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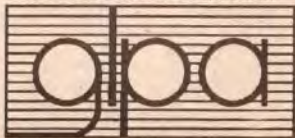
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News

Gays accuse WISN-TV of exploitation for profit

Milwaukee — Gays and Lesbians made up the largest share of the studio audience for WISN TV 12's "Milwaukee's Talking" show on Monday, November 25. The show was dedicated to reaction and rebuttal from the Gay/Lesbian community to 12's four-part series on Milwaukee Gays who are "Flirting With Danger." The series had run November 19- 22 in three-four minute segments on the station's 10pm news, as part of the ratings important "sweeps week."

The so-called investigative news series was highly promoted by the station, and garnered phone calls and letters even before airing. The series used hidden cameras showing allegedly under-age males gaining admittance to many Milwaukee Gay bars; Gay sexual activity in Milwaukee County parks; and alleged access to restricted 'adult' sections of Crossroads, a Gay oriented computer bulletin board, by male teens. The fourth segment was a chance for community reactions.

Scott Gunkel of the Lambda Rights Network, and several other concerned community members met with station representatives after the series began. Because of that meeting, plans for the series were altered enough to give Gunkel a short rebuttal segment on the third segment. The station had decided earlier to dedicate the November 25 segment of "Milwaukee's Talking" to discussion of the series after receiving hundreds of phone & written complaints.

When asked by "Milwaukee's Talking" host Mark Siegrist why the "Flirting With Danger" series was compiled, WISN TV News Director Fred D'Ambrosi replied, "In the wake of the Dahmer investigation, which involved many Gay victims, Dane was approached by some people in the Gay community who said, 'Look — this is how this happened.

This is how people can be victimized.' We felt it was a legitimate story to go about explaining some parts of the Gay world heterosexuals aren't familiar with."

Reporter Dane Placko, when asked why he didn't coordinate the program with responsible members of Milwaukee's Gay community, responded, "When you're doing a surveillance story — you try and keep the wraps on it."

Gay community leaders were not made aware of the story until information about it began to seep out less than a week prior to its scheduled airing.

D'Ambrosi and Placko shared the talk show stage with a panel that at times included Gunkel, Kitty Barber of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee; Dan Fons of Queer Nation; Psychologist Tim Baack; and anti-discrimination lawyer Kathleen Hume.

On the talk show, Gunkel condemned the series saying it was "poorly researched, not in-depth research, and it was exploitive of the Gay/Lesbian community."

Gunkel also asked why the station didn't look at some of the reasons behind such activities: people are having sex in parks because they have no other alternatives in a safe, secure environment. Gunkel also said many have no other outlet, either not liking bars, or not old enough to go into bars. He asked what other choices did a condemning society offer them.

Kitty Barber called the series "totally exploitive, and blatantly sensationalist." She continued, "I thought that the series was done simply to sell air time at the expense of 112,000 Lesbian and Gay people who are in the metro area."

In explanation of her criticism, Barber said, "We are a broadly based and very diverse community... what this show did,

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School Board 'guts' Gay proposals

Milwaukee [In Step] — Reacting to recall threats by hundreds of bible quoting fundamentalist Christians, the Milwaukee School Board November 20 approved watered down proposals on Gay/Lesbian issues. An ad hoc citizens' group, not satisfied with the 'gutting' of the proposal, threatened to remove five board members who expressed support for the Gay issues.

Over 700 opponents to the proposals rallied — overwhelming the seating available in the auditorium, cafeteria and a second floor room in the MPS Administration Building. Opponents spilled out of those spaces and into hallways and outside sidewalk. Many carried signs, some saying "Gay is not normal or healthy," "Homosexuality is a Sin," and "Muskego & Big Bend say 'vote NO'." Many sung hymns and prayed, and argued with supporters of the proposals.

A visible Gay/Lesbian contingent of approximately 50 was present — some in the auditorium itself, most others in the hallway. Gays and Lesbians were both numerically and psychologically overwhelmed. Most of the Gays/Lesbians present had never been confronted with such obvious hate and homophobia, especially at such unbalanced odds. Many often were pulled aside singly and coerced into heated discussions with clusters of nay-sayers and fanatics.

The School Board meeting was set to begin at 8pm, and Gay/Lesbian supporters were encouraged to be there before 7pm. However, proposal opponents — orchestrated by Rev. Vic Eliason and his WVCY radio and television stations — began showing up by 4pm and occupied the vast majority of auditorium seats.

Proponents also circulated petitions urging the recall of board members Jared Johnson, Joyce Mallory, Mary Bills and Christine Sinicki whom they perceived as 'pro-Gay.' The targeted members had supported the proposal as it advanced through the system.

After the vote, David M. Lucey was added to their target list for not "going far enough." Lucey penned the revised responses to the proposal, removing "offending" language and was seen by "the Gay community as an "enemy."

After the vote was taken, Lucey told reporters that Gay people were not normal or healthy (adopting the same language used by the Fundamentalists). He later apologized for those remarks, saying he was responding to a 'yes' or 'no' question, and spoke in the heat of the moment.

Lucey is the son of former Wisconsin Governor Patrick Lucey, and was supported in his at-large school board seat campaign by Mayor John Norquist and many liberals.

Openly Gay activist Michael Lisowski also ran for that same at-large seat. The defeated Lisowski is a member of the Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Teens in the MPS, which issued the original proposal.

The Task Force had been formed under former MPS Superintendent Robert Peterkin after meeting with Gay and Lesbian activists and students who presented him with a litany of complaints of harassment, violence and homophobia.

THE ISSUES

The last issue of In Step and the current issue of The Wisconsin Light provide a detailed description of the original proposals. Due to lack of space, we won't be reprinting them here in their entirety. We will, however, show how they were changed by the November 20 vote.

• Deleted statements: "The Administration supported recommendations;" and "The Administration requests the Task Force to develop strategies to assist faculty and staff to carry out this responsibility."

The above quoted Administration response to the Task Force proposal dealt with the guarantee of a safe and nurturing environment regardless of sexual orientation.

Milwaukee Lavender Network at crossroads, seeks diversity

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Lavender Network will take the time before the next scheduled meeting on January 29 to reach out in an attempt to broaden multi-cultural participation. MLN originally formed as an ad hoc Gay/Lesbian coalition in response to the breaking of the Dahmer case.

Since its formation, the Lavender Network achieved many successes as a cooperative venture among many groups and a small core of dedicated hard-working concerned individuals. MLN members attended countless meetings. The power structure took account of Lesbian and Gay concerns to an unprecedented extent. It wasn't perfect, but again Milwaukee Lesbians and Gay men responded well in crisis.

At a meeting November 18, two dozen attended, representing less than ten groups, were scheduled to respond to the following questions:

- What is the future of the Lavender Network?
- Is its work in response to the Dahmer murders over?
 - What needs to be done?
 - Who will do it?

But once again, MLN — founded in crisis — had to react to two more crisis situations before those questions could be answered. Those situations, and community response to it, took up the largest amount of time at the MLN meeting. The issues of concern surrounded the Nov. 20 Milwaukee School Board vote on implementation of system-wide Gay/Lesbian sensitive changes; and Channel 12's sweeps week four-part series on the "Gay underground."

An MPS Task Force Report on Gay and Lesbian Teens had previously been adopted, in full, by an earlier School Board vote, and sent to the Administration for implementation. Until then, no significant opposition had arisen to the changes that would have included sensitivity training for teachers and staff, Gay/Lesbian

sensitive texts and curriculum, and non judgmental counseling. However, after fundamentalist 'Christian' broadcasters rallied opposition to the Report, nearly 700 supporters appeared at a Board committee meeting on Nov. 13 speaking against it.

Using terminology that twisted the Task Force recommendations to their own benefit, the Fundamentalists threatened recall drives and circulated petitions. At the Nov. 20 full Board meeting, a watered-down version was passed, appeasing the Fundamentalist-led opponents. (See separate news article).

The MLN had urged members to write and call MPS Board members in support of the Report, and to show up in person at the Nov. 20 meeting. Nearly 50 supporters showed up, but the opposition numbered nearly 1,000. Many opponents were from the suburbs or other South Eastern Wisconsin areas, including Big Bend, Muskego, and other WVCY strongholds.

MLN's major fear was an increase in homophobia and Gay bashing, especially when the MPS vote fell within the four day Channel 12 inflammatory series. The Channel 12 series was seen as not being fair or unbiased reporting. Words like "defamation," "victimization," and "poor timing" were expressed repeatedly.

The potential for an increase of violence directed towards the Gay/Lesbian community was of such a concern, that In Step Magazine and the Wisconsin Light announced they would immediately begin to act as sources for reports of Hate Crimes committed against our community. The publications, using City of Milwaukee Community Services 'Hate/Violence Monitoring Project' forms, would then compile statistics and forward them on the City, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and the US Department of Justice.

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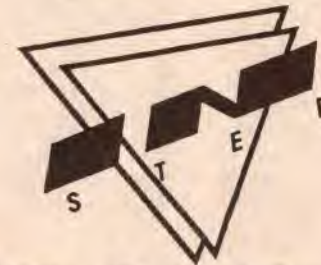
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Former reporter sues Eliason for \$12 million

Washington, D.C. [LDEF] — Former UPI reporter Julie Brienza on November 20 charged that a group of right-wing religious broadcasters, including Paul Cameron and Milwaukeean Vic Eliason, orchestrated a smear campaign against her designed to compel UPI to fire her because she is a Lesbian and because she was free-lancing for a Gay and Lesbian newspaper.

In April of 1990, Eliason, a religious talk show host on Milwaukee's WCVY Radio & TV, discovered that Ms. Brienza was both working at UPI and writing a free-lance article for Washington, D.C.'s weekly Gay newspaper. Eliason then contacted a number of other 'Christian broadcasters' and together they broadcast a continuous series of reports about Ms. Brienza, calling her a 'mole' and a 'double agent' and referring to her employment at UPI as "a case of Lesbian penetration of United Press International."

Her attorneys have uncovered in discovery facts supporting the contention of a right-wing religious conspiracy, which include the fact that Eliason, Cameron, Accuracy in Media, and other right-wing broadcasters suggested to their listeners that Brienza should be fired. Further, some urged their audiences to block the UPI telephone lines with their demands, which led to UPI receiving hundreds of telephone calls from listeners complaining about Ms. Brienza and demanding that she be fired. Calling UPI officials directly, fundamentalist broadcasters argued that Ms. Brienza could not be an objective journalist and threatened to cancel their contracts with the financially troubled news service if she were not fired. Family Stations, Inc., a group of about 32 religious radio stations based in Oakland, California, also called UPI to complain about Ms. Brienza after Eliason started his campaign.

On April 26, 1990, UPI fired Ms. Brienza on the ground that she used UPI facilities to write a free-lance story. Cameron and Eliason claimed credit for

her termination and congratulated their audiences on their efforts.

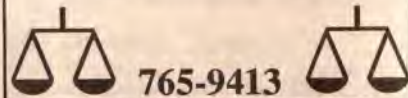
"The true values of groups such as Eliason's are revealed by their hate campaigns against people like Julie Brienza," said attorney Lynne Bernabel of the Washington, D.C. law firm of Bernabel & Katz, which is representing Ms. Brienza.

In Ms. Brienza's \$12.5 million suit, filed in U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia in November, 1990, she charged Eliason with malicious interference with her UPI contract, unlawful invasion of her privacy for "outing" her, and violation of the District of Columbia's Human Rights Act and Wisconsin's Hate Crimes statute. Brienza Nov. 20 moved to amend her complaint to include charges that Eliason orchestrated the conspiracy which ultimately lead to her termination from UPI, and defamed her through their public statements impugning her journalistic integrity based on her sexual orientation.

Paula Ettlbrick, Legal Director of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which is acting as co-counsel in this case, added, "Eliason's witch hunt tactics against this one reporter are a tragic reminder of the power of homophobia and the sheep-like response of some right-wing fanatics. The effect of their actions will be to chill any reporter, Gay or straight, from addressing homosexuality in a positive light."

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100 House co-sponsors for Gay Rights Bill

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — After over a decade of deferred hopes and a year of intense lobbying, Gay activists have reached the long wished for benchmark of 100 active co-sponsors on the House's federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill. As an added bonus, the Senate's version of the same measure picked up another sponsor, bringing its number of official backers to a record 14.

"One hundred is a milestone," said Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "We have reached the highest point yet. But we still have a lot of work to do."

Peri Jude Radecic, lobbyist for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, credited grassroots activists much of the success.

"Many activists in the Gay and Lesbian community have worked hard to move us to 100 co-sponsors," she said. "And it's the activists in those 100 members' districts who should be credited with this effort."

On Nov. 21, Rep. Ed Pastor (D-Ariz.) became the 100th House co-sponsor.

"I've been a lifelong supporter of civil rights," said Pastor, through a spokeswoman. "I don't think that anybody should be denied their civil rights, no matter what their religious or sexual persuasion might be. I've worked for civil rights all along, and in this case, I don't think those rights should be taken away."

Pastor was voted into office earlier this year in a special election to complete the term of retired Rep. Morris Udall (D). A supervisor of Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix, Pastor won his seat with heavy Gay and Lesbian support, including a \$5,000 contribution from HRCF's political action committee.

At the same time, Sen. Frank Lautenberg (d-N.J.) fulfilled an almost decade old campaign promise to co-sponsor the Senate's version of the bill.

Lautenberg, a liberal Democrat, has in

his nearly ten years in the Senate, amassed a largely supportive record on Gay and Lesbian issues and was instrumental in getting increased funding for a popular AIDS care program over the past two years.

