die."

Speaking of sisters, did you know that the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, San Francisco's popular drag activists, were dis-invited from appearing onstage during last April's March on Washington? The invitation was withdrawn after organizers grew concerned about the "image" they might project. RuPaul was somehow acceptable though.

Sister Hellina Handbasket said: "If any group has earned the right to be on that stage, it is the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence."

"A token drag queen performing on stage as eye candy and comic relief is not a commitment to visibility of the transgender and queer community and their issues; it's the same unacceptable elitist and exclusive attitude mainstream Gays have always had about the diversity within our community," said Sister Vicious Power Hungry Bitch.

Says newly out, folksinging legend Janis Ian: "It's hard to justify having worked for black civil rights in the 60's and not work for my own civil rights in the

"I've made my career of saying things people are afraid of," Ian told AP. "If I'm gonna do it, maybe some 12- year-old will see me on TV and say, 'Hey, I'm OK.' I've had people tell me that 'At Seventeen' helped keep them from going over the edge. Every time someone like me comes out, somebody closeted at work feels safer and braver about coming out."

Actress Amanda Bearse, who plays Marcy on the zany family satire Married... With Children, told The Advocate being outed by the tabloids "was quite a freeing experience. . . I know that sounds sort of cliched, but it really was very liberating. That one thing, that one big secret is out. For a lot of people it was just a confirmation of what they thought about me. I mean, I look like the girl next door, but I was always kind of officenter."

"I would love this interview to be an impetus for somebody else to come forward," said Bearse. "I would love for more people to feel OK about coming out. It's so important politically, and it's going to empower our community."

The attorney for Drs. Susan Love and Helen Cooksey, who won co-equal parenting rights over Love's 5-year-old girl in Massachusetts, said of her clients: "They are like the perfect parents, and all-American, except for being Lesbian."

Model Lauren Hutton, still gorgeous at 50, on rumors that she's had Lesbian relationships: "Who cares?"

Dorothy Hajdys, of all the new Gay friends she's made since her son Allen Schindler's horrible murder: "If there's a place in the Guiness Records for the

Dorothy Hajdys, of all the new Gay friends she's made since her son Allen Schindler's horrible murder: "If there's a place in the Guiness Records for the woman kissed most by Gay men, I'm it!"

Okay, guys, take notes on this one. "If you have a decent body, why not show it?" asks Jean-Claude Van Damme. "I'm very proud of my butt," says the movie hunk, "What you can do is... contract the butt hard for 15 seconds, then release. And I mean hard! Do this 20 times a day and you won't be able to walk, but you'll look like Van Damme." Ouch, oooh — aaaahh!

In the latest edition of the cabaret spoof, Forbidden Broadway, Annie Warbucks, who has just been to see the epic Angels in America, sings to the tune of "Tomorrow:" "I wanna be back, on Broadway/ But the shows on Broadway run six hours/ or they're Gay..."

"I felt like I was in cinema heaven," director John Waters told Premiere about Kathleen Turner's performance in his new film, Serial Mom: "She loves being bad. She's killed two people already out



MATINA NAVRATILOVA

of six. The sight of her running down the street like a Breck girl with an upraised butcher knife made it like a dream come true. I felt like I was in cinema heaven." Can't wait, John.

How about this wickedly accurate review of the worst film of 1993, Claire of the Moon? The Los Angeles Daily News wrote: "Ineptitude and pretentiousness combine to turn this Lesbian romance into a boring joke. Neither Todd nor Trumbo can act and Conn [the director] can't get a single thought or emotion across effectively." Aw, I dunno, I think they're being too kind...

Martina Navratilova, on her two exlovers, Judy Nelson and Rita Mae Brown, getting together: "I think those two deserve each other."

The Advocate asked Martina about Clinton's compromise on the Pentagon ban. "He just didn't stick to his guns... He can't compromise with human rights. You can compromise with the budget—cuts here, taxes there—that's all compromisable. But human rights are not. What's astonishing to me is when people think they have a right to choose to give other human beings a right—or take it away! That's what blows my mind!"

