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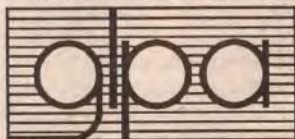
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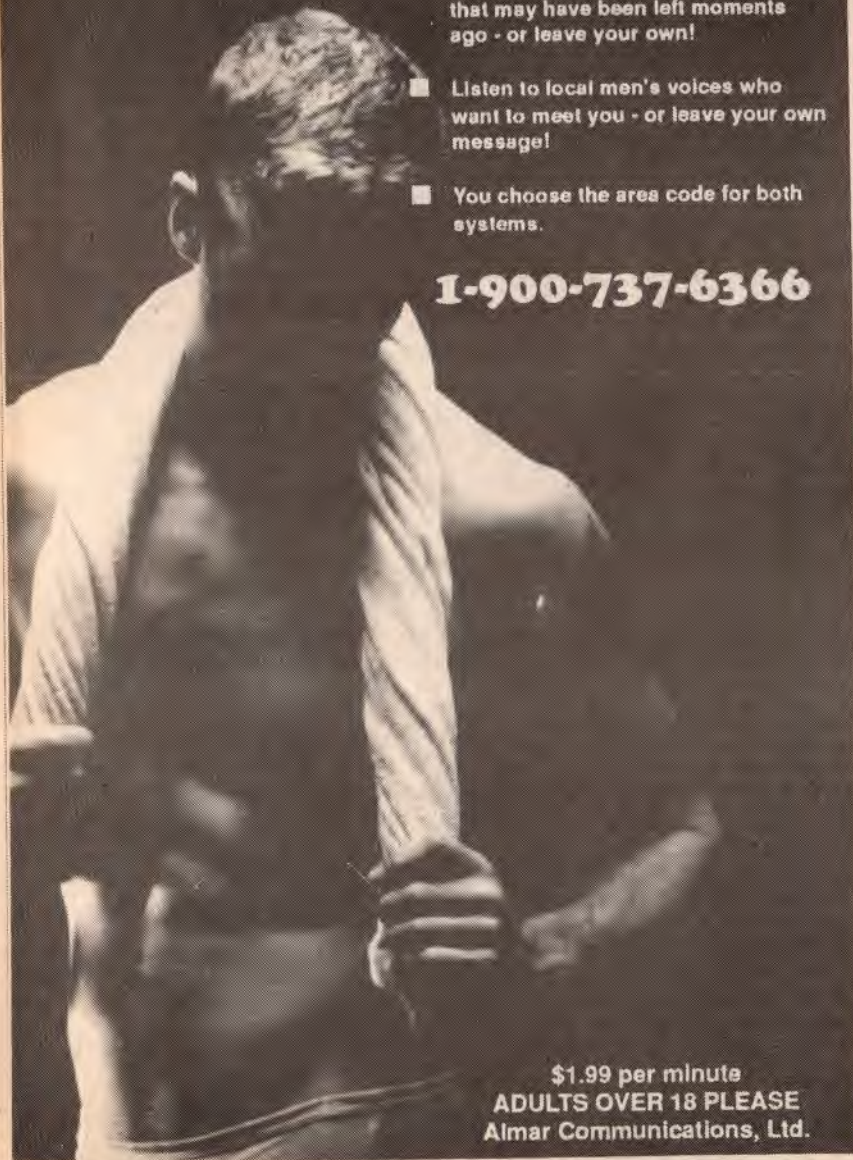
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Gay Side

by Tom Rezza



Publisher's Comment

by Ron Geiman

Two upcoming dates could set tone for 90's

In the next two weeks two strategically important dates demand the attention of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community. The outcome of these two events could help shape the future of our community, and set the pace for the next several years. I urge your participation.

Now is the time to get involved in our community — many of our leaders are experiencing burn out. They've been carrying the weight of activism and need help with the burden.

I've lost track of the times I've heard people complain about our community organizers and leaders, saying "Who put them in charge..." or, "How dare they speak for me?" I always respond that if they aren't actively involved in Gay/Lesbian organizations, they have no right to complain... at all. Put up or shut up!

We also need the visions of a broader cross section of our community. We often refer to the Gay and Lesbian community as a Rainbow Coalition — because we cross all boundaries — economic, racial, gender, cultural. We, indeed, ARE EVERYWHERE. But you wouldn't know it by participation in our organizations.

Gay White Males and White Lesbians make up an uneven ratio of our organization memberships. We need a broader mix of cultural diversity. We need their viewpoints and ideas. Without them, we are forced to see the Gay world with too narrow a focus.

Until that happens, politicians and the general public will never know that we ARE everywhere. We're not in just one or two aldermanic districts. We're not all 'bar people' or just concerned about our next anonymous sexual encounter.

Tuesday, Jan. 21 Full Common Council Votes On Gay Celebration Funding

On January 8, the five member Milwaukee Common Council Economic

Development Commission voted 3-2 to reject any funding for Milwaukee's annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration.

Alderpersons Kalwitz, Krajniak and Murphy voted against funding, with Cullen and Pratt supporting the funding.

This was the first year the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) applied for such funding. MLGPC applied for \$8,000 through the Milwaukee Festival Board which had a budget of \$263,000 to work with. MLGPC was one of 38 groups who received Festival Board recommendations for funding. The Festival Board is composed of private citizens.

The major media and conservatives took a look at the funding recommendation for MLGPC and created a backlash by equating it with a slash in funding for Veterans Day and Memorial Day parades. The Festival Board explained that veterans groups had neglected to apply for any funding this year and so they slashed their traditional funding from a total of \$8,000 to a total of \$2,000. The Council Committee voted Jan. 8 to increase funding for the vets events to the higher level.

The Festival Board normally won't fund non-profit group events for more than five years. The vets groups traditionally have been exempt from that rule, but are still required to apply and show up in person at Festival Board meetings.

The Festival Board defended their MLGPC recommendation saying MLGPC had provided specific details about their events in their applications as required. The Board said it is supposed to promote unity and diversity in the community and felt that a lifestyle is cultural.

MLGPC Vice President Dennis Bunch commented, "The Pride Committee expresses deep regret at the position taken by Aldermen Murphy and his two colleagues... This recommendation (to slash MLGPC funding) is neither the

opinion of the Common Council of Milwaukee — known for its embracing of diversity and protection of minority/individual rights, nor clearly is it the opinion of the Festival Board which was created for the purpose of, and entrusted with the administration of, the festivals funds."

Bunch continued, "We applaud the vision of the Festival Board, and in particular Alderman Cullen in recognizing our community's celebration and the potential economic future that the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Parade, already the largest Gay and Lesbian Pride celebration in the state, and enjoying continued growth, could mean to Milwaukee."

