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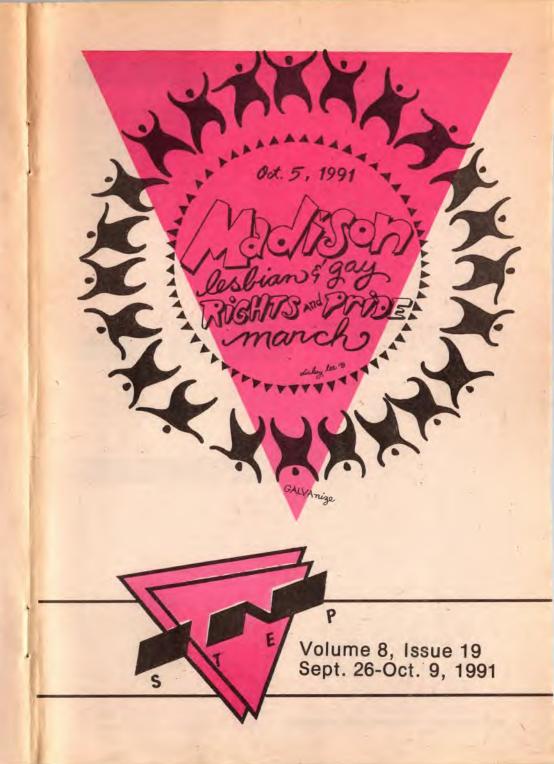
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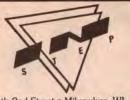
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Our cover this issue highlights the Madison March Weekend for Gay and Lesbian Rights and Pride, October 4-6. Organized by GALVAnize (Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance), it promises to be bigger and better than the '89 March in Madison. Once again, the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt will be enshrined in the city for the same three days, but this time it will be nearly 6 times the size displayed in '89, and will be housed in the McClain Athletic Facility.

For full details on all related weekend events, see the MADISON MARCH WEEKEND section is this issue of In Step (see index below).

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News

Dozens testify before Blue Ribbon Panel

Gays & Lesbians testify

Milwaukee — Gays and Lesbians by the dozens testified before Mayor John Norquist's 'Blue Ribbon Commission' that is studying relations between the Milwaukee Police Department and the community at large at a well attended hearing on September 17 at the United Community Center.

The charge of the commission is to identify any needed improvements in police- community relations. The Citizen Commission on Police-Community Relations is examining the MPD's performance of service to the public, particularly in the areas of responsiveness and sensitivity to the diversity within the city. The Commission is also to attempt to identify problem areas and make specific recommendations for improving that relationship and to enable greater police/ citizen crime prevention activity. The Commission was set up in response to citizen complaints arising out of the Jeffrey Dahmer mass murder case.

The Commission heard story, after story, after story of incidents of police harassment — both verbal and physical; intimidation, disarmingly slow response times, threats, ineptness, and complaints of both in-action and over- reaction. The hearing, which was to last only two hours, stretched to nearly three. Afterwards, panel members exchanged questions and comments with the audience.

Individuals, as well as representatives of various Gay/Lesbian organizations gave testimony of their "horror stories." A number of anonymous written statements, prepared in advance by many who were afraid of reprisals or feared for their jobs and lives, were also read before the panel and the audience. One of those anonymous testimonies came from a current MPD officer, and another by a

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former MPD officer.

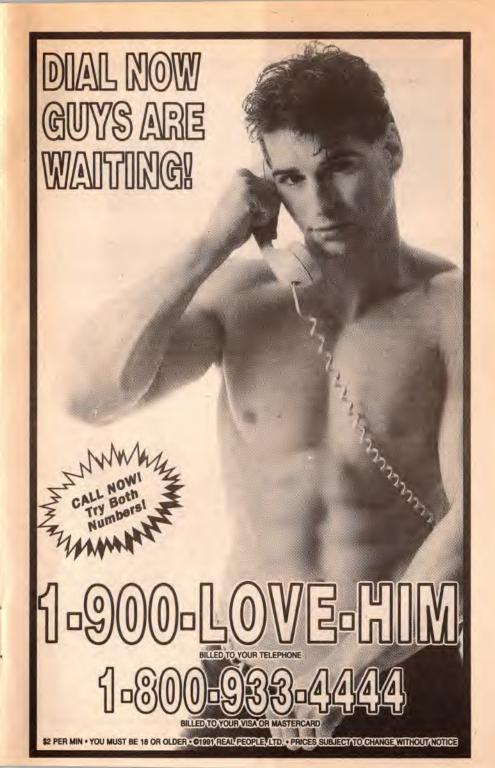
An openly-Lesbian detective from Madison, who was commanding in her presence, gave a view of what it is like to work in an open and diverse police department, such as Madison has. Her testimony had a strong, positive impact on both the audience and the commission.

Surprisingly, all those who went before the commission introduced themselves and any affiliation before speaking. Many testified from the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM). Community consensus prior to the hearing was that most would not identify themselves out of a sense of paranoia.

Central to the Commission's examination is the issue of preparedness of the department to serve citizens from diverse backgrounds. They are investigating academy training components, personnel in service training sessions, recruitment strategies and community outreach mechanisms.

The Gay/Lesbian audience came ready to give the Commission their view of what is needed to achieve those goals. Following are a list of some of those suggestions:

- Recruitment of openly Gay/Lesbian officers:
- Appointment of a Gay/Lesbian liaison to the police department from within the department;
- Physchological testing of police department applicants to weed out racists and homophobes before they go into training;
- Comprehensive sensitivity and cultural training in both the academy and in on- going in- service training sessions at all levels in the department;
- A mandate from the Mayor's and Police Chief's office for an immediate halt



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of use of racist, gender centric, anti- Gay and Lesbian language on all levels of the police department;

 A mechanism for a representative of the community to approach the department.

The Lavender Ribbon Network also presented preliminary results obtained from a survey of the community. Final results were promised within a two week period, but early results reflected a continuation of the litany of complaints against the department.

Kitty Barber, LAMM, said in summary remarks, "It is clear that the vast majority of us who have suffered abuse from the MPD are not here tonight. For some, even providing anonymous testimony was too dangerous. They know that this Blue Ribbon Commission will not, and can not guarantee their safety. This commission will not bail them out of jail or protect them on the street.

"The powers of the police are so vast, that we know that simply being arrested can ruin a persons life, and sometimes actually end it. If a society's police do not adhere to the rules we can easily and quickly move from a free society a democratic society to a police state. And I submit to you that today, right here in Milwaukee, for some people, in certain parts of this city a police state exists.

When the police use their power to harass, intimidate, to threaten, and to spy on those they don't like or those they perceive as powerless; when some people live in fear of this; is that not a police state?

"These officers are public servants, charged with serving and protecting all the people. Yes, training, and re-training these officers to be sensitive and culturally aware is something that can and must happen, and it must happen now!"

Stephanie Hume, also of LAMM, commented to the Commission. "I was raised to believe that the police supports and protects us - not matter who we are. where we live or who we love, and that's just not true. My suggestion to you - as a panel that's got a pretty big job - is that you understand that if we have to educate you first, before we can even get you to educate them (the police) then we have a pretty big job ahead of us. I don't believe that you can change peoples basic beliefs. but you can make them accountable, and you can make them understand, that if they treat me differently because of who I am, that they will be repercussions and it won't be just a letter!"

The Commission has until October 15 to finalize their process and present their report to the Mayor.

11 arrested in Madison AIDS/ prison demo

[Madison] — "I believe we can say victory is at hand," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Nelson made his remarks at a press conference in the state capitol in Madison on September 9, held as a part of a national demonstration to protest the alleged abuse of prisoners living with AIDS.

The demonstration, the first of its kind on prison issues, was held to coincide with the first anniversary of the death of Donald Woods, an HIV+ inmate who died of asphyxiation while being restrained and gagged with a towel by prison guards in Waupun Correctional facility.

The demonstration was attended by ACT UP chapters from Chicago, St. Louis and Minnesota.

Nelson, a member of Gov. Tommy Thompson's Advisory Committee on the treatment of HIV/AIDS in the prison system, went on to say that he was "assured" that 'virtually all" of the Committee's 34 recommendations for the treatment of prisoners with HIV/AIDS would be implemented by the Department of Correction (DOC) "within two-three weeks." Nelson praised ACT UP highly for being "largely responsible" for this "praiseworthy" change in DOC's policy.

Dan Savage of ACT UP Madison remained unconvinced, telling the assembled media that "We're not going to settle for enactment of 'virtually' all of the recommendations. We want every single one implemented and we want it now!"



11 arrests occurred during the ACT UP called first national prison issues demonstration in Madison recently.

Savage also announced that "in solidarity with the demonstration," prisoners, led by Roger Hillman, an inmate living with AIDS were conducting a phone zap of the Governor's office.

Other members of the panel addressing the press included Jeff Holubowicz, President of Local 18 representing prison guards and staff and Judy Greenspan, of the ACLU's National Prison Project.

Holubowicz pled for "understanding" of the situation faced by guards and staff. "Complaining," he said, to prison officials "threatens our careers and jobs." He said he feared retaliation simply for speaking at the conference.

Greenspan offered a bleak picture of the AIDS epidemic in prison life.

"Today, AIDS in prison is a death sentence," said Greenspan. She noted sadly the charges of murder that have been lodged against prisoners with AIDS.

Following the press conference, a rally was held on the west face of the capitol attended by approximately 200 people carrying signs and banners condemning Gov. Thompson, DOC and the Wisconsin prison system for, in effect, sentencing prisoners to death.

"AIDS did not kill Donald Woods," shouted Savage. "The State of Wisconsin killed Donald Woods." The crowd cheered lustily.

Following speakers including Nelson, Greenspan and others, activists enraged over prison abuses, marched into the capitol chanting "Tommy Thompson, you can't hide/ We charge you with homicide! The shouts echoed in the building, largely vacated by the lunch hour.

Marchers converged on the Governor's second floor office. Thompson was out of town, but activists tossed dozens of towels at the guards, standing shoulder to shoulder in front of the office door. As has been the case since April, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches were also left.

This latter in protest against prison practice of allowing inmates with AIDS like Hillman who were only allowed one extra peanut and jelly sandwich instead of the high caloric foods recommended by their physicians.

After the rally in front of Thompson's office, activists held a die-in on the second floor overlooking the capitol rotunda, then re-enacted Woods' death before marching on to the DOC building. They were met by



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Group issues study of G/L teens in MPS

The Committee to Study Issues Concerning Gay and Lesbian Teens has completed its four month study in developing recommendations that will be presented to the Instruction and Community Relations Committee of the Milwaukee Public School Board of Directors on Wednesday, October 9, at 7pm. The meeting is held at the Milwaukee Public School Administration Building, 5225 W. Vliet.

Public input and testimony is welcomed and requested at this meeting. The School Board Committee meeting is the only time that public input is allowed. The Committee will then vote on whether or not to approve the resolution of the Gay and Lesbian Teens Committee. If approved, the item will then be placed on the agenda before the entire 9 member School Board for a vote on Wednesday, October 30. However, at that meeting, no input will be taken from the members in

the audience; only discussion on the item by school board members will occur. (Last minute changes may alter the above times and dates).

The Committee to Study Issues Concerning Gay and Lesbian Teens was formulated after Kathy Herbst, who facilitates the Insight group for young Lesbians 17-21 years of age, and Michael S. Lisowski, Director of Gay Youth Milwaukee, met with former Superintendent Robert S. Peterkin and Associate Superintendent Robert C. Jasna this past April to discuss with them the need to set up programs and support services for Lesbian and Gav teens in the Milwaukee Public Schools. (Peterkin soon left as Superintendent and was replaced by Howard Fuller. Jasna is now Deputy Superintendent.) A Committee was formed to develop recommendations for School Board discussion and approval. and was chaired by Sheryll Gotts, Curriculum Specialist- Health and Physical Education, The 14 member Committee was comprised of representatives from the he various MPS branches; supportive staff, guidance services, administrative supervisory council and the Milwaukee Teachers' Education Association. Ms Herbst and Mr. Lisowski also served on the Committee, in addition to a member from Gay Youth Milwaukee, Bernell Howard.

ACT UP NATIONAL PRISON DEMO contd. from page 6 a formidable array of Madison police.

The stated intent of the marchers was to padlock the DOC. Police, however. engaged them in a shoving match. ultimately arresting 11 activists. Nine were charged with disorderly conduct, two with resisting arrest. All were subsequently released.

However, during the protest, DOC officials who have refused to meet with ACT UP, released a press statement listing 17 of the Advisory Committee's recommendations that DOC claimed it had already implemented. These deal mainly with education and counseling of inmates on HIV/AIDS.

DOC continued to dig in its heels at the distribution of condoms and clean needles

Holubowicz said the union concurred with this. He cited condoms as a "security risk" and proposed that instead of clean needles, bleach be available to all.

Savage promised that ACT UP would continue to protest for prison reform.

Although both the Wisconsin statutes S.118.13 and Milwaukee Public Schools's policy prohibit pupil discrimination based on sexual orientation, nothing has been provided in the area of supportive services and programs in the schools since its mandate in 1987.

Four basic needs are addressed in the Committee's report: education (students, administrators faculty and staff); school safety; drop-out prevention strategies; and support services. The Committee's resolutions are:

· all youth be guaranteed the right to a free public education in a safe and nurturing environment regardless of sexual orientation;

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 all young persons have an equal opportunity for quality education regardless of their sexual orientation;

 curriculum materials, teaching strategies and school policies which include non-judgmental information on sexual orientation be implemented in the schools;

 sexual orientation be addressed in the sexuality component of a comprehensive health instruction curriculum;

 school personnel prohibit any sexuality oriented deprecating, harassing and prejudicial statements;

 all administrative personnel, faculty and staff receive training to increase their knowledge of and sensitivity to Lesbian and Gay culture and issues;

 drop-out prevention strategies targeted towards Gay and Lesbian youth be developed and implement; and.

 that community and school- based services and resources be made available.

Finally, it is recommended that the Board of School Directors adopt the above resolution and charge the committee to develop a plan of action for each resolution item.

Only three other cities deal with Lesbian and Gay students within their school systems based on school district policy: Project 10 in Los Angeles, San Francisco (city- wide school program); and the Harvey Milk School in New York City as an alternative school for Gay and Lesbian students.

"Because of isolation discrimination, Lesbian and Gav students are at greater risk for suicide (two to three times higher that heterosexual teens). homeless, rejection by family and peers, sexually transmitted diseases, HIV infection and substance abuse than heterosexual youth," according to the Committee's report. "Given the increased levels of anti- Gay and anti-Lesbian prejudice and the rising tide of verbal and physical abuse against Gay and Lesbian youth and adults, it is critical that Milwaukee Public Schools act now to relieve anti- Gav and anti- Lesbian prejudice."

Friends and supporters are encouraged to attend the School Board's Instruction and Community Relations Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 9, 7pm and speak on behalf of the resolution. For more information please call either Sheryll Gotts at 475-8057, Kathy Herbst at 271-3111 or Michael S. Lisowski at 265-8500.

Natl. demo in Milwaukee Oct. 7

Queer Nation Milwaukee called for a national demonstration to take place in Milwaukee on Monday, October 7, saying "We are angered by the action and inaction of the Milwaukee Police Department (MPD), Mayor Norquist and the media regarding the horrific crimes of Jeffery Dahmer."

The demonstration will begin at 11am at City Hall (Water and Wells Streets). Speakers from various communities are planned at several locations. The demonstration will conclude at the Police Administration Building (7th and State Streets)

A release by QN said, "We urge the Lesbian & Gay, Black, Latino/a, Asian and all other communities to join us in protest."

Queer Nation continued, "It is

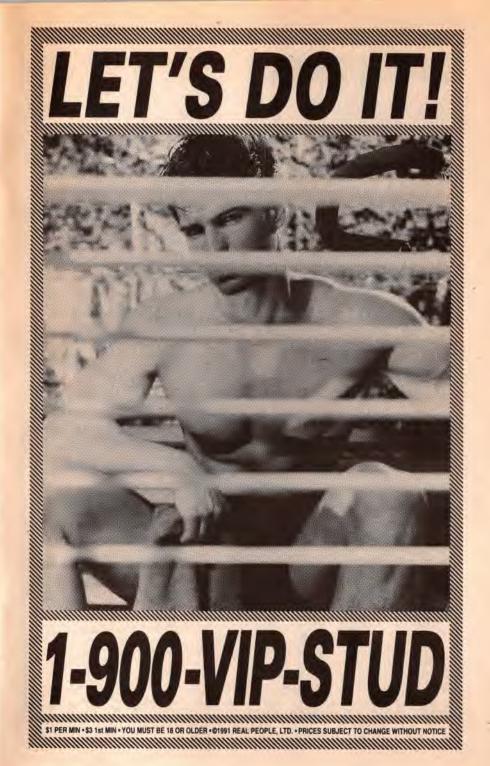
unacceptable for the MPD to be more concerned about the suspension of officers under investigation than the safety of People of Color, Womyn and gays. It is unacceptable for People of Color, Gays or Lesbians, and Womyn to be given less police protection than straight white males.

"It is unacceptable for the media to blindly repeat phrases like 'homosexual overkill' in blatant disregard of journalistic responsibility. It is unacceptable that uninformed ravers are allowed to spread racial hatred and homophobia through the press and over the public airwaves."

QN continued with a list of demands:

"We Demand of the Milwaukee Police
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Amnesty Intl. adopts Gays

By Rex Wockner

Following 17 years of campaigning by Gay/Lesbian activists, Amnesty International reached consensus Sept. 7 in favor of adopting jailed Gays and Lesbians as "prisoners of conscience."

At the end of its annual International Council Meeting, held this year in Yokohama, Japan, Amnesty embraced the most far- reaching proposal that had been presented on Gay issues. The group will consider for adoption both Gays and Lesbians jailed for their sexual identity and those imprisoned for violation of sodomy laws.

Gay activists worldwide hailed the move, which had been first suggested in 1974 by Danish Amnesty members but was consistently blocked by Third World Amnesty sections, which feared their societies were not ready to support the human rights of homosexuals.

The proposal to begin adopting Gays, including those jailed for consensual sex

acts, was carried to Yokohama by Amnesty International USA.

"Our whole delegation ended up hugging and crying," said Amnesty USA executive director John Healey. "It was a very historical moment. It's everything we fought for 17 years. It is fitting that in its 30th year, Amnesty International has recognized the need to grow and expand, to live up to its highest ideals."

Amnesty previously adopted homosexuals only when their arrests resulted from speaking out for Gay rights (i.e. when it was a free-speech issue) or when they were subjected to prison 'treatment' designed to make them heterosexual. Gays and Lesbians arrested simply for being Gay, those nabbed for belonging to Gay organizations, rounded up in bar raids, or jailed for violating laws against Gay sex, among others, did not qualify.

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 "a criminal investigation of the officers involved in the Konerak Sinthasomphone incident,

 "police liaisons to each community (e.g. Lesbian & Gay, Black, etc.)

"'improved and expanded mandatory sensitivity training for all police officers at the academy level and continuing training thereafter,

 "active recruitment of Lesbian & Gay police officers,

'police patrols against Queerbashing based on the Houston program,

"that Jeffrey Dahmer not receive special treatment in jail and that he be transported to court in hand cuffs and leg shackles.

"We Demand of Mayor Norquist:

"that he finally address the Lesbian & Gay community,

"community based input into mayoral actions such as his Blue Ribbon Panel.

 "complete racial and sexual orientation sensitivity training at City Hall.

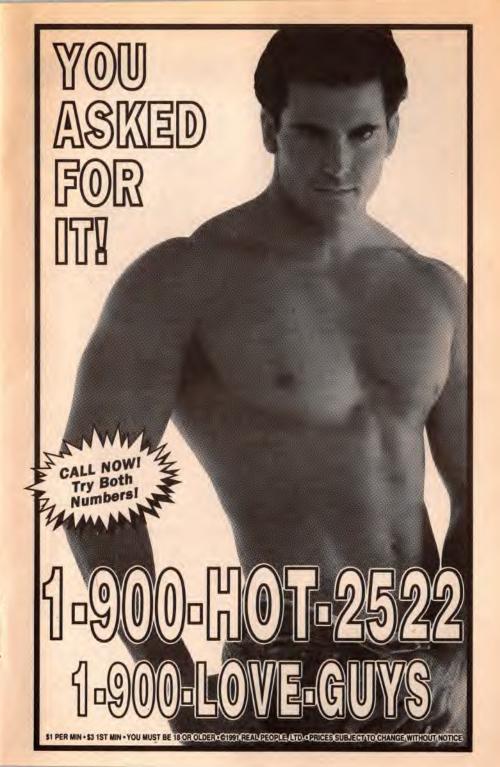
"We Demand of the Press/Media:

 "editors of local press/media meet with leaders from the Lesbian & Gay and People of Color communities,

"'all reporters and writers receive complete racial and sexual orientation sensitivity training and contact relevant communities when writing minority related stories."

Queer Nation Milwaukee needs many things to insure the effectiveness of this demonstration. If you are interested in contributing your time, ideas or money; or if you need more information please contact Queer Nation Milwaukee at (414) 384-3911 or write P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

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ILGA's Julie Dorf waits for the Macintosh computers to be checked through Soviet customs prior to the recent 1st Soviet Gay Lesbian Pride week.

Gay Glasnost Part IV Reporter's notebook

Opinion by Rex Wockner

Twenty thousand Soviets and 70 North American Gay/Lesbian activists took part in the USSR's first Gay symposiums, Gay film festivals and Gav-rights demonstrations July 23-Aug. 3 in Moscow and Leningrad. In his final article, Rex Wockner pulls together the nooks and crannies of his 'reporter's notebook,' in no particular order.

Gay Rights vs. Food

Hundreds of Soviet Gays and Lesbians said the conferences, film festivals and demos changed their lives forever. They said they never knew being homosexual could be something like what we apparently showed them - something more than, for Gay men, careful hunting in parks and toilets and, for Lesbians, nothing, basically.

We were elated to share our world. But

I keep wondering if our contribution will survive. The present USSR is like a place that managed to survive global thermonuclear war. The whole socialeconomic system has collapsed. It's every person for him/ herself. Everything is corrupt.

People line up for blocks for hunks of fat which may be gone by the time you get to the front of the line. The only vegetables are tomatoes and cucumbers. there are no vitamins, no fruit. Actually, there is no anything - clothes, watches, toiletries ... nothing.

The average monthly salary is \$10 at the current conversion rate. It was worse than Third World - it was 'Fourth World.'

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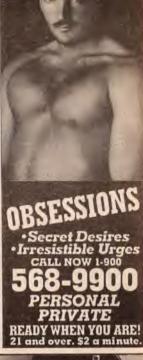
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line and we would eat a... Big Mac. It would be, without a tinge of a doubt, far and away the best food we'd had in two weeks, that is for sure. But how does one get through a blocks- long line in 50 minutes?

Well, the USSR's only McDonald's has 27 order stations with five employees per station. It is an island of efficiency in a country that has never heard the world. It is, it seemed, the grandest burger factory the world has ever known — and certainly the fastest and easiest way to eat in Moscow if your form of payment is rubles.

McDonald's is very expensive for Soviets. A Big Mac is 9.70 rubles — of an average monthly salary of 250 rubles. Transcalculated to America, that's a \$112 Big Mac. If the average Soviet ate one a day, he'd spend more than his monthly salary.

Sex

In Leningrad, men meet in a little park surrounding a statue of Katherine II on Nevsky Prospekt, the main drag, as it were. But it's all annoyingly subtle and you have to tiptoe around large puddles of Miss Things to find even one Real Man—who will be afraid to express interest.

You could, after all, be a KGB informant or a basher or, on a really bizarre day, a hyperout Gay journalist from America.

It's way pre-Stonewall.

One might also try the toilet at Moskovsky Vokzal, the station from which trains leave for Moscow. There's a whole wall of urinals without anticruise partitions and everybody was definitely scoping. Careful though, my watch was snatched off my arm without my feeling a thing.

To cruise in Moscow, walk around outside the Bolshoi Theater. Again, it's Time Warp Central. Don't get your hopes up. Soviet Gays meet primarily through private channels to keep from getting screwed over with the police by strangers.

Far and away, the best cruisin' was at the Gay/Lez confabs themselves. The conferences marked the first time a large number of Soviet queers had gathered and, well, it was like last call in the Castro... in 1978. The \$200,000 Customs Duty

When we arrived at the Leningrad airport on our lovely Czech Air Tupolev-154, Julie Dorf and Jim Toevs of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission tried to amble through Customs with two Macs, a monitor and a laser printer.

These were not just computers. This was the future of the Soviet Gay press—life Itself for Tema, the Soviet Union's leading Gay newspaper. Nobody in Moscow has a Mac.

Customs freaked. They jerked out notebooks and started calculating. Half an hour later the duty bill was offered — 20,000 rubles. The average Soviet worker makes 3,000 rubles a year; the duty on the computers was 6.6 years' of income. Transcalculated to the U.S., you're talkin' about \$200,000 in import duties.

But was Roman Kalinin, editor of Tema and father (at age 24) of the Soviet Gay movement, ruffled? Think again. Roman plopped a shocking pile of cash on the x-ray machine conveyer belt and — like in a spy movie — began methodically slapping down rubles. Julie and Jim had feared the worst and had sent Roman \$1,000, a week earlier, for conversion on the black market at around 40 rubles to the buck.

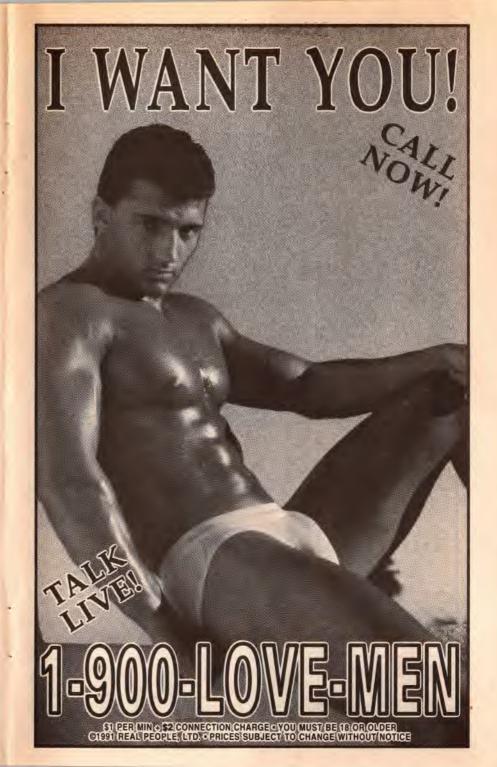
The Customs agents were blown away. They accepted 6.6 years' of income — and the Macs, printer and monitor were sprinted to freedom. It was an inspiring, historic moment.

Siberian Lesbians from Hell

The hit of the Soviet pride events, in my opinion, was the four awesomely radical Siberian Lesbians who almost got us all arrested by launching a kiss-in at the end of a condom- distribution zap of Moscow City Hall.

And Katrina — one of our professional translators, who, in the midst of the conference, learned the phrase "lipstick Lesbian" and finally knew where she fits in the Grand Scheme of Things. (Major babe, totally awesome mini-skirt.)

The majority of Soviet Gay men were rather ''pre-Stonewall'' (with the exception of Kalinin, who's about five years ahead of U.S. activists). But the



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Oct. 11 — National Coming Out Day

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Lynn D. Shepodd

Thousands of Lesbians and Gay men will be taking their next steps out of the closet on October 11 by participating in Coming Out Day events from Alaska and Hawaii to Maine and Florida. Many will be affirming their Gay or Lesbian identities by telling their family members, friends, colleagues, employers, or legislators.

"There are more than 30 million Gay and Lesbian Americans yet most people don't think they know anybody Gay. That is mathematically impossible!" said Lynn Shepodd, Executive Director of the National Coming Out Campaign. "The campaign has expanded rapidly to include all of the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Switzerland. It has become what we always knew it would be: 'International Coming Out Day' " added Shepodd.

"Telling the truth about yourself is a fundamental step in creating better relationships with your family and friends. If you are Gay or Lesbian, come out to someone you care about on Coming Out Day, October 11." said Rob Eichberg, Ph.D. Co-founder of National Coming Out Day and author of Coming Out: An Act of Love.

In Wisconsin, the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee, MLGPC, sponsor of NCOD events last year is in disarray

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dykes were up-to- speed. Lesbians, I deduced, have less to lose in the beginning, being defecated on already for being female. It takes men longer to opt to risk their (feminist buzzword alert) "male privilege" and come out full steam ahead, I suppose.

And I'm Soviet Unioned out. Hasta la free-market economy...

and will not be holding any Coming Out Day events in '91. Madisons Gay & Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVAnize) will be holding their pride events the previous weekend (Oct. 3-6) complete with an appearance by the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, and an Oct. 5th March & Rally.

In Step Magazine has announced it will place a half page ad in the October 10 issue of the Shepard Express, a Milwaukee alternative weekly paper, encouraging Gays & Lesbians In Step may not reach, to come out to friends & family.

National Coming Out Day is a non-profit campaign that encourages and supports Gay and Lesbian individuals and organizations to commit to the coming out process. For more information, or to contribute, call, or write: National Coming Out Day, P.O. Box 8349, Santa Fe. NM 87504, (505) 982-2558.

Help overturn Helms amendments

[HRCF] — In late July, the Senate passed two Jesse Helms amendments that exploit public fears about transmission of the AIDS virus. The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) needs your help to insure that these measures are defeated.

During the debate, Helms chided his colleagues that they had "bowed to the homosexual lobby time and time again when this Senate and others have stood on this floor pleading that something be done about these people who are responsible for the spread of AIDS."

Issue Background

In July the Senate passed, 81-18, an amendment to impose federal criminal penalties (a \$10,000 fine or 10 years in jail) on health care workers who, knowing that they are infected with HIV, treat patients without disclosing their status. Helms struck again with another amendment that would allow doctors to test patients for HIV without their consent before surgery. Helms is expected to introduce additional amendments this month, including one

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Overturn The Helms' Amendments

requiring states to test all health workers for HIV.

The truth is that the chances of anyone getting AIDS from their doctor or dentist is remote. Thousands of surgical patients surveyed have turned up no infections. In the 10 years of the epidemic there is only one case of a dentist, Dr. Acer from Florida, who allegedly infected five of his patients. Subsequent investigations show that he seriously violated infection control procedures which may have resulted in his patients' infection, rather than through contact with his blood.

The only way to truly protect patients from getting AIDS is to promote rigorous infection control procedures and "universal precautions," using gloves, face shields, and protective clothing for workers in contact with blood.

Testing and disclosure of patients' status does not protect health care workers from infections and it is illegal and unethical for them to deny medical care to people with HIV. Universal precautions are the best protection.

What You Can Do

Immediately call your Senators and Representative. Ask to speak to the Legislative Assistant for Health Care and tell her or him that you want your Legislator to vote against proposals which mandate testing, disclosure or criminal penalties for health care workers or patients with AIDS. Tell them these proposals will not protect the safety of patients or health care workers but instead will breed irrational fear and undercut sound health policy regarding control of the epidemic.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert, just a voter. If the legislative assistant isn't there; leave your message with the receptionist.

Who To Call

Call the Senate/House switchboard board and ask for your Senator's or Representative's office. Call (202) 224-3121. Most offices are open until 5pm.

Helms halts funding for sex survey

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The U.S. Senate, acting on an amendment from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) Sept. 11, took all federal funds from two surveys of teen and adult sexual behavior, intended to stem the spread of AIDS, and transferred it to a program which encourages teen abstinence.

The Helms amendment was introduced as part of the Senate's Labor, Health and Human Services money bill which was later approved on a 78-22 vote. The amendment was passed on a voice vote after a move to table it failed by a 34-66 margin.

The sex surveys, long a rallying point for conservative activists, have for three years faced an uphill battle in the Congress to secure funding. Planned as an extensive study into American sexual behavior, the scientific community has long called for the surveys as a tool to help AIDS prevention efforts.

Despite years of efforts by scientists and AIDS activists to secure funding for them, the two surveys have never been funded, preliminary funds for the teen survey were withdrawn by Secretary of Health and Human Services earlier this year.

Unlike previous years' battles on the surveys, this year, for the first time, funds for the sex surveys were included in President Bush's original budget request, which was the basis for the Senate Labor HHS money bill.

No monies were made available in the President's budget for the abstinence program.

Denouncing the sex studies on the Senate floor, Helms said the planned surveys were created by homosexuals and "the free- sex crowd" to "legitimize" their "perverted lifestyle."

"They may have their rights as citizens," Helms said of Gays and Lesbians, "but that doesn't cover up the fact that they're perverted."

During his 45-minute speech denouncing the studies, Helms portrayed

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the sponsors of the study as puppets of "the homosexuals," noting that one member of the panel approving it is a member of a Gay organization and another once wrote a book in which he defended sex between adults and minors by comparing humans to other members of the animal kingdom.

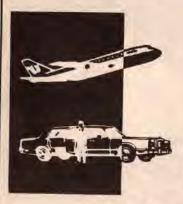
Were the surveys to be funded, the North Carolina conservative argued, homosexuals would use the results of what he suggested would be a tainted study to suggest that between one in five and one in ten of adult males are homosexual, a figure he steadfastly denounced as false.

He also took specific aim at a group of seven New York AIDS activists who, as part of a political demonstration, recently covered Helms' suburban Virginia home with a large balloon resembling a condom.

"They don't like me and I don't like them," Helms said. "As far as I'm concerned, they can go to hell."

Preaching against the "sexual decadence" allegedly encouraged by these surveys and the sex education classes he termed as "how- to sex clinics," Helms sought to re- channel the \$10 million in the bill for the surveys to the Adolescent Family Life Program (AFLP).

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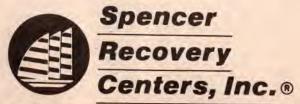
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1 million expected for 'Stonewall 25'

By Rex Wockner

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And it's not too early to book flights and hotel rooms. Organizers predict one million homosexuals will swoop down on the city.

Dubbed 'Stonewall 25,' the month of celebrations will commemorate the 1969 riots at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village — in which drag queens and dykes violently resisted police harassment for the first time in America, legend has it.

Although modern-style Gay-liberation movements were born in Scandinavia and Holland as early as 1947, the Stonewall riots have been extensively popularized in Gay mythology as the beginning of the modern Gay and Lesbian movement.

Stonewall 25 organizers say "Lesbians and Gays and our supporters from all over the world will converge... for a massive human and civil rights march" on June 26, 1994. It "is expected to be the largest lesbian and Gay event in history."

In the days before and after the march, the huge Gay Games IV will unfold in New York City, as will the 15th World Conference of the esteemed International Lesbian and Gay Association.

Other major events will include: a joint concert of Lesbian and Gay Bands of America, featuring more than 500 musicians; a performance by the more than 1,000 voices of the Gay/Lesbian Choral Association; a huge dance and fireworks display; a national conference of Men of All Colors Together (known in some cities as Black and White Men Together); a national conference of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays; and the largest Gay- worship service in the history of the universe. hosted by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community churches, the world's largest Gay organization.

The next Stonewall 25 planning meeting

is Nov. 12 in Alexandria, Va., following the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's annual Creating Change Conference. For information write:Stonewall 25, 208 W. 13th St., New York, NY 10011-7799.

History's largest Gay/lesbian event to date was the 650,000 strong National March on Washington for lesbian and Gay Rights on Oct. 11, 1987. Another march is set for April 25, 1993.



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New Era researches G/L groups

Milwaukee [NEI] — Several current projects are about to be published and released by the non- profit New Era Institute, a research body that studies the Gay/Lesbian organizations, management and fund raising, according to Robert Melig, Chief of Research. Located in Milwaukee, the Institute serves the entire national Gay/Lesbian community.

Just completed and presently being published, is the newest survey of Gay/Lesbian community foundations active in the United States. This study is a follow- up to one taken two years ago by the Institute.

In the newest study, the Institute found that the foundations have grown from 8 to 13 in number and they will raise an estimated \$2 million in 1991 as opposed to less than \$600,000 in the former study. In addition the endowments of the foundations have risen from under \$300,000 to more than \$1.3 million, and annual grants have risen to over \$1.2

million per year.

"Even we at the Institute were stunned by the rapid growth that has occurred in that short time," said Melig. "There seems to be a 'Magic Threshold' at which point growth doubles and triples. That threshold appears to be at about \$100,000 annual income. Seven of the 13 groups have passed that mark, and their growth rates are dramatically larger than those that are smaller." he continued.

Another of its on-going research projects, it's Wisconsin Project, is now nearing completion. The Wisconsin Project seeks to be the most definitive study of any one state ever conducted by the Gay/Lesbian community. Wisconsin was chosen because it most represents 90% of the Gay/Lesbian organizational picture outside the ten largest cities in the nation. Most national organizations have chapters or committees active in the state, the state has several larger cities, and has two interactive border areas which

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influence its organizations. In addition the state has a large rural area which is representative of much of the country. The institute anticipates that with its publication, the study will became the most definitive study ever undertaken within a single area, and will be used by doctoral candidates, Gay/Lesbian organizations and the straight community to better understand the dynamics of Gay/Lesbian organizational life. Remaining are field trips to the Minnesota and Illinois border areas, Madison and Green Bay to interview in person leaders of the organizations and community figures of the area who are most involved in the dynamics of those organizations.

It's largest project has been underway for five months and is entitled, Mega-Trends For '90's. This report traces the trends Gay/Lesbian organizations can expect through the year 2000. The institute has identified these through interactive interviews, questionaires and phone conversations with national leaders. The study is presently being circulated in working paper form to those national leaders for

final input, after having been first circulated in Wisconsin leadership circles.

The report is organized in three parts. Part 1 is a listing of more than 20 trends that can be seen to influence the directions Gay and Lesbian organizations will take until the year 2000. Part 2 is an in-depth support of the reasons the Institute believes the trends are valid, and Part Three is a summary of the entire paper.

The paper contains sections on People of Color, Lesbian organizations, Community Foundations, Federated campaigns, Planned Giving, Mainline Foundation and Corporate giving, and other topics which will be important to the growth and development of the community in the years ahead.

Actual publication of the trends will be in the first edition of the Institute's Our Causes Digest which will be inaugurated shortly. Our Causes is a monthly publication aimed exclusively at top leadership, staff and boards of directors of Gay/Lesbian Organizations.

The Institute is currently launching a



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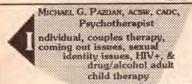
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new study on the 66 Gay/Lesbian Community Centers across the country. It expects to have that study available sometime after the 1st of the year. Plans are to study in-depth all 20 segments of Gay/Lesbian organizations which have been identified by the Institute.

"This is a busy time for us," said Melig, "But The New Era Institute hopes to make a major contribution to the ability of Gay/Lesbian Organizations to more effectively serve the whole community." Persons who would like to volunteer to assist in the research, help publish the Digest, or assist in the office may write the Institute at 3282 N. 46th St., Milwaukee, WI 53216, or phone (414) 871-3131.

Group responds to 'Gay brain' study

New York, NY, [LLDEF] — In response to a study released recently by Science magazine suggesting male sexual orientation could be related to brain structure, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund welcomed honest

scientific inquiry on issues regarding sexual orientation but cautioned against drawing conclusions about the preliminary findings.

First, as a matter of historical perspective, minority groups have often been the object of studies seeking to locate a biological explanation for difference. Most of these studies have been fully discredited.

Second, there are some methodological questions raised by the study. How is homosexuality or heterosexuality defined by the study? If Kinsey was right in finding that human sexuality is not fixed at the poles but rather distributed across a broad continuum, does this affect the validity of Dr. LeVay's findings?

Third, all of the homosexual men studied in Dr. LeVay's study died of AIDS. It is now understood by medical specialists that HIV disease has a profound impact on the brain, although the degree to which we fully understand this impact is limited. Recent evidence suggests that HIV's effect on the brain may even be far greater than originally thought. Until we know more about HIV's



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effect on the brain, it would seem prudent to hesitate before broadly extrapolating to the general population data regarding the neurological characteristics of men with AIDS.

Furthermore, Lesbians were not studied in the survey. Not only does the study's failure to study sexual orientation in women merely reflect the medical and scientific community's historic failure to include women's issues in their work, but it means that Dr. LeVay's study only addressed one component of the concept of sexual orientation. The research thus exhibits the perpetuation of invisibility of women's and Lesbians' sexuality by the scientific community.

Notwithstanding these methodological questions, Dr. LeVay's findings are intriguing, from a purely scientific perspective. But it is important to remember that, regardless of whether homosexuality is biologically based or accelerated, a person's sexual orientation is an intrinsically private matter. Even if homosexuality were completely the product of free choice, there would still be no basis for criminal, coercive, or discriminatory penalties against same-sex orientation. And regardless of any biological basis for homosexuality, it is difficult to fathom on what moral, ethical, or religious basis one can reasonably discriminate against people who are sexually and emotionally oriented toward their own gender. Homosexuality, since it clearly occurs with a significant frequency and regularity in all cultures, is an orientation that is as 'natural' as heterosexuality. This fact remains true whatever the 'origins' of homosexuality or heterosexuality.

Dr. LeVay's research, and other studies of its kind that may follow, do raise profound ethical issues that ought to be addressed. The history of this century, which has included the racial eugenics movement and Hitler's germany, should make us wary of the uses to which such preliminary findings might be put by the unenlightened. A key historical and ethical lesson which our culture seems astonishingly hesitant to understand is that diversity is not a problem to be dealt with but Instead is one of the most

beautiful characteristics of human existence. If research like Dr. LeVay's assists in helping society understand the beauty of human difference, then it is to be welcomed. The Lesbian and Gay community, however, has no intention of watching such preliminary research become the putty for biological engineers who want to make homosexuality extinct.

Finally, we have to question why the media is so interested in this study and the origins of sexual orientation. During the past two decades, many more significant data have been available (e.g., statistics of violence against us, our lack of access to health care, the denial of benefits to same- sex partners, the denial of the rights to care for and raise children, discrimination in the workplace); almost never has one of these issues reached the front page of the New York times. We would propose one answer to the question: stories like this one of Dr. LeVay's preliminary finding do not require the media to treat us like subjects, like equal members of a greater community struggling for full participation and inclusion, but rather, they can continue to see us as objects whose deviance is fascinating like that of psychotic murderers or a newly discovered animal. A story of this nature merits space in the science section. The front page placement, the wire service response, the television coverage all suggest a sensational tid- bit meant to grab a market share and not a serious interest in the lives and concerns of some members of our community.

AIDS confab moves to Holland

By Rex Wockner

Next summer's canceled Eighth International Conference on AIDS has been revived and relocated to Amsterdam, scheduled for July 19-24.

The huge annual gathering had been planned for Boston but was scrapped in August by its sponsor, the Harvard AIDS Institute, to protest the U.S. immigration restrictions on HIV positive visitors and

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RESEARCH ASSOCIATE: Conduct interviews and recruit chronic mentally ill patients for AIDS prevention research program. Co-Lead group educational and behavioral skills training and collect and analyze data. BS Degree in Social/Behavioral Science and three years experience conducting community living skills programs for chronic psychiatric patients essential. Experience in counseling intervention related to sexual behavior and substance abuse helpful. PROJECT COORDINATOR: Develop, plan, implement and evaluate a community based HIV/AIDS prevention research program for gay and bisexual men and other groups engaging in high risk behavior. MS Degree in Social/Behavioral Science of Social Work and three years experience that includes community intervention in the gay community essential.

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Viewpoints

Notes on Police Homophobia, Part 2

By Paul Varnell

If there were a single and simple solution to the problem of police homophobia, someone else would have thought of it — and long before now. But there are some initial steps that we can urge.

The simplest first step — already undertaken in some cities — is so-called 'sensitivity training' of new police recruits. Gay activists get an hour or so to smile and chat about the Gay 'community,' while restive recruits smirk and play with their pencils. 'Sensitive' — especially to 'fagots' — is the last thing typically homophobic recruits want to be, or to be thought to be.

Diversity Training

However, 'diversity training' about Gay and Lesbian concerns, conducted by legal and psychological professionals, can have some small initial value if it is in a substantial amount, say several hours, and if retention is tested for.

Training should include the prohibitions on and harms caused by discrimination and harassment, guidelines for interacting with Gays and Lesbians, assisting Gay victims, proper handling of Gays accused or suspected of criminal activity, appropriate and inappropriate use of force, and interacting with other officers who are Lesbian or Gay. Since police are — in the words of one officer — 'paranoid' about AIDS, training must include substantial information from medical professionals on AIDS, its transmission, and the need for access to medication by detainees who are PWAs.

However such training will quickly be forgotten, trained out, and regarded — properly — as simply a sop to a political pressure group unless it is instituted throughout all levels of the department and repeated at regular intervals — for instance at 'in-service' classes conducted during the lower- crime winter months. Only by such a commitment can a department effectively transmit the

message to its members that it regards homophobia as morally wrought, as unprofessional, and disadvantageous to career advancement.

Psychological Testing

Many police departments used to use (and some still do) psychological tests to try to weed out Gay and Lesbian candidates. Now we must make them reverse that process and use psychological testing to weed out applicants who are homophobic and otherwise prejudiced. Since police are primarily recruited from social levels where homophobia is most embedded. such testing is vitally important: Some 80 percent of police work is essentially in the 'service' category of responding to calls for help and other interaction with ordinary citizens, the usual percentage of whom will be Gav or Lesbian. And police need to be regularly retested about their attitudes and understanding in order to assure quality police service.

Moreover, police need to be assured that homophobic acts or responses will be seriously punished. Officers found expressing or acting out anti-Gay attitudes need to be reprimanded, suspended, or demoted. It will take only a few such examples for the message to pass quickly thought the he police grapevine that the department is now serious about opposing anti-Gay behavior — just as now every example of such behavior that goes unpunished is permissive of more such behavior.

Hiring Gays & Lesbians

Most important, police departments must begin to put their money where their mouth is and begin to solicit, hire, and promote openly Gay and Lesbian applicants. Jon Davidson, Lesbian and Gay rights attorney for the Southern California ACLU put it succinctly in testimony for the Christopher Commission investigating the Los

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Randy Frank [on right in inset photo] celebrated his birthday at M&M Club with his annual Gayla benefit show. This year the proceeds went to the Cream City Chorus and Milwaukee Home Hospice.



Club 94 Follies and a little pie tossing where just part of Club 94's fundraiser for SEWAP. The big moneymaking part of the evening was the second annual auction.

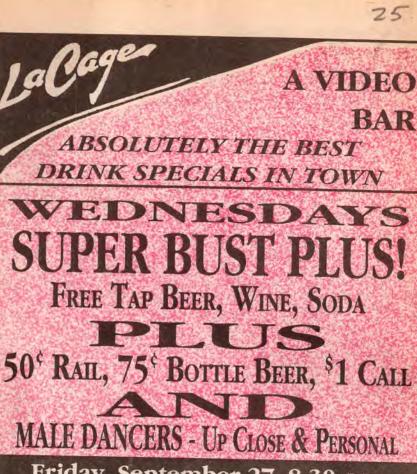
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Victoria Kelly [front, center] show director, and her cast of Rainbow Girls [and boys].



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Angeles Police Department: "inroads on the homophobia within the LAPD will only be possible when those on the force work side by side with those they know to be Gay or Lesbian... To begin such a process, the city must commit to affirmative recruiting and hiring of Lesbians and Gay men."

Cities must distribute hiring information at Gay establishments and organizations, set up hiring booths at Gay events, and advertise positions and upcoming applicant testing in the Gaymedia (such as this paper).

Simply put, a department that refuses to solicit openly Gay officers is not serious about ending homophobia in its ranks. In fact, we can validly use the number of openly Gay or Lesbian officers as a kind of rough- and- ready index of the degree of homophobia within a police department. Most large cities have barely a handful; Chicago had — at last count — one.

And those openly Gay officers must be promoted as befits their merits, up the ranks. When there are openly Gay sergeants, lieutenants, captains, and district commanders giving orders, disciplining and rewarding officers, only then will we see homophobia begin to be less fashionable.

Work 'Outside' Department

From the outside, too, Gays and Lesbians can have an effect. We can support recruiting more women officers—since women tend to be significantly less homophobic than men. We can support raising the minimum educational requirements—now laughably low—at

least to a junior college degree, since homophobia declines with education. We can support civilian police oversight and review boards because existing internal affairs divisions have shown a relentless inability or unwillingness to seriously investigate police abuse: barely two to three percent of all misconduct complaints are 'sustained.'

And finally, if police are abusive or unresponsive, for God's sake complain. You are a citizen, a voter, a taxpayer. Write a letter to your city council member, the district commander, the police chief, the newspaper. As Anthony Bouza notes in his Police Mystique, one of the best books I know on the police, "even the (average) citizen can get more action than the herd by knowing how to apply pressure through a call or letter to the appropriate mover or shaker. This matters more than is generally supposed."

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the ban on HIV positive immigrants.

Many AIDS activists and others felt the U.S. should be punished and embarrassed for its immigration policies. But recently, some AIDS activists have criticized the decision to move the conference, saying it would have presented an unprecedented opportunity to focus media attention on AIDS issues during a U.S. presidential election year.

The relocated conference will be at Amsterdam's RAI Exhibition Center. It is expected to draw between 10,000 and 14,000 participants.

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Beau Beaumont, local boy porn star, wrapped up Partners 3 day 2nd anniversary weekend. Bottom — staffers look like little kids with a new toy [and it looks like Liz is into calves].

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Nitengales celebrated their 2nd anniversary with a big Sunday night blowout on Labor Day weekend.

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money, the Dutch government said it will make up the difference.

If you're Gay, Amsterdam is considered the San Francisco of Europe. A large presence by rowdy direct-action groups such as ACT UP and superb hospitality for Gay and Lesbian delegates are all but guaranteed.

Further, the International Lesbian and Gay Association's 14th World Conference will be held in Paris either immediately before or after the AIDS gathering — meaning the large number of Gays who routinely attend both events can kill two birds with one airline ticket

Black leadership confab

The planning committee for the 1992 Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Conference has announced that the fifth annual conference will take place February 12 through 17 at the Clarion Hotel Oakland International in Oakland, California.

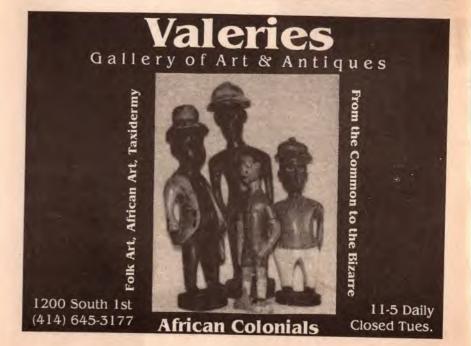
"This is an ideal location for people flying in from around the country," said Anthony Farmer, co-chair of the planning committee. "It's near Oakland International Airport, with excellent public transportation into downtown Oakland and San Francisco. Not that people will be bored at the conference — we'll have plenty for them to do!"

Reservations must be made directly with the hotel before January 21, 1992, at either (415) 562-6100, or toll- free at (800) 932-4550. Room rates are \$80 for single or double accommodations, \$90 for triples or quads, and suites from \$150 to \$250 per night, with a ten percent tax. Callers should make certain they identify the sponsoring organization as 'NBGLLC.'

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Group Notes

Square dancing begins Oct. 6

The informal Milwaukee Squares dancing group will begin a series of ten Sunday evening sessions on Sunday, October 6th at 6pm. Classes and informal dancing will be held at Three B's, 1753 S. KK. A new leader, Joe Frazier, formerly with a San Francisco Gay Square Dancing Group, will be the instructor.

Gay Square dancing is a popular activity throughout United States and Canada. After some 'trial' starts a year ago, a full fledged program will be underway this fall in Milwaukee. Milwaukee GAMMA will be the initial sponsors of the group; all members of the Greater Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community are welcome to participate. Beginners are encouraged to enjoy the fun of socialization with Western swingers. For more information, call Bob at 963-9833.

Drums, sweat, and queers

"Drums, Sweat, and Queers," is the theme of the 1991-92 Fall and Winter Weekend Gatherings sponsored by Midwest Men's Center, located in Chicago.

For the past 5 years, MMC has been holding its annual Autumn Gatherings at the Haimowoods Center, a former convent located near Kenosha, WI. This safe, non-threatening space, has provided men with an opportunity to express growth, freedom and feel really secure, especially in these days of fear, distrust and lack of safety for one's life. The gatherings offer workshops, massage, a quiet place for rest and study and an opportunity to build a community for the weekend. As such, they are chemical free and men who are HIV+ or in 12 step programs are especially welcome.

October 11-13, we will meet at Haimowoods Center which is located 3 miles west of Interstate 94 near Hwy. 142.

Meals will be included along with lodging and workshops. Entire cost is \$95 for community sleeping space; \$110 for single, private sleeping room and \$200 for double bed private sleeping room (\$100 for each man sharing)

A second Fall Gathering is being planned for November 22-24 at Camp Ronora, near Benton Harbor, Michigan. Located on 300 acres of land, Camp Ronora offers all "stressed out urban guerrillas, amateur naturalists, horsebacking riding enthusiasts, sky watchers, and outdoor lovers," a chance to experience it all.

Invitations for our gatherings are available at The United in Madison and the Galano Club in Milwaukee or directly from the Midwest Men's Center/Chicago, P.O. Box 2547, Chicago, IL 60690. When writing, please include SASE.

Information lines: (608) 246-4254 or (312) 642-4169.

Gay Travel Assoc.

Association, held its 3rd quarter familiarization trip in Denver recently with 35 members of the organization in attendance. An inspection of several bed and breakfast guesthouses in Vail and surrounding areas preceded a raft trip on the Colorado River.

IGTA sponsors several familiarization (FAM) trips each year. The organization is proud to announce its first FAM trip to London, England in October of this year. The London FAM will include free air, a rail pass and a sight seeing tour to name just a few of the highlights.

Also for the first time all IGTA members have been invited to Australia in November to attend a special recruiting function for travel professionals. This function is being hosted by 2 IGTA members William Schreurs and Rod Stringer.

IGTA will hold its 4th quarter familiarization trip in Dallas, November



The Rainbow Revue recently held a 3 day grand opening weekend celebration complete with shows, dancers and their Mr. and Miss Rainbow contest.

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Cheri, Terry, Greg, Tammy and Harry celebrated their birthday at Cheri's Club 3054 with a patio blowout, and a 'ceiling butting.' 'Ceiling butting' you ask? See the bottom pictures where Cheri is painting a cheeky fellow, and in the top photo where a young lady has her butt imprinted on the ceiling or posterity.

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7-10th, 1991 which coincides with The Texas Gay Rodeo being held in Dallas that same week.

The International Gay Travel Association is a non-profit, professional organization which provides a networking opportunity for travel professionals from all over the world.

Membership in IGTA is open to all travel industry professionals who wish to be supportive of the Gay travel industry. Annual membership dues are \$75. Information about IGTA may be obtained by writing IGTA at P.O. Box 4974, Key West, FL 33041 or by calling a voice mailbox at (800) 448-8500.

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A benefit dinner for the Rodney Scheel House for Persons With AIDS at the Hotel Washington's patio. The dinner raised \$1,500 and was the brainchild of Jim Bressette, owner of Queen Anne's Catering who donated the entire event for 55 people.

Health

Alert issued on Hepatitis A

Hepatitis A infections are on the rise nationwide, and the Gay community has been hit particularly hard. Hepatitis A is a virus that causes illness lasting one to two weeks, with often an even longer recovery period. Adults may develop some or all of these symptoms — fatigue, nausea, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice (yellowed skin and eyes), dark urine and abdominal pain. And, since both the illness and recovery period may last several weeks, people can experience considerable lost work time and wages.

The Hepatitis A virus (HAV) is spread in the stool (bowel movement, scat) of the infected person, usually before he or she knows they are sick. [Do not confuse HAV with Hepatitis B, which is spread by blood and body fluids.] Any contact with infected stool will spread the virus. Usually, handwashing is good protection against catching Hepatitis A. However, people who are members of the household or sex partners of an infected person are at greater risk of becoming infected with HAV. And, people who have become infected with HAV are able to spread it to others unkowingly during the week or two before they themselves become sick with HAV symptoms.

Gay men may be more vulnerable or at risk for this infection, if they practice anal sex without the use of rubbers (condoms) and handwashing, or if other safer sex practices involve anal contact. Anal sex is risky, even with handwashing, as there may be enough stool on the outside of the rubber to spread HAV. The amount of stool present is not necessarily visible. Also, sex toys can spread HAV. They should be washed thoroughly, preferably with a 1:10 bleach solution, and dried after use. And, rimming is a very risky activity that is almost certain to spread HAV from an infected person to others.

Remember, any time hands wander below the belt line, they should be washed as they may have picked up the virus. It would help prevent HAV spread to wash other body areas that could have stool particles on them after sex, also.

People who are immunocompromised can be at risk for a much more serious illness when infected with HAV. This happens when their immune system can't protect them, as the result of HIV (AIDS virus) infection, or because they are receiving chemotherapy or certain other drugs. People whose liver is damaged already, due to excessive use or abuse of alcohol or drugs, will likely become more ill, and can develop liver failure and death.

Individuals in some occupations (foodhandlers, bartenders, day care workers, health care workers, and others) are able to spread HAV through their work activities. For example, people who prepare and serve food can spread HAV quickly to hundreds of people through poor hygiene, followed by contact with uncooked or ready- to- serve foods. Handwashing again serves to help prevent exposure.

What to do if you've been exposed? Contact your local Health Department for help. If notified soon enough, your Health Department

- Can give you information about your actual risk for catching HAV;
- Can provide you with Immune Globulin (IG), an injection which provides temporary protection against HAV if given within two weeks of exposure.

If you think you might have some early signs or symptoms of HAV

- STOP handling food (or bartending) for others, providing child care or health care:
- · Check it out with your doctor and;
- If your doctor suspects HAV, notify your health department (who will help you identify and notify household and sexual contacts so they can receive Immune Globulin within two weeks.)

Take action for your health and others!

AIDS drug trials

The AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS) provides current information on federally and privately sponsored clinical trials being conducted

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denounces attempts by Gay activists to legalize Gay marriage and adoption, repeal the four year old ban on immigration by HIV infected foreigners and begin their own Gay and Lesbian wire service and cable television network.

"This Is An Absolute Outrage!"
Falwell writes in the margin.

Falwell also describes demonstrations by "the militant homosexuals groups" ACT UP and Queer Nation in which they "infiltrated and disturbed church services from New York to California," and another in which they disrupted a speech by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.), blowing whistles and shouting, "We're here! We're queer! Get used to it!"

Saying that Gays and Lesbians are seeking "special protective laws," the Lynchburg minister writes, "We simply cannot allow that to happen."

"We Cannot Allow The Homosexuals To Rule America!"

To prevent that, Falwell announces that he has a "national battle plan to defeat the radical homosexual movement," although he does not outline it beyond requesting \$35 from letter recipients.

To help kick off his program, Falwell asks readers to fill out a questionnaire to determine the "national attitude toward "Gay rights" "so that he may contact the White House with his findings.

"Initially, I think that at last Jerry Falwell has got it right: that Lesbians and Gays are a powerful political force," said Gregory King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "I think all the examples he used were terrific. But I think that when he suggested that Lesbians and Gay people somehow are going to rule America and that we have a vicious anti-family anti-American agenda, he crossed the line.

"This an absolute outrage," he added.
"Where the hell does he get off challenging the patriotism of any American? What gives Jerry Falwell the right to suggest that he has an answer for America and that Lesbian and Gay Americans are somehow anti-American?

"He's a liar, a thief and I hope he sues me," he said.

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be shunned," McFarland said. He detailed the many occasions when Madison (Wisconsin) Republican officials defended McFarland from attacks from the Religious right. "The religious fundamentalists are only in control if we let them be in control," McFarland said to a loud round of applause.

The Convention marks another milestone for the Gay/Lesbian Republicans. The 1990 Convention oversaw the creation of the NFLCC and this year witnessed the convention representation and participation more than double. Drake noted that the only two Gay/Lesbian groups that are really growing around the country are the Republicans and veterans groups.

In addition to its resolutions and other routing matters, the Convention mapped out a lobbying strategy for 1991. Tafel said that a vital part of the NFLCC's purpose was to sponsor and aid federal legislation necessary for the advancement of Gay/Lesbian civil rights. Moreover, the NFLCC will serve as a contact source for state and local civil rights efforts.

The NFLCC also voted to organize a national newsletter to be published 10 times a year. Subscribers are welcome and the cost is \$15/year. For more information and to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Mr. Alex Wentzle, NFLCC Newsletter, 932 Rembrandt Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 (714) 494-6271.

Falwell has new anti-Gay campaign

Activist Calls Preacher 'Liar,' Challenges Him To Lawsuit

By Cliff O'Neill

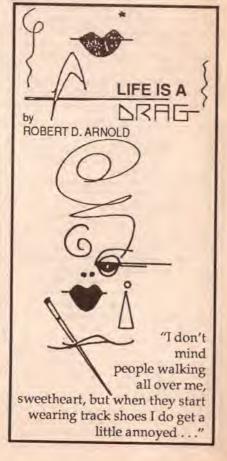
Washington — Rev. Jerry Falwell, the conservative Virginia televangelist who founded the Moral Majority in the 1970s,



in a July 23 direct mail letter to his followers announced a "national battle plan" to defeat what he called the "radical homosexual movement."

Under the letterhead of the Liberty Foundation, a sister organization of the Moral Majority, Falwell outlined several recent victories by Gay and Lesbian rights advocates and predicted that if they are not stopped, "America is on the road to becoming... The Next Sodom And Gomorrah!"

Under the caption of "what the Homosexuals are doing nationwide," Falwell lists specific gains made by Gay activists in the Episcopal Church, state legislatures, school districts and court cases across America. He further



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to evaluate drugs and therapies to treat all stages of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in adults and children and to treat related opportunistic infections.

The ACTIS database includes information on more than 300 clinical trials and more than 100 drugs being tested. Information is available on the purpose of the study protocol, the location, the eligibility requirements, the exclusion criteria, and the names and telephone numbers of contact persons. ACTIS provides information on all AIDS clinical trials sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and on studies of all treatments undergoing clinical testing for effectiveness in privately sponsored trials approved by FDA.

ACTIS is a resource for health professionals and for HIV- infected persons and their families. All calls are completely confidential. Health specialists provide information to callers over the telephone and can, on request, send callers a printout of a customized search of the clinical trials database. A bilingual health specialist is available for Spanish- speaking callers. ACTIS information can also be accessed through two on- line databases, AIDSTRIALS and AIDSDRUG, available through NLM.

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Letters

Outraged

In following your publications 'Outrage in Milwaukee' series, I find it imperative that your community in Milwaukee continue to stand up for your God given rights with the pursuit of your city council.

The Jeffrey Dahmer serial killer case is extremely horrifying regardless of the circumstances. One couldn't come up with a more negative representation of Gay men than Dahmer, inclusive that of the John W. Gacy case, and the depiction displayed to the American Public by the Motion Picture Silence of the Lambs.

Now, I know Milwaukee's alleged serial killer doesn't really 'represent' Gay men; he doesn't even 'represent' other serial murderers. Dahmer acted alone, therefore, only representing himself. The fact that his victims were reportedly all male — and that he may have had sex with them — is completely irrelevant. Surely most individuals are intelligent enough to know that he 'represents' all Gay men about as much as alleged rapist William Kennedy Smith represents all heterosexual men. Aren't they?

In retrospect, please concur that the Dahmer case comes in on the tail of the media frenzy that surrounds Florida's 'Perceived-to- be-Gay- whether- he-is- or-not' Dr. David Acer, Unethical Dentist who infected five of his patients with HIV by completely disregarding all standard safety precautions — even according to some reports, using the same unsterlized instruments on his patients, as his hygienists had used on the 'good' Dr. himself.

Prior to that was Covenant House's Father Ritter, The New York Catholic Priest who founded a program for runaway teen-agers to be better able to sexually abuse them by throngs. Remember the Partrige family's Danny Bonaduce — pleading guilty to the assault charges filed on him by the State of Arizona on behalf of a Transvestite Prostitute.

The aforementioned images are virtually all the media offers of Gay men. But if the media coverage of Gay men is negative, at least Gay men exist. Lesbians don't, only Marina! This is not entirely the medias fault, however. We live in a

society where people do not want to hear about a persons alternative sexual orientation — and even most of us do not want our sexual orientation exposed to the general public. As a result, the media reports about an individuals homosexuality only reluctantly — when it is integral to a story and when the individual involved no longer has a say in the matter — this usually occurs only when a crime is involved.

As for the actual sex act between men, it is generally referred to in association with these type crimes and HIV transmission. Not the most positive of associations. But, if Gay sex is universally dangerous, irresponsible and abusive, at least Gay men have sex. Since Lesbians don't exist, I would assume it makes sense that they don't have sex either.

I would also like to know what exactly 'Homosexual Overkill' is. If my interpretation is correct, would the equivalent of 'Heterosexual Overkill' be such cases as the 15 (Interstate Five) killers, or the late Ted Bundy, or that of the Green River murders — still unsolved and with no suspects.

It is not a news flash to us that, except for the gender of their sexual partners, Gay men and women differ from the majority of the populous in no significant way. But since this would be new 'News' to some, it is obviously going to take more than faceless statistics to change a few peoples minds. So be proud Milwaukee, and continue marching forward with your concerns to Milwaukee's City Council.

-Sincerely, Craig Harmon, Scottsdale, AZ.

Responsibility

Being a Gay male, breaking down barriers is not unfamiliar to me.

Some of which the mainstream, heterosexual society has forced upon me — upon us and others, we ourselves can only take claim too. The past two decades have been overwhelming for the Gay community and at present — we face our biggest challenges. Loss of freedoms, fear of our futures as individuals and as a community and our mortality.

The HIV pandemic has brought all of these challenges into a clearer light. It is forcing us to look at the things many of us have refused to peer at in the past and still fail to accept. Many limitations are contd. on page 34

Gay Republicans convene

The National Federation of Log Cabin Clubs (NFLCC) held its 1991 national convention in Chicago in August. The NFLCC is the umbrella organization of Gay Republican groups around the county. 18 member organizations were represented by over 38 delegates.

"This Federation exists because you can't get anything done in this country without both parties," said Rich Tafel, President of the NFLCC. "Two parties rule this country and there is no escaping that fact," he continued. "We have to work with them both."

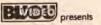
The convention passed several resolutions including one supporting the Gulf War and denouncing the Pentagon's policy of discharging openly Gay and Lesbian soldiers. NFLCC has sent a letter of condemnation to the White House and the Pentagon.

The convention also raised more than \$2,000 with contributions ranging from \$5 to \$500 in addition to taking care of some routine organizational matters.

Timothy Drake, with the Policy Institute of Nation Gay & Lesbian Task Force, was the convention key note speaker. Drake, a long-time Chicago Gay Republican, pumped up the morning crowd with anecdotes and warnings. He told, for example, of the Florida Gay pride parade where a Klu Klux Klansman stood unmolested and unchallenged on the sidewalk while ACT-UP heckled and interrupted the Gay Republican speaker at the rally. "This is what we're up against," said Drake.

Some Convention delegates agreed and pointed out that Gay and Lesbian Republicans sometimes have more trouble with their fellow community activists than with Republicans.

Madison's James McFarland, the featured banquet speaker, inspired the evening crowd of delegates and Chicago area diners with his experiences as an openly Gay elected Republican office-holder. "We have a place in the Republican party and we will not always



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bangs should lay down tidily on our foreheads. My own mother, for instance, to achieve just that affect on me, used to put some goo on my hair called DuSharm, which, near as I can recollect, seemed to have been some sort of grease-enhancer. Anyway, my girlfriend and I, whilst wandering among the giant potted plants, would try not to get freaked out by all the Metallica and Let's-Kill-Them-All-And-Let-God-Sort-Them-Out t-shirts so that we could still enjoy the high point of the evening: frozen yogurt.

- 2. Go to the movies. Again: air conditioning was the lure. This tended to be better than going to the malls because, for the most part, you didn't actually have to look at the people around you. Nevertheless, their presence was still palpable. During one movie, for example, the woman behind us tsked and moaned sympathetically throughout the entire movie. You might think we were seeing some such movie as Dying Young. But no, the movie in question was City Slickers a comedy.
- 3. Take lots of long, cool baths. This is remarkably refreshing. And the advantage is, you don't have to see any guys with beer bellies and sweat-stained baseball caps, and the only moaning you'll hear is your own. (I meant that metaphorically.) The disadvantage with this solution, or at least with our tub, is that it only seats one. And by the time the second bather has partaken, the first one is already hot, sweaty, and disagreeable again.
- 4. Hang out with your girlfriend's parents. Depending on your lover's parents, you might be thinking, "Hey, I thought these were ways to beat the heat, not to make it worse." Well, let me tell you, there's something mighty appealing about Kathy's parents: central air. Still, I have to admit this was perhaps our most desperate act. We were so desperate, in fact, that we willingly sat and listened while Kathy's dad talked about some arcane detail or other of the stock broker biz. I, for my part, smiled and nodded a lot, concentrating on that damp, stickiness leaving my skin.
- 5. Buy a five-dollar pool -you know, the little inflatable kind? You can't exactly

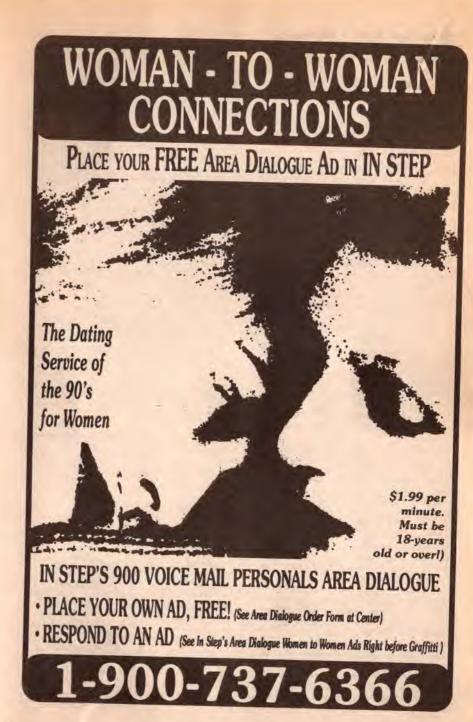
get in and have an invigorating swim, but you can slide your legs into the icy water. This has a surprisingly cooling effect. We would pull our lawn chairs up and have drinks by the pool. The neighbors looked at us kind of funny, but, hey, we're used to that by now.

- 6. Weasel dinner out of your friends, who speak softly but carry a big air conditioning unit. I suggest doing this sparingly, though. More than once or twice a week, and they may begin to think you only love them for their freon.
- 7. Lay naked in front of the fan and spritz each other with water. This is tres refreshing, but somewhat limits your activity. Visits from the precinct captain or an old high school buddy are ill-advised at that time.
- 8. Hang out in the basement. OK, I confess: we didn't do this one. But it could be a good idea if your basement wasn't ruled by spiders and millipedes and didn't have a ceiling height designed with the inhabitants of Oz in mind.

Looking back on those punishingly hot days now, it all seems like a bad acid-rain trip. But I know it all must be true. Because I keep finding movie- ticket stubs in my pockets; because there are, in the garage, purple and orange hippos dancing around the inflated ring of a pool; and because words like 'secondaries.' 'cyclicals,' and 'Ginnie Maes' keep rising, unbidden, into my conscious mind. The ironic part, is, of course, that in a few short months, when I'm complaining about numb toes and outrageous heating bills, the whole hellish summer will seem like one long, pleasant daydream of homegrown tomatoes and softball.

I wonder if the TCBY people will still remember our names by next year... c1991 by Yvonne Zipter, One-time North American rights granted only.





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present to us now. Many of which we don't want to confront and some refuse to accept — and why?

Our sexual freedoms are being questioned like never before. A part of our lives, our very existence is flashing before us. Yet we continue our conquests and run from protection.

A decade of my own was spent searching. Searching for something I wasn't sure existed - much less was attainable. I looked for it in others. I went in pursuit of others for that missing piece of myself. I thought I had found it with my sexual freedoms. Endless, responsiblefree sex. I achieved an interest from others which fed my starving self- worth, need for power and my freedom. My strengthened worth was only temporary - lasting only until my next sexual encounter, for my self- esteem was not found here, built or dependent on others - but myself. The arrival of daybreak brought this to light and the shadow of nightfall brought it home.

As a minority, power is sought for and hardly found. But when we glimpse it within our reach we go for it no matter what the costs may be. Yet, when we believe we have a strong hold of it is when it can prove most destructive to us, for it is the power over others and not a will—coming from within. It is our fear and hatred.

The links of our bondage offered from society are often accepted by us out of our own lack of understanding, acceptance and direction in ourselves and our lives. Going against the beliefs of our captures is not freedom, but revenge — hate. Others can't piece together the puzzle. The missing link is found within. It isn't tangible or touchable. It is easily fought in the wrong directions — gratification, rebellion and hate. And difficult to achieve, but possible once our own direction is discovered.

With our sought- after, well deserved freedoms comes responsibilities and choices. A fact that many of the Gay male community have a hard time accepting. Friends tell me they choose not to get tested for HIV because they couldn't handle a positive result, whether emotionally or physically. Or give the excuse that since there isn't a cure, why bother. These beliefs only reinforce the fact that we continue to run away from clouds of gray that may threaten what has

become for many of us the most important aspect of our identities- sex. Being a Gay male in the 90's is no longer played out on a stage of throbbing desires. It is a time for honest self- searching, evaluation and taking responsibility. Do we continue to avoid until there is nothing left to run from — because we have come full circle?

It's time for us to handle, not cope but accept and come to terms with our identities, purpose and lives. This also means that we will fail to find the support in all the old familiar places. We must hold ourselves up, get tested and grab hold of the support we need. No, there is no cure for AIDS, but early intervention is being offered to you. Intervention that will raise your quality of life, prolong it and may stop HIV dead in it's tracks. A cure may not be around the corner, but it may be around the block. A possibility that was not even in glimpse when many of your friends and mine were deprived of choices and possibilities.

HIV challenged our community and has brought suffering and death. But it has also brought a purpose — re-evaluation of values, redefinition of priorities, self-growth and goal setting. These are positive possibilities offered us. Why wait until the storm hits before seeking protection? Please, don't fail to make a choice like I and so many others have failed to do. The possibilities are openbut the choice is yours.

—Sincerely, Daniel Trzebiatowski





Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

Cooler heads

I hate to speak prematurely, but I think-my girlfriend and I have survived another long hot summer. Normally, we have a loving and fun-filled relationship. But there's something about undergoing a week or more at a stretch where the thermostat in the house never dips below 89 — causing the space between one's breasts to look like a water slide — that causes both of us to have personality melt-downs. This tends to be bad for a relationship. Therefore, to avoid the untimely demise of our blissful coupling, we have become seekers of knowledge: knowledge, that is, of ways to beat the heat.

Now I know it may seem like I am sharing this knowledge with you a little too late in the summer for it to do you any good. But wisdom doesn't come cheaply you know. Or for that matter, quickly.

Besides, I figure that at the rate we're destroying the ozone layer, we can pretty much expect more of the same, weatherwise, next summer. So save this column: before you can say 'greenhouse effect,' you'll be looking for ways to salvage your sanity — and/or your relationship — from the Chernobyl of emotions that comes with summer. You may even be desperate enough to try some of these things. We were.

1. Spend time in shopping malls. The key here, as with so many of our other acts of desperation this summer, was the air conditioning. We liked to think of these excursions as cultural experiences, like visiting a foreign country where the customs, clothing, and food are all a little strange. Did you know, for instance, that it is fashionable to make your bangs stand straight up in the air? This comes as quite a shock to all of us who grew up in the 50s or 60s, to those of us who were taught that



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PH-1 (Porno Hits-One), which will feature popular porn Gods introducing graphic climax clips from your favorite XXX- rated videos.

- Claiming it's name is sexist and politically- incorrect, activist groups will force the makers of Manwich to change the name of it's sloppy joe mix to Personwich.
- The US Drug Enforcement Agency, will win the war on drugs after unveiling it's latest weapon created through genetic engineering. The DEA's deadly new drug sniffing dog will feature the nastiest traits of a pit bull crossed with the killer attitude of "Just Say No!" viper Nancy Reagan. Copyright 1991 by Wells Ink



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Dos Lesbos: A Lesbian musical comedy play, 8pm, Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th St., Milwaukee. Sponsored by Hurricane Productions. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 door.

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 Station II: Octoberfest, free beer, hors d' oeuvres 8-12.

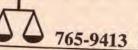
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The Arts

'Dos Lesbos' in Milwaukee Oct. 11-12

[Milwaukee] - Dos Lesbos, the musical comedy revue which played to cheering overflow crowds at this year's National Women's Music Festival, is coming to Milwaukee on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12.

Hurricane Productions will present the musical play at Centennial Hall of the Central Library in downtown Milwaukee at 733 N. 8th Street. Both shows are at 8

Dos Lesbos, by Terry Baum, is a witty and endearing look at the joys and trials of Lesbian coupledom.

Pam Petruzzi as Peg and Barbara Harrell as Gracie will dance, sing, laugh, cry, argue and mug their way through a series of vignettes about work, love, sex, depression, coming out and meeting their partners' parents in funny 'before' and 'after' scenes.

A hilarious Lesbian version of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and the tongue-in- cheek "I Don't Care" (which elicited a spirited sing-a-long by audiences at the Bloomington festival) are among the musical highlights.

Tickets for Dos Lesbos are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. In Madison, they can be purchased at Room of One's Own, 317 W. Johnson. For Madisonians, directions to Centennial Hall and parking tips will be included with the tickets.

In Milwaukee, tickets are available at: People's Books, 1808 N. Farwell Avenue; Outpost Natural Foods at 102 E. Capitol Drive; and Station II, 1534 W. Grant

Group rates at \$9 per person for groups of 10 or more can be obtained by calling (414) 276-6935. Call that number for any further information.

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Women's music in Madison

Tribade Productions and WORT present Ann Reed with members of Stoney Lonesome and Naima on Friday, October 25 at the Barrymore Theatre at 7:30pm as a benefit for Take Back the Night.

Then, on Saturday, November 16, it's Ferron with her band from the latest album, also at the Barrymore, at 8pm.

The Barrymore Theatre is located at 2090 Atwood. Tickets are to be available one month prior to each performance at all Barrymore outlets, Green Earth and Four Star. Call (608) 241-8864 for more information.



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in the pictures on Denny's menus and apply for an NEA grant.

· Fast food jester, Ronald McDonald will sue Bozo The Clown for false imprisonment after an over-eager and bondage- minded Bozo ties Ronald to a

bed with licorice whips. Ronald will be freed after a jealous and ravenous, Hamburglar bursts into Bozo's love nest and eats the licorice. Ronald will be treated at a local hospital for an accidental

circumcision and released.

· An environmentally-California man will file for bankruptcy after his effort to recycle condoms via a condom dry cleaning service goes bust when a semi-trailer filled with soiled condoms crashes into the California Sleep Research, Institute for simultaneously creating a giant semen spill and the world's largest wet dream.

researchers · Japanese co-operation with MasterCard and the makers of Cottonelle Bathroom Tissue will surgically implant an electronic credit card scanner in the butt of a male prostitute. The device will revolutionize the male escort industry and quick- thinking entrepreneurs will adapt the technology for use in pay toilets.

• In celebration of National Coming Out Day, Mery Griffin will come out of the closet wearing one of Vanna White's dresses.

· National homophobe and US Senator, Jesse Helms, will die of heart failure after accidentally tuning into MTV's new 24-hour satellite network, contd. on page 62



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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

Predictions for fall

Fall is traditionally a time of great change in our world. Be a hit at your next party, armed with knowledge of changes yet to come, as internationally famous psychic, W.W. Wells peers into his magical crystal broach and predicts the following astounding events...

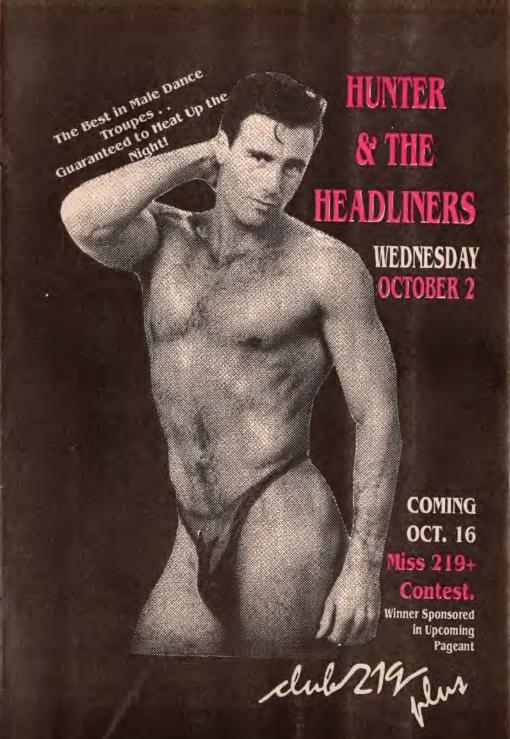
• The Fall of Communism in the Soviet Union will be a boon to entrepreneurial Gays who will sell old, clandestine bedroom videos filmed by the KGB, giving birth to the Soviet porn industry. A well-endowed, but little known ship yard worker, Vladmir Strykerski (a distant cousin to Jeff) will attempt to become the first Soviet Naughty Video star and fail since few Russians can afford VCRs and starving peasants will be stricken with latex poisoning after eating rubber replicas molded from Vladmir's hefty kielbasa sausage.

 The Boy Scouts will reverse it's stand on homosexuality and admit Gays after several hundred eight and nine year-old Gay Cub Scouts stage a mass kiss-in at a Scouting jamboree.

• Ex-Saturday morning TV king-pin, Pee Wee Herman, will launch his own line of long rain coats, hand lotions, and moist towel-ettes to be sold in adult theatres across the US. In a related event, Pee Wee will unsuccessfully sue Florida police, claiming the yellow crime scene tape used at the site of his alleged wrong doing was strung much too tight, cutting off circulation, resulting in discoloration and impotence.

• Cracker Barrel Restaurants will be picketed by activist groups after the homophobic restaurant chain fires an openly Lesbian cook, whose pancakes, served with two strategically placed kiwi fruit garnishes, were made in the shape of women's breasts. The woman will eventually get a job cooking the food used





MADISON MARCH WEEKEND

Madison March Weekend Oct. 4-6

Madison's Gay & Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVAnize) proudly announces the 1991 March on Madison for Gav & Lesbian Rights will kick off with a rally at 1pm, Saturday, October 5 at the State Street corner of the State Capitol. Madison City Councilperson, Ricardo Gonzales, will welcome those assembled to Madison and introduce two keynote speakers: Urvashi Vaid, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF); and Joe Elder, UW professor active in Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), and in efforts to end discrimination against Lesbians and Gav men in the ROTC.

Vaid is the Executive Director of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the first woman of color to run a major national Lesbian and Gay organization.

"She's and incredibly dynamic and inspiring speaker," said a Madison man who heard her keynote at last June's Chicago Pride March. A Madison woman, who heard her speech at the National Lesbian Conference in Atlanta, said, "I'd follow her anywhere."

The NGLTF, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., is the oldest national Gay and Lesbian civil rights advocacy organization. Its political work is divided into three primary areas: lobbying, education, and grassroots organizing. The NGLTF has been extending its lobbying and membership development efforts in the Midwest. (Vaid and other members of the organization will be at an information table in James Madison Park at the Celebration following the March.)

THE MARCH

The March sets off at 1:30pm, proceeds down State Street to Lake Street then up Langdon to James Madison Park. Be sure to bring signs and banners and boom boxes tuned to WORT 89.9FM, Madison's listener sponsored community

radio station, which will be playing march music. Bring your Madison area and outof- town friends too! (Cars or floats that will be part of the March are asked to line up on Wisconsin Ave. just off the square.)

CELEBRATION INFO

The Celebration in James Madison Park, 2:30pm to 5pm following the March, will feature entertainment by the all woman band 'On the Verge,' and jazz vocalist Jan Wheaton with the Harris Lemberg Trio.

Also at the Park, candidates for elective office, Tammy Baldwin and David Clarenbach, will speak. There will also be cameo performances by the "Flirtations" and possibly feminist humorist Kate Clinton, who are giving concerts later that evening at the Barrymore Theater. MC for the afternoon Celebration will be popular Madison comic Linda Finn.

Organizations & businesses will also have tables & booths set up at the park for your perusal.

SUNDAY EVENTS

On Sunday, October 6, Rights and Pride Weekend events will continue beginning with a brunch from 10pm to noon at CHAS/ Brooks Street Y, 360 N. Brooks and then workshops and Lesbian/ Gav videos at the UW Memorial Union, Child care will be available free on Sunday. Pre-register by October 1 to assure space by calling GALVAnize at 255-8061. Workshops will relate to topics such as: relationships, parenting, political activism, and racism awareness. For a full up to the minute listing of GALVAnize & related events see the In Step Calendar in this issue; or separate side bar articles in the 'Madison March Weekend' section.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed to assure the success of the Rights and Pride Weekend.

During the March weekend itself, volunteers are needed to help set-up the Sunday brunch and to donate food. People



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As difficult as these situations may be, it's much worse when it Involves friendship or marriage. You once loved this person very much. You've changed, grown, gone after new frontiers. Your friend or partner and you suddenly have nothing in common. They bore you to tears, yet you don't want to hurt them. But eventually it comes down to hurting them or yourself.

As difficult as all the previous examples may be, it is far worse when you are the one being viewed by others as having outlived your usefulness; yet you don't feel this way at all.

It is your employer who sees you as outdated, stagnant; yet you believe that if the company would only listen to your ideas it would flourish. Or, your partner comes home and tells you it's over, but you believe the relationship still has life and potential. Frequently, this job or partner is taken away from you, because others have decided that you have outlived your usefulness.

What to do? How to cope? How does one handle the devastation of feeling washed up, old, totally useless?

As difficult as they are, it is these moments in life that can bring about our greatest challenges and our profoundest personal growth. For if we can survive these challenges, we usually discover qualities and potential within ourselves which we never imagined existed.

I have a friend who frequently speaks of learning to let go. She believes it is one of the most important lessons we must learn in life. From birth to death (others or our own) we constantly are confronted with situations or circumstances which demand that we be able to let go — to gently give in to this challenge. Pain, failure, anger, children, love, marriage, career, all at times require the ability to

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give something up that we may want very badly. Ultimately, dealing with our own death without fear but with peace and faith, requires the giant step of letting go and believing this is meant to be. It may involve having the faith that there is a logic to the universe which we can never fully understand, but at times must simply trust. It may involve 12 Step programs which tell us to accept what we cannot change or religion which tells us that there is a time to live and a time to die; a time to put away childish things. No matter what our personal belief system may be, the lesson is universal and omnipresent.

So, perhaps what we need to do is replace concepts such as outdated, or ones as negative as outliving its usefulness, with the realization that we must move on, must give in to change. To admit that someone or something has served its/ their purpose and now it is time to let go, and go on. Time to grow!

It's not such a frightening concept when one looks at it that way. Frightening or not, it is one we all must learn! If we do, we may achieve great inner peace. If we don't, our life will be filled with pain, grief and suffering. The lesson of the universe is change. It is up to us how we choose to deal with it.





MADISON MARCH WEEKEND

are needed to help on the stage crew for Friday's variety show and Saturday's celebration. People are also needed to help set up and clean-up at all events. People are also needed to staff the GALVAnize information table and sell T-shirts at all events. (This is important work — T-shirt sales are our largest source of revenue.)

Special needs: GALVAnize is also looking for volunteers to act as sighted guides or to otherwise assist people with disabilities, people to assist with childcare, and people who are able to provide housing to out-of- town visitors.

It takes over 200 people to put on all these related events! You can help with encouraging participation in the events by doing both in & out of town outreach. Peace keepers are needed to facilitate & direct the march. Sign makers & telephone workers are also in much demand.

You can volunteer by coming to a GALVAnize meeting at the UW Memorial Union. The Outreach/ Media Committee meets on Tuesday nights at 6:30 and the Events Committee meets on Thursday nights at 6:30. You can also call the GALVAnize hotline at (608) 255-8061.

NAMES Project Quilt in Madison October 4-6

The NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, begun by a handful of volunteers in 1987, has grown to include over 14,000 3-foot by six-foot panels, each made in memory and celebration of a unique human life. The Quilt is a profound expression not only of grief, but of joy, anger, sorrow, fear and love. Even President George Bush could not help but be moved by seeing the Quilt, saying. "These amazing quilts... prove that no one is a statistic. Every life has its own fabric, its own color, its own soul. No two are alike."

Over 1,600 panels of the Quilt will be on display in Madison, October 4-6, at the University of Wisconsin McClain Athletic Facility, next to Camp Randall Stadium, at the corner of Regent and Monroe Streets. This will be the largest display of the Quilt in the entire Midwest in 1991. It will be over eight times the size of the 1989 Madison display at the UW Fieldhouse, and about the same size as the 1990 Chicago display at McCormick Place.

The Quilt is representative of every state in the nation, Puerto Rico, and 26 countries of the world. It has been seen by more than two million people and has raised more than one million dollars for direct care services for people living with HIV infection and AIDS.

The May '89 display in Madison encouraged the 8,000 people present to better understand and respond to the AIDS epidemic as well as raising vital local community funds for people living with HIV infection and AIDS. That display was co-sponsored by the Gay & Lesbian Visibility Alliance (GALVAnize) & the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN).

The McClain Athletic Facility, graciously made available by the UW-Madison Athletic Department, will provide an truly impressive site for display of the Quilt. an indoor football practice field completed in 1989, the McClain Facility boasts an open display area of over 79,000 square feet, and is covered by a translucent dome which provides beautiful, muted natural lighting.

The display will be free and open to the public from 6pm to 10pm on Friday, October 4, and from 10am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, October 5-6. Opening ceremonies, including the ceremonial unfolding of the Quilt, will begin at 6:30pm on Friday, October 4. Closing ceremonies, which include presentation of new, locally-made panels to NAMES Project officials, will be held on Sunday, October 6, at 3:30pm.

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March weekend workshops

Workshops at the UW Memorial Union set for both Saturday and Sunday will have interpreting for the deaf. If you need this service, check at the information table in the Union lobby to connect with one of the pool of ASL interpreters. Workshops for the Madison March Weekend include:

SATURDAY, OCT. 5 ALL FROM 10am- Noon

Mad. Sr. Cntr., 330 W. Mifflin Sign Making — to prepare for the March. Facilitated by Barbara Sparrow, materials furnished.

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While admission to the display will be free, any donations made during the display will go to directly support the Madison AIDS Support Network and the Rodney Scheel House for Persons with AIDS, Ltd.

It is impossible to fully describe the power of the Quilt. for those who have never understood AIDS, it can be a revelation. As one viewer from Anchorage, Alaska put it, "I just saw people flocking to this place, and I came over to see what was there. I had no idea about all of the people who had been killed by AIDS. I stayed... thinking this is the saddest, most beautiful thing I've ever seen. I think I finally understand what AIDS is really about."

For those who have lived with the reality of AIDS for the last decade, it is a chance to laugh, to cry, to rage, and to grieve. The Quilt is for Gays, Lesbians, Straights, Bisexuals, Men, Women, Children, Rich, Poor, All Races, All Colors. It is for humanity.

People interested in making donations or volunteering time at the display can contact the Madison Quilt Display Committee through Martha Wilson at home at (608) 233-2966 or Brian Repko at home at (608) 256-5402.

The Quilt: See It And Understand.

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G/L Issues in the Public School Arena Tom Ammiano, 'out' teacher and member of the San Francisco School Board. Co sponsored by GLEE (Gay and Lesbian Education employees).

GREAT: Steps to self-empowerment for Gay and Bi Men facilitated by Paul Wesselman, Asst. Dir. of Resident Life at Beloit College.

SUNDAY, OCT. 6 Times as noted UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon

Free child care at University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave., 3 Wishes Child Care Center.

Race Awareness, Noon-4 Facilitated by the Race Awareness Program of UW Madison.

Alternative Fertilization, Noon-2pm Panel discussion of issues and experiences, Lesbian Parents Network.

Adoption Issues for Lesbians, Noon-2pm Panel discussion, Lesbian Parents Network.

The Fight Against G/L Oppression, Noon-2pm Cameron Sturdevant, Intl. Socialist Organization.

Statewide Coalition Building, Noon-1pm Facilitated by the NOW Lesbian Rights Task Force, Wisconsin NOW.

Gay Rights in Wisconsin, 2-4pm A panel discussion by activists and politicians on how to influence public policy.

Legal Issues for Lesbian Parents, 2:30-4pm Attorney Shelty Gaylord on videotape, facilitated by Lesbian Parents Network.

Living With AIDS, 1-2pm Facilitated by Michael Callen, and the other members of The Flirtations.

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Former Milwaukeean Dwight E. Jordan died September 6, 1991 at the age of 36.

Dwight drowned while inner tubing on a river in Phoenix Arizona. Dwight, an amazingly talented and giving man, touched the hearts and minds of many people. While doing what he loved best, entertaining across the United States and Canada, he uplifted and inspired people to reach for and fulfill their own dreams.

Dwight is survived by his companion of six years, David Radl; his mother, brother, grandmother and a large family of close friends. Dwight will always remain in the hearts of all those he loved.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday September 17, at the Sacramento Garden Mortuary in California.

A memorial service was held in Milwaukee on September 21. A good time was had by all.



Dwight E. Jordan

Reflections from the Joan Zone

by Joan Lawrence

Outliving usefulness

Outliving its usefulness. What a depressing, negative phrase! Yet for all of us as human beings, it's a concept we must confront. Life means change and as change occurs, people, ideas, all types of things must be released.

Sometimes it's easy. We know we no longer need this. Maybe it's a habit which we thought we'd never give up. We would never quit smoking, overeating, whatever. Yet we reach a stage where we realize that the needs which were met by this behavior no longer exist or they are being met in other ways.

Other times it may involve one's career. We realize that we no longer want to be in this field or profession. It no longer fulfills

us. If we just act courageously, we can discover what we'd really like to do and go for it.

But these are the easy examples — the ones we have control over; the ones that don't hurt anyone else.

But then there are the other times. These are the painful ones. We must make judgments about another persons usefulness. These situations can arise in work, love or friendships.

All of us have been in jobs where we have seen people who were once very good at what they did. They have grown stale — outlived their usefulness. They have not grown with the company. They are bored, yet fail to let go. Everyone knows it except them. How to deal with them as either employees or supervisors? How to get them to see that it may be time for a change?

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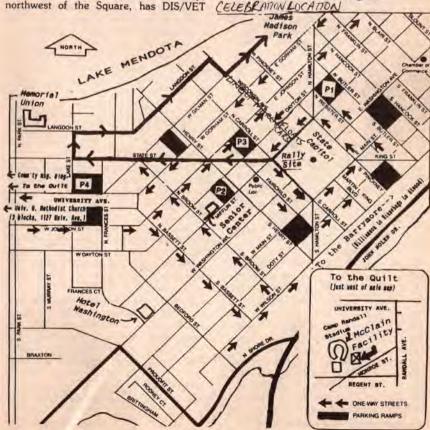
March parking

On street parking near the Rally and Celebration, and near the UW campus will be hard to find. We recommend you head for one of the parking ramps, labeled P on the map. All city ramps are \$1 for all day on weekends, and evenings after 6pm. Your 'spitter ticket' is good for free rides on the city buses.

P1 — The McCormick ramp is midway between the two Saturday afternoon events. It does NOT have an elevator or DIS/Vet spots. P2 — The Capitol Center ramp, west of the Square, is convenient to the Signmaking Workshop and has an elevator. P3 — The Dayton Street ramp, northwest of the Square, has DIS/VET

spots and meters which are free with appropriate license plates. These latter two are both close to the Rally and March beginning point, as will as to 4 Star Fiction & Video.

In the UW campus area, the closest parking to the Memorial Union is a small metered lot east of building, and under Helen C. White Hall to the west at the end of Park Street. There will be fees at 'Helen C' on Friday night and Saturday, but on Sunday it's free. Parking near the Brooks Street Y/CHAS for Sunday's brunch, and the University Methodist Church where child care is located, is nearly impossible. Give the area a quick cruise, then head for the union area or the lake/Francis ramp marked P4 on the map. It's a short walk between this ramp and the campus area events sights.



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A 'Gayla' Affair — show & dance

Kicking off the Rights and Pride weekend in style, GALVAnize is hosting A GAYLA Affair, a variety show in the Great Hall of the UW Memorial union on Friday evening, Oct. 4, at 8pm. A dance will follow the show at about 10:30.

The show's organizers describe it as "that special occasion which brings out the best in music, comedy, dance and inspiration." Both locally and nationally known Lesbian and Gay entertainers will be showcased in this fast-moving revue.

The evening will be hosted by entertainer Max Ward, former conductor of the Gay Men's Chorale. At press time, some of the acts included singer- pianist Faron Evans, comedian Tom Ammiano, the popular Madison women's band, 'The Cow Girl Sweethearts' and dancer 'Cassie.'

The Cow- Girl Sweethearts will be featured doing their own material as well as 'slightly modified' standard Country-Western tunes. You don't need to be a C-W fan to appreciate their unique approach to this musical form — they are just out to have fun! They've been featured in Lesbian variety shows, at local fundraisers and perform regularly at 'Apple Island.'

Cassie will be jazzing up the stage in one number and coming back later with a dance of classical inspiration. (Cassie was recently named first runner-up in the Miss Gay Wisconsin- USA contest.)

FARON EVANS

Singer- pianist Faron Evans is back in Madison for a special performance at 'A GAYLA Affair.' Prior to leaving Madison, Faron was a popular regular in the Concourse Hotel's Piano Bar.

Since moving to Chicago in 1988, Faron's career has taken off in a big way. He has become a fixture at Gentry, on Chicago's Rush Street and has also made occasional visits to San Diego's No. 1 Fifth Avenue and Milwaukee's M&M. Recently, Faron has become a featured entertainer at the exciting new Truman's night club, outside South Bend, Indiana.

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TOM AMMIANO

Tom Ammiano is an openly- Gay teacher, a member of the San Francisco School Board — and a stand-up comedian.

He will be displaying the full range of his talents during the GALVAnize March weekend. Stand-up 'comedian Ammiano will perform at 'A GAYLA Affair,' as well as lead a workshop entitled, ''Gay and Lesbian issues in the Public School arena,'' on Saturday, 'October 5th at 10am in the Memorial Union.

It goes without saying that Ammiano is a man of many interests. One minute he could be engaging in a serious discussion about the need to open up the educational process to people of color and kids with special needs. And in the next, he'll have you on the floor with a comedy routine that brings together two of his favorite subjects: growing up in Catholic schools and the unique Gay culture of the city by the bay.

He's not someone known for holding back with a deserving target. As a San Francisco Examiner critic quipped, "Ammiano's very fair. He tears everybody to shreds."

In the late 1980's, Ammiano's fame became national as he began appearing throughout the country, including at numerous benefits for AIDS- related organizations. And, he became 'immortalized' thanks to the popular 1987 PBS documentary, 'The History of English,' which featured an Ammiano monologue about the expressions that are unique to the gay dialect.

Between sets, audience members will be treated to an array of original stories, poetry, and comedy in keeping with the theme of the show. Local Lesbians and Gays will present insightful and whimsical looks at ourselves and our society.

Admission is free, but seating is limited, so concert goers are encouraged

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MMW: Art Show Party - Steep & Brew, 544 State Street, 8-10pm, (See separate article in 'Madison march Weekend' section).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

Madison March Weekend [MMW] "A GAYLA Affair" — Variety show, Great Hall, Memorial Union, 8pm. (See separate article in MMW section.)

Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt [Madison]: Opening ceremony, McClain Center, 6:30pm. Quilt on display until 10pm. (See separate article in 'Madison March Weekend' section).

MMW Gayla Dance: In Great Hall. Memorial Union, 10:30pm-1am.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Madison March Weekend GALVAnize March: Pre-March Rally, 1pm, State St. side of Capitol. March begins 1:30, Celebration at James Madison Park 2:30-5pm. (See separate article in MMW

MMW Workshops: See separate article in MMW section, 10am-noon, Memorial

MMW Sign Making Workshop: Materials provided, Madison Sr. Center meeting room, 330 W. Mifflin, 10am-noon.

Names Project Quilt: On display 10am to 4pm. (See separate article in MMW section).

MMW Concerts: Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave., Kate Clinton (\$15) at 7pm, The Flirtations (\$10) 9:30pm. (See separate article in MMW section).

MMW Womens Dance: At Apple Island, 9:30pm.

4 Star Video & Fiction [Madison]: Michael Callen book singing, 10am.

Rod's [Madison]: Open 10am for Pride Pre-party.

Hiking: GAMMA's annual walk to support the Ice Age Trail - Blue Hills & Ridge Run segment near Cedarburg. Meet for coffee & doughnuts at 8am in Shorewood & pool rides. Call Bob 963-9833 For more info.

Station II: Dairyland Dog Track, \$10; food, beer at bar 4-6, bus departs 6:05pm.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Special show with 3 Wisconsin -USA titleholders. 10pm, \$3 cover includes a drink.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 MADISON MARCH WEEKEND

Names Project Quilt: McClain Facility. 10am- 3:30pm. (See separate article in MMW section.) Closing ceremonies at 3:30 with new local panels added.

MMW Brunch: Community Housing & Services Bldg. (formerly Brooks St. YMCA), 306 N. Brooks St., \$5, 10am-

MMW Videos: Memorial Union noon-4, (See separate article in MMW section).

MMW Ecunemical Service: University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave., 2pm.

MMW Silver Space Gathering: Drop in support for 'older' Lesbians, Apple Island, 5pm.

Touch Football: Continues on Lincoln Drive field, 2pm, sponsored by GAMMA. Bob 963- 9833.

Square Dancing: Classes begin, 3B's Bar, 6pm, Western attire, beginners encouraged. Sponsored by GAMMA, Bob 963-9833

Rainbow Revue: Goldie's birthday party, showtime!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

Quilt Benefit Dinner [Milw.]: To help bring Names Project Quilt to Milw. M&M Upstairs banquet room, 7:30pm. \$15 per person includes dinner & a glass of wine.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

Men Aloud: Safer Sex Workshop for Gay or Bi-sexual men. Presented by MAP's Gay community educator. Games, hot videos & condom tips. 7-10pm, MAP office, 315 W. Court St. Call Mike Lisowski at MAP. 273-1991 to make a reservation.

Community Action Coalition Meeting: 6pm, 335 W. Wright Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9 Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, Real Eyes Realize Real

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 10pm-1am.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

J.C., Karen & Taco's Birthday Blow Out GALVAnize Benefit Dance

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to arrive early. The doors will open at 7:30pm and close at the 8pm start of the show. Childcare vouchers will be available at the door.

A GAYLA Dance follows in the Great Hall from 10:30pm to 1am.

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MASN related activities

In addition to co-sponsoring the "Flirtations" concert, and having an information table in James Madison Park where concert tickets will be for sale; the Madison AIDS Support Network is planning for helium balloons at the pre-March Rally and setting up their "Safer Sex Boutique" at the Celebration.

MASN has also arranged for Michael Callen, High soprano with the 'Flirts,' to autograph his book Surviving AIDS, from Ilam to noon on Saturday, October 5 at Four Star Fiction & Video. The store is at 315 N. Henry off State Street not far from the Capitol Square. The trade paperback version will be hot off the press at \$10. Another time to meet Michael and other members of the Flirtations will be at the Sunday Workshops. (Check 'The Calendar' in this issue for more details).

G/L art show

An exhibit of works by Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual artists will be hung at the 'A' Space Gallery on September 16 and run until October 16. The Gallery is located in the Steep 'n' Brew coffee house at 544 State Street. On Thursday October 3, preceding the March weekend, there will be an 'opening' party to meet the artists. It will be from 8-10pm and include champagne and muchies furnished by the gallery proprietor, Julie Shouer.

Kate Clinton, Flirtations in concert

Comedienne Kate Clinton and the a capella quintet, the Flirtations will be appearing at the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave., in separate concerts on Saturday, Oct. 5th.

Clinton calls herself a "fumerist — that's feminist and humorist combined." She's been called "razorsharp," "celebratory," and "outrageously earthy." It's the kind of right-on irreverence that's sent many who've seen her back again and again for more. Clinton's appearance is sponsored by Fallen Woman Productions.

The Flirtations are simply an original. Although tongue- in- cheek, they sometimes describe themselves as "the 'out' Nylons." Their music is a melodious a capella blend and their message is also a harmonious blend of the many different dimensions of the Gay experience. Proceeds from this benefit concert will go to the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center and the Madison AIDS Support Network.

Tickets for Kate Clinton are \$15, the concert starts at 7pm. Tickets for the Flirtations are \$10, with the concert starting at about 9:30pm. For ticket information, call the Barrymore Theatre at (608) 241-8633.

Videos part of weekend

A collection of Gay & Lesbian oriented videos will be screened from noon-4pm at the UW Memorial Union as part of the GALVAnize weekend line up. The following films will be shown during the afternoon.

For everyone: the wonderful **Before** Stonewall, which chronicles the lives and times of Lesbians and Gay men before the contemporary 'Gay Rights' movement.

For men: the feature Wonderland along with shorts — Fireworks and Scorpio by 1940s-60s film maker Kenneth Anger, and the satire Ray's Male Heterosexual Dance Hall.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Community Groups Hearing: Before Milwaukee's 'Blue Ribbon' Commission. Gay & Lesbian groups will join other community groups in testifying on treatment by the Milw. Police Dept., Holy Angels Church, 3pm.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, featuring Atomic Comic Fran Peavey discussing her 2 books.

Social Volleyball: Meet at UWM's Engelmann Gym, 8:30pm, \$2 donation. Sponsored by GAMMA. Call Bob 963-

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
ZA's [Green Bay]: Doors open tonight at new location, 1106 Main Street. Front &

Triangle: Patrick Herwig's 40th birthday

3B's Bar: Premiere of weekly special \$1 rail drinks in the K.K. Korral for those in leather, 9-close

Madison March Weekend: Peacekeeper training, Memorial Union, 7pm.

Two Nice Girls [Madison]: A Tribade & Wort production with special guest Mrs. Fun, Apple Island, 7:30pm.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Musica Femina [Madison]: Classical music duo at Apple Island (849 E. Washington Ave.) 8pm, presented by

ZA's [Green Bay]: Lip Sync week one at new location.

HIT Poker Run: Start at 3B's at 6pm, go to 6 other bars, get a card at each one to complete your best 5 card draw hand. Awards & prizes at Ballgame at 11pm. Call Timm at 289-9398 for more info. \$5 per hand donation — A HIT fundraiser.

La Cage: Fest City Singers present "History, Herstory, Ourstory" on tour, 8:30pm, tickets \$8.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

ZA's [Green Bay]: Milwaukee's Fest City Singers, 10pm, \$3, at new location.

Milw. TS/TV Connection: First meeting, \$10 includes buffet & first drink. Call 344-3581 or 256-1321 for information.

Ballgame: Pool Tournament, \$5 entry fee. see bartender for details.

Fannies: Old Disco Night, every other song a slow one.

Wreck Room: Party Night, starts 10pm, many great prizes.

Club 3054 [Madison]; Benefit for GALVAnize, \$2 cover. Earlier - JC, Karen & Tacos birthday blow out

Country Life Dancing [Madison]: For women, Apple Island, 8pm.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Channel 10 [Milw.]: Screening of "Long-time Companion," 9pm.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Jeff Jennings, live. 7:30pm, at new location.

M&M Club: Live entertainment by Faron

Touch Football: Pick up game on Lincoln Drive Field at 12:30pm. All are welcome - sponsored by GAMMA, For info 963-

Station II: Kristi K & Jeff Stoll singing 7-11 \$2 cover

Partner's: Arlington Race Track, bus leaves 10:30am. \$29 includes 10am coffee & doughnuts at bar, juice drinks & box lunch on bus, entry fee & race form, open bar on bus during return to Milw., dinner at Balistreri's, return to Partner's 10pm.

Pivot Club: Fest City Singers on tour, 10pm, no cover.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Kissing Girls Productions: Final application forms for "I Got This Way From Kissing Girls Too" are due. Send with SASE to: KGP, Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Ballgame: Start of Wed. night dart league, 7:30pm.

Club 219 Plus: Hunter & The Headliners male dancers.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, '89 March on Madison by GALVAnize.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Madison March Weekend [MMW]: GALVAnize events committee meeting new volunteers welcome, Memorial Union, 6:30pm.

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For women: the feature Lesboniage with a cameo performance by Urvashi Vaid, along with shorts — Mensus and Superdyke made in the 1970s by Lesbian film maker Barbara Hammer, and selections from Lesbian Tongues.

Films may contain nudity, erotic scenes, and frank language. Videos furnished by and available for your personal viewing pleasure at Four Star Fiction & Video, 315 N. Henry St., Madison.

MADISON MARCH WEEKEND

Childcare info

Recognizing that many Lesbian and Gay parents are often excluded from events in our community because of the lack of affordable, quality childcare, GALVAnize is offering childcare for most of its March weekend events.

Friday evening: Childcare vouchers will be available for parents who attend the Opening Ceremony of the NAMES Project Quilt, the 'A GAYLA Affair' Variety Show, or the Dance. Parents should arrange for a sitter and submit a receipt for reimbursement.

Saturday: There will be a childcare room at the Memorial Union for parents who wish to attend the workshops. Most parents indicated that they will want to march with their children, so no childcare is being provided during the March itself. The post- March rally is at James Madison park where there is a playground, and special activities for children will be organized.

(Note: the Kate Clinton concert and the Flirtations concert on Saturday night are being produced independent of GALVAnize. No provision has been made for childcare.)

Sunday: Childcare will be provided for the Brunch, during the workshops, and through the closing ceremony for the Quilt. It will be available from 10am to 4:30pm at the University United Methodist Church at 1127 University Avenue. Parents are asked to send a bag lunch or to take their children out to lunch.

To assure a space for your children, leave a message with GALVAnize. Also, please contact us if you'd like to volunteer for childcare or would like to help organize games for children at the post-March celebration in the park. GALVAnize can be reached at (608) 255-8061.

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FRIDAYS

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Dart & Pool Leagues Forming.

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anniversary celebration that featured lots of drink specials AND the return engagement of locally grown porn star and exotic, erotic dancer Beau Beaumont for two no cover shows on Sunday night. Needless to say, the atmosphere was steamy that night at Partners. Congratulations to Jim and his staff on a second great year!

What is Friday the 13th without a party? 3 B's Bar held their lucky/ unlucky party that night with prizes given away every half hour. At least the winners were lucky!

Saturday the I4th was a busy day... besides Partners and the Rainbow continuing their weekend events, M&M Club played host to Randy (Evileen) Frank's annual birthday bash and benefit show. This year the Milwaukee Home Hospice and the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus were beneficiaries of Randy's generosity. The show was great, the place was packed and Randy did a wonderful job (as always) with decor.

The Oberons handed over a check to MAP at their monthly club night at the

Wreck Room from their recent fundraising activities. While in Kenosha, Club 94 held their 2nd annual benefit auction for the South Eastern Wisconsin AIDS Support Network (SEWAP). The Club 94 Follies performed in a campy, funny show that was rounded out with an auction and a pie toss. Over \$1,700 was raised.

Jo'Dee's in Racine, meanwhile, had a midnight show featuring the talents of Miss Racine and Miss Kenosha Wisconsin-USA and their friends who "Took It To The Streets."

Club 3054 wrapped up the weekend with a Sunday evening Pet Show on their patio. One pet cat was penalized for mistaking the sandlot as its own personal litter box. (Just kidding!) Over 30 animals attended, and a big crowd of people, too!

That's a wrap for this issue. We'll start back off on September 19 in the next issue...

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MLGPC should forgo all other Pride Week events in the future and concentrate just on the Pride Parade and a smaller, more profitable Rally (they don't really need the expense of three out of town speakers). Other Gay and Lesbian groups could always fill in the week with related activities, taking the burden off MLGPC. Just some thoughts...

The Milwaukee Lavender Network and Its Police Proposals Task Force certainly worked their collective tails off to prepare a very professional presentation before Mayor Norquist's Blue Ribbon Committee investigating police/ community relations. The Blue Ribbon Committee met with the Gay/Lesbian community on September 17 to hear our testimony and suggestions. Now just let's hope it does some good and meaningful change occurs. All too often in this town, issues get studied to death and then those studies are shelved - never to be seen again. Although I don't think our community or the other most impacted communities would stand for that to happen. Changes MUST occur - and not just on paper. A real difference must be made in the way the police interact with us!

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Hope you caught the petite flower, giver goddess Judy Tenuta at the Comedy Cafe earlier this month... her four night gig was just what her multitude of stud puppet followers needed. Not all of us go into spasms praising Juuuuu-deeee, but we ARE her chosen people, you know!

Happy Birthday to Cheri, Jerry and Greg who blew out the patio of Club 3054 during their September 7 birthday bash. Their butts were even painted and imprinted on the ceiling of Wings. Don't believe me? See the pictures!

3 B's Bar inaugurated their back bar, and christened it with the name of the K.K. Korral that same night. Quite appropriate since the bar IS located on KK (Kinnickinnic for you non-natives) Avenue.

Meanwhile, in Sheboygan, Gays and Lesbians got together for a day long picnic at Evergreen Park sponsored by Sherlock's Home.

September 8 saw Milwaukee GAMMA host their 12th annual Corn Roast and Picnic at Lake Park. The afternoon frolic was open to the entire community for a \$5 fee.

Faron Evans made another musical appearance at M&M Club on the 8th and 15th. He'll be back at the keyboards on the 29th. (You can also catch him at the Madison March Weekend).

If it was ACT UP who vandalized state buildings in Madison with spray painted slogans about the treatment of Wisconsin prisoners with AIDS, shame on you! The demonstration and acts of civil disobedience are fine examples of democracy in action. The spray painting was just childish and will only reflect negativism on your worthwhile efforts. (Of course, it could have been done by ACT UP enemies to make ACT UP look bad...)

To those of you who are wondering what I'm referring to, the ACT UP National Prison Issue Demonstration in Madison on September 9, which received wide media coverage, was followed by the discovery the morning of September 10 of ACT UP prison and AIDS slogans spray painted on several Capitol buildings.

Happy Birthday to **Triangle** bartender Bill Wardlow who celebrated his twentysomething birthday at the popular tavern on September 12.

Rainbow Revue celebrated their Grand Opening Weekend with a full slate of activities that started off on Thursday with a Virgo birthday bash with buffet, beer and a champagne toast. Friday saw Church Lady and the Emerald City Boys entertain, and Saturday was set aside for a show by Victoria's Variety Revue. Sunday was the big day with Baby Jane Hudson's birthday bash and show in the early evening, followed by the Mr. and Miss Rainbow contest hosted by Mary Richards later on that evening. Congratulations to Sydney Johnson and Brittany Morgan the new Mr. and Miss Rainbow; and to Wade and his crew on a very successful weekend - here's to the future!

That same weekend was Partners 2nd

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

First, I need to start off with several apologies - we forgot to mention that many of the MAPfest photos that appeared in the last issue of In Step were taken by James (Jamie) Taylor. Thanks for your strong effort Jamie - good first time shoot for In Step! Apologies also go out to Rainbow Revue & Nitengales whose photos should have appeared in the last issue. Unfortunately, the roll of film which contained their events was temporarily lost. We found the roll, but not in time for last issue, but rest assured they can be found in this issue. I hope I've made my amends. Yes, even I make mistakes!

The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) notified me the night before our last issue went to the printer that they had decided to cancel the Flirtations concert scheduled for September 19. We were able to pull the promotional ads we were going to donate,

but were not able to explain the cancellation due to typesetting time constraints, or to pull the listing from the Calendar. It seems MLGPC was afraid they might go deeper into debt if the concert didn't sell well, and decided to cancel rather than take that risk.

MLGPC couldn't elect new members to their board at their September 10th annual meeting — all available board positions were slated for women, and no women attended. As a matter of fact, only 4 non-members showed up at all!

and I can't imagine not having a parade next year considering how it has grown each of the last three years. Because Gays and Lesbians are an 'invisible minority' we need the public nature of the parade to show the rest of the community that we're here, and they will just have to get used to it (to paraphrase Queer Nation). Perhaps

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