When did Martina's activism begin? "I always had this great urge for fair play. Unfairness drove me nuts. If I saw a bigger kid beating up a little kid, I would go help out. That was just inborn in me. I would help old people carry their bags across the street. Or give up my seat for an old woman or man without thinking. I couldn't believe when other people didn't do it."

How does she feel being a Lesbian spokeswoman? "It's not something I've strived for, but I'm not going to run away from it either. If I can make a difference, then I accept that responsibility with great pride... I always try to right wrongs, and if I can right this wrong, it's important to me."

Southern Voice published a thoughtful essay about the Michael Jackson scandal when it first broke a few months back. Gary Kaupman wrote:

"Most Gay people I know have always assumed that Michael Jackson was Gay. I have too, and I hoped that, like Elton John, he would eventually become sufficiently comfortable with that part of himself to integrate it into his life and be open about who he is. Gay kids need role models, and famous ones are especially welcome. Jackson has betrayed the trust of millions of kids — Gay and not — by putting himself in a position where he could even be accused of abuse."

"My hope now — whether Jackson is Gay or not, whether he is guilty of the abuse with which he is charged or just incredibly confused about how it is OK to behave with kids — is that Liz [Taylor] and Liz [Smith] and Brooke and all his other famous friends will get over their dangerous denial and demand that he confront the abuse he suffered as a child and how, in the name of love, he continues to perpetrate that abuse as an adult."

"When push comes to shove," wrote Kaupman, "that's what friends are for."



# States Top School Official Is Committed to Needs of Gay Students

[Milwaukee]- Stating that his "office has an obligation" to work with Gay and Lesbian youth issues, Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction, John Benson, emphasized his support and commitment to Gay and Lesbian youth at a meeting in his Madison office on November 22 with Michael S. Lisowski, Director of Gay Youth Milwaukee and Barbara A. Bitters, Section Chief of Equity and Multicultural Education Bureau for the Department of Public Instruction (DPI).

The meeting resulted from a letter written by Lisowski in August asking to meet with Benson to discuss ways in which and effective policy for and services to sexual minority youth could be implemented.

At the start of the 40 minute meeting, Benson mentioned that he had spoken to the Gay and Lesbian Education Employees' (GLEE) caucus at their request at the state teachers' convention in October. As reported in Light, this was the first time a superintendent had addressed a Gay or Lesbian organization.

Under former Superintendent Herbert Grover, sources within DPI reported that DPI staff were to leave sexual orientation issues alone, although Wisconsin Statute 118.13 specifically prohibits discrimination which includes sexual orientation. Benson's meeting with Bitters and Lisowski, in addition to his meeting with State Representatives Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) and Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) in November, was, Lisowski said, "a breath of fresh air and provides new opportunities for much neglected work with sexual minority youth in Wisconsin's public schools.

Benson emphasized that all principals and teachers must be aware of the special needs of all of their students. He not only stressed that resources and information should be sent to and made available to all schools, but that workshops should be presented statewide at various conventions to make teachers and staff aware of the special needs of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students.

Benson further requested that Bitters prepare for him speech citations that include "sexual orientation" and "Gay" and "Lesbian" references that he could use when speaking on student needs and multicultural diversity concerns at meetings and conventions.

It was mentioned jokingly that if

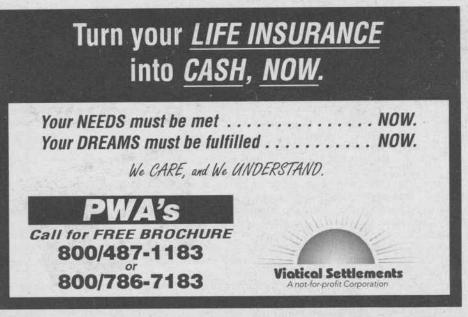
Benson used the words "Gay" and "Lesbian," no one would hear the rest of his speech.