In Step joins with the Pride Committee in urging all aspects of the Gay and Lesbian community, active voters, its friends, family and supporters to contact your alderperson PRIOR to the January 21 vote and voice your support for funding of the Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration. Call the Common Council main number during business hours at 278-2221. Most

Donegan pledges support

Milwaukee Common Council President Thomas Donegan commented when asked by MLGPC Vice President Dennis Bunch if he would vote for funding for the Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration if it were reintroduced, said January 11 that he would not only vote for it, but was "putting a package together to re-introduce the Gay funding" himself on the council floor, according to Bunch.

Donegan currently represents the 7th Aldermanic District. He is not seeking re-election, and is running — unopposed — for a newly created judgeship, instead.

Alderspersons also have their home numbers listed in the white pages of the phone directory. A call should also be placed to Mayor Norquist's office at 278-2200. Please be courteous, but firm in your support.

You can rest assured our enemies (homophobic fundamentalists and right-wingers) will be making calls, too —



Last years Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration drew thousands from across the state and border areas for a parade, rally and cultural festival. MLGPC applied for funding for the first time from the City of Milwaukee Festival

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that's why your phone call is very important!

Supporters of the community are also asked to show up at City Hall the morning of the vote. The vote is slated for 9am, Tuesday, January 21 in the Common Council Chambers, 3rd floor of City Hall at the corner of Water and Wells Streets. Bring signs and banners supporting MLGPC and our right to a share of the tax 'pie.' We must remind the politicians that we are their constituency and that we vote, and pay taxes too!

If the full Common Council votes against the funding, it will be seen as caving in to the pressures of the conservatives and a victory for bigotry and hatred. After what our community has been through in '91 (Dahmer, the School Board, outcry against a Gay Pride proclamation, increased homophobia and Gay bashing) the Common Council MUST be convinced to approve funding as suggested by the Festival Board. This vote will set the tone for the rest of the '90's!

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Future of Lavender Network

The Milwaukee Lavender Network faces a turning point at its January 29 meeting — one that will see a bright future of diversity and inclusion — or, the death of MLN.

MLN was formed as an ad hoc Gay/Lesbian coalition in response to the Dahmer case. Since then, MLN (working with a core group of less than 10) has achieved many successes as a cooperative venture among many groups, dealing solely with crisis situations.

At a November 18 meeting, less than two dozen members of the ad hoc group — representing only 10 Gay/Lesbian organizations tried to answer several questions:

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

The major issues MLN has dealt with since its birth in late July Via Dahmer and



Funding Board, which recommended a \$5,000 grant. A show down vote occurs January 21 before the full Common Council. A phone call to your alderperson might get the funding passed!





The Milwaukee Lavender Network, currently at a cross roads in its existence, was born in crisis - the Dahmer case. The photo depicts MLN members holding a press conference in City Hall addressing issues arising from the Dahmer case.

the aftermath, were multiple and complex.

- MLN reached out to other Milwaukee community groups and established working relationships with them.
- MLN members set up a Police Proposals Task Force that spent hundreds of hours dissecting the Milwaukee Police Department. From that came a well received and thoroughly documented proposal that was submitted to the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, who, in turn, adopted entire sections of the MLN report in their final report to Mayor Norquist.
- Organized the most successful and diverse community vigil in memory of Dahmer's victims, to heal the emotions felt across the city.
- Held a press conference shortly after the Dahmer case broke to educate the public and the media on the devastating impact of the case on our community.
- Reactivated a Media Education Project, where Gays and Lesbians meet with editors, reporters and publishers to

educate them on our community.

- Galvanized community support when the Milwaukee School Board ran into flack over proposals to include recommendations made in a report by a Gay and Lesbian Teens Task Force.
- Rallied community reaction to Channel 12's sweeps week "investigative series" on the "Gay underground." The series would have been even more homophobic without MLN's quick intervention.

The original late-July meeting that saw the formation of MLN drew nearly 60 people representing over 20 Gay and Lesbian groups. As mentioned previously, less than two dozen have maintained a commitment to MLN.

If 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;
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The Milwaukee Lavender Network was instrumental in producing the most successful, and diverse community vigil in memory of Dahmer's victims.

Americans, Hispanics, Women of all colors, and other members of our rainbow community – the needs of the entire community can not be expressed or dealt with;

- Commitment to deal with bias and to do the planning and work necessary to get things done;

Founded in crisis, MLN wonders if it should: fold because original objectives have (or are being) met; meet only in crisis situations; or should goals be set for the future and work on them begun? The only way that work can be done is with a broader commitment of people and their effort.

MLN is the first organization – in a long time – that attempted to bring all aspects of our community together to work on problems we all share. Some potential future projects mentioned at the Nov. 18 meeting where:

- Establishment of a Gay/Lesbian Community Center;
- Programs for Gay/Lesbian youth;
- Education on cultural diversity and working together;

- Maintaining an extensive Hate Crimes monitoring and intervention project.

MLN has the potential to make the future better for us all... but it will take broad participation and lots of commitment. MLN could be the catalyst for change, or, fall into obscurity. It's up to each and every one of us.

The January 29 meeting will be held at 7pm, at the Counseling Center, 2038 N Bartlett Avenue on Milwaukee's east side. The building is handicap accessible. Concerned Gays, Lesbians, Bi's and supporter are invited.



News

Court rules anti-Gay measure illegal

By Keith Clark

San Bernardino, Calif. — In a precedent-setting decision, a three-judge panel of the California Fourth District Court of Appeals ruled unanimously in late December that removing Gays and Lesbians from local human rights legislation is a violation of the Constitution. The ruling could have wide implications for attempts elsewhere in the state to remove Gays and Lesbians from civil rights protections.

The judges affirmed a tentative Dec. 2 opinion that a Riverside, Calif., ordinance backed by anti-Gay fundamentalists was unconstitutional because it would violate the constitutional rights of all citizens to equal protection under the law.

The Riverside initiative, spearheaded by the Traditional Values Coalition, would have stripped the city's human rights ordinance of any references to sexual orientation and would have required any future legislation dealing with sexual orientation to have voter approval before becoming law. The initiative never reached the ballot after the City Council refused to put the measure before the voters based on legal opinions that it was illegal. Supporters of the measure then sued the city to force them to put the initiative on the ballot.

A similar TVC-sponsored measure was narrowly approved by voters in Concord, Calif., in November and is now being challenged by opponents in court.

Legal experts say the appellate court ruling in Southern California could strongly influence the court challenge to the Concord law and possibly thwart any attempt to enact a similar voter initiative on a statewide level.

