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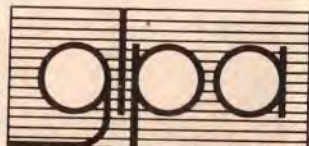
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Frank majored in Fine Art for two years at the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD).

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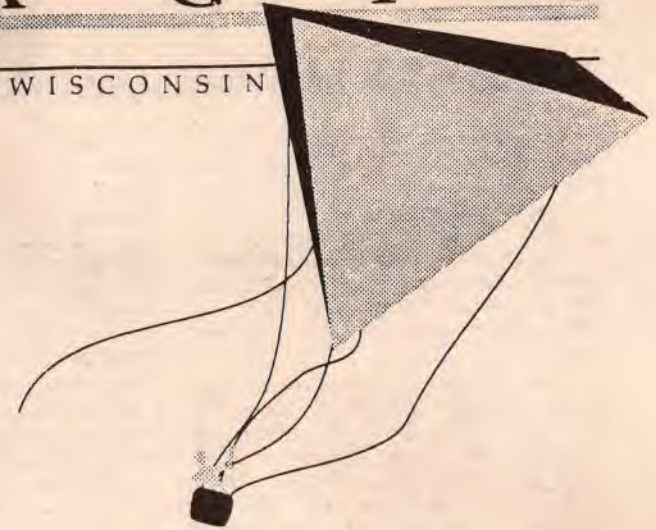
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3,000 March In Milwaukee Pride Parade

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's second annual Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade and Rally took place on June 16, and can only be described as a "towering success;" a splendid tribute to the work of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) and dozens of other volunteers who contributed thousands of hours of self-sacrificing work and effort over the past months.

Under glowering, rain threatening skies, the parade participants began to form up in the lot at the corner of Jefferson and Ogden. Formation was scheduled to begin at 11am, but there were those who arrived as early as 9:30am, excited and, as many said, unable to sleep the night before.

While it may not be exactly objective reporting to say so, there was, as the marchers gathered, an electric feeling in the air; a feeling of community that comes all too seldom.

By noon step-off time, a light rain had begun to fall, but no one cared and, in fact there were cheers as the Great Lakes Freedom Band broke into "On Wisconsin." More than one person testified to tingling shivers running up their spines.

At noon, the long anticipated March of Lesbian/Gay Pride began. What a wonderful thing to see and hear: the roar of the engines of the Dykes on Bikes; the sound of the music, the rainbow and American flags snapping in the humid air, oblivious to the gently falling rain.

Wonderful to see as well, people representing all the marvelous facets of our Proud community; Lesbians, Gays, Cross dressers, the Leather women and men and all the rest including parents, family and supportive friends. All were determined to show to Milwaukee watching from the sidelines that we are indeed a people, almost infinitely diverse, but pulling together, unified in our sharing celebration.

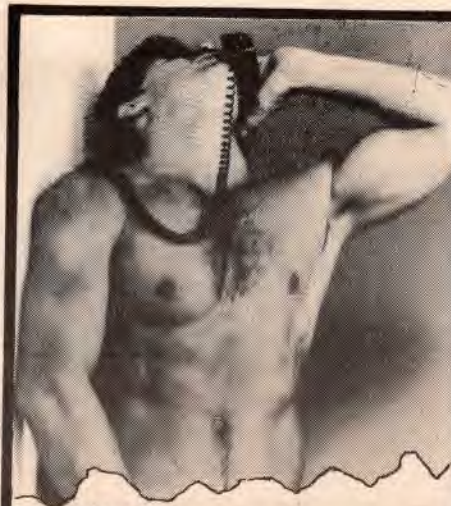
It was hard to get an overall view of the parade, but at one point as the marchers swung around the corner past City Hall, one could see that it stretched away for over 10 blocks. Later, police would estimate crowd size at 3,000 marchers. That figure looked to be true and, if so, made this year's Parade twice the size of the one last year. But numbers alone do not come anywhere near telling what it was like and words, likewise, break down.

While there were some hecklers, these were few and, except for some friendly waves and calls from the marchers, largely ignored. For the most part, those standing on Wisconsin Avenue and elsewhere along the nearly two mile route, looked on, watching, some in wonder, others curiously and many responding with smiles and waves, seemingly charmed by the Parade and all its color.

On the March went and ahead, moving in a stately way, the car with Grand Marshal Miriam Ben-Shalom ensconced between towering waves of gold and silver foil. The car, a beautiful white '56 T-bird owned and driven by Allan Eslinger overheated about two-thirds of the way along, but it was a wonderful contribution to the day.

The Rally was to be held in Juneau Park beginning at 2pm. The first units began arriving at about 1:45, the others following in slow procession. As each unit arrived, people cheered. From the stage Barb Coyle and her co-host David Rogers, welcomed the marching groups by name to the park. People had come from across the Gay Rights state; from Madison and Green Bay; from Sheboygan, La Crosse, Wausau, Appleton, Janesville, Racine and Kenosha. They had come from Minneapolis in the north and Chicago and Rockford in the south all to celebrate Lesbian/Gay rights in Wisconsin.

The Rally stage was arched in masses of balloons in all the brilliant colors of the rainbow flag. Whereas the Rally drew



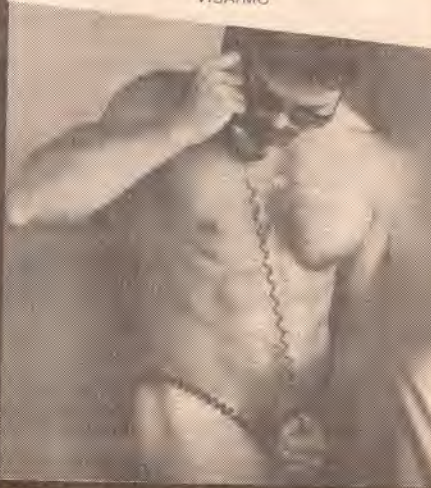
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[R] Wayne Schwandt, with his lover [L] and one of his four children.

more people than the parade last year; this year the opposite was dramatically obvious, perhaps due to the lightly falling rain. Those that didn't stay, missed much.

Jim English, MLGPC President, introduced the members of the Pride Committee and thanked them. Awards were handed out.

Bill Meunier, President of the Gay People's Union gave the Alyn Hess awards. This year, these went to Milwaukee County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones and State Representatives Marcia Coggs and Spencer Coggs for their efforts on behalf of the Lesbian/Gay community.

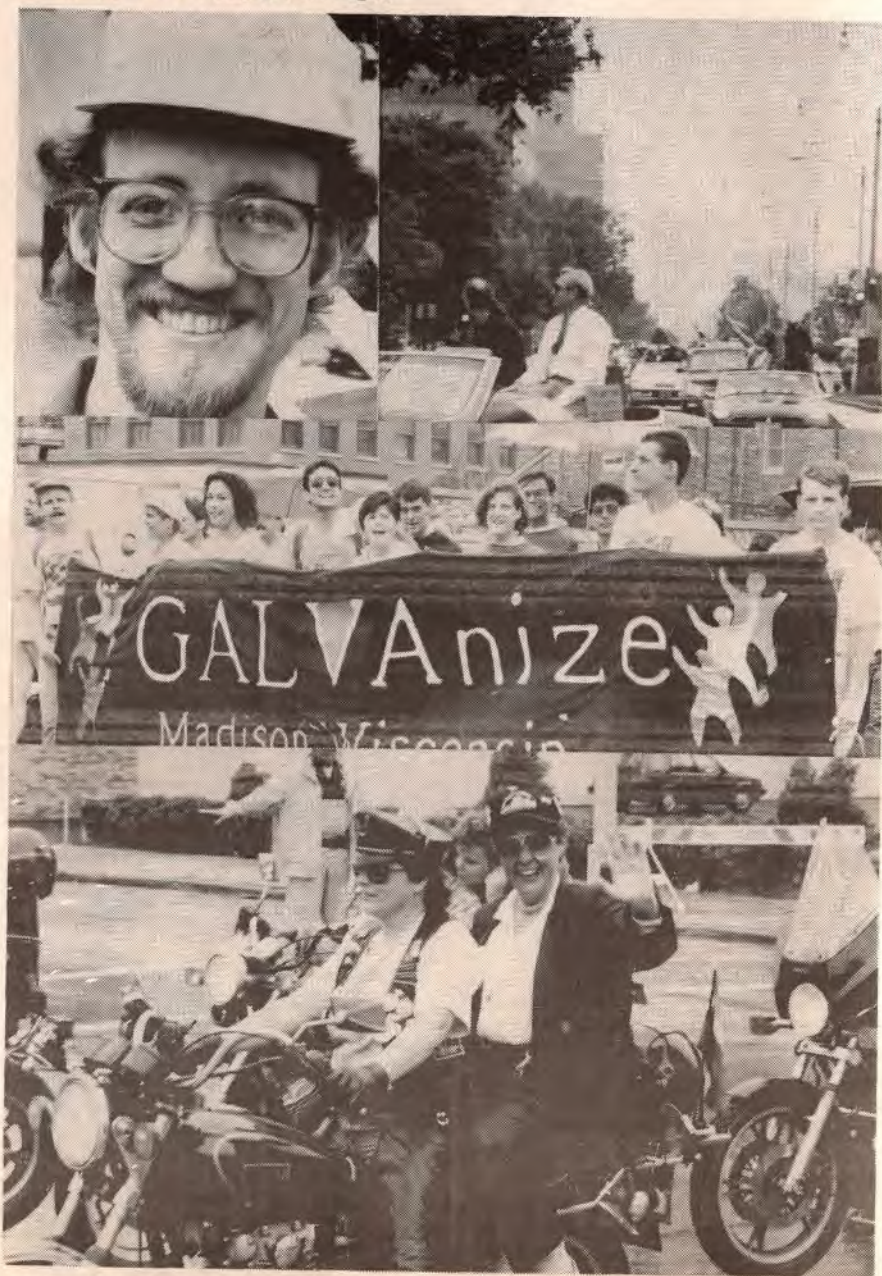
Awards were given for the best floats, a very difficult decision because by all judgments, the floats were not only more, but more elaborate than last year.

Theatre X's float won the most creative organization award; the best theme float for an organization went to the Cream City Chorus, the award for the most creating float for a business went to Partners bar

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Former Wisconsin Governor Tony Earl.



Milwaukee's 2nd Annual Gay Lesbian Pride Parade had an estimated 3,000 participants. [More Photos on Pages 14-15].

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and (with all due humility) the best theme award for a business went to In Step.

The Community Service Award was presented by Jamakaya to Julie Kleppin for her long years of work on behalf of the community and its organizations — including being a founder of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro-Milwaukee (LAMM).

Guest speakers included Wayne Schwandt, President of Gay/Lesbian Parents International; former Wisconsin governor Tony Earl and Ivy Young of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

While each of the speakers was welcomed with rousing applause, "hometown" hero Tony Earl was given a special hand as the massed crowd chanted "Tony, Tony, Tony," over and over again, applauding him to the echo.

Each of the speakers addressed the rightfulness of Lesbian/Gay Pride. "People must come to accept that any two committed people living under the same roof are a family," said Schwandt.

Earl decried the intolerance that he sees erupting all over the world "in a new and more terrible wave." "We must move back intolerance in every form whatever," said the former governor.

Young condemned the bigotry and ignorance of Christian Fundamentalism. In a rousing speech, Young told her listeners of the "web" of right-wing family value organizations that span the country. The values they are talking about, she said, "are from the 19th Century" and she warned Lesbians and Gays that they are "on the top" of Fundamentalism's hate list.

As Young spoke her warning, Craig and Jan Parshall, leaders of the Family Values Coalition that sponsored June 15's anti-Gay/Lesbian rally, stood by listening. At the same time the so-called "Jesus Mobile" drove up and down Prospect Avenue and the WVCY camera man continued to film the entire event.

The afternoon was filled out by a variety of entertainers. Food and beverage vending tents were staffed by La Cage, with portions of the proceeds going to

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Milwaukee — In the largest Gay demonstration in recent memory, at least 125 Lesbians, Gays and supporters marched, boisterously chanted and sang of their pride in front of Milwaukee's MECCA Auditorium.

It was the community assembled in all of its splendid diversity, including Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin, J.J. Newmann and Mimi Marx. The demonstrators assembled on the eve of the Pride Parade and Rally to protest the bigotry, homophobia and ignorance being propagated by the right-wing Christian Fundamentalists. The Fundamentalists were gathering for the Family Concerns Rally on the evening of June 15 which was scheduled to begin at 7pm.

The Lesbian/Gay demonstration began about 5:30pm. with marchers carrying hand-made signs and the rainbow flag flying proudly in their midst. The Pink Triangle was everywhere in evidence among the demonstrators as were other symbols of Gay and Lesbian Pride.

With the leadership of Miriam Ben-Shalom, the 1990 Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade Grand Marshal, marchers chanted "2, 4, 6, 8. How do you know your kids (pastor) (parents) are straight?" and calling for an end to discrimination and for civil rights for all. Another sign read "Fundamentalism is a cult" and yet another said, "Gay Rights are Human Rights."

Fundamentalists passed, some looking gimlet-eyed at the demonstrators, others shook their heads in obvious disgust and

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MLGPC. Around the perimeters were tables set up by various local and national Gay/Lesbian organizations including the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

As the day went on, the sun broke through the clouds, shining on what by all judgments, was a fabulously successful event. As one person put it, "You can't tell us anymore that if we bend a little lower, you'll kick us a little less hard. We've stood up, man, we've stood up."

yet others looked simply shocked.

While most rally attendees hurried inside the hall, dozens stayed outside to watch and comment. One little puddling of a man in a bright red shirt shouted "How many you people got AIDS?" while the so-called "Jesus Mobile" drove past, a hearse with a coffin on its roof that is a familiar sight in Milwaukee. The "Mobile" proclaims "God's Judgment" on just about everyone, part of which is AIDS.

An older heterosexual couple walked past, heading into the Auditorium. As the man looked at the demonstrators, he said to the woman, "See anybody you know?" His companion laughed nervously and replied, "Oh no, I hope not."

There were several signs saying "recall your alderman" while one woman screamed "I'd be a homosexual if I wasn't born again." She also shouted about "women's natural use" which, in her mind, was to have kids.

A large, heavy-set man, standing on the top of the steps leading to the Auditorium, was heard to say bitterly to one standing beside him, "Bein' a landlord I have to rent to 'em." He paused and then said, "Fuckin' state (of Wisconsin)"

As it was intended, the Gay/Lesbian demonstration for human rights was entirely peaceful. A Milwaukee police officer standing by said to no one in particular, "Those people can be proud of themselves."

As the marchers circled and circled again, cars drove by, some stopping to ask what was going on. When they were informed, several stopped to join the demonstrators further swelling the ranks.

The major print and electronic media were in attendance, interviewing demonstrators and onlookers.

The Fundamentalist rally began late, at 7:20. The room, Bruce Hall, holds 6,000, and it was slightly more than one-third full. It was observed that the vast majority were white and young to middle aged.

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The largest group of Gay/Lesbian protestors in recent memory marched in front of the Auditorium against the Fundamentalist "Family Values" rally.

Mainstream 'Comes Out' In Support

Milwaukee—"We are totally agreed that civil rights for all citizens, including the Gay/Lesbian community, must be rigorously maintained." This according to the Rev. Dr. Carl Simon, Chair of the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee.

The Interfaith Conference includes 12 Jewish and mainline Christian denominations.

Simon spoke at a press conference on June 15, 1990 held at 10:00 a.m. at Guild Hall, All Saints Episcopal Cathedral in Milwaukee. The press conference was called by Lesbian and Gay activists who were concerned that the public know that anti-Gay/Lesbian statements and positions voiced by the Family Values Coalition were not reflective of majority opinion.

The Family Values Coalition is a right-wing Fundamentalist Christian group.

The press conference was attended by most of the major print and electronic media of Milwaukee.

Beside Simon, speakers included Michael Lisowski of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee; Janet Oldenberg, President of the National Organization for Women (NOW); Judith Selle of Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin; Susie Bauer, Artistic Director of the Bauer Contemporary Ballet

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The first speaker was the Rev. Don Wildmon of Tupelo, Mississippi who began by calling for a boycott of K-Mart for "selling dirty books." Wildmon mentioned "Catcher in the Rye" among other works he found "obscene."

The Gay/Lesbian demonstration disbanded shortly before 7:30 with many saying they were going to the bars to urge a large turnout for the next day's Pride Parade.

A sampling of opinion among demonstrators indicated that there was a general feeling of enhanced pride and established momentum leading into Pride Week.

Theatre; and John Kishline of Milwaukee's Theatre X.

All speakers agreed strongly with Simon that intolerance and bigotry directed toward any group was unacceptable in a free and open society.

Selle spoke of "the so-called Christian station - WVCY" and the Family Values Coalition's rally as "celebrating intolerance." The rally, she said, will be "a lot of misguided people presenting out-dated ideas."

"The barriers are falling all over the world," said Oldenberg likening the Gay/Lesbian struggle for equal rights to the freeing of the peoples of Eastern Europe. She saluted Lesbian/Gay Pride Week saying that Gays and Lesbians "have plenty to be proud of."

Kishline spoke of the "insidious danger" of intolerance and hate; things which he said led to Hitler, Stalin and "a certain crucifixion in Jerusalem."

Kishline spoke movingly of his three-year-old son who, he said "has a strong appetite for life." There are so many options, Kishline said, "I cannot decide for him." He concluded saying of those who tried to make those decisions for others, "How narrow. How sad."

"The enemy is intolerance," said Simon, and emphasized that "intolerance clothed in religious garb is especially dangerous. You can draw your own conclusions as to who we're talking about."

Madison Bars Non-Profit Group Bias

Madison — The Madison Common Council on June 5, by a vote of 15-4, passed an ordinance stopping private, non-profit groups from discrimination against non-traditional families, including Gay or Lesbian couples, as well as unmarried couples.

The ordinance would require the YMCA, which offers special family

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Madison city law, Dane County law and Wisconsin state law already ban sexual preference discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. This new Madison law extends that coverage to private, non-profit groups.

Anti-Bias Bill Rejected

Milwaukee — A Milwaukee County Board committee June 6 delayed action on a fair housing ordinance that would have covered sexual preference because of the cost of enforcement. However, the Board's Housing and Development Committee voted 4-3 to instead have staffers prepare a "statement of support," for the idea of such an ordinance.

State law already covers anti-Gay bias in housing, and that law takes precedence over local law. However, enforcement through the state's Equal Rights Division (ERD), is much more time consuming. The county law would have been enforced locally by the county's corporation counsel office.

Supervisor Daniel Casey moved for the statement of support, with County Board Chair Thomas Ament, and Supervisors Fred Tabak and John St. John voting with him. Opposing the move were Supervisors Bernice Rose, Elizabeth Coggs-Jones and T. Anthony Zielinski.

Those opposing Casey's motion stood behind the original ordinance, sponsored by Supervisor Dorothy Dean. Dean's proposal would have incorporated state law and updated county law to be in line with the state barring discrimination in housing due to sex, race, color, disability, religion, national origin, sex or marital status, lawful source of income, age,

ancestry, and sexual orientation.

Dean's proposal projected up to 100 housing bias cases per year. Violators would face civil fine up to \$1,000 for a first conviction and up to \$10,000 for subsequent convictions within a set period. Those penalties reflect state fines.

Casey and Ament speciously referred to the housing issue as another of the state's un-financed mandates, requiring enforcement of laws without providing the funding for that enforcement.

The committee will review the staff's "statement of support" at their July meeting.

AIDS-Phobic Amendment Passes

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The U.S. Senate on June 6 put their seal of approval on a controversial amendment which would create an exception to a broad disability rights bill and allow businesses to move employees with AIDS away from food handling jobs. (Wisconsin's Senator Herb Kohl voted against the amendment, with Robert Kasten voting for it.)

The amendment, sponsored in the House by Rep. Jim Chapman (D-Tex.), would allow companies to move employees with "an infectious or communicable disease of public health significance" in food handling jobs to available non-food handling positions receiving the same salary. The vote was 53-40.

The rider was attached to the Americans with Disabilities Act, a broad civil rights bill which would ban discrimination on the basis of disability — including AIDS and HIV infection — in the areas of employment, public accommodations, transportation and telecommunication systems.

Calling the Chapman rider "an excellent amendment," Right-wing extremist Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) introduced a "motion to instruct" Senate conferees to retain the House amendment in conference proceedings where they will seek to reconcile House and Senate

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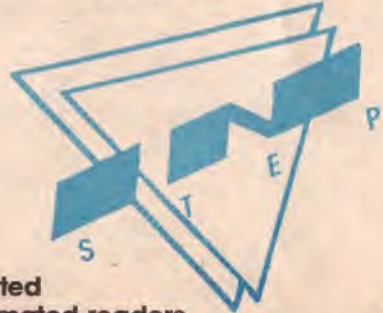
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Jim: Thanks for being the best friend in the world. **Paul**



Even under steadily raining skies, the size was doubled for this year's Gay Lesbian Pride Parade.

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versions of the bill.

Brushing aside firm assurances from a battery of public health officials that AIDS is not spread through food and air, the Senate agreed to the Helms motion after turning back a proposal to table it on a 43-50 vote.

Immediately after the roll call vote, the Senate agreed to the Helms motion on a voice vote.

AIDS activists reacted with shock and despondency at the Senate vote, which came just two weeks after a similar narrow defeat in the House.

"This is a major disappointment," stated Greg King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "It's a significant setback when one considers that ten years into the AIDS epidemic the U.S. Senate gives credence to arguments that are based on irrational fears."

Although the Senate vote is not binding on the conferees, it does put additional pressure on them to retain the measure on the bill's final form, despite narrow votes in both chambers on the measure.

Should the House/Senate conference strike the rider, however, members of either chamber could vote to reject the compromise version of the bill in its entirety, sending it back to the conference for revisions.

House Passes AIDS Emergency Relief Act

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington, D.C. — The U.S. House of Representatives on June 13 approved a comprehensive bill channeling \$873 million to areas particularly hard hit by AIDS by a overwhelming 408-14 margin.

The bill, the AIDS Prevention Act of 1990, would fund a series of AIDS prevention activities as well as authorize grants for support services and emergency assistance for people with areas hard hit by the epidemic passed the

Senate in May and will be merged with the House bill in a conference committee.

The White House has not yet taken a position on the bill, but has expressed concern on the bill's disease-specific approach to the health care crisis.

"Some people speak as if the whole epidemic were over, as if the problem was only in the 1980's," stated Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), the bill's lead sponsor. "AIDS is no over. We have in fact only seen the beginning. Having missed an opportunity to provide an ounce of prevention, we must now prepare to pay for pounds and pounds of cure."

Much of the debate on the bill centered around an amendment from Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.), which would have ordered all states benefiting from the bill to implement procedures to record the names and addresses of individuals testing positive for HIV and to contact the sexual and needle sharing partners of the infected.

After the protracted, rancorous debate, a substitute amendment gutting the Dannemeyer proposal, offered by Rep. Roy Rowland (D-Ga.), one of two physicians in Congress, was accepted on a 250-167 vote. The Rowland substitute amendment, rather than impose mandatory testing, would leave the matter for the states to decide.

Dannemeyer argued that a handful of medical societies have come to support his names reporting measure as a means of reaching infected individuals for counseling and treatment, as he said is done with curable sexually transmitted diseases. he eschewed charges that the collection of names and addresses by the states would be used to discriminate against the infected or prosecute those who acquired the disease by means of outlawed activities.

Early in the debate, with virtually no discussion, on a voice vote, the House brushed aside an amendment from Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.) which would have ordered that every American be tested annually for HIV.

Upon approval of the bill and defeat of the Dannemeyer proposal, AIDS activists

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breathed a collective sigh of relief. As the vote came fast on the heels of a recent defeat on an amendment to the disability rights bill, sponsored by Rep. Jim Chapman (D-Texas), allowing restaurants to reassign employees with AIDS to non-food handling jobs, AIDS activists had worried that there might have been a backslide on House opposition to Dannemeyer's AIDS proposals.

"It's always gratifying to see William Dannemeyer's bigotry, ignorance and intolerance repudiated by his colleagues," added Gregory King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund "Congressman Dannemeyer has lost all credibility on the subject of AIDS. He has distorted facts for so long that finally his distortions have caught up with him and colleagues are willing to just ignore him and his specious arguments."

The process of merging the House and Senate bills is expected to begin by the end of June, barring parliamentary stalling tactics from Sen. Jesse Helms.

150 At First Soviet Gay Meeting

by Dodo Parikas and Rex Wockner

One-hundred-fifty Gay/Lesbian academicians and activists from Eastern and Western Europe and the U.S. participated in the novelty of the USSR's first Gay conference May 27-30 in the city of Tallinn in the Baltic Republic of Estonia.

The gathering was well-received by local authorities and received extensive and mostly positive attention in the Estonian broadcast and print media.

The conference was hosted by Estonian historians Test Veispak and Lilian Kotter with substantial support from Reporter, a Gay/Lesbian newspaper in nearby Stockholm, Sweden.

Kotter presented a lecture on the situation of Estonian Lesbians who, she said, are stuck between vanishing Soviet demands for children and "hero mothers," and new Estonian expectations that women will be the center

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of the home while the men fight the battle for independence from the USSR.

Soviet participants in the conference were mostly uninformed about the history of the Gay/Lesbian movement in the West.

According to many participants, a talk by Leningrad researcher Sergei Stsjerbakov was the highlight of the formal presentations.

Stsjerbakov detailed police interest in Gays in Leningrad throughout the 70's and 80's, providing details about "The Big House," the center of the authorities' "anti-Gay operations."

Police routinely infiltrated Gay and Lesbian cliques and then hired people to inform on their friends, Stsjerbakov said. Informers were rewarded with commutation of their own prison sentences for indecent behavior, while those they tattled on were sometimes sent to mental hospitals to be "cured."

Participants were also keen on a lecture by Estonian researcher Ivika Nogel, who said 30 percent of Estonian students are pro-Gay and the rest are non-committal on

the topic. Few students are outright hostile to Gays and Lesbians, she said.

A closing party at the Tallinn Technical University's Glehn Castle in the nearby countryside was attended by 150 people, many of whom were taking part in a Gay social event for the first time in their lives.

Several participants echoed the theme that they had come to the conference to help make history and to participate in the process of democratization.

Anti-Gay Violence Pervasive
 by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Gay and Lesbian Americans in 1990 continue to be the objects of widespread prejudice, defamation and hate-motivated violence, according to a survey of anti-Gay violence and victimization, released June 7 by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Last year the Lesbian and Gay community celebrated the 20th anniversary of the modern Gay rights movement," stated Kevin Berrill, contd. on page 20

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Anti-Violence Project director for the Task Force, releasing the report. "And although we have made remarkable strides toward equality and freedom in that time, this report shows that we remain a community under siege, battling an epidemic of bigotry and violence."

The Task Force reported a total of 7,031 incidents of anti-Gay violence and harassment in 1989 in its fifth annual "Anti-Gay Violence, Victimization and Defamation" report. Of those 2,332 were episodes of vandalism, intimidation, physical violence and even murder. The remaining 4,709 incidents documented in the report were cases of verbal harassment.

Although the 1989 numbers were "slightly lower" than those in the group's 1988 report, Berrill stated that the "relatively small difference" between the two years' figures and other factors suggests that "it is not possible to accurately gauge how the national scope of the problem has changed."

As in past years, many of the incidents — 15 percent of this year's figures — were classified as "AIDS-related," an indication, Berrill stated, that AIDS "continues to be a focus for anti-Gay prejudice and violence."

The 1989 report marks the first such survey since this spring's signing of the federal Hate Crimes Statistics Act, a law which orders the Justice Department to collect statistics on hate-related crimes, including those motivated bias based on sexual orientation.

The Hate Crimes Statistics Act is the first bill ever to include "sexual orientation," a development, some speaking at the press conference suggested was a first gesture toward addressing discrimination against Gay men and Lesbians nationwide.

Noting that under the new law, the collection of these statistics by local law enforcement will be voluntary, the coalition of political activists gathered at the press conference called on state legislatures to pass their own measures addressing the so-called "hate crimes."

At present, nine states (including

Wisconsin) and the District of Columbia have laws either collecting statistics on or enhancing penalties for hate crimes, including anti-Gay offenses. Another 13 states have hate crimes laws on the books which exclude anti-Gay crimes, according to the report.

(Wisconsin reported incidents in 1989 include: One each bomb threat, Gay-related homicide, and a case of police abuse; two Anti-Gay homicides; six cases of vandalism; twenty reports of threats of a menacing nature; twenty-two physical assaults; and thirty-six cases of verbal harassment.)

Parallel Track For AIDS Drugs

by Jeffrey Zurlinden

In an effort to speed new drugs to people with AIDS, the Public Health Service has proposed a new parallel track for experimental AIDS drugs.

On the parallel track, experimental drugs showing promise to treat either HIV infection or opportunistic infections will be available much sooner than the old
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Until July 20, the Public Health Service is seeking comments from the scientific and AIDS communities about the proposed system. It is uncertain when the system will begin; and at this time, there are no drugs slated for the parallel track, according to an FDA representative.

"We are proposing this initiative," said Dr. James Mason, assistant secretary for health, "because of its potential for prolonging lives. It is the appropriate step to take at this time."

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In order to receive drugs on the parallel track, people with AIDS must sign a consent form and cooperate with ongoing data collection to monitor the safety and effectiveness of the new drugs. Unlike drugs that are fully approved, parallel track drugs are not proven to be effective and may expose PWAs to unknown side effects.

"We believe we have built sufficient safeguards into parallel track," Mason said, "to ensure that it neither

compromises the drug approval and clinical trials process nor delays the speedy delivery of promising investigational agents from the laboratory to the bedside."

The new system resulted from the efforts of ACT UP, Project Inform, the National Association of People with AIDS, and physicians caring for PWAs.

Gantt To Challenge Jesse Helms

Washington, DC [HRCF] — Harvey Gantt, the former mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina, won the Democratic Senate nomination in North Carolina, defeating prosecutor Mike Easley 57 to 43 percent. Gantt received early financial support from the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest Lesbian and Gay political organization in the country. He will face Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) in the November general election.

The 14 percent margin of Gantt's victory in the Democratic run-off election surprised many observers. "Harvey Gantt's strong lead defies the conventional wisdom that North Carolina Democrats would not nominate a progressive African-American candidate for the Senate," said HRCF Executive Director Tim McFeeley.

The Campaign Fund contributed \$5,000 to Gantt's campaign in April, long before he appeared to be a viable candidate. The amount is the maximum contribution allowed by federal law in a primary.

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whether he represents their interests," McFey noted. "Helms spends his time fighting needed AIDS resources, censoring art and opposing choice," McFey stated. "His bigotry against Gays and Gay Americans has no place in the U.S. Senate," he continued.

Helms is the author of notorious amendments which have weakened AIDS prevention materials aimed at Gay and Bisexual men. He strongly opposed the Hate Crimes Statistics Act which overwhelmingly passed the Congress earlier this year and was signed into law by President Bush. Increasingly in recent years, the Senate has refused to side with Helms when his Anti-Gay amendments have reached the floor.

CBS' '48 Hours' Does Gay Show

CBS television presented their weekly show, "48 Hours" June 14. The program, hosted by CBS News anchor Dan Rather, was on the Gay/Lesbian community, and some of the issues our community faces. The program was Gay-positive (Editor's Note: Perhaps to make up for the Andy Rooney brouhaha?).

The hour-long program was divided into seven segments: Gay Bashing; Outing; Know Thine Enemy; Coming To Terms; Bashers; Mother's Day; and Mixed Messages.

In the "Gay Bashing" segment, an unidentified Lesbian said "I don't know if there will ever be a time to feel safe anywhere in America. Things are not changing in this country. Gay/Lesbian people are still easy targets and there's no one willing to say 'you cannot do that to these people.'" The segment looked in on a support group for victims of anti-Gay attacks, and interviewed several people who had been bashed. One Lesbian couple told their tale of living in fear, when their neighborhood turned against them. They've installed an extensive security system, and keep a large fire extinguisher handy in case of fire-bombs or arson attempts.

In the "Outing" segment, CBS interviewed Outweek columnist, and

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Outing advocate/pioneer Michaelangelo Signorile. Signorile said he was just "participating in speeding up a process that is bound to happen... that may cause discomfort, but there is discomfort in every revolution. We have to move on." CBS also talked to national Gay activist Tom Stoddard, who had an opposing viewpoint, simply, he said, "Outing will lead to Gay bashing."

The Outing segment also told the story of the man who saved President Gerald Ford's life in an assassination attempt. He was a former Marine, and became a hero in the Gay community when the media disclosed he was Gay. He was "horrified and thunderstruck" by the outing according to a friend of his interviewed for the show. "It changed him forever." The man's family found out and disowned him, and he "drank himself to death."

In "Know Thine Enemy" CBS focused on fundamentalist Christians. Rabidly anti-Gay Rev. Lou Sheldon said "Homosexuality is a traumatized

condition, a developmental disorder — it can be corrected." A member of a Gay/Lesbian group planning against Sheldon's efforts replied, "He's advocating extermination, and I'm not going to take it... it's at the point now where we've got to stand up and fight or we're gonna die."

"Coming to Terms" covered the issue of Gay/Lesbian youth, and centered on Project 10, a counseling program for Gay/Lesbian youth in the Los Angeles area. The program is run by Virginia Uribe, a Lesbian Grandmother Science teacher. She said "I have to admire the courage of these young people who are coming to grips with this (their sexuality) in an open fashion." An unidentified Gay male youth, a member of Project 10, said "I didn't want to be Gay because of the consequences... I can't change that. You know very young, but you try to go against it... I knew when I was 11." Another youth commented on suicide "If there wasn't a Project 10, I may not be here right now."

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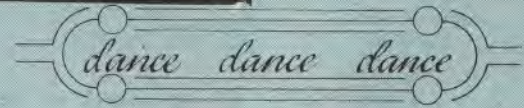
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interview with convicted felon Marco Peres. He's serving 35 years in a Connecticut state prison for beating a Gay man to death. When questioned as to why, Peres replied, "I told the guy how I hated fags, and how I wanted to kill him." He and a friend beat the man after he picked them up and took them back to his suburban condo. Steve Gavron, founder of a Gay Anti-Violence Project, said "The Gay community forever has been attacked for morality. It's about time it stops... killing someone is immoral. Homophobia, bigotry, violence, they are all immoral."

The "Mother's Day" segment featured a Lesbian couple, one of whom has four children. Dar, the mother, fought her former husband in a custody battle for the children and lost. She related her tale of court battles to get them back, "I've paid just for being me. And I'm still going to pay. Because every day, they're not going to let me forget. I just wanted a little happiness for myself and I didn't know I'd have to pay like this." Her lawyer observed that most Gay/Lesbian parents go into custody battles, and lose.

"Mixed Messages" looked at religious-oriented groups that try to 'convert' homosexuals into heterosexuals. One 'former' Lesbian, Lisa, said her road to the straight world was "Friends Who Care," a support group for people 'Coming Out' of the Gay lifestyle. Joel and Rick, members of a

Christian Gay Congregation, called themselves "Ex-Ex- Gays." They called the 'Ex-Gay' ministry "Gay Bashing with a Bible." John, another Gay congregation member, who once took the words of Ex-Gay ministers as gospel, said "The Bible has been used to hurt people all through history. And the same thing is happening today."

To contact CBS Milwaukee affiliate, Channel 6, in reference to the program (letters of thanks, criticism, or requests for repeat airing) write: WITI-TV6, 9001 N Green Bay Rd., Brown Deer, WI 53209.

Clarenbach: Push Local Efforts

Madison — Gay and Lesbian organizations should make a new, vigorous commitment to state and local human rights efforts. State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) told the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club in Washington, DC last month.

We need to put the radical right and fundamentalist extremists on the defensive not only in the halls of the Congress, but in every statehouse and in every nook and cranny of every state in the nation," Clarenbach told the 300 people gathered for the 10th annual banquet of Washington's Gay and Lesbian political organization.

In his keynote address, Clarenbach declared that, "the heart of the question

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Coming Out Day Hires Exec.

Santa Fe — National Coming Out Day, the yearly campaign to encourage all Lesbians and Gay men to take their next step in the coming out process, announces the hiring of Lynn Shepodd as executive director.

Shepodd most recently served the California State Senate as Senate President David Roberti's liaison with the Gay, Lesbian, and women's communities.

"Lynn was a valuable asset to the people of the California. I understand, however, her desire to reach the Gay and Lesbian community nationwide in an effort to eradicate Anti-Gay prejudice. As a long-time supporter of Equal Rights for all communities, I support her efforts," said senator Roberti.

"The source of our strength as a community lies in our willingness to tell the truth. When people know us, they are much less likely to discriminate against us. It is that simple," said Shepodd. "National Coming Out Day goes directly to the heart of the matter: We pay an enormous personal, and political, price for hiding."

"We are pleased to have Lynn on board. As the activities around National Coming Out Day increase, her talents will be invaluable," said Rob Eichberg, NCOD's Co-Chair and Treasurer.

October 11 was designated "National Coming Out Day," in 1988 by 200 Gay and Lesbian Leaders at "The War Conference." The goal of NCOD is to increase the visibility of Lesbians and Gay men so as to help put an end to Anti-Gay prejudice. It is a yearly campaign, to encourage Lesbians and Gay men to take their next step in the Coming Out process.

For more information, or to contribute to the NCOD Campaign, please write: National Coming Out Day; PO Box 15524, Santa Fe, NM 87506-5524.

Guide for Citizen Lobbying

Washington, D.C. [HRCF] — The Field Division of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is making available a guide called "Visiting your U.S. Senator or Representative," the first in a series of "how to" memos on grassroots organizing strategies.

The memo will enable Lesbian and Gay Americans to prepare for meetings with their federal legislators on issues of importance to our community. While the Campaign Fund's lobbyists work with legislators on Capitol Hill, the memo series hopes to increase "citizen lobbying" in home districts. "By visiting your Member of Congress in his or her district office, you can send a clear message that the votes they cast in Washington are important to you," said Tim McFeeley, HRCF's Executive Director.

HRCF's "Speak Out" program, the pre-authorized constituent mail program that directs messages to Congress prior to key votes, has become an effective tool for the Lesbian and Gay community. The Fund is also committed to developing a comprehensive grassroots program to advance the cause of Lesbian and Gay Americans. McFeeley points out that the Grassroots Memo on constituent lobbying is just one example.

Additional Grassroots Memos planned include: "How to Write to Congress;" "So You've Heard From Your Legislator — What's Next?" and "How to Build an Endorsement Campaign for the Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill."

Copies of "Visiting Your U.S. Senator or Representative" are available for \$1.50 to cover printing, postage and handling costs. HRCF donors and "Speak Out" participants will receive them free. For further information on the Grassroots Memo series or other HRCF grassroots organizing initiatives, please write to the HRCF Field Division, PO Box 1723, Washington, DC 20013.

is whether all Americans are to be afforded equal rights."

Also speaking was Reverend Jesse Jackson, who called for more funding for AIDS research and sharply criticized President Bush, who he said has misplaced priorities.

Stein Club President Mauro Montoya introduced Clarenbach as "a legislator in the most progressive Wisconsin tradition. We look to Mr. Clarenbach's record of achievement for guidance and inspiration."

Clarenbach pointed to "Wisconsin's historic standing in the forefront of the Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement."

He cited state laws he authored ending criminal sanctions for private consensual

sexual activity, the nation's first prohibition of discrimination based on sexual orientation, and the recently enacted bill of rights for people with AIDS and HIV infection.

"More than 10 years ago, we set out to create a political, religious and community base of support to make Gay and Lesbian rights a mainstream issue", Clarenbach said. "We found elected officials willing to take political risks to advance the cause of human rights. We successfully isolated the moral majority as the lunatic fringe that they are."

"And, in Wisconsin, we had the most important part of the equation. We had a Gay and Lesbian community leading the
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way, demanding basic human rights," Clarenbach said.

He concluded that Wisconsin's civil rights protections, "increasingly affect the real lives of real people, making it easier and safer to live, to work and to come out."

MASN Hires Director

Earl Bricker, Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN), has announced the hiring of David Rompa as the agency's Director of Education and Outreach. "David brings years of experience in community outreach to MASN," said Bricker. "His work in the area of substance abuse and treatment, coupled with his participation as a member of the Governor's Advisory Task on AIDS and IV Drug Abuse, will provide expertise in an area of need which continues to increase. The expanse of MASN's Education and Outreach efforts has grown so much in the last year — a reflection of the increasing need — that a full-time Director is truly needed. I'm pleased that David Rompa will join the MASN management team, and I look forward to working with him to create programs of value to our service area."

Rompa, currently a resident of Janesville, comes to MASN from the Stoughton Hospital SHARE Program, an agency he served as the Janesville Clinic Manager and Adolescent Project Coordinator. Prior to that, Rompa was the Director of Operations and Community Outreach for the Abaris Group (Beloit).

"In addition to his experience in community education," said Bricker, "The fact that David has resided in the second most populous county in our service region, being highly involved in community activities, will provide valuable connections as MASN begins to offer education and direct service to people affected by AIDS and HIV infection on a greater level to our counties other than Dane." MASN has been designated by the State Division of Health to operate as an AIDS Service Organization in the following counties: Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa,

Jefferson, Juneau, Lafayette, Richland, Rock, and Sauk.

Madison AIDS Housing Study

The Madison Community Foundation has awarded the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) \$4,650 for the purpose of conducting a study of the need for housing for people living with AIDS and HIV infection in the Madison area. The study will consist of three components:

- a survey of people living with AIDS and HIV infection (conducted jointly by MASN, Madison Meriter-General Hospital, and the HIV Clinic at the UW Hospital);

- research into existing models in other parts of the country, as well as investigating other long-term care facilities in the Madison area and consulting with local agencies skilled in the area of non-profit housing; and

- the recommendation of one or more options suited to the Madison area, including a plan for financing. An outside consultant will be retained to undertake the research and write the final report, assisted by MASN staff.

"This will be an exciting undertaking, and none too soon," stated Earl Bricker, MASN Executive Director. "Those of us providing human services to people affected by AIDS and HIV in the Dane County area have long felt that some sort of residence would be well utilized. It's a natural adjunct to the work we do, and I have no doubt that the initial study will show a need exists now. The Madison Community Foundation grant for this study will be used to document the need in a professional manner so that corporations and other funding sources can be approached appropriately."

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The groups were organized in the late 1980's to foster a climate of mutual support and to promote dialogue among Gays and Lesbians who have been ex-communicated from the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society — the governing organization of Jehovah's Witnesses — because of their sexuality.

Unlike some religions who condemn homosexuality but welcome the homosexual, Jehovah's Witnesses tolerate neither. Beside Gays and Lesbians, this strict religious order consistently excommunicates, or disfellowships, thousands of Witnesses each year for offenses ranging in severity

from tobacco usage to open disagreement with the sect's doctrines. Witnesses who wish to remain in good standing with the faith — including family members — are required to shun all those who are disfellowshipped.

For further information on conferences or to receive either group's newsletter contact: Reach Out!, Box 1173 Clackamas, Oregon, 97015 or "A Common Bond," PO Box 405, Ellwood City, PA. 16117.



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07/07 Lower Diamond
 12:00 Fannies v M&M Peanuts
 1:00 M&M Peanuts v M&M Bad Girls
 2:00 C'est La Vie v Fannies
 3:00 Wreck Room v C'est La Vie

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Partners	4 0
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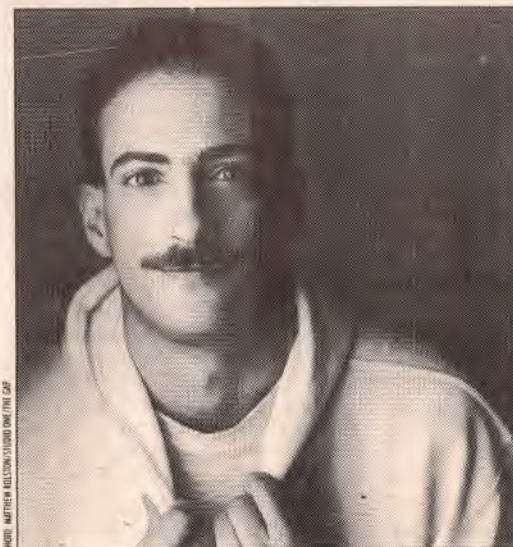
[ACLU] — The Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union will host a one-day nationwide conference for campus organizers fighting ROTC's anti-Gay policy. The conference will be held on Friday, November 9, 1990, in Minneapolis, in conjunction with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's annual Creating Change conference.

"Nearly 50 campuses around the country are fighting the military's discrimination by challenging the presence of ROTC on their campuses," said William B. Rubenstein, Staff Counsel to the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project.

"This meeting will be the first opportunity for students and faculty from across the country to compare notes and plan strategy for the future."

The United States Department of Defense maintains regulations which prohibit Lesbians and Gay men from serving in the armed forces. Much of the current activity to combat the military's anti-Gay policy is focused on the Reserve Officers' Training Corps ('ROTC') programs which exist on most university campuses in the United States. Most ROTC classes are technically open to all

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university students, but Lesbians and Gay men cannot be enrolled in ROTC and are not eligible for ROTC scholarships.

Because of this blatant prejudice, a number of universities — after pressure from Lesbian and Gay and sympathetic student groups — have begun to consider severing their ties with the ROTC. Other schools have pledged to use their voice to lobby against the military's policy.

The Lesbian and Gay Rights Project is organizing the conference in conjunction with the Gay and Lesbian Military Freedom Project, a coalition of groups united to fight the military's discriminatory policy. In addition to the ACLU, Military Freedom Project, a coalition of groups united to fight the military's discriminatory policy. In addition to the ACLU, Military Freedom Project members include the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Organization for Women, Women's Equity Action League, the National Lawyers Guild Military Law Task Force, Citizen Soldier, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Persons interested in attending the conference or in further information should contact: ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, 132 W. 43rd Street, New York, New York 10036, or call (212) 944-9800, ext. 545.

Natl. G/L Health Confab in D.C.

Washington, DC — The largest annual conference concerning Lesbian and Gay health issues is expected to draw over 2000 attendees when the 12th National Lesbian and Gay Health Conference and 8th National AIDS Forum convenes in Washington, DC, July 18-22.

This year's conference will feature more than 300 presentations dealing with such issues as: Substance Abuse, Lesbian Health Care, Holistic/Alternative Therapies, Mental Health and Lesbian and Gay Youth Issues. The AIDS Forum will be divided into Medical, Educational and Psychosocial tracks.

Richard Isay, MD, of Cornell Medical School and author of **Being Homosexual: Gay Men and Their Development** will co-facilitate a pre-conference institute entitled "Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy with Gay Men." Other pre-conference institutes will deal with HIV Education and Health Concerns of Incarcerated Populations, Gay and Lesbian Domestic Violence, Establishing Gay and Lesbian Community Centers, and Spirituality in Counseling Gay Men and Lesbians.

Other conference presentations will be led by Jim Graham, Executive Director of Whitman-Walker Clinic; Tim McFeely, Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund; Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; Larry Kessler, Member of the President's Commission on AIDS; and Jean Maguire, Executive Director of the AIDS Action Council. Harvey Feirstein will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the Gala Banquet on Saturday July 21, at which former Senator Lowell Weicker or Connecticut will be the keynote speaker.

Bill Scott, Board President of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Foundation which sponsors the conference together with George Washington University Medical Center said, "this annual meeting brings together health care professionals and community leaders from across the world. Participants are often on the front lines of the AIDS research, treatment and care. Our conference provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, information and technical support."

For more on the conference, or for registration information, call NLGHF at (202) 797-3708.

Multi-Cultural G/L Conference

San Francisco — The National Association of Black & White Men Together (NABWMT) will hold its tenth annual convention at San Francisco State University's Seven Hills Conference Center during the week of June 24-30. This year's theme "Family — The Seed
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SSBL Sees Action... Finally!

by Tom Salszieder

For the first time since opening day on April 28, the Saturday Softball Beer League was able to get in all of their scheduled games on June 9. The schedule has been revised 2 times to adjust for the games rained out in May and early June.

Partners and Triangle remain undefeated in the open division, and are getting ready for an 11am showdown on June 23. A tough early schedule has left the Ball Game at 3 and 3, while M&M Peanuts are 2 and 2. The Wreck Room and La Cage have each won one game, while C'est La Vie is looking for their first victory.

In the women's division, the M&M Bad Girls continue to lead, with Fannie's and Station II in pursuit.

Several Milwaukee teams will be attending out of town tournaments for the July 4th weekend. Because the holiday is on Wednesday this year, several will be held the prior weekend, and some the weekend following.

Prior to July 4th, M&M Peanuts will play in the Canada Cup in Toronto, Triangle will be going to a new tournament in St. Louis, M&M Bad Girls will play in Chicago, and the Wreck Room Spurs will trek west to San Francisco to play in the Pendulum Classic. Later in the week, Partner's will be going to Boston for the Beantown tournament, and the Ball Game will be going south to Atlanta.

Milwaukee softball will be well represented throughout the country over the July 4th holiday.

NAGAAA Notes

With the 1990 Spring/Summer season upon us, softball has once again become a primary part of the lives of players and officials of the North American Gay Amateur Athletics Association (NAGAAA). Milwaukee's Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL), is a founding member.

The 1990 season was kicked off in mid-February as Pittsburgh, the host city for the 1990 NAGAAA World Series, and the Steel City Softball League welcomed delegates to the annual NAGAAA Spring Meetings. As is the norm for these annual meetings, NAGAAA delegates discussed a myriad of subjects, ranging from rule and/or regulation changes for the 1990 Softball World Series to a routine review of the current bylaws.

With the culmination of the spring meetings, season play was begun in most NAGAAA affiliated leagues during the last few weeks of April. Play is continuous until representative teams from each NAGAAA affiliated league are sent to play in the three different divisions of the 1990 Softball World Series.

The 1990 World Series, scheduled for August 19th through the 26th, will be a unique experience for NAGAAA members, as this is expected to be NAGAAA's largest World Series of record as well as the first World Series sponsored by one of NAGAAA's smaller affiliated leagues, Pittsburgh's Steel City Softball League. Members of the Steel City Softball League, under the auspices of Nancy Pribich, have lined up such national sponsors as Strohs beer (the

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Grows," was selected in order to recognize the organization's recent focus on multiracial and multi-cultural issues. On both the local chapter level and nationally through the process of partnership with other Gay/Lesbian people of color organizations, the NABWMT has become an organization which is effective in dealing with racism, sexism, homophobia and health/HIV-related concerns.

"Our conventions are well known for their speakers and innovative workshops," says Tim Isbell, co-chair of Convention '90. "And this year our Black and White presenters will be joined by other persons of color who are involved in common struggles." Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay/Lesbian Task Force, Loren Laureano of the National Latino AIDS Caucus and Bang Nguyen, founding member of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, will share the leadership with Rev. Renee McCoy, former executive director of the National Coalition for Black Lesbians and Gays, Paulette Goodman, president of the Federation of Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and San Francisco human rights advocates Pat Norman and Larry Saxxon. Workshops and panels will focus on intimacy, positive approaches to health, interracial couples, cultural sensitivity, the international Gay/Lesbian movement, people of color and the media, political activism, organizing against violence, resisting racism, legal issues, grief/loss in interracial relationships, nurturing and empowering Lesbian/Gay youth, coalition building and much, much more.

Of course, no convention would be complete without a lot of social mixing and interaction, and to facilitate this, an array of special events will be presented. They include a first-time-ever art show and reception, a "Pump It Up!" dance party at Studebaker's bar, picnic at Stern Grove, dinner at the Lake Merritt boat house with entertainer Peter Barclay, a concert gala featuring headliner Linda Tillery and her ten-piece Motown band and Marga Gomez, comic. A "Banquet by the Bay" (on Pier 39) with an after dinner boat cruise (including dancing) will

complete the week's festivities.

To receive more information about this convention call (415)826-4618.

Gay Youth Conference

[NGAYA] — The National Gay Alliance for Young Adults, Inc. (NGAYA) is proud to announce the 1990 National Gay Youth Conference to be held in Houston, Texas August 10th through 12th. The conference is being hosted by the Gay/Lesbian Students Association at the University of Houston and is intended to give Gay youth the opportunity to learn and understand many of the aspects of life that will affect them as a Gay person and thus help them plan as productive a life as any other individual. The conference is also designed to help people who help youth increase their understanding of Gay/Lesbian youth issues.

The conference will begin on Friday evening with a reception and dance. Starting Saturday morning there will be a series of meetings and workshops designed to help educate Gay youth and those who wish to have a better understanding of the Gay community from a younger perspective. Sunday will be a continuation of the workshops in the morning, a meeting for members of NGAYA, and the closing ceremony.

NGAYA hopes to see as many people as possible for this event which only serves to improve everyone's understandings of life.

For more information write to: National Gay Youth Conference c/o NGAYA, PO Box 190426, Dallas, TX 75219-0426.

Ex-Witnesses Gather

The leaders of two national support networks for Gay and Lesbian ex-Jehovah's Witnesses have announced plans for their 1990 conference.

"Reach Out!" of Portland, Oregon, will host a one-day conference on Saturday, August 25, 1990, in Portland. The members of "A Common Bond," based near Pittsburgh, will meet on Saturday, September 15, 1990 in Houston, Texas. *contd. on page 69*

both your needs. A sizable number of couples give each other permission for outside sex **under certain conditions**. For example, outside sex might be allowed only during times when you are otherwise unable to be together.

In **Partners' National Survey of Lesbian & Gay Couples**, 'monogamy with exceptions' was the preferred option for 26 percent of the men and 7 percent of the women. Eleven percent of the men were 'non-monogamous,' as were 3 percent of the women couples.

While the issue of sexual behaviors is important, there may be more at stake here. To find out, ask yourself a few questions: Is there a sexual arrangement that will make both of us happy? Have I clearly communicated to my partner what I want? Have I clearly heard all his concerns? Is sexual exclusivity the only major problem in my relationship, or is it just one area of miscommunication? Are there other things that make me feel like I am being used or that 'drive me bananas'?

Ultimately, it will be the making and keeping of agreements based on mutual concerns that can enrich your relationship.

If sexual exclusivity is absolutely necessary for your well being, you need to get an **uncoerced** agreement from your partner. The first step is to have distraction-free time together to talk things over and not just before sex or bedtime. Assistance from a third party is often very helpful — preferably someone with counseling experience.

Should your partner be unwilling to work on this issue, it is a good indication that he either doesn't perceive a problem or he feels threatened by the confrontation. Should this be the case, your unhappiness may bring you to question the wisdom of staying in this relationship.

Demian has a doctorate [Ed.D.] and is co-publisher/co-editor of **Partners Newsletter for Gay and Lesbian Couples**. Send your questions about Gay and Lesbian relationships, for possible use in future columns, to Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109. ▽

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I don't find casual sex personally enjoyable, and I can't understand why he has this very strong urge to act that way. Of course, he thinks that I am puritanical. He does have a more active sex drive than I do, which explains most of our difference of opinion.

We have been together for more than three years now, and I have this feeling that the differences in our personalities are going to drive us apart.

Answer: Having a more active sex drive doesn't explain anything. Personality differences do not drive people apart, incompatible behaviors do. Since you don't want your partner to have outside sex, you need to renegotiate your sexual contract with him.

Most couples haven't made a contract in writing, but all couples develop implied contracts over the years. Now you have a good opportunity to consciously design one.

The first step is deciding exactly what you want. If you want a sexually exclusive relationship, that's what you should ask for. Of course, this position makes no further negotiation possible, and your demand for exclusivity could feel like an ultimatum to him.

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MASN Moves To New Space

Madison — The offices of the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) will be moving prior to July 1. The new location will be at 303 Lathrop Street in a three-story house owned by the First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ), which is located next to the new location. The lease will run for five years.

"I couldn't be more excited about the new space, although the move itself will not be fun or easy," remarked Earl Bricker, MASN Executive Director. "The atmosphere will be much more pleasant and 'homey,' there will be room for staff and volunteers to move, and most importantly, the additional space, not to mention available parking, will enhance our ability to serve our clients more efficiently and sensitively."

The new location will provide easier access to the UW Hospital, Meriter-Madison General Hospital, and Blue Bus Clinic. Access to the new office will be no less convenient for those who utilize public transportation as a number of bus lines converge a block away.

"As exciting as the space itself is the new relationship with the people of the First Congregational Church," said Bricker. "This will be much more than a landlord-tenant relationship. The members and staff of the Church are committed to assisting MASN in its work, adopting us as a 'mission.' This will be the fourth location of the MASN offices — and the best by far. We look forward to the next five years and beyond at our new home."

A specific timeline for cleaning, painting and moving is being developed. As with most endeavors of MASN, volunteer assistance is encouraged, appreciated and necessary. Tim O'Brien, MASN Operations Manager, is coordinating the logistics of the move and can be contacted at (608) 255-1711. Plans are being developed for an Open House on Wednesday, September 19, in conjunction with the MASN Annual Meeting.

MAGIC Picnic Needs Volunteers

Madison's annual picnic celebrating Lesbian and Gay pride is scheduled for Saturday, July 14, at Brittingham Park. Festivities begin at noon and continue through the day until 7pm.

Organizations providing volunteers for the event receive a portion of the funds raised. Please call the United office at (608) 255-8582 if you can volunteer.

Miss Continental WI July 10

Ginger Spice announced the 1990-91 Miss Continental Wisconsin Pageant will be held at Club 219, Tuesday, July 10, at 9:30pm.

The annual pageant, open to any female impersonator across the country, always provides high caliber entertainment, and pizzazz.

The winner of this pageant, will go on to represent The Gay Rights State in the Miss Gay Continental USA pageant, held in Chicago Labor Day weekend. That pageant is often referred to as 'The' female impersonator pageant in the country. To enter the Continental USA pageant, contestants must have won one of the preliminaries...that's why you'll find contestants from as far away as Florida entering the Wisconsin pageant.

Ginger has announced special entertainers for this years pageant in Milwaukee will include Miss Continental USA 89-90 Lakesha Lucky, from Tampa Florida; and the retiring Miss Continental WI-USA 89-90 Paula Sinclair from Atlanta.

Past Wisconsin winners include: Paula, Shante, BJ Daniels, Patti Kakes, and Candi Stratton. Many who have moved onto exciting entertainment careers.

Tickets for the pageant are \$7 in advance, and \$9 at the door. A \$45 package is available, with admission for four, a table, and a bottle of champagne.

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MAP Fest Seeks Entertainers

The Milwaukee AIDS Project's MAP Fest '90, scheduled for September 2nd, 1990, is planning it's entertainment schedule for the day-long festival. Entertainers will perform from 2pm through 10pm, with each group slotted for forty five minutes, equaling 8 slots for performers, with 15 minutes breaks between sets.

MAP is looking to make this years festival the biggest yet. The show will be held 'under the Big Top' with a spacious dressing room, and an even better sound system than last year. Now they are looking to the entertainment community to add the finishing touches to MAP Fest 90.

If interested in performing, please coordinate through Ronnie Marks at (414)383- 3161, or at the MAP Office, (414)273-1991. Or write: Ronnie Marks, c/o MAP, PO Box 92505, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Social Club

A new club has been introduced to the Milwaukee area, The Gay Men's Yacht Club/Greater Milwaukee Yacht Club (GMYC). Brian A. Giovanni founded the club in April 1990 with the simple idea to get men together to share common interests and activities in a social setting with a maritime theme.

The GMYC will offer year round activities and events for members as well as co- hosting events with other clubs. The theme season for maritime fun will be May through October. The remainder of the year will be devoted to a wide variety of social activities. The club announced an anniversary will be celebrated appropriately on July 3rd aboard boats for the Lakefront fireworks.

Club meetings have been scheduled every second Wednesday of the month at 8pm at the M&M. The next meetings are July 11, and August 8. membership applications can be obtained by mailing a self addressed stamped envelope to the

GMYC, PO Box 818, Milwaukee, WI, 53201-818. A \$8 membership fee is good for one year and is not requested until you have become a active member.

Lavender Hill Party

Milwaukee — A Fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project has doubled its space and increased its guest list.

This years theme is "Wild, Wild Lavender West" It will be held on August 19, from 2pm to 9pm. "A suggested donation of \$20 per person or more will help us reach our goal of \$12,000. This money has been designated for direct patient support to help with financial assistance, food pantry, the Milwaukee House, recreational enjoyment, needs and wishes of people living with AIDS," according to party organizers.

If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser and would like to be on the 1990 guest list, please call (414) 265-6188.



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Letters

Dear Editor:

This is a reply to "No Nonsense," an article in the last issue of In Step by Sister Dana Van Iquity in which s/he advocates Gay community acceptance of drag costumes in Gay Pride Parades. The heart of the argument: Stonewall, 1969, was the successful accomplishment of drag queens and "we are not going to act or dress or speak the way that the majority of straight society might feel comfortable with."

This historical argument is, at best, specious. Would Sister Dana wish to fly in 1969 planes, be treated with 1969 medicine, or watch 1969 video tapes? (1969 video tapes?!) Jeff Levi, former director of the NLGTF, put it right in his 1986 congressional testimony, "we are like other people with one small exception." (emphasis added) The Gay leadership who parades down Market Street as bearded men in nuns' habits or down Wisconsin Avenue with GPU banners flying makes that 'small' loom 'large' in the public eye.

And, let's face it; the public eye really counts! For instance, Federal AIDS funding is significantly behind Toxic Shock Syndrome funding on a comparable 'per death' basis. It isn't that the Federal budgeting process is all controlled by bad guys — it is all controlled by political guys. If Gays and Lesbians had spent the second decade of our movement by emphasizing the smallness of our difference, the political process for AIDS funding would have been different! We can't go back, but we can move forward; hand- in-hand with mainstream America!

I, too, thank the drag queens of Stonewall; however, I date my thanks, '1969.' Although I defend your right to be different — even in public, nevertheless, I question your wisdom! The next time a friend of yours gets discharged from the military — or dies because of inadequate government AIDS research — don't only blame Ronald Reagan. Look inward, Sister.

—Sincerely,
Bob Moore

Editors Note: The following letter was sent to the SSBL's Tom Salszeider & he, in turn, is sharing it with all of us...

Dear Tom:

I just wanted to send you a short letter to thank you and all the nice people who made my visit to Milwaukee one of the best times of my life.

In all honesty, I have never met a more friendly crowd than in your city. This was my very first Gay tournament, but it will not be my last. I have already asked my boss for next Memorial Day off.

Also please extend my thanks to the Wreck Room and their staff for sponsoring our team and having that little party for us — it meant a great deal to me. I had so much fun last weekend, that if I could transfer to Milwaukee to live I would in a minute.

The tournament was fun, the bars were great, my morals are now lower than ever, but it was worth it. Anyway, I just wanted you to know that I will always be grateful for the memories and the fun. I look forward to seeing you next year.

—Sincerely,

Leo, Metro-Giants Team [Gay Nineties, Mpls]

Dear Editor:

This is a short response to "Wally's" letter to the Editor in the last issue. Evidently all bars were not observed Memorial Day Weekend, as the Wreck Room flew the American Flag, the State Flag, the Canadian Flag and a Welcome Flag.

—Sincerely,
W.L.C.K.

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The Arts

“The Grapes of Wrath”

Review

by Kevin Michael

The 1990 Tony Award for Best play of the year went to this production of **The Grapes of Wrath**. Interestingly, this famous John Steinbeck novel and equally famous film with the performances of Henry Fonda as Tom Joad and Jane Darwell's Oscar-winning Ma Joad, had never been seen in play form.

The novel and film are now fifty years old. Thus, it seems clearly of import that on this half a century anniversary, Frank Galati and members of Chicago's Steppenwolf Company adapted this profound Depression era piece telling the story of Okies trekking West to the Promised Land of California. However, the piece goes far beyond those poor souls caught in the Dust Bowl experience to that of the strength of the human spirit against all odds.

Ms. Elaine Steinbeck, John's widow, added this to the program:

There can be no more satisfactory climax to this 50th anniversary celebration than the play you are about to see... I have been close to this enterprise from its beginning, and I very much admire the many people involved in it... My husband would love what they have done with his book — to bring it alive for you on this stage. On his behalf I welcome the Steppenwolf Theatre Company to Broadway and you to this play.

Ms. Steinbeck was correct. Steinbeck would have been most pleased to see this production. It very much kept the tone and feel of the book and was a remarkable production expanding what was so excellently done with the film. The Chicago critics were mostly unimpressed and did not like the piece. After Chicago, the company took the play first to London and then on to New York. These critics loved it and the jewel in the crown of course, was the 1990 Tony for Best Play.

Another factor is important not to overlook here. With the great expense of Broadway, many worthwhile projects arrive last in New York after cross country previews or birth in another city. Clearly a reverse from the days when a play was first presented in New York after a brief East coast tryout and then went out on the road. How times change.

Lois Smith's characterization of Ma Joad is excellent though considerably different than of Jane Darwell's. Her performance gained for her a Tony nomination as Best Actress.

Also excellent was the performance of Gary Sinise as Tom Joad. He too had a formidable task in recreating the role, especially in light of the legendary performance by Henry Fonda. However, he too did a superb job and also was nominated as Best Actor. Unfortunately, neither Smith nor Sinise did win but the piece itself did win as Best Play as mentioned earlier.

The simple set worked ever so well. The scenery was kept to a bare minimum. However, with remarkable effects they were able to create both fire and rainstorm. Marvelous technical creations were expertly fashioned for this play.

The play ran almost three hours. However, the time factor was not an issue because of the excellence witnessed on stage. I agree with the Tony voters, certainly the Best drama I saw.

Lesbian Theatre Comes To Town

by Sandy Winquist

Meet Peggy and Lois, celebrating their ten-year relationship through performance and song!

Anniversary Waltz, a theatrical production of outrageously funny and seriously thought-provoking skits, ostensibly about a long-term Lesbian marriage, comes to Milwaukee June 29 and 30.

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Our World is available in bookstores and newsstands for \$4.95. Subscriptions (12 issues for \$44) are available from **Our World Publishing**, 1104 North Nova Road, Suite 251, Daytona Beach, FL. 32117. Telephone (904) 441-5367.



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quite literally, written the book on Gays and Lesbians in World War II. Using the historian's full arsenal of techniques, especially the art of 'oral history' and recorded interviews, Berube has filled in a vital gap in American history and in Gay studies.

Berube makes a good case that the Second World War gave birth to the modern Gay community. It gave psychiatrists their first chance to identify us as a people, rather than a practice. It gathered us up and made us visible to the rest of the world, as well as to each other ('Oh, God, here comes another one,' were the first words one Lesbian heard). Gays and Lesbians served with distinction, but after the war social attitudes shifted to the right and a new kind of persecution — based on psychiatric rather than disciplinary grounds — began.

Berube's book is informative, enlightening, and surprisingly easy to read considering how much of the material in it is new to us all. People will be talking about this book for years to come. Read it now and find out why it's so good.

Review [C] 1990
Allen Smalling

See the USA With A Guy Who's Gay!

Reviewed by Allen Smalling

In Search of Gay America: Women and Men in a Time of Change
by Neil Miller. 1990, Perennial Library, \$8.95. 309 pages.

Don't let anyone tell you that gay books don't have consequences. Last year Neil Miller's **In Search of Gay America** appeared and in one leap, our perception of Gay America advanced ten years. And what a difference! The previous book with a claim to comprehensiveness, Edmund White's **States of Desire** (1979) focused on the Gay male ghettos of large cities like New York and Chicago. Urbanity was the standard by which White judged smaller towns so that naturally places like Kansas City ('the fifties in deep freeze') came off looking pretty bad.

Neil Miller has traveled a large portion of America — however, he didn't start off looking for **Gay America** only in big cities, but instead drove off through small towns and hamlets. Among Miller's many 'finds' are the Gay mayor of a 418-person village in Missouri, a huge enclave of Latina Lesbians in San Antonio, and two Gay farmers from rural Minnesota who keep as their guard dog a poodle named Nellie. (Of course, he also talks about big city life too.)

Miller's **Gay America** contains many strong and caring people. It also has its share of the confused and lonely and just plain persecuted. It's refreshing to read a book like this that is so well written and well presented and is neither a 'downer' nor a 'feelgood book,' but simply forthright, honest and thorough. This is an easy book to like as well as admire. The new paperback is particularly welcome.

Review [C] 1990
Allen Smalling

Faron Evans in June!

M+M+ THE GLASS MENAGERIE

Katherine Dieckmann for The Village Voice called **Anniversary Waltz** "a witty homage to the pleasures and problems of long term love."

Peggy Shaw and Lois Weaver have been together a decade as lovers and colleagues. This entertaining revue portrays the excitement and banality of everyday living-together with humor, insight and inuendo.

But the piece explores changes in Lesbian culture in general as much as the changes in committed partnerships: the too-familiar coming out stories and the tension between autonomy and enmeshment to intimacy.

Changing costumes — and roles — frequently, Shaw and Weaver use popular period love songs (and "unlove songs") and famous romantic scenes to explore butch-femme stereotypes and the ups and downs of True Love.

Anniversary Waltz's satirical style will appeal to the most macho guy — and he won't even notice the performance is genuinely and thoroughly feminist.

Lois Weaver and Peggy Shaw of the



Lois Weaver, Peggy Shaw in "Anniversary Waltz." Photo: Amy Meadow © 1990.

Split Britches Company, a Lesbian theatrical troupe in New York, have received dozens of recognitions and awards over the years. Shaw won an Obie Award for performance this year, the Off-Broadway equivalent of the film industry's Oscar Award. Shaw has been a

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collaborator with The Split Britches Company since its beginning in 1980 and is a co-founder of WOW, a women's performance space in New York City.

Lois Weaver is a founding member of Spiderwoman Theatre and a co-founder of Women's One World (WOW) Cafe, where she directs and teaches acting.

Anniversary Waltz will have four performances in Milwaukee — 7pm and 9:30pm nightly on Friday, June 29 and Saturday, June 30. Shows are at Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 West National Avenue. Tickets are \$9 in advance from Outpost Natural Foods, and People's Books. To charge by phone or for more information, call (414) 372-5500.

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The Chicago Tribune has said, "Each year, Women in the Director's Chair gives a fresh look at women's work in the field of film and video." Videomaker Margo Starr Kernan called it "an incredibly important experience for me as a 61 year old videomaker. I feel validated and confirmed."

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Books

“After Life”

Reviewed By Allen Smalling

After Life

by Paul Monette
278 pages

Steven, Dell and Sonny meet each other at a support group for men who have lost their lovers to AIDS. Steven's barely able to keep his West Hollywood travel agency going — it doesn't help that everywhere he looks he sees reminders of his deceased lover. Dell is eaten up by rage over straight society's indifference towards AIDS. Despite the loss of his lover, gorgeous Sonny likes to pretend that the disease hasn't affected him much.

These three guys don't have much in common except their suffering. They probably won't see each other again — or wouldn't, until Sonny loses his apartment and Dell gets himself in trouble with the law, big-time.

Monette has done something quite wonderful in *After Life* — he's crafted the first major novel about life after AIDS and done so without sanitizing his Gay characters for the sake of straight readers. Steven, Dell and Sonny aren't perfect men. They don't have much energy to work on their emotional and sexual lives in the aftermath of their lovers' death and their own iffy health. But because they're flawed, they're interesting; and their tentative attempts to get on with their lives will speak directly to Gay readers.

Monette propels the story along with sharp dialog, pinpoint observation and a plot with some nice edges to it. *After Life* is a story with guts, and almost compulsively readable. I hope it reaches a huge audience.

Review [C] 1990
Allen Smalling

“Equal Affections”

Reviewed by Allen Smalling

Equal Affections by David Leavitt. 1989, Perennial Library, \$8.95. 268 pages.

Danny and Walter are quintessential guppies, both lawyers, both pushing 30, both having left Manhattan to buy a house together in suburban New Jersey. Danny's older sister April is a former campus folksinger who over the years has developed a loyal Lesbian following. Their father, Nat, is the 'old fart' of his Northern California university's computer department, his talents in eclipse following the rise of microprocessing. Nat's wife, the children's mother Louise, is dying of cancer.

David Leavitt brings the whole cast together in his second novel, *Equal Affections*, now available in paperback. This is a novel of small moments, not large ones, as the various family members react to Louise's death due to complications from chemotherapy. The lives of the two Gay children in particular are dealt with sympathetically. Fans of Leavitt will recognize the same kind of tentative, conflicted Gay son as in *The Lost Language of Cranes*. Leavitt's novels are not overtly political, and this has caused him some trouble among a few Gay critics. This should no obscure the fact, though, that Leavitt is a masterful writer, capable of a compelling prose style and subtle, Chekhovian nuances of tone and feeling. *Equal Affections* deserves to be read.

Review [C] 1990,
Allen Smalling

“Coming Out Under Fire”

Reviewed by Allen Smalling

Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War Two by Allan Berube. \$22.95, Free Press, 1990. 377 pages.

Every reviewer lives for a book like this — the kind that makes you want to run down the street, waving a copy and yelling "Read it! Read it!"

It's practically impossible to overestimate the significance of Allan Berube's *Coming Out Under Fire*. He has,

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

I'll be so glad when June is over... we've been going non-stop here at the office since before Memorial Day, with the Classic, the fundamentalists, Pride Week preparations, protest planning the eve of our Parade, and on and on it seems. I'm writing this Friday afternoon, the 15th, so it's going to be a rush job... got to get ready for tonight's demonstration against the Fundies, and Saturday's Pride Parade and Rally. Guess I better get right to it...

Club 94 raised nearly \$1,500 at their June 2nd South East Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP) benefit auction. Besides the auction, the evening was capped off by a return of the Club 94 Follies... ever so delightful.

The **Wreck Room** played host to Green Bay's **Argonauts** in that groups final monthly benefit for the Bay's Center Project Inc. The June 2nd event included food, cheap beer, and raffles every half hour. The Argonauts have been holding monthly Green Bay benefits at Brandy's II, but traveled to Milwaukee for their wrap-up.

The **Pride Committee's Medallion Hunt** on June 2nd was rained upon, and poorly attended. I don't imagine they'll try that fundraiser again next year... even without the rain, I don't think they would have had a very big turnout.

The first **Miss Gay New Leaf** contest was hosted by Patricia DeRoma, with Tata La Moore taking the title. She'll represent the bar in the Miss Southern Wisconsin-USA preliminary hosted by King Prod. next month.

La Cage's diva of the turntables, **Tonya**, has been using his Billboard connections to again bring record company promotional nights to **La Cage/Dance Dance Dance**. In the last several weeks they've hosted events for **Midnight Oil, David Bowie, and Cure**.

There have been lots of **Pride** committee benefits around town, and for good reason. Each year the City makes groups pay more towards the cost of putting on such events. The **Pride**

Committee also has to provide at least \$1 million in liability insurance before permits were fully granted. I think they've done an excellent job... It's thankful.

M&M Peanuts softball team held their popular annual **Casino Night** team benefit. Those teams gotta pay for their way to out-of-town tournaments, you know. When they go around the country they are 'Gay Milwaukee's Ambassadors.' I'd like to wish all the teams traveling the weekends prior to and after the 4th of July the best of luck. Bring us back trophies!

Partner's threw a birthday bash for Paul and Lizzie Bordeaux on the 12th of June with lots of beer flowing freely, and a bountiful buffet table. All that was followed by a show.

Milwaukee's Talking on Channel 12 hosted a show June 13th featuring the Fundies and Gay representatives. Interesting, but the show could have been twice as long in my opinion. I have yet to hear the Fundies say something they haven't been saying over and over again for years. Will they please just shut up?

New York City's **Gay/Lesbian** community will celebrate **Pride Week** in a new way this year. After years of requests, the **Empire State Building** will finally be bathed in lavender lights for three days. Colored lights have been used for years to decorate the building for special events. Green for St. Pat's, red for St. Valentine's, etc. The building management has refused **Gay/Lesbian** requests for the lavender lights, but New York Mayor **David Dinkin** has been pleading for an end to such discrimination... obviously the building management 'saw the light.'

Jet's Place has canceled their planned bus trip/bar crawl to **Green Bay**, over a lack of interest in the trip. Too bad, **Green Bay** can be quite fun...

Rodney Scheel, owner of **Madison's Hotel Washington Complex**, who is living with **AIDS**, has been seen out and about in **Madison** since early June, for the first time since **The New Bar's** anniversary in January. As a matter of fact, he was disco dancing, in his wheelchair, on the patio...

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

What a Difference A Year Can Make

Everything changes and relationships are no exception. What once was a steamy tropical forest of love can turn into a lifeless desert. Those little inconsistencies and cute personality quirks that seemed so lovable at one month can be grounds for justifiable homicide after one year as the following illustrates.

One Month You've programmed all the speed dialing slots on your telephone to locations your new love might be reached.
One Year The telephone is programmed with the first six speed dialing numbers of your favorite 1-900 sex lines.

One Month When about to make love, just lay there hungry, waiting to be ravished.
One Year Just lay there frozen, twitching and tensing any place he touches you.

One Month Knees softly touching ever so casually under the table at a favorite restaurant.
One Year A swift kick to the shins after catching him flirting with the cute waiter and hormone-laden busboy.

One Month Waking him up early in the morning just to make love.
One Year Waking him up in the middle of the night because he's taken all the covers.

One Month Making love with all the lights on even if every lamp is fitted with an unflattering 100 Watt bulb.
One Year Dim all the lights and clip an Itty Bitty Book Light to your crotch so you can see where you're supposed to aim.

One Month Proudly parading him around the bars, "He's mine, hands off!"
One Year Taking out a personal ad for him, "You want him, you can have him."

One Month Making passionate, sweaty,

sticky love on hot, humid summer nights.
One Year Spritzing yourself with water bottle during sex (when he's not looking) so you look real sweaty.

One Month Saying, "No, don't go on a diet, I love your cute little belly."
One Year Saying, "Are you sure you want to order something that fattening?" or "I'd wear the black pull-over, it's very sliming."

One Month A coffee table covered with Bridal magazines and dozens of magazines opened to quizzes on successful relationships.

One Year The same coffee table now littered with tissue balls, old chinese food containers and a dog eared issue of Cosmopolitan opened to an article on how to have an affair without your lover finding out, important passages circled in red.

One Month Reassure him that size doesn't matter to you.
One Year Wonder aloud if his health insurance would cover penile implants.

One Month He's so clean and neat.
One Year He's the most compulsive, anal person I have ever met.

One Month Making love with food.
One Year Ordering a pizza from Domino's during foreplay and finishing up before the delivery boy arrives, if he's cute invite him in so you can both personally deliver his "tip."

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EARLY DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE!

Due To The 4th of July Holiday, Our July 5th Issue Must Go To Press A Full Day Early!

LAST CHANCE DEADLINE IS 4 PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Pride Week Interfaith Service: Tomorrow's Promise Calls Us; The Village Church, 7pm.

LAMM: Program on lobbying local government; guest speaker Milw. Co. Supervisor Elizabeth Cogg-Jones. 7pm, Milw. Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St., Call 264-2600 for info.

Club 219: Miss 219 Contest, \$100 cash prize & appearance contract, 10:30pm.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: The Sage La Rue Show, 10:30pm.

Partner's: Win/Lose or Draw, 11pm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

Club 219: The return of the French Canadian dancers, you've heard about them — now see them in the flesh.

"Yellow on Thursday:" Premiere of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian Cable Network's new half-hour fast paced comedy show, 10pm on Milwaukee's Warner Cable channel 14.

Triangle: "Yellow on Thursday" premiere party, 9pm, meet WW Wells & the production crew, 10pm viewing of show.

Lavender Koffee Klotsch: Presentation on "Financial Empowerment for G/L's," 7-9pm, at M&M Banquet Room.

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Hurricane Prod.: "Circus of A Queer Nature," 727 N. Milwaukee St. (Bauer Dance Studio) 8pm. Performance by Debbie Davis, Dominique Dibbel & Co. For info call 372-5192.

New Leaf [Janesville]: Ms. Butch New Leaf. \$75 in cash & prizes.

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you just can't stop him. Hope to see you Rodney, at Rod's 11th anniversary celebration.

That's it for this issue, hope you all have a great Pride Week (what's left of it), and a safe, and Gayly patriotic 4th of July.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: "Anything Box" performs their top 40 hit "Living In Oblivion," 10:30pm, \$5 cover.

Club 219: Opening night of 219 Plus, lower level video lounge, 10pm.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

LAMM: "Dykes to Watch Out For: The Slideshow." presentation by cartoonist Alison Bechdel. LAMM fundraiser, 8pm, Kenwood United Methodist (2319 E. Kenwood Blvd.) \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$1 discount for LAMM members. Info or ticket charge call LAMM at 264-2600.

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Rod's [Madison]: Orgasm contest, prizes for loudest, longest & shortest simulated orgasm.

Rockford Pride: 11am to 5pm Gay/Lesbian Pride Float down the Kishwaukee River. Begins at Sleepy Hollow Shelter of the Kishwaukee Reserve. More info call (815)282-5017.

Hurricane Prod.: "Circus of a Queer Nature," 727 N. Milwaukee St. (Bauer Dance Studio) 8pm. Performance by Debbie Davis, Dominique Dibbel & Co. For info call 372-5192.

Milw. Tennis: Informal sessions begin 9:30am, Warnimont Park Swim Center, call Tom at 281-2596 for more info.

Roller-skating: Outdoor at 12:30 on the landfill, east of Lincoln Drive. Meet at rental office, price is \$4 for 1st hour. Call Bob 963-9833.

4th Annual Pridefest '90 [La Crosse]: Noon-8, Goose Island Park Shelter. Volleyball, other games, dancing, prizes, beer & soda. Secluded land to hike, fish, canoe & relax in the Mississippi Valley. \$3.50 donation. 3 miles South of La Crosse on WI, Hwy. 35.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

Chicago Gay Pride Parade: Line up 1pm, on Halsted (East curb lane) South of Roscoe. Line-up continues South on Halsted onto Clark. Route travels North on Halsted to Broadway, South on Broadway to Diversey Parkway, East on Diversey to the rally site at Lincoln Park groves 9 & 10, north of the North Pond. Phone (312)348-8243 for more info or late applications.

Cest La Vie: Bus trip to Chicago G/L Parade.

Hurricane Prod.: "Circus of a Queer Nature," 727 N. Milwaukee St. (Bauer Dance Studio) 7pm. Performance by Debbie Davis, Dominique Dibbel & Co. For info call 372-5192.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Ms Gay WI. State presents "Pieces of Love," a benefit for Fox Valley AIDS Project. Fundraising starts 2pm, cook-out 3pm, show at 8:30 with lots of special quests.

Triangle: Bus trip to Chicago G/L Parade.

Jet's Place: 4th Annual Anniversary bash, 3pm, Fun, food, prizes.

GAMMA Ski & Picnic: Water skiing & picnic supper on Waukesha Co. Lake begins 1pm. GAMMA members only, new members accepted at site. \$3 for all, call Bob 963-9833 for info.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

Jet's Place: Bar crawl to Green Bay. \$15/person includes drinks on bus.

In Step Late Deadline: Deadline is 4pm today for Issue #13 (July 5-18, '90), due to holiday printer's schedule. This is a firm deadline. ABSOLUTELY NO EXTENSIONS.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: A tribute to the fabulous 50's, Cassie & Company.

Partner's: Win/Lose or Draw finals, 11pm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 28

La Cage: First Annual Miss Cosmopolitan WI-USA Pageant, presented by Jeffrey Duerr. Contestant registration 8pm. Pageant at 10. MC - Bouji Miss Gay Chubby WI. Entertainers include Miss Gay WI-USA Tania Michaels. Applications at La Cage, Triangle & by calling 276-0481.

Triangle: 2nd Anniversary Party, 10pm. Free food, free beer, great surprises.

The New Bar [Madison]: "Totally, Outrageous Drag," 10pm showtime. Hosted by Miss Karlotta & Miss Kelly. No cover.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29

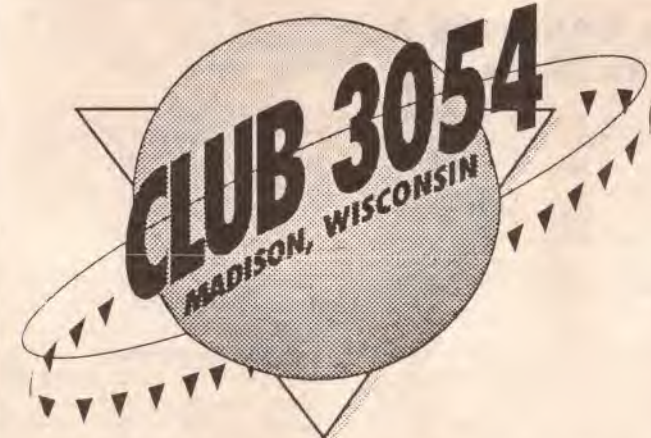
"Anniversary Waltz:" Obie-award winning women's theatre from N.Y., 7-9:30pm, Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 W. National. \$9 advance, \$10 door, info call 372-5500.

Nitengales: Free tap beer 9-12.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30

Jo'dee's [Racine]: King Productions presents Miss Gay Racine WI-USA Pageant, 9:30 showtime, cover, applications at bar.

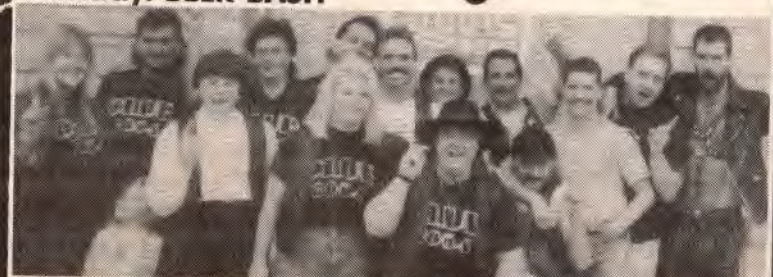
Wreck Room: Monthly Party Night, 19' Color TV is grand prize.



SPEND THE WEEKEND AT THE CLUB.

Friday: WOMEN NO COVER
Saturday: MEN NO COVER
Sunday: BEER BASH

**4th of JULY
Cookout & Beer Bust**



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assuming, for the sake of argument, that there is little or no crossover between the two audiences, you could be right, in terms, anyway, of awards, fellowships, and mainstream recognition. Again, however, that assumption about who is reading Gay/Lesbian material is almost certainly not true. But even if it were, a Gay/Lesbian audience would still be very important to me — more important, in fact, because they are my peers — the people that matter to me most.

You should also understand, at the risk of sounding like a megalomaniac, that the work I do is important — to me and to the Gay/Lesbian audience. I don't mean to imply that I'm a great writer; my sense of self is not that inflated. What I'm saying is that, because we Gay/Lesbian people are bombarded daily with heterosexual subjects — in books, movies, TV shows, and so on — we crave reflections of our own lives in those same media, something that recognizes that we too exist. The kind of writing that I do — and the work of the others who have come before me and those growing in number today — preserves our history and validates our existence. A sense of history is important to everyone; it gives people a sense of rootedness, gives them knowledge of from where they come, helps them feel that they are not just an oddity, some accident of their particular place and time. And validating our existence is critical because it lets each of us know we are not the only one, that we are not freaks, that others have had experiences like ours and have dealt with them in many different ways, that there are others like us leading perfectly normal, full, rich lives. Gay/Lesbian writing is a lifeline — especially for people who are in small towns or who are just coming out or who are lonely or confused, wherever they are.

Finally, speaking now as primarily a writer, one of the cardinal rules of writing is: write about what you know. Being a Lesbian in a heterosexual, all too frequently homophobic world is what I know. If I am going to succeed as a writer — and as a human being — I have to be honest. I have to be true to myself. I am not only a Lesbian, of course, just as I am

not only a writer, but these two things define, at a fundamental level, who I am and how I interact with the world. Being a Lesbian and being a writer colors everything I look at, everything I do. The point is, I guess, I don't find either writing about Lesbians or being one limiting in anyway. In fact, the opposite is most decidedly true: writing about Lesbians, being a Lesbian, has been and continues to be a freeing experience for me, allowing me to tap into the best, the most creative and vital aspects of my being. I regret nothing.

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Rod's [Madison]: Beginning of Rod's 11th Anniv. Celebration. Southern T-Dance, BBQ & \$3 Beer Bash from 2-8 on the Veranda. 2 for 1 drinks & \$1.50 beer, 2-7.

Milw. Tennis: Informal sessions begin 9:30am, Warmimont Park Senior Center, call Tom 281-2596.

Gay Biking Network: Southside ride, with a stop at the SSBL games, meet 12:30 by the boulder on the westside of Lake Park Pavillion. Contact Bob at 963-9833.

"Anniv. Waltz:" Obie-award winning women's theatre from N.Y., 7-9:30pm, Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 W. National. \$9 advance, \$10 door, info call 372-5500.

Ballgame: Summer Daze Fun, party 8-1:30, 26" bike grand prize, door prize drawings every half hour, light picnic buffet, \$1.75 white rail drinks.

SUNDAY, JULY 1

New Leaf [Janesville]: Miss Southern Wisconsin (WI-USA Preliminary), presented by King Productions.

Partner's: The vocal talents of Denise Tomasello, two shows, 9:30 & 11:30.

The New Bar [Madison]: "Pride '90" a benefit show for MASN (\$3 door). Hosted by Mr/Miss/Ms Gay Madison, 10pm.

Rod's [Madison]: 11th Anniv. Celebration, Southern T-Dance, BBQ & \$3 Beer Bash from 2-8. 2 for 1 Well & Schnaaps 10pm-12am in Rod's.

MONDAY, JULY 2

Rod's [Madison]: 2 for 1 drinks & \$1.50 Beer with hors d'oeuvres.

TUESDAY, JULY 3

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Hunter & The Headliners male dancers.

Rod's [Madison]: 4th of July Eve party & Grab Box. Rhett "Butt" Butler look-a-like contest.

Nitengales: Celebrate with \$1 domestic Bottle Beer & \$1 Slammers.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

★★★★ **INDEPENDENCE DAY** ★★★★★

Wreck Room: 4th of July drink specials.

Rod's [Madison]: Independence Day Celebration, Southern T-Dance/\$3 Beer Bust/BBQ 2-8pm, the Patio. Trip to fireworks at dusk. Followed by The Fake Orgasm Contest (special edition).

Nitengales: Celebrate the 4th with our \$3 Beer Bash.

Ballgame: 4th of July Picnic Buffet served 1-8pm.

Club 3054 [Madison]: 4th Cook-out & Beer Bust.

Club 219: Independence day blow-out with "Hunter & The Headliners" male dancers.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

Rod's [Madison]: 11th Anniv. Celebration, 2 for 1 & \$1.50 Beer 4-7, Levi/Leather night.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Rod's [Madison]: 11th Anniv. Celebration 2 for 1 drinks & \$1.50 beer 4-7.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

6th Annual Unity Picnic [Eau Claire]: Riverview Park Island, Eau Claire, noon-? Continues July 8, after the picnic, party at Ju-Di's Wildwood, DJ-10 to close on Saturday; Show & Dance on Sunday, 8-close.

Wreck Room: Castaway's Beer Bust.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: King Productions'

Miss Gay Kenosha pageant, a Wisconsin-USA preliminary.

Rod's [Madison]: 11th Anniv. Cocktail Party 4-7pm with Hors d'oeuvres, dancing.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Pivot [Appleton]: King Production's Miss Appleton Pageant. A Wisconsin-USA preliminary.

All Saints Cathedral: Evensong & Public Healing Service for People Living with AIDS. Sacrament of Unction, prayers for PWA's, and those affected by AIDS. 4pm, 818 E. Juneau. Call office 271-7719 for prayers, info from 9am-1am.

Rod's [Madison]: Full Moon Party.





Bottom photo [L to R] Lizzie, Paul and Partner's owner Jim at Liz & Paul's birthday bash and show at Partner's.

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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

Limitations...

While I don't intend to make it a practice to print for your perusal various and sundry pieces of correspondence with members of my family, I recently wrote a letter to one of my grandmother's sisters that I felt was worthwhile sharing with you. This aunt of mine, who has always wanted to be a writer, has taken a great interest in my writing career — apparently, however, not without some reservations. And something she has said several times I finally felt I could no longer let go without comment. Though I have written to her as writer, I have also written to her as a Lesbian and what I have said to her is relevant to us all, I think, especially now during this time when, all across the country, we are celebrating our pride.

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Dear Aunt A.,

Grammar has told me that you think that I write well, but it's a shame I am limiting myself, that I don't write for a broader audience (or words to that effect). In saying that, I know you have my best interests at heart, but I don't know if you are aware of the negative connotations of such a sentiment. I feel compelled to point these negative implications out to you not because I am angry with you, but because I believe only the best of you: that you would not intentionally say things that are prejudicial in nature. And so, because of my respect for you, I have decided to write you a letter about this comment that you made, no doubt meaning perfectly well. I hope you will receive this letter in the spirit it is sent.

First of all, underlying your statement about limiting myself are several misconceptions about Gay/Lesbian life in this country today. The first of these is that I am writing for a small audience. But I suspect that my primary audience is much larger than you think. Conservative estimates say that about one out of every ten persons is Gay. At the current U.S. population of about 250 million, that

would be about 25 million Gays and Lesbians in this country alone!

Another misconception is that our community is isolated, interacting only among ourselves in a "Gay ghetto," the writers among us writing about only things that Gay people will understand and find interesting. While in some ways we are isolated from and mysterious to the population at large, there is more 'cross pollination' than you may realize, especially now as Gays and Lesbians can become more and more open about our lives and are more readily accepted by heterosexuals. Speaking only of my own experience as a writer, I know for certain that many straight people read my work — and not all of those people are friends of mine! Speaking more generally, books by and about Gay and Lesbian authors are regularly reviewed, these days, in major 'mainstream' review venues such as Publisher's Weekly and The New York Times Book Review Section. My point here is that a Gay or Lesbian-themed book does not necessarily preclude a non-homosexual audience. I think straight people are beginning to realize that our lives are more similar than they are different and that, in the areas where they are different, they may actually have something to learn from us about relating to our fellow human beings.

These last statements bring me nicely round into what I found prejudicial in your well-meaning comment. The implication of your statement is that Gay/Lesbian subjects are somehow less universal or less interesting than heterosexual subjects or that a Gay/Lesbian audience is less important than a heterosexual audience. As to the former, I guess I've basically addressed that already, but essentially, it's like saying that books about African-American people or Asian-American people are less good, less interesting, less universal, etc., than books about white people — something I suspect you don't really believe. As to a Gay/Lesbian audience being less important than a heterosexual one, and

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Today's Special Drink: *Swamp Waters*



Hours

*Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Friday 4 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.
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Sunday 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.*

***** 11th Anniversary Celebration *****

Sunday, July 1st:

Southern T-Dance, BBQ & \$3 Beer Bash on the Veranda from 2 - 8 p.m. with 2-4-1 Well Liquor & Schnapps from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. in Rod's

Today's Special Drink: *Planter's Punch*



Monday, July 2nd:

2-4-1 Drinks & \$1.50 Beer with Hors'Doevres from 4 p.m. to close
Today's Special Drink: *Magnolias*



Tuesday, July 3rd:

4th of July Eve Party

Grab Box - Win anything from Drinks to Sex Toys. Enter our Rhatt "Butt" Butler

Look-a-like Contest for Special Prizes.

Today's Special Drink: *Collins*



Wednesday, July 4th:

Independence Day Celebration

Southern T-Dance, BBQ & \$3 Beer Bash on the Veranda from 2 - 8 p.m.

Special trip to the Fireworks at dusk.

Then, it's back to the Veranda for our version of fireworks with a Special Edition of The Fake Orgasm Contest

Tonight's Special Drink: Cajun Bloody Marys

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Friday, July 6th:

2-4-1 Drinks & \$1.50 Beer, 4 - 7 p.m.

Tonight's Special Drink: *Peach Fizz*



Thursday, July 5th:

2-4-1 & \$1.50 Beer, 4 - 7 p.m.

Levi & Leather Night.

Tonight's Special Drink: *Scarlet O'Hara*



Saturday, July 7th:

ROD'S 11th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Cocktail Party 4 - 7 p.m. with Hors'Doevres

Tonight's Special Drink: *Mint Julips*



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