Although Benson himself seemed comfortable in discussing the topic of sexual orientation as it pertains to the public schools, he was reminded of the crucial importance of that he support would bring to the situation.

Lisowski said that the positive meeting with Benson proves "that support must not only be cultivated, but that efforts to educate and advocate must continue where the safety, services and support for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual youth is concerned." Lisowski said that these crucial issues had been "neglected for years."

Those willing to lend support and/or would like more information on Wisconsin's anti-discrimination statute, 118.13, can call Barbara Bitters at (608) 266-9609 or Melissa Keyes, Consultant for the Sex Equity Program at (608) 267-9157. Their address is: 125 S. Webster Street, P.O. Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707-7841. Lisowski can be contacted at P.O. Box 09441, Milwaukee, WI 53209 or call (414) 265-8500.









# A Record 150 Lesbians and Gay Officials Meet in Chicago

By Dayna Verstegen

[Madison]- 1985 marked the first conference of openly Lesbian and Gay officials gathered in West Hollywood, California. In 1993, nearly 500 invitations were sent to "out" officials to attend the 9th Annual International Conference of Openly Lesbian and Gay Elected and Appointed Officials.

150 Lesbian and Gay officials descended upon Chicago for the four-day event, held at the four-star Hotel International-Chicago on Michigan Avenue. The event was hosted by the International Network of Lesbian and Gay Officials (INLGO). "The event was a tremendous success," said Suzanne Kraus, conference coordinator. was a tremendous exchange of ideas and it was a chance to support one another."

Honored guests included Roberta Achtenberg, Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the first open Lesbian sub-cabinet member; David Mixner, consultant to Bill Clinton on Lesbian and Gay issues during the 1992 campaign; Peri Jude Radecic, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; and Tammy Baldwin, the first openly Lesbian or Gay member of the Wisconsin State Legislature.

Other senior attenders included Senator Allen Spear, President of the Minnesota Senate, state Senators Dale McCormick of Maine, and Will Fitzpatrick of Rhode Island, and many school board and city council members from the U.S. and Canada, as well as several Clinton

appointees. Issues on the top of everyone's agenda included anti-Gay legislation, the ban on Lesbians and Gays in the military, domestic partnership legislation, same-sex marriage, confronting the "Right," and the Clinton health care plan, and, in particular, its impact on the

AIDS community. "We came to the conference to strategize on how to stop the tide of hate," said Rep. Baldwin. "We need to stop simply reacting to these attacks and take control. It is critical that we build a cohesive and sophisticated strategy.

In her speech on Friday morning, Achtenberg said that there are now 33 openly Gay or Lesbian appointments in the Clinton Administration, while offering the caveat, "We must acknowledge that things go forward, sideways and sometimes even backwards," citing recent voter referenda in New Hampshire, Kentucky and Maine. She, Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and Radecic predicted more referenda, including what will be a very tough battle in Michigan.

Workshops at the conference were conducted on such issues as media management, confronting the Right, how to develop domestic partnership legislation, deciding to run for office, the politics of education and many others.

"There is a Gay agenda. We're creating it now!" said Deborah Glick of the New York State Assembly. "We have had it with the attacks on our community. There is a lot of energy at this conference.

I think the tide is changing in our favor!" Many participants said that the real importance of the event was the gathering of so many powerful Gay and Lesbian officials at a time when we are under attack. "Gays and Lesbians must be on the inside of government so that our concerns and our voices will not be silences," said Sen. McCormick. "We have power and we use it!"

The Victory Fund, a Gay and Lesbian group that gathers thousands of dollars for openly Lesbian and Gay political candidates, sponsored a reception at the Executive Plaza Hotel Penthouse in honor of the officials who they helped to elect to office. Featured speaker David Mixner said, "This group of pioneers assures that the next generation of Gays and Lesbians will never face...the same discrimination we grew up with.

For the first time in its history, the conference was sponsored by corporate underwriting. Miller Brewing Company sponsored both a Lesbian breakfast and the Victory Fund event. The 10th Annual conference will meet in Seattle, Washington, while Toronto, Canada will be the host in 1995. INLGO is rapidly moving toward international inclusion having attracted the attention of a substantial Canadian delegation and officials from Europe.

#### Correction

The un-bylined article in the last issue titled "New Group Forming to Help Address the Needs of Older People" was written by Eldon Murray.

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# **Proud Crowd Ad** Is Huge Success For PrideFest

[Milwaukee]- PrideFest has announced that this year's Proud Crowd fundraiser was the most successful fundraiser ever held to benefit Pride. Over 200 individuals, organizations and businesses are listed in the Proud Crowd ad in this month's editions of Wisconsin Light and

The Proud Crowd is composed of individuals, organizations and businesses who paid to be listed in the ads.

"We are very grateful to everyone who helped us to make this year's Proud Crowd fundraiser such a huge success," said PrideFest Co-Chair Bill Meunier. "We anticipate the total raised by this year's drive to be at least triple the amount raised last year."

The PrideFest Pride Council is trying to raise funds for Wisconsin's Stonewall 25 celebration. PrideFest 94 will be held on June 4th and 5th. Last year's event attracted over 13,000 people.

The next big PrideFest fund raiser will

be the annual Mardi Gras ball. The Mardi Gras party will be held at the Mitchell Park domes on Saturday February 5th. Costumes are optional. The event features live entertainment, a private viewing of the domes and more.

Watch for more details on the Mardi Gras Ball (see ad this issue) and PrideFest 94 in the next issue of Wisconsin Light.



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# We Are the Messengers Bringing The Good News at Christmas Time

Commentary By Rev. Lew Broyles

This time of year is like no other, in terms of the joy that enters our lives. Sometimes we act out of love during the holidays, other times - out of fear.

Rev. Michael Piazza, Cathedral of Hope MCC, Dallas, Texas, pastors the largest church of Gays and Lesbians, some 1300 strong. He suggests that fear is the context of Christmas. In a recent sermon, he said that we might remember that first Christmas night when the angels came to the shepherds. The first words spoken were, "Fear not, for we bring you good

tidings of great joy...'

Today, when our lives as a Lesbian and
Gay people are about to be changed

# Men of All Colors **Holiday Potluck**

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee chapter of Men of All Colors Together (MACT) and the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in their continuing effort to bridge the barriers created by racism in the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community, is pleased to announce their 1993 Holiday Potluck. This event is a celebration of Solstice, Hanukkah, Day of Enlightenment, Christmas, Kawanzaa and any other holidays that are celebrated at this time of year. This celebration is for the entire Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgen-

dered communities.

The Holiday Potluck will be held December 30, 1993, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Milwaukee Public Library Center Street Branch, 2727 W. Fond du Lac Avenue in Milwaukee. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Beverages and dinnerware will be provided. In order to make certain there is an adequate array of food, we are asking that you call Monty at (414) 282-0273 and let him know what you are bringing to the potluck. In the spirit of the season, it would be extra special if food dishes that are traditional to your personal holiday celebration are prepared for this event.

forever, I believe that many of us still act out of fear, fear of the lies told about us by the Religious Right.

The greatest lie of which I know is the lack of scholarship regarding God, restoration and celebration. For example, in Luke, ch. 7 and Matthew, ch. 8, we read that a Centurion petitions Jesus for the healing of a servant - who is dear to

In Matthew, the Greek word that is translated "servant" as "pias," meaning slaveboy, which commonly described a Gay relationship in those

Scholars tell us that in the historical context of the time and culture, "boy-lover" would be another, or as appropriate use of the word.

Jesus holds up the Centurion's request as exemplary in regards to faith and the his male lover is healed.

We in the Lesbian and Gay community are the "messengers" (in Greek, "angelos") sent to bring the "good news" to our non-Gay sisters and brothers, attaining the "perfect love" that casts out fear, destroys lies, and restores us as God's children, co-creating with God, a better world.

Gay Christian is not an oxymoron, it is a truth, a truth that will set you free this Christmas season, free of fears, free of lies. God Bless you all.

Editor's Note: Reverend Broyles is the Pastor of the Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church.



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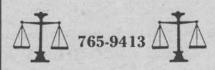
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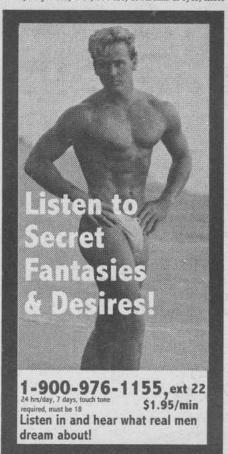
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# President Clinton Compares AIDS to The Holocaust in Response to Heckler

[Washington, DC] — Responding to a heckler who interrupted his speech on World AIDS Day, President Clinton compared the despair and rage people feel in the face of AIDS to that felt by people during the Holocaust.

The mainstream media carried only short sound bites from the emotional confrontation. Here we are printing the entire exchange.

Clinton was at Georgetown Medical Center December 1, laying out his administration's plan against AIDS. Panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt hung as a backdrop behind him on the stage. Just as he said the purpose of World AIDS Day is to "remind us that our attitudes, behavior and passion should be revved up in the other 364 days of the year," 19-year-old Luke Sissyfag, an activist with ACT UP and Queer Nation, interrupted.

SISSYFAG: "If you're so concerned about AIDS, where's the Manhattan Project on AIDS that you promised during your campaign? One year, lots of talk, no action! Thirty recommendations of the National Commission on AIDS go sitting on a shelf gathering dust in your White House, Bill, while me and my community are dying in ever increasing numbers, and all you do is talk! Talk is cheap and we need action!

"You're hiding behind the quilts! You are doing nothing! Look at your record, Bill! One year, no results. The Manhattan Project on AIDS that you promised during the campaign, where is it? Thirty recommendations of George Bush's Commission on AIDS. Where are they? One year! Slick Wis! e Reiublicans were right! We should have never trusted you."

As audience members tried to shout Sissyfag down and he was led out by a cop (he was not arrested), Clinton said: "It's okay. It's alright." He then made these extemporaneous comments. CLINTON: "Look, last night — let me change the subject a minute and get back to that. Last night I went to see Schindler's List. We had a special showing of it for the Holocaust Museum, and it's not going to be a highly advertised movie and it's coming out around Christmas time, and it

will be tough for people to see then. I implore every one of you to go see it. It is an astonishing thing, Schindler's List. It's about a non-Jew who as a member of the Nazi Party saved over 1,000 Jews by his personal efforts in World War II from the Holocaust.

"The reason I say that is this: Part of my job is to be a lightening rod. Part of my job is to lift the hopes and aspirations of the American people, knowing that as long as you're trying to lift hopes and lift aspirations you can never fully close the gap between what you're reaching for and what you're actually doing, and knowing for sure that there's no way I can now keep everybody alive who already has AIDS.

"So the fact that he's in here expressing his frustration to me means at least that they expect me to do something, which is a step forward. And I don't take it personally.

"The reason I ask you to go see the movie is you will see portrait after portrait after portrait of the painful difference between people who who have no hope and no rage left and people who still have hope and still have rage. I'd rather that man be in here screaming at me than having given up altogether, much rather."

Clinton went on to review what his administration is doing in the fight against AIDS. He cited a 20% increase in funds for research and a 66% increase in funds for treatment under the Ryan White Care Act. He has required every federal agency to develop AIDS education and prevention programs for employees and has appointed the long sought-after AIDS "crar."

But Clinton said "the best thing we can do for people who are living with HIV and living with AIDS is to pass a comprehensive health care plan so that people do not lose their benefits."

In a highly personal speech, Clinton also spoke of friends he had lost to AIDS. He said AIDS was "bringing out the best and the worst in America," exposing prejudices but also showing "the incredible capacity of the American people to give and to love."