Supporters of the Riverside initiative have 30 days to file an expected appeal with the California Supreme Court.

New Hampshire TV station rejects AIDS Ad

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — A New Hampshire television station on Jan. 8 rejected an AIDS-oriented political advertisement sponsored by the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power, saying that the spot's portrayal of same sex kissing may be 'offensive' to some of its viewers.

"After reviewing the spot," said Larry Gilpin, station manager for the Manchester-based WMUR, "I decided that it was inappropriate and could be viewed as offensive to our New Hampshire viewing audience, specifically the ad's graphic depiction of Gay and Lesbian couples' passionately embracing." (New Hampshire is getting much attention as the Presidential political parade begins.)

The visual for the spot, created by an independent firm for ACT UP/N.H., shows the Art Against AIDS "Kissing Doesn't Kill" poster, depicting three couples, two men, two women and an interracial heterosexual couple, kissing on the lips.

Reminded that the visual does not show couples 'embracing,' Gilpin retorted, "Anyhow, the portrayal of sexuality in these ads in not an appropriate means for this TV station... to reasonably communicate the seriousness of the AIDS problem. And for that reason I decided (not to air the spot)."

The audio copy reads, "The issue is AIDS. AIDS is killing our friends, neighbors and lovers. Over 130,000 Americans have died from AIDS. Thousands of Granite State residents test positive for HIV. Scientists don't expect a cure before the end of the century, and yet all of the Presidential candidates remain silent about their plans to end the AIDS epidemic. Nothing is said about the way

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New York [WSP] — Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson has been called on to back a ground-breaking shareholder resolution by the New York City Employee Retirement System (NYCERS) asking Old Cracker Barrel Restaurants to adopt a policy barring discrimination against Lesbian and Gay employees.

News organizations reported last spring that Cracker Barrel — which runs a chain of restaurants throughout the United States — had adopted a policy of firing all of its Lesbian and Gay employees. The NYCERS resolution is the first shareholder initiative of its kind in the nation, according to the Investor Responsibility Research Center, and organization which monitors investor actions.

The Wall Street Project, a public interest organization based in New York City, is urging the Governor to publicly support the resolution, which was filed by the Board of Trustees of NYCERS at the company's November 26, 1991 shareholders meeting. NYCERS — at \$19 billion, New York City's largest pension fund — owns 50,203 shares of Cracker Barrel, valued at about \$2.8 million.

"Governor Thompson should fully enforce Wisconsin's law barring

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Gilpin, noting his station's coverage of the AIDS crisis, stated that he had no problems with the ad's audio copy and said that he would like to work with the AIDS activists to come up with a visual he could accept.

Michael Petrelis, the Washington, D.C. AIDS activist that helped form ACT UP/N.H., said that his group has no plans to change the visual and will fight to see that it is aired on the ABC station, the only network affiliate station in the state.

discrimination in employment based on sexual orientation by supporting New York's Cracker Barrel resolution," said Donn Mitchell, a co-founder of the Wall Street Project.

"If the state of Wisconsin were to vote to uphold a company's policies discriminating against Gay and Lesbian workers, it would be taking a hostile action against its own Gay and Lesbian employees by reducing their employability in the private labor market, which is clearly contrary to the intent of the law," Mitchell said. "To cast any shares in favor of a form of discrimination which is already illegal in Wisconsin would also be a very real violation of the state's fiduciary responsibility toward its Gay and Lesbian pension holders."

The Wall Street Project is also asking state officials to undertake a systematic query of all companies in the State's portfolio for explicit compliance with the standards of Wisconsin law prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. Three other states and many major cities in the U.S. currently have similar anti-discrimination laws.

After the story became public, Cracker Barrel said it had rescinded the policy. However, company officials did not fully respond to repeated inquiries by NYCERS' trustees asking if the company had a non-discrimination policy and what remedial action, if any, had been taken with regard to the employees who were fired.

The shareholder resolution "request(s) the Board of Directors (of Cracker Barrel) to implement non-discriminatory policies relating to sexual orientation and to add explicit prohibitions against such discrimination to their corporate employment policy statement."

The resolution is to be submitted to a shareholder vote in the 1992 proxy season, with proxies including the resolution expected to be sent to shareholders in August or September of 1992.

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Coming to power in the 90's

By William Waybourn

Washington, D.C. — There may be much debate about what we call ourselves, but in New York and Seattle, plus in the Oregon and Texas legislatures, you can add a new title for Lesbians and Gays: "Honorable." This past year saw New York add not just one, but two openly Gay city councilmen; Seattle elected the nation's first black openly Lesbian city councilwoman; and for the first time, good old boy networks in the Texas and Oregon Houses of Representatives had to negotiate with a Gay man and a Lesbian, respectively and respectfully.

While these are important gains for Gay and Lesbian rights, they are not enough. We still lost important races that could have changed the dynamics of politics in David Duke's backyard, the Louisiana state house, and on the city councils of Cincinnati, Greece (NY), Cambridge, Houston and Tampa.

But the most significant development in 1991 may not have occurred at the voting booth, but in the development of a new national organization designed to change the way we approach electing openly Gay and Lesbian candidates.

With the 1992 elections approaching, we will soon have the first real test of this new strategy, the **Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund**.

Even though we have worked for years on the campaigns of sympathetic, but non-Gay 'friends,' the GLVF represents the first time that we have undertaken a nationwide initiative to financially support openly Lesbian and Gay candidates in local, county, state and federal races.

Begun in May, the GLVF was organized

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Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores, Inc. has sued activists involved in non-violent protests in various states, including Georgia, Tennessee & Illinois. They've also sued Ivy Young, director of The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Families Project. Young spoke during Milwaukee's '91 Pride Rally.

by a group of committed activists from around the country who wanted to build financial clout for candidates we can count on. These activists, known for their political savvy and fundraising capabilities, have raised significant amounts of money and served in consulting roles for progressive and mainstream candidates who are good on our issues.

When the Victory Fund was started, we knew that being openly Gay or Lesbian helped to make better candidates. We knew that they made even better public officials. What we didn't know was whether Gays and Lesbians living in one city would support a qualified openly Lesbian or Gay candidate in another. Seattle City Council-Elect Sherry Harris proved that they would, as Victory Fund members provided over \$10,000 for her campaign.

Suddenly, she no longer was a fringe candidate running against a 24-year incumbent. Sherry beat him and another challenger in the primary election, and then she clashed head-on with the incumbent in a bruising general election. The incumbent had voted against domestic partner benefits for city employees, calling it 'Gay rights.' While her opponent drew major support from the business community, Seattle's Gay and Lesbian community mobilized behind Sherry, just as Victory Fund members from across the country responded with contributions to her campaign.

