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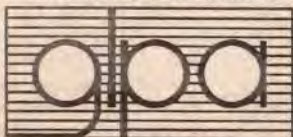
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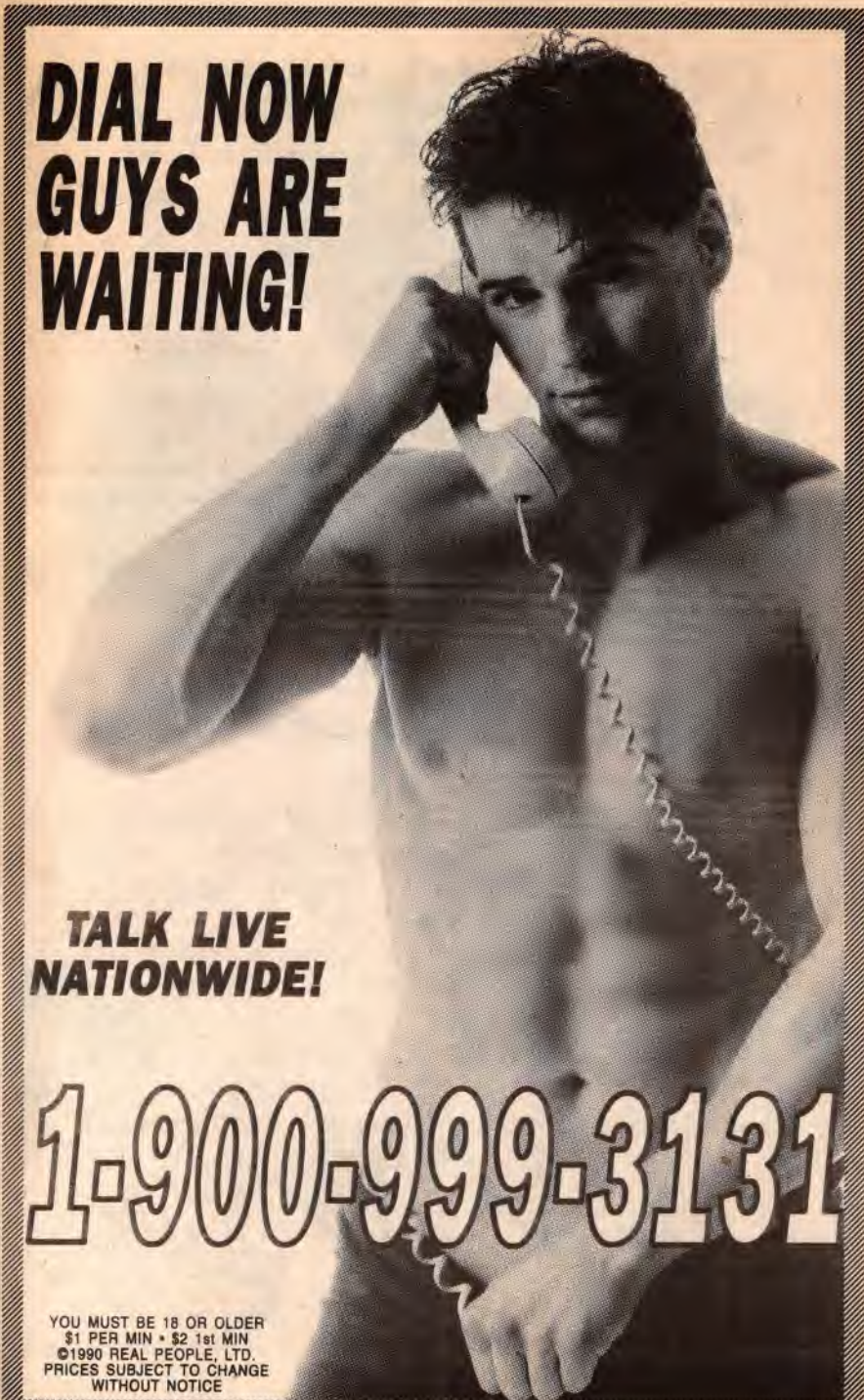
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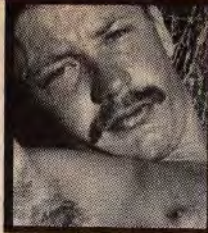
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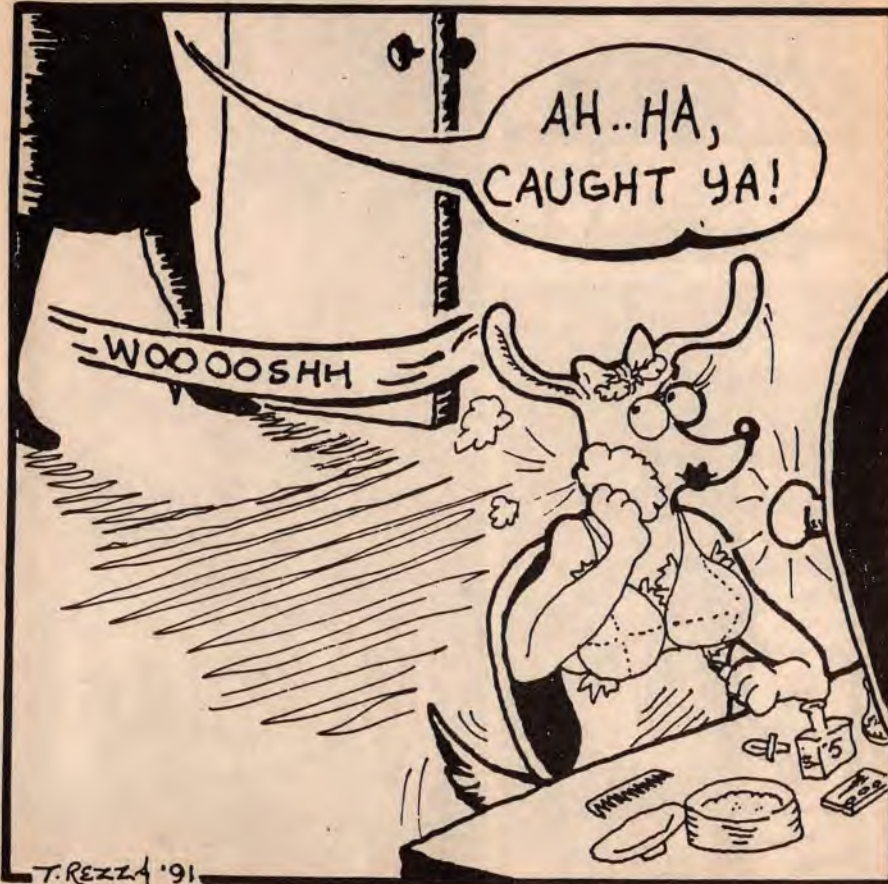
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News

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Appleton, WI — Part time Blanchardville Police officer Brian G. Brown Jr. was found innocent by an Outagamie County jury Thursday, March 7 of beating a Gay man outside a town of Grand Chute shopping mall tavern last summer.

The jury, composed of seven men and five women, deliberated for over 4 hours after hearing closing arguments before finding Brown innocent of misdemeanor disorderly conduct and a Wisconsin Hate Crimes law enhanced felony battery charge.

Members of Milwaukee's Lambda Rights Network and Queer Nation were on hand for the trial and verdict in Appleton in support of Brian Rochon, the Gay man who accused Brown and others of taunting and beating him because of his homosexuality. The case drew wide exposure as a test of Wisconsin's Hate Crimes law which allows judges to add extra penalties to those convicted of crimes based or motivated by race, religion or sexual orientation.

Rochon said after the verdict that he was disappointed but believed his willingness to acknowledge his homosexuality and to fight ridicule will benefit the Gay community.

District Attorney John Des Jardins said he too was disappointed. The Associated Press quoted Des Jardins as saying "It in fact could be no accident. That's incredulous that this was a collision when a person is chasing another person 50 to 75 yards and they collide?"

Brown's defense attorney Frank Boyle questioned why prosecutors didn't provide any documentation or medical records to prove Rochon sustained injuries in the beating.

Brown, 24, cheered the jury verdict, and was quoted in an Associated Press story as saying he was relieved to return to a more normal life and was satisfied the

justice system worked well. Brown was quoted as saying he believed prosecution witnesses were "caught lying on the stand" and felt the media portrayed him as guilty before convicted.

Brown and over 10 other officers had just graduated from a police training program at a local technical college and were celebrating at the Omni Lounge in the Fox River Mall the night of July 26-27, 1990. Rochon and a group of his friends were celebrating a birthday at the same tavern. While dancing Rochon was taunted as a "fag" by several of the officers, and one of them approached and took Rochon's hat and wore it. The woman Rochon was dancing with, Roxanne Rutten, retrieved the hat, but the taunting continued when Rochon went to the bar for a drink.

Rochon decided to leave the bar because of the homophobic harassment, and as he did so, Brown approached him allegedly saying "I'm going to bust you and I want to see some I.D." Rochon replied "you're a big cop aren't you," then left the building. Several officers, including Brown, and a number of Rochon's group followed to the mall parking lot. Seeing he was being followed, Rochon hid behind some bushes, and then tried to make a run for it when Brown stopped near where he (Rochon) was hiding.

When Rochon ran, Brown followed and the two fell to the ground. Rochon had said previously Brown tackled him, but Brown claimed in court that he bumped into him and they fell. Brown claimed to have been punched and kicked while down while the officer repeatedly shouted "fag." Rutten, who said she saw Brown tackle Rochon, went back inside the mall shouting "Call 911, Brian's getting the shit beat out of him. She then returned outside as mall security approached.



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By the time area law enforcement officers arrived, friends had taken Rochon back to their house. He was bleeding from the mouth and complained of sore ribs. Once he spit up blood, Rochon was taken by a friend to a nearby hospital where he was examined and released.

Rochon, fearing the police would take sides didn't report the incident for two days, although his friends who witnessed the incident, including Rutten, reported it immediately. Rochon agreed to report it only after Town of Grand Chute Police and Des Jardins assured him they would prosecute.

In testimony on Tuesday, March 5, Brown's lawyer Wendy Patrickus described Brown as a peacemaker when other officers taunted Rochon. She said Brown fell on Rochon while he was trying to apologize for the sexual taunting and was innocent of battery.

The first witness, Town of Grand Chute Police Lt. Ed Kopp testified that he asked Brown shortly after the incident if he had tackled or struck Rochon in the parking lot. Kopp quoted Brown as saying "yeah, I guess I did that." Kopp agreed in cross examination that Brown also said the pair fell when Brown was trying to tell Rochon that he was sorry for what had happened inside the bar.

JUDGE REJECTS HATE CRIMES CHALLENGE

Prior to the trial, Judge Froehlich rejected on February 26 a constitutional challenge by Brown's attorneys to the Wisconsin 'Hate Crimes' law. Brown's attorney had criticized the law as "too vague." The Hate Crimes law allows prosecutors to add penalty enhancements, including longer sentences to charges that relate to crimes based on race, religion, or sexual orientation.

In a written decision, Froehlich said "The court finds the statute clear and specific and gives sufficient notice to the defendant as to what is wrongful

conduct."

Froehlich ruled the Hate Crimes provision could be added to the battery charge, but not to the disorderly conduct charge.

Froehlich lifted the penalty enhancement provision from the disorderly conduct charge saying such a charge is "a crime against public peace and order" rather than a crime "against a person or a person's property" as required in the Hate Crimes law.

Slovaks emerge in style

by Rex Wockner

More than 400 Gays and Lesbians staged the largest Gay event in the history of the Slovak region of Czechoslovakia Feb. 16 in Bratislava.

The day-long celebration, billed as Carnival, featured dancing, raffles and other merrymaking. The event was sponsored by Ganymedes, Bratislava's only Gay-rights group.

Earlier in the day, Gay groups from across Czechoslovakia — united under the banner **Svaz Organizace Homosexualnich Obcanu**, or Union of Homosexual Citizens Organizations — held a national mini-conference in Bratislava.

The gathering was addressed by John Clark, co-secretary general of the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

"It was electrifying," Clark said by phone from his home in Vienna.

"If you think that one year ago there was absolutely nothing in this part of the world — not an iota of any Gay and Lesbian aura. It was marvelous."

The SOHO group elected its first president and three vice-presidents, one each from the Czech, Slovak and Moravian sections of the country.

Under SOHO's guidance, Czechoslovakia has become one of only a handful of nations worldwide actively considering the legalization of Gay and Lesbian marriage, which, to date, is only permitted in Denmark.

'Christians' target White House Gay support

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — A Virginia-based Christian group has targeted President George Bush and First Lady Barbara Bush in a direct mail fundraising letter asking its supporters to sign a "Sodom and Gomorrah" petition denouncing several of the First Family's recent pro-Gay actions.

Mailed from its Forest, Va. headquarters, the Christian Action Network sent out its four-page letter in an envelope with the following inscription on the outside envelope: "President Bush 'stuns' conservative (sic) with his efforts to 'reach out' to homosexuals. Barbara Bush says she'll 'help change attitudes' about homosexuals."

Addressed to "Dear Christian Friend," the letter from CAN President Martin Mawyer outlined a number of recent pro-Gay actions taken in the past two years by President and Mrs. Bush, describing them as "shocking," and called on readers to "not allow this tragedy and assault against God to continue."

"President Bush must understand that God only destroyed one city in the history of the Bible — and it was because of blatant, out-of-control homosexuality," Mawyer wrote. "And that city was reduced to ashes — ASHES!"

Among the "shocking facts" listed were the President's 1990 invitation of Gay and Lesbian activists "20 of them!" to the White House signing of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, his support of that bill, his invitation of Gay activists to the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and Mrs. Bush's 1990 letter to the president of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays in which she thanked the group for encouraging her to "help change attitudes" about Gays and Lesbians.

"I have her letter, written on White House stationery, sitting on my desk!" Mawyer wrote parenthetically.

The letter then runs quotes from P-FLAG President Paulette Goodman;

Peri Jude Radecic, lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force; and Gregory King, public information officer for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, in which they have voiced their support for the Bushes actions.

The letter was accompanied by an eight-point "Official Petition" to the President, to be completed by "the undersigned taxpayer," requesting that Bush "Steer (his) presidency — and our nation — away from endorsing homosexuality, it's (sic) radical agenda, its lifestyle, or its efforts to gain special civil rights legislation."

Taking particular heat in the missive is White House staffers' efforts which the conservative Washington Times described as trying to "pull the traditionally Democratic-leaning homosexual community into the GOP camp," a campaign Mawyer called "an abomination before God. (Leviticus 18:22)."

"I hope you understand the importance of this campaign," the letter continued. "The Democrats already boldly support homosexual rights. And now the Republican Party is trying to gain the support of homosexuals as well. Where will this leave Christians like you and me if my campaign fails?"

The letter goes on to denounce Mrs. Bush's letter to Goodman in detail and cites the termination of a vocally anti-Gay White House staffer as proof that "this battle is already being fought behind closed doors on Capitol Hill."

Mawyer further suggested that the hate crimes bill, which mandates the federal collection of statistics on bias motivated crimes, would surely be used by "homosexuals...against preachers who denounce homosexuality from the pulpit."

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Gay groups hit by FEC

by Rex Wockner

The Federal Election Commission issued a preliminary finding in mid-February that ACT UP/District of Columbia, ACT UP/San Francisco, the Dallas Gay Alliance and the Tarrant County (Texas) Gay Alliance may have violated federal election law when they worked to defeat U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., via boycotts of Miller beer and Marlboro cigarettes.

The Gay and AIDS groups targeted the products last summer because parent corporation Philip Morris gave money to Helms and a museum being built in his honor. Activists hoped publicity generated by the boycotts would highlight Helms anti-human-rights record and result in votes for his opponent, Harvey Gantt.

The FEC lawyers said there is "reason to believe" the activist groups functioned as political action committees without registering with the commission as required by law. Federal law defines a PAC as any group that receives or spends more than \$1,000 a year to influence an election for federal office.

The complaint against the Gay groups was filed with the FEC last August by Re-Elect Jesse Helms, an independent arm of the Conservative Campaign Fund.

ACT UP/DC's Emmett Underwood says he finds it ironic that "a small group of activists on a shoestring budget make an appeal for corporate accountability and are told that their free speech violated federal law, but Philip Morris, the largest

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radical agenda and their immoral — and deadly — lifestyle."

Gay activists quoted in the letter reacted to the anti-Gay effort mostly with curiosity about the 12-year-old anti-Gay group.

Attempts to contact the Christian Action Network in the area and a woman answering a number listed for Mawyer in Lynchburg disavowed any knowledge of the man.

food and tobacco company in the world, can legally curry favor with Jesse Helms by helping to build a museum in his name."

Boycott Oreos

The boycotts of Miller beer and Marlboro cigarettes were recently expanded by ACT UP/San Francisco to include products of the R.J. Reynolds company, especially Camel and Winston cigarettes and Oreo cookies, which are manufactured by Reynolds subsidiary Nabisco.

ACT UP charges that Reynolds has donated \$750,000 to Helms and the Helms museum — a sum substantially higher than Morris contributions, which totaled around \$200,000.

Omnibus women's health bill

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — A group of key members of the House and Senate on Feb. 28 reintroduced a comprehensive bill outlining a broad agenda on women's health issues, including breast and cervical cancer and AIDS, and requested a federal investigation into the exclusion of women from federal drug trials.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) and Reps. Pat Schroeder (D-Colo.) and Olympia Snowe (D-Maine) introduced to the House and Senate the omnibus Women's Health Equity Act, a combination of 22 separate women's health bills which includes provisions addressing women's health research, services and disease prevention.

"We are laying the foundation for health care in the 21st century," said Mikulski in introducing the measure, "and it has to be more than a mix of 14th century attitudes and 20th century technology. We are saying, 'No' to indifference, ignorance and neglect, and, 'Yes' to access to affordable care and accuracy in our tests and labs, and a new

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As the omnibus bill was being introduced, Reps. Schroeder, Snowe and Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) called on the General Accounting Office to conduct a study to determine whether women are being excluded from Food and Drug Administration trials. The three had previously requested a similar GAO investigation into the trials of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

For years, women's health advocates have complained to federal health authorities that women are systematically excluded from medical research protocols, and only extrapolate the effect of drugs on women from trials done almost exclusively on men.

Currently there is a written policy within the NIH calling for the inclusion of women in trials. A proposal calling for a similar policy within the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration (ADAMHA) is included in the omnibus package.

Also on Feb. 27, members of the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues met with Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan for his response to an earlier request for an HHS action plan on women's health.

In September, caucus members had met with Assistant Secretary for Health James O. Mason in what one participant called a 'tense' meeting to demand that the HHS department develop an action plan to address women's health issues in all HHS agencies.

At the Wednesday meeting, Sullivan handed caucus members a three-inch-thick draft copy of the requested action plan which addresses their concerns in all HHS agencies. Staffers for the congresswomen involved in the meeting had no immediate reaction to the document, as they yet had not had time to review it.

Contacted shortly after the omnibus bill's introduction, representatives for the nation's leading AIDS and Gay and Lesbian groups said that they are examining the omnibus package.

The multi-faceted proposal, similar to another measure introduced to the last Congress, is not expected to move through the legislative process as a whole, but rather as individual pieces which could come up as free-standing bills or as amendments to other legislation. Moving on parts of the comprehensive measure last year, Congress passed bills relating to breast and cervical cancer and extending Medicare coverage to mammogram screenings.

Included in the comprehensive bill are two proposals from Rep. Connie Morella (R-Md.) addressing the special needs of women with AIDS.

The first proposal, the Women and AIDS Research Initiative, would authorize an additional \$10 million within the NIH and ADAMHA for research into the transmission, development and treatment of HIV in women. The measure would also authorize \$6 million to create the Community Based Clinical Research Initiative, which would seek to expand clinical trials to women and provide support services such as child care and transportation for women participating in medical trials.

Murella's other proposal in the bill, the Women and AIDS Outreach and Prevention Act, would authorize \$10 million for HIV prevention and education programs through family planning clinics and other public health programs.

Aside from the proposals in the bill pertaining to women with AIDS, the measure is of particular interest to the Lesbian community as Lesbians are generally at greater risk for breast and cervical cancer than their heterosexual counterparts as they are less likely to bear children.

Included in the mammoth bill is a provision from Rep. Mary Rose Okar (D-Ohio) allowing for an additional \$25 million to be earmarked for breast cancer research and another proposal from Rep. Patsy Mink (D-Hawaii) authorizing an annual \$30 million to be targeted for basic research into developing an early detection test for ovarian cancer.

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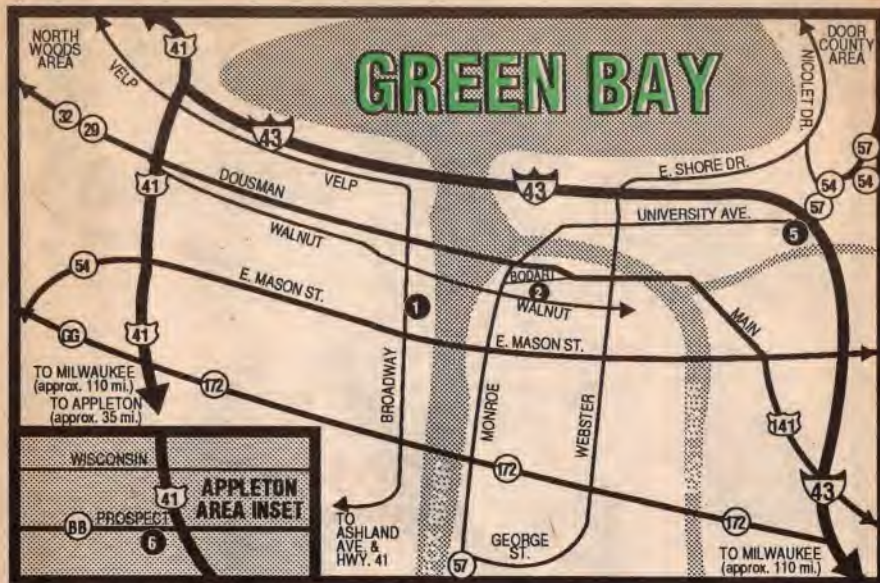
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The minister requested people everywhere to wear a rainbow ribbon or bow on their person and to put rainbow ribbons and bows on their trees or doors and windows at home and in the windows of businesses to show support for Gay and Lesbian military personnel.

Sloan said, "Regardless of our feelings about the war, Gays and Lesbians who served there should be treated as heroes when they come home just the same as the heterosexuals who served there. The Lambda legal Defense Fund in New York has documented a number of cases where it is indicated that Gay and Lesbian service personnel will be given a less than honorable discharge from the service when they return to the United States."

"There are 500,000 American military personnel serving in the Persian Gulf. This means there is at least 50,000 Gay men and Lesbians serving there. We hope the rainbow campaign will raise the consciousness of the nation so that a great injustice will not be done to our brothers and sisters. We should write the President, the Secretary of Defense, our Representatives and Senators in congress, to express our outrage if such actions should be taken against them" In closing, Sloan said, "This war should settle once and for all the questions about the fitness of Gays and Lesbians to serve in the armed forces. I call upon President Bush to issue an executive order repealing military law which says homosexuals are incompatible to military service and to upgrade ALL less than honorable discharges ever given to Gays and Lesbians and to restore all rights and privileges to them!"

4th Creating Change conference

Washington, D.C. [NGTF] — Lesbian and Gay organizers from around the nation will converge on Alexandria, Va., in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, this November 9-12 for the 4th Annual Creating Change conference of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Creating Change is the country's largest skills-building symposium for Gay and Lesbian political activists and organizations.

The conference, sponsored annually by NGLTF, will feature more than 60 workshops, as well as cultural events, caucuses, networking sessions, leading activists from the national and grassroots scene and some of the most electrifying, provocative speakers in the Lesbian and Gay movement. The 3-day conference will also feature two pre-conference and one post-conference institute.

Last years conference, held in Minneapolis, Minn. attracted more than 700 participants. NGLTF organizers expect this years attendance to exceed that figure. "Creating Change has evolved into a major political event," said NGLTF conference coordinator Brian Albert. "The conference provides a unique opportunity for Lesbian and Gay activists from across the country to share knowledge, compare strategies and create a collective vision of the future of our movement."

Conference workshops will cover a variety of issues important to the Lesbian and Gay movement today, including hate crime legislation, Lesbian and Gay family issues, AIDS activism, sodomy law repeal, Lesbian and Gay rights referenda, international organizing and media advocacy. The conference will also feature a special fund-raising track that will present experts in the field of development, direct mail and grants.

This year, Creating Change will be augmented by three extra-conference institutes. On November 8, NGLTF will present the People of Color Organizing Institute to address such topics as networking strategies, women of color

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issues and coalition building among Black, Latin, Native American, and Asian communities. Also on November 8, the Diversity Training Institute will explore the broad spectrum of the Gay and Lesbian community and investigate ways of building a more inclusive movement. Following the conference, on November 12, the Campus Organizing Institute will provide an opportunity for students to reinforce their organizing skills and learn more about the range of issues facing Lesbians and Gay men in college communities.

Creating Change '91 will be held at the Old Colony Inn in Alexandria, Va., just minutes from metro Washington. The Alexandria Gay and Lesbian Community Association will serve as the local host organization. Interested individuals should contact NGLTF for registration information. Write or call Brian Albert, Creating Change Coordinator, NGLTF, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009, (202) 332-6483.

Poppers use remains legal

by Paul Varnell

Washington — Gay men who have hoarded a supply of poppers in advance of the recent ban on their sale need not fear breaking the law by possessing them or using them in public.

Poppers, the alkyl nitrite liquid inhaled by some Gay men while dancing or during sex, became illegal on February 27, but only to manufacture, sell, or distribute in interstate commerce. Personal possession and use remain legal.

Ken Giles, public affairs specialist for the Consumer Products Safety Commission, told Windy City Times that "the ban applies only to the manufacture, distribution, and sale of the product. It does not apply to individual possession of it." He added that personal possession and transport "does not fall within the jurisdiction of the Consumer Product Safety Commission."

The poppers ban was Title XXXII, section 3202, of last year's Omnibus

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Crime Bill signed by President Bush on November 29. Title XXXII amends the Consumer Product Safety Act to specifically include poppers as a "banned hazardous product," when manufactured "for inhaling or otherwise introducing volatile alkyl nitrites into the human body for euphoric or physical effect."

Congressional directives to the Commission are unusual. According to the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Commission is to hold hearings and solicit testimony on the alleged risk of injury by a product and the range of regulatory alternatives being considered before placing an outright ban on a product.

Campaign fund seeks interns

Washington, DC [HRCF] — The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national Lesbian and Gay and AIDS advocacy organization, is looking for interns for its office in Washington, DC. Internships are available in the Campaign Fund's Legislative Department (lobbying), Political Department (campaign work), Field Department (grassroots activities) and in the Lesbian Issues and Outreach Department.

"This is a great opportunity for someone interested in Lesbian and Gay issues, or just in learning how government and politics work," said Anne Theisen, who coordinates the intern program. "Interns have an opportunity to make a contribution to the Lesbian and Gay movement as they work on issues in Congress."

Interns must work at least 20 hours per

The Commission, however, does not function like the Drug Enforcement Agency. It does not regard chemicals as 'controlled substances' whose mere possession and use are illegal. Giles compared the Commission's concern to "things like a defective toaster" which people can use if they want but which it is illegal to manufacture or sell.

"All our authority stems from the 'interstate commerce' clause of the Constitution," explained Giles. If someone tried to manufacture and sell poppers just within one state, "We would probably try to argue that some part of the product came from outside the state of manufacture."

week for three months. Each works under the direction of a staff member and receives a stipend from the Campaign Fund.

Those interested in applying for an internship at the Campaign Fund should contact Ms. Theisen at (202) 628-4160 or write to her at the Human Rights Campaign Fund, 1012 14th Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20005. Applications should include: a letter discussing why the applicant wishes to work at the Campaign Fund; a resume; and a writing sample.

The application for Summer interns is due April 15, 1991. Final decisions and offers will be made by the Campaign Fund on May 1, 1991. Applications also will be accepted from intern candidates who are interested in Fall and Winter internships.

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Suit could lead to non-consensual testing

New York, [LLDEF] — The New York Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, has accepted a 'friend of the court' brief from 23 groups and individuals with special expertise in public health urging it to reject demands by four doctors' associations that New York State permit testing without consent for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and that the state begin to collect the names of individuals with HIV.

"Although these mandatory measures might have a superficial appeal in a medical crisis like AIDS, careful analysis reveals that implementation of such measures will actually foster the spread of, rather than contain, the disease," the brief declares. "For example, by eliminating the requirement of informed consent and abolishing the option of anonymous testing, fewer people will participate in HIV testing programs, thereby dramatically undermining the benefits of HIV testing," it explains.

The 23 'friends of the court' include

the American Nurses Association; the American Public Health Association; the American Red Cross; AIDS Action Council; the American Foundation for AIDS Research; and Mathilde Krim, Ph.D., one of the world's foremost experts on AIDS, among others.

"This case is the New York State equivalent of the so-called 'LaRouche Initiative' in California," said Thomas B. Stoddard, Lambda's Executive Director. "If the four doctors' groups prevail in their demands, New York State will be forced to adopt an entirely punitive approach to AIDS, an approach that will drive people with HIV away from the care they deserve and therefore undermine the public health generally."

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Gay reporter barred from Lesbian confab

by Rex Wockner

The Chicago-based Gay-news wire service, Outlines News Service, has been informed that it may not cover the National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta in late April because the wire service's only reporter is male.

A one-man operation founded three years ago by journalist Rex Wockner, Outlines feeds hard news to 36 Gay/Lesbian newspapers across the U.S. and in nine other countries. It is the largest such operation in the world.

A media spokeswoman for the National Lesbian Conference said, "No go," when Wockner began to inquire by telephone about media credentials, he said. According to Wockner, the spokeswoman said no men would be granted media credentials.

Asked what organizers will do about male reporters and cameramen from local Atlanta newspapers and TV stations, the spokeswoman told Wockner, "They'll wait outside."

Wockner said the spokeswoman

declined to give her name. He added that a second spokeswoman, who answered the phone one-half hour later, also declined to give her name, but went on to explain: "The policy is that men aren't invited to be a part of the conference.

"We're trying to create a safe space for all Lesbians to come together. We want the conference covered, but only if a Lesbian comes to cover it and feeds the information back to you. My understanding is that the television press will be kept outside the hotel."

Wockner later told reporters: "I guess I just don't understand how inclusion and integration create unsafe space.

"Of course, I understand the importance of Lesbians creating their own events and their own realities as a response to the pervasive sexism of American society," Wockner continued. "But I do not believe my quietly sitting in the corner taking notes would alter the weekend any more than the presence of any reporter - male or female - alters

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People who have friends, lovers, or relatives living with AIDS: Don't give up on them. Keep in contact. Let them know you're there for them, even when you're rejected or treated coldly, try and keep in mind that it's the illness causing this change, not the person. Its a great comfort in the end to know you did all that you could.
Tracy

Tom: How's life in Milwaukee? Looking forward to moving again? It's against your better judgment.
Mike

Asa Knight a.k.a. Paul: Saw you at 219 a little bit ago — you must have gotten that fake ID, huh? One last point, who taught you how to put on your make- up? Tammy Fae? Looks as though you brought out the good ole farm trowel.
Jessica H.

To All My Friends: Greetings from PardiGras Town! Just to let you know that I'm OK in New Orleans. Yes, I'm still working on computers. For those who didn't know, I moved south in March of 1990. I survived MardiGras. I live 2 miles away from the 'quarter' (St. Charles Street). I'm still single but have boyfriends. Call me if you plan to head down this way. You're welcome to stay at the apartment. Love you all. A special hello to Bob & Tom, Mitch & Tom, and Ron M.
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Ron: My friends will see you in prison.
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Group Notes

Dinner auction features Uyvari

On Sunday, April 7, the Milwaukee AIDS Project will hold its 5th Annual Make A Promise Dinner and Show at the Pfister Hotel Grand Ballroom, 424 E. Wisconsin Ave. Proceeds from this annual benefit will support the many programs for people affected by AIDS offered by the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Tickets for the dinner, show and silent auction are \$45 for general seating and \$75 for preferred seating. Reserved seating is available for tables of eight or ten. Tickets for the show only are \$25 per person.

Hosted by James Pickering of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, this year's show will feature Ruth Schudson and Montgomery Davis of the Milwaukee Chamber Theater; Barbara Roberts and Melvin Rhyne of the Inner City Arts Council; Colin Brown, Helen Jenner and Jim Simpson of the Skylight Opera. Also performing will be Paula Dewey and Colin Cabot.

The Make A Promise Dinner will again feature a silent auction. More than 60 items, donated by merchants and individuals from throughout metro Milwaukee will be available for bids. Items include dinner and hotel packages, antiques, ticket packages, artwork, and more.

Again, this year, through the generosity of the former owner of Your Place and the owner of Partners, the Make A Promise silent auction will feature a piece by Robert Uyvari.

This year's dinner is expected to draw more than 600 participants, according to Tom Boll, who created the concept of the Make A Promise Dinner in 1987, and a member of the Milwaukee AIDS Project Fundraising Committee.

For tickets to this year's Make A Promise Dinner, please call the Milwaukee AIDS Project, (414)273-1991.

Gay vets support network

The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA), is happy to announce the formation of a support group for persons who have family members, significant others, or friends serving in the Persian Gulf. Outreach is directed to Wisconsin and Chicago.

The Milwaukee Family Support Network MFSN, was established because of profound concerns expressed by members of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community about those "who remain behind." The Network is open to anyone who has family or friends serving in the war theatre; however, the outreach is directed especially to Lesbians and Gay men who have significant others serving there.

The Network is there to provide friendship and support. Issues the Network would like to deal with are: the needs of those who remain behind (food, money, the loss of a loved one, legal issues, communication problems, etc.); the establishment of discreet space where people can voice worries and fears without the problem of military detection; "social nights out" where those who remain behind can get out to let off steam with friends who care. Future goals include potluck dinners, a 'Veterans' Wall of Support' for Gay and Lesbian vets to place a photograph and personal statement of support for the troops in the Persian Gulf, and rap groups which would address concerns not already identified.

The Metropolitan Community Church has lent it's considerable support to the Network. Paster Chris of the Milwaukee MCC attended the first meeting and confirmed her support as a Pastor and veteran for the Network and GLBVA/Milwaukee Chapter. She will be available at future meetings to counsel individuals and lend her ear.

The next meeting of the Milwaukee Family Support Network/GLBVA was not scheduled as of deadline. For more information, please call (414)342-6543 or (414)933-6233.

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Modeling? Model Hopefuls: Model Search U.S.A. will be conducting interviews in the Milwaukee area this month with individuals interested in the field of modeling. Model Search U.S.A. provides 'exposure' to agents, photographers, advertising agencies and talent scouts through their annual 'Wisconsin Models' publication. In the world of modeling you must be seen to be Discovered! Because we see 100's of model hopefuls we must be selective as to whom may appear in the magazine; but if you are not chosen for this year's edition, we always suggest that you keep trying. Our magazine will be published every year in Wisconsin as well as other states throughout the country. Phone 1-800-676-1750.

Northern Wisconsin: GWM, 27, Bl, Bl, 5'10", 160 lbs, loves outdoors, ATV's, snowmobiles, Harleys, wilderness. Very straight acting tough guy type, but clean cut! Looking to meet: Tall, Bl, Bl G/M, 20-30, same interests, who is willing to relocate. Must be neat, athletic, aggressive, hard working, honest, sincere, non-smoker, letter w/photo to: Barnes, 617 Whiteside, Pence WI 54550.

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Locals needed by HRCF

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, a national Lesbian/Gay political organization, is looking for volunteer organizers in targeted Congressional Districts in the Midwest. Offers great opportunity to learn field organizing skills, affect the national political process for Lesbian and Gay civil rights and work with professional organizers. Call or write, Laurie Dittman, HRCF; P.O. Box 146697, Chicago, Illinois 60614 or (312)281-6402.

Quilt workshop

Milwaukee - If you've lost a loved one or friend to AIDS or an AIDS related illness, and have thought about creating a quilt panel for the NAMES Project Memorial Quilt, then attend this Hands-on Quilt Workshop to be held Saturday, March 30th at the MAP Offices, 315 West Court Street.

The Workshop will follow the traditions of the old-fashioned sewing and quilting bees. It begins at noon and will end at 5pm. The suggested donation of \$5 will help defray the cost of the Workshop. Remaining monies will be donated to MAP. Participants can begin by planning out their quilt panel on paper, including the name of their friend or loved one, and other information such as birth/death dates, hometown, etc. Once the panel is planned out on paper, participants can begin to look for ways of expressing each element.

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The Quilt Workshop is offered by Havlicek & Associates, in memory of the loved ones lost to AIDS, especially David P. Iraci, who died October 31, 1990. "David was very special to me," said Annabelle Havlicek of Havlicek & Associates. "We'll all have one common goal: to create a living memorial to those we loved. By doing this, we'll also help ourselves and each other. By sitting, talking and working together, we can express our grief, anger and loneliness. Our one common goal will help to heal the wounds and will get us acquainted with others who share the same emotions."

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Queer alert!

Queer Nation Milwaukee fared much better than Woody Allen and Bette Midler in their recent foray into the land of endless parking lots and limitless charge cards — the Queer Nationals had such a good time at Southridge Mall, and March 9 at the Mayfair Mall that they've decided to continue the fun at other malls near you.

On Friday, March 15th Queer Nationals will be dedicating love songs to fellow Queers on WMYX. To dedicate a song to your loved one call (414)799-1099 at 7pm and listen for your song on 99FM WMYX.

The following week will find Queer Nation venturing downtown to the Grand Avenue Mall located on Wisconsin Ave. just west of the Milwaukee River. Queer Nationals will again meet at the food court (or Speisegarten) on the third level of the New Arcade Building at 2pm on Sunday March 17th.

These actions are part of Queer Nation's continuing attacks on compulsory heterosexuality. These mall actions as well as the earlier actions and future shopping sprees at other area malls comprise the Queer Shopping Network. Each episode is designed to increase Queer Visibility and make it safer and more comfortable for Queers to be out of the closet in all places at all times.

Queer Nation is a direct-action group dedicated to fighting anti-Queer bigotry and to promoting Queer Visibility. We welcome womyn and men of all gender identities, sexual orientation, races, abilities, ages, classes and cultures. We demand the same rights and privileges that the heterosexual population of this country enjoys and takes for granted. We will settle for nothing less!

Write to Queer Nation at P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203 or call Stan at 643-5833 or Tim at 384-3911. Queer Nation's next two meetings are Thursday, March 14th at 7pm and Sunday, April 7th at 3pm. both meetings are in the first floor meeting room of the downtown public library.

Session studies images

Milwaukee — "How do you meet other men?" It's a question many of us have often asked. Part of the answer depends on what we're looking for. It is our images, stereotypes, and fantasies which form the basis of our individual 'check lists.' Who we seek out as potential friends and partners is also influenced by our expectations and criteria, our wants and needs. Equally important is our self-image and the degree of comfort or confidence we feel about ourselves and our own attractiveness.

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GWM, 27, 5'11" 150 lbs, br/br, good-looking, sensible with good values, yet fun loving. Not into Gay life/bar scene, wishes to meet a guy (over 35) with childhood behind him. A good-looking and discreet guy who is seriously interested in building a life long relationship, a guy who believes in love and that it should be everything...or not at all. P.O. Box 71288, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

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Offered through the Men's Support Group Program, the GMDG's goal is to provide information, ideas, and support to men on a variety of 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, M.S., Coordinator of the Men's Support Group Program, at 271-2565.

LAMM hosts atty.

"Planning for the Future Together: Wills and Power of Attorney" is the topic of the March meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) on Thursday, March 21.

Alternate lifestyle couples often do not have their relationships validated. It is important and necessary to protect our relationships, our rights to visit our loved ones in the hospital and make decisions for their well-being when they cannot, and to give gifts of our property to each other upon our deaths.

Attorney Deb Procknow, a partner in Mueller & Procknow, a feminist Lesbian law firm serving the community, will address concerns about Wills, Medical and Durable Power of Attorney, and property contracts.

The program begins at 7pm, preceded by a potluck at 6pm, at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. All Lesbians are welcome. For information call LAMM at 264-2600.

Nudist beach party

Windy City Nudists, a branch of Chicago's Midwest Men's Center, invites you to its second annual indoor beach party, Saturday, March 23, 4pm, in Madison. They promise an afternoon (with overnight option available) featuring rituals, slide/films, body massage and a box lunch. Cost is \$10 plus transportation. Reservations should be made as soon as possible.

MLGPC pride update

Talented Performers Needed The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) is looking for talented individuals from Wisconsin to submit audio and/or visual audition tapes. If you're interested in performing at the 1991 Pride Rally, send your audition tapes to the MLGPC, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. The deadline for submitting demo tapes is Monday, April 8. Auditions will be held on Monday, April 15 at Theatre X, 158 North Broadway. They'll begin at 7pm sharp, so please be prompt.

Rally Volunteers Needed Volunteers are greatly needed (and appreciated) for the Rally Committee. If you're interested in lending your talents and energies, please call Larry T. at 271-9946 for further meeting information.

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The groups being offered are:

- Families & Significant Others of PWHIV/AIDS.
- Gay Men With AIDS (not HIV).
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- Gay Men With HIV (not AIDS).

Days and times are open allowing your needs to decide. For further info give us a call at HOPE, (414) 643-HOPE.

Grant allows PWA services

The Procter & Gamble Company has awarded the Physicians Association for AIDS Care (PAAC) with a \$22,500 grant which will be used to promote education services for the PWA community. According to Gordon Nary, PAAC's Executive Director, the grant will be used to subsidize the distribution of videotapes and subscriptions of PAACNOTES to 400 community-based agencies. PAACNOTES is the association's bimonthly newsjournal.

The videotape distribution will feature programs previously broadcast on the AIDS Satellite Television Network, which include a presentation on services provided by NAPWA (national Association of People with AIDS), interviews with PWAs on their

perceptions of their illness, and a program on alternative therapies. Any 501(c)3 agency primarily involved in providing service to persons with HIV infection can request these complimentary education services.

PWA Manuscripts Wanted

Also included in the grant are honoraria for PWAs whose manuscripts on patient issues are accepted by PAACNOTES for publication. PAAC will provide a \$250 honorarium for each article accepted for publication. This writing grant is designed to encourage PWAs to help educate physicians and other caregivers about how HIV is affecting their lives and issues that would improve the quality of care to all persons with HIV disease.

For further information on the writing honorarium and education services to HIV-service organizations, contact David Sandersfeld at (312) 222-1326.

List of Dentists who treat PWA's

The Chicago-based Physicians Association for AIDS Care (PAAC) recently announced the development of a national registry of general dentists and dental specialists who care for persons who are HIV positive. The registry is expected to be completed August 1, 1991. At that time, an 800 number will be announced for access to names of dental professionals in specific areas who have agreed to provide care for HIV-infected persons. Dentists who wish to be registered should contact Jerry Ritthaler at (312)222-1326.

CBS's 48 Hours telecast on January 2 drew national attention (and ACT-UP Milwaukee's efforts focused local attention) to the problems of AIDS patients who are often unable to locate dentists who are willing to provide basic services such as cleanings, fillings, extractions and root canals. According to Gordon Nary, PAAC's Executive Director, "The CBS telecast on the

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perception of the risk of transmission of HIV disease between healthcare workers and patients and its potential impact on our healthcare system is an example of television journalism at its best. The videotape of the program should be a central part of the HIV medical education curriculum of hospital, medical schools and dental schools." Michael Glick, DMD, Assistant Professor in Oral Medicine and Director of Infectious Disease of Temple University was also featured on the CBS telecast as an example of leadership in the dental community in meeting the diverse needs of HIV patients. Dr. Glick is a member of PAAC's Dental Committee that is supervising the development of the dental

registry.

A grant to support the research and development of the dental registry was recently provided to PAAC by The Procter & Gamble Company. The Procter & Gamble Company is currently conducting clinical trials on chlorhexidine (Peridex) which may prevent the development of candidiasis (oral thrush), which is a common opportunistic disease of HIV patients. PAAC is continuing to seek additional funding of \$20,000 per year for the maintenance of the 800 number after the registry is completed. According to Nary, maintenance of the 800 number will be subsidized by general PAAC revenue funds if additional grants or donations are not received. All donations to PAAC are tax deductible. ▽



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The Arts

Chorus' rainbow tour

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Ltd. is entering its 5th year of existence and busy planning their fourth annual Anniversary Awards Banquet and Anniversary Concert, with a grand finale concert in Green Bay.

This year, the Awards Banquet will be held Friday, April 12 in the Park East Hotel Grand Ballroom. Cocktails are at 6pm with dinner at 7:30 and awards following. Admission is \$20.

The fourth annual Anniversary Concert will be held April 14 at New Hope United Church of Christ at 1424 W Greenfield. Showtime is 3pm and admission is \$5.

The grand finale to the Rainbow Tour is a concert at Za's in Green Bay. Showtime is 10:30pm with a \$5 admission.

For advance tickets or more information, please call 414-933-4587 after 3pm. The Chorus, currently at 55 strong, is always looking for new members. Men and women singers are always welcome, as our Cream City Chorus 'Friends'. Friends help with fundraising, production, costuming, administrative assistance and ushering. 'Patrons' provided much needed funding to allow the Chorus to operate. Contributions help them buy music, produce concerts, participate in the Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) Chorus events, and generally meet expenses.

'Art for AIDS' auction June 2

Milwaukee — On Sunday, June 2, the Milwaukee AIDS Project will hold its first 'Art for AIDS' auction and brunch at the Italian Community Center in downtown Milwaukee.

In 1990, the Milwaukee AIDS Project was strongly urged by the arts community to host an Art Auction to support AIDS services in Milwaukee and throughout

Wisconsin.

As a result, a committee of volunteers, many of whom are respected members of the arts community, began planning, organizing and producing the 'Art for AIDS' event to support AIDS care and education services at the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

"We are anticipating more than 400 potential buyers, gallery owners and affluent members of the artist community to attend the 'Art for AIDS' benefit and raise an estimated \$30,000," said Terry Hueneke, co-chairperson, Art for AIDS auction.

The event will include a buffet brunch, entertainment and viewing, followed by an auction.

A verbal auction will feature approximately 50 pieces, each valued at \$300 or more, created by regional and national artists. The event will also include a silent auction. The solicitation process for auction items is currently in process.

For more information on the 'Art for AIDS' auction, call the Milwaukee AIDS Project, (414)273-1991.

'Great Shakes'

Milwaukee — Next Act Theatre announces **Great Shakes** as their fifth and final show of the 1990-91 season. **Great Shakes**, a performance of scenes, songs and sonnets by William Shakespeare, takes the place of **Taming Of The Shrew**.

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Bobby Hultman of Club 94 and Jimmy of King Productions pose during the Miss Gay USA benefit show at the Kenosha club. They are surrounded by the Miss Gay WI-USA and Miss Gay Great Lakes-USA titleholders who will be representing us in the Miss Gay USA finals in Atlanta in April.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

MAP: Monthly Interdenominational Worship Service — Village Church, 130 e. Juneau, 5pm.

Gay Men's Discussion Group: "Exploring our Images of Attractiveness," 6-8pm, Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue. Pre-registration not required, \$2 donation.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

Ballgame: Academy Awards Party, 8pm, pick up your ballots ahead of time!

Partner's: Academy Awards Party, food, prizes for those with most winners.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Club 219: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 9pm-midnight.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable channel 4, 9pm: Womonsong concert.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Club 219 Plus: BJ & Tiffany's benefit Show for Miss Gay USA with very special guests. \$3 suggested donation. 10pm sharp showtime.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

ZA's [Green Bay]: Janet Planet hosts lip sync.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Quilt Workshop: Hands on quilt workshop for Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, noon-5, MAP office 315 E. Court St., proceeds benefit MAP. Questions? Call Annabelle at 271-5819.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Pre-Easter Party, Jellybeans & other drink specials.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31

EASTER DAY

Wreck Room: Easter Bonnet Contest, judging begins 6pm, basket & bunny give aways at 7pm.



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will be crowned with the rather dubious title of Possum Queen.

I'd like to say good bye and wish the best to Rosie who is retiring from **The Mint 2** at the end of the month. I can't think of any other bartender that has put in more years behind a Gay bar than 'Mom' Rosie. First at Angelo's Mint bar on State Street and then when they moved to South 2nd Street, Rosie was there to chat and pour a drink. Again, the best to you!

Just found out when calling Bobby Hultman at **Club 94** for his ad copy for this issue that the poor man was rushed to the hospital the night of March 5 for emergency appendectomy surgery. At first the doctor thought it was gallstones, but it was actually a burst appendix. Now he'll go through what Kim went through (I'll be glad to come down and change your dressing for you once you're home Bobby!) Hope you heal up quickly!

News

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any event anywhere. The presence of mainstream media at November's National Gay and Lesbian Task Force conference in Minneapolis did not disrupt the gathering one bit. This is a solid analogy.

"There are two Lesbians in America who syndicate news to the Gay press," Wockner explained, "but their scope does not approach that of Outlines News Service. It is my job to routinely travel around the nation and the world to report on major Gay/Lesbian news events and provide this coverage to my affiliates. This conference is major. By an objective standard, this is an event I would ordinarily cover."

Wockner concluded: "I do not anticipate crashing the conference and turning this into an international incident, nor do I intend to file any public-accommodations discrimination complaints."

"But I certainly hope to see the day in my lifetime when Lesbians no longer feel

so utterly oppressed by society that they perceive their only option to be to respond to sexism with more blatant sexism."

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Galano Club: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 6:30 - 10pm.

Triangle: Softball Team Benefit Auction, 5pm, lots of fun & great buys. Donated items welcomed.

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veteran of the Wisconsin Shakespeare Festival) are included in the cast of five.

Great Shakes runs April 11 through April 28 at Centennial Hall located in the Milwaukee Public Library at 733 N. 8th Street. Ticket information can be obtained by calling the Next Act Box Office at 278-7780.

Davis presents local premier

Sex and the Circus and What I Know So Far are new original works performance artist Debbie Davis and actor Lisa Saunders. They will be previewed on April 4, and open for Friday & Saturday runs from April 5 through April 20 at 8pm at Lincoln Center for the Arts, Room 222. Preview tickets are \$5, with tickets priced at \$6 advance, \$8 door for the run.

Sex and the Circus by Debbie Davis is a multimedia confrontation of the fear and power in the most universal of our tricks and pleasures. It is a resistant personal salvation through film, rope walking and handstands. It is a culminating point in life of a girl (who wanted someday to be the ambassador to Norway but alas finds herself) trapped in destined acts of a Lesbian circus.

Fight or flight? Victim or oppressor? What I Know So Far, has been taught in every sentence uttered, every dollar spent, every vote cast, every video seen, every performance given. This second piece by Lisa Saunders is the human record of many voices. After understanding there is no return without complicity.



Performance artist Debbie Davis in the premier of "Sex and the Circus."

Sex and the Circus, is Debbie Davis' sixth annual production of original works in Milwaukee. She has performed her work in festivals, galleries, colleges, labor meetings, factories, and street corners throughout United States and Latin America. She co-founded the San Francisco-based Women's Circus and has performed four seasons with formerly F.M.T.'s Cream City Semi-Circus. She has been the recipient of grants from the Wisconsin Arts Board, The Cream City Foundation and Kissing Girls Productions.

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- To provide Gay Games participants with the finest athletic and cultural festivities.
- To continue the establishment of the Gay Games as one of the largest sports and cultural festivals in the world, growing in integrity and quality as a force to increase understanding and acceptance of the Games among all people.
- To gain full respect for, and increase the self-respect of Gay men and women universally.
- To gain full respect for, increase the self-respect and to foster inclusion of all peoples of the world, Gay and non-Gay, with special emphasis on people of color, the disabled and HIV-infected individuals.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The only representation Wisconsin had in previous Gay Games was the Madison Women's soccer team, the Bovine Babes, who participated in Gay Games III. A few other lone Wisconsinites participated as individuals, without community support. Could we pull together TEAM WISCONSIN for Unity '94?

Seattle Gay/Lesbian sports fest

Seattle — The fourth Northwest Gay/Lesbian Sports Festival continues its tradition of premiering Gay/Lesbian sports. Rowing will make its first ever appearance anywhere as a Gay/Lesbian event with Sports Festival competition on Lake Washington.

The Festival returns to Seattle in 1991 for the July 5-7 holiday weekend, following last summer's successful Gay Games III in Vancouver, B.C. With 15 sports, and nearly 1500 athletes expected this will be the biggest Sports Festival ever.

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Board positions for the '91 season are as follows: Director, Dean Mawhiney; Assistant Director, Cindy Olsheske; Secretary, Pat Prudlow; Asst. Secretary, Bob Doornek; Treasurer, Bruce Lemke; Asst. Treasurer, Jeff Whitt; Awards, Debi Vance and Bob Gliniecki; Banquet, Rick Steiner; Hospitality, Joe Kender; Graphics & Publicity, Mark Dekker and Doug Sleaper; Marketing, Timm Elmer and Tim McCall.

We still need more help, so if you'd like to become a part of H.I.T. '91, contact Dean at 482-1700 or Cindy at 871-4735.

Watch In Step for more details on our future fun fundraisers, including H.I.T. against AIDS on May 18 at Red Carpet Regency. And the infamous pie toss this summer, this year to be held with the Cream City Chorus.

Chicago pride run/walk

Chicago — The Chicago Metropolitan Sports Association and Chicago Frontrunners invite you to help them celebrate Chicago's 10th annual Gay and Lesbian Proud to Run/Walk events on June 29, 1991. Enjoy a weekend of activities, with the groups helping by providing free housing, if necessary, and transportation to all the events. The preliminary schedule for the weekend is as follows:

• Friday, June 28, 7pm — Proud to Run/Walk carbo load dinner, with salad, pasta, desserts, and friends to provide a proper warm-up for an exciting weekend.

• Saturday, June 29, 8am — Proud to Run/Walk 10K and 5K Runs and 5K

Walk. Split times, abundant water stations, after race results, activities, and food. All events will be organized for the extremely competitive to the first time participant.

• Sunday, June 30, 9am — Fun Run/Walk along Chicago's beautiful Lake Michigan shoreline. After, enjoy a free brunch sponsored by the Frontrunners in Lincoln Park. Chicago's 22nd annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade begins at 2pm only a few blocks away.

For more information call the following numbers. Housing applications and race forms will be sent to you sometime in April. Tom Chiola (Run/Walk Director) 312-935-1802; John Jones (Housing & Race Applications) 312-528-4577.

Gay Games IV in New York

New York — Unity '94, the theme selected by the New York organizing committee, promises to be the largest amateur athletic event in the world. Over 10,000 people participated this past August, in Gay Games III in Vancouver. New York organizers expect more than 15,000 to take part in New York in '94.

Unity '94s goal is one of inclusion. They welcome people from all races, all countries, all abilities, regardless of sexual orientation. These games will be held from June 25-July 4, 1994, coinciding with both the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion in New York City and the world's largest Gay Pride parade. All told, 500,000 people are expected to attend the celebration.

For more information on Unity '94, write: New York in '94, Times Square Station, PO Box 202, New York, NY

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Lisa Saunders has studied theater and voice at the Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts, New York University and the College of William and Mary, from which she also holds a degree in International Relations. A migrant worker, she has performed with eight diverse local companies, ranging from the Florentine to Friends Mime and has most recently toured nationally with the Ohio-based Mad River Theater Works. Lisa has also developed and performed her original material in over eighty elementary schools, using theater to engage students in history and literature.

Advance tickets for "Sex and the Circus and What I Know So Far" may be purchased at People's Books, 1808 N. Farwell St. and Outpost Natural Foods, 102 E. Capital Dr. Sponsors include: Grant funding from the Wisconsin Arts Board, co-sponsored by Media Jar and Milwaukee Public Theatre.

'Miss Daisy' at REP

The Milwaukee Repertory Theatre presents Alfred Uhry's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, **Driving Miss Daisy**, through April 7 on the Powerhouse stage.

This heartwarming story is directed by the Alliance Theatre Company's Artistic Director Kenny Leon, who returns to the Milwaukee Rep after directing the 1988/89 production of **Talley's Folly**. Mr. Leon has directed at many regional theaters across the country and has made several television appearances, including two episodes of "In the Heat of the Night."

Talkbacks for **Driving Miss Daisy** will take place at the matinees on March 17, 20, 27 and April 3. There will be an interpreted performance for the hearing-impaired on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30pm. For tickets and more information call the MRT Box Office at (414)224-9490.

Flicks

'Fun down there' on video

New York, NY — Water Bearer Films under an exclusive agreement with Frameline Inc., of San Francisco, has licensed for the home video rights to the previously unavailable film, **Fun Down There**. The film marks the first release in the Water Bearer Films up-coming line of films targeted for the Gay and Lesbian community.

Fun Down There directed by Roger Stigliano made it's American theatrical debut at the New Festival in New York City in 1989. It won the Best Feature of the year award in New York and then went on to play to packed houses at both the San Francisco and Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film Festivals. It has since played limited theatrical engagements across the country, receiving rave reviews.

A contemporary look at the classic Gay story, **Fun Down There** is about the adventure of Buddy, a young man living with his very ordinary family in upstate New York. Up till now, his only source of sexual gratification has been between the covers of *Playgirl* Magazine. Buddy leaves the small town and heads off to New York. During his first week in the East village Buddy finds a new job, new friends, (safe) sexual adventure, and, perhaps, the beginnings of romance.

In a wry and offhand style, **Fun Down There** (which has a 'street date' of 3/15/91 and will retail for \$59.95) captures the ordinary day-to-day events which in fact make life extraordinary. The primary source of the film's energy is the filmmaker's comfortable familiarity with his story and the people in it; simply and unquestioningly he asserts that, no matter how challenging the times, Gay life will continue and thrive. The unrated film has a running time of 89 minutes.

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

I swear the way these deadlines roll around that we put out a weekly publication and not a bi-weekly. Things around here are hectic enough, and now my home is in complete and utter turmoil as we paint the entire place in one fell swoop. Instead of painting a room here and a room there over a period of years, I decided it would be best to have it all done at once. It will be nice once it is all finished but until then I'm getting more and more gray hairs...

Over 200 dessert indulgers and other contributors helped the **Madison AIDS Support Network** net over \$8,000. At their Sweet Sunday afternoon in mid-February!

I erred in the last issue when I ASSUMED **Partner's** went on their Feb. 10 Chicago bar crawl. They ended up canceling the crawl, and I went on and on about their trip in my last column. Don't say I wasn't embarrassed!

Partner's did, however, wrap up their weekly Las Vegas nights in preparation for their Feb. 27 Vegas good bye party. Everyone who had chips left over from weekly Vegas nights won chances at drawings. Nearly everybody won something.

The **Wreck Room** held their monthly party night on Feb. 23 that included a special drawing for those who contributed to the WR's food drive for MAP's clients. The MAP Food Pantry continues to be in dire need of items they can't get through pantry channels.

Za's 'beached it' the night of the 23rd with their gay-la annual beach party complete with prizes for the wildest and wackiest beach attire, and of course tropical drinks. The things we'll go through to get 'leid'.

Sydney Johnson of Mass Pageant Productions moved his Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin pageant from the Hot Spot at the last minute after some problems. The pageant was moved to the downtown Ramada Inn and was held March 10 (after our deadline — photos

next issue).

Jimmy King and his USA preliminary title-holders have been all over the state doing Miss Gay USA benefits to send those title-holders to the finals in style. Shows have been held at **Club 94, Club 3054, Pivot** and **Za's**. The finals will be held in Atlanta April 2-7, and the cost of housing, gowns, props, etc. for King's title-holders is quite high. We will be represented very well by Miss Gay WI-USA Larinda Kelly, 1st runner up WI-USA C.C. Rae; and Miss Gay Great Lakes USA Alicia Kelly, 1st runner up Great Lakes B.J. Daniels, and 2nd runner up Great Lake Tiffany Thomas. Good luck to all our girls!

Milwaukee's Rufus and his Singing Machine cast made an appearance at Green Bay's **Napalese Lounge** March 1. The Nap's is offering a few hours of live entertainment every Friday evening prior to opening up the floor to dancing, and it is going over very well — and offers a space to see upcoming as well as established live acts.

The **Wreck Room Spurs** softball team auction on March 2 saw a big crowd bidding for lots of unique items including a Robert Uyvari original. This annual auction is usually one of the first softball team benefits of the season...I promise there will be lots more as most teams hold a fundraiser for themselves and a second one for SSBL, the local Gay/Lesbian softball organization.

Happy Birthday to Jet and little Bobby who celebrated their and other Pisces birthdays with a bash on March 2. We won't tell how old (or young) they are, we'll leave it up to you to count their rings (like on trees).

I attended the USA benefit show with friends Nel and Joe at **Club 94** to get a look at their nearly completed renovations. I was quite impressed with what they've done, especially to the small front bar. (Thank God the green is gone!) It's hard to describe all the decor changes except

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Viewpoints

Gay/Lesbian invisibility

by Paul Varnell

Gay invisibility (and, even more, Lesbian invisibility, or one might say Lesbian undetectability) is one of our major problems — maybe the most significant one and indicative of many others. Look at some examples: When philosopher William Warren Bartley published his 1973 biography of the modern philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein, showing that Wittgenstein was Gay, Bartley was viciously denounced by Wittgenstein's followers. Though Bartley himself was entirely accepting of Wittgenstein's homosexuality, one reviewer said Bartley "pees on the graves of men whom honest and upright people admire and respect." The Wittgenstein archives mounted an exhibit to 'prove' Wittgenstein was not Gay, even though they had diaries which confirmed Bartley's research in Wittgenstein's own words.

But it is not just Gay people and the Gay-relevance of ideas that are invisible. Too often invisibility extends to Gays as a conceptual category, as a demographic group, as a specific "locus of divergence."

Bruce Voeller, former chair of the National Gay Task Force, offers a wonderful example. In a recent article on sexual orientation, Voeller recalls that a key federal panel tried to figure out why the incidence of AIDS was so low among hemophiliacs even though most were infected with HIV. They conjectured that hemophiliacs themselves or the blood clotting factor they take might have some viral inactivator. But then they wondered why any hemophiliacs had AIDS at all.

Finally, Voeller says, he had to point out that "13 percent of hemophiliac men are likely to be predominantly Gay and thus have a sexual route for infection by the virus in addition to the route through factor VIII." Comments Voeller:

"Members of the panel failed to see on their own that hemophiliac men might be Gay, with consequences to interpreting AIDS data. Indeed, one nationally prominent blood expert was highly offended by my assertion that some hemophiliacs are homosexuals."

One of my favorite examples of Gay invisibility was a (very dated) national survey of American sexual behavior published in *Science* a couple of years ago by the National Opinion Research Center. The survey purported to find very low levels of male homosexual behavior but then the authors revealed a high "non-respondent rate" and blandly noted that they had undersampled single adult males by some 40 percent. Somehow it never occurred to the researchers that non-respondents might more likely be Gay or that "single adults males" might be the very people who were most likely to be Gay.

There are other examples too. A Chicago Tribune writer, Cheryl Lavin, wrote an article recently on — presumably heterosexual — "bachelors" in which she noted that the number of "bachelors" (age 30-44) rose from nine percent in 1975 to 13.5 percent in 1985. Is it possible that those dates embrace a decade in which more and more Gay men came out of the closet and made no attempt at marriage to hide their sexuality? Not a hint of it.

Nor when Lavin notes that married men earn an average of 30.6 percent more than unmarried men, does it seem to occur to her that maybe the reason is that the "never married" men, many of them Gay, might be discriminated against in their attempts to climb the corporate ladders.

Finally a sillier, but telling example. *GQ* magazine, trying hard to be butch, put a minor actress named Julia Roberts on its cover and declared her "every man's fantasy." Now maybe it should be beneath my dignity to be irritated by this, but she is not my fantasy, nor is she the fantasy of any of the men I asked at the bars I go to. Do I think *GQ* should say she is "every heterosexual man's fantasy?" That would be nice. At least now I think I know how African-Americans feel about "flesh colored" Band-Aids.

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that they've put in lots of glass block and laminated surfaces and seating areas. More changes to come include additional sound system improvements as well as dance floor lighting. God job, guys!

Walker's Point Cafe is celebrating its 5th anniversary with an all new look. Miss M and her crew have installed track lighting, more mirrors and even a stage for impromptu mini shows. All dressed up and too late to go out? Hit M's and be discovered! I don't know how they put up with all the drunks after hours, and to have done that for five years is amazing!

Diva Salon marked their grand opening in a new, larger space in the Historic Third Ward's Landmark Building on

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March 2 with a big celebration with lots of champagne and mingling. Best of luck to Diane, Ron and Bill in the new space which will allow them to add some new services for their well-groomed clients.

It was a night of haute couture at Club 3054 when Cheri presented a show featuring clothing designs by Chicago Gay/Lesbian designers on March 2. One even specialized in designing for those of us (like Cheri and I) of the larger size.

What is the Possum Queen? And what is a Possum Queen Rally you might ask? At the Triangle on March 3 you got to find out! Several area queens, including Lizzie Bordeaux are attempting to raise money for MAP, and the one who raises the most

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so slowly and the years don't. We fight among ourselves because we are a varied and increasingly vocal group...and because many times our real enemies are invisible. And we grow older. At least those of us who have been afforded that luxury do.

We try not to take ourselves too seriously. We try not to get disheartened when we see the homophobia in movies and best-selling books...and from politicians who should know better. Finally, we try to laugh more often than we cry. And usually, when we laugh, it's with our friends. Friends like Debbie and Cathy and Sandy and Jan. Friends like Mark and Tony and Frank and Andy. Friends like John.

In Memoriam

**Tom Theis
1929-1991**

Tom Theis died of complications of AIDS on February 26. Tom was born in North Prairie, Southwest of Waukesha, on August 4, 1929, and grew up in Mukwanago.

Tom was a Co-founder of the Saturday Softball Beer League in 1978 he was also mainly responsible for starting The Wreck Room Classic Softball Tournament over Memorial Day weekend in 1978. The highly successful tournament was taken over by the Saturday Softball Beer League in 1986, and renamed The Milwaukee Classic. Tom also served as Tournament Director for the 1979 Gay Softball World Series in Milwaukee, and personally invited Twin Cities, Chicago and Boston to the tournament.

Tom's contributions to Gay softball were recognized at the Twin Cities Good Times Softball Classic in 1989 and in San Francisco in 1990 at The Pendulum Classic Softball Tournament.

Tom was a sportsman for all seasons, actively supporting the Packers, Brewers, Badgers and Warriors. But softball was his first love.

AIDS took its toll on Tom over the past few years. He became more outspoken, which turned some people off. But Tom was extremely generous when asked to help a friend in need.

Tom — Rest In Peace — You will be greatly missed.

—Sincerely,
Tom Salzsieder

My close friend of 12 years died on February 26. Tom Theis was a founder of the SSBL and was a scorekeeper for the Wreck Room team. Physically he has left our world, but in spirit he will always be with us. We all have our own memories of him, and each of us will miss him in a different way.

When Winter turns to Spring and it's time for softball, I'll remember the trips we would take to all the tournaments and the Gay World Series. Tom helped me to see a whole different side out "our world." When I went to San Francisco in December everyone thought I went alone but Tom was in my heart, all the place and things I saw I would remember the first time I saw them with him.

Tom and I both like the song "Wind Beneath My Wings," and as the song says "You were my hero," well Tom was my hero, my friend, and my best audience. I'll think of him always.

— Tracy

George Wallerman

On February 26, one of my best friends, George Wallerman, passed away from a heart attack. When death is expected it seems easier to deal with, but unexpected it comes as a real shock.

George was my friend and confidant. He was a true giver of himself, never asking for anything in return, or expecting anything.

When George went, he was doing what he felt was needed, helping a friend who was unable to help himself. My hope for George's friend and room-mate, Jack, who he has lived with for over 15 years, will be, in time, to forgive the circumstances surrounding George's death and remember all the good times. I think George would have wanted that. I've missed him much, already.

— Tracy

View from a Room

by Nancy Lyn Define

For John, wherever I might find him

This is for John. Oh it's also for Mario and Mark and Frankie and Andy. But mostly, this is for John. Because I love John. Because John is gentle and kind and good. Because, well, because John is John.

Sometimes I worry about him. Not that John is sick or anything. So far, John has been lucky. But John is a man and John is Gay. I worry.

So, you see, if you're a militant Lesbian who thinks AIDS isn't our problem, well maybe you better think again. And if you're one of those 'womyn' who think that ALL men are our enemy..well, maybe you ought to rethink that a little, too. Because ALL men are not the enemy. Prejudice is. And fear is. And ignorance is. Sometimes I wonder if YOU are when you spread your "EVERYONE with a penis is bad and contributes to keeping women down" philosophy. But go ahead.

Tell me how even a nine month old baby boy should not be welcome at a women's festival. Explain to me again how I am consorting with the enemy by writing for publications which allow men to voice their opinion. Sue me if I dare to use the words 'Gay woman' rather than Lesbian. But you are not going to change how I feel about John. So, take your best shot. Tell me John is oppressing me. Tell me John is keeping me down. Tell me I'm a traitor to feminism, a Mata Hari to Gay women. But don't you dare tell me who my friends can be. And don't you dare classify all persons merely because they have-or do not have-a penis. Let me say it again. I love John. And Mario. And Frank. And Andy. And I don't want to go to a bar where they're not welcome.

And I don't want to live in a world where the specter of AIDS hovers over them. And I don't want to climb to success over their dead bodies. And I sure don't want to associate with women who are using this tragedy for their own ends.

Of course sexism is still widespread, even among Gay men who should know better. And I abhor that as much as the next woman. Believe me, I want equal pay and equal status and equal respect. But Gay men are not my enemy. They have not made things more difficult for me. They have not wanted me barefoot, pregnant and ignorant. They have not been the ones to teach me that the traditional American family structure is the only natural way for woman to live. Indeed, they have also fought the very misconceptions that have held me down for two thousand years.

Besides, a lot of them have their own problems these days. And their problems must be my problems. Because my fate and my future is inexorably tied in with theirs. Therefore, with each indignity a Gay man with AIDS suffers, with each indifferent attitude, with each medical advance that gets tied up in red tape, I am diminished. And my rights are diminished. And my voice is less.

We are a family. And the common bond of our orientation and our struggle and our lost heritage should surpass our differences of gender or color or economic status. We are connected. And no amount of disagreement can ever change that.

So please don't tell me ALL men are my enemy. Or that we have to climb over the backs of ANYONE to gain respect. And please don't tell me I'm not Gay unless I use the word 'Lesbian.' Or the term 'herstory' instead of history. As far as the 'penis oriented' publications you find so offensive, don't read them. Although I think you're missing out on a lot that way. And refusing to read newspapers that are the lifeblood of our community is beyond my comprehension. But then, I'm still trying to understand what the big deal was about the nine-month-old baby boy at the women's festival. And why you continually referred to him as the 'oppressor.'

Look. Most of us just carry on, trying to change what we can when we can, growing impatient because change comes



Jet's Place owner Jeanette [Jet] and staffer Bobby during their Pisces birthday bash.

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Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Club 219: The return engagement of International Male Dancers, 11:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

ZA's [Green Bay]: International Male Dancers, 11pm showtime, \$4 admission, reserved seats also available.

Nothing to Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, Real Eyes Realize Real Lies with Jay Hateway: "Nazi History & Gays."

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Miss Gay USA Benefit Show.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Partner's: INXS Reception party, watch INXS videos, drawings for INXS CD's & stuff. First drink free to anyone wearing INXS articles.

Mint 2: Sheepshead tournaments, 7:30pm every Thursday.

Queer Nation: Meeting at 7pm, 1st floor meeting room of downtown public library.

La Cage: Judy Tenuta, the wild & crazy petite flower, fashion goddess & founder of Judy-ism, live in two shows, 10:30 & midnight.

Station II: Happy Birthday Lois, 2 for 1 until 10pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Live entertainment by Jeff Jennings & Rhonda.

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 4-8pm.

Beer Town Badgers: Club Night at Boot Camp Saloon. Drawings for prizes & drink tickets, 10pm until 1:30am.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Bar crawl to Milwaukee, \$15 per person, see bartender.

Queer Nation: Dedication of love songs to

Has anyone ever discovered a tiny leatherman sleazing around in green chaps? Any Green Fat Dykes from Hell? How about teeny green drag queens with emerald high heels and matching wigs? Green, two-stepping cowboys — **los verdes gringos** — dressed in green ten-gallon (would you believe...one-pint??) hats?

Are they out in the Gay bars playing pool, and we just can't see beyond their clever camouflage against the billiard table's green felt?

At any rate, even if we **could** find them and manage to pick up a Gay one (is the ratio the same 10% as in the human demographics?), as the legend goes, these crafty leprechaun creeps are able to work their deceptive magic on any man who tries to catch them, and with a mere wave of the magic wand, they can make you men think **their** little wand is a lot bigger than it really is.

Can't you picture it? You finally get those tiny little trousers down and — poof — "Oh, wow, man, begorrah if that isn't a big one! I've never seen a fairy so well

hung," you say.

And as soon as you come out of your sexual stupor, away dances your little trickster trick with his Lucky Charms still intact. And women, don't be mesmerized by what appears to be big-busted — a size thirteen D-cup only **looks** stacked on that miniature woman in the green plaid flannel shirt.

In addition to the sheer humiliation of being deceived so cunningly, there is yet another drawback to having sexual liaisons with these lying leprechaun louses. Across the country, VD clinics are reporting increasingly heavier statistics on women with green gonorrhoea and many men complaining of "green weenie" syndrome. And, guys, if you thought **blue** balls were painful, you ain't felt nothin' till...well, you get the picture.

So even if you happen to have the luck of the Irish and manage to tear off a piece of the green, scoring with one of these sexy wee people, you may be crying in your green beer the very next night.

Wake up and smell the whiskey. Don't be a green horn. You have been warned.

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No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

Looking for leprechaun love

Rumors have been spreading faster than an Irish queen's legs, that hordes of Gay men are out searching for leprechauns (and Lesbians are looking for leprechaunettes) this St. Patrick's Day. Apparently many of these men are size-queen questers, attempting to find out just how wee these wee ones really are. And Gay women have been seen trying to snare wee women, cleverly using green tofu as bait.

These inquisitive searchers explain that they are merely looking for their pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Either they have been **smoking** that pot of gold (Irish yellow, grown in potato field, perhaps?) or they are mistaking the Gay rainbow flags flying all over town for the answer to their hunt for fame and fortune.

Seeking out the natural woody habitat of the leprechaun, horny men have been spied poking about the trees and bushes at local park cruise spots. Making a poor attempt at an Irish brogue, they have been overheard among the foliage, groaning out loud, making sexual advances such as, "Kiss my blarney stone," or "Suck my shilalah," in order to turn on the little people.

Lesbians have been seen in bars quzzling Irish coffees and engaging these Erin Go Bra-less babes in conversation, later taking the little green ladies home in expectation of eventually getting to their Wild Irish Roses.

While we know for sure that leprechauns and leprechaunettes are really fairies, we cannot take for granted that these fairies are all Gay. After all, when have you ever seen one of the tiny folk with any fashion sense at all — my God, those pointy, green shoes simply do not work well with the rest of the outfit, my dear.

What about political awareness? For instance, when was the last time you

spotted one of the wee people wearing a "Queer Nation" t-shirt or an ACT UP button? Do you recall any pink triangles on green lapels?

How about the little green ones' lifestyles? Have you ever seen one marching in a Gay Parade? Of course we may be looking in the wrong contingent; obviously the Clean and Sober marching unit would not be a likely place to find them. Perhaps the Small and Smashed contingent?



Thursday, March 14th
Happy Birthday Lois!
 2-for-1 'till 10 pm

St. Patrick's Weekend

Friday, March 15th
 Starting at 10:15
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Saturday, March 16th
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Tuesday, March 19th, 7pm
SOFTBALL MEETING

Watch for Easter Surprises!

fellow Queers, 7pm, WMYX, 99FM in Milwaukee.

Station II: St. Pat's Weekend, St. Pat's Raffle items, starting at 10:15pm.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Sage La Rue hosts lip sync.

Jo'Dees [Racine]: Pam's birthday party, 7-close, free beer & food.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

Za's [Green Bay]: Bay City Chorus benefit bake sale, 10pm followed by King Productions Miss Gay USA Benefit Show, 10:30pm, \$3 cover.

Jet's Place: Girth & Mirth Meeting, 10:30pm.

Station II: St. Pat's Weekend, open 1pm, 25 cent green tappers from 1-6.

BWMT Monthly meeting: Screening of the film "Tongues Untied," 8pm, followed by a discussion. If you missed the films Milwaukee premiere during UWM's Black History month, here's your chance. All Saint's Cathedral Library, 818 E. Juneau. Info call Michael 265-8500.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Victoria's Variety Revue, 10:30 showtime.

Leaded Shade II: Pre-St. Pat's Party. Free green beer 8-10, corned beef buffet.



SUNDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day



Ballgame: 18th Anniv. & St. Pat's Day Celebration. All day affair, food fun & door prizes. Piano & sing-a-long with Dave from 5-7.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Miss Gay Appleton Pageant. A WI-USA Preliminary.

Club 3054 [Madison]: St. Pat's Blowout, free green beer noon-3, Blarney shots \$1 all day, 8pm drawing for door prizes with munchies, double beer bust noon- 8 and 9 till close.

Jet's Place: St. Pat's party, 75 cent tap green beer.

Club 219: St. Pat's Party, open bar 9pm-10pm (rail, tap beer & soda only), \$3 cover, 219 Girls show at 11:30 with Ginger Spice, green shot specials.

Mint II: St. Pat's Day Party, special drink prices for those wearing green, food 4 to 9.

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Miss M and her staff at Walker's Point Cafe [minus Tabitha Stevens who fell into a vat of mascara] celebrated the late night hot spot cafe's 5th anniversary.

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Queer Nation: Queer Shopping Network, at Grand Ave. Mall. Meet in 3rd floor Spiesgarten at 2pm.

Station II: St. Pat's Weekend, annual bowling party, noon at Classic Lanes, green beer & cash prizes \$10.

Partner's: St. Pat's Day, premiere of the 'Milwaukee Wild Boyz', 10:30pm, no cover. Every Thursday after there will be a \$3 cover (with ticket worth \$2 rail drink).

Wreck Room: St. Pat's Day celebration. Wear green and your second drink is free. 2 for 1 tap beer all day. Imported Irish beer, Irish Coffee 'n Cream specials.

Jo'Dee's [Racine]: St. Pat's Day, green beer; free corned beef and cabbage 7-close.

Glass Menagerie: St. Pat's Dinner special.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Station II: Softball team meeting, 7pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable

channel 4, 9pm — "Minutes from Moonburst," Chicago's Lionheart Theatre on the woes of radical fairies.

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Wheel of Fortune, starring Tina St. James, 10:30pm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

M&M Club: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 8pm-12 midnight.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Pisces Birthday Party, free barrel beer, 7-?

LAMM Meeting: "Planning for the future together: Wills & Power of Attorney" with speaker Atty. Deb Procknow. 6pm potluck, 7pm program. Milw. Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th. All Lesbians welcome, for info call 264-2600.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

ZA's [Green Bay]: Kitty hosts Lip sync.



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Books

Literary award finalists

Washington, DC — Lambda Book Report March 1 announced finalists for the **Third Annual Lambda Literary Awards**. The Awards, recognizing excellence in Gay and Lesbian writing and publishing, will be presented during a gala banquet in New York City on Friday, May 31, 1991, on the eve of the American Booksellers Association Convention.

From the thousands of nominations received for the awards, 86 titles from 43 different publishers were selected as the finalists. The country's largest Gay and Lesbian presses, Alyson Publications and Naiad Press respectively, placed the most finalists with six each. Titles appearing in more than one category are **The Trouble with Harry Hay** by Stuart Timmons (Alyson), **Virago** by Karen Marie Christa Minns (Naiad), **The Body and Its Dangers** by Allen Barnett (St. Martin's Press), and **Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World** by Susie Bright (Cleis Press).

Now, the task of selecting one outstanding title in each category lies with 90 judges representing a broad cross section of the entire Lesbian and Gay literary community. Awards will be presented in 18 categories: Lesbian Fiction, Gay Men's Fiction, Lesbian Non-fiction, Gay Men's Non-fiction, Lesbian Anthologies, Gay Men's Anthologies, Lesbian Mystery, Gay Men's Mystery, Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy, Gay Men's Science Fiction/Fantasy, Lesbian Poetry, Gay Men's Poetry, Lesbian Debut, Gay Men's Debut, Gay Publisher's Book Award, Lesbian Publisher's Book Award, and AIDS writing.

Also to be presented that night are the Second Annual Ferro-Grumley Awards for Lesbian and Gay Fiction, the Third Annual Bill Whitehead Lifetime Achievement Award sponsored by the Publishing Triangle, and the 1991 Gregory Kolovakos Award for AIDS Writing.

Gay book catalogue

New York — Paths Untrodden, a Gay owned/Gay operated mail order book service for literature concerning male homosexuality has released its 1991 catalog, listing hundreds of titles in an expanded subject classification that includes 83 different subject areas.

Paths Untrodden specializes in hard to find out of print, small press and imported books. The first part of the catalog focuses on non-fiction in areas such as Gay anthropology, Gay humor, Gay relationships, and Gay lifestyles. The second part consists of recent acquisitions of fiction and erotic paperback originals published from the 1960s to the present. A special tribute is given to pioneer Gay bookseller Ed Drucker who for almost 20 years operated Elysian Fields Booksellers until his recent death due to complications from AIDS.

The catalog, a 48 page bibliography, is available for \$3 from Paths Untrodden, P.O. Box 459, Village Station, New York, New York 10014-0459.

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8. Avoid any man who would rather eat ice cream than make love because, "...they both start out hard and are soft by the time you're done, ice cream doesn't have any sexually transmitted diseases and you don't have to wait patiently for a bowl of Rocky Road to come." This theory fails to mention that it's much easier to put a condom on a man than a bowl of ice cream, although in both cases, removing the rubber can be messy.

9. Any man who wears an Electronic Surveillance Bracelet, issued by the local sheriff's office, in place of a cock ring probably has a police record.

10. Most Gays enjoy an occasional love bite or nibble, but don't get so lost in the moment that you start chomping away on your partner's nipples like you're chewing on a wad of Bazooka Bubble Gum.

11. Avoid excessive in-the-dark eagerness and the infliction of embarrassing love marks on a sex partner by always asking permission first. This will help block those with poor night vision

from giving his shirt collar a hickey, which can be especially traumatic if you're Catholic and he's a priest. Never get so carried away that you actually suck blood unless he's a big fan of **Dark Shadows**.

Remember, more Gay men than ever before are coming out and entering today's dating pool. To avoid drowning it's important to use your time productively by practicing your dating skill. Finally, asking a hot man for a date is much like learning how to put on a condom, the first time is pretty embarrassing and uncomfortable, but you'll get used to it.

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Reflections from the Joan Zone

by Joan Lawrence

Pedophilia

It has come to my attention that two very prominent men in our community are probably pedophiles. Obviously, I can not name them in this column without possibly subjecting both myself and In Step to a lawsuit. Yet I feel that I have been carrying a burden which needs to be shared with the entire Gay/Lesbian community.

I do not possess enough concrete evidence to go to the authorities and initiate possible prosecutions; however, based on my personal knowledge and the impeccability of my sources, I absolutely believe this to be true. It is one thing to believe something like this; it is quite another to be able to prove it under our criminal justice system.

I've been in Milwaukee approximately eighteen months. Granted I'm very active in the community and know many people,

but if I have acquired this knowledge, mainly from what has been shared with me by the Gay community, then I must ask, how many other people know and have known much longer than I, yet have chosen to remain silent?

This is an extremely personal subject to me. When I was in elementary school, a very close friend was molested by the school janitor. This man became his pal. He bought the little boy gifts and took him to interesting, exciting events. He made him feel as if he were the most important person in the whole world. He played with the boy's emotions until he possessed both his love and his trust. This animal violated a lonely, insecure, frightened, vulnerable child! It was a slow, insidious process which culminated in various perverted sexual acts.

This boy is now a man in his early forty's. He's been a runaway, a

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

Dating primer

It's a jungle out there and the truth is, most Gays know little of the guerrilla dating tactics required to survive in today's mating market place. Competition for hot men is fierce. It takes more than an attitude and a serious hair-do and there's no such thing as equal opportunity dating. Even the human anatomy seems to conspire against clear, level headed thinking, especially if you're really horny for a man. In such cases, it's a medically proven fact that all the blood rushes from your head in favor of another part of your body, depriving your brain of the vital oxygen required to make swift, rational decisions. In fact, the more endowed a person is, the dumber he becomes while making love. The following column is filled with tips and concepts designed to aid in your fight for the right to determine your dating destiny.

1. Be skeptical of any mustache-laden Arab who boasts of his sexual prowess by declaring having sex with him will be, "The Mother of all one night stands!"
2. While engaged in foreplay, a man who gently blows in your ear using his hair dryer (set on LOW) probably is just going through the motions and is not all that interested in making love with you.
3. When performing oral sex, refrain from making that funny face like you did as a kid, when your mother forced you to eat your vegetables, unless a kinky partner has smeared a can of Cream Corn over his entire body and insists on being called the

Jolly Green Giant, HO-HO-HO!

4. If the sex is fabulous — wild, frantic, hot, satisfying, and safe with no permanent marks from the handcuffs — he will immediately forget your name, your phone number and everything else about you. It is unlikely you will ever hear from him again, and the next time you see him out in public, he will try very hard to ignore you, especially if he's with his lover. On the other hand if the sex is pitifully awful, he'll stick to you like bad cologne (purchased at Woolworth's or Walmart).

5. Avoid dating any Gay Activist whose idea of a fun evening consists of spending the entire night finalizing his plan to drag more positive Gay role models out of the closet by "outing" Uncle Arthur from *Bewitched* and Dr. Smith from *Lost in Space*.

6. Sex is likely on the mind of any man who suggests a quiet night of watching videos, instead of going to the bars. This is especially true if every title in his extensive video library contains one or more of the following words; Hot, Hung, Horny, Hard, Huge, Hunk, Inches, Tool, Leather, Balls, Boys or Big.

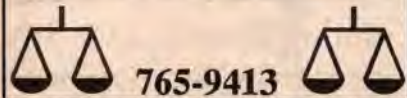
7. Any dinner date who selects an expensive, trendy restaurant and then insists the meal be 'dutch treat,' since he's busy paying off huge psychiatrists bills in an attempt to get over a string of failed relationships, is not a good prospect for a long-term love affair.

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prostitute, a drug and alcohol abuser, who has tried suicide several times, and is incapable of sustaining a real relationship with either a man or a woman.

Pedophilia is one of the most heinous, abhorrent aberrations of which humans are capable. The damage perpetrated on its victims is horrendous, pervasive and often permanent. Their entire lives are irrevocably changed.

Pedophiles frequently talk about how much they 'love' their victims. They seem to really believe that they are 'good' to and for their victims. Since they often prey on helpless, abused, lonely, displaced children from dysfunctional situations, on the surface, these claims may even appear to be true.

But the truth is that pedophilia is not about love, not about caring or helping, and it's often not even about sex. It is about power. The kind of power that all adults hold over children which most refrain from abusing.

Adult to child love is not a relationship. It can never be equal. The child can never choose to have sex with the adult. It's about manipulation. It's about fear. It's always about control and abuse of authority. Sometimes it might even be about pleasing the only person who has ever been kind to you.

Some pedophiles claim their victims 'wanted' it. If it's a Gay male with a young boy or a young man, the perpetrator will often justify his actions by saying I helped him come out. It's bullshit. He raped a child. He damaged and frequently ruined a life. He forced another human being to live with a burden that no one should ever have to carry!

That leads me back to why I'm writing this column. Statistically, there is a higher incidence of pedophilia among heterosexual males; yet despite this fact, homosexual men are particularly vulnerable and can fall victim to either innuendoes or actually being charged with this crime. Innocent, decent, caring Gay men and to some extent Lesbian women, who truly love children and wish to work in various professional capacities which serve young people, have had their lives

ruined or made extremely difficult by these accusations. It's not fair, but the straight world frequently fears us as they do because in many of their minds that's what Gays and Lesbians are — child molesters.

So that's why we of all groups must fight this evil with everything in us!

When we tolerate organizations which promote man-boy love, such as the National Association for Man Boy Love, we all become vulnerable to this accusation. When members of these organizations appear on talk shows advocating adult-child love as an alternative lifestyle or claiming this practice as a civil liberty, every Gay and Lesbian must react.

We must step forward and proclaim that pedophilia is not about alternate lifestyles or civil liberties, it is about depravity and perversion!

If we remain silent and let these monsters practice their perversion, we must share responsibility for all their victim's damaged lives. In addition, we must assume responsibility for every dedicated, devoted Gay/Lesbian who is not allowed to practice his/her profession due to false charges. And for every Gay and Lesbian who isn't hired in their chosen field because of fear and prejudice. If we allow these monsters to rise to prominence in our community and fail to expose them or even worse protect them, then we have to live with the consequences; the damage to every Gay and Lesbian in Milwaukee, and with the guilt.

Finally, if anyone reading this column has evidence against a pedophile, please take action! If you are a young man or woman who has suffered this violation and needs support or desires to press charges, please contact me in care of In Step. Perhaps we can bring these people to justice. Maybe we can at least form a support group for their victims. Join me in doing something!!



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