# Veteran Board Member, Tony Rhodes, Named President of CCF

[Milwaukee]- Tony Rhodes was elected as the President of Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

Rhodes, a Milwaukee native, has served on the Foundation's Board for five years. He was the first Chair of the Grants Committee, serving for four years. The Committee had the responsibility of reviewing all grant applicants and recommending approval or disapproval to the full Board.

Rhodes was also the first Chair of the Foundation's Nominating Committee in which capacity he served for a year.

Rhodes attended college at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia where he majored in Political Science and minored in English. Following graduation, he worked in Atlanta for nine years before returning to Milwaukee.

He is widely known, popular and active in the community. He is a member of GAMMA, the Gay athletic association, and a member of the Board of the Human Rights League, a newly formed organization.

Rhodes speaks warmly and with deep feeling of the Foundation's work in the Lesbian/Gay community. He is proud of the fact that the Foundation, among its many other philanthropic works for the community, has been one of the major sponsors of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride celebration for the last five years. In 1993, the Foundation granted \$5,000 to the Pride Committee which allowed the Fest to go on.

The Foundation, Rhodes proudly says, is in it's 11th year of service to the community and "proudly serves Lesbian/Gay concerns."

Rhodes says in service as President, he sees an opportunity to help "in every way I can" to increase the Foundation's continuous service to the entire community.

He adds that being the first person of color to lead the Foundation is symbolic of the great diversity that the Foundation has historically espoused. "I will work diligently to enhance the Cream City Foundation's growth and commitment to the community," Rhodes said.

#### Other Officers

At the October meeting, the Foundation Board re-elected as Vice President, Ross Draegert who will continue to serve as the Foundation's liaison with ACHOICE. Nelvin Johnson, multiple recipient of the Foundation's "Volunteer of the Year" award, was re-elected as Secretary.

The Cream City Foundation, founded in 1982, is the only grant-making community-based foundation in the state of Wisconsin whose sole purpose is to support the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community. Offices are located at 2821 N. 4th Street, Suite 217-B in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center. The office phone number is (414) 265-0880.

# Bi? Shy? Why? Bisexuals Plan Madison Events

[Madison]- Bi? Shy? Why? is a group of Bisexuals and allies who meet regularly in Madison to discuss issues, network, share information, organize political actions and socialize. The organization is an informal group that welcomes anyone interested in Bisexual, Lesbian and Gay issues to drop in and join them.

There are three different groups that meet once a month on Monday nights. The groups are: General Group meeting for networking, planning and discussions; Bisexual Women's Support Group; and Bisexual Men's Support Group.

The Monday meetings are held at: The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center, 336 W Dayton Street in Madison. The time is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Socials are held the fourth week of each month at various locations and times to be

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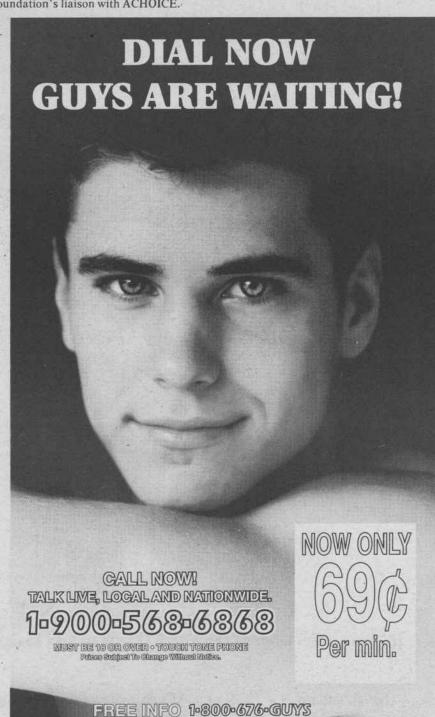
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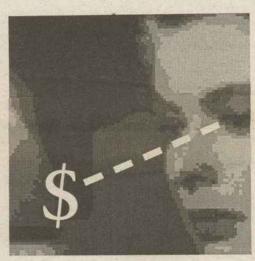
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