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund works by recruiting members who contribute \$100 to the organization, and agree to make at least two other \$100 contributions to recommended candidates during a two-year election cycle. The membership fee covers expanding the network, candidate promotion, political analysis and keeping members informed about recommended races. Each member decides which candidates to support, makes checks payable directly to those candidates' campaigns, and sends them to the Victory Fund. Checks from

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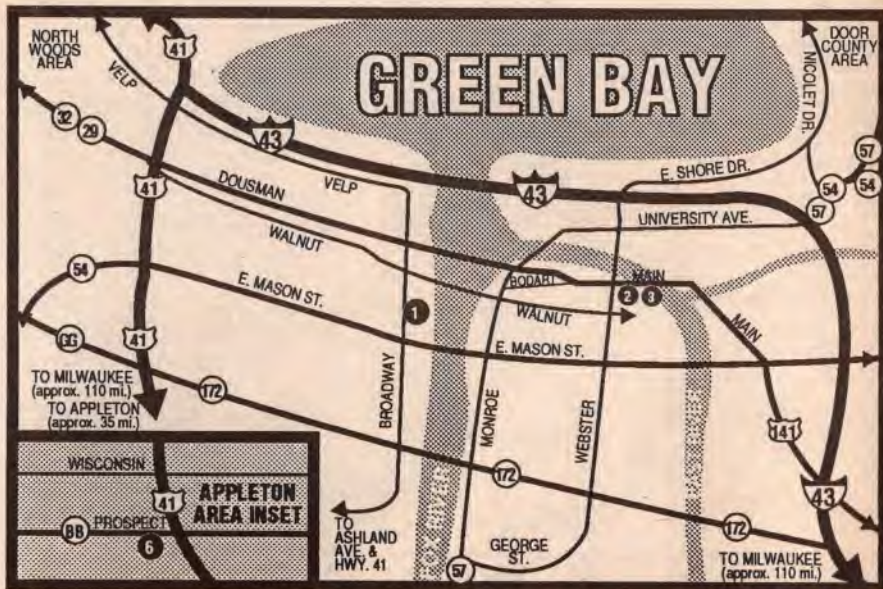
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AIDS drug innovation bill

Madison — A bill to make experimental AIDS treatments more available to people with HIV infection has been introduced by four Wisconsin lawmakers.

State Representatives Steve Loucks (R-Mequon) and David Clarenbach (D-Madison) in partnership with Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) and Peggy Rosenzweig (R-Wauwatosa) are sponsoring the bill to make experimental AIDS drugs more available by removing the liability for punitive damages from physicians who prescribe those treatments to consenting patients.

According to the authors, the use of such treatments has been discouraged by a lack of protection for physicians who might prescribe the experimental therapies.

At a State Capitol press conference, the plan was endorsed by the People Living With AIDS Coalition. "We who are living with a terminal illness have, for many

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members are combined by the Victory Fund, recorded and then sent to the candidates for maximum political impact.

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years, offered ourselves as the guinea pigs for experimental drugs and devices, in hopes of giving ourselves some additional quality of life. But due to the length of time it takes for approval, many people do not survive," according to Jerry Smith, the Chair of the Coalition.

"It is important to test these treatments carefully, and we do not seek to alter the FDA's testing procedure. What we are seeking is a way to help the people whose best hope for health may be a new or experimental treatment," explained Loucks. Observing that many diseases such as AIDS and some forms of cancer are not always curable through the current FDA-approved treatments, Loucks added, "I want physicians to be able to prescribe experimental drugs in such cases, if that is what the patient wants. Removing the physicians' risk of punitive damages is one step in making this happen."

Clarenbach cited the bill as a major breakthrough in gaining quicker access to AIDS drugs. "Last session we passed our Bill of Rights for People with AIDS and HIV infection. This extends the principle that people living with AIDS need every current medical treatment," Clarenbach said.

Carpenter, who chairs the Assembly Health Committee, pledged quick action on the bill.

"We will schedule the bill for a January hearing, and report it out to the full Assembly for a vote in February," Carpenter said.

The bill will not change the procedures for obtaining or prescribing experimental drugs, which are being administered in many programs across the country. Patients must sign consent forms when participating in such treatments. In the event of injury from the experimental drug, Loucks' bill would continue to allow patients to collect general damages for their injuries.

"The benefit of this bill is the removal of punitive damage risk from the

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Gay Games IV update

Paula Pressley has been named executive director of **Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival** which will be held in New York City in 1994. Scheduled from June 25 to July 4, 1994, Gay Games IV will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a watershed event in the history of New York's and the nation's Gay and Lesbian community. Ms. Pressley had been deputy director of Planning and Development at the National Organization of Women's Legal Defense & Education Fund (NOWLDEF).

Gay Games IV, an Olympic-style competition involving teams from 40 countries, will feature 10,000 athletes competing in 30 individual and team sports, including basketball, cycling, figure skating, gymnastics, powerlifting, tennis, track and field, volleyball, softball and wrestling. An additional 5,000 artists and performers will participate in a world-wide Cultural Festival that historically has been part of the Gay Games.

The Games and Festival, which will take place at various facilities throughout New York City and surrounding counties, is sponsored by "New York in '94," the organizing committee for the Games.

Two hundred thousand spectators are expected to attend the 1994 Games during ten days of competition. New York City's Office of Finance and Economic Development estimates that Gay Games IV will generate \$126 million in economic activity for the City.

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situation," declared Loucks. Punitive damages are awarded to injured persons over and above their general damages for medical negligence; such awards are made with the intent of punishing a guilty party. "In a situation where a gravely ill patient has accepted an experimental treatment and made an informed decision to accept the possibility of unplanned effects from that treatment, punitive damages have no place," declared Loucks.

The Gay Games were founded by the late Tom Waddell, MD, a decathlete who competed for the United States and finished sixth at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. Previous Gay Games were held in San Francisco (1982 and 1986) and Vancouver, British Columbia (1990). Some 1,300 athletes from 12 nations competed in Gay Games I, 3,500 from 16 nations in Gay Games II and 7,250 from 30 nations in Gay Games III. The theme of Gay Games IV is "Unity '94," and expression of the founder's dream that inclusion be a cornerstone of the Games.

ILGA Europeans gather in Berlin

By Rex Wockner

Berlin — Gay oppression in Russia took center stage as 160 Gay/Lesbian activists from 21 nations gathered here Dec. 27-31 for the 13th European Regional Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association.

