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Cover Story

Frequent cover art contributor and 'The Gay Side' cartoonist Tom Rezza provides us with this cover art depicting 'The Raven' in ink. Talk about a Halloween fantasy taking wing...

'The Calendar' in this issue contains listings of all the Halloween events we were made aware of, so make use of it and hit as many contests as you can. Halloween is the 'Gayest' of holidays in that it gives us all a chance to indulge in creativity and fantasy. (You never know what or who will 'come out' of that closet in your mind!)

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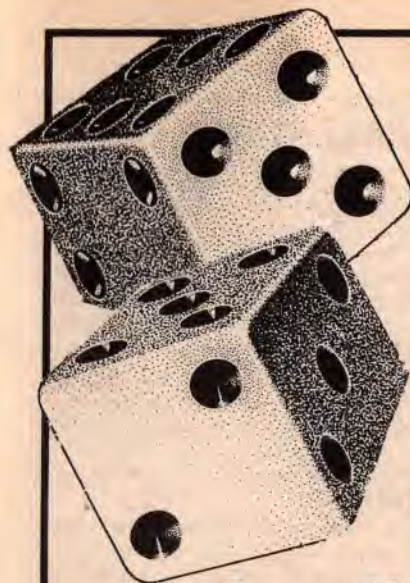
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News

WCRC Welcomes Dr. Krim to Milw.

Dr. Mathilde Krim, founding Co-Chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) came to Milwaukee Tuesday, October 16 to present at \$25,000 so-called 'Madonna' seed grant to the Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium (WCRC). WCRC will become one of 45 Community Based Clinical Trials (CBCT's) in a network that stretches across the country.

Dr. Krim presented the check to Dr. Barry Bernstein, M.D., Chairman, Board of Directors of the WCRC, a non profit organization formed by Wisconsin AIDS clinicians. WCRC's goal is to conduct clinical trials on experimental AIDS drugs that produce quality data acceptable to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to accelerate the pace of AIDS research and to provide local access for the people of Wisconsin with AIDS/HIV to promising drug therapies in the community setting. Up until now, patients have had to go out of state to obtain these sometimes life-saving medications.

Dr. Krim has led the drive to increase public awareness of AIDS. "AmFAR considers its program of support for community-based centers and trials the single most important program it has undertaken," said Krim in a recent address.

The Wisconsin legislature provided funding for statewide research by WCRC, in the amount of \$150,000. That amount needs to be raised in matching private funds, of which the AmFAR grant of \$25,000 is part of. WCRC spokespersons said they expected to match the \$150,000 by late October.

WCRC is an innovative CBCT model, in that it pools patients and AIDS clinicians from around the entire state. It will bring cutting edge medical technology to cooperating clinicians across Wisconsin.

With estimates approaching 1 out of 400 Wisconsinites testing HIV positive sometime during the '90's, the need for WCRC grows evermore urgent. Now, the

most promising of therapies will be available to Wisconsin PWA/HIV's in community settings under the care of their own physicians. Before the number of individuals infected with HIV dramatically increases in Wisconsin, the WCRC will help set the standard of care for all HIV infected persons in the state.

CBCT's are unique in that they forge a link between AIDS researchers who need to test potential new drug therapies, AIDS clinicians and People With AIDS/HIV. WCRC follows that form in its board of directors.

Dr. Krim, in remarks at the presentation, said "It's an enormous satisfaction for me when I see a group like this get together. Your government on the city and state level has really done a good thing in this state. It's quite unusual, most other governments have not done this."

"There have been a number of breakthroughs in AIDS research. First, was to find out the virus is not transmitted casually. The second one was the discovery of the virus itself. Third was the antibody test. The fourth one was the decision to look for treatment and look for drugs that would protect cells. AZT changed everybody's outlook and attitude towards AIDS. Suddenly we were looking at it as an infection that could be treated. That was a very important milestone. The fifth milestone was the creation and implementation of community based clinical research. This is a way of doing clinical research that is not traditional, that was doubted for a long time by academics by health authorities, but everybody is coming around."

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ACT UP Acts Up

Milwaukee — Milwaukee members of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP) are currently involved in three major educational efforts in the fight against AIDS and AIDS-related phobia and misinformation. Besides the on-going informational picketing and leafletting campaign outside of area dental clinics, ACT UP has targeted WISN-AM radio's on-air personality Mark Belling for alleged "AIDS misinformation" being broadcast during his show. But the issue they are getting the most mass media attention on is their campaign to inform high school students on safer sex and condom use.

Five members of ACT UP Milwaukee were arrested on charges of disorderly conduct when they attempted to distribute AIDS information (a pamphlet supplied by the Wisconsin Dept. of Health which emphasize abstinence) and condoms outside of Marquette University High School on October 6 during that schools homecoming dance. School security guards blocked ACT UP members from approaching students who were entering the school, and called Milwaukee police after some of the students and their parents complained. According to ACT UP some of the parents "threatened" and became "violent" towards ACT UP. The disorderly conduct charges were for "harassing and attempting to stop students" as they entered the school. Two of the members were accused of vandalism for doing chalk outlines of bodies on the sidewalk, and three were accused of trespassing for walking on a private school sidewalk. The five have a municipal court date on Friday, October 26.

The school action continued at Bay View High School on October 13, without incident. Most of the students accepted pamphlets and a sample condom (ACT UP switched to using a Red Cross supplied brochure geared specifically towards teenagers and AIDS) with a smile, others refused them, and still others seemed embarrassed, more than anything else.

Another action was planned outside of Whitefish Bay H.S. on Oct. 20, in ACT

UP's ongoing campaign to bring attention to the inadequate and hesitant response of schools and parents to educate adolescents about sex and HIV issues. ACT UP said in a release "When ex-Surgeon General Koop was in Madison several weeks ago, he said that some people would rather see sexually active teenagers get infected and die than talk about condoms in high schools."

ACT UP's informational picketing and leafletting campaign outside of various Milwaukee area dental clinics continues on Fridays. ACT UP encourages patients to ask their dentists appropriate questions to ensure quality and safe dental care. ACT UP said "these actions are part of ACT UP's on-going effort to focus public awareness on the Wisconsin dental community's inadequate and risky response to the AIDS crisis."

ACT UP urges patients to ask their dentists if they use universal blood precautions; if they use those precautions with every patient; if they realize they may be treating HIV positive patients without their knowledge; what recent training have they had in infection control; and why aren't there any continuing education requirements to keep dental licenses.

ACT UP plans on continuing this effort until they feel an adequate response has been made by the dental community.

In the campaign against Bellings "misinformation" over WISN-AM's airwaves, ACT UP has sent letters to Belling, Steve Downes, WISN-AM's general manager, and to several of the advertisers whose spots air during Belling's show including: Steinhafels Furniture; Colders Furniture; Factory Outlet Carpets; and Waukesha Memorial. The letters say "During the past two weeks Mr. Downes has repeatedly allowed Mark Belling, an 'on-air personality,' to spread dangerous misinformation about HIV infection and AIDS to the public."

In a news release, ACT UP continued "we intend to continue and expand this campaign until Mr. Downes decides to make a simple on-air apology and correction regarding the misinformation

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Immigration Bill In Conference Comm.

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The U.S. House on Oct. 3 narrowly passed a comprehensive bill revamping the nation's immigration laws which includes a provision striking the 25-year-old ban on immigration by foreign-born Gay men and Lesbians.

The bill, the Family Unity and Medical Opportunity Immigration Act of 1990, sponsored by Rep. Bruce Morrison (D-Conn.), re-establishes the quotas of foreign nationals allowed into the country. As it is controversial in its vast restructuring of U.S. immigration law, it passed the House on a close 231-192 vote.

The bill contains in it a provision, added as an amendment by Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) in the Judiciary Committee, which strikes the federal ban on Gay and Lesbian immigration.

The House bill must now go to conference with a Senate measure which does not include the Frank provision. Frank will sit on the joint panel and has secured the support of conferees Senators. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Alan Simpson (R-Wyo.) for retaining his amendment in the final version of the bill.

The Departments of Justice and Labor have recommended a veto of the House bill in its present form over 14 technical points of disagreement, all unrelated to the Frank amendment.

A White House spokesperson, though, minimized the differences, calling the Justice and Labor complaints "structural problems" with the bill.

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detailed." The release continued "spreading misinformation about HIV infection and AIDS endangers the public health. The rights protected under the umbrella of 'talk radio' do not include the right to spread ignorance about a fatal, communicable and epidemic disease such as AIDS."

ACT UP has audio tapes of the broadcasts in question available (call 414-769-8708). Phone calls are also encouraged to Mr. Downes at 342-1111.

Frank was optimistic that the conference committee will eventually come out with a bill which will be signed by the President.

"I Think there is a very good chance it will become law," predicted Chai Feldblum, a lobbyist with the American Civil Liberties Union. "The enemy at this point is the ticking of the clock. It will have to get out (of conference) before Congress gets out (in mid- October)."

The Frank amendment strikes a list of health-related grounds in standing U.S. immigration law for which foreigners may be barred. Current law bans immigration by foreign nationals who are "mentally retarded or insane, or have had more than one attack of insanity;" who are "afflicted with a psychopathic personality, sexual deviation or mental defect;" or who are "narcotic drug addicts or chronic alcoholics."

The standing prohibition against "sexual deviants," which was put into law in 1965, has been used sporadically by immigration agents over the years to bar Lesbians and Gay men from immigrating to the U.S.

The Frank amendment replaces the current list with a shorter one which bars immigration by drug addicts and foreign nationals with a physical or mental disorder which would be a threat to the individual or to others. The rider also lifts the U.S. ban on immigration by polygamists.

The Frank amendment does not address the standing ban on foreign nationals with AIDS or HIV infection from entering or visiting the U.S.

The AIDS ban was written into law in 1987 as a result of a Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) sponsored amendment which was attached to an unrelated appropriations bill. A bill ordering the Secretary of Health and Human Services to revise the list of 'dangerous' diseases which exclude immigrants from entry has been stymied in a House committee for several months.

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Dr. Mathilde Krim, from AmFAR presents Dr. Barry Bernstein, of WCRC with a \$25,000 'Madonna' seed grant to get Wisconsin's AIDS Clinical Trials Group off the ground.

AIDS C.A.R.E. Bill Funds Guttled

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — A key Senate committee on Oct. 10 restored nominal funding to a recently approved AIDS care bill which had been previously left unfinanced, but disappointed AIDS lobbyists who had hoped for more money to implement the package.

Voting on the 1991 Labor, Health and Human Services appropriations bill, the full Senate Appropriations Committee voted to allocate \$49 million to implement the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, but opted against a more sweeping amendment which would have granted \$338 million to fund the bill.

The Senate's \$183 billion Labor HHS package, which contains the vast majority of the U.S.'s AIDS funds, includes in it a total of \$1.74 billion in discretionary AIDS spending for fiscal year 1991, a \$158 million — or a 10 percent — increase over last year's spending figures.

"We're basically at a hold the line

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Frank stated that now that the removal of the Gay ban is almost complete, he will now turn his focus to the removal of the HIV exclusion, which is in another section of U.S. immigration law. That change, however, will not likely come with this bill as it is not included in either version of the legislation.

Several AIDS lobbyists, however, have expressed irritation at Frank's position of deferring the HIV battle for a later date.

budget, except for research," commented Rene Durazzo, director of public policy for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. "In 1991 the priority has to be in increasing health care for people with HIV and this year the Senate Appropriations Committee told us, 'No.' They told hundreds of thousands of people that they will have to die and that's that."

The CARE package, signed by President Bush last August, would have authorized the spending of \$4.4 billion in emergency funds over the next five years for AIDS care and treatment in areas disproportionately affected by the epidemic. For the 1991 fiscal year, it would have allowed for \$881.5 million in

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From The Editor...

Due to In Step's deadline falling prior to the Friday, October 19 Federal budget compromise deadline, we can not be sure the news articles we have printed in this News section regarding Federal issues, are current and accurate. Further complicating matters is the fact that Congress was scheduled to adjourn for the session prior to our publication date. Any bills before Congress not acted upon before adjournment, become null and void and Congressional action would have to begin again next session at step one in introducing the bills. If Congress has decided to put off adjournment, bills still in the pipeline have a chance to be acted upon.

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U.S. House Reauthorizes NEA

by Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Ending a months-long stalemate over the federal government's role in funding and controlling art, the U.S. House on Oct. 11 approved a compromise measure reauthorizing the National Endowment for the Arts for three years, rejecting attempts to abolish the agency or to establish strict restrictions on the content of federally subsidized art.

The original bill reauthorizing the agency, passed by a 349-76 vote, was eventually substituted with a compromise proposal, sponsored by Reps. Pat Williams (D-Mont.) and E. Thomas Coleman (R-Mo.) which more closely resembles the companion bill undergoing Senate consideration.

The substitute measure, passed by a vote of 382-42, substantially restructures the Endowment, ensures greater accountability of the agency to Congress and gives states a larger share of NEA funds, but does not establish content restrictions.

Seeking to quell the firestorm of controversy around the funding of

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emergency funds to be funneled to hard-hit urban and rural areas.

AIDS activists, however, were stunned when a Senate subcommittee dealing with the Labor HHS bill opted to zero fund the measure, putting off implementation until fiscal year 1992.

Seeking to refine the measure, Sens. Brock Adams (D-Wash.), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.) and Alphonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) had hoped to pass an amendment in the full committee which would have granted \$338 million for the CARE package this year.

But as that proposal would have required funding the bill by nominally reducing funds for dozens of other health and education programs, the joint proposal was defeated in committee.

The \$49 million allocated instead will be solely used to fund a part of the bill which channels money to 16 high AIDS incidence cities.

allegedly indecent works, the compromise measure would allow the NEA to recoup grants made to artists if works produced with those grants are found to be obscene in a court of law.

A small handful of liberal, pro-Gay House members representing largely urban districts criticized the compromise proposal as being too strict on artists and joined the NEA's fiercest critics in the minority voting against the substitute proposal.

The vote on the compromise came after hours of acrimonious debate in which two stringent proposals punishing the agency for funding certain controversial artworks were rejected.

"I believe that the far right, when they lost the Communist bogeyman, had to search long and hard for a new enemy," said Rep. Thomas Downey (D-N.Y.). "(Artists Robert Mapplethorpe and (Andres) Serrano appeared in the nick of time. They could find their new enemies in the artists of the waning years of the 20th Century...How convenient."

Attacking the agency with equal vigor, NEA detractors either decried what they viewed as indecent works not worthy of public funds, or insisted that the government has no business in subsidizing art, especially in an era of budgetary constraints.

A separate bill reauthorizing the agency for another three years is still (as of Oct. 15) pending in the Senate were it may see floor action before the end of this Congress (which is scheduled for, but not guaranteed to fall on Oct. 19).

If the Senate passes its bill it will have to go to conference with the House version and be given final approval, also before Congress recesses.

If the bill does not see final action this year, the agency will most likely be reauthorized for one more year in its pending funding bill and the more long-term proposal will have to be taken up again in the next Congress.

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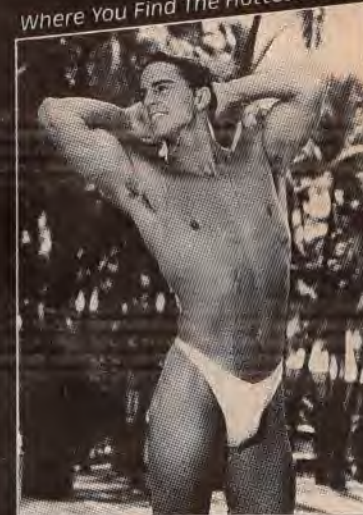
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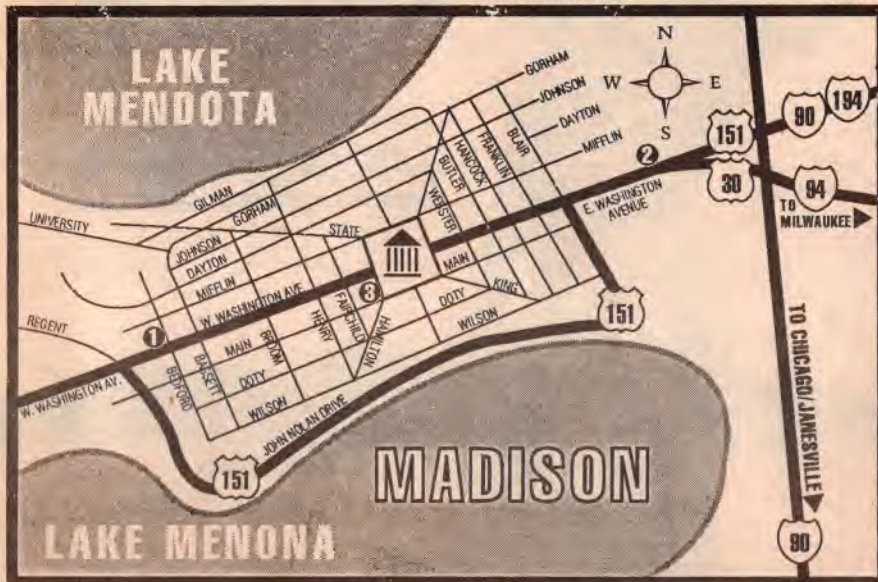
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Cincinnati Museum Acquitted

by Rex Wockner

A jury of working-class suburbanites Oct. 5 found the Cincinnati Arts Center and director Dennis Barrie not guilty of violating local obscenity laws.

It was believed to be the first attempted prosecution of an art museum in American history.

Barrie faced up to a year in prison and a \$2,000 fine for displaying the work of the late Gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe, who died of AIDS complications in 1989. The museum faced a \$10,000 fine.

Mapplethorpe's traveling show

consisted of 175 photographs, seven of which were deemed in violation of contemporary community obscenity standards by the Cincinnati Police Vice Squad.

The museum was charged with "pandering obscenity" for five photos that depicted Gay sexuality, and with illegal use of minors in nudity-related material for two photos of naked children.

It took the eight-person jury only two hours to agree.

As he left the courtroom, Barrie called the decision "a great day for this city, a great day for America."

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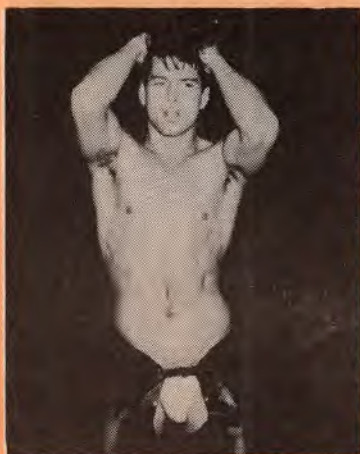


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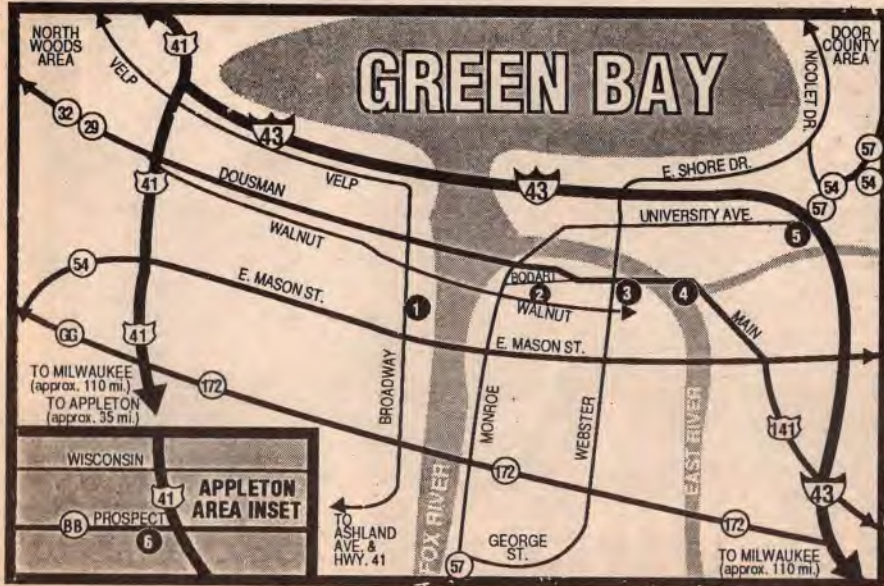
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"Our effectiveness on Capitol Hill is due not only to our lobbying and constituent field work, but also to the impact that Lesbian and Gay Americans have in Congressional elections all over the country," said Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley.

Former Charlotte, North Carolina Mayor Harvey Gantt, who is running neck and neck in his race against Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) has received the maximum \$15,000 allowed by law from the Campaign Fund's PAC. Senator Paul Simon (D-IL), chief sponsor of the Hate-Crimes Statistics Act which earlier this year became the first federal law in history to include Lesbians and Gays received \$10,000 in his race against GOP Congresswoman Lynn Martin. Senator Claiborne Pell (D-RI), who chairs the committee with jurisdiction over the National Endowment for the Arts, and Congressman John Miller (R-WA), who worked to defeat the Helms-Chapman food handlers amendment on the Americans with Disabilities Act, also received \$10,000. Both openly Gay members of Congress, Representatives Barney Frank (D- MA) and Gerry Studds (D-MA) also received \$10,000 contributions for their campaigns.

In one of the nation's most closely watched races, the Campaign Fund is supporting Washington Congresswomen Jolene Unseld, the first-term supporter of the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights bill. Alexandria, Virginia, Mayor Jim Moran and former Oregon state legislator Mike Kopetski, who are strong contenders to win seats in the House against homophobic incumbents, have also

received major contributions.

Wisconsin Democratic Representatives Robert Kastanmeier (2nd District) & Jim Moody (5th District) each received \$2,000 donations. Republicans have received 16.15 per cent of Campaign Fund contributions so far. 18.65 per cent have gone to women and 17.59 per cent to people of color, well above their percentages in Congress.

AIDS Researchers Under Investigation

by Rex Wockner

The Chicago Tribune reported Oct. 6 that the National Institutes of Health will conduct "a formal, full-scale investigation into several aspects of (chief U.S. AIDS researcher) Dr. Robert C. Gallo's award-winning scientific research."

Tribune investigative reporter John Crewdson said the NIH move follows a 10-month internal fact-finding inquiry, and will "scrutinize in particular Gallo's landmark 1984 announcement that AIDS was caused by a new virus Gallo dubbed HTLV-3B and since renamed HIV."

Gallo's then chief laboratory virologist, Mikulas Popovic, is also to be investigated, Crewdson said.

Acting NIH director William Raub told the Tribune that investigators will "test... a number of biological samples in an effort to determine the origins of HTLV-3B."

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Crewdson and San Francisco journalist Randy Shilts have both presented partial evidence that Gallo's HTLV-3B was either an accidental or deliberate "re-discovery" of LAV — a French-discovered AIDS virus that was apparently sent to Gallo's lab prior to the discovery of HTLV-3B.

The implicit but rarely stated suspicion is that Gallo stole the French virus and took credit himself.

Gallo and Popovic eventually received the patent for the HIV antibody test and have now earned hundreds of thousands of dollars in royalties.

The new investigation of Gallo follows the report of a government advisory panel that was set up in February to examine 14 areas of Gallo's research, including his alleged discovery of HTLV-3B.

Not Guilty Plea In Gay Slaying

Madison — According to the Associated Press, 25 year old Joseph D. Wills (no known address), accused in the first degree intentional homicide of a Madison Gay man, entered a plea of not guilty and faces trial in Dane County Circuit Court.

As reported in In Step Issue 18 (Sept. 27-Oct. 10, 1990) Wills was cited in a Sept. 11 criminal complaint as showing "no remorse for shooting to death a Madison man early Sept. 9 because the victim had made a homosexual proposition to him."

The victim, 21 year old Mark F. Starkey was found shot to death in a downtown parking lot early the morning of Sept. 9. He had been shot in the chest. The criminal complaint also said Wills told

arresting officers "The boy would be alive if he wasn't a (derogatory term for Gays). I hate... I just hate 'em."

The criminal complaint said Starkey drove up to Wills who was standing in a downtown alley and spoke with him, telling Wills he was a bisexual. According to Wills, he told Starkey he wasn't interested in sex, but Starkey got out of his car and continued to talk, later offering Wills money. Wills said he rejected that, but then asked Starkey for his car keys. After arguing over the keys, Wills shot Starkey and then stole his car. Wills turned himself into Onalaska police where he had fled in Starkey's vehicle.

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"Robert, from the beginning, was impressed with the dedication of AmFAR," said Michael Ward Stout, Esq., President of the Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation. "Sometime

before he died, he agreed to organize a benefit in New York for AmFAR, and at that time he developed a friendship with (AmFAR Founding Co-Chair) Dr. Mathilde Krim."

"We are honored by the vote of confidence and the support of the Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation," said Dr. Krim, "AmFAR will put its funds to work around the country and indeed around the world to speed the progress of AIDS research. Robert Mapplethorpe lives through his art and now also through his legacy to those who will put an end to the

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Gay Men Face Life In Prison

by Rex Wockner

Two male couples arrested for "the infamous crime against nature" in Boise, Idaho could be sentenced to life in prison. The minimum sentence is five years.

The arrests occurred Aug. 18 outside the Emerald Club, a Gay bar. Plain-clothes cops on bicycles said they observed Jesse Coats of Walnut Creek, Calif., and Rodney Caito of Boise have sex in a car; and Alfred Johnson of Eastsound, Wash., and Alfredo Osuna of Vale, Ore., do so in a darkened parking lot.

Case law in Idaho defines an "infamous crime against nature" as oral or anal sex, Gay or straight. The law dates to 1864 in what was then the Idaho Territory.

"It's a really fucked law," said John

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scourge of AIDS. Because AIDS will be over, one day. We will then owe Robert Mapplethorpe a tremendous debt of gratitude."

The celebrated artist, who died of AIDS-related conditions in 1989, left much of his estate to a philanthropic organization that he created during his lifetime. The Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation is dedicated to establishing, improving or expanding museums that exhibit photographic art, as well as funding efforts to end the AIDS epidemic. Now, his estate will provide significant support to AmFAR, and its many projects dedicated to AIDS research, education and public policy.

Hummel, president of the Gay community-based Idaho AIDS Foundation.

"There's only one other time in recent memory that anyone was charged under it, but the charges were later changed to indecent exposure."

Boise activists believe police have stepped up harassment of Gays since the state's first Gay-pride parade June 23.

"That's our perception," Hummel said. "they pay more attention to us, stopping people in their cars as they leave the Gay bar, etc."

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force spokesman Robert Bray said such harassment after increased Gay visibility is "something we see all around the country."

"They can expect increased violent attacks and hate crimes too," Bray said. "It's the price you pay for Gay visibility in this society."

Added NGLTF's Sue Hyde, "There was a series of police harassment/surveillance in the summer of 1990 - Adrian, Michigan; Holland, Michigan; Lima, Ohio; and the Midwest Men's Festival in Iowa - and now we have the boys of Boise on their bicycles."

"We're seeing Stonewall repeated in small communities," Hyde said. "I hope Gays and Lesbians in Boise... organize to defend their rights to consensual sex and freedom of assembly and association."

ComQuest Application Form (see instructions to the left)

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Steps 3, 4, and 5 - See instructions

Residence

- me veto no ok yes Chicago/312 area
- me veto no ok yes N. Cook County suburbs
- me veto no ok yes W. Cook/DuPage/Kane
- me veto no ok yes S. Cook & Will counties
- me veto no ok yes Gary/S. Bend/219 area
- me veto no ok yes Lake/McHenry, IL cos.
- me veto no ok yes Rockford/Madison
- me veto no ok yes Milwaukee/SE Wisc.

Preferred Relationship/HIV Status

- Circle one me per group.
- me veto no ok yes Lover/life mate
- me veto no ok yes Romantic affair
- me veto no ok yes Casual sex
- me veto no ok yes Friendship/penpal
- me veto no ok yes Roommate
- me veto no ok yes HIV negative
- me veto no ok yes HIV positive
- me veto no ok yes Not tested

Entertainment/Social Activities

- me veto no ok yes Fine arts events
- me veto no ok yes Popular concerts
- me veto no ok yes Spectator sports events
- me veto no ok yes Dining out/movie-going
- me veto no ok yes Party-going
- me veto no ok yes Dancing/Clubs
- me veto no ok yes Cooking/Entertaining
- me veto no ok yes Quiet evenings at home

Hobbies/Interests/Sports

- me veto no ok yes Computers/electronics
- me veto no ok yes Photography/arts/crafts
- me veto no ok yes Aerobics/body building
- me veto no ok yes Volleyball/softball/etc.
- me veto no ok yes Tennis/racquetball/etc.
- me veto no ok yes Cycling/jogging/running
- me veto no ok yes Camping/hiking/nature
- me veto no ok yes Reading/language arts

Income/Education Completed

- me veto no ok yes Less than \$15,000
- me veto no ok yes \$15,000-\$25,000
- me veto no ok yes \$25,000-\$45,000
- me veto no ok yes More than \$45,000
- me veto no ok yes Some high school
- me veto no ok yes High school graduate
- me veto no ok yes HS grad + some college
- me veto no ok yes College graduate

Miscellaneous/Contact Info

- me veto no ok yes Have no privacy at home
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- me veto no ok yes Not openly gay w/friends
- me veto no ok yes Handicapped

Contact listing (Step 2) includes . . .

- me veto no ok yes Both phone & address
- me veto no ok yes Address but no phone
- me veto no ok yes Phone but no address
- me veto no ok yes Sexually explicit words

Religious/Political Beliefs

- me veto no ok yes Catholic
- me veto no ok yes Protestant
- me veto no ok yes Jewish
- me veto no ok yes New Age/Spiritual
- me veto no ok yes Very religious
- me veto no ok yes Agnostic/not religious
- me veto no ok yes Conservative
- me veto no ok yes Liberal

Vices

- Circle one me per group (required).
- me veto no ok yes Non smoker
- me veto no ok yes Light smoker
- me veto no ok yes Heavy smoker
- me veto no ok yes Non or light drinker
- me veto no ok yes Moderate drinker
- me veto no ok yes Non drug user
- me veto no ok yes Occasional user
- me veto no ok yes Regular user

Personality

- me veto no ok yes Independent/confident
- me veto no ok yes Easy-going/ laid back
- me veto no ok yes Good sense of humor
- me veto no ok yes Shy/reserved/quiet
- me veto no ok yes Responsible/mature
- me veto no ok yes Youthful/spontaneous
- me veto no ok yes Intellectual
- me veto no ok yes Emotional

Masculinity/Appearance

- me veto no ok yes Vary masculine
- me veto no ok yes Fairly masculine
- me veto no ok yes Average masculinity
- me veto no ok yes Somewhat feminine
- me veto no ok yes Considered handsome
- me veto no ok yes Considered cute
- me veto no ok yes Average looks
- me veto no ok yes Plain/homely

Age Range

- You must indicate your age.
- me veto no ok yes 18 to 20
- me veto no ok yes 21 to 24
- me veto no ok yes 25 to 29
- me veto no ok yes 30 to 34
- me veto no ok yes 35 to 39
- me veto no ok yes 40 to 49
- me veto no ok yes 50 to 59
- me veto no ok yes 60 or over

Height/Weight

- Circle one me per group (required).
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- me veto no ok yes Between 5'6" and 5'9"
- me veto no ok yes Between 5'9" and 6 ft.
- me veto no ok yes Taller than 6 feet
- me veto no ok yes Slimmer than average
- me veto no ok yes Average for height
- me veto no ok yes Heavier than average
- me veto no ok yes Very heavy (chubby)

Race/Nationality/Body Hair

- You must indicate your race/nationality.
- me veto no ok yes Black
- me veto no ok yes Asian/Oriental
- me veto no ok yes Pacific Islander
- me veto no ok yes Hispanic
- me veto no ok yes Caucasian (white)
- me veto no ok yes Smooth (little body hair)
- me veto no ok yes Hairy chest
- me veto no ok yes Very hairy/fuzzy beard
- me veto no ok yes Balding
- me veto no ok yes Black or brown hair
- me veto no ok yes Blond hair
- me veto no ok yes Red or auburn hair
- me veto no ok yes Gray/ing or white hair
- me veto no ok yes Balding
- me veto no ok yes Smooth or clean shaven
- me veto no ok yes Mustache
- me veto no ok yes Beard

Body Build/Genital Attributes

- me veto no ok yes Muscular/bulky
- me veto no ok yes Swimmer's build
- me veto no ok yes Average build
- me veto no ok yes Not athletic
- me veto no ok yes Average endowment
- me veto no ok yes "Well endowed"
- me veto no ok yes Circumcised (cut)
- me veto no ok yes Non-circumcised

Favorite Bedtime Activities

- Circle no more than three me's.
- me veto no ok yes Cuddling/caressing
- me veto no ok yes J/O (manual stimulation)
- me veto no ok yes French active (gives BJ)
- me veto no ok yes French passive (gets BJ)
- me veto no ok yes Greek active (anal top)
- me veto no ok yes Greek passive (bottom)
- me veto no ok yes Versatile*
- me veto no ok yes Experimental/kinky

* If you enjoy both French and both Greek activities, just circle the me for Versatile.

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Questionnaire Instructions

Step 3 - Describe yourself by circling the word me beside each descriptive item which is a true description of yourself. You should circle at least one me under each category.

Step 4 - Describe your ideal match by circling the word veto, no, ok or yes beside each and every item (including those by which you circled me) to indicate to what extent you would want that item to be true of your match.

Circle yes if you prefer that description to be true of your match. This is a vote for a trait—not a guarantee.

Circle ok if you don't care one way or the other. This is an abstention—no vote either way. Lines left blank are counted as ok.

Circle no if you prefer that description not to be true of your match. This is a vote against—not a disqualification. Treat it as a "maybe."

Circle veto if you want no matches with anyone for whom that description is true, even if they have other desirable qualities. This is a disqualification and is not affected by category rank. Treat it as an absolute "no."

Note: The use of vetoes restricts the number of members qualified to meet you. You are guaranteed the number of matches you order, but if you use too many vetoes you may get fewer matches than you ordered initially...

Step 5 - Rank the categories. The questionnaire is divided into 16 categories. To insure that your responses on the less important items won't override those on the more important items, you must indicate which categories are important to you.

Rank each category from 1 to 16 in its order of importance to you, with 1 as the most important and 16 as the least, using each rank once, or...

Put a check mark beside the five most important category headings, leaving the rest blank.

Note: Your matches will be based mostly upon the more important categories, with the less important ones serving only as tie breakers. Noes and yeses have very little effect in the lower ranked or unchecked categories.

Navy Wants \$\$ Back

ACLU - Continuing its challenges to the military's anti-Gay policies, the American Civil Liberties Union is assisting a Gay man who was forced to resign from the United States Navy and is now being asked to repay the \$22,000 cost of his Annapolis training.

In June 1989, Orlando Gotay, a 1987 graduate of the Naval Academy, was aboard the battleship Belknap in the Mediterranean when he was told officers were investigating him because they suspected he was Gay.

issued a mild letter of warning after investigators charged him with fraternization with enlisted men.

The incident appeared over, but Naval officials in Washington later threatened to reopen the investigation into Gotay's sexuality and offered to let him resign with an honorable discharge.

"By pressuring Gotay to resign, the Navy succeeded in depriving itself of the services of a capable officer," said Matthew Coles, the managing attorney of the American Civil Liberties Union of

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Northern California, which is assisting Gotay. "The Navy should not make him pay for an education it squandered by getting rid of him."

Gotay, a 26-year-old native of Puerto Rico who lives in San Francisco, said the Navy's request for repayment added "insult to injury."

In a September letter to H. Lawrence Garrett III, the Secretary of the Navy, the ACLU said the Navy was mistaken in its belief that Gotay resigned voluntarily. Gotay "resigned at the insistence of the Department of the Navy, which made it relatively clear that it wanted him to resign because it suspected that he was Gay," the letter said.

Youth Suicide Addressed

Right-wing religious and political leaders who wave the banner of 'traditional family values' are a major impediment to overcoming the teen suicide problem, according to a parent-church-educator coalition that announced October 12 a prevention program focused on Gay and Lesbian youth.

The project, "Respect All Youth," is being undertaken by the Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, with financial assistance from the United Thank Offering Fund of the

Episcopal Church.

Its principal function will be to develop and furnish training materials to those who work with youth, according to Paulette Goodman, President of Parents FLAG. The organization's anti-discrimination aims were recently endorsed by First Lady Barbara Bush.

Government studies show that Lesbian and Gay teenagers are up to three times as likely to attempt suicide as other young people, because of the stigma society places on them. Nevertheless, California Republican Congressman William Dannemeyer recently prevailed upon Louis Sullivan, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to disavow the studies in the interest of 'traditional family values.'

"We in Parents FLAG love and respect our Gay and non-Gay children equally," Goodman said. We value the lives of all our children. It is tragic that many of us only learn of our child's homosexuality after a suicide attempt.

"Parents FLAG values the lives of all children. We strive to keep families in loving relationships. The conservative right wing does not have a monopoly on traditional family values."

Goodman said the project will alert youth counselors, school administrators, and church educators of what needs to be done to "counteract the devastating effect of society's anti-Gay attitudes toward our children."

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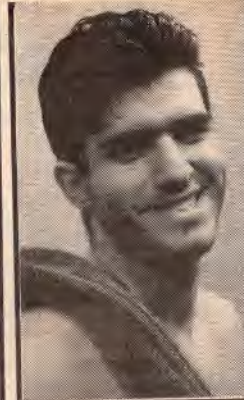
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GWM, 38, seeks GW student for weekend getaways. Take time out and enjoy. Photo helpful. Reply to Boxholder, Box 134, Waukesha, WI 53187.

Hey, Son! a professional GWM Dad, 40's, 6'2", 210lbs is seeking you — a GWM, 18-24, Milwaukee or Madison areas, for occasional get-togethers or romantic trysts. I enjoy dining out, the theatre, movies, most types of music, museums and galleries, traveling, and lots of other things. So, if you would like to be treated well and have some good times, take a chance and drop me a note, slip into your Levis, and let's get together. Contact Raymond, P.O. Box 7053, Madison, WI 53707-7053.

GM, 23, 6'1", 210lbs student. I need a partner/friend who's young at heart, healthy, articulate, full of life, passionate, adventurous, sizzling and dominant. Long sweaty sessions of flexing and toning the sensual sexual muscles. Hugging, licking, stretching, nipple, spanking, nibbling and groovy. Fats, fems, harsh drugs, queens, duds and abusers need not apply. Photo appreciated. P.O. Box 92701 Milw., WI 53202.

GWM, 40, total bottom. I need a butch top man (w/s okay!) Come and dominate me. I'm HIV positive. 5'10", 160lbs. Box 1830, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Gay & Bi male, single, safe, seven shaved, cut, receives prolonged French, Greek, rectal massage, butt plugs, lite B&D. Desperate for live-in lover, male/female, young couple. I live just six miles North of New London, WI on Hwy 45. Call Jake at (715)752-3476. Keep calling, 8am-8pm weekdays, anytime weekends, let's get busy!!

GWM, early thirties, handsome, intelligent, sensitive, humorous, dislikes bars. Enjoys visual arts, theater, books, off-beat perspectives, non-competitive sports, personal growth, supportive friendships. Write: C.R. P.O. Box 9122, Green Bay, WI 54308.

Appleton, WI WM, age 53, 160lbs, 5'6", blue eyes. Into most Gay activities, 18? cute, young, slim, male pals wanted, nude photo & phone appreciated. Ron. P.O. Box 1501, Appleton, WI 54913.

GWM, late 20's, interested in meeting men under 40 for friendship/relationship. I enjoy dining in/out, movies, music and the better things in life! I have a great sense of humor, am compassionate, caring, and a good listener. I'm 6', 160lbs., br/gr, HIV+ 3yrs. Asymptomatic. Please write: David, P.O. Box 11145, Shorewood, WI 53211.

Tired of looking? GWM 49, 5'8" 165lbs, educated, attractive wants to meet aggressive good-looking, young man: pleasure, relationship & long afternoons, evenings. No fats or fems. P.O. Box 83173, Milwaukee, WI 53223.

GWM 40, 6'1", 160lbs, blond hair, green eyes. 31 inch waist. Wishes to meet GWM's 38-46 for friendship/relationship. Enjoy walking, dining out, a few drinks, dancing, theater, X C-Skiing. Am gentle, warm, loving, caring, straight-acting looking. Wish to meet same, sincere. Please write: P.O. Box 9171 Green Bay, WI 54308-9171.

Attractive, professional, GWM, 34, 6'3", 18lbs, seeks permanent relationship with a man who is comfortable with himself, down to earth and enjoys the simple things in life. Looks aren't as important as sincerity or the ability to make a commitment with the right man. I'm a nice guy looking for another nice guy to share my life with. If you think it might be you, you can write me at P.O. Box 18508 Milwaukee, WI 53218.

3-way Action Wanted, white male, attractive. 37, submissive bottom seeks weekend hot times with (2) dominant tops. Respond w/photo. Boxholder, Box 1356, 2421 W. Pratt, Chicago, IL 60645.

GWM 31, Seeks GWM 25-35. I'm 5'11", 165lbs, brown hair & eyes. I prefer a top & uncut a plus. I enjoy cooking, quiet times, etc. Rob 347-4008 after 8pm.

GBM, 27yr, 5'11", 170lbs. Physically active, works out daily. I would like to meet a cute friend. Between the ages of 18-28, long hair, swimmers built, kind of femm. I adore TV's. If you are interested send photo along with phone or address to: Randy White, Box 080952, Racine, WI 53408.

Group Notes

'Blow Off' Hate Crimes

Metal whistles similar to those used by the Gay/Lesbian community in San Francisco and other major U.S. cities are being sold by ACT-UP Milwaukee. The whistles are to be used to help deter hate crimes like harassment as a result of AIDS phobia, Gay bashing and other violent crimes like rape.

The idea is that the shrill, recognizable sound of a metal whistle will alert nearby people of a need for help or it may scare off an attacker altogether. People responding to a whistle signal are encouraged to call police, turn on porch lights, intervene in some way, etc.

Watch for the whistles in Milwaukee's Gay bars or contact a member of ACT-UP to buy yours. Selling price is \$1 each.

New Hope MCC Announces New Leaders

New Hope Metropolitan Community Church announces the appointment of Ms. Chris Pasinski and Ms. Nancy Smiegowski as pastoral leaders. Both Chris and Nancy, a clergy couple ministry team, come to New Hope MCC with an abundance of experience within the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), a fellowship that celebrates 22 years of affirmative ministry to the Lesbian and Gay community throughout the world with over 250 congregations in 19 different countries.

Chris has been a member of UFMCC for over 15 years serving as Deacon, board member, lay delegate, and Christian educator prior to answering her call into

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the professional ministry. Nancy continues her ministry in UFMCC after serving 6 years as a Franciscan sister within the Roman Catholic Church.

Both Nancy and Chris are president's prize fellowship recipients from Chicago Theological Seminary where they are completing Masters of Divinity degrees. Nancy is currently employed as a masters level licensed hospital social worker. Chris, a masters level counselor, has served as the administrator of a social service agency for the homeless mentally ill. Most recently Ms. Pasinski has completed a one year training program in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and is seeking a chaplaincy position in the Milwaukee area.

Ms. Pasinski and Ms. Smiegowski will be installed as pastoral leaders by Ms. Judy Dale, Great Lakes District Coordinator of the UFMCC, on Sunday, October 28, at New Hope MCC's regular worship service.

New Hope MCC celebrates worship every Sunday in the upper chapel of Kenwood United Methodist Church at 2319 E. Kenwood with worship beginning at 6:30pm. The New Hope community sponsors ongoing Christian education classes on the "Bible and Homosexuality", shares in "potlucks" and social activities and is open to all. For further information, contact (414) 442-7300.

Pride Committee Elects Board

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) elected its Executive Committee at their September 28 meeting, with Gary Wells elected President; Diane Gregory, Vice Pres.; Terry Coughlin, Treasurer; and Don Clabots, Secretary. It was also decided to hold four positions open on the Committee for women until November 10, in an effort to reach gender parity, for which MLGPC has been striving.

If the four women's slots are not filled by Nov. 10, the slots will be opened to the

community at large. (Women interested in applying for the open positions are encouraged to do so by writing MLGPC at PO Box 93852, Milwaukee, 53203. Letters should describe why you want to join the committee and should list any qualifications you may have that would benefit MLGPC.)

In other MLGPC developments, MLGPC member Steve A. joined Pres. Gary Wells in attending the International Association of Lesbian Gay Pride Coordinators conference which was held in Minneapolis Oct. 4-7. Approximately 130 participants from all over the USA and Canada attended, and chose the theme "TOGETHER IN PRIDE" for 1991's International Pride theme.

MLGPC representatives attended over 9 workshops and have come back bursting with ideas for '91. Wells was also elected to be one of two representatives from the Midwest region to the board of directors of the international pride organization.

MLGPC and Minneapolis will co-sponsor a Midwest Regional Pride Organizers conference in Milwaukee in March 1991, details of which will be forthcoming.

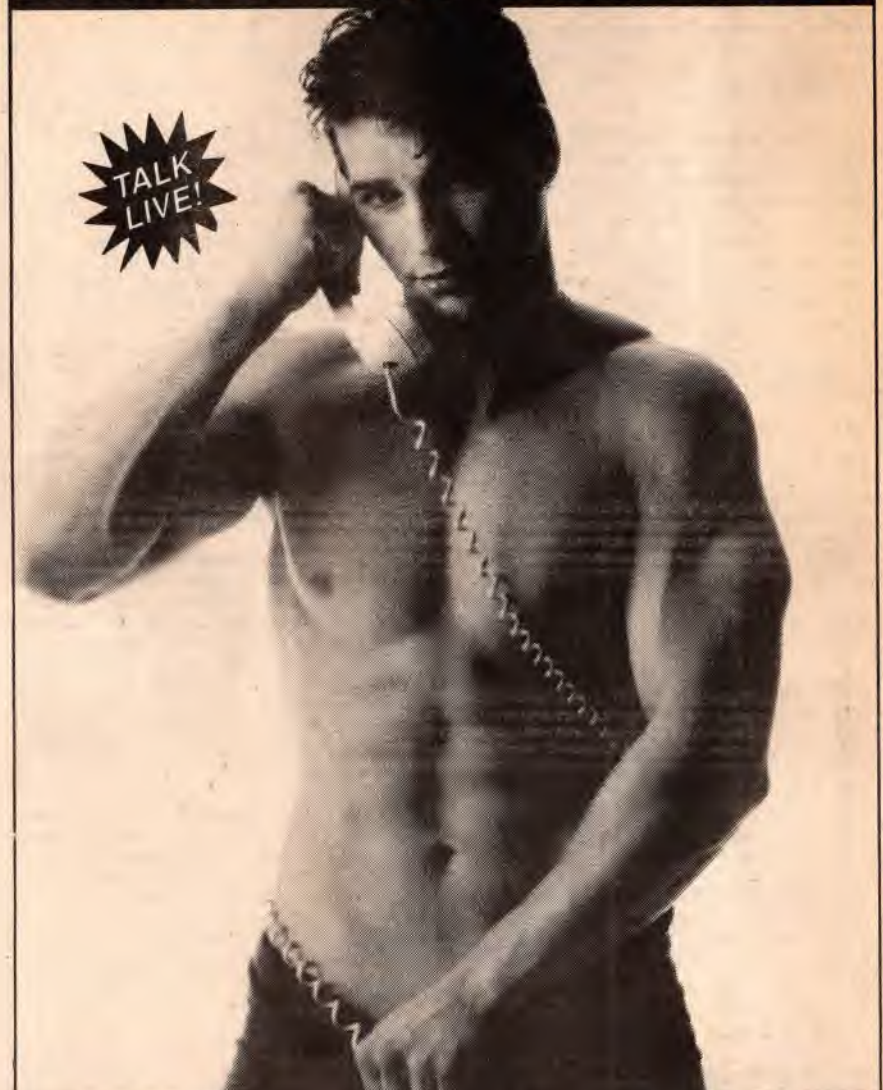
The following subcommittees for the '91 pride celebration in Milwaukee have been organized: parade; rally; community relations; public relations; merchandising; fundraising; administrative support; and volunteer coordinators committees. Anyone interested in being involved in any of these areas, or have any questions regarding the '91 Pride Celebration, is asked to call MLGPC at (414) 32-PRIDE.

Lawrence Univ. G/L Group

Appleton — Lawrence Gay/Lesbian Awareness (GLA) was started 3 years ago and holds meetings & events which are open to everyone of any sexual orientation. GLA promotes diversity, understanding & tolerance, and is a non-profit organization.

Meeting times are currently 6:30pm Monday evenings in Colman Hall, Room 107. For more information, write: GLA, 738 East John, Appleton, WI 54911, or call (414) 832-7103.

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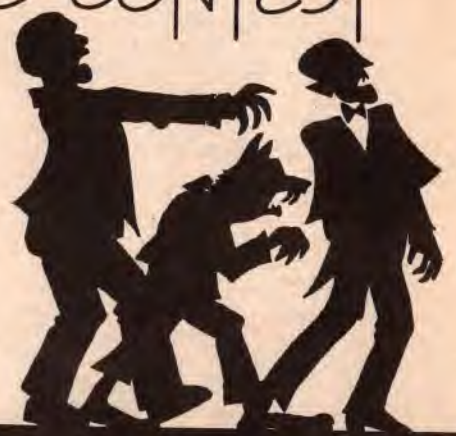
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The process of coming out involves searching for answers to a great many questions. We'd like to invite you to join us as we explore the complex issues surrounding coming out at our first session of the Gay Men's Discussion Group, to be held on Sunday, October 28th from 6-8pm at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue, Milwaukee 53202.

Offered through the Men's Support Group Program, the Gay Men's Discussion Group's goal is to provide information, ideas, and support to men on issues that are of interest or concern to the Gay community. Scheduled for the fourth Sunday of every month from 6pm to 8pm, the GMDG is designed to be a safe and supportive place for us to share with one another what our experiences as Gay men are and can be. Pre-registration is not required and the cost is a \$2 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Tim Baack, Coordinator of the Men's Support Group Program, at 271-2565.

Watch for these upcoming discussion group topics: Dealing With Your Own Homophobia; Developing and maintaining Healthy Relationships; and Having Sex versus Making Love.

Where Is The G/L Community Going?

Milwaukee — The Lambda Rights Network, Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian educational and political organization, has announced another in its series of 'Community Speak Outs' for Tuesday, October 30. The focus of the speak out will be on "Where Are We Going? — A look at Lesbian and Gay life in Milwaukee" and will feature short presentations by a wide variety of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian organizations.

Representatives of the various

organizations, besides giving a very brief overview of their groups activities and plans, will also face a panel of interviewers in a round table forum. The event, which is open to the public, will provide an opportunity for questions from the audience.

The round table will discuss such issues as community priorities, resources, leadership, the role of groups, multiculturalism, Gay/Lesbian relations and how to engage more individuals in community affairs.

The Tues., Oct. 30 event is scheduled from 6:30-9pm in the M&M Clubs banquet room, upstairs at 124 N. Water Street. For further information, call 871-4839.

H.O.P.E. For PWA's

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All services are provided by volunteer PWA's/PWHIV and will begin November 22, 1990.

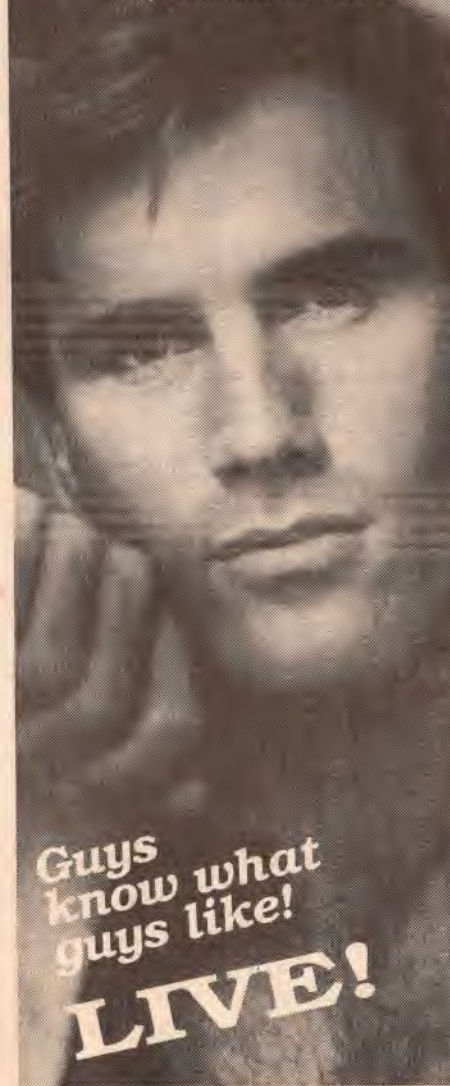
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Minority Slots Open In AIDS Research

Milwaukee — The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) is presently funding three applied behavioral research programs related to AIDS within the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry at MCW, is Principal Investigator of these studies. One involves evaluation of AIDS prevention groups for urban women, the second is a field trial study of AIDS prevention approaches for Gay men in small cities, and the third evaluates the benefits of mental health services for men and women who have HIV infection.

Because there is a shortage of minority researchers in the AIDS/HIV field, NIMH has made available supplemental funds to train more minority behavioral scientists and students in AIDS research through their involvement in ongoing grants such as the ones at MCW. We are seeking to identify several individuals who wish to enhance their skills in AIDS behavioral research and who wish to be considered as applicants for positions we plan to request from NIMH under this special program. Whether we receive these positions from NIMH will depend upon NIMH evaluation of applications we receive, the fit between applicant interests and the experiences which can be gained through involvement in our current research programs, and NIMH fund availability. This NIMH program is specifically intended to increase the number of African-American, Hispanic, Asian-American, and Native American behavioral scientists with experience in AIDS research.

NIMH will consider funding positions at the following levels:

- Undergraduate students — who are currently pursuing academic work in the behavioral sciences and wish to gain experience in AIDS research.

- Graduate students — who are currently enrolled in accredited doctoral programs in the behavioral or biomedical sciences, have applied and community research experiences, and strong interest in the career pursuit of AIDS/HIV behavioral research.

- Doctoral scientists — who already hold Ph.D.'s in the behavioral sciences and who wish to expand and refine applied research skills related to AIDS.

For further information, please contact: Jeffrey A. Kelly, Ph.D., Director, Community Health Behavior Program, Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Sciences, Medical College of Wisconsin, 8701 Watertown Plank Road, Milwaukee, WI 53226, or telephone: (414) 287-4680.

Square Dancing Club Forming

You don't need to be Straight to make a Square! A Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Square Dancing Group is being organized thanks to the help of the Chi-Town Squares and Bob Schmidt! A planning meeting is scheduled on Tuesday evening, November 6, 1990 at 8pm on the second floor of M&M's. The purpose of the meeting is to set-up a group that will plan, publicize, and organize a weekly square dancing class and a monthly square dance party.

Milwaukee GAMMA has agreed to serve as a start-up facilitator for a Milwaukee group. There are thirty-five active Square-Dancing clubs and annual conventions for Gay Men, Lesbians and their friends in the United States and Canada. The Chi-Town Squares have regular sessions that are exciting, wild, crazy, and popular social events. "It's the best game you've played since you were a kid," they claim.

The nucleus of the new Milwaukee group began after a fun-filled Sunday afternoon on October 7th of dancing and demonstrations hosted by M&M's

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Gay Youth At Teacher's Confab

For the second year in a row, a workshop targeting the needs of Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual youth will be presented at the 17th Annual MTEA (Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association) Convention to be held November 1-2, at the Grand Hotel. The workshop entitled, "Breaking The Silence: Creating Change and Building Support Systems for Gay and Lesbian Students," will be presented by Michael S. Lisowski, MSW, Director of Gay Youth Milwaukee (GYM) on Friday, Nov. 2, at 1:30pm.

The workshop will discuss how to effectively deal with Gay/Lesbian topics in the classroom, how teachers can be instrumental in changing students' attitudes and how to establish support systems and resources for Gay/Lesbian students. Successful model programs from across the country will be presented to consider how these can be implemented within the Milwaukee Public School system. Establishing a networking system for concerned professionals will also be discussed.

GYM is a rap support group for young Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual people 18 years of age and under. GYM offers opportunities for young people to meet together in a comfortable environment, to discuss and share similar concerns encountered in school, with families, friends, and in both social and sexual relationships. Begun in 1979, GYM now meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the downtown public library on the first floor meeting room from 1-3pm. For more information, please call 265- 8500 or write: GYM, PO Box 09441, Milwaukee, WI 53209.

Get Involved In World AIDS Day

With the increasing numbers of HIV infection in both the nation and Milwaukee, a continuing educative effort must be maintained within the Milwaukee community. What better opportunity than World AIDS Day, December 1st.

Milwaukee came out in numbers and showed it's support and concern for the Wisconsin AIDS Walk and it can be done again. Let's make World AIDS Day a day of awareness and education for our communities.

H.O.P.E. (Healing Ourselves through Positive Expression), a new Milwaukee organization, proposes that we, as a community (all communities — AIDS, Women, AIDS, Gay, Straight, and Minority) gather in numbers to bring an awareness of the HIV/AIDS pandemic both in Milwaukee and the Nation by distributing AIDS fact sheets to citizens in all five areas of Milwaukee (Central, East, West, North and South sides). Thus targeting all high risk communities and individuals who may not be AIDS educated.

Anyone interested in participating with the flyer distribution at either Capitol Court, Grand Avenue Mall, Mitchell Street area, Northridge or Southridge is asked to call H.O.P.E. at 383-1512 for more information. (Any organization willing to donate the copying of the flyers please contact us.) With a joint effort on all parts of the community we can chalk up another success in our battle with AIDS.

Natural Male II

Midwest Men's Center/Chicago will present its annual autumn gathering at Haimowoods Center near Kenosha, Wisconsin November 16-18. "The Natural Male II" theme for the fall gathering will be a drug and alcohol free weekend and will focus on healthy ways men reach out to one another in living, loving and playing. This is an ideal gathering for those men who are in 12 step programs or HIV+. We will live, eat and play as a community of men — cooking

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Some workshops already planned include: Hot n' Healthy Massage; Introduction to Naturism; Opera Lover's Workshop; Co-Dependent No More Discussion; Men Nurturing Men/rap session; and Trance Drumming. Other workshops and playshops will be offered by the men in attendance.

Cost for the weekend is \$69 for accommodations + \$15 additional for food/or each man may bring a bag of groceries to share with the community.

Haimonwoods has 30 private rooms and additional sleeping space. Also, an indoor swimming pool; hiking trails, acres of woods. Midwest Men's Center has been using Haimowoods Center for its gatherings the past four years. For an invitation call (312) 604-4410 or send SASE to P.O. Box 2547, Chicago, IL 60690.

Jewish Confab

Congregation Beth El Binah is proud to announce the first Southwestern Regional Conference of the World Congress of Gay and Lesbian Jewish Organizations. The conference will be held in Dallas, Texas, December 14, 15, & 16, 1990.

The theme of the conference will be: "On Being Gay, Lesbian and Jewish."

There will be a variety of topics discussed, guest speakers, Havdalah and Shabbat Services. The conference will be both educational as well as present individuals an opportunity to meet other Gay and Lesbian Jews throughout the country. All those interested in attending, please call (214) 840-3553 or write to: Congregation Beth El Binah, P.O. Box 64460, Dallas, Texas 75206.

Religion Author In Chicago

Chris Glaser, Los Angeles based writer, will make a number of speaking appearances in the Chicago area on Thursday, November 1 through Sunday,

November 4.

Arrangements for Chris' Chicago tour are being handled by the 20 Gay/Lesbian religious organizations that have representation in the Chicago Interfaith Congress.

Chris Glaser speaks and writes about the reconciliation of the Lesbian/Gay and Christian communities. His book, **Uncommon Calling, a Gay Man's Struggle to Serve the Church** (Harper & Roe, 1988), describes both the process of the Presbyterian debate over the ordination of Gay people as well as the personal and spiritual dimensions of Glaser's integration of faith, sexuality, and call to ministry.

Glaser's recent book, **Come Home! Reclaiming Spirituality and Community as Gay Men and Lesbians** (Harper & Roe, May 1990), is intended to facilitate Lesbians and Gay men in reclaiming Christian faith. It will also provide access for non-Gay people to the spirituality of Gays and Lesbians.

Particularly notable on his busy schedule here are a talk on "Sex and Spirit" at a potluck dinner cosponsored by Unity and Dignity at Unity Church, 1925 Thome St. at 7pm, Friday, November 2 and a workshop on "Reclaiming Spirituality" at 1pm, Saturday, November 3 at Dignity's new offices at 4753 N. Broadway, Suite 1200. Cost for the latter event is \$10 per person.

Other events on the schedule include a clergy breakfast, a key note talk at the Horizons conference, a talk at De Paul University, sermons at two Presbyterian churches and at Holy Covenant Metropolitan Community Church in Hinsdale, and meetings with several other religious groups.

For further information on Chris Glaser's talks in the Chicago area, please call the Chicago Interfaith Congress at (312)871-7158.



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Gay Paper Burgled By Soviet KGB

by Rex Wockner

The office of the Moscow Gay newspaper Tema was cleaned out by burglars Sept. 21, and members of the Moscow Union of Lesbians and Gay men (MULGM) say it looks like the work of the KGB, the Soviet secret police.

"They took two-thirds of the money for the fourth issue of Tema, our group banner, and all documents, addresses, letters — everything related to the newspaper," said co-publisher Roman Kalinin, whose apartment doubles as the Tema office.

"This would be very strange behavior for common robbers," Kalinin said. "We all have an idea that it was the KGB. I am greatly saddened about the loss of our entire archives."

The KGB and police have threatened and clashed with MULGM repeatedly in recent months.

In April, the group was warned by local police to stop publishing Tema and cease communication with the International Lesbian and Gay Association or face KGB action.

Then in July, police violently broke up a MULGM AIDS demonstration outside the 28th Communist Party Congress at the Kremlin.

Two days earlier, security forces intercepted four activists who were meeting with a representative of ACT UP/Chicago to receive a gift of 3,000 condoms.

But activists have not despaired.

Kalinin says that a newly formed US-USSR joint project, The International Commission on Human Rights for Lesbian and Gay People, "has become very famous and very popular in the Soviet mass media." MULGM and U.S. activist Jim Toevs formed the commission this summer in Moscow.

Israeli Gays Win

by Rex Wockner

A down-and-out upscale shopping mall in Tel Aviv lost a court battle in August to prohibit a Gay pub from opening on the premises.

Management of the Gan Ha'ir mall had signed a contract with Eitan Horowitz for the pub Piccolo before learning that it would cater to homosexuals.

When management found out, they posted guards at the site, changed the locks to the doors, and cut off the electricity, according to The Jerusalem Post.

Horowitz took the mall to court and with the help of The Society for the Protection of Personal Rights, the national Gay-rights group, convinced Judge Haim Eilat to uphold the contract.

SPPR collected 32 signatures from other mall renters supporting the Gay pub.

Said SPPR organizer 'Mark,' "Generally Gay people attract upscale shopping; they certainly don't repel it."

In handing down the ruling, Judge Eilat also declared that discrimination against homosexuals in business transactions is illegal in Israel.

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Beer Barrel Ballot Bounce. Autographed glossy photographs will be handed out featuring your choice of either Dolly Parton or Randy Travis scantily clad and fervently waving an American flag.

And speaking of flags, if by chance you have any difficulty locating one of these special Gay voting places, just look for Old Glory waving right next to the rainbow flag. "She's a grand old flag, she's a high-flying fag."

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No Nonsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

Get Out The Gay Vote

To combat the heavy attitude of apathy among the Gay voting populace, enterprising Democrats, Republicans, and Libertarians have planned a program of Gay voting incentives to spur these potential ballot-casters on to do their electoral duty. pro-Bush Gays, however, are encouraged to stay home, update their stock portfolios, and keep up the American dream.

You may have noticed the tricks you have been bringing home lately, who are in actuality party headquarters' plants whose sole purpose is to stimulate low voter registration. (Oh, so **that's** what they were stimulating!) You may have wondered why instead of exchanging phone numbers after sex, they put you on the registry of voters.

But once they have you on their voter list, they still have to get you "out of the bars and into the streets" to cast your vote. Part of the plan is to extend voting sites to more convenient locales for Gay people. Accordingly, there will soon be voting booths available on the street corners of local trysting spots, and plans are in the making to establish voting in the cruisy parks as well. Please be sure to close the curtains on the bushes to assure the secret ballot process is undisturbed.

There will also be booths in the alleys (volunteers are being searched for to make lampshades for those unsightly bright security floodlights). Each booth (curtained in studded leather, naturally) will feature your choice of piercing or tattooing while you vote. You will also be given one free phone sex call (1-900-GAY-VOTE) from the black leather telephones installed in each booth. "Hey dude, I'm hot, horny, and ready to vote with you, so take out your tool and punch it."

Incidentally, instead of the customary voting punch devices, butt plugs will be used. But beware, you will be searched

when you leave the booth, so don't plan to steal the punching thing. There is talk of installing glory holes in the adjoining booths, and although group sex is allowed, group voting will be strictly forbidden. And be sure to use a condom, because you **KNOW** you're gonna get screwed in this election.

Women voters will be pleased to discover voting booths in the back of their local vibrator stores. However, multiple voting will be discouraged ("come early, come often, but vote only once, please"). Many communities will offer combination pot-luck/wimmins music festivals/political debates.

Another voting location will be available at your local muscle-bound gym. Encouraging you to exercise your right to vote while you exercise your body, voting aerobics classes will be offered. "And one and two and stretch and cast that ballot. Feel the burn now..."

Each voting booth will have individual Nautilus machines and special light tubes that give off ultraviolet rays, so you can emerge patriotic, pumped, and tan. Very hot videos of exercise studs for the men ("The Chippendales Work-out Tape") and physique cuties for the women ("Debbie Does Knee Bends") will be shown in every booth, in case you want to pump up in other ways.

All of the Gay bars will have booths, and none of those tacky cloth curtains on them either. Strictly polished aluminum Leveler blinds, my dear. With individual house music playing and dazzling light shows within. Of course, complimentary cocktails will be served (ask your politically correct bartender for either the "pink elephant" or the "lavender jackass"). Automatic teller machines will be installed in each booth for your disposable income convenience.

And rest assured that the registrar will also be thinking of the drag queen voting clientele. While you wait, skilled hairdressers will restyle your wig and offer helpful make-up tips. Mascara brushes will be utilized to punch your vote

The Arts

Classical Concert To Benefit Milw. House

A special classical recital to benefit the Milwaukee House, the Milwaukee AIDS Project residence for PWA's, is scheduled for Sunday, November 11, at 3pm. The concert will be presented at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 E. Knapp St., in Milwaukee.

Scheduled performers will be organist Jerry Allen Smith and the Nordic Brass Quintet, in a program covering 300 years of music, from Pachelbel to Paul Manz.

Milwaukee House, presently a residence for six people living with AIDS, is in need of some major repairs and updating to help keep it within city codes. Your generosity is deeply appreciated in helping MAP maintain this house, and, in acquiring more such facilities as the need arises.

Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults, and \$7 for children 12 and under and seniors. A reception will follow the concert in the Great Hall. And again, thanks for caring.

"The Early Girl" At MRT

Lana, an accomplished madam whose self-interests guide her business decisions, has a set of cardinal rules for her small-town Western brothel. Each new girl's arrival challenges these rules and puts her in contention for the coveted title of the month, Number One Girl. Originally produced by the Circle Repertory Theatre in NYC, this often humorous behind-the-scenes look at some of the women and their survival tactics while employed in the "world's oldest profession," was dubbed "sharply on target" by the New York Times. **The Early Girl** will be directed by Libby Appel and runs through November 25.

The first all-woman cast in six seasons includes veteran Rep actors Catherine Lynn Davis, Carrie Hitchcock and Rose Pickering. Returning to the Rep stage are

Lynette Lane and Celeste Williams. Making their debut on the MRT stage are Elizabeth Norment and Elizabeth Rainey.

Talkbacks will take place on Thursday evenings, October 25, November 1, 8 and 15, and Monday evening, November 19. There will be an interpreted performance for the hearing-impaired on November 25, at 2pm. Tickets range from \$5 to \$20. For tickets and more information call the MRT Box Office at (414) 224-9490.

Bauer Gala Fundraiser

The stars will shine on Sunday, November 18th, when the Bauer Contemporary Ballet presents its second annual gala fundraiser, "You Oughtta Be In Pictures."

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This year's event will begin at 5pm with cocktails and hors d' oeuvres, dinner at 6:30pm and dancing until 10pm. Ticket prices begin at \$60 per person.

For reservation information, contact the BCB office at (414) 276-3180.

“Misanthrope” At Blvd.

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble opens its fifth season of providing entertaining, provocative theater when it presents Moliere's **The Misanthrope**.

The **Misanthrope** is a charming comedy of manners in which the petty hypocrisy of both love and art are exposed and explored. The production has been updated to modern day and the action has been moved from French court society to contemporary art gallery.

The **Misanthrope** will be presented Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 2-25 at the Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. All performances begin at 8pm, and tickets are \$8. To make reservations, call 672-6019.

The Ensemble will round out the 1990-'91 season by presenting two other productions:

- **Endgame and Act Without Words**, two thought-provoking pieces by Samuel Beckett, to be presented in February. Both will be directed by Nancy Aldrich.

- William Shakespeare's **Twelfth Night**, directed by Amy Zeh, to be staged in April.

“Windowspeak” At Stiemke

Paris-based Daniel A. Stein returns to the Rep in his latest movement piece about his life experiences in three nations. The props Stein uses are three housefronts, each with distinct windows, representing the architecture of America, Japan and France.

In Stein's own words, “Windows keep the outside out and the inside in. People look at the rest of the world through windows, and light travels freely through them. Their form, as well as the way they are used, is different throughout the world, and this is not by chance but by design. I believe that the various designs are in many ways indicative of the souls of those behind the design.”

Windowspeak, which the Los Angeles Times called “one of those rare revelatory experiences one waits for in the theatre,” runs through November 4 in the Stiemke Theater. Stein co-directs himself in this piece, along with Fred Curchack and Christopher Gibson. Talkbacks will take place on Wednesday evenings, October 24 and 31. Tickets range from \$7 to \$12. For tickets and more information contact the MRT Box Office at (414) 224-9490.

Burlesque At Stackner

Burlesque 'comedy,' without the bump and grind of the strip tease, comes to the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's Stackner Cabaret in **Its Bawdy, It's Brassy, It's Berserque... It's Burlesque**. Burlesque was the training ground for most of the great American stage, screen and radio comics, including W.C. Fields and Fanny Brice. The Milwaukee Rep will tickle your funny bone with burlesque humor November 2 through December 16. Associate Artistic Director Kenneth Albers directs.

Tickets are \$6.50 and \$8.00. For tickets and more information call the MRT Box Office at (414)224-9490.

Gay Art Catalogue

Boston — Ganymede Gallery, created to fill a need of both the fine artist and fine art collector, will present its first catalogue of fine art works celebrating the male form in September of this year.

In a period of government pressure and censorship of the arts, both galleries and institutions are shying away from the depiction of the male form in the fine arts. Ganymede Gallery offers an opportunity for artists to have their portfolio of works

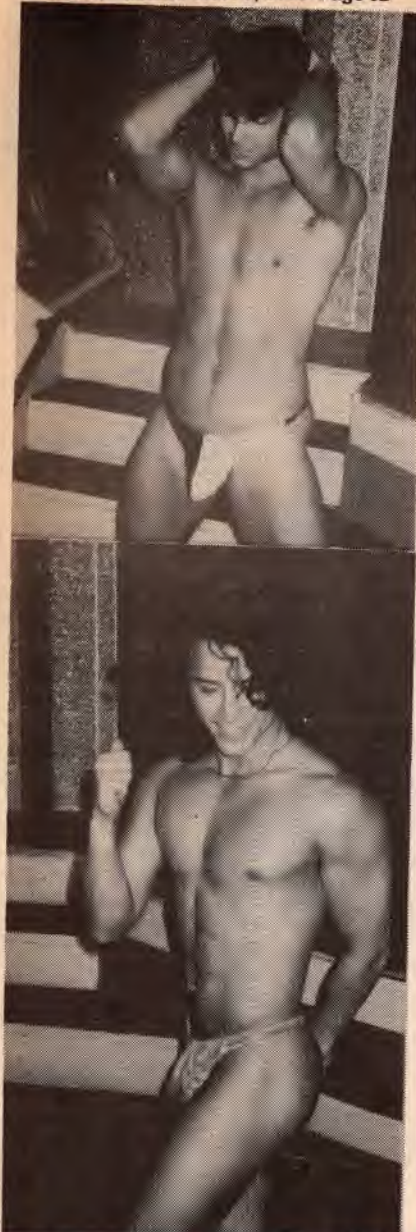


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Austria Bans Gay Papers

by Rex Wockner

An Austrian federal court Sept. 18 ordered the confiscation of two news magazines published by Homosexual Initiative Vienna (HOSI Wien), the country's leading Gay rights group.

In authorizing the ban, the court invoked a never-before-used 1971 law that bans all positive public portrayals of homosexuality.

Austrian activists have long campaigned against the law, known as paragraph 220, but never believed it would actually be enforced.

"Dead law has come to life," said HOSI spokesman John Clark, who is also co-secretary general of the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

"At the moment, police are only authorized to confiscate issue number 288 of *Lambda Nachrichten*, HOSI's news magazine, and one issue of *Tabu*, which is the magazine of HOSI's youth group," Clark explained.

"What is more worrying," Clark continued, "is that we know that there are other similar cases in the pipeline and someday police will show up and confiscate everything we've ever printed."

The case arose after the HOSI youth group sent a letter and copies of the magazines to the student body president of each high school in the Western part of Austria. The letter informed student leaders that HOSI operates a youth group and requested that the school publicize the fact.

Somehow, the mailing fell into the hands of the Catholic Family Association, which complained to the Vienna School Board, which then filed suit against HOSI for violation of paragraph 220.

Under paragraph 220, HOSI presidents Waltraud Riegler and Reinhardt Branstetter can be imprisoned for six months. The ruling can be appealed twice before arriving at the country highest court, Clark said.

The Headliners of Texas hit Wisconsin with shows at Club 219, Club 94 and The Pivot. They'll be back for a show at Za's.

viewed in its entirety, including their expression of the male form.

Ganymede Gallery accepts for review works which represent the fine arts covering a broad spectrum of varied media, including: oil, sculpture, acrylic, photography, stained glass, and pen-and-ink.

Future plans for the gallery include a permanent, in-house installation in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

The September 1990 full-color 24-page catalogue will be available at the price of \$9.95 per copy, postpaid. (You must state that you are over 21 years of age when ordering.) Write: Prudential, P.O. Box 66, Boston, MA 02199.

Flicks

Chicago 10th G/L Film Fest

The Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival, the second oldest Gay film festival in the world marks its 10th anniversary this year. Organizer and sponsor Chicago Filmmakers is a 17 year-old non-profit media arts center, and a year-round venue for independent cinema and video. The Festival will take place from November 8th to the 19th at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport, and at Chicago Filmmakers

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Theatre, 1229 W. Belmont Ave. The public festival program information number is (312) 281-1981.

This year's Festival will open with a film important not only for its strong Gay theme but also because of its timeliness as it represents a new openness in the East to examine repression under socialism. Heiner Carow's **Coming Out** is the first Gay film to come out of East Germany — it actually had its premiere on the night that the Berlin wall came down. It's the story of Philipp, a schoolteacher, who finds himself distracted from a colorless romance with his colleague Tanja by his growing involvement with Matthias, a man much younger than himself. Torn between his commitment and responsibility to Tanja and his love and passion for Matthias, he risks losing both. The film is directed by Heiner Carow, one of East Berlin's most controversial filmmakers, who is best known for his popular cult film of the 70s **The Legend of Paul and Paula**. Shot on location in East Berlin's bars and back alleys, the film portrays the marginalization and underground existence of Gay life in this city. The film won the Silver Bear (second place) at the Berlin Film Festival this year.

Our 'Focus on Asian Cinema' series will be another of the highlights of this year's festival. Included will be three films from Thailand: **Anguished Love** and **The Last Song** by Pisan Akkaraseni, and **I Am a Man** by M.L. Bhandevanop Devakul. Also featured will be Filipino director Lino Broca's **Macho Dancer**. Rounding out the series will be a presentation on the perception of Gay Asian Americans by Canadian videomaker Richard Fung, entitled **Looking for My Penis**.

Several outstanding British films will be part of the Festival: **Comrades in Arms** represents an excellent historical investigation by Stuart Marshall [**Desire**], who traces the unwritten history of Lesbians and Gays serving in the military during WWII. **Nocturne** by Joy Chamberlain was produced for British TV and describes a Lesbian landscape full of contradictions, innuendo, and hauntings.

A special attraction will be **Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit** by director Beeban Kidron, which has been called "the best Lesbian coming of age film yet" and played to wide acclaim at other festivals.

German director Ulrike Ottinger, one of the most powerful and imaginative creators of feminist filmmaking, will be presented at the festival with the Chicago premiere of her latest film **Johanna d'Arc of Mongolia**. Part adventure story, musical farce, and encounter with Mongolian women on camels **Johanna d'Arc** is an extraordinary and exotic visual excursion.

Another highlight will be **Tongues Untied**, Marlon Riggs' acclaimed 1989 film, which combines poetry, personal testimony, rap and performance to describe the homophobia and racism that confront Gay African Americans. The Dutch film **Evenings** by Rudolf Van den Berg is a mesmerizing and dream-like fable about fading adolescence and personal transformation, that knits together Oedipal tangles and flickering friendships.

Among the many short film/video programs planned is a selection of brand new shorts from Berlin's Lesbian and Gay film and video scene, accompanied by curator Jurgen Brunning, programmer from the Arsenal Cinema in Berlin; and a program of Lesbian short films from Australia.

Suzie Bright, publisher of the controversial Lesbian magazine **On Our Backs**, will present **All Girl Action Show**, a program of films clips from the past two decades of Lesbian sexuality on screen.

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Well, I guess that's enough of this frivolous fluff, so now lets get down to some serious stuff. Maybe Halloween is a time to cheer, but election week kind of fills me with fear. There's Jesse Helms and the hate he spreads, that man should fill everyone decent with dread; and if you think the goblins were scary, doesn't Tipper Gore make you terribly wary? This censorship thing really gives me the creepers, never mind kids dressed up like grim reapers; and what about Gingrich, Sanunu and Quayle, why those guys would have us in jail without bail; not to mention the highest court in the land, TALK about something that ought to be banned; and if you think that the new right is dead, just watch as their sword swings to cut off your head. Those witches and warlocks are with us yet, they just canned the brown suits, now they drive corvettes. Forget Swaggart, Bakker and the old right wing, just wait till you see this new breed do their thing!

The retro sixties is back in the groove, but the McCarthy fifties are making their move. Talk about things that go bump in the night; now there's a thought really filled with fright. And if you want a scary dream, how about Maplethorpe's art ruled OBSCENE? And then there's the good old Army and Navy, declaring that queers just could not be brave. Thousands of us have been willing to die, but to join the armed forces we have to lie. Now talk about spooky things and all, that kind of rot makes my skin crawl. And while we're on the horror theme, the Catholic Church should make us all scream. Get scared out of your wits by a haunted manse, but those pontifical men have a real mean stance. And Florida rather made me sweat, what with those censorship arrests. Yeah, goblins and ghouls can be kind of swell, but what's going down is SCARY as hell. So look out for the haunted houses and ghosts, and remember they hail from coast to coast; every candidate running big or small, will affect the well-being of one and all. This kind of talk gives me the chills, and I don't want to go into overkill; but maybe the scariest thing to note; is how many of us won't even bother to vote.



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Mark Waldenberger [2nd from Left, rear] celebrated his birthday with a benefit show for the Cream City Chorus at Jet's Place.

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

I'm finding it hard to believe the end of October is approaching so quickly. Halloween and then the Pageant are upon us. It seems like just a few weeks ago it was still the simmering summer...I guess the adage "the older you get, the faster time flies by" is holding true.

A group of friends and I took our annual trek to Holy Hill to view the fall colors, and then hit every road-side stand we could find on the way home. At Holy Hill, we bumped into a gaggle of Gay men going as we were coming — it's an annual rite for them, too. The view from the Holy Hill terrace can be stunning at any time of the year, but at fall when the leaves are turning, it can be awesome (when we were there it was too cloudy and misty, unfortunately).

Getting into the usual routine, let's take a look at the happenings from October 4-18...

The 'Headliners of Texas' male dance troupe blew into the state for three engagements at Club 219, Pivot and Club

94. I don't think any of the club owners or customers were overly happy with the talent (or lack of) displayed. They had good looks and bodies, but dancers are supposed to know how to Dance.

Dan's birthday was celebrated at the Triangle on the 4th with lots of free beer and a BBQ. Congrats to him and Matt Mueller, who was feted at Club 3054 in honor of his birthday on the 14th. Jet's was the place where Mark Waldenberger's birthday was — a combination bash and show to benefit the Cream City Chorus. Happiest of birthdays to you all.

The 'Stars of Wisconsin' were out at the New Leaf in a show featuring King Production's title holders. Look for more of these King showcases over the next several months.

'Stars of Wisconsin' shows were also held at the New Bar and The Pivot on the 7th and 14th as benefits to send King's Mr. Gay Wisconsin-USA contestants to the national pageant in Louisville.

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View From a Room

by Nancy Lyn Define

Halloween: Not Just for Queens Anymore

It's 'All Hallows Eve,' you're not sure what to wear, and you hate the idea of doing your hair. "Hey just one sec," you suddenly think, "I really don't need to go over the brink," just dress up in whatever you dare, the important thing is that you're THERE.

All the boys will be looking like true drag queens, which is only fitting on Halloween; and the pc dykes will be making it clear, that the rest of us females are really not queer. Why I have even heard them say that most femmed out gals ain't really Gay. The bikers, the leathers, the ones with tatoos, will not look kindly on down home blues; "if you can't be tough," they'll probably say, "than get out of the way, cause this sensitive shit's not for Halloween day."

But still there'll be swishing, and

wrists that are limp, and the bikers will cheer with the fags dressed like pimps.

No doubt there'll be shouting; on the merits of outing; and the blantant ACT UP's will annoy all the 'yups,' and then all the ones from Queer Nation, will shout out, 'I'm Gay with elation!'; while those of a slightly more moderate bent, will attempt to show that we're all "ladies and gents." And pretty much when it's all said and done, we'll once again have a whole lot of fun. There'll be dancing and singing and potions galore, and God knows how many Tipper Gores. Cause being different is where it's at, why I once saw one very human black cat! And after all, Halloween, they say, is the special day of boys and girls who are Gay.

Now everyone knows that we love Halloween, an intregal part of the whole Gay scene; but did you ever stop and ponder, that the REAL scary stuff comes about a week yonder?

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A Lavender Lunch was held in Milwaukee to mark National Coming Out Day, October 11.

The Chi-Town Squares were such a foot stomping success at their **M&M** gig on the 6th, that **M&M** and **GAMMA** have decided to get together and host weekly two-steppin' lessons and a monthly dance party. Read more about the plans in this issues Group Notes section.

'The Rockets' blasted into the **New Leaf** in Janesville as part of that bars anniversary week. It was the second time this Chicago troupe has entertained at the bar.

The 'Clash of the Titans' at **Triangle** on the 9th was a "Who will lose the most weight" contest weigh-in between **Al Thomas** and **Uncle Al**. The two beefy men (who am I to talk) will gladly take pledges of so much per pound lost, with all the monies raised going to **MAP**. Watch out **Jenny Craig**!

Gays and Lesbians made up a healthy percentage of over 450 people attending the Wisconsin Department of Health's Fall AIDS Conference in Lake Geneva Oct. 9-10. I was honored to be asked to participate in one of the many workshops scheduled over those two days, and it

made me feel more comfortable to do so with so many brothers and sisters in the audience. It was also pleasant to meet face to face with the many AIDS program workers I've only talked to on the phone over the years.

The National Coming Out Day (NCOD) activities locally were rather sparse. Next year I'd like to see every major Gay/Lesbian community in the state do something in honor of NCOD (October 11). NCOD was started in '88 to commemorate in '87 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights, and urges Gay/Lesbian's to "take the next step" in coming out. Coming out is education at its best. It exposes the non-Gay community to just how many of us there are, confronting them with the fact that they have Gay/Lesbian co-workers, friends, and relatives.

Milwaukee's 'Lavendar Lunch' in honor of NCOD was attended by only 11 people. Part of the problem came from poor publicity, but more of the problem rests in apathy, I'm afraid. The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee *contd. on page 40*

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(MLGPC), which took on the responsibility of a NCOED event, specifically stated in pre-lunch publicity to Gay/Lesbian businesses and organizations that they did not want "or anticipate any TV. coverage" and would not seek ANY non- Gay/Lesbian media coverage of the event. That doesn't sound very 'out' for a Coming Out Day event to me! MLGPC said they did it so everyone could take their own 'next step' without the fear of reprisals.

For all you dart aficionados, Dart Leagues have started up for the fall season in many of your favorite watering holes.

Za's held their Lip Sync finals on the 12th. They've been real busy getting the new space ready to open, which will really increase the space and activities at the popular Green Bay bar.

I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Mathilde Krim, founding co-chair of the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR), when she was in town on the 16th to present the Wisconsin Community-based Research Consortium (WCRC) with a \$25,000 Madonna seed grant to get Wisconsin's first Community Based Clinical Trials (CBCT) center set up. WCRC will join 43 other CBCT's nationwide in bringing the latest in potential AIDS and HIV fighting drugs directly to the patients. CBCT drug studies forge a link between researchers, AIDS clinicians and People With AIDS/HIV in a joint effort to conduct studies on drugs which show early potential. The drugs final government approval may be a long way off but the CBCT's hasten the study process, getting the drugs to the people quicker.

Dr. Krim brought the so-called Madonna grant (called that because singer Madonna's last concert on a recent tour was done as an AmFAR benefit and the money specifically directed by Madonna to CBCT's) to Milwaukee in person in an effort to gain publicity for WCRC. The State of Wisconsin has budgeted \$150,000 for WCRC, but those state funds must be matched by private money. The \$25,000 from AmFAR, plus other grants, will put WCRC close to their

goal of matching the \$150,000.

In Step will be entering a new educational phase regarding AIDS/HIV and Safer Sex issues. I thought the magazine had covered those areas fairly well, but seeing recent statistics showing the Gay community relapsing into unsafe sexual practices, I've changed my mind. Syphilis has also made a recent comeback in the Milwaukee area amongst Gay men, and that's scary. It also means condoms aren't being used. So for those of you who complain In Step covers AIDS too much all ready... obviously we're not reaching people that need to be hit over the head.

Just found out that Darla's View columnist Darla Kashian is moving to the big apple to work as the development director of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of America. Her position begins Nov. 15 and she'll be working in midtown Manhattan, which means we're on the lookout for a Wisconsin woman interested in writing a women's issues column in her place. Best of luck Darla!

That about wraps it up, things were kind of slow as everyone geared up for Halloween (the Gayest of Holidays) and The Pageant. Be sure to check the Calendar this issue so you don't miss out on any Halloween madness. And Rona, sorry to disappoint you but I didn't shave off my mustache because I was a secret last-minute contestant in the Miss Gay Wisconsin pageant — however, Halloween MIGHT be a different story! (Where DO you find size 13 wide pumps?)

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as a group, at least those images are out there — and with enough frequency these days that at least some of the images are positive. Images of Lesbians, by contrast, appear much less often in those same sources. The net result is that a Lesbian trying to come to grips with her sexuality can feel isolated or perverse. Or worse. In urban areas, Lesbian culture is more accessible than it is in more rural areas, but if you don't know where to look, it can still be hard to find. When my first lover and I were coming out together in Milwaukee, we thought for years that we were "the only ones." We finally found our way into a accepting community; not everyone does.

There are myriad other negative ramifications of Lesbian invisibility, and I'm sure you can think of some of your own examples. But to give just a few more: the perceived ephemeral nature of Lesbianism ("it's just a stage"), one of the few consistent impressions people have of Lesbians, makes validation and acceptance of long-term relationships difficult, even among ourselves; if Lesbians are nonentities, so much more so are their families, which can make it tough on our children; and grants and funding for community-wide projects can be hard to come by because people have this notion that there aren't enough Lesbians to warrant that level of support.

But one of the most insidious results of Lez Inviz is that it allows people to maintain their stereotypes, to hold onto their misconceptions, hatred, and fears. As long as people are able to claim that they don't know any Lesbians, they are free to harbor their prejudices. Only when people can see Lesbians for who and what they are will those stereotypes be confronted.

And scariest of all, perhaps, is that what isn't there in the first place can't be missed if it's eliminated. While this may sound like a paranoid fantasy — akin to the women who won't go to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival because, they fear, we'd be a convenient target — it is not without some historical precedent. And I, for one, would rather do what I can

to thwart such a reoccurrence. So that, though not in twenty-five words or less, is what I think is so wrong with Lesbian invisibility. And while I believe it is valuable to spend time thinking about all of this, the process shouldn't stop there: we need to fight Lesbian invisibility as well, in whatever ways, large or small, we are each capable of. Change, after all, is not a single radical act; it is the accumulation of many individual responses to injustice.

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My last column, on long-time Lesbian couples, elicited a letter from the friend of one such couple — I would like to wish a happy anniversary to Hi and Dot of Baltimore; they are celebrating their forty-fifth year together this October. I knew it was possible!

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, "Wisconsin Poets Respond to AIDS" — winners of a poetry contest read their works.

GAMMA Roller-skating: Rollaero's rink (5200 S. Pennsylvania Ave.), 8pm, call Bob 963-9833 for info.

Alternative: Texas Ho Down, free BBQ, Texas Red Beans, Cornbread.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Jock Strap Contest starts at 12.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

Club 3054 [Madison]: Vocalist Linda Smith at 10:30pm.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Underwear Contest, 12pm.

Jet's Place: Halloween Hunt, 8pm-? Special drink prices.

Nitengales: Halloween Bash, every 20th customer gets a treat, 50 cent hot shots, cash prizes & give-aways.

Alternative: Kitchen serves Fish Fry, 4-10pm, every Friday.

Fannies: Halloween Haunted Hunt, on the patio.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Club 219: Annual Halloween Ball & Contest \$500 in prizes, judging at midnight.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Halloween Party & Costume Contest.

Nitengales: Halloween Bash, Costume judging at midnight, cash prizes & give-aways, every 20th customer gets a treat, 50 cent hot shots.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Halloween costume contest, midnight judging, cash prizes.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Celebrate Halloween with "The Rocky Horror Pee Wee Show" \$2 cover, 10:30pm.

Alternative: Halloween costume party, 8-close. Witches brew at midnight, judging at midnight for costumes. Kitchen serves chicken fry, from 4-10pm, every Saturday.

Cest La Vie: Halloween Party, 9-? Judging every hour for best costumes, a spooktacular event.

Wreck Room: Oberon's special Halloween Club Night, 10pm-?, raffles, costume contest (no drag, please!)

Jo'dees [Racine]: Judging at midnight, prizes for 3 best.

Fannies: Halloween Costume Party, judging at midnight, over \$500 in cash & prizes. Give-aways, 50 cent shots of witches brew.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

M.A.P. Worship Service: Interdenominational Service, 5pm, Village Church (130 E. Juneau). Open to M.A.P. clients, volunteers, their families & friends.

Triangle: Free, anonymous on-site HIV testing by BESTD Clinic, 5-10pm.

Club 3054 [Madison]: First class male strippers, \$3 cover, showtime 10:30.



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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

What Price Invisibility?

Sometime this past June, a reporter from the Chicago Tribune — Jean Latz Griffin — interviewed several Chicago-area Lesbians (myself included) for an article to kick off Pride Week. The topic? Lesbian invisibility.

As a reporter, it would behoove Griffin, given that topic, to ask me, "What's so wrong with Lesbian invisibility?" And, as a reporter, she did. Actually, though, it's a reasonable question given that our persistent lack of visibility affords us a certain (if illusory) safety, and given that some Lesbians purposefully seek to perpetuate it in their lives. Even so, I wouldn't hesitate to claim that invisibility is not a good thing.

It's not as if this were the first time, either, that I'd heard the question posed — although previously it had been in slightly different terms. From guests on Oprah to my girlfriend's mother, middle America wants to know, "Ok. So you're a Lesbian. (Resigned sigh.) Why can't you just keep quiet about it?" Even ex-lovers of mine have asked, "Do you have to flaunt it?"

Yet, in spite of all these previous encounters with the question, I had somehow skipped right over the process of thought about it and gone directly to the conclusion: invisibility is not good. So when Griffin's question came, I did not, surprisingly enough, have a glib, snappy answer waiting to roll off my tongue and enlighten her and her readers. Chastened by the experience, I've been thinking about that question ever since. At last, I can say that I have an answer. Ready, Jean? Here goes.

To begin with, there's nothing particularly strange about Lesbian invisibility: Lesbians are women, after all. In other words, does this phrase ring a bell? "When we say 'Gay' we mean 'Lesbian' too." Substituting "men" and "women" in the appropriate places,

feminists have debunked the myth that this phrase is meant to be inclusive; instead, it pushes into the background, submerges, erases — however unconsciously.

In fact, one of the problems (if not necessarily the most pressing) with Lez Invis is that many people assume that what is true for Gay men is also true for Lesbians. And while it is evident that we do have some things in common, we don't have (or want) all things in common. Because of our differences, we have different issues, needs, and goals. This is not to negate the important bonds and communalities that exist and need to continue between the two halves of the community. It is only to say that Lesbians need to speak for themselves, at least on certain matters, because they're the only ones who can know what it means to be Lesbians. Lez Invis, in short, can mean that our specific needs, our specific concerns, are ignored.

Similarly, when Lesbianism is invisible, it is impossible for people to take note of the achievements of Lesbians. Historically, accomplished Lesbians have been presented as accomplished women (if they've been noticed at all), their sexuality deemed irrelevant or somehow damning. The effect of this is to make it seem as if Lesbians have never done anything of value. (Lesbians, of course, are not uniquely in this position, having company among Gay men, Blacks, and other 'outcast' groups.) Fortunately, feminist scholars continue to make substantial inroads in bringing to light the woman-identified tendencies of many of our greatest writers, artists, and historical figures.

Just as Lez Invis deprives many of us of our historical role models, it deprives women who are just coming out of contemporary role models as well. While the images of Gay men that appear on TV, in the movies, in the 'mainstream' periodicals, in mass market paperbacks may not always be flattering or may not present an accurate portrayal of Gay men

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Station II: Packer Tailgate Party Halloween costumes welcome, pumpkin carving contest. Costume judging with prizes.

Partners: Pumpkin carving contest, 2pm.

M&M: Halloween Costume Contest.

Napalese [Green Bay]: Halloween, 10pm-on, costume judging, bar tab give-aways, DJ, & Cameo performances, \$1 shots.

Alternative: Kitchen serves brunch for 11-3, bar opens at 10am, every Sunday.

New Hope MCC: Installation of new pastoral leaders, 6:30pm, Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood. (See Group Notes for details).

Coming Out Rep Group: Counseling Center of Milw., 2038 N. Bartlett, 6-8pm. First session in a series by Gay men's discussion group. Call Tim at 271-2565 for details, \$2 donation.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Club 3054 [Madison]: CD. Player party, drawing at 7pm.

Community Speakout: Milwaukee's Lambda Rights Network presents a community roundtable featuring representatives of Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian organizations being questioned on "Where Are We Now" & "Where Is Our Community Going?", 6:30-9pm, M&M Banquet Room (upstairs, 124 N. Water Street), public invited.

Ballgame: Trick or Treat Night, 2 for 1 until midnight, hors d'oeuvres.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, "Ivy Young NGLTF & former Gov. Tony Earl as main speakers at Milw's '90 Lesbian/Gay Pride Rally."

Club 219: Kevin Andrew's First Class Male Dance Revue.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Company P presents "Fright Night-All Night", 10pm-on, drink specials, costume contest (\$200 in cash & prizes), Co. P performances.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Experience Halloween in the Fort Becker maze.



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La Cage: Halloween Costume Contest, Judging in 4 categories, \$500 in prizes, judging at midnight.

M&M/Glass Menagerie: Halloween restaurant & bar specials.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Annual Halloween Costume Ball & Contest, judging at midnight, prizes.

GAMMA: Goes to "Fantasia" movie night begins at 6pm with cocktails on the Eastside, call Bob, 963-9833 for info.

Triangle: Halloween contest/party. 11pm judging, \$175 in prizes.

Fannies: 1/2 price drinks for those in costume.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Club 3054 [Madison]: Becker's Babes Halloween Show.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Every 1st & 3rd Thursday, featuring women's movies in Wings.

Grubbs Pub: Opening day, 807 S. 2nd, serving food & drink from 11:30am- close.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Club 3054 [Madison]: Steve & Jimmy's Birthday 'trash the bar' bash.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Grand opening of newest room 'The 90's'.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Club 94 [Kenosha]: "Exposed To Love" Women's Erotic dance revue, in their Wisconsin premiere, 10:30pm.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Grand opening of new room 'The 90's'.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Partner's: Presents Steve Hammond, showtime 11pm, \$5 cover.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Grand opening of new room 'The 90's', and The Headliners of Texas, \$5 cover, 10:30pm, reserved tables available.

The Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant: By Pageant Productions, Marc Plaza Hotel Crystal Ballroom. Cocktails 5pm, dinner at 6:30, Pageant at 8, general admission \$25, dinner & pageant \$35. More info call (414)257-6346(am), 383-9768(pm).

Triangle: Pre-Pageant Champagne Reception, 2-5pm, honoring Mr. & Miss Gay WI 89-90, John Newman & Mimi Marks, hors d' oeuvres.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
ELECTION DAY**

Milw. Square Dance Club: Organizational meeting, 8pm. M&M's upstairs, see article in Group Notes for details.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

MRT: M.A.P. Benefit at Stackner.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, "The Celluloid Closet" by Gay film critic Vito Russo.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Club 219: Disco Diva Pamala Stanley, live at midnight, singing her classics & her new releases, 11:30pm.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Club 3054 [Madison]: Madison's Men's Volleyball 70's Dance.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Club 3054 [Madison]: Live in concert, Pamala Stanley, singing her hits. \$9 door, \$7 advance includes \$1 off 1st drink.

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, 8181 E. Juneau. Call office 271-7719 for prayers, info from 9am- 1pm.

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by W.W. Wells III

Halloween Horrors

Gays and Lesbians have fears and anxieties just like everyone else. It's those unique terrors and shared sense of foreboding that often are the lowest common denominator for most Gays. As Halloween approaches, I think it's as good a time as any to take a quick look at frightening things, some of which may be even more disturbing than having your lover's mother unexpectedly come to visit for three weeks.

• After fifteen failed relationships in two months, spending your entire month's paycheck buying every self-help book in the Psychology/Relationships section at Walden's Books only to be greeted at the cash register by your first ex-lover.

• While making love with that cute Hispanic boy, having him excitedly put on a flavored condom and discovering much too late it's one of those new double hot jalepeno-flavored rubbers.

• After using so many phony names on the 1-900 lines, realizing you've forgotten what your real name actually is.

• Having to call off a date with the hottest male stripper in town because you can't decide what outfit to wear.

• Having a psychologist terminate your treatment for nelliness, because he doesn't exchange therapy sessions for rhinestones, feather boas and lip synching lessons.

• Answering a personal ad and discovering what he really meant by 'race unimportant' is that he'd love to make it with a big black body builder who's nickname is, "The Anaconda."

• Being a strident Gay rights activist and having a friend set you up with a blind date who is a Miller Lite guzzling, Marlboro smoking splitting image of Gay rights foe, Senator Jesse Helms.

• While in the steamy midst of hot passionate foreplay, having a date interrupt the action so he can reveal his entire sexual history to you and having the whole sordid story take close to three hours.

• During a steamy affair with the cute guy from the apartment across the hall, suddenly and unexpectedly finding yourself fantasizing about having sex with your lover.

• After having tremendous sex on the first night out, having a date tell you he's no longer interested in a relationship with you because he now knows what a cheap, trashy slut you are.

• Having your social life turn so pathetic, you've spent a month of Saturdays in a dazed stupor, lying in the bathtub, turning the faucet on and off with your toes with the highlight of your evening being the hours spent mindlessly flipping from channel to channel trying to watch everything on TV and finally ending up with two hours of the Weather Channel thinking just how cute the meteorologist is.

• Being so in love with a man that you blindly agree to be the guinea pig for his Psychology 101 project that involves a jar of Smuckers Jelly, wearing nothing but lace panties, electrodes attached to rather sensitive body parts and has something to do with submissive behavior.

• Realizing the man you are dating is probably a little young after his mother calls to make sure he wears his raincoat today, his idea of a good time is to stay home playing Nintendo, and he thinks Heavy Metal is easy listening music.

• Having your lover welcome your romantic advances by saying, "Sure, why not, this should only take a minute."

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wandering through Grand Avenue Mall on Saturday afternoons, drinking coffee quietly in La Boulangerie, People's Books, and working hard to change Milwaukee. Mostly, for a while I'll miss Julie, who won't join me for a few months, and my new friends at my job.

Thanks to all of you who have listened to my rambling, and challenged my views. Ron, you're the best. You bring the news to people who care, and you bring the Gay community to new friends struggling to find their home. Without In Step, many of us wouldn't know where to find each other, and what is going on elsewhere in the world and Milwaukee. Hopefully, I'll have the chance to share an occasional view from New York City.

Womyn's Art & Craft Affair

Buy your holiday gifts, or something for you, from Womyn Artisans at the Womyn's Holiday Art & Craft Affair scheduled for Sunday, December 9th. The event will be held at the South Shore Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive from 10am to 5pm. A \$1 donation will be requested, which will go to benefit the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee.

Womyn Artisans from the surrounding area will be selling original art/craft items. Baked goods, refreshments and entertainment will also be part of the Affair, along with a silent auction of donated artisan items. The kitchen will be operated by members of the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee and proceeds from selling refreshments will go to that organization.

The Holiday Affair Committee is looking for womyn who are interested in selling original art/craft items. If you're interested in securing booth space, contact Annabelle Havlicek of Havlicek & Associates at (414)271- 5819. Booth space is \$2.50 per square foot with a donation to the silent auction, \$4.50 per square foot without a donation. Artisans must provide their own tables and chairs. The deadline for registration is November 23 and booth space will be blocked off on a first-come/first-serve basis. Call (414)

271-5819 for a registration form.

D.A.M.E.S.

Wisconsin now houses a new Levi/Leather Club: D.A.M.E.S. — Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression. As our name implies, we are a womyn's Leather Club. Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression was founded in January of 1990. We are a social organization of womyn who share a common interest in various aspects of Leather, Alternative Sex, and Bondage. Our primary purpose is to encourage fellowship among Levi/Leather enthusiasts. The club strives to promote and educate safer sex techniques/practices for womyn.

We are trying to increase the Lesbian/Gay community's awareness of Leatherwomyn, and continually strive to improve the Levi/Leather community through pride, strength, commitment, and discipline.

D.A.M.E.S. is now accepting applications for both full and associate membership. Anyone — female or male — is eligible for either form of membership. The only requirement for membership is the desire to support the womyn's Levi/Leather community and work towards increasing womyn's knowledge of safer sex. All applicants must be twenty-one or older.

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Darla's View

by Darla Kashian

Farewell To Milwaukee

It is with this column that I bid farewell to my readers in In Step, and my friends in Milwaukee. The past two years have provided an open forum so that I might share my political and personal views with In Step readers. In mid-October, I accepted a position in New York City, and will move during the first few weeks of November to begin this new journey.

Leaving Milwaukee will be a challenge. As a lifetime resident, I look back and remember the old days, and they weren't good, and look forward to the growth in political and social power in the Gay and Lesbian community.

In 1981, when I came out, Milwaukee was a different place. I was 17 years old, and learned of Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian bars from friends who were showing me direction. The first words from friends was to beware of the Milwaukee Police Department. Frequent harassment was common, and if, for any reason, you had a problem in or around a bar, you couldn't count on protection from Milwaukee's finest.

Those were the days of Chief Harold Breier, and change was on the way. During Breier's reign of terror, the Milwaukee Police Department maintained files on political and social activists, and frequently spent time patrolling the Gay ghetto, recording license numbers of bar patrons.

Those days are gone. With Breier's retirement, Milwaukee's new police chief instituted radical changes that restored faith in the Gay and Lesbian community. New Chief Richard Ziarnik met with Gay and Lesbian officials, and took time to learn about the needs of the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community. The Red Squad was disbanded, and for the first time in recent history, the mission of the Police Department, to protect citizens and visitors in Milwaukee, included the protection of Gays and Lesbians.

Remember Governor Tony Earl? Those

are days longed for. A moral man who implemented public policy from the view of equity and fairness, Governor Earl was a working example of implementing values, and sticking to those choices regardless of the consequences.

Gov. Earl appointed the first Governor's Council on Lesbian and Gay Issues. The Council was charged with educating public and private officials state-wide regarding the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community. Ron McCrea became the first openly Gay member of a Governor's cabinet, a move that prompted The Milwaukee Sentinel to run a headline detailing Mr. McCrea's private life.

The media in Milwaukee has grown through the efforts of Ralph Navarro and others, who worked hard to meet with television stations, local newspaper editors, public officials, and political leaders. We saw Terry Boughner and Jerry Johnson bring Shock Radio to a screeching halt. The power of people hard at work changed the sensitivity of local leadership.

Culturally, Milwaukee offers a great deal of opportunity, at least for Lesbians. Women's music and cultural events, organized by Hurricane Productions, Midwest Music Productions and Full Moon Productions bring events to Lesbians in the Milwaukee area. Lesbian support groups, political organizations, softball leagues and teams, richly enhance living in Milwaukee, and provide opportunity for lesbians to meet and socialize effectively.

Needless to say, New York offers a greater selection of social activities and opportunities, but the size of the city will do that for you. In spite of this, I will miss a great deal in Milwaukee.

It is hard to leave friends, and less hard to leave family. The women and men who became my Gay and Lesbian family here in Milwaukee will be sorely missed. It always reminds me of the television program Cheers, where friends are stable and always there.

I'll miss some of my favorite activities,



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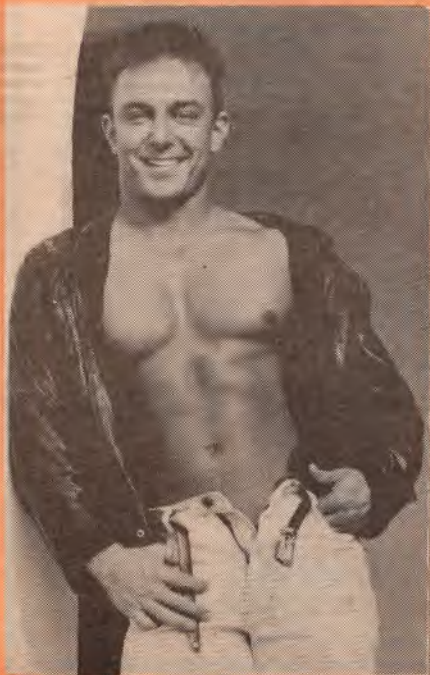
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