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That deadline is a strict one — the magazine must go the the printer a day early due to the Thanksgiving holiday. That issue will cover both Thanksgiving, and the 13th annual Holiday Invitational Tournament.

You'll notice we had to pull the 'GUIDE' section from this issue due to lack of space. Because this issue falls right between Halloween and Thanksgiving, advertising pages are down. The low ad page count forced us to publish a 64 page issue instead of the usual 80 or 96 page issue.

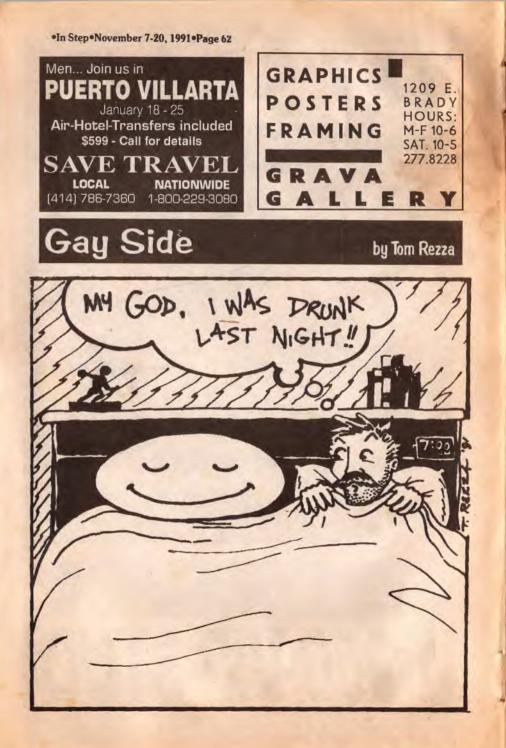
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# News

# Milwaukee Lavender Network issues own proposals

Milwaukee – The Milwaukee Lavender Network expressed satisfaction at its October 30 meeting that the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Commission report, issued October 15, often lifted entire sections from the MLN police- community relations proposals.

MLN turned over a nearly 30 page report to the BRC on October 1 that contained 32 appendices. The end result was a 3 inch thick report in a binder that impressed not only the BRC, but other community groups as well.

Most of the other impacted community groups who worked with the BRC have paid staff, MLN does not. The reports compiled by other community groups did not come close in thoroughess of contest.

Even though the people who put the MLN proposal together did so under the banner of MLN, in reality it was just four individuals who worked their collective 'butts' off. Those four deserve special recognition for their efforts: Kitty Barber, Karen Gotzler, and Margaret Snow all of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM); and Robert Zimmerman of Lutherans Concerned. Their research was on several levels; close examination of all rules and training in the Milwaukee Police Department; working with police departments in other cities: coordinating with various local and national Gay/Lesbian groups; and plenty of reading and archival searches.

The first MLN meeting drew over 40 individuals. Less than a dozen attended the October 30 meeting called to hear reports from various task groups, and to discuss the future of the MLN.

#### **REVIEW OF BRC HEARING**

Everyone at the meeting agreed the BRC's special hearing for the Gay and Lesbian community came off better than expected. The MLN addressed specific problem areas, provided full documentation, and made concrete suggestions. Part of the documentation included results of a survey of the Gay/Lesbian community that was designed, distributed and compiled by those named above. Nearly a 10 percent return provided startling evidence of police harassment and in-action.

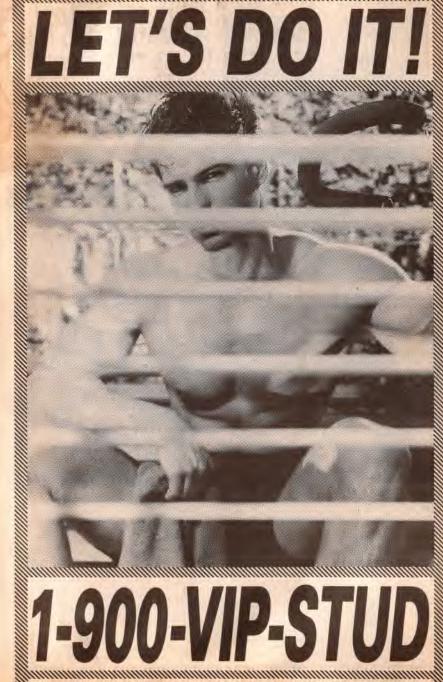
The Gay/Lesbian hearing was the most well attended group — specific hearing, and comments from some of the BRC members suggested it was one of the most well received. The MLN report impressed the BRC so thoroughly, that the BRC incorporated much of the MLN proposals into the report they presented over to Mayor Norquist.

#### **FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION**

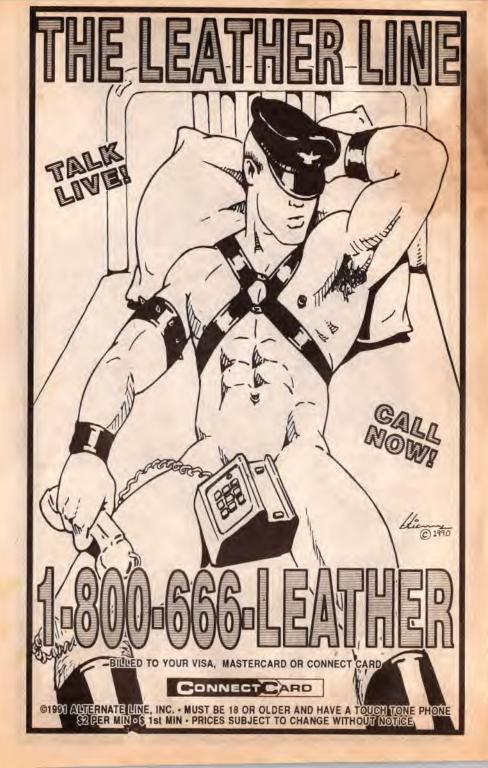
MLN's next step is a "fine tuning" of the report issued to the BRC, with intentions of presenting the refined report, in its entirety, to the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission. MLN's Police Proposal Task Group looked for specific input or additions and/or modifications at the Oct. 30 meeting before submitting the refined proposal to the FPC.

Mostly minor style changes, including rewriting the report in the same language as the BRC report were suggested. Since the BRC did not address either Hate Crimes issues, or issues surrounding creation of supportive environments for Gay/Lesbian officers, those sections of the MLN proposals to the FPC will be strengthened.

It was also decided to present the MLN report to the FPC divided into sections appropriate for individual FPC committees. It was hoped that this effort would make the FPC's job of reviewing the material more organized and easier to comprehend.



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The MLN's proposal, in its final form, will be presented to the FPC later this month.

#### MEDIA VISITS

Part of the MLN original agenda, in light of the Dahmer case and the bad press associated with it, was a decision to educate the media on Gay/Lesbian issues. Even though the Gay/Lesbian community has had meetings with the media in the past, it had not been for several years.

After researching the topic, and coordinating with national G/L groups, the MLN Media Taskforce made its first contact on October 30. They started with the biggest force in town — the Milwaukee Journal. The taskforce reported an initially cool reception that quickly warmed to the point that "We had a great meeting with various Journal editors."

The taskforce sought to educate the editors on how to cover Gay/Lesbian stories, the impact of their coverage on our community, as well as a list of suggested positive articles. In addition they provided a 'style guide' as to the appropriate language, and terminology to be used about our community. Finally, a list of experts on various G/L topics was presented to the editors to give them sources that are reflective of the diversity of our community.

Visits to other media outlets have already been scheduled. The taskforce asked for broader participation by other members of MLN so all the work didn't fall on the same individuals.

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The MLN's Community Outreach Taskforce, another original agenda item, reported great success on building bridges between our community and other diverse community groups in the city.



Often, it was the first time that African-American, Hispanic, or Asian groups had ever worked with the Gay/Lesbian community. Coalitions were formed, with Gays and Lesbians fully incorporated into their structures.

A reflection of the inroads made is that six of 12 steering committee members of the broad based Community Action Coalition are Gay or Lesbian. Quite impressive considering that we never worked with these groups before.

Problems are forseen centering on burnout. Gays and Lesbians must remember we have our agenda, and the other minority groups have their specific agendas. While some of our agendas overlap, many others do not. Questions arose of where to "draw the line," especially since so few Gay and Lesbian activists are actively involved in the efforts.

Stephanie Hume commented she belongs to LAMM, the MLN and to the Community Oriented Policing coalition. "All three groups often address the same issues, but you have to go to three meetings, and that's just too much time."

It was decided to commute the liaisons and working relationships with other groups, but to work in coalitions only when there is some benefit for us in it. If there are no benefits for our community, then we must concentrate on our own issues. One person commented that we can't concentrate our activists time and money on all these myriad issues and ignore or set aside our own.

#### **FUTURE OF MLN**

As mentioned earlier, what had started out with over 40 people energized around important issues, has dwindled to less than a dozen people pulling the workload. There are those who question whether the MLN should continue after its original goals have been met. Others, who have wanted a broad based Gay/Lesbian coalition for years, hope to see it continue in the future.

One person commented we need to continue the MLN – but we need a broader cross section of groups to be actively participating for it to work.

Another commented there is too much in the process now to give up the Network and suggested setting new goals and attacking them with the same vigor as was evidenced after the Dahmer incident.

Karen Gotzler, LAMM, wanted to know "when are we working together as a network and when are we working on our own groups goals?"

It was discussed that at least the MLN can help the process for when we (various Gay/Lesbian groups) work together and when we don't so things aren't done at a cross purpose. (Two groups working on the same result going about it in different ways.)

As things now stand, MLN will have at least one more meeting to review the FPC proposal. That meeting is scheduled for Monday. November 18, 6:30pm, at The Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. A decision on the future of the Lavender network could also be made at the meeting.

[Editor's Comment: If you or your group is interested in the continuation of

this valuable networking resource, your attendance at that meeting is fully encouraged. The opportunity for the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community to finally address critical issues facing us is here. Don't let the Milwaukee Lavender Network slip into obscurity.]

# State hate crimes law gets added muscle

Madison – Enforcement of Wisconsin's law against hate crimes will be strengthened under legislation, sponsored by Rep. David Clarenbach, which passed the Assembly in mid October.

Assembly Bill 507 was endorsed on a voice vote and sent to the State Senate, where it is sponsored by Sen. Thomas Barrett (D-Milw.).

Clarenbach (D-Madison) proposed the changes to help police and prosecutors who have been seeking tougher penalties contd. on pege 8

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for crimes motivated by bigotry. Wisconsin's Hate Crimes Act, which Clarenbach authored in 1978, allows a judge to add up to five years to a criminal's sentence, if the jury finds that the victim was chosen because of their minority status.

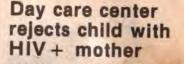
"This new legislation intensifies our commitment to fight hate crimes including Gay-bashing, anti- Semitism and racial attacks — by making sure that the law works as it was intended to," Clarenbach said.

Law enforcement officials have encountered several obstacles in enforcing the law, Clarenbach said. In some cases, criminals have escaped the hate crime penalties because they were wrong about the victim's minority status; in others, they have been cleared because bigotry was only part of the motivation for their crime.

"We owe it to our police and prosecutors — and we owe it to the victims of hate crimes — to close these loopholes," Clarenbach said.

Assembly Bill 507 makes two changes to address the problem. First, it would allow a jury to find that a hate crime has been committed if the criminal acted "in whole or in part" because of the victim's status. Second, it would clarify that the law applies to the criminal's "belief or perception" about the victim's status, whether or not that belief was correct.

"These may sound like small changes, but they are very important," Clarenbach said. "Our police and prosecutors are trying vigorously to enforce the hate crimes law, but they need our support to get the job done. AB 507 will add muscle to their efforts to protect us from those criminals who make victims of us all by attacking who we are."



Madison — Rainbow's End Christian Day Care Center, which originally agreed to take an 18 month old child into its care, changed its mind the following day and rejected the child. The child's mother, Tammy Shoemaker of Sun Prairie, is HIV positive, but her child is not. Shoemaker said the executive director of Rainbow, Sarah Kilander, agreed to accept the child on September 25 knowing the mother was HIV+, then changed her mind the next day.

State law forbids those offering services (including private day care) to discriminate against those with HIV/ AIDS. Shoemaker, who has filed a complaint against Rainbow with the City of Madison, is also considering similar action on the state level. Rainbow is licensed by the state to run the child care center.

Shoemaker said her daughter was tested every three months for exposure to HIV but results have consistently been negative.

The state Equal Rights Division could, if investigation verified Shoemaker's claim, fine the center and order them to accept the child. ERD could also allow Shoemaker to claim legal fees and expenses related to the child's rejection.

Over a dozen members of ACT UP Madison protested with signs and chants in front of the center October 28. Protesters included two men dressed in diapers and pink bonnets.

#### **'RIGHT' BACKS CENTER**

According to the Milwaukee Journal The Rutherford Institute's Wisconsin contd. on page 10 OVE-HI

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Milwaukee — Thank you for your support! See you at T.I.I. 11/9 afternoon. H.I.T. 91

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GAJ: To two years of fights, struggles and tears, but mostly to two years of love. I have never struggled so hard, nor loved so deeply. Happy 2nd year Anniversary! Always, VLP

To All our Bartending Friends: Pay Back's a Bitch. Come do it. Love, H.I.T., 91

Ron G.: Just like the old days. So many messages, so little space. Debi

To All My Friends: Thank you for making my birthday party, and house warming a wonderful time, I love you all, and am looking for future plans of the next one. (If Allan lets me!) Love, Bobby

Allan [Shirley]: You're the best friend/roommate anyone could ask for! Thanks for everything! P.S. thanks for setting up the blind date, Lord knows you had to do something! Love, Bobby [Laverne]

Roy: I couldn't have asked for a better birthday present, than what I have with you, you are all that I need. Besides, you made a great first lady at the party! I will always love you, and for the third year in a row, well, let's just say I'm happy! Love, Bobby

Ann McGawen: Please call me, miss you. Debi V.

Kerry: Lets walk around the table together 3 times. D.

Rita: Does Schmidt know you're moonlighting? H.I.T., 91

Dean: Can you pour anything besides a shot of Jack Daniels? ?

Debi Vance: A bottle in hand and Wanda galore! This Is It, 11-9-91 afternoon, see it!

Happy Birthday Bo Bo: Love, Debi & Cindy

Vanessa, Merit, Rudy: Thanx for the great time during my visit. (A little late.) Sorry if I was a bitch. We'll do it again soon! Nade [Mike]

Jae Gruber: have been thinkin' about you. (You have that effect on people.) Just a 'Hi' – 6 years late. Be good to my 'Bro' say 'Hi' to Hilka. Guess Who?

Troy: You snob!... and we never even did a shot when I was there! Mike

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# House deals fatal blow to Helms amendment

Helms last-ditch attempt to revive amendment defeated

#### By Cliff O'Neill

Washington, D.C. — The U.S. Senate on October 31 handed Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) a blistering defeat on a last-minute bid to revive his amendment banning the funding of art that is "patently offensive."

Voting 73-25 on an unusual eleventhhour motion from the North Carolina conservative, the Senate opted not to send the Interior Department appropriations bill back to a joint House-Senate conference for the arts amendment to be reinstated.

Bringing up his ninth bid to restrict the federal arts agency, Helms trotted out a series of salacious examples of NEA funded works he called "garbage," "filth," and "rottenness."

At one point the conservative standard-bearer asked that the "ladies" in the gallery and the congressional pages avert their eyes when he twice took out a newspaper partially produced with NEA funds and showed it to the Senate television cameras.

On the cover of the publication were the words, "Read My Lips" under an image of broccoli arranged to resemble female genitalia.

"It's a blown up picture of a vagina!" Helms declared.

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chapter president, attorney Craig Parshall, is representing Rainbow in the dispute. The Institute, based in Virginia, is a national group of volunteer attorneys concerned about religious freedoms.

The Journal quoted Parshall as saying, "Our involvement is as a result of our concern that there may be an encroachment by the State of Wisconsin... into the freedom of a religious organization – albeit a day care center – in who it will or will not serve."

Parshall, along with his wife Jan, are the 'darlings' of the Wisconsin religious right. Presently, the NEA is seeking repayment of the grant it made to the group that produced the newspaper because it encouraged readers to lobby senators against arts restrictions. Federal law bans such funds from being used to lobby Congress.

Taking a page from Helms' own tactics, Sen. Tim With (D-Colo.) opposed the amendment similarly.

"First of all," he said tongue-incheek, "I ask that all the ladies employed by the Senate and young people who are here as pages to shield their eyes as they were asked earlier today."

He then displayed a reproduction of the "Venus with a Mirror" by the artist Titian, in which the goddess is nude, and suggested that the Helms amendment could be interpreted to ban funding to display it.

Conservatives bristled at the characterization, insisting that such works were not "patently offensive."

Beyond the controversial newspaper, Helms denounced funding to the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, reading aloud some of the more controversial titles of several films shown.

"Oh, that's going to win an Academy Award," he quipped sarcastically after reading the title of the film, "S&M Sex and Music."

Opponents to the Helms rider, some of which had never spoken publicly on the issues, blasted the conservative for engaging in "censorship."

"I want everyone to bear in mind that the first thing Hitler did was get control of the courts, literature, art and music," said Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark.). "And I do not want that ever to happen to this country."

Others, tipped off by a lobbying gimmick employed by the Human Rights Campaign Fund, argued against the measure as being a Halloween "trick."

HRCF lobbyists, standing in the Senate reception room, handed lawmakers small Halloween bags of candy which bore the contd. on page 12

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message, "Don't Be Tricked By Jesse Helms! ...Let the NEA do it's job! A vote against Helms is a vote for freedom of expression."

Present language, approved as part of a hard-fought compromise last year, bans the funding of art determined to be legally obscene in a court of law and demands repayment of any NEA grant used to create such works.

Approved by the Senate on a 68-28 vote in September, the Helms proposal would have replaced existing language governing the National Endowment for the Arts and replaced it with restrictions banning the sponsorship of any art project "Which describes or depicts, in a patently offensive way, sexual or excretory organs or activity."

Despite the lopsided Senate vote for the amendment and two non-binding House votes supporting it, Senate members of a joint conference agreed to drop the rider as part of a bitterly fought trade-off with House conferees. In exchange for the senators killing the Helms rider, House conferees agreed to drop their proposal demanding higher fees for grazing on federal property.

#### **CORN FOR PORN**

Termed a "corn for porn" deal by its opponents, the compromise is credited with effectively killing the Helms art restrictions by ensuring the votes of western state conservatives, staunchly opposed to the increased grazing fees, who normally would support the arts proposal.

Whipsawed between the Helms amendment and the reactivation of the House's grazing fees, western state lawmakers decried the process which they felt was forcing them to vote against their ideological counterpart.



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## House passes rapist testing bill

#### By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The U.S. House, as part of a sweeping anti-crime measure passed Oct. 22, approved a sweeping proposal that would order the HIV testing of any person accused of rape.

As part of the anti-crime bill's expansion of federal penalties for sex crimes, the measure would mandate testing of all accused rapists before they could be released on bail. Results of the test would be released to the defendant, the alleged victim and prosecutors.

Follow-up tests would also be ordered to be administered six months and a year later unless the defendant tests positive; a judge rules there was no risk of infection from the accused rapist; charges are dropped; or the defendant is acquitted of the rape charge.

If the defendant is believed to have known or have had reason to know he tested HIV positive, the bill calls on the Federal Sentencing Commission to

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increase the penalties against him. The only exception to this would be if the crime is determined not to have risked transmission of the virus.

## SPONSORED BY SENSENBRENNER

The rapist HIV testing proposal, sponsored by Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wisc.), was added to the House anti-crime bill in the committee stage and received little attention when the bill was discussed on in the full chamber. No attempt was made to repeal the amendment on the House floor.

"This issue became very emotional for members of Congress who didn't understand that testing an alleged rapist does not do a lot to help women," said Leslie Wolfe, executive director of the Center for Women's Policy Studies. "We knew this was a losing battle because of all of that."

AIDS lobbyists suggested that they made no attempt to extract the measure in the full House because they feared they

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would have lost by a wide margin if it was put to a vote.

Lobbyists for a number of women's, AIDS, civil liberties and Gay and Lesbian groups have come out against the amendment, arguing that rape victims would be better served by being tested and counseled themselves, rather than having their rapists forcibly tested.

Women's groups, though part of a coalition lobbying to defeat the amendment, are reportedly split on the general issue of rapist HIV testing.

"This is a very emotional issue when it

comes to the women's community, particularly when it comes to the community of women that are involved in trying to stop violence against women." said Rosemary Dempsey, a spokeswoman for the National Organization for Women. "The more important thing here is that... this policy that does nothing except give, perhaps, some feeling of retribution."

Dempsey added that NOW and other women's groups will instead push for increased assistance for rape victims in the form of counseling and testing.

# Virginia homophobic liquor law ruled unconstitutional Alexandria, V

Washington, D.C. [NGLTF] — Facing a highly publicized lawsuit and 1,000 Gay and Lesbian activists openly and eagerly breaking the law, Virginia state officials have ruled unconstitutional a 1930's era statute that forbid bars, restaurants and hotels from serving Gay people.

The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board statute says that the Board may suspend or revoke the liquor license of any business that has "become a meeting place or rendezvous for users of narcotics, drunks, homosexuals, prostitutes, pimps, panderers, gamblers or habitual law violators." The law also bans a license holder from employing a "person who has the general reputation as a... homosexual." The law is believed to be the only one of its kind in the country.

On October 18, representatives of Virginia Attorney General Mary Sue Terry met with attorneys for plaintiffs involved in a suit to repeal the law. Out of the meeting came an agreement whereby the laws, as they pertain to homosexuals, "... are hereby declared unconstitutional..." and the "ABC is hereby permanently enjoined from enforcing the provisions..."

A court hearing on the suit was set for November 8, the day before the beginning of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force's Creating Change Conference. The conference will occur Nov. 9-11 in Alexandria, VA., home of The French Quarter Cafe, the only Gay bar in northern Virginia and one of the lawsuit plaintiffs.

But the hearing was canceled after publicity on the case intensified and negotiations succeeded. NGLTF sources in the media and state government said state officials feared an ongoing lawsuit and a confrontation with hundreds of Gay activists, all openly violating the law by patronizing – as homosexuals with a "general reputation" – establishments with liquor licenses.

The agreement between the parties must be approved by a U.S. District Court judge in order to have the effect of law, which, according to plaintiff lawyers, is a formality. The agreement also stipulates that all ABC licensees, agents, and future applicants for licensees must be informed of the law's revocation. The state has also agreed to pay all attorney's fees, court costs and expenses incurred by Virginians for Justice.



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# **Group Notes**

## 13th annual HIT Nov. 27-30

Milwaukee – HIT (Holiday Invitational Tournament) begins its festivities on Wednesday, November 27. HIT celebrates its 13th year as the 'grand-daddy' of Gay/lesbian bowling tournaments.

This year the bowling will be held Thursday thru Saturday at the Red Carpet Celebrity lanes at 5727 S. 27. A fun fifties theme will prevail at the alleys. The Banquet at the Marc Plaza Hotel will take us into nineties with uniquely choreographed dances coordinated by B.J. Daniels.

Many area bars and businesses will be getting into the spirit of the tournament with events and specials. Watch for the next In Step for details.

This year the tournament will be hosting approximately 300 bowlers from the United States and Canada. Deadline for entries is November 11. If you need any information on bowling or advertising please contact Dean at (414) 291-9836 or Cindy at (414) 871-4735.

# CCF funds quilt & survey

Milwaukee – The Board of Directors of the Cream City Foundation approved grants to the Milwaukee Host Committee for the AIDS Memorial Quilt Display and to the Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism for a survey of providers willing to treat Gays and Lesbians.

The CCF Board felt it was important to have the AIDS Memorial Quilt displayed

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in Milwaukee. The Host Committee asked for \$1,000 and this was granted. The Quilt will be on display at the UWM Union November 30 through December 2, 1991.

The Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism will receive a grant of \$1,125. This will allow the Council to survey over 2,500 service providers in Southeastern Wisconsin. The survey will include a set of protocols on the treatment of Gays and Lesbians. Providers willing to sign on will have their names published in order to let our community know where they can obtain treatment with dignity.

# MAP food pantry in dire need

Milwaukee – Many food and personal care items are needed in order for the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Food Pantry to meet the increasing demand as the Holiday season approaches.

Plans, according to Life Care Services Director Cheryl Vaughn, include providing Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets to those in need during the next few months.

"In addition to the baskets, we must continue to provide nutritious food and personal care items to nearly 200 Milwaukee AIDS Project clients each month," said Vaughn.

Items currently needed by the Pantry include muffin and cake mixes, sugar, tuna and hamburger helper, jelly, canned goods such as soup, stew, vegetables and fruits, cereals, nuts, coffee, jelly, cooking oil, pudding, bread, cheese, meat, and personal care items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, and razors.

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accomplishments of the Respect All Youth Project. "These issue papers fill the void of information for all of us who work with this long-ignored, often invisible population of teen-agers in distress. We need your help to get these papers to every mental health professional, educator, and religious leader who works with youth, and to every parent and politician in this country."

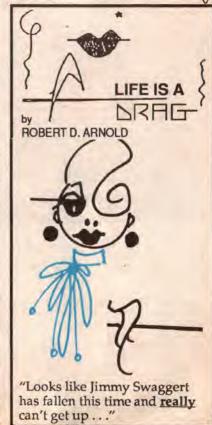
Past president of Parents FLAG, Elinor Kirby Lewallen, who is a lay leader of the Methodist denomination, concurred. "According to statistics, one family in four includes a member who is Lesbian, Gay, or Bisexual." Lewallen said. "So how can it be anti-family to embrace these children of God with values of love, support, and respect for their integrity? Isn't that what family values are about? The implication that our children need to change is to me a cruel hoax. I have seen so much damage from such hellish confusion that I say it is heresy to ask God to change what God has created."

Fired by their indignation, members enthusiastically raised \$10,000 to finance



the Federation's PSA project which will saturate 150 television markets across the country with public service announcements developed to promote P-FLAG's message and mission.

In response to information from Mary Nealon of GLADD/New York that the right- wing group. Morality in Media, supported by the American Family Association, is organizing a television boycott on October 29 to protest portrayals of homosexuals on television, members were urged to counter that activity by contacting their local TV stations and newspapers to ask for more pro-Gay programming and sending Respect All Youth Issue Papers to document the need to provide Gay-positive messages for children and teen-agers.



# 'Basic Instinct' protest packet

The San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation has created a packet of information about the soon- to-be released Lesbo- phobic movie Basic Instinct for use by activists who wish to organize a response in their local communities. The packet contains the movie's script (original version, to which only insignificant changes have been made during the filming), copies of articles and opinion pieces about the film and the protests in San Francisco, background information on the history of Hollywood's portrayal of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual people, the statistics on homophobic violence released in March of 1991 by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and suggested organizing strategies and activities.

Basic Instinct, (starring Michael Douglas, directed by Paul Verhoeven, and produced by Alan Marshall under the auspices of Carolco; distributed by Tri-Star), "depicts all three of its Lesbian or Bisexual women characters as vicious man- killers. This distorted and imbalanced movie intentionally perpetrates negative stereotypes of our community and thus contributes to the continuation of violence and discrimination against us. Those making the film rejected all changes suggested by our community, clearly and deliberately preferring to victimize us once again in order to reap huge profits from this big-budget thriller. It is time our community and all those supportive of fair treatment of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual people took a united stand against this epic exploitation."

Distribution of this packet is being done at cost by GLAAD/SFBA as a community service. It is available for only \$10, which just pays for copying and first- class postage; feel free to send more than \$10... your tax- deductible contribution will further our highly effective work on this and other media issues. Please make your check payable to GLAAD/SFBA, specifying it is for the Basic Instinct packet. Basic Instinct, GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro St. Suite B, San Francisco, CA 94114.

## PFLAG takes on the religious right

Charlotte, NC. [PFLAG] – Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays left their tenth annual convention outraged by homophobic harassment from the religious right; empowered by new tools for fighting heterosexism in schools, churches, and institutions that work with youth; and determined to step up their efforts to advocate for their Lesbian, gay and bisexual family members.

So-called Christians claiming to promote 'traditional family values' harassed convention organizers for months preceding the convention, picketed outside the hotel, and invaded the privacy of one family by pressuring their teenaged Lesbian daughter to use prayer to change her sexual orientation and using Parents FLAG envelopes to slip religious tracts and literature under the door of her hotel room.

"Those Bible Nazis who accuse us of recruiting and promoting lifestyles ought to take the planks out of their own eyes before casting stones at us and our children," said Wiggsy Sivertsen, San Jose (CA) college professor, counselor, and Chair of the P-FLAG Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Teens. "This is one child who will not become a Bobby Griffith suicide statistic. We and her brother and parents are here to embrace her and assure her that we love her just the way she is."

Presenting P-FLAG's three new issue papers on Gay and Lesbian teens, national President Paulette Goodman stated, "Our Respect All Youth project is now bringing the issue of Gay and Lesbian teen suicide to the fore. It is a tragedy that some parents find out their child is Gay after an attempt at suicide. It is our firm will to stem the untimely loss of these young lives."

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This Thanksgiving, Pantry volunteers will prepare and distribute an estimated 30 baskets. The baskets will include a turkey, stuffing, disposable aluminum turkey pans, potatoes, yams, cranberry sauce, vegetables, muffin mixes, frozen pies, celery, oranges, and apples.

"For the most part," said Christina Kotlowski, who coordinates the Food Pantry, "The provision of these baskets is through the donations made by individuals and community groups." In 1990, the Station II Packer Gang prepared and distributed the Thanksgiving baskets, as well as purchased much of the food that they contained.

The need for the food service has grown considerably over the past year and a half. More help will be needed. Food can be purchased and delivered to the Milwaukee AIDS Project, or gift certificates for food

# LAMM looks at racism

Milwaukee — "Racism II: An Exploration of Attitudes and Experiences" is the topic of the Nov. 21 meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee [LAMM]. The program continues a series on racism that was begun by LAMM last year, and which proved to be very popular.

The focus will be on exploring attitudes and experiences that arise from skin color, and on brainstorming about what can be done to bridge the gap between women of different races. First there will be small group discussion about white privilege. A series of statements that identify some of the daily effects white privilege has in the lives of both white women and women of color will serve as a starting point.

This will be followed by a discussion of the benefits of knowing women of other races and how to work together toward greater contact and interchange with women of all races.

The program begins at 7pm, after a 6pm potluck, at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St., one block south of Locust. Secure, lit parking is available. items can be purchased at any Pick 'N Save store and mailed to the Milwaukee AIDS Project at 315 W. Court St., Milwaukee, WI 53212.

As of last Sunday's Packer Game, the Station II Packer Gang has donated \$3,100 in food items since Sept. 26, 1990. These donations, and others like them, help by allowing the Pantry access to food and personal care items otherwise unavailable.

Shirley Fitzpatrick, of the Station II Packer Gang, and Chris and Dagni Wroblewski recently donated 77 Halloween packages. The bags, filled with a wide assortment of Halloween treats, were distributed to children who are HIV-positive, as well as those with HIV-positive parents.

For more information on how to assist the Food Pantry, contact Christina Kotlowski at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, (414) 273-1991.

LAMM meetings are held regularly on the third Thursday of each month, and are open to all Lesbians. For more information call 264-2600.

## Unitarians affirm value of Gays/Lesbians

A sermon affirming the religious value of Gays and Lesbians will be presented at 10am Sunday, Nov. 17, at the First Unitarian Society of Milwaukee, 1342 N. Astor St.

Come As You Are: Gays, Lesbians and the Church will be delivered by the Rev. Andrew C. Kennedy, D. Min. Visitors are welcome.

The Unitarian Universalist Association, which as a denomination stresses freedom and diversity, has been working for equal human rights for sexual minorities since 1975. It has Gay men and Lesbians as ministers, educators and other church officers, and encourages its ministers to officiate at Lesbian and Gay Services of Union.

In an earlier sermon, Kennedy pointed out that the denomination was the first to

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# In Memoriam

Terry M. Nickel, age 29, died on Thursday, October 24, 1991, after a valiant struggle with AIDS. He was born on July 22, 1962, in Wisconsin Dells. Terry had a long and distinguished career as an entertainer in the Midwest. He held the title of Mr. Gay Madison, and was first runner-up of Mr. Gav Wisconsin. After many years of association with the Mr./Miss/Ms. Gay Madison pageant, Terry became the owner and head coordinator for the pageant, one of Madison's prestigious most entertainment attractions.

Terry was employed by Queen Anne's catering for 7 years, where he served at many formal social events, including functions for the Mayor and Governor. He was also well known for his fabulously decorated and well attended cocktail parties, and his ability to transform many local bars into showplaces on special occasions.

Terry lost his lover, Howie Holton, to AIDS in July of 1991 after a 6 year relationship.

There was a celebration of his life held on November 2, at The New Bar, in Madison, where an entertainment extravaganza was performed in his honor. Included were film clips of his many memorable shows in Madison. Many of his friends and acquaintances attended.



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Minneapolis' Hard Bodies Male Dance Revue recently took Milwaukee by storm [speaking of storms — they were safely home in time for that 30'' snow storm last week] with appearances at Rainbow Revue and Partners.



Tabby's Pageant Show at the Rainbow — Tabitha Stevens [3rd from left, rear] and lots of talented entertainers performed.

regularly ordain women to the ministry in 1865. "One hundred years from now, as we look back on it, I suspect we'll be just as proud of our being among the first to ordain Gays and Lesbians as we are of our being the first to ordain women."

Speaking about AIDS, he said, "As Unitarian Universalists, I believe we have a responsibility to speak out in support of Gays and Lesbians, for ignorance, fear and bigotry are already infecting millions and millions of people across the land so as to constitute an invisible plague of astonishing proportions and of potentially deadly significance."

The service will be preceded by a talk at 9am on Amnesty International's Campaign for Women, presented by a local coordinator of the campaign. Amnesty International usually adopts individual prisoners, but is undertaking a special campaign to stress that women's human rights are systematically abused in many countries.

# Northern Womyn offer films Nov. 19

Northern Womyn of Green Bay will present an evening of films, sure to be both provacative and inspirational! Featured will be Kay Weaver's **One Fine Day**, an anthology of women through history set to music, and the sultry Lesbian classic **Desert Hearts**.

This double feature evening will begin promptly at 6:30pm on Tuesday November 19 at the Brown County Public Library's Auditorium. The Library is located at 515 Pine Street in downtown Green Bay. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call Lynn at (414) 465-1374. See you at the movies!



# Health

# **CMV** Retinitis and HIV/AIDS

[Astra] — Although an estimated 80 percent of healthy adults carry antibodies to the cytomegalovirus (CMV), most people will never exhibit symptoms. In recent years, however, CMV infections have increased due to the rising number of persons with suppressed immune systems, such as AIDS patients, who cannot fight the virus because of a weakened immune response.

The most common site of CMV infection is the retina of the eye. CMV Retinitis is an increasingly frequent opportunistic infection among people with AIDS. The virus can destroy retinal tissue and, if left untreated, cause blindness. It is the most prevalent eye infection and leading cause of vision loss among AIDS patients. Prompt diagnosis and treatment are essential to inhibit progression of the virus and to preserve vision as long as possible. So prevalent is the infection in AIDS patients that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) defines it as a diagnostic criterion for AIDS.

How CMV enters the retina and why the virus attacks AIDS patients is not fully understood. CMV's progression in the retina, however, has been documented in medical literature. In the retina, CMV can lead to inflammation of retinal cells by moving from one cell to another. The infection can progress rapidly. If the infection does not respond to treatment and is present in both eyes, CMV Retinitis can quickly lead to blindness.

#### **PRESENTING SYMPTOMS**

CMV retinitis does not cause pain and the eye shows no associated redness, irritation or swelling. Therefore, patients may not show symptoms until the disease progresses to a point where eyesight is impaired. Some AIDS patients, however, may experience symptoms as soon as the virus enters the retina.

Symptoms include blurred vision or change in visual field. As the disease progresses, the patient may notice 'floaters,' and island-like blind gaps, with subsequent visual blurring and diminished vision. Symptoms of retinal detachment include the onset of multiple floaters — black flecks that appear to float before the eyes — flashing lights and loss of vision.

Usually, one eye is affected more acutely than the other and, without treatment, the second eye can become infected within months. Patients may experience loss of sharp vision, indicating macular, or central, retinitis, or loss of vision to the sides, indicating peripheral retinitis.

## **DISEASE ONSET & PROGRESSION**

The most common pattern of disease progression has been described as a 'brushfire' or 'burnout.' In essence, the gradually expanding edge of the retinal lesion leaves atrophic, 'burned-out' tissue behind as the infection expands into new areas. Although the burned-out tissue regains its transparency and a more healthy appearance than the tissue more recently infected, it is functionally destroyed. The location of the original infection is important because it affects both the symptoms and the rate at which blindness occurs.

The length of time between initial infection and blindness varies. While medical literature reports approximately half of AIDS patients with CMV Retinitis go blind within four months, other sources report loss of sight in two weeks or the maintenance of sight for a year.

#### **SCREENING & CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS**

Regular eye examinations allow physicians to detect and treat the infection while it is still in the periphery of the retina and before its advance directly threatens vision. Early signs can be detected by a routine eye exam. An opthalmoscopic examination shows clear demarcation between infected and healthy

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# by W.W. Wells III

Protection Agency doesn't accuse you of personally creating a third hole in the Ozone Layer.

9. Be Thankful That... you can recognize your leather fetish has probably gotten way out of hand, after ordering Genuine Cow Hide Toilet Paper out of some X-rated catalog.

10. Be Thankful That... you don't have a lover, because you'd just have to memorize the secret PIN number for their Instant Cash Card and practice forging their signature before using their credit cards.

11. Be Thankful That... your doctor doesn't prescribe a steel re-enforced, Corrective Condom as treatment for your sexual problem.

12. Be Thankful That... your Gay nephew never used you as a childhood role model, otherwise he'd probably be the nelliest Homo in the world.

13. Be Thankful That... you're not so obsessed with video porno actors, that you begin marketing Porno Trading Cards emblazoned with naughty pictures of Jeff Stryker, Joey Stefano, Steve Hammond, etc., vital stats printed on the back.

14. Be Thankful That... your health insurance covers physical therapy if you're dating some ex-gymnast, whose favorite sexual position requires you to put your hand on the bottom of your foot and straighten you leg like a ballet dancer, and then pretend you're comfortable, while holding that position for at least a half an hour.

**15.** Be Thankful That... you're having an affair with a man who already has a lover because you'll never have to invite his mother over for Thanksgiving dinner.

So, there you have it, fifteen things to be thankful for. If none of these worked for you, just be thankful I couldn't think of any more.

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# Juicy Bits

# Things to be thankful for

November is traditionally a month in which American families to gather to count their blessings as well. If you can't think of anything to be thankful for, I've come up with a whole slew, try a couple one for size. Remember, it's awfully hard to be miserable when you're grateful for what you've got, or haven't got.

1. Be Thankful That... you don't live in the Soviet Union, where the Moscow Branch of Queer Nation, headed by Russian drag queen, Ludmilla Chinchilla, recently petitioned Mikhail Gorbachev to replace the Hammer and Sickle on the Soviet Flag with a Pink Triangle and a Lambda symbol, or at the very least, a picture of Judy Garland and Toto.

2. Be Thankful That... you don't consider the future together with your 'life partner' to be a 'life sentence.'

3. Be Thankful That... your therapist doesn't diagnose you as 'hopelessly immature' after proudly presenting her with a strawberry cheese cake cooked in your Easy Bake Oven.

4. Be Thankful That... you've received so many responses to your personal ad, the Post Office has given your mailbox it's own Zip Code.

5. Be Thankful That... you're not so addicted to phone sex you unconsciously give a job interviewer the number to your favorite 1-900 line (1- 900- BIG SLUT) instead of your Social Security Number.

6. Be Thankful That... you don't understand all the fuss over the ban of Gay men in the Boy Scouts, because all yo 've ever wanted to do was, "Sing around the camp fire' and "join the Camp Fire Girls."

7. Be thankful That... you don't live with a cosmetics- crazed drag queen who asks you to hold un-declawed 'Fluffy,' while he uses mascara and eye shadow to highlight his cat's beautiful eyes.

8. Be Grateful That... after years of unmanageable hair and thousands of cans of aerosol hairspray, the Environmental 2

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retinal tissue. If retinitis is present, the physician will note fluffy, white cotton wool spots that enlarge into uninvolved retina with or without associated retinal hemorrhage. The spots may or may not follow the path of a major blood vessel in the retina.

#### DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

Because CMV retinitis can be mistaken for a number of other eye complications, primary care physicians usually refer patients with symptoms to an ophthalmologist for diagnosis. Some CMV retinitis, typically in the periphery of the retina, may be detected only with the indirect ophthalmoscope and dilation of the pupil.

Physicians suspecting CMV retinitis must differentiate it from a number of other retinal abnormalities. Cotton wool spots and small hemorrhages are not uncommon in AIDS patients. Such spots are present in half of AIDS patients and can be misdiagnosed as an early sign of CMV retinitis.

Laboratory confirmation of the diagnosis can be obtained through blood or urine cultures. Treatment often begins before systemic CMV infection is confirmed because tests may take weeks to evaluate, and the disease can progress significantly in that time.

If the diagnosis is uncertain, serial retinal photography can be used to monitor the growth and number of lesions. Although the virus can be taken from eye fluid, those cultures rarely provide confirmation of infected mononuclear cells.

Where CMV is the likely cause of infection, a physician may make a presumptive diagnosis and begin treatment for CMV retinitis.

# FDA ok's Foscarnet for CMV Retinitis

[HHS] — HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., announced Sept. 27 the Food and Drug Administration's approval of the drug foscarnet for the treatment of AIDS patients with cytomegalovirus (CMV) retinitis. CMV retinitis is an eye infection that can lead to blindness in individuals with impaired immune systems.

Foscarnet is the second drug approved for use in AIDS patients with CMV retinitis. Ganciclovir has been approved since June 1989, for treating the disease, but a significant number of patients are unable to tolerate treatment with the drug because of the adverse effects it can have on the production of critical blood cells.

Clinical studies have demonstrated that foscarnet can benefit patients with CMV retinitis. Although a clinical study comparing the relative efficiency of foscarnet to ganciclovir is underway, no definitive data are yet available. Foscarnet, like ganciclovir, is not a cure for CMV retinitis, but can significantly delay the progression of the disease.

Foscarnet has been available since August 1990 to physicians treating AIDS patients with CMV retinitis who are unresponsive to ganciclovir. The drug was made available through FDA- sanctioned open study protocols sponsored by the drug's manufacturer, Astra Pharmaceutical Product, Inc., of Westborough, Mass. Astra will market the product under the trade name Foscavir.

Some serious toxicity problems have been associated with foscarnet. In particular, prescribing physicians should pay very close attention to any signs of kidney damage, abnormal electrolyte levels in the blood or seizures in patients treated with the drug.

This is the eighth drug approval for treatment of an AIDS or AIDS related condition. The other seven are:

• zidovudine (AZT) for treating infection with the AIDS virus;

 ganciclovir for the treatment of sight-threatening CMV retinitis;

 aerosolized pentamidine for use in preventing the occurrence and recurrence of Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia;

• injectable pentamidine for the treatment of Pneumocystis carinii

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pneumonia;

• recombinant human alfa interferon for the treatment of Kaposi's Sarcoma;

 fluconazole for the treatment of candidiasis and cryptoccocal meningitis; and

• erythropoietin for the treatment of the severe anemia sometimes associated with zidovudine treatment.

(Foscavir manufacturer Astra also announced a program to help cover the costs of Foscavir treatment for those patients who cannot afford the therapy. Under the Foscavir Assistance and Information on Reimbursement (FAIR) program, Astra will seek reimbursement from third party payors, Medicaid, and governmental programs on behalf of patients taking Foscavir. If reimbursement is not available, Astra will cover the cost of the drug for qualified patients.)

# GMHC releases 'Treatment Issues'

Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) has just released a new compilation issue of its indispensable newsletter of experimental AIDS therapies, **Treatment Issues**. Published by GMHC's Medical Information Department, the comprehensive 193-page bound volume contains articles from all **Treatment Issues** published between November 1987 and January 1991.

Treatment Issues is GMHC's newsletter devoted to providing reliable, clear, and detailed information on experimental and standard AIDS therapies. The articles are divided into five broad chapters – Antivirals, Immunomodulators, Descriptions of HIV-related Illness, Treatment and Prevention of Infections, and General Interest.

The compilation volume and yearly subscriptions are both available for a suggested donation of \$30 each. To receive compilation volumes and subscriptions, please write: GMHC, Medical Information Department, 129 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011.



# Letters

# Help food pantry

Dear Friends: A little more than a year and a half ago, the Milwaukee AIDS Project began a food service program to provide MAP's Clients with nutritional food and personal care items at no cost. Christina Kotlowski took on the challenge of overseeing the pantry, along with her other duties as a case manager at MAP.

Thanks to Christina and the many pantry volunteers, the Food Pantry has come a long way. In just 18 months, the number of people served by the Food Pantry has grown from zero to nearly 200 people a month.

During last year's football season, the Station II Packer Gang put out a challenge to some of the bars to raise money for the Food Pantry. There was enough money raised to help stock the pantry - plus -put together food baskets for clients at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Many thanks to the patrons and bar owners of Station II, Nitengales, Leaded Shade II, Fannies, and Jet's Place. You helped make the holidays special for others.

Last Christmas, two women decided that instead of buying each other gifts, they both wrote checks for \$50 to the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry. I recently heard that they are going to do it again this year. The mother of one of these women also gave a check for \$50 and \$10 came in from Marusville. Washington from a retired couple (my aunt and uncle). A friend had a Food Pantry Party and raised more than \$100, plus boxes of food - and what a fun time we had!

Gifts of candy were given by individuals at Christmas and Easter to add to the food baskets, adding something special to the children's holidays, and volunteers got



together at the Milwaukee AIDS Project to color eggs - MANY EGGS - for Easter baskets; each trying to outdo the other for the prettiest looking egg.

Now that the football season is in full swing, the 'Packer Gang' again challenges you. While you're enjoying the game (cheering for the Packers) donate something to the Food Pantry.

It would be nice to see food barrels in every bar. The need is now, not just for the holidays, but all year long. Please -HELP - in any way you can. Contact Christina Kotlowski at MAP, (414) 273-1991, for information on how to make sure that every client of the Milwaukee AIDS Project who needs food can find it in the Food Pantry.

If It Concerns You, It Concerns Us!

- Sincerely, Shirley Fitzpatrick

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store - generally the one which has been foolish enough to give you a credit card. Then go directly to the section which has the item, purchase it, and leave. Hopefully, you won't have to deal with trying it on - this should help all of you to stick to your diets! Choose the brand and price you are willing to pay prior to arriving at the store!

Stay away from sales. The cut in price isn't worth the crowded aisles or long lines. If you unwittingly encounter a sale, employ grocery shopping techniques.

Do your Christmas shopping no later than October, preferably in July or in January after the post- Christmas sales.

Ultimately, your best weapon to win at both grocery and clothes shopping is to eat carefully and infrequently. You won't change sizes and you can go for weeks without entering a supermarket. If that fails, find a helpful friend. One with a 'Born to Shop' bumper sticker. Send them in your place - lead your friend to believe you're letting him/her do this for you. If all else fails, hire a professional shopping service. It's well worth the cost!

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Reflections from the Joan Zone

# by Joan Lawrence

# Shopping

You've all seen the bumper sticker, 'Born to Shop' or the one that says, 'I Love to Shop' or others with variations on the same theme. There are certainly those among us who live and love to shop. But, I am definitely not one of them.

To me shopping is divided into two categories: necessities and luxuries. Necessities are: food, toilet paper, cat litter, etc. Luxuries are everything from clothes to a television to Christmas presents. (Yes, clothes and Christmas presents constitute luxuries.)

Let's take necessities first. We all have to eat, so we all must buy food. Not a whole lot of it perhaps, but everyone must have something in the house in case they can't make it to the nearest Burger King.

I live one block from a major chain... deliberately. If I have to do this, I am not going to walk, drive or bus to add to the hardship. The store has to be close so I can get it over with as quickly as possible.

Well, that's at least how it ought to work in theory, but going into any major food chain is never quick — or easy.

Yet, I've tried to reduce this to a science. First, my shopping list is made up according to what foods are in each aisle. Simple, right? Wrong. For some reason which has never been made clear to me, they keep moving the food! I guess it's marketing. But it sure adds to the complexity.

Okay, I'm ready. Shopping list in hand, I enter the store, grab a cart. (Notice how the wheels always stick or go sideways?) I start breezing down the aisles, grabbing each item in order (hopefully, they haven't been moved). My goal is to accomplish this quickly, and as painlessly as possible.

But, I'm delayed by all the damn stragglers. The comparison shoppers, the uncertain shoppers, the ones who stand in the middle of the aisle pursuing their list or talking with a friend. I attempt to control myself, slamming the cart into them might not be especially wise. So I sort of come up on their ankles, hoping they will take the hint. Usually further combat isn't necessary.

Somehow I make it through the store – holding tightly to every bit of patience I possess. Never at the speed of the Indy 500, but passing by or demolishing all the slowpokes who would dare to get in my way. Usually, I reach the finish line without actually crashing into anyone. The key word here is usually – I'm not always that lucky – but if they'd get the hell out of the way I wouldn't have this problem!

Finally, I'm at the check-out counter, ready to pay and be on my way.

Not quite. Most of the check-outs are closed, especially if it's after 5pm or Sunday, the busiest shopping periods.

When I actually get to the cashier, she/he uses this wonderful new technology called a scanner – designed to speed up our journey. Problem is, there's always one or two items not listed in the scanner. I'm now forced to wait, muttering loudly under my breath, while the cashier goes to check the price. Oh yes, be thankful for the wonders of modern technology!

But I can finally see the end of my journey. My groceries will be bagged and I will be free.

They're packed, I'm free — but, will I be able to make it across the street? Just barely, because the brilliant packer has put all the heavy items in the same bag! Do they all go to the same school? Have they all learned how to cause a permanent shoulder injury?

Still, I only have to make it across the street, the parking lot and up 4 flights of stairs!

Finally, I'm home. Safe. I've not been vanquished. If I eat out every night, I won't have to do this again next week!

At least luxury shopping is simpler. You figure out exactly what you need. Jeans, a VCR, whatever. Decide which



# The Arts

# Madison Lesbian variety show weekend

Kissing Girls Productions is excited and full of new and creative energy in its effort to bring Madison's 6th Annual Lesbian Variety Show, I Got This Way From Kissing Girls 6, to the Barrymore Theatre, 2090 Atwood Ave., Madison on Saturday, Nov. 23rd and Sunday, Nov. 24th, 1991.

This is the first year KGP has expanded to presenting the same show on two nights (past shows have been one night & often sold out). KGP promises this year the shows will be briefer, yet still full of substance & style.

All 1991 recipients of Kissing Girls Culture and Creativity Awards will be participating in some facet of the weekend's activities.

Once again, KGP has an entire weekend of events lined up for all you wonderful dykes and womyn friends.

• Friday, Nov. 22 — KGP is proud to showcase for the second year in its own special forum, a fun and vibrant opening to the Lesbian Art Show from 5-7pm at Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Ave., Madison. The artwork will continue to be on display until 9pm.

• Friday, Nov. 22 — KGP will be producing some of the best Lesbian poets around at the Lesbian Poetry Reading, running concurrently with the Art Show at Apple Island from 7-9pm. ASL interpreted.

• Saturday, Nov. 23 — KGP will continue its exhibit of Lesbian Artwork at Apple Island 12- 4pm.

• Saturday, Nov. 23 — The 1st Big Show at the Barrymore. Old and new MCs for the evening. Local dykes will entertain with their riotous style of humor and storytelling as they fill the empty space between acts and set changes. And the moments you've been waiting for all year... friends, acquaintances, and some awfully cute dykes will entertain you and warm your heart with their incredible array of Lesbian talent. The evening promises to be magical! Show begins at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. ASL interpreted tonight only.

• Sunday, Nov. 24 - KGP will continue its exhibit of Lesbian Artwork at Apple Island from 11- 3pm.

• Sunday, Nov. 24 — The 2nd Big Show at the Barrymore! This show will be just as good as the first. Perhaps even better: since stage fright, production kinks, an earlier time, and a feel for the flow of the evening should all be worked out. Showtime is 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

KGP commented, "It's terribly important to us to incorporate as much feedback as possible that we receive each year. Attempting to produce another whole weekend of events is an enormous undertaking. So far, it's been a lot of fun. We have a contingent of new Production Coordinators to help us in this process. KGP would like to give them warm thanks in advance. Also, we'd like to thank you for some of the thoughtful ideas you have given us to consider over time. We will be making our best effort to work out wheelchair accessible toilet facilities, of some type, at the Barrymore. In addition, there will be Braille programs available at the door of all of our events. The Friday night Poetry Showcase and the Saturday night Show will be ASL interpreted. Seating for womyn who use wheelchairs will be reserved, as well as for womyn with visual or hearing impairments."

Tickets for the Variety Show are \$10 and go on sale at: A Room of One's Own, the Barrymore Theatre, Whole Earth, Magic Mill, Green Earth and Four Star Fiction



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The Next Stop — one of Gay/Lesbian Milwaukee's newest stop in the River West neighborhood. Lory, the owner can be seen in center, rear —



We snapped these Wreck Room staffers during the bars party night. OK guys - get back to work and quit posing for pictures!



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#### and Video on Nov. 2nd.

Out of town mail order purchases can be made Oct. 30-Nov.9. Tickets are available on a first come first serve basis for as long as they last. Mail your check payable to Kissing Girls Production. Inc. (or KGP, Inc.), for \$10 per ticket, to KGP, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Include SASE. Those ordering mail order tickets need to indicate their first and second preference for dates. If a second preference is not noted and tickets are sold out for the date you requested, your check will be returned.

Ticket purchases are limited to six per request either through the mail or at the ticket outlets. Get your tickets early... this show sells out fast. This year, your ticket to 'I Got This Way From Kissing Girls 6' will include admission to all of our weekend events. Please be prepared to show your ticket at the door of the other events.. but, hold onto them for Show Night!

# Playwriting seminar

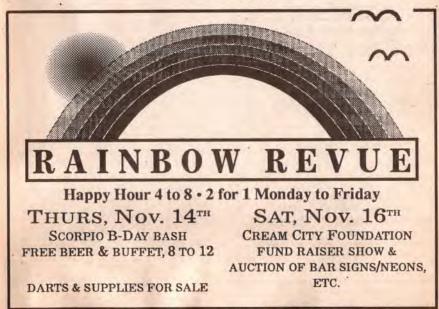
Playwright Michael Neville will be conducting a six-week seminar in professional playwriting from Tuesday, November 12th through Tuesday, December 17th. Participation will be limited to eight students.

Original plays of Nevilles have been produced off-Broadway at the Manhattan Theater Club, at ACT Seattle, the Actors Theater of Louisville, Boston's Night Stage, and numerous other off-Broadway and regional theaters.

Neville is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts in Playwriting, a New York Fellowship in Playwriting, a Massachusetts Fellowship in Playwriting, and a Sam S. Shubert Fellowship in Playwriting.

Neville is the Executive Director of Playwrights Studio Theater, a company in Milwaukee devoted to the development of new scripts. He was a panelist on the 1990 Milwaukee Artist Foundation.

For further information, call (414) 476-8984.



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# Music extravaganza to benefit MAP

Milwaukee – For the second year in a row, Jerry Allen Smith will present an organ recital as part of the Music At St. Paul's series. Along with Mr. Smith will be performances by the Cross of Life Lutheran Church Handbell Choir of Brookfield, trumpeter David Brown, tenor Gary Wells, and a host of other vocalists. Music ranging from the Baroque to the 20th century will be presented.

This recital, to be held Sunday evening, November 24 at 7pm, is a fund raiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project and for people who are living with HIV disease in Southeastern Wisconsin. A donation of \$5 per person may be paid at the door.

Smith is a nationally known classical, theater, and 'pop' organist, teacher, and clinician. He graduated from the University of Portland, Oregon with a bachelor's degree in organ performance, and a master's in music education. He is currently Director of Music at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Mequon.

His concerts are unique in that he plans his programs around the instruments on which he performs. Smith discusses the organ and the music, as well as the featured composers.

Since being diagnosed with AIDS, Mr. Smith has turned the majority of his time to AIDS advocacy. As an activist, much time is spent on AIDS awareness and education. He frequently discusses his experiences and other AIDS-related issues publicly through the media and through presentations throughout the state. He has been featured in three documentaries for PBS, and, is the chairman of the People Living With AIDS Coalition of Wisconsin.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church is located at 914 East Knapp Street, on Milwaukee's lower east side.

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# Steppin' Out

Now that Halloween and The Pageant are out of the way we can begin counting the days to the holidays! There are only three issues, after this one, before our Christmas/ New Years issue hits the streets. It's hard to believe that another year is wrapping up. One more big event coming up soon is the Holiday Invitational Tournament, over Thanksgiving weekend. HIT is in its 13th year, and is the 'grand-daddy' of Gay bowling events in the country. Over 300 bowlers from the USA and Canada are anticipated. Deadline for entries is November 11. See the article in this issue, or call Dean at (414) 291-9836 or Cindy at (414) 871-4735 for any other information.

Since our deadline was October 31, you won't find all the Halloween or any Pageant coverage in this issue. But we do have plenty of Halloween photos from before deadline in this issue for your viewing pleasure. Enjoy the creativity of some fantastic costumes.

Prior to Halloween, there were a few other events to bring you up to date on... **Rainbow Revue** held shows on October 18 & 20 to benefit their Mr. titleholder (Sydney) and Miss (Brittany Morgan). The benefits helped Syd and Brittany pay for all their Pageant related expenses. (Mr. contestants have to get new clothes and Miss hopefulls need never before seen gowns!)

Now that it's the season for cocooning, if you're a sheepshead player, don't forget the **Ballgame's** monthly tournaments. For those of you who aren't from around these parts, sheepshead is an endemic card game, also known as 'schafskopf' to those with a German heritage. If you're not a native (like me)



# by Ron Geiman

you'll never be able to grasp this game. (I guess you have to grow up with it to understand it!)

In order to keep the contestants from clawing each other to death, **Club 94's** 'Queen of the 94 Follies' contest had four winners. Each of the comedy queens won a tiara so there would be no jealous back stabbing with 4 inch nails. Congrats to Samantha, Anita Little, Lola, and Jackie.

Jo'dee's Intl. played host to Victoria Kelly and her variety revue that same night in Racine. Victoria is the show director at the **Rainbow**, where she held a birthday dragathon on the 27th. It was simply dragocious!

The **Oberons** are doing their part for kids with AIDS. The club held their 2nd beer bust to raise money for their Christmas Club for Children with AIDS at the **Wreck Room** on the 19th. The club paid for the beer, so the entire \$5 from the bust went in the fund.

ffhe "NEXT" Stop 800 East Chambers • Corner of Chambers & Fratney Monday-Friday Saturday & Sunday Open of 6pm Open at 12pm **MONDAY** - Men's Night Come Experience "Mind Erasers" \*1 TUESDAY In-House Pool Tourney \$25 for 1\*Place WEDNESDAY - Ladie's Night 8-10pm - \$3.50 pitchers of Margaritas THURSDAY Shot Night - \$1 FRIDAY 6-8pm - Dollar Rails SATURDAY 12-4pm Chili Dogs \$2 **Open Pool**, <sup>\$</sup>3 Pitchers SUNDAY 12-2<sup>pm</sup> Bloody Mary Game Starters 75\* **Open Pool**, <sup>\$</sup>3 Pitchers

The irrepressible Tommi and Nanette hit the keys at the **M&M Club** two Sundays in a row last month. They proved why they are some of Gay Milwaukee's favorite cabaret entertainers.

Minneapolis exports, the Hard Bodies male dance revue, made their Milwaukee premiere with shows at **Rainbow** and **Partners** on the 21st and 22nd. Nice bodies... nice guys... lascivious crowd. (But that's what makes it fun!) Enjoy the pictures!

The Pivot Club presented live comedy on the 23rd with national comedienne Holly Farris. Local attraction Zoomie was also on the bill for a full night of fun and entertainment.

Partners performers, the Milwaukee Wild Boyz, performed a moving Halloween dance show at the bar on the 24 to help kick off Halloween festivities in the city. You can feast your eyes on the troupe at the bar every other Thursday.

Check the calendar for upcoming airings of the new episode of **Yellow on Thursday**, a half hour variety show aired on Milwaukee Warner Cable channel 14 on Thursdays and Sundays. The second half is especially funny and well written.

It would be senseless to list every single Halloween party, costume and pumpkin carving contests — so suffice it to say every bar had one and the costumes and prizes were fabulous!

I do hope you have been tested for antibodies to HIV by now, and if you are sexually active, getting checked every 3 to 6 months. (You know if you were recently infected, it may not show up in your blood for 3-6 months.) The Brady East Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic [BESTD] makes it very easy to get tested free and anonymously (with counseling) either at their clinic or during outreach testing in the bars. See the Calendar for upcoming outreach sites.



The New Leaf in Janesville hosted a benefit show for the Madison AIDS Support Network [MASN] on the 27th. MASN has an outreach 'satellite office' in Janesville to serve that area of the state. Outside of the metro Milwaukee area, the vast majority of AIDS cases are still amongst Gay men.

Several Milwaukee bars used the theme of Halloween to benefit MAP. **3 B's** Halloween Scavenger Hunt was one, and **Station II's** Haunted House was another. By the way, the Station also celebrated their 4th anniversary on the 30th. Congratulations to Lois, Sheri and their staff on 4 fun-filled years.

That about wraps things up through the 31st. Until next time, take care – and if you drink, don't drive!

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LAMM Meeting: Racism II, potluck at 6, program at 7, MEC, 2821 N. 4th St., call 264-2600 for more info.

#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

Men Aloud: HIV Risk reduction/ safer sex work shops for Gay/Bi men. 7-10pm. MAP offices, 315 W. Court Street. Call Mike L. at 273-1991 for resv.

Wings [Madison]: Full Moon Contest.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22 Lesbian Art Show & Poetry Reading [Madison]: Showcased by Kissing Girls Productions, opening reception 5-7, Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Avenue, art on display until 9pm.

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

The Back Door [Eau Claire]: King Productions Miss Gay Eau Claire, a WI-USA preliminary.

Lesbian Art Show [Madison]: KGP's exhibit at Apple Island, 12-4pm.

Madison's 6th Annual Lesbian Varlety Show: By Kissing Girls Productions, Barrymore Theatre (2090 Atwood Ave.). Doors open 6:30pm, show at 7. ASL Interpreted tonight only.

Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament, 4pm.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Lesbian Art Show [Madison]: KGP's exhibit at Apple Island from 11-5.

Madison's 6th Annual Lesbian Variety Show: Barrymore Theatre, 6pm showtime, doors open 5:30. Repeat of last nights show.

Fannle's: Almost all-womens Holiday Show, 6:30pm, with fabulous new guest stars.





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#### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

M&M: Free influenza vaccinations 6-9pm. Banquet room. Co-sponsored by BESTD Clinic & STD Specialties.

Yellow on Thursday: Milwaukee Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm.

#### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

Rod's/New Bar: Blue Bus Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling, 9pm-1am.

3B's Bar: Turkey give away, 9pm-1:30am. Turkeys & prizes given away every 1/2 hour starting at 10:30pm.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

3B's Bar: '301' Singles dart tournament, a MAP fundraiser, cash prizes & more, 2pm.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Miss Club 94 contest, 11pm, emceed by the Sisters of 94 Follies Girls.

Bottomline Travel: Grand Opening Celebration, 10am-4pm, food & refreshments, videos, drawing for two free tickets to anywhere in Continental USA & Canada. 3610 N. Oakland Ave.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Blue Bus Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling, 9pm-1am.

Girth & Mirth Social: At 3B's, 10pm.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 All Saints Cathedral: Monthly Diocesan Evensong & Healing Services, All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau, service begins 4pm. Call Cathedral office, 271-7719, to make prayers on behalf of someone.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: King Prod. Miss Gay Appleton, a WI-USA preliminary, 9:30pm.

Square Dancing: Free lessons continue at new time of 3:30pm at 3B's, all skill levels welcome, sponsored by GAMMA, call 963-9833 for more info.

La Cage: Deadline for tickets for Nov. 17 Chicago bar crawl, tickets \$12.

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

La Cage: Premiere of weekly Comedy Night, video comedy & music like you've never seen, 8pm-12:30am. Dance videos, 12:30am to close, plus \$1 mini-bust.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 Nothing to Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, 'Real Eyes Realize' with Jay Hatheway.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Bryan Murphy as Pearl Bailey, 10:30pm.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14** Rainbow Revue: Scorpio birthday bash, free beer & buffet 8-12.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Beer Town Badgers: Club Night at Boot Camp Saloon. Drawings for prizes & drink tickets, 10pm until 1:30am. Club 3054 [Madison]: First Class Male Revue strippers, 11:30pm, \$3 cover.

Saturday, NOVEMBER 16 Station II: Linda Smith, \$5 cover. Tickets available at bar. 9pm showtime.

Rainbow Revue: CCF Fund Raiser show & action.

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

Square Dancing: Free lessons continue at new time of 3:30pm at 3B's, all skill levels welcome, sponsored by GAMMA, call 963-9833 for more info.

Station II: Kristie K. & Jeff Stoll, 7pm, \$2 cover.

La Cage: Milwaukee does Chicago! Leave bar 8pm (bar opens 7pm), return 4am. \$12 per person.

Club 3054 [Madison]: T.C. & Company benefit show for PWA's, 10:30 showtime, \$3 cover.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, Sam Day & Friends.

Roller Skating: All skating fans are welcome to join the GAMMA gang at Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Cudahy, 7:30-10pm. Cost of \$2.50 includes skates, call 963-9833 for info.





HALLOWEEN '91



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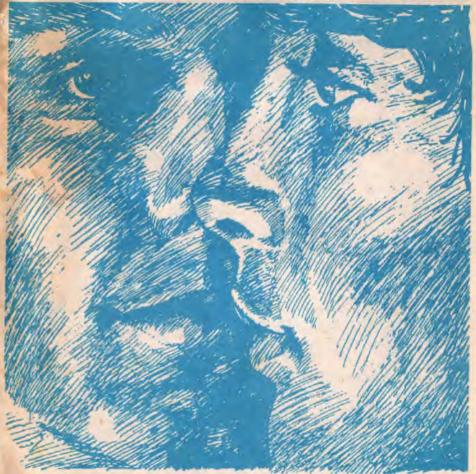
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