On Dec. 30, the delegates marched from (East) Berlin's Humboldt University, the conference site, to the Russian Embassy on Under den Linden protesting Article 121.1 of the Russian Penal Code, which punishes sex between men with up to five years in prison.

According to reports, Russian legislators will consider abolition of the article Jan. 19. Ukraine last month removed the corresponding article from its penal code.

ILGA Co-Secretary General Lisa Power and Olga Zhuk of St. Petersburg, Russia's Tchaikovsky Foundation for the Cultural Initiatives and Defense of Sexual Minorities handed embassy staff a letter and petition for Russian President Boris Yeltsin. The petition was signed by hundreds of Berliners.

The demonstration ended with a large 'conga line' outside the embassy. Activists danced to a chant led by London drag queen and British Telecom operator Julian Hows, who sported a gold-lame frock and a tiger fun fur.

Back at the conference site, delegates

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Right wingers launch anti-Gay 'emergency' campaign

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — a right wing group calling itself the Public Advocate of the U.S. has launched a direct mail effort targeting Gay rights laws nationwide. The 'Emergency Campaign' suggests that such ordinances are responsible for the mass murders of confessed serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, among other evils.

Headlined, "Stop the 'Gay Bill of Rights'," the fundraising appeal rattles off a list of the supposed atrocities of Gay

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tackled a maze of workshops on everything from ILGA representation within the United Nations, the European Community and the conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to AIDS, anti-Gay violence, sex and Lesbian visibility.

Delegates also voted to send protest letters to the governments of Romania, Ireland and the Isle of Man — the remaining places in Europe where Gay sex is illegal. The Isle of Man is a British possession in the Irish Sea.

The opening plenary session, held at the Reichstag, was addressed by Berlin Social Affairs Senator Ingrid Stahmer. She said that in reunified Germany, Gays, Lesbians and other 'non-conformists' are increasingly the targets of right-wing extremists. There have been several attacks on Gay establishments by skinheads and neo-Nazi youth in the past 18 months.

The city government hosted an evening reception for delegates at former East Berlin's Red Town Hall.

ILGA's annual world conference will be this July in Paris, the 1993 conference will be in Barcelona, Spain, and the 1994 conference in New York City, to coincide with celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Revolt. The annual European regional gathering will be in Brussels in December 1992 and London in 1993.

men and Lesbians and the consequences of laws protecting them from discrimination.

The letter, signed by Eugene Delgaudio, the group's director, takes direct aim at the federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill, calling it the 'Gay Bill of Rights.' Suggesting that tax dollars are being used by Gay organizations to lobby for the measure, Delgaudio states that the proposal is "dangerously close to passage in the liberal dominated Congress."

"If this twisted bill ever becomes Federal law," Delgaudio writes, "our children will never be safe from militant homosexuals and Lesbians."

"Because," he adds, "as homosexuals die off due to AIDS, the remaining AIDS carriers prey on children to replenish the 'Homosexual community'."

The Public Advocate Inc., a Virginia-based group which has a Washington, D.C. post office box as its mailing address, claims "50,000 supporters nationwide," according to its own fundraising materials. The group claims to have spent over \$450,000 in 1990, with the majority (66 percent) going towards "lobbying and news conferences" and the remainder going to administrative and fundraising costs.

It is not clear as to how many individuals received the group's anti-Gay fundraising appeal, although in the letter the group's director suggests that he hopes for 250,000 signed petitions and \$73,575 in response.

The Human Rights Campaign Fund, which first became aware of the letter through undisclosed means, has said that it is presently "talking to lawyers," to determine if Delgaudio and his group may be investigated for mail fraud, based on what they called the conservative's "lies."

"He is a liar and a thief and lower than a cockroach," said Gregory King, a

GWM 24, 5'11", 160. Very fit, attractive. Seeking 20-35 fit masculine male for friends, fun, safe sex or? Please send description, picture optional. No B.S., fems or fats. James, P.O. Box 92146, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

GWM, Early 30's, 5'11", 180 lbs. Brown/Blue, non-smoker, clean-cut, muscular. HIV Neg. Looking for 20-35 yrs old HIV Neg. GWM or Bi-WM for friendship/possible relationship. Send photo, phone #, description of yourself, & interests and desires to Mike: 10240 W. National Ave., Suite 1899, West Allis, WI 53227.

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GWM 30's, 5'10", 160, fit, attractive. Seeking 20-40 good-looking male for friend and fun. Photo optional. Michael, P.O. Box 92146, Milw., WI 53202.

GWM, 28, professional, well educated, sense of humor, honest, many interests, non-smoker, seeks similar, 23-33, for relationship. Color unimportant. I like movies, books, antiques, travel, diverse friends. Box 08509; 53208.

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Marshfield, WI. Gary, age 35, 190 5'6", blue eyes. Seek Bi, Gay 18-45. Please send nude photo and phone. Write: Gary Weber, P.O. Box 932, Marshfield, WI 54449. (715) 387-6433.

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spokesman for the group. "He has bile running through his veins."

King asserted that Delgaudio's "extreme distortions" raise "troubling questions about whether he has gone beyond the bounds of the law in solicitating funds."

Adding the "liberal media" to his list of targets, Delgaudio insisted that under pressure from homosexuals, the media are covering up the by products of local Gay rights laws, which he said include the murders of Milwaukee serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

"(S)adly, local 'Gay Rights' laws are protecting many of three radical homosexuals - (including people who kill and molest nangers and young boys - from prosecution," he writes, "... (The media refuses (sic) to report that Dahmer avoided prosecution because of the 'Gay Rights' laws in Milwaukee.

"Don't get me wrong," he adds, "there are many fine people in Milwaukee... But when Homosexual Sex Deviants are allowed to run free in the streets, something must be done! And if it

can happen in Milwaukee, it can happen anywhere."

He predicted that if the federal Gay rights bill were to become law, "this type of criminal behavior could become commonplace."

Attacking "the arrogant bureaucrats in Washington," the anti-Gay conservative alleged that Congress has "handed out billions of dollars" to Gay advocacy groups so they may publish "homosexual 'art' and 'educate' America's young people about their evil lifestyle."

Delgaudio charged that "almost half" of the total income of Gay organizations come from the federal government and that over half of all Gay groups receive federal funds, an assertion King called "patently false."

Gay rights groups, Delgaudio alleged, are fighting for "special rights and privileges that normal people don't have." Among those, he suggested, were the right to adopt and molest children in addition to the right for their partners to receive their work benefits, and the right to marry.