Despite being "fairly to very supportive on Gay and Lesbian issues," according to HRCF political director Eric Rosenthal, Lautenberg had deferred officially backing the measure since he was first elected in 1982.

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Arreola seeks 'Sensitive Crimes' Division

Milwaukee — Milwaukee Police Chief Philip Arreola told the Milwaukee Journal he was seeking to create a Sensitive Crimes Division as part of his on-going reorganization of the Milwaukee Police Department. The new division could be in set up and running as early as early January 1992.

The Sensitive Crimes Division would consolidate responsibilities scattered through several other departments into one. The new division would have responsibility over the Sexual Assault Unit, and handle Child Abuse & Neglect cases, as well as hate Crimes.

Suggestions for the reorganization were culled from a 3 year old report from an outside consultant, and will effectively decentralize operations within the MPD.

Editor's Note: Perhaps Hate Crimes will now receive proper emphasis under this new plan. But the sensitization to Hate Crimes — recognizing them, and knowing how to enforce them — must start in the training academy.

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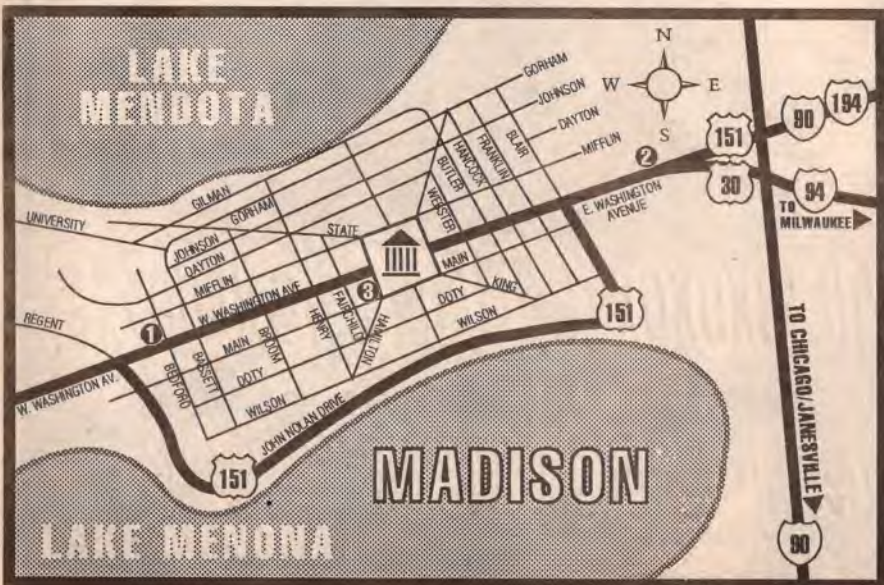
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**Gays accuse WISN of exploitation
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was pinpoint and exploit stereotypes that we've been battling for years and years and years. Despite any disclaimers, which you did make over and over, the images you showed were stereotypical."

To a thunderous round of audience applause, Barber commented on the Dahmer connection, "You can't blame the victims for what happened to them — and that's what this show did!"

Fons explained "Underage people getting into bars is a problem — across all communities. Dane and Fred had a chance to do a very insightful story — that could have addressed that — what they chose to do instead is just attack the Gay community and say that the Gay community does these (nasty) things. Heterosexual kids do this stuff."

Reacting to an audience members question "Why weren't alternatives given? That message needs to get out." D'Ambrosi responded, "When we do investigative stories... the first official act is NOT to contact that group of people (you're investigating) and say 'Hey, we're doing a story that might be perceived as negative to your community.' We do the story, the investigation, and then we contact them for reaction."

Fons commented in reaction to that, "We need to communicate to Channel 12 News sponsors to let them know we don't want them to sponsor this kind of garbage on the air EVER again!"

When asked what goes into choosing topics for investigative series, D'Ambrosi responded, "What's of interest to people... diversity."

Baack, who is a counselor at The Counseling Center, and works with many Gay/Lesbian clients, said of the series, "Awful doesn't describe it — (the series) — for myself — I found it incredibly derogatory, damaging, slanted, biased, un-researched, un-prepared... I could go on."

"Baack continued, "If these problems do exist, and I think it's safe to say they do, they're not unique to the Gay

community. There was really no attempt to look underneath at the cause of some of these problems." Baack said the use of such bad images were caused by "homophobia and heterosexism, which were not explored in this series. News producers must realized they themselves could be homophobic."

Attorney Hume, who has a daughter who is an out Lesbian, said from her experience, that "Gays and Lesbians have an intense fear of discrimination." When her daughter 'came out' Hume was concerned because she knew what her daughter would face. Hume also told how "heterosexuals go cruising looking for victims."

In the news series, Channel 12 used a map to show which specific parks Gay sexual activity allegedly takes place in. They also showed a map of the "Cruise Route" in the Historic Third Ward area. Use of the maps was roundly criticized by many as showing Gay bashers where they could find victims. On the other hand, the maps could show males looking for such activity, exactly where to go to find it, compounding the problem.

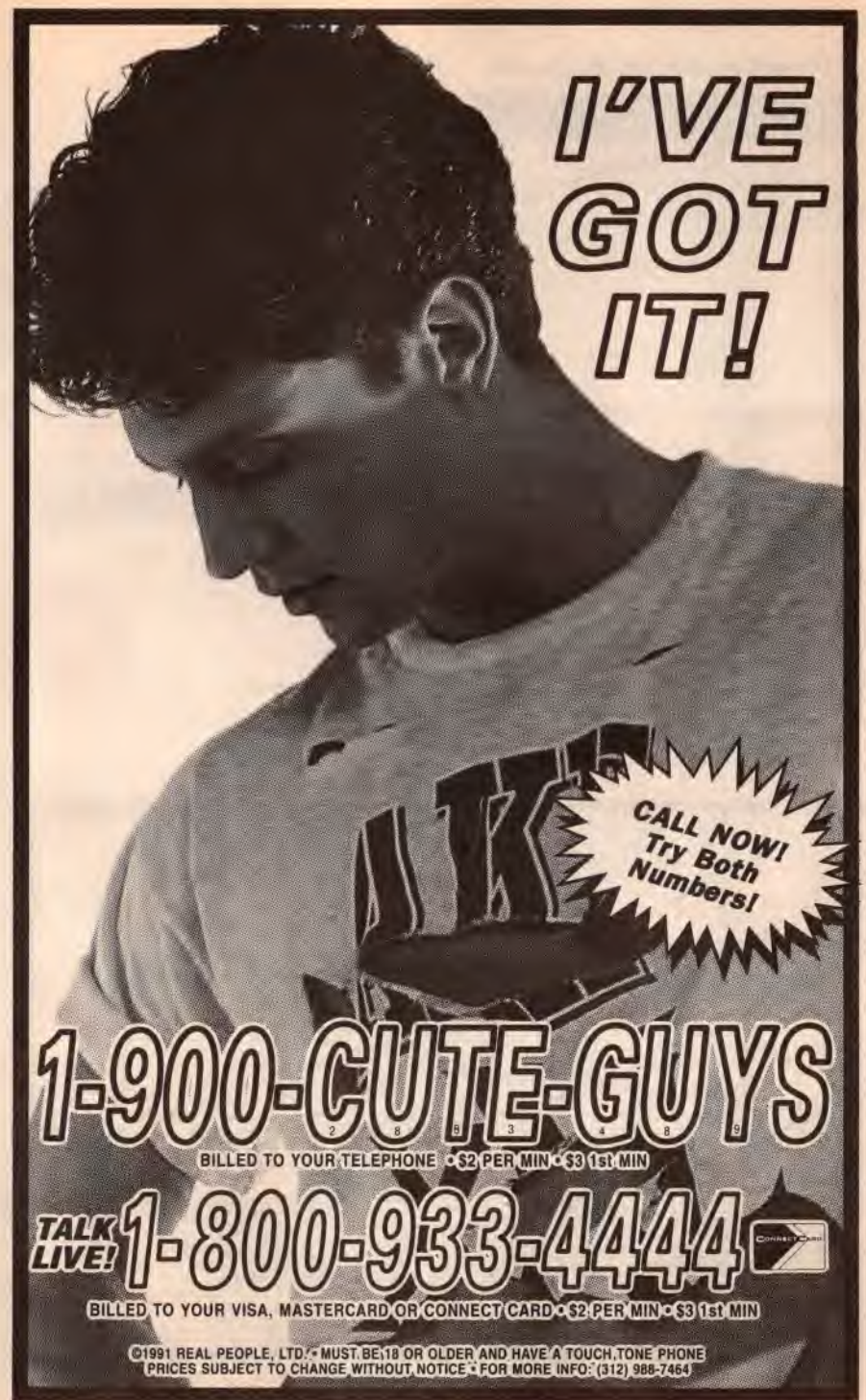
A litany of complaints accused Placko and D'Ambrosi of ignoring the positive aspects of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community and concentrating on "seamy" aspects in a chase for ratings superiority.

Gays and Lesbians shared the "Milwaukee's Talking" audience with students on a field trip from Marshall high school. One of those students asked the panel what positive aspects the Gay/Lesbian community wanted portrayed.

In response, Barber commented, "We probably have more positive organizational things in the works than heterosexuals — we have to! We have to build our own infrastructures, we have to provide our own support systems for ourselves because society does not do that for us — in fact they work against us."

A Gay audience member commented, "Channel 12 presented us with a problem — did not give us a solution — and made assumptions on why people do this."


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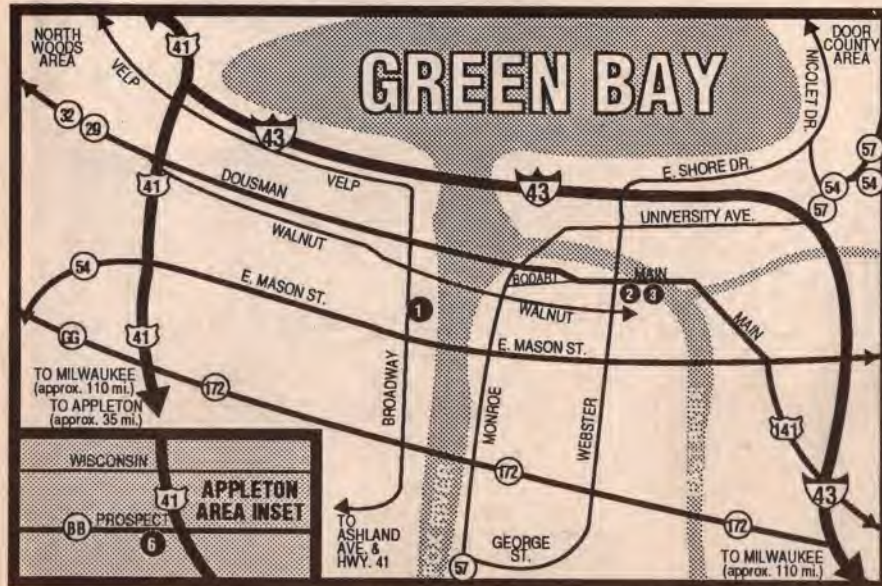
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Gay AA (Meeting Weekly) 494-9904
Bay City Chorus P.O. Box 1901, Green Bay 54305 469-2897
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Gunkel wrapped things up commenting, "With the extreme pressures, the conservative backlash and swing, we are getting more and more youth being ostracized by their family and peers. And that leads to teen drug and alcohol abuse and teen suicide... and this is what the major problem is. It is literally a life and death situation for our Gay youth. And, if we try to help them, we're labeled as child molesters, and that's the biggest problem we have in the Gay community — we can't even outreach."

School Board

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Amended, any mention of the Task Force deleted, as well as any mention of support of the Task Force's proposals.

• Deleted any reference to the Task Force and the administrations assistance in the "dissemination of the strategies developed ...to eliminate discrimination based on sexual orientation."

They replaced it with the innocuous "The Administration will reinforce the right of all students to have equal opportunity for a quality education."

The Task Forces' original recommendation asked that all students have an equal opportunity for quality education.

• Deleted an entire paragraph dealing with the implementation of curriculum materials, teaching strategies and policies that include non-judgmental information on sexual orientation.

The November 20 vote substituted this response: "The Board does not agree that a 'non-judgmental' (in the sense of 'value neutral') approach to curriculum, teaching strategies or school policies is desirable or even achievable. While every student is entitled to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of his or her sexual conduct or orientation, it is the essential role of the school system and all educators in it to help children learn how to exercise good judgment in their own lives. With regard to sexual conduct, this school district does not condone or encourage sexual activity of any kind,

whether homosexual or heterosexual, among its students. It is further this Board's policy that no child should be encouraged by any administrator, faculty or staff member to express or adopt any particular sexual orientation. The Administration will continue to review and revise all curriculum materials to ensure that they are consistent with these views."

• Avoided directly addressing the Task Force recommendations that "sexual orientation be addressed in the sexuality component of a comprehensive health instruction curriculum." Instead, the Board's response was to refer to the above substituted response printed above.

• Deleted any reference in the Task Force's involvement in the development and implementation of appropriate inservice for MPS personnel. Instead, the Board responded that the Administration "provide appropriate inservice that is consistent with this statement of Board policy to ensure that staff... are prepared to address the problems that are faced by Gay and Lesbian students."

Thus, the Board effectively turned their backs on the inclusion of the Task Force members in designing such inservice sessions, leaving it up to themselves. The Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Issues was composed of professionals, many openly Gay or Lesbian, who could have done an excellent job.

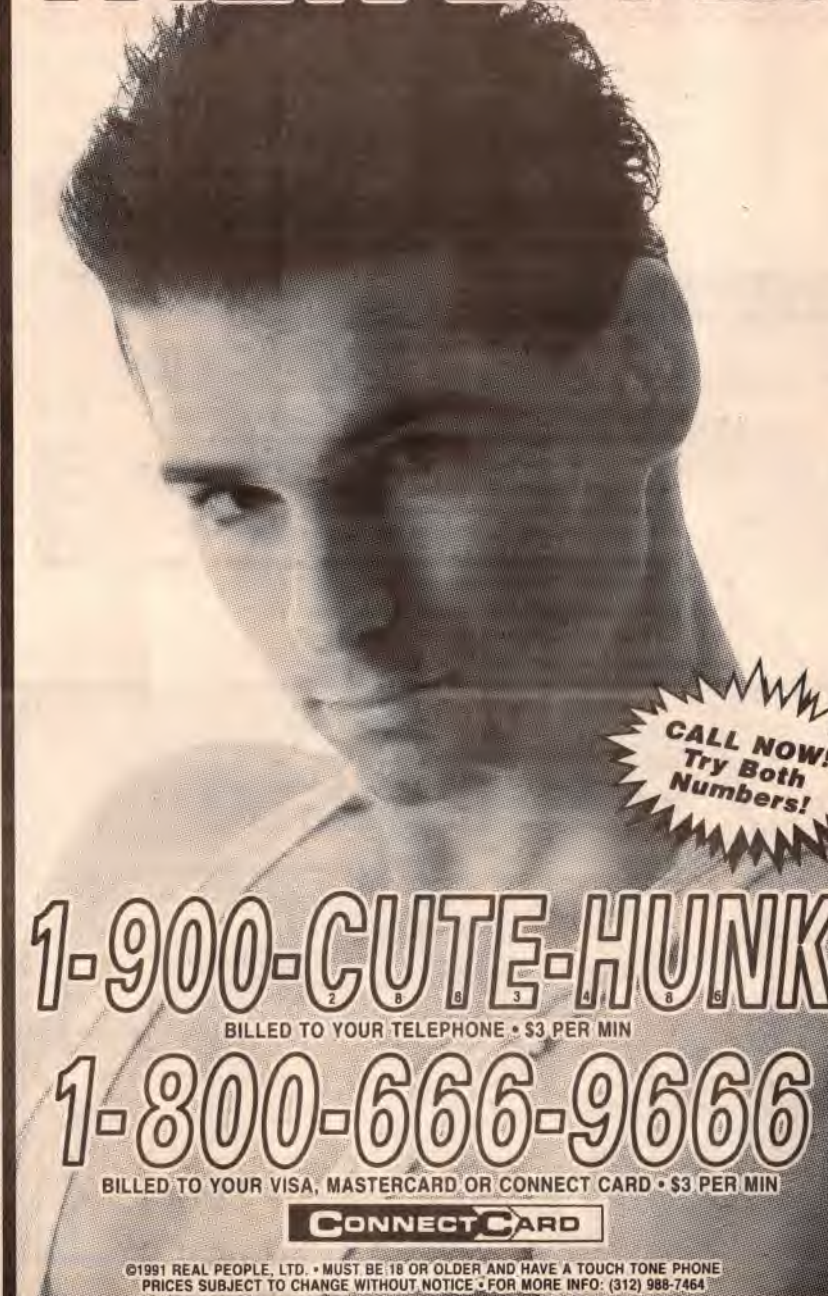
• Deleted references that the Task Force "develop and implement appropriate inservices for MPS personnel." The inservices would train staff and faculty to increase their knowledge of and sensitivity to Gay culture and issues.

Instead it said "The Administration will provide appropriate inservice that is consistent with this statement of Board policy to ensure that staff...are prepared to address the problems that are faced by Gay and Lesbian students."

• Deleted reference to the Task Force's "examination of existing programs, and develop strategies appropriate to MPS students." The Task Force had recommended that drop out

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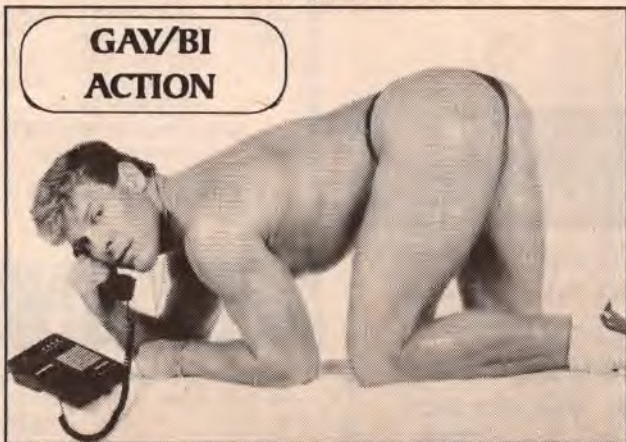
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prevention strategies targeted towards Gay and Lesbian youth be developed and implemented.

The Board substituted, "Given the actions outlined above, access to existing programs will be used as appropriate" to help insure that students stay in school."

• Deleted reference to the Task Force assignment to "identify available services and resources and suggest appropriate involvement strategies." The Task Force originally recommended "that community and school-based services and resources be made available."

The board substituted that the "Administration will identify services and resources and provide students with information regarding these services. For example, church, community based organizations, support groups, etc."

As the dust settled, Gays and Lesbians reacted to the vote in several ways. Some were content with the advances that were made, saying something was better than nothing. Others were indignant that the Board caved into pressure, much of it from outside the district, and weakened the original proposals. Still others wished the Board had set the issue aside or back to Committee for further refinement — bringing it up again after educating the public as to the true impact of the proposals.

Editor's Note: Now, it's our job to monitor School Board action on the implementation of their responses. They've disassociated themselves from the Task Force, who would have done the bulk of the work for the Board. The Board has the proverbial ball in their court — the work is up to them. As taxpayer's, we must allow them to follow through.

Milwaukee Lavender Network to 'regroup' in January
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and letters to WISN TV protesting the unfair, unbalanced series. Complaints to the FCC, the federal watchdog and licensing agency over television and radio stations, were suggested as an avenue of recourse.

MLN also compiled a list of Gay/Lesbian community leaders, activists and knowledgeable specialists which was then forwarded to WISN for use in rebuttal to the series.

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Since its birth, the short-lived MLN has compiled a stunning list of accomplishments, which include:

• Coordination of community resources to present testimony before Mayor Norquist's Blue Ribbon Commission that studied police/community relations.

• Compilation of an extremely thorough and well documented "Preliminary Police Proposal" which was presented to the Blue Ribbon Commission. The Blue Ribbon Commission adopted entire sections of the MLN report in their report to the Mayor.

• A very successful and diverse Candlelight Vigil in memory of Dahmer's victims, and to heal the emotions felt across the city.

• Held a Press Conference shortly after the Dahmer case broke to put an end to the use of the term "homosexual overkill." Attempted to educate the public and media on the impact of the case on our community.

• Continued fine tuning of the Police Proposals that will be submitted separately, in its entirety, to the Fire and Police Commission.

• Outreach to various and diverse community groups and networking with them, often for the first time.

• Reactivation of a long-defunct Media Education project.

The MLN Police Proposal is continually being redeveloped and reworked as more information, and critique comes in. The MLN has tapped into an (until now) unknown group of Gay and Lesbian Milwaukee Police officers who are presently providing their feedback and input to suggestions and recommendations in the Report.

The officers, who are very wary of contact with Gay/Lesbian organizations, offered some specific critical input and suggestions, centered especially on

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training. The officers were quoted as "very excited" about the potential for change. However, none of them could foresee "coming out" and offering to be liaison to the Gay/Lesbian community because of harassment by fellow officers.

MLN plans to present their final Police Proposals to the Fire and Police Commission at the December 7 meeting. The Fire and Police Commission has already directed the Milwaukee Police Department to implement the basic concept behind some of the changes suggested in the report.

Efforts have been very successful in outreach to other non-Gay/Lesbian community groups. An umbrella group of community organizations dealing with the Dahmer aftermath has done a "good job" including Gays and Lesbians and our concerns. That group also has broad Gay/Lesbian representation on its governing board of directors.

The MLN Media Education group has already made one presentation, and has others scheduled. They'll speak with News Editors, and others in position of authority, on Gay/Lesbian sensitivity issues. Part of their job also includes making suggestions for Gay positive articles, and providing a list of Gay/Lesbian sources to speak for the community.

MLN'S FUTURE

The last hour of the three-hour meeting was dedicated to the original purpose — discussing the future of MLN, if indeed there was to be one.

Discussion centered around the fact that most of those success listed above were brought about through the actions of a core group consisting of less than thirty people. The original emergency meeting, where the MLN was born, saw nearly seventy people attend, representing over 20 Gay/Lesbian organizations. Since then, participation has dwindled to an overworked few.

For now, MLN will continue long enough to finish projects that were started. If the MLN is to have a future, participation must be broadened. Those

presently doing the bulk of the work are burned out, and/or committed elsewhere. To assure the future of MLN, the following areas must be addressed:

- Trust building.
- Broadening diversity of the make up. Attention must be given to reaching out to African-Americans, Hispanics, Women of all colors. Without multi-cultural participation, the needs of the entire Gay/Lesbian community cannot be expressed and dealt with.
- Commitment to deal with bias's and do the planning and work necessary to get things done.

Now that MLN is wrapping up its original 'assignments' should it continue to operate as a coalition that meets only in response to crisis? Or should it set goals

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The MLN is the first organization, in a long time, that could bring all facets of the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian community together to work on problems we share. Some potential projects that were mentioned at the Nov. 18 meeting are: a Gay/Lesbian Community Center; programs for Gay/Lesbian youth; and a Hate Crimes Project that would compile, study and react to statistics.

Our community has the potential to make the future better for us all. **But, it will take broad participation — including time, talent, and sweat.** MLN could be the catalyst for change... or it could fall into obscurity. It's up to each and every one of

us. The January 29 meeting will be held at 6:30pm, at the Counseling Center, 2038 N Bartlett Avenue on Milwaukee's east side. The building is handicap accessible. Mark your calendars now, and attend!

PWA inmate dies, MAP responds

Milwaukee — [MAP] The Milwaukee AIDS Project called for an immediate upgrade of the Racine County Jail's policies and procedures to assure humane, knowledgeable, and enlightened treatment of people with HIV disease.

This announcement comes after Dennis Hill, a client of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, experienced life-threatening

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health complications due to his AIDS diagnosis in the Racine County Jail. Hill died on November 21 at the Milwaukee County Medical Complex.

Doug Nelson, executive director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project has asked for an "appropriate, independent investigation and evaluation of the treatment of Dennis Hill by the Racine County Jail," as well as an evaluation of the Jail's policies and procedures for handling inmates with HIV disease.

"These recommendations are not radical; they are bottom line, fundamental, humane policies that are essential to our successful management of the AIDS epidemic in Wisconsin," said Nelson.

Nelson added that the Jail's policies must include comprehensive, annual AIDS/HIV education, consistent use of universal infection control precautions,

high quality medical care and compassionate release for inmates in critical condition, and termination of employees who discriminate against inmates based in the inmate's HIV status.

A letter detailing these recommendations has been sent to Racine County Executive Dennis Kornwolf, Jean Jacobson, chair of the Racine County Board of Supervisors, and Racine County Sheriff Robert Rohner.

Dennis Hill was employed by the Milwaukee AIDS Project in May, 1989 as one of the agency's first street outreach workers. According to Nelson, "He was a pioneering member of the outreach team and always carried out his responsibilities with dedication and excellence." Last year, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's outreach center was named in his honor, becoming the Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center.

ACT UP meets with surgeon general

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Eight members of the local chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP/D.C.) met for one hour with Surgeon General Antonia Novello Nov. 14 to discuss the role her office could play in exercising leadership on the AIDS crisis.

"I think you can say that we were pleased with how it went," said Robert Warnock of ACT UP/D.C. after the thursday meeting. "I'll take a wait-and-see attitude."

"I gather the meeting went very well," stated M.J. Fingland, Director of Public Affairs for Novello. "Both parties were very happy and had a really good discussion."

Organized by ACT UP/D.C. to discuss with the surgeon general what they perceived as her lack of visibility on AIDS issues, the meeting yielded a pledge from Novello for regular talks every six weeks. Fingland could not confirm that a future meeting was scheduled, but said that it was "very possible" that Novello made the pledge and that future discussions could take place soon.

"We stressed leadership and visibility that we want to see from the (Bush) Administration and from her," said Warnock. "One of the things that concerned us is how Dr. Novello seems very much in the background (on AIDS), compared to her predecessor (C. Everett Koop)."

Novello is presently preparing another report on AIDS, now being translated into spanish. Although it had been planned for a release on World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, sources suggest it will most likely be issued shortly after that date.

Also according to the activists, the surgeon general surprised some of them when she suggested that at least half of all her work is devoted to AIDS issues. The perception that virtually all her efforts are centered around issues involving alcohol abuse and underage drinking, she suggested, were because the media do not cover her AIDS statement sufficiently.

According to the activists, she further stated that if she were HIV infected, she would be an activist like the ACT UP members. She also was reported to have

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Galano- Afternoon card tournament at the Clubroom, 2408 N. Farwell.

Dignity- Mass & Friendship, 6pm, St. Plus X Church, 76th & Wright, Tower Entrance.

New Hope MCC- Worship Service, 6:30 pm, Kenwood Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood.

MAP Support Group- For PWA's & PWARCS, 7 pm, 273-2437.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays [Madison]- Meets the second Sunday of each month, 1:30-3:30 pm at the Friends Meeting House, 1704 Roberts Ct. f.m.i., Jane at 271-0270 or the United at 255-8582.

Affirming Light Agape Church- Services every Sunday at 3pm, Meeting at Unitarian Church, 1009 E. Ogden.

HIV Positive Support [Green Bay]- Meets bi-weekly at Center Project, f.m.i. 437-7400.

Bi-Sexual Support- Meeting, call 271-3067 for location and info.

Lutherans Concerned- 3rd Sunday every month, Village Church, 130 E. Juneau, 5 pm.

Gay Men's Discussion Group- Every 4th Sunday from 6-8 \$2 donation. Call Tim at The Counseling Center 271-2565 for info.

Gay Al-Anon & AA Meetings- 6pm every Sunday, All Saints Cathedral, 876 E. Juneau in Milw.

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HIV+ Support Group- for Racine, Walworth & Kenosha Co.'s location alternates, call SEWAP 657-6644 or 1-800-924-6601 for more info.

Gay AA Meeting [Racine]- 8 pm, 625 College Ave., Racine.

Lawrence Univ. GayLesbian Awareness [Appleton]- Mondays, 6:30pm, Colman Hall, Room 107 (414) 832-7103.

Queer Nation/Milwaukee- Meets first & third Mondays, 7 pm, Milw. Public Library (8th & Wisc.) 1st floor meeting room.

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Fox Valley Gay/Lesbian Parents- Meet first Tues. of month at 7:30, Universalist Church, 800 N. Superior, Appleton 727-1975.

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ACT UP Milwaukee- Meetings 7:30 every Tuesday, All Saints Cathedral Guild Hall, 818 E. Juneau Ave. Call 769-8708 for info.

MAP- Support Group for family, friends of Persons with AIDS (PWA's); Alternate Tues., f.m.i. call 273-2437.

HIV-Positive Support Group [Madison]- 7-9 pm, call 255-1711 for time and location.

Gay Men's Chorale [Madison]- Rehearsal in Memorial Union, see TITU for room, 6-9 pm.

Evangelicals Concerned [Madison]- Bible study at 7:30 pm, f.m.i. Duane at 244-5010.

WEDNESDAYS

BESTD- HIV and Hepatitis screening, 6-9 pm, by appointment only, BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. 272-2144.

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Galano-DePaul Lifestyle Support Group- Last Wed. only, 4:30 pm, De Paul Rehab Hospital, Room 2123.

MAP Support Group- Info & education regarding HIV infection & treatments, 7 pm, 273-2437.

The Ten Percent Society [Madison]- Meets during the semester at 8 pm in Memorial Union, check TITU for room.

G/L Support Group [UW-Green Bay]- Meets every Wed. at 4 pm 463-2343.

Men's Coming Out Support Group [Madison]- Meets, f.m.i. 255-8582.

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For HIV-positive individuals and friends, lovers and family of persons with AIDS, f.m.i. 255-1711.

GAMMA Volleyball- Every Wed., 8:30 pm, UWM Engelmann Gym.

THURSDAYS

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P-FLAG Lakeshore [Sheboygan]- Meets 2nd Thursday of odd months. For info write: P.O. Box 1396, Sheboygan 53052.

Lesbian Drop-In Group [Madison]- 1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 pm, The United.

Support Group for Family, Friends [Madison]- Of people with AIDS, 7:30-9:30 pm, call 255-1711 for time and place.

Gay/Lesbian AA Support Group [Appleton]- 8 pm, 1st Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Rd.

G/L Comm. at U.W.M.- Every Thursday, 1:30, see posting by UW Union (2200 E. Kenwood) elevators for room number, 229-6555.

Lesbian Alliance Metro Milw. [LMM]- Monthly meeting, 3rd Thursday, open to all Lesbians. Call 264-2600 for more info.

ACT-UP [Madison]- Meets every week, 7:30 pm, Mulberry Co-op, 102 E. Gorham St.

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Gay AA [Appleton]- 8 pm, 1st Congregational Church, 724 E. South River Rd.

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Stonewall Network [Madison]- Discussion & support for Lesbian/Gay/ Bi youth under 22, every Sat. from 1-3, UW Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St., Madison f.m.i. (608) 246-4297.

Cowles Volleyball League- Play begins at 3 pm at UWM's Engelmann Gym.

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ORGANIZATIONS: Send us info and we'll include you. If there are errors, send corrections.



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think I have to differentiate the female from male on this one and yes, Virginia, there is a wonderful difference between Gay and non-Gay marriage, especially when it comes to appropriate wedding gifts.)

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Feds to respond better to Hate Crimes

Washington (NGLTF) — Building on its historic victory last year when the Federal Hate Crime Statistics Act was passed, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has scored another legislative victory that changes the way the U.S. Government responds to hate crimes, including anti-Gay and Lesbian hate crimes.

On Oct. 28, President George Bush signed into law HR 2608, the Departments of Commerce, State, Justice and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for 1992. Congress passed the bill earlier in the month. Included in the massive piece of legislation was 'report language' drafted by NGLTF Legislative Director Peri Jude Radecic.

The report language broadens the Department of Justice's mandate to include religious and homophobic incidents in its response to bias crime, secures a grant for DOJ training on working with victims of hate crimes, and allows the FBI to continue to fund law enforcement hate crime training in 1992.

Specifically, the language instructs the Community Relations Service (CRS) of the DOJ to respond more fully to Hate Crimes — including Gay bashings and religiously-motivated crime — and corrects inequities in the way the CRS has

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decried the use of the term "innocent victims" of AIDS, a reference usually reserved for children and blood transfusion recipients with the virus. She also expressed concern about the political use of such AIDS sufferers by politicians who would otherwise shun people with AIDS who did not fall into that category.

Novello reportedly suggested that activist demands that Bush appoint an AIDS 'czar' to coordinate the federal AIDS response could be met through the National AIDS Program Office, headed by James Allen. The office, under the leadership of the Assistant Secretary for Health, operates on the same level as Novello's.

treated homophobic incidents in the past.

CRS provides assistance to communities and individuals in resolving disputes relating to discriminatory practices based on race, color or national origin. The agency has become increasingly involved in combating and responding to Hate Crimes since passage of the Federal Hate Crime Statistics Act. CRS works with law enforcement agencies to implement the law.

But prior to the report language, the CRS mandate excluded sexual orientation and religion. The CRS Hate Crimes Hotline (1-800-347-HATE), for example, originally refused to take calls on Gay bashings. Reports produced by the CRS on Hate Crimes omitted anti-Gay and religiously motivated attacks. Furthermore, when the Jeffrey Dahmer serial murders exploded in Milwaukee and anti-Gay homicides occurred in Houston and elsewhere earlier this year, the CRS was reluctant to become involved.

But because of the new NGLTF-initiated report language, CRS can now exceed its mandate and programmatically respond to anti-Gay and Lesbian incidents.

"This is a substantial victory for activists who work on Hate Crimes on a daily basis," said NGLTF's Radecic. "They can go to the U.S. Government to help reduce tensions and resolve disputes. In the past, we had to build an elaborate coalition of lawmakers on Capitol Hill and activists around the country to pressure the CRS every time we wanted them to respond."

Victims of anti-Gay and Lesbian attacks are urged to contact the U.S. toll-free Hate Crimes Hotline, 1-800-347-HATE, as well as notify their local law enforcement agency and Gay and Lesbian community group (In Milwaukee, Hate Crimes can be reported to In Step Magazine and the Wisconsin Light, who serve as reporting sources to the City of Milwaukee.)

View from a Room

by Nancy Lyn Define

To be or not to be... married

Much has been said lately about the concept of Gay marriages. There has been a mass of material written about the pros and cons of same sex nuptials. Ultimately, however, the bottom line on the whole issue centers on some very basic and concrete questions. Oh, sure, I know, there are any number of Gay persons out there who think that Love is the answer to everything. And there are others who discount any concept that doesn't have the approval of mainstream society. But like it or not, Gay marriage is very much a part of the current scene and same sex weddings will probably be as much a symbol of the nineties as platform shoes and disco dancing is to the seventies. Therefore, we should probably examine the whole idea of "Gay marriage" as carefully as the afficionados of Donna Summer examined her wardrobe. We should accord to it the same diligence as "Saturday Night Fever" groupies. And, yes, we should familiarize ourselves with the procedures of Gay matrimony as thoroughly as queens in platform shoes memorized the 'Hustle.' With that in mind, here are a few things to consider when entertaining the idea of 'tying the knot' with someone... preferably someone you have known for more than twelve hours (after all, we are NOT as desperate as those fortyish executive secretaries who haunt Holiday Inn lounges on Friday nights... well... maybe SOME of us are but there's no need to share THAT news with the world).

Anyway, here are a few things to ask yourself before you say yes when that special someone pops the big question.

By the way, if you're one of those women who are a. independently wealthy, b. independently wealthy or c. independently wealthy I'd REALLY like to get together with you and discuss this matrimony issue in more detail. Hell, if you even WANT to be a woman and you

can answer yes to a. b. or c., look me up.

Okay, Okay, to get back to this whole marriage thing... some reasons to say yes:

- You would now have a LEGITIMATE reason to dislike your lover's family.
- You get to do things like call the local bar to see if your spouse is there (if you're the drunk in the bar you get to have the bartender lie for you.)
- You get to pick out china patterns from Williams-Sonoma or matching cue sticks and softball gloves from your local sporting goods store (I REALLY don't

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volleyball net, their privates jiggling seductively as the Jingle taunts Gays to: "Grab a stick, take a sniff, pull it out;" then they show an extreme close-up of this hard stick of phallic-looking gum going between hot guy's moist lips opened wide; "the taste is gonna move ya when you pop it in your mouth." Goes in hard, comes out soft: "chews so soft and gets right to ya." It got to me; I went right out and bought a bunch of packs... of gum and condoms! (Gee, they both taste rubbery.)

Pop Secret popcorn is now using the phrase "bigger is better" appealing to the size-queen snack crowd with a lot of humpy, hunky buffed boys in sheer, gauzey balloon pants that sexily cling to their crotches and poke out (is that popcorn in your pants, or are you just glad to see me?). According to their sales pitch, "perfect popcorn is our passion, so ours pops up bigger." Not only phallic but erect and huge! After all that, I need a stiff drink, and vodka surveys say: Absolute Fruit! Despite boycotting barriers, Miller Beer has been courting Gays for some time. Their slogan should be altered: "Buy that man a Miller... and a rubber!" New brewski ads will depict burly men in the woods who not only pat behinds like the hets do, but suck face and grab crotch too. This Butt's for you! Coors' Silver Bullet will get more phallic. Corona (!) beer: good head.

Maybe Gay-targeted marketing will put an end to those latenight sickeningly straight phone sex ads, buxom bimbos no longer appealing to lonely het guys but to luscious lezzies; and hunky men dialing humpy horny homos to get their telephonic rocks off. Reach out and touch someone... there! And nylon manufacturers will discover a booming market — drag queens: "New Mantyhose, the industrial strength male pantyhose that will not run, even if you accidentally poke your press-on nails thru them. They stand up to brushes in the bushes during those after-hours park cruises."

Madison Ave. will even target the Gay kiddie market, believing you can never exploit consumers too early. Nintendo will put out "Mario Lovers" video games

(two Italian stallions in 16-bit porno-adventures fighting with Fearless Florist against Hairdresserman. Little kids in Queer Nation t-shirts will argue over the new Rainbow cereal with pink, sugar-coated triangles and marshmallow lambdas. "Give it to Dykey, she'll eat anything." Barbie dolls will wear black leather jackets with tiny day-glo "promote queer doll visibility" sticker kits (sold separately) and Ken dolls will finally be hung (with something between those legs) and come with interchangeable jock straps and cockrings.

So here's to all the DINKs and SINKs: shop till ya drop, dudes!



Final Exit

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that of overdoses of prescription drugs which cause the individual to fall into a deep sleep leading to a coma resulting in almost certain painless death. The book contains a four-page dosage table listing various prescription drugs by generic and trade name and giving the toxicity rating and lethal dosage broken down to number of tablets times the usual size tablet for each drug.

The second part of the book deals with justifiable suicide, discussing euthanasia involving the active help of doctors and nurses. Suggestions are made intended to help doctors and nurses decide when and how to help, hopefully, without legal involvement. The methods and drugs are reviewed again in detail and finally the book offers a list of books on the subject for further reading and an appendix listing the features of a 'Death With Dignity Act' which the Hemlock Society wishes to see passed into law.



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Illinois Gov. ponders forced HIV testing

By Rex Wockner

Chicago — Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar horrified AIDS activists, civil libertarians, Gay health workers and others Nov. 15 when he said the state may start forcibly testing some health-care professionals for HIV.

The statement came as Edgar created a task force charged with figuring out how to implement new federal rules designed to protect patients from HIV infected health-care providers.

New guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control urge infected health-care providers to stop performing "exposure-prone invasive procedures" unless they receive approval from "an expert review panel" and then tell their patients of their HIV status.

Although the CDC guidelines are suggestions only, Congress mandated that states implement them or lose federal health money.

Mandatory testing may be necessary, Edgar said, to identify the individuals targeted by the guidelines.

Forced HIV testing raises a host of constitutional, psychosocial, ethical, privacy and confidentiality questions.

The new task force will also figure out how to implement a massive HIV search and notification law Edgar signed Oct. 5.

The law requires the Illinois Department of Public Health to mail an AIDS warning letter to every health worker and patient in the state who was ever involved in an invasive medical procedure with an HIV positive.

The process will require a vast search of private medical records — so vast that IDPH says it cannot handle it and, for now, will only try to notify patients of the 208 health workers known to have been diagnosed with full blown AIDS.

Even this minimal implementation of the law requires IDPH to travel to 200 medical facilities and pour over tens of thousands of pages of records. It will cost taxpayers several million dollars.

HRCF: Kerry apology not enough

Washington, DC [HRCF] — The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay advocacy group, declined to accept the apology of Democratic presidential candidate Senator Robert Kerrey of Nebraska, after he told an off-color sexual joke about Lesbians and former California Governor Jerry Brown. The mainstream media reported on November 19 that the joke, which was told to Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton, was recorded by a camera and boom microphone operated by the public affairs TV network C-Span.

"I am afraid we need more than an apology, we need some positive action as well. Senator Kerrey should become a cosponsor of the Federal Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights Bill," said Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund.

"This so-called joke is bigotry, pure and simple. If Senator Kerrey had told a similar joke about an ethnic group, he would be out of the race. If he thinks jokes about women and Lesbians are appropriate, then he has a lot to learn about the diversity of life in this country of ours," McFeeley stated.

McFeeley also noted that Kerrey voted with Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) to criminalize medical professionals with HIV who perform procedures without informing patients of their HIV status. "I hope we are not seeing a pattern of insensitivity to the concerns of Lesbian and Gay Americans and people with AIDS," McFeeley said.

NCOD gets challenge grant

National Coming Out Day (NCOD) has received a 'Challenge Grant' from openly Gay philanthropist and major political activist Jim Hormel.

Hormel has been a consistent and generous supporter of NCOD since its inception in 1988 and most recently was the NCOD spokesperson at the October 11

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No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

Fagvertising

According to United Press International, Madison Avenue is just now discovering a new ad market to exploit — queer consumers. Now they've changed that tacky hackneyed phrase they used to apply to us — "disposable income." Yep, that's me fer shure, dumping a \$50 bill down the ole garbage disposal, just for the heck of it; but they've relabelled us as "discretionary income." If we're a pair of childless lovers, we're known as DINKs (dual income, no kids). According to Crain's Chicago Business (the MBA's Bible) Gaymericans make up a prime and heretofore unnoticed market. But no longer ignored. Any day now we can expect to see blatantly Gay-oriented commercials. Don't touch that dial, Mary.

Checking the demographics, we note that 30% of homos have advanced degrees (in other words, we're masters) and 39% of us vacation overseas. I anticipate the new Princess Cruise line commercials depicting happy Gay boys frolicking in the ship's spa and lovely Lezbos rubbing sun tan oil on each other's buffed & bronzed bodies.

Since 66% chose Levi's as the homosexual gene jean, Levi's needs to change the motto on their t-shirts to **unbutton your fly**. TV program formats will be revamping too. In that the no. 1 TV show for fags and dykes is "Designing Women" (we're all interior decorators at heart), we should see the new mid-season line-up of shows like "Designing Cops," "Designing Family," "Mysteries, She Designed," "L.A. Design," and "Designing Gospel" (you just know the televangelists will jump on the new bandwagon too!) Since Gays prefer Hondas and Toyotas, the slogan "Oh what a feeling" should take on new, same-sexy portrayals in commercials, two queers holding hands and leaping into the air. 66% of our dykes go camping, so we should see Lesbians in plaid shirts

emerging from their tents and greeting the day with a fresh cup of International coffee & tofu, for those 'special' moments. Hiking? Let's end the sneaker wars with a little sexy shoe compromise — Bo knows Jordan... carnally. So pump up, boys.

Some of the ad companies are already wising up to this new goldmine of same-sex shoppers. Case in point, Juicy Fruit (even the product name is openly Gay) gum. Their spot shows a bunch of half-naked, Speedo-clad surfer dudes jumping up and down in the sand by a

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The Hemlock Society
192 pp., hardcover, \$16.95

Although this book is subtitled "The Practicalities of Self-Deliverance and Assisted Suicide for the Dying," this reviewer does not wish to offer a personal opinion on the ethics of euthanasia (painless death to end suffering) or suicide, either self-inflicted or assisted. However, it is well known that there have been persons with advanced AIDS who have either refused all medical treatment or actually committed suicide to avoid prolonged suffering. Such a choice, obviously, should only be made by the individual with an incurable disease, AIDS being no exception.

Humphry never mentions AIDS, but directs his book primarily to the elderly who have a terminal illness such as cancer or Alzheimer's disease. He even had the book printed in large 14 point type to

assist those with poor eyesight, e.g., the elderly. The proceeds of the sale of the book, which has been on the best-seller list for several months, accrue to the Hemlock Society, a non-profit organization which champions the right to choose to die when terminally ill and works for law changes to this end because while suicide is legal, assisting someone to suicide is not.

Final Exit has been described as a 'suicide's handbook' because the book assumes that the reader had already dealt with the ethical issues and wants practical information on how to accomplish suicide with dignity if or when the occasion might arise. The author begins by ruling out the obvious violent methods of suicide such as cyanide, common poisons, gunshot wounds, etc., as being undignified, too slow, painful, or (more importantly) difficult to bring off successfully, frequently leaving the would-be suicide in worse shape after the attempt than before.

Obviously, the preferred method of suicide by Hemlock Society members is *contd. on page 70*



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rally in Sacramento opposing Governor Wilson's veto of AB 101, the Lesbian and Gay employment protection bill.

Hormel has offered to match all contributions of \$250 or more (up to a total of \$5000) which come in between now and December 31, 1991.

"We encourage all Lesbians and Gay men who are supporters of the National Coming Out Campaign to become substantial contributors during this challenge grant. They can get the most bang for their buck," said Lynn Sheppard, Executive Director of National Coming Out Day.

National Coming Out Day is a non-profit organization dedicated to a Lesbian and Gay community living openly, powerfully, and equally in society. To make a contribution, or for more information, please call or write; National Coming Out Day; P.O. Box 8349, Santa Fe, NM

AmFAR awards over \$4.21 million in grants

The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) has awarded more than \$4.2 million to 65 laboratory, clinical and pediatric research projects, AmFAR officials announced in November. It was the largest round of AIDS research grants provided by AmFAR in its seven-year history.

Since 1988, the Los Angeles-based Pediatric AIDS Foundation has provided AmFAR with nearly \$7 million in funding to be distributed by AmFAR's Scientific Advisory Committee to worthy research projects studying AIDS and children.

Among the many notable research grants awarded in this cycle were:

- \$60,000 to Dr. Irwin H. Gelman of New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center, to characterize a possible new virus associated with the onset of Kaposi's sarcoma. This grant was made possible by funding from the Robert Mapplethorpe Foundation.

- \$59,412 to Dr. William R. Freeman of the University of California at San Diego, to develop a new treatment for CMV retinitis that would be applied locally (in the eye itself) rather than

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NCOD Offers New Pin

As an addition to the very popular Official Keith Haring National Coming Out Day T-Shirts, Tank Tops, Sweatshirts, Greeting Cards, Stickers, and Buttons a brand new Coming Out Day commemorative has been created: The Celebrity Pin.

This 1" square gold/ four color pin (of the Keith Haring person coming out of the closet) was the hit of the Creating Change Conference in D.C. this year. "We sold out almost immediately. It was incredible!" said Jim Hutchinson, D.C. Area Coordinator for NCOD. "They'll make great holiday gifts!"

The Celebrity Pins are available for \$7 each (plus shipping and handling) by contacting: Skip Rosenthal, National Coming Out Day, P.O. Box 8349, Santa Fe, NM 87504-8349.

systemically (by oral or intravenous means). This grant was made possible by funding from Photographers & Friends United Against AIDS.

- \$60,000 to Dr. Erik Langhoff of Boston's Dana Farber Cancer Institute, to study how HIV behaves in dendritic cells and the ability of these cells to spread HIV to uninfected white blood cells.

- \$78,000 to Dr. James I. Mullins of Stanford University, to study the differences in viruses between HIV infected mothers and their children in order to learn more about vertical transmission of the virus.

AmFAR also announced the award of grants worth \$799,618 to 15 Community-Based Clinical Trial (CBCT) centers across the country. CBCT Centers accelerate the pace of AIDS clinical research, while increasing the creation of the CBCT Network — which is comprised of 45 independent centers across North America — and provides grants, technical assistance and staff support to the Network.

Finally, AmFAR awarded some

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Books

Boys of Life

Reviewed by Allen Smalling

Boys of Life, by Paul Russell
1991, Dutton
307 pp, paper. \$19.95

The pain of finding an identity, the dark side of romantic obsession, the possibility of love, inevitability of betrayal and redemptive power of art — all cliché themes if handled inexpertly but strong stuff indeed in Paul Russell's masterful new novel, **Boys of Life**.

It's 1978 and, in a laundromat in tiny Owen, Kentucky, a 16 year-old alcoholic named Tony Blair befriends a mercurial director down from New York, Carlos Reichart. The two men become lovers, and Tony follows Carlos back to New York, becoming part of Carlos' Warhol-type improvisational film troupe, The Company.

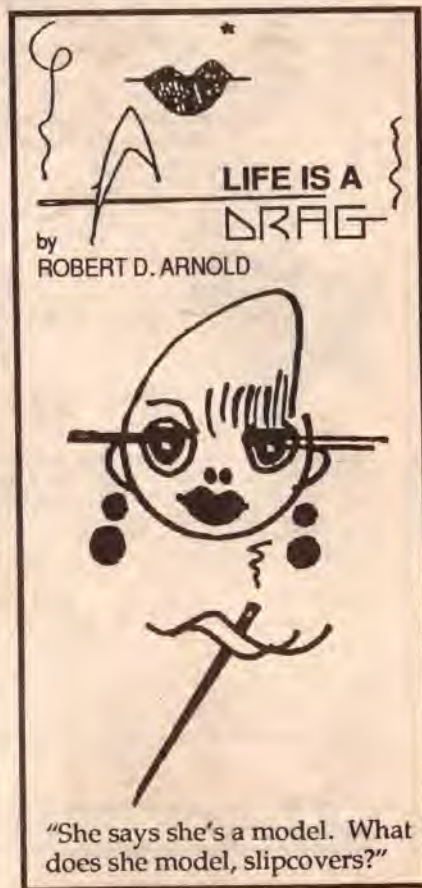
The Svengali-like Carlos pushes Tony beyond his limits, first in bed, later on screen in a series of increasingly pornographic short films. After being forced to perform sexually for the cameras at gunpoint, Tony knows he has to free himself from Carlos. Tony befriends a southern woman his own age and the two of them flee the Big Apple for Memphis, where Tony spends several years in uneasy lower-middle-class heterosexual conformity.

Eventually, though, Tony's past catches up to him and he knows he has to confront Carlos one last time. It's a measure of the strength of this novel that, although we know Tony narrates it from his jail cell, the final confrontation with Carlos emerges pure and shocking, a complete surprise.

In a season where the Gay-themed novels are dominated by writer's-school formulas and pristine middle-class themes, **Boys of Life** is something of a revelation. Russell deserves praise for sweating the details and getting them so right. The voice of Tony Blair at the center

of this novel — teenaged, muddled, but intelligent — is just right. Russell's descriptions, whether of the 'alphabet' streets of Manhattan's Lower East Side, a village in Kentucky or the process of filmmaking itself, are among the book's delights. The funky and offbeat members of Carlos Reichart's film troupe add much-needed spice and humor.

Boys of Life is no mere time passer; it's an experience. This moody, stark and occasionally gruesome novel deserves the widest possible readership.





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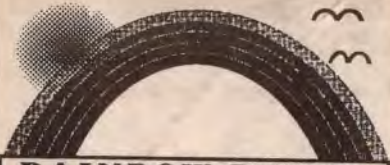
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Talk about embarrassed! First In Step ran the above photo in Issue 20 with the wrong name. Then in the last issue the photo caption fell off the flats before it was printed! The woman above is Dane Co. Supervisor Tammy Baldwin, who is running for Clarenbach's state assembly seat. Sorry Tammy... twice over!



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Group Notes

Angel of Hope

Green Bay — Angel of Hope Metropolitan Community Church will observe their annual Holiday/ Christmas Party and Social on Saturday, December 14 at Michael J's (formerly Baxter's) on the corner of Dousman and Broadway streets.

The evening will begin with cocktails at 6pm, and dinner at 7pm. Dinner is 'Dutch Treat' from the menu, in the private dining room. All interested people are invited to attend.

Regular worship services will be held at 11am December 8,15,22,29. A special Christmas Worship Service is slated for 11am on Christmas day.

New Hope MCC Advent series

Milwaukee — New Hope Metropolitan Community Church extends an open invitation to the community to attend an Advent Series Bible Study entitled 'Preparing for the Christ-Event' facilitated by Rev. Nancy Smiegowski. The series will be held Thursday evenings Dec. 5, 12, & 19th between 7 & 9pm.

This experience is meant to be a time of prayer and reflection on Christ's presence in our life in preparation for Christmas. The Advent Series will take place in the new church office located in the rear of New Hope's second floor chapel at the Kenwood United Methodist Church, 2319 E. Kenwood Blvd. For further information please call the church office, 332-9995, and speak with Rev. Nancy.

CCF awards scholarships

Milwaukee's Cream City Foundation has awarded the second John M. Cowles Memorial Scholarship to a local student, Brenda Witkowski. The \$500 scholarship covers the current (1991-1992) academic year, and may be used by the recipient for tuition and other academic expenses.

The Foundation has also announced that another scholarship in this program is now available for award. Applicants must be entering their Junior or Senior year at an accredited college or university in the Metro Milwaukee area. For the first time, they may be pursuing any major; (the previous requirement that they be pursuing a degree in the sciences is not applicable for this award). Applicants must possess a 3.0 GPA, have a demonstrated interest in the Gay/Lesbian community, and be a U.S. and Wisconsin citizen.

The scholarship program was initiated by the CCF as a memorial to the late John M. Cowles, a community leader who died in January 1990. John had served on the Board of Directors of the Cream City Foundation (Milwaukee's charitable foundation for the Gay and Lesbian causes), as well as being active in several other community organizations.

Applications for the scholarship (retroactive for the full academic year beginning fall 1991), may be requested by calling the Cream City Foundation at (414) 265-0880, or mailing a request to P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201. (Previous applicants will be automatically reviewed for this award, and need not resubmit their credentials).

HOPE

Milwaukee — HOPE (Healing Ourselves thru Positive Expression), a support network for individual's who are HIV+ / AIDS will be starting two support groups in the next two months.

One will be an open support group for significant other's, friends and family of the person with HIV/ AIDS of which will be beginning in December.

The other will be a closed support group for heterosexual men who are HIV+. This group will begin in January, will be 16 weeks in length and be facilitated by a trained HIV+ facilitator.

For either group contact HOPE at (414) 383-1512.



Singer songwriter Linda Smith is on the road on her last solo tour. Next time around she'll perform with a band.



First Class Male Revue recently appeared at Madison's Club 3054. You can see why they are called First Class.

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homosexuality do not like homosexuals, or that people with similar views tend to live near and socialize with one another. Nor — however satisfying it may be to hear — that ignorance and stupidity correlate with homophobia.

Nor do we learn which of these are causes and which are effects, or whether these are all effects of yet something else. It seems that we know less than we think we do about homophobia and its origins. We need a new start.

There is a real need to know a lot more about homophobia, what causes it and how it functions in people's lives, to have answers to such questions as:

- How powerful a force is homophobia among various identifiable groups?

- What percentage of people are hard-core homophobic zealots and how many are only 'soft-core' (an attitude entertainingly characterized by Prof. B.R. Burg as "Ho hum, another work of the devil")?

- What is the bottom-line appeal of homophobia?

- Is the root of homophobia religious

(say, fundamentalism) or psychological (say, anxiety about sex) or socio-economic (say, lower class resentment)?

- What function does homophobia perform in people's psychological economy?

- Do most homophobes believe their own arguments? All of them? Any of them? Which ones do they believe and which ones do they simply hope will convince others?

- Are arguments against homophobia effective or it is impervious to rational attack? For everyone? For whom?

- If arguments do not work, or work only a little, what other tactics can have the effect of reducing homophobia? How so?

Even in the absence of firm data we can probably learn something by simply thinking about these questions. The best place to start toward an answer is with sociologist Murray Davis' wonderful, insufficiently appreciated book *Smut*.



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GAMMA holds 14th annual banquet

Milwaukee GAMMA began its fourteenth year of organizing outdoor, social and sports activities for the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Community with a buffet banquet at the Miller Inn on November 15, 1991. Following dinner, over 70 members attended GAMMA's only business meeting of the year.

Bob Moore, President, expressed his hope that the 'good fairy' would continue GAMMA's growth and that each member would double his or her participation in the twenty (or so) monthly events sponsored by GAMMA. Dues will remain at the \$2 per month level.

In other business, the Board of Directors was expanded to nine members. Bill B., Bob Moore, and Bill Reinemann were re-elected to the board. Three new members were selected: Dave Hutchinson, Joe Lemmers, and Charlene. For more information about GAMMA membership, contact Bob at 963-9833.

GAMMA announces winter ski plans

GAMMA, celebrating its fourteenth year of organizing outdoor and sports events for the Milwaukee Gay community, has a full program for the down-hill and cross-country skier. A cabin-outing for cross-country skiing in the Northern Kettle Moraine area is planned for the last weekend in January. For President's Weekend (February 14-18), GAMMA Milwaukee and GAMMA Twin Cities have rented several condos at Indianhead Mountain. Both downhill and X-country skiing will be available by day — and saunas, by night.

The cross-country group plans a one-day trip within two hours of Milwaukee on Saturday, December 28th. Evening trips to Alpine Valley are scheduled for Tuesday, January 7 and 21. For more information on these trips and for subscription information for the GAMMA Newsletter, contact Bob at 963-9833.

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Viewpoints

Homophobia: a a research program

By Paul Varnell

It was crystal clear to the founders of our movement that homophobia is the central fact of our lives, the central impediment to our leading satisfying and productive lives. But with the growth of Gay enclaves many Gays, happy in their own small isle of refuge, tended to forget the near ubiquity of homophobia.

The recent setback in California reminds us as nothing else can that homophobia remains a powerful social and political force. In one sense, it is possible to say that all our activism is 'about' homophobia. That fact makes it an urgent necessity to understand homophobia as fully as possible so we can work around it, counter it, and — maybe — conquer it.

A few social scientists who have done

research on homophobia have offered some promising leads. For instance, those who are homophobic are more likely to exhibit high levels of authoritarianism. They are less permissive sexually and have more guilt or negativity about any kind of sexuality. They are likely to adhere to traditional restrictive views about appropriate male/female roles. They are more likely to be religious, attend church and hold fundamentalist religious views. They are more likely to see their peer group and their neighbors as hostile to Gays. And they are less likely to have had any (known) personal contact with Gays or Lesbians.

All that seems very interesting, but once you think about those correlates of homophobia, they begin to seem not only plausible but somehow obvious. It is no surprise to learn that people who are uneasy or guilt-ridden about sex are uneasy about homosexuality, or that those whose religious views oppose

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

Neo-Gay speak

As one of the first beach heads of politically-correct speech and multi-cultural sensitivity, Gay and Lesbian vocabulary has undergone sweeping changes in the past few years. Words and phrases once commonplace are now deemed offensive by the politically-polite vocabulary police. The following examples illustrate the difference between standard Gay English and Neo-Gay Speak:

1. The controversial practice of **outing** has been replaced with a new, politically-sanitized activity called, **involuntary de-closet-ization**. Merv Griffin is a good example of someone involved in involuntary de-closet-ization.
2. Gays or Lesbians with pets take note that, **having your kitty fixed** has become synonymous with, **denying a domestic animal reproductive rights**. This change could bring uninvited protests and picket lines from misguided, feline-sensitive feminists.
3. They're not **porno stars** anymore, to the politically-polite, they are, **momentarily-compensated participants in video recorded sexual intimacy, whose limited acting abilities are overshadowed by a big dick**.
4. Gay men attempting to develop their upper body no longer **work out**, they immerse themselves in a **vigorous pectoral enhancement program**.
5. People once engaged in **oral sex** and now receive, **mouth assisted-orgasms**.
6. All **ex-tricks** are to be called **ignorable elements of your sexual history in Neo-Gay Speak**.
7. It has become insulting to compliment on a, **nice butt**, however, you can let someone know that, **their posterior has aesthetically pleasing qualities**.
8. The term, **size queen** is on the way out, to be replaced with the clinical **macro-penis worship**.
9. Men with feminine characteristics are not **nellie**, they have evolved into the **profoundly masculinely-challenged**.
10. **Irate drag queens** no longer attempt to

scratch each other's eyes out, they process their anger in conjunction with **Lee Press-on Nails**.

11. A Gay man suffering from premature baldness does not wear a **toupee**, he dons **faux hair**.

12. The act of **gossiping** has been converted to the antiseptic sounding, **peer group consultation**.

13. Jesse Helms doesn't make **anti-Gay statements** he verbally demonstrates his **asshole-ism**.

14. People with **bad taste in clothes**, are now said to be **fashion-challenged**.

15. That cute number with a reputation for being **good in bed** is **sexually hyper-functional** for those using Neo-Gay Speak.

16. You no longer lust to, **get into his pants**, you want to **access his undergarments**.

17. People who spend too much time **fixing their hair** are said to be **mousse-dependent** and are probable candidates for a 12-step program.

18. Horny couples don't **make it twice in one night** they engage in **re-sex**.

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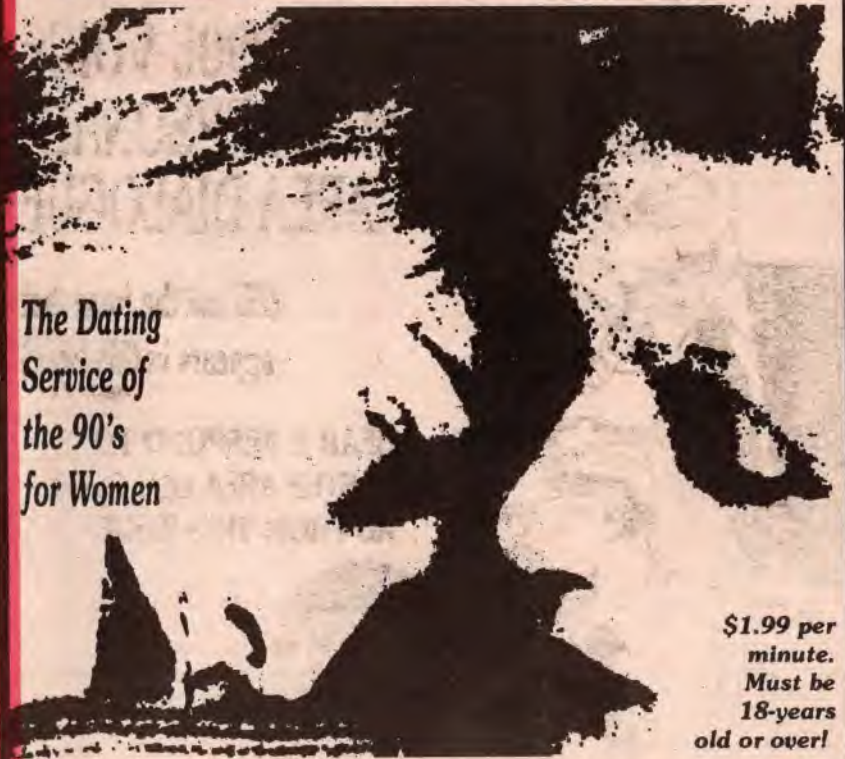
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LAMM Holiday party Dec. 19

Milwaukee — All Lesbians are invited to the annual Holiday Party sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) on Thursday, Dec. 19. Festivities begin at 6pm with a potluck supper — LAMM will supply turkey, buns and beverages, and party goers are asked to supply anything else.

Entertainment includes games, a raffle drawing, the Mukwonago Feminist Singers and Eaters, and a Lesbian comedy film.

The location is the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St. Secure, lit parking is available. For more information, call Aderonke Akiwowo at 374-0882.

CCF makes 2nd grant to Food Pantry

For the second time in 1991, and just in time for the holiday season, the Cream City Foundation has approved a grant to help stock the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry.

While the previous grant added 10,000 pounds (5 tons) of food to the Pantry, this grant will be used by MAP to make appropriate purchases of personal care items for Food Pantry clients. This is one of the most desperate needs often faced by the Project, and one which often fails to receive appropriate attention. The Food Pantry administrators will be able to use the money from this grant to acquire personal care items of all types (including shampoo, conditioners, soap, razors), which they will issue to persons with HIV who require those items.

This grant was made possible largely by an anonymous donation of \$500 to the

Foundation. It is yet another example of how donations to the CCF help ALL areas of the community. The Cream City Foundation is proud of its position of being able to help out when and where the need is greatest, and being able to respond quickly when things look most desperate. Donations to CCF are welcome at any time, but year-end gifts can be especially helpful, both in making the CCF more capable of planning the coming year, but also in helping the donor's tax situation for 1990!

Contact the CCF at (414) 265-0880 for information on all their programs benefiting the Milwaukee Gay/ Lesbian community. The Cream City Foundation maintains its offices at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street, Suite 217B, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

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Front, center — Visions owner Rick Schmitz and staff pose at the long anticipated Visions club.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

"Adam & the Experts": Premiere performance by Milw.'s new Gay/Lesbian theatre group. Different Drummer Theatre Alliance - 8pm, BCB Studio Theatre, 727 N. Milwaukee St., \$10 all seats, more info, advance tickets, 347-0673.

Chorus Caroling: Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will be caroling at various Milwaukee area health care facilities & bars.

3B's Bar: Girth & Mirth club meeting & social, 10pm.

Club 219 Plus: Dance music vocalist Tory Beatty, 11:30 showtime, \$3 cover.

Wreck Room: American Uniform Assn. Chicago Brigade "Officers Night Out," 10:30-close.

Partners: Benefit show for softball team, 3-6pm, \$3 donation, free beer, Lawrence Welk Theme.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Cast Party Celebration/ Fundraiser: For Different Drummer Theatre Alliance, at Cafe Melange, 8pm-? Featuring entertainment by John Schneider & friends.

Fest City Singers: "Home for the Holidays," original musical play, performance at 8pm, Villa Terrace, 2220 N. Terrace Avenue. \$10 tickets from members or Fest Line 962-7222.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Randy's Christmas Show, 10pm.

Wreck Room: Oberons Beer bust, 10pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Club 219 Plus: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling 9pm-12am.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

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

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, Sam Day's Conversations with friends.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

LAMM Holiday Party: Potluck supper & entertainment. All Lesbians invited. Starts at 6pm, at MEC, 2821 N. 4th St., call 374-0882 for more info.

Partners: Wild Boyz Christmas Show, 10:30pm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

The Next Stop: Christmas Tree Trimming Party, 8pm-on. Christmas Sing-A-long with Ja Dee follows a 'Ray-Gay' party with Montgomery. \$3 cover includes drink.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

Bay City Chorus Christmas Concert: Union Congregational Church, 716 S. Madison, Green Bay. Doors open 7pm, organ recital 7:30, chorus performance 8. Tickets \$5 adults, \$3 children, students & senior citizens. Call (414) 469-2897 for tickets, or at door.

"A Christmas Carol" Benefit for MAP: The Blvd. Ensemble will present a Reading of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at Cafe Melange 7:30 & 10pm. \$5 cover benefits MAP. Part of Melange Radio Theatre. Small roles filled by local VIP's. Call 672-6019 for tickets.

Ballgame: Monthly Sheepshead Tournament.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Fest City Singers: "Home for the Holidays," original musical play, performance at 8pm, Villa Terrace, 2220 N. Terrace Avenue. \$10 tickets from members or Fest Line 962-7222.

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Madison dinner and dance a success

Madison - Over 186 members of the Lesbian and Gay community "Came Out with the Stars for a Night on Broadway," Friday evening, November 15 at the annual Dinner and Dance of The New Harvest Foundation. The diverse crowd, with people coming from as far away as

Milwaukee and Illinois, converged on Madison in the Gershwin Ballroom of the Masonic Center for an evening of conversation, celebration, dining and dancing.

The New Harvest Foundation contributes to groups and projects that benefit the Lesbian and Gay communities of Dane County. Contributions from the Lesbian and Gay community constitute the majority of gifts received each year by the Foundation. These tax-deductible donations are then dispersed through a competitive grants process to social, health, education and cultural projects and programs that further the equality and rights of Lesbian and Gay people.

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In Memoriam

Ginger Spice 1960-1991

Well known Mid-western entertainer Richard J. Wyatt, best known by his stage name, Ginger Spice, died November 26, 1991 at Milwaukee's St. Joseph's Hospital of complications associated with AIDS. He had bounced back from so many previous AIDS related infections during the past four years that friends had come to think of him as invincible. His unexpected death sent shock waves through the Milwaukee and Chicago Gay communities.

Ginger, as he preferred being called by friends, was born January 11, 1960 in northern Illinois where he was raised. He worked in his family owned businesses prior to moving to Milwaukee in 1978.

In '78, while working as a waiter at Milwaukee's infamous Factory night club, Ginger was approached by the late Eddie (Tiger Rose) Schicker to perform in female impersonation shows. Tiger soon became Ginger's "drag mother" and taught him "the ropes" in the art of female illusion.

Shortly after, Ginger's family convinced him to move back home, where he again worked for the family business. But the performance bug had bitten and Ginger was soon appearing at Chicago's Final Approach. It didn't take long for Ginger to gain a following both in Chicago, and then Milwaukee.

Over the years, Ginger made friends with many people, and one of those was The Baton's Jim Flynt. Out of Flint's respect for Spice, Ginger became curator of the Miss Continental Wisconsin pageant, and also the Miss Continental Chubby Wisconsin Pageant. Ginger's 1991 Miss Continental Wisconsin contest won Best Preliminary Pageant Award at this years Continental pageant.

Ginger was one of the original members of Milwaukee's Club 219 Girls, and soon became that groups show director and headliner.



Ginger Spice

Ginger held the prestigious titles of Miss Gay Wisconsin and Miss Chicago Continental over the years. Chicago's Ginger Grant recently accepted the traveling Friend of The Pageant award in Spice's place during the Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant.

Ginger will be remembered by all as a terrific entertainer who wasn't afraid to share a showbiz tip — and a kind, loving and generous friend.

Over the years Ginger also had become quite adept at sewing and dress design. More than one present-day Milwaukee area entertainer has a Spice original hanging in their closet.

He is survived by his lover of six years, Chris Gorski; numerous family members; and many fans and friends. Cards and condolences may be sent to Chris Gorski, 5820 N. 34th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53209. Memorials, in Ginger's name can be sent to the Milwaukee AIDS Project,

Jo'dee's [Racine]: Tory Beatty live performance, 10pm showtime, cover.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Men Aloud: HIV Risk Reduction/ Safer Sex Workshops for Gay/Bi- Men, 7-10pm at MAP offices (315 W. Court St.). Call Michael Lisowski at 273-1991 to reserve space.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Pivot Club [Appleton]: King Productions 'Stars of Wisconsin' show.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4. 9pm, Real Eyes Realize Real Lies with Jay Hatheway.

In Step Deadline: 7pm today for our big 4 week long Year End Issue. Covers from Dec. 19 - Jan. 16.

Roller-skating: At Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania, 7:30pm. Join GAMMA & friends, \$2.50 includes skates.

Pivot [Appleton]: King Productions Stars of Wisconsin show.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

"Adam & the Experts": Premiere performance by Milw.'s new Gay/Lesbian theatre group, Different Drummer Theatre Alliance — 8pm, BCB Studio Theatre, 727 N. Milwaukee St., \$10 all seats, more info, advance tickets, 347-0673.

3B's Bar: Christmas give-away, prizes from 10:30pm-1:30am.

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

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Bay City Chorus, 10:30pm.

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Club 219 Plus: King Productions Miss Gay Milwaukee pageant, a WI-USA preliminary.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm. Health Care professionals who are friendly.

Wreck Room: New Winter Hours! Mon.-Fri., 5-close; Sat. 2-close; Sun. 2-close.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Nitengales: Rocky Horror Picture Show, 5 screens, 9pm.

Napalese Lounge: Jeff Jennings live at the piano, 5:30, every Tues. & Thurs. in Dec.

Partners: Milw. Wild Boyz, 10:30pm.

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Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: 2nd Annual Bartender Reunion Party, happy hour prices all night long. No cover.

Dirty Dancing: Womyn's Dance by LOC, Womyn of Color, at Lake Park pavilion (Lake Drive & Newberry), 8pm. \$6 donation benefits LOC. DJ, alcohol & non-alcohol drinks.

Za's [Green Bay]: Instead of Lip Sync, "The Scream Girls" live.

Pivot [Appleton]: Dance music vocalist Tory Beatty, 10:30pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

"Adam & Experts": Premiere performance by Milw.'s new Gay/Lesbian theatre group, Different Drummer Theatre Alliance - 8pm, BCB Studio Theatre, 727 N. Milwaukee St., \$10 all seats, more info, advance tickets, 347-0673.

Ice Skating: Wilson Park, 4001 S. 20th Street, 2:30pm. Join GAMMA guys & gals for \$3. (plus skate rental). Call Bob at 963-9833.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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.

Wisconsin Cream City chorus: "A Cream City Christmas" holiday concert, Vogel Hall of the PAC (929 N. Water St.), 3pm. \$10 tickets from Chorus members, PAC Box Office, or charge by calling (414) 273-7206.

Wizards Pub: Grand opening, "An American Dream," 4pm-on. Live entertainment, catered buffet, christening celebration 6pm, prizes & surprises. Door charge to benefit MAP.

315 W. Court Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

Private services were held Friday, November 29 in Illinois. Plans are in the works for a January Memorial Show at Club 219 to benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Watch In Step for details.

Holly Brown Tongue 1945-1991

Australia - Female impersonator, artist, and entertainer extraordinaire Holly Brown died of complications associated with AIDS on November 16.

Holly, 45, had been discharged from the Gold Coast Hospital in Miami, Queensland, Australia hospital in late September after recovering from pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP). She re-entered the hospital in mid-October where she remained until her death. Her loving and devoted mother assured friends Holly suffered no pain, thanks to medication.

Holly was born in the Australian outback and grew up in the small town of Dubbo. She started her stage career at a young age, and was known not only for her stage work, but also made a name in costume designing.

Her stage career began at the age of 15 when she moved to Sydney to begin modeling, acting and working in female impersonation. After making a name for herself in her native country, with the support of her family, Holly appeared in Europe, and then the United States. She performed in Milwaukee, her favorite US city, for five years after her '86 arrival.

She started in Milwaukee at Club 219, where she made a name for herself locally. She then started Holly & Co. at La Cage, where the group performed to packed houses three nights a week for several years in the late '80s.

She also returned to her fine arts roots during her time in Milwaukee, including an exhibition of her works at the Leo Feldman Galleries. She also designed the mural that decorated the now closed Mom's Kitchen. One of the final things she did before moving back home was appear in



Holly Brown



Nick N. Boliaris died Friday, November 1. Nick was a very good and kind friend and well known in Milwaukee.

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film-maker Cathy Cook's vignette entitled, "Bust Up." She had looked forward to returning home to spend time with her loving mother, and concentrate on painting.

She was a great human being, and made many friends and fans wherever she lived. She made people happy, even though her life was sometimes a little rough. Several Milwaukee area friends planned to meet Holly in Europe in the Spring of '92, and then return here with her, afterwards. Her accent, her smile, her love and her bawdiness will be remembered and cherished by many.

Holly is survived by her mother, Iris Tongue, and two brothers who both live in Australia. Her father preceeded her in death in 1988.

Several friends were trying to arrange a Milwaukee area exhibit of her artwork, and a show as a Memoriam in Holly's honor. In Step will publish details as they become available.



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It was a night to swoon over the moon in Madison November 21. Both **3054** and **Rod's** had full moon contests. After the recent bust for showing too much skin in Milwaukee Gay bars, places here are too paranoid to even attempt such contests. Is Milwaukee that much more uptight then Madison?

Victoria's Variety Revue picked up their skirts and traveled from the Rainbow south to Racine for a show at **Jo'Dee's** on November 23. Meanwhile, it was a show of a different gender the next night at **Fannie's**. Sharon presented a "nearly" all-woman Holiday show.

Visions finally opened that weekend after repeated delays and tons of rumors. A flyer handed out at the bar said "We're not totally finished with the new Visions Video Night Club...and we invite you to stop by in the coming weeks and see the

changes as we add the final details."

You would never recognize the place as the former Doubleday's/ Shadows/ Hot Legs. Perhaps, by the time you read this, the lighting will be hooked up and the heat will be on.

I'm sure most of you have heard by now that both Holly Brown and Ginger Spice passed away recently. You can read their Memorials elsewhere in this issue. It's always sad when members of the community succumb to AIDS — but it impacts even more when they were vivacious entertainers who brought smiles to our faces everytime they performed. I'm sure they would want us to remember them with smiles on our faces and in our hearts, so here's a thought... I bet Holly and Ginger are up in heaven right now planning a Holiday Reunion Show the likes of which their fellow angels have never seen! Let's remember them in that way!



*** Faron Evans ***

Sundays...

December 1, 8 and 15

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Thanksgiving and HIT are now behind us, and the Holidays are fast approaching. We only have the December 19th issue left to put out before our annual two week break. Traditionally, In Step's mid-December issue covers a 4 week period, enabling us to take a much needed rest during the early January slump. Our December 19 issue will cover through January 16 so get your ads prepared accordingly and into our offices by 4pm, Wednesday, December 11.

Madison went first class November 15 when the First Class Male Revue dancers descended upon Club 3054. These guys are beautifully sculpted muscular male specimens who are always entertaining.

This time around, Linda Smith didn't get stuck in a Minneapolis blizzard... Linda, performing in her last tour as a solo artist, appeared at the Station 2 November 16. The next time you see Linda around, she'll be performing with a complete band — and you'll most likely be paying a much higher cover to see her. It was a musical weekend at the Station — the bar also hosted Kristie K and Jeff Stoll on the 17.

Rainbow Revue tried to assure it wouldn't rain on CCF's parade when they held their November 16 show and auction as a benefit for the Cream City Foundation. CCF is the 'Gay United Way' for Milwaukee.

The La Cage bar crawl to Chicago went over well. A nearly sold out bus traveled to the Windy City for a night of drunken revelry and carousing. The bus returned

to Milwaukee minus 12 of the original riders but hauling along 4 new passengers. I guess that means 16 of them got laid. Owner George did an impromptu strip at one Chicago bar and didn't remember doing it. However, the Chicago Crawl-a-cam caught him in the action for posterity. By the way, Happy 43rd birthday to George, who celebrated with a party on November 24.

Congratulations also go out to one of the 3 B's owners, Bobby and partner Rob. They got hitched on the seventeenth. By the way, 3B's Thanksgiving food drive allowed them to drop off approximately \$600 in groceries to the MAP Food Pantry on Nov. 25. They've already started a Christmas food drive - drop yours off!

Club 3054 provided the space and T.C. & Company provided the entertainment for a benefit show for Madison area Persons With AIDS. Magic Johnson or not — we still have to take care of our own!

I hereby plead with Gay men and Lesbians, especially those of color, to come to the rescue of the Milwaukee Lavender Network. The MLN, founded in the Dahmer aftermath to deal with that crisis, is at a cross roads. It has completed its objectives and goals as originally designed — and now wonders about its future. Should it retire itself, reconvening only in crisis? Or should it serve as the umbrella group our community so desperately needs?

The only way MLN can serve as an umbrella organization is if its composition

Letters

Thanks for coverage

The members of the Police Proposal Task Group of the Milwaukee Lavender Network would like to thank you for your coverage of our efforts during the past few months. The Police Proposal Task Group owes a debt of gratitude to In Step for its assistance. Many people clipped out the survey published in the In Step, allowing us to pass along their input to the Blue Ribbon Committee. Without the In Step's coverage of the Blue Ribbon Commission hearing on September 17th, it would have been difficult to get a good turnout from the Gay and Lesbian community.

Because of the ad hoc nature of our committee, we relied heavily on the generosity of the Gay press which published our announcements without charge. In Step did not let us down.

Thank you for your help during this trying time.

Sincerely,

Members of the PPTG-MLN — Margaret Snow, Karen Gotzler, Robert Zimmermann and others.

To Channel 12

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Channel 12 New Editor & a copy forwarded to us.

Editor:

I hope you are satisfied with your effort of reiterating the myths surrounding Gays. Myths and stereotypes are the foundation of bigotry and hatred, and that's all your piece, "Flirting With Danger," was centered around. There is a lot of Gay bashing these days, and you have done your share. Why did you have to focus on what you believe is a small percentage of Gays? When was the last time Channel 12 News showed a positive image of Gays? I do not recall.

If you decide to stay with that line of journalism, choose from the following topics and see if you can get away with any of them:

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• A small percentage of Hispanics that are illegally in the United States.

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• A small percentage of white Southerners that are neo-Nazis.

Next time show true community leadership and stop spreading myths and stereotypes even if it does not get your ratings up.

—Sincerely,
J. Manuel Raneda

Experience

Dear Gay and Lesbian Wisconsin:

This letter attempts to share something URGENT with our community. In recent issues of In Step there were full page ads for *The Experience*, a Fri. night to Sunday night workshop held at the Westin Hotel in Chicago 11/22-24. Since Wisconsin has recently experienced worldwide notoriety and untold anguish, terror and concern, I was concerned that I was the only Gay male who participated in the 40 member group that attended from Wisconsin. People traveled at their expense from LA, Palm Beach, Washington, DC, Seattle, Tennessee, Eau Claire and of course, Chicago. Male and female participants were South African, WASPs, Blacks and Hispanics and NO gulf developed among them. Incomes ranged from millionaires to college students with minimal incomes to non-middle class persons. Straights were participants, too. Drag queens, too. Fly-ins were because the workshop was not in the participants home area or they'd have to wait 'till early next year and they couldn't wait.

The learning that I did regarding (1) family relationship, (2) career, (3) romantic Gay bonds, (4) self-love and (5) deep personal empowerment on a moment-to-moment basis throughout one's daily living was *Life-Changing*, not just impactful or profound.

Four and one-half months ago I lost my lover. I could itemize all the things that I thought he did that caused it. Were we to chat, you'd probably agree that I was wonderful to him. In general, I was wonderful, but... Sometimes when no one's ever **SHOWN** you how to live

unconditional love and how to feed another at a spiritual/emotional level in a way that he has a right to require — much as you have a right to also require — you can walk away feeling a martyr never recognizing that you, too, were wrong. He lost out on the best thing going, but THAT was were he had to be at that moment. I was in a different place. Unfortunately, WE failed to allow ourselves to bond at a spiritual level. Mutual respect came and went and got shattered quickly. Pain became the mode of the day. It need not.

This workshop taught me, step by step, how to (1) cruise ethically and (2) with integrity and (3) with power. Tremendous sex and living and giving may be the goal but daily unconditional love and unconditional approval must be the focal point. If real spiritual connectedness is there, then the one who 'needs space' get it and there's no terror in the insecure one who 'clings.' The need to cling evaporates. The workshop helped me (1) accept him where he is now and winds-up and (2) make some major career goals WITH A VISION, and (3) develop my spiritual self so that I am NOW ready to find renewed love and offer **umph** with depth — not just a good fuck!

I'll bet I'm not the only Milwaukee fag who needs substantive intervention in his life. Do you really know how to cruise 'with power?' Do you really know how to develop a relationship 'with depth?' Should you fuck on the first date? Should you not? What are the consequences? What agreements were being developed as you went into the bedroom? Did you follow the agreements with integrity? I've learned that this is important shit to answer.

Inside I cried because no leaders from Gay Wisconsin were present. This was a life changing and piercingly (for you leather queens) honest presentation of what needs to be addressed in upper Midwest on a recurring basis for Gays and Lesbians.

I am dedicated to assisting in drawing this weekend course for US to the upper midwest. It's been a luxury in LA,



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Subscription tickets are also on sale. Prices are \$55 and \$49 for all four plays. To receive a brochure or additional information on the Festival, please call the Milwaukee Theatre Festival office at (414) 271-8282.

Theatre X "Christmas Memory"

Milwaukee — Theatre X presents **A Christmas Memory**, adapted from a story by Truman Capote; and **The 15 Minute Christmas Carol** adapted freely from Charles Dickens.

New special pre-show dinners at Theatre X are scheduled for Wednesdays Dec. 11 & 18 and Fridays, Dec. 6, 13, 20,

27. Cost is \$25 for dinner and theatre, reservations necessary.

The show previews Dec. 5, 6, 7 and runs Dec. 8-29. Showtimes are Wed. and Thurs. at 7:30pm; Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 5 & 8pm, and a Sunday matinee at 2pm. Theatre X is located at 158 N. Broadway, and the Box Office number is 278-0555.

Your mom, dad, grandparents and children would enjoy Capote's "Memory." A Dickens of an adaptation will also be on the program.

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The Community Media Project is a film exhibition and production program, sponsored by the UWM Film Department and School of Fine Arts, with support from the Inner City Arts Council and Great Lakes Film and Video.

Arts groups help MAP food pantry

Milwaukee — Performing arts groups from the Metropolitan Milwaukee area used the world-wide attention generated by World AIDS Day Dec. 1, to kick-off a food drive to support the Milwaukee AIDS Project's Food Pantry.

In October, the pantry served 218 individuals and families, providing them with nutritional food and personal care products. Individuals may receive up to four bags of groceries per month and families, up to eight bags.

"The arts community has historically been a strong presence in meeting the many challenges of AIDS," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. The Arts Action Committee, a volunteer group, is dedicated to ensuring the continued commitment of performing arts organizations and individuals to support AIDS services provided by the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

The following Art's Holiday Food Drive Participants will have barrels available on the noted performance dates: **ACACIA THEATRE** — **A Christmas Festival**, Dec. 6, 7, 8; **BAUER CONTEMPORARY BALLET** — **Bauer Presents**, Jan. 24, 25, 31, Feb. 1; **BOULEVARD ENSEMBLE THEATRE** — **The Belle of Amherst**, Dec. 13-29; **CARDINAL STRITCH COLLEGE THEATRE** — **The Last of the Red Hot Lovers**, Feb. 15, **Trojan Woman**, Apr. 11;

DIFFERENT DRUMMER THEATRE ALLIANCE — **Adam and the Experts**, Dec. 6, 7, 13, 14; **MILWAUKEE BALLET** — **A Romantic Evening - 'Romance,' 'Remembrances'** choreographed in memory of person who had AIDS, 'Footage', Feb. 13-16; **MILWAUKEE PUBLIC THEATRE** — **The Snow Queen**, Dec. 7, 14, 21; **MILWAUKEE REPERTORY THEATRE** — **A Christmas Carol, The Gin Game, Appalachian Voices**, Dec. 10-29; **SKYLIGHT OPERA THEATRE** — **The Coconuts**, Dec. 4-31, **The Italian Girl in Algiers**, Jan. 29 & Feb. 16; **THEATER X** — **A Christmas Memory**, Dec. 5-29; **UW-MILWAUKEE FINE ARTS THEATER** — **The Three Musketeers**, Dec. 11-21.

Theatre Festival tickets

Single tickets for Milwaukee Theatre Festival are on sale at the Pabst Theater and Performing Arts Center box offices. This season offers the following collection of diverse productions:

- **Rhinoceros** — Theatre X, Jan. 10-12, 1992 at the Todd Wehr Theater at the PAC. Eugene Ionesco's landmark play about man's need for freedom of choice and individualism.

- **The Importance Of Being Earnest** — Next Act Theatre, Jan. 17-19, 1992 at the Pabst Theater. Oscar Wilde's masterpiece - a delightful comedy poking fun at 19th Century Britain.

- **A Hatful of Rain** — American Inside Theatre, Jan. 24-26, 1992 at the Todd Wehr Theatre at the PAC. Michael's Gazzo's sensitive drama about the pain of drug addiction.

- **A Few Good Men** — Milwaukee Chamber Theatre, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 1992 at the Pabst Theater. A masterful military courtroom drama based on a fictional crime at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Single tickets for **Rhinoceros** and **A Hatful Of Rain** can be purchased through the PAC box office at 273-7206 and tickets for **The Importance Of Being Earnest** and **A Few Good Men** through the Pabst box office at 278-3663. All tickets can be charged by phone. Single ticket prices are \$17.50 and \$15.50.

Florida, Atlanta and other cities for the past 7-10 years. We are national leaders with the Milwaukee AIDS Project. We have some Gay activists in Wisconsin who could put others to shame in terms of vision. None were present at the workshop. A second offering is going to be in Chicago during the 1st quarter of 1992. If you rank yourself somewhere from 1 to 10 in terms of your overall evaluation of self, then you'll offer as much to **The Experience** as you derive from it. You'll walk away a 20! Call me 'cause I want to support (not coerce or intimidate nor badger) you into the next workshop. There's a money back guarantee and scholarships for salaried workers in the AIDS fight and for Gay Community leaders as well as for HIV+ participants. Call me at my office and I will share with you. It's (414) 792-1690.

—With love and respect for you, my peers.
Ron Carter, Ph.D.

P.S. Don't worry about your housing. Someone in Chicago will house you at his home so you'll have no hotel costs. Save up the \$395 — this gives you enough advance notice. You'll never regret it. Please let's chat. I'm talking piercing and life-changing. Most important of all — if you can't come out because of important extenuating circumstances, then this course is clearly and most importantly designed to deal with the accuracy of your beliefs/ convictions. You'll flip, girlfriend.

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The 13th annual Holiday Invitational Tournament saw over 300 Gay and Lesbian bowlers converge on Milwaukee for the Thanksgiving weekend event.

The Arts

Fest City Singers Christmas program

Milwaukee — Fest City Singers will present an original musical play, **Home For The Holidays**, on Sunday, December 15th & 22nd, at Villa Terrace, 2220 N. Terrace Avenue. The performance begins at 8pm. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from chorus members or reserved by calling the Fest Line: 962-7222.

Home For The Holidays, a celebration of Christmas traditions, was written and directed by Peter Mortenson.

Musical Director, Charles Golden, has chosen music which spans the ages from ancient French and 16th century Spanish carols (sung in the original languages) to traditional carols and contemporary songs.

A medieval Mystery Play will bring the audience back to the origin of the Christmas pageants we all remember from grade school.

What is home? Where is home in our transitional world? Who.. and what really makes home... HOME?

On December 15th you will find not only the answers to these questions but for the evening you will become part of the Fest City Singers family as they take you HOME.

Ensemble reading at Melange to benefit MAP

The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's most intimate theatre company, will conclude its 1991 season of Melange Radio Theatre presentations with a staged reading of Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol** at Cafe Melange, located in the Hotel Wisconsin, at the corner of 3rd and Wisconsin.

Performances will be held at 7:30 and 10:00 on December 7 and 21. There will be

a \$3 cover charge for the shows held on the 7th. A Benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project will be held on the 21st, with all proceeds being donated to MAP. The cover charge for the MAP Benefit will be \$5. For information, call Boulevard Ensemble General Director Mark Bucher at (414) 672-6019, or Cafe Melange owner Larry Krueger at Cafe Melange at 291-9889.

In Addition to the regular Melange Radio Theatre cast, the MAP Benefit will feature a variety of guest performers reading the many smaller character roles so readily abundant in any Dickens' work. The guest performers will include local politicians, civic leaders, editors & writers from Milwaukee's pool of publications, and representatives of Cream City's burgeoning artistic/theatrical community.

Since its inception in August of this year, Melange Radio Theatre, under the direction of Boulevard Ensemble General Director Mark Bucher, has staged a diverse and enjoyable schedule of radio scripts, especially written for performers from the golden age of radio.

The Boulevard Ensemble, founded in 1985, is Milwaukee's only storefront theatre. The sheer intimacy of Boulevard Theatre, located at 2250 South K.K., imbues Boulevard productions with an active physical presence which contributes to audiences' appreciation and enjoyment of the Ensemble's energetic style of theatre.

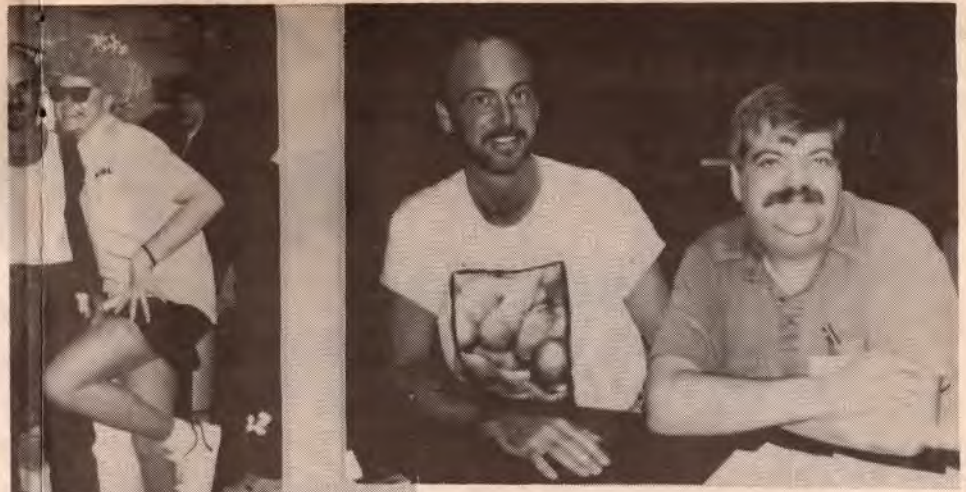
Film screenings

Milwaukee — Films to be screened by the Community Media Project the first weekend of December will focus on the experience of being Gay and being Black.

Looking for Langston by Isaac Julien will be shown Friday, Dec. 6 at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society-Museum, 2620 W. Center St., at 8pm. Poetry by Langston Hughes and Essex Hemphill is played against imagined scenes from a 30s Black Gay club in this film from Great Britain that is



Old friends, new friends... and plenty of Milwaukee's charm keep Gays and Lesbians coming back for the HIT tourney year after year.



Red Carpet Lanes will take a while to recover from the 13th Annual Holiday Invitational Tournament. Over 300 bowlers from across North America participated in the popular Gay tourney.

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