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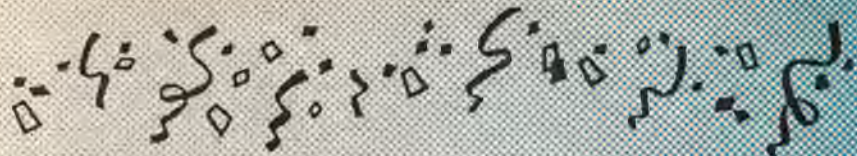
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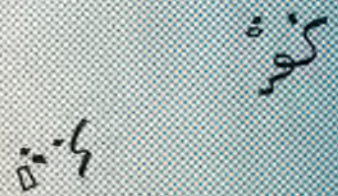


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Consumer groups want 900 lines disconnected

By Keith Clark

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The three major long-distance carriers — AT&T, MCI and US Sprint — all say they have either discontinued billings for such sexually oriented phone services or never permitted such lines to begin with. But scores of ads for such telephone sex lines can be found in most of the country's Gay news publications every week, although an increasing number of the adult phone services have been switching over to 800 numbers with charges for the calls being billed to callers' credit cards.

Mark Foster of Consumer Action says the switch-over to credit card and other billings is exactly what Consumer Action wants to see happen in the adult phone industry. "Almost anyone — including children — can pick up a telephone and call an adult 900 number without realizing the charges involved," Foster said. "But having a credit card almost invariably implies that you're an adult and are aware you'll be charged for the service. We have no desire to drive the adult phone lines out of business."

The long distance carriers insist that they have discontinued billings to all such sexually oriented 900 numbers and that operators who are using the lines for such services will be shut down if they find the content of the phone lines is sexual.

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Gay rights in New Orleans

By Rex Wockner

New Orleans is the latest U.S. city to protect Gays and Lesbians from discrimination.

By a 5-2 vote, the City Council banned anti-Gay actions in the areas of housing, employment and public accommodations (restaurants, parks, etc.).

The Human Relations Commission will investigate complaints and mete out penalties.

The new ordinance exempts religious groups and schools, small businesses, and owner- occupied homes with less than four rental units.

National writers confab

Boston — OutWrite '92, the National Lesbian and Gay Writers Conference will bein Boston on March 20-22. The third annual gathering of Lesbian and Gay writers, editors, publishers, literary agents, booksellers, and readers is scheduled to leave its home base of San Francisco for the first time.

Plenary speakers include: Dorothy Allison, San Francisco- based poet and fiction writer and author of *Trash* and *The Women Who Hate Me*; Melvin Dixon, novelist and author of *Vanishing Rooms*; Marianna Romo- Carmona, Chilean-born poet, essayist and organizer and member of the 'Conditions' collective.

OutWrite '92 is co-sponsored by Out/Look magazine and Gay Community News. Registration: \$40 until Feb. 15; \$50 after Feb. 15 and at the door. Registrations can be mailed to: OutWrite '92, 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114-2512. For more information about the conference, call (617) 695-0511.

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Gay couple to appeal license denial

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Two local Gay men seeking a marriage license in the District of Columbia announced Jan. 6 that they will appeal their case to a higher court after their case was dismissed by a D.C. Superior Court Judge.

Craig Dean, 28, and Patrick Gill, 24, who have been a couple for six years, made national headlines in 1990 when they sued the District government for the right to marry after the District's marriage bureau denied them a license.

Noting that the District's marriage law is gender neutral, the couple insisted that their being denied a license by the city violated the District's human rights act, which bans discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

On December 30, D.C. Superior Court Associate Judge Shellie F. Bowers dismissed the case, saying the couple had no grounds for their case.

"There is no honorable alternative but to appeal," said Dean. "We will go to the Supreme Court if necessary."

In his 26 page judgment, Bowers cited other marriage-related laws, the dictionary and over two pages of Biblical scripture from the Old and New Testaments in turning back the couple's case.

"The Ten Commandments are as relevant today as they were at Mount Sinai," Bowers wrote in his decision. "Thus, if homosexual marriage were an Anathema to Christian religious dogma and morally repugnant, it would still be so."

"(T)he Bible demonstrates (that)... it takes a man and a woman to form a marital relationship."

The judge's reasoning clearly incensed the couple, who brought to their press conference a minister from the Metropolitan Community Church, who has agreed to marry them.

"I ask you," said Dean, "what ever happened to the separation of church and state?"

"The court based its decision in part upon a finding that 'the Church' has never officially recognized same sex marriages," added Gill. "Well, I have news for the court; our pastor is here and our church does recognize homosexual marriages. I ask the court, just whose church is 'the Church'?"

District activists, including some Gay and Lesbian leaders, have criticized the couple's decision to follow the legal route in the District to get legal recognition for their union. They have suggested that a court fight could lead to a negative outcome in a higher court or, in the case of a victory, an eleventh hour action by the Congress voiding parts of the city's human rights law.

Congress, by law, has the right to supersede or void any law passed in the District.

'91 National Gay news wrap up

By Cliff O'Neill

To accurately gauge how amazingly different 1991 was from the year previous in AIDS and Gay issues in Washington, one need only to look at the faces that defined AIDS in each year.

In 1990, that face belonged to Ryan White, the Indiana teen-ager who in that year succumbed to the epidemic after he made the world feel a little more aware of the bigotry that this disease can bring out in people.

For most of 1991, the image that closely held the national spotlight on the epidemic was that of Kimberly Bergalis, the Florida woman who before her death galvanized an overwhelming majority of the American people in support of mandatory HIV testing of all health care workers. And all because she and a handful of others in 1991 became the only known cases of transmission of the HIV virus from health care worker to patient.

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psychological language of our time), not quite so sharply aware of one's own inadequacies? For some people reading fiction is one way, but most people read for plot not characterization, and in any case, one is limited by the insightfulness of the author. For me, it was more reading not fiction but political philosophy and seeing a few people playing absolutely fair with the arguments, trying to acknowledge the strengths of the position of the other side, and weighing the alternatives, showing what kinds of considerations, what kinds of evidence could be brought to bear.

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made on me by philosophers as different as Leo Strauss, Friedrich Hayek, and Karl Popper. Freud has the same qualities too, sometimes; so do Robert Nozick and Walter Kaufmann. One might also include books like Xenophon's **Recollections of Socrates**, Samuel Johnson's **Rasselas**, Jane Austen novels, and Montaigne's **Essays**. But the unlikelihood of any college course being made up of such a syllabus just goes to show why virtue can not be taught. It can only, somehow, be, well, not even learned but somehow absorbed.



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whoever they are. As with one's shabby old easy chair that has slowly come to conform to the contours of one's own body, one gives up all that accumulated character not without a fight. Most fundamentally, though, the sorts of resolutions that people probably ought to make are not really about things that can be resolved, not about things that can be achieved simply by an exercise of the will.

How could a person resolve to be more perceptive? What would that mean? One is only as perceptive as one is. No, better to resolve to quite smoking and let perceptiveness take care of itself.

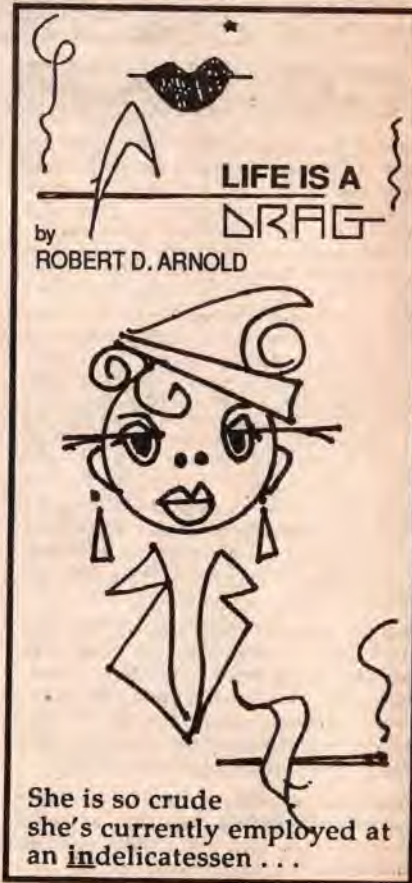
Not so fast. As I understand it, the entire point of the Gay movement is about changing people, about changing their attitudes, their feelings, their beliefs — about us. We hope precisely to improve their characters in some way — at least with regard to their postures toward Gays. Oh, sure, we mostly talk about passing laws, or changing institutions, or repealing legislation, or moving a sluggish bureaucracy; but if there were no hostility toward Gays and Lesbians, the laws would not matter at all. The main reason we go after the laws, etc., is because that is the only way to have an impact on people whose hearts and minds we have no other way of influencing.

But if we are concerned with altering the characters of other people (and in a way that is long, arduous, time-consuming, and indirect) what attempts to alter our own characters, a larger part of which is firmly in our own control, or at least more in our own control than anyone else's? It would seem to be a considerable benefit to society, to say nothing of ourselves, to present society with at least one improved social unit. But how to do that? I suspect that politics is easier than significant character improvement partly because at least the goal is somehow clearer and the techniques are familiar. Something like that may have been in Socrates' mind when he suggested that instead of looking for justice in an individual's psyche, his friends should "go out into the streets (i.e., the city) and look there for it."

Maybe, just maybe, the same sort of

indirect approach that is necessary in changing other people via the political mechanism is also the only workable one with one's own character: it cannot be done by will, but more or less happens as a by-product of other things. Those of us who have taught or otherwise spent time with the young never cease to be surprised that when we meet any of them years later, if they tell us they gained anything at all, it was almost always not a fact, or a set of facts, or even some theory or philosophy, but some notion of how to be, a posture toward the world, the sense of a way of conducting oneself.

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By the end of the year, Bergalis, gone but not forgotten, had yielded the spotlight to basketball giant Ervin 'Magic' Johnson who may have done more to heighten awareness than anyone since Rock Hudson by announcing to the world that he is HIV positive.

Still, Johnson's stunning announcement aside, Bergalis and her unconventional case, for most of the year, took up the little attention given to AIDS all year.

And although the health care worker and patient mandatory testing proposal that bears her name is no closer to passage now than when it was introduced, elements of it were virtually the only compelling AIDS matters discussed on the Hill all year.

In mid-summer, long-time AIDS and Gay nemesis Sen. Jesse Helms [R-N.C.] successfully brought forth two far-reaching measures effectively mandating forced HIV tests for patients and health care workers. Introduced to unlikely money bills in the late hours after most lobbyists had closed up shop and gone home, Helms deftly had the Senate approve the measures by wide margins with little debate.

After last minute compromises and a blizzard of intense lobbying, the measures were gutted and substituted with language calling for voluntary testing and mandatory infection control measures, not mandatory testing.

As for the future of the issue, Bergalis' parents, interviewed on the death of their daughter, put it best. The young woman may be dead, but her cause will live on years beyond her.

Past the sound and fury of the health care worker issue, not much else concerning AIDS moved from the front pages to the House and Senate floor all year.

Nineteen ninety-two funding for last year's Ryan White CARE bill was expectedly kept far below levels hoped for under even the most budget-conscious scenarios.

Money for a ground breaking federal

AIDS housing project was finally approved in 1991. But it, as well as a host of other related projects, lost scarce dollars after a last-minute White House lobbying blitz restoring funding for a manned space station.

And, not to be forgotten, two long delayed federal surveys into teen & adult sexual behavior considered critical in preventing the spread of AIDS, were again put off after another right-wing campaign

All in all, where AIDS, Congress and the White House were all concerned, 1991 was a year best left forgotten.

As for Gay/Lesbian issues, however, 1991 will most likely be a year that will be forgotten. But not that it should be.

Unlike years past, there were no flashy victories on the Hill that showed the clout of the Gay and Lesbian community. There were no landmark pieces of Gay-related legislation that were signed into law by President Bush.

Instead, this past year saw a slow, but steady movement towards general acceptance of Gay and Lesbian rights and a fast erosion of the tenuous support for the National Endowment for the Arts.

The NEA in 1991 withstood its hardest hit yet in Congress. Pitting conservative NEA opponents against their like-minded colleagues in western states, supporters of the arts agency successfully deterred a very popular amendment from Helms banning all funding to art Congress determined to be obscene by trading off an unrelated grazing fees measure for the Helms rider.

Although the NEA survived due to the complicated "corn for porn" deal (as it was termed by its detractors), all indications suggest it may not get off that easy in 1992.

Nineteen ninety-one also saw a steady trickle of supporters coming on as co-sponsors of the federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill, bringing the measure to a long-dreamed-of record level of 100 House and 14 Senate official backers.

As the New Year rings in, more Gays and Lesbians around the country who worked so hard to achieve that once-lofty

Viewpoints

Thoughts on the New Year

by Paul Varnell

It seems unlikely that you have not already noticed it, but there certainly do seem to be a lot of people out there who want to change the world. If we are to believe the mass media — and these days what else is there? — the world is just a seething mass of malcontents, all with these little plots and schemes and hopes for making over the world, or the nation, and (keep this in mind) that inevitably means making over you and me.

Us too. We as Gays, we have our plans too for making the world a better place, for reducing prejudice, for increasing Gay legal and social equality, for easing the lives of Gays and Lesbians now and yet to be born.

These thoughts came to mind as we passed by New Year's not so long ago, and friends and acquaintances openly discussed New Year's Resolutions. New Year's seems to be just about the one time of year when it is socially permissible to talk not about politics, but about oneself, one's plans for self-improvement and — if only by implication — one's current flaws. As a leading social critic, I applaud these efforts at self-improvement and — self-criticism, but equally I was disappointed by the shallowness of most people's resolutions — things like quitting smoking, drinking less, taking up jogging, and working out more regularly were among the more popular. But I was hoping for something a little more fundamental — things like being more perceptive about other people, being more intelligent, seeing things in a wider context, making wiser choices, feeling more benevolent, understanding things better, exhibiting more integrity.

I considered drawing up lists for people I know in hopes that they might suddenly turn to me and say, "Why, Paul, what do YOU think I should resolve for the New

Year?" Then I could pull out my list (with a flourish, like Leporello) and say, "Well, as it happens I do have a few suggestions here you might consider."

Vain hope.

In fact, most people have a pretty shallow notion of the sort of changes they need to make in themselves; mostly they are cosmetic changes. It is hard to step back from oneself and say, "There is some other way I ought to be than the way I am." Then too, most people are pretty used to themselves as they are; after all, they have spent a lot of time producing, or more likely, just passively becoming,



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"Now that health care reform is at the top of the national agenda, we need to be at the table when options are considered," said Director of Government Affairs Jeff Levi. "The epidemic has highlighted the weaknesses of the current system; we have a lot to bring to the discussion." In 1992, AAC will step up its participation in health care reform coalitions, produce a white paper on health care reform and HIV, and analyze the impact of all legislative proposals on people with HIV."

Other top policy issues for 1992 are:

• **Prevention and substance abuse:** Building on the AAC 1991 report on federal prevention programs, the AAC will work to get Congressional oversight hearings on the topic, work with Congressional minority caucuses on prevention issues, and draw up model prevention legislation.

• **Revising the budget agreement:** The Budget Enforcement Act, which prevents the transfer of federal funds from military to domestic spending, is now being reconsidered in D.C. In coalition, AAC will support a revision of the Act, and work to ensure that freed funds will go in part to AIDS programs.

• **Medicaid expansion:** AAC will lobby to reform Medicaid so that HIV infected individuals who are poor have access to Medicaid coverage for early intervention treatments — before they become dangerously ill.

• **Housing:** In '91, AAC helped to pass the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act. In '92, AAC will work to achieve rapid implementation of the Act's \$50 million worth of new programs.

• **Testing:** Testing always arises in one form or another; AAC will work to prevent Congress and federal agencies from enacting bad testing policies, including those in the health care setting.

• **Case definition:** AAC will work for maximum inclusiveness in the case definitions now being re-revised by the Social Security Administration and the Centers for Disease Control.

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goal are closer to believing the claims of Washington activists that the measure could become law by the year 2000.

Helping move, not only Congress and some presidential candidates, but the American public towards supporting Gay rights was the ongoing debate on the Pentagon's policy of excluding Gays and Lesbians from the military.

If ever there was a year that this issue broke through to the mainstream of American thought, this was it. And reacting to the glare of the court cases, the high profile dismissals and the 'outing' of the Pentagon's top spokesman, even Congress sat up and took notice.

Under the stewardship of openly Gay Reps. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) and Barney Frank (D-Mass.), the issue took on new characteristics this year.

Studds again took the lead in releasing yet another Pentagon-commissioned report criticizing the policy. Frank, for his part, made the splashiest gain of the year on this front, extracting from Defense Secretary Dick Cheney the mildest of justifications for the policy, insisting that

it only applied to uniformed, and not civilian personnel.

Further, Cheney offered an admission that the argument that Gays and Lesbians are special security risks is "a bit of an old chestnut."

The steady stream of news on the Gay military issue, including several polls showing a majority of Americans opposing the policy, led to House and Senate resolutions which may eventually bring about an end to the contested directive.

And that, in the long run, may be most significant series of events for Gays and Lesbians to come out of 1991.

But we'll let Rep. Frank to put it more eloquently.

"Secretary Cheney said that the security argument... was a, quote, old chestnut, unquote," said Frank at the resolution's unveiling in November. "What we're suggesting to Dick Cheney is that he look at his calendar and realize that we are rapidly approaching the time of year when we roast chestnuts over an open fire."

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Group Notes

Roe vs. Wade anniversary luncheon

Milwaukee [SA] — The Women's Issues Committee of the UW Milwaukee Student Association, and Planned Parenthood of Milwaukee will be sponsoring the Roe vs. Wade Anniversary Luncheon, January 22. This event will be in the Fireside Lounge of the UWM Student Union, from noon to 2pm. A planning meeting will follow, to establish a network of pro-choice activists in Milwaukee, and to set a date for a pro-choice rally this spring.

The event will commemorate the 19th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized a woman's right to choose an abortion.

Speakers scheduled for the Luncheon include: Chris Korsmo, the Executive Director for the National Abortion Rights Action League; Cindy Tatreau, Clinic Director of Affiliated Medical Services; and Ruth Bukowiecki, Public Relations Director of Planned Parenthood.

For more information, contact the SA at (414) 229-4366.

Student conference in Appleton

BGLA [Bisexual/ Gay/ Lesbian Awareness] at Lawrence University in Appleton will be hosting a conference January 31- February 2. Open to all Midwest area students and residents, the \$15 registration fee includes all speakers, workshops and events.

Workshop leaders: Loraine Hutchins (Co- author of *Bi Any Other Name...* and speaker on bi- sexuality); Cynthia Scott (Editor and Publisher of *Equal Time* Newspaper, in Minneapolis); Mary Jo Schnell (of the Randolph Street Gallery in Chicago, producer of performance art and Chicago's Gay/Lesbian Film Festival);

Rev. Martin Ruge (co-produced the Lutheran ELCA's 2 year study on sexuality in Religion, and there subsequent workbook *Now That You Know*, and a workshop on same sex domestic abuse from the Fox Valley Domestic Abuse Shelter.

And, if that isn't enough, we'll be **Paris Is Burning**, and partying with a possible surprise performance artist (does Joan Jett Black ring a bell?)

For information, call Elise (414) 832-7980, by January 22 to reserve a place in the conference. Or write to: BGLA, c/o Info Desk, P.O. Box 599, Appleton, WI 54912. Limited free student housing available!

Legal and financial protection in relationships

Attorney Tom Martin and Financial Consultant Bob Moore have put together an informal, yet comprehensive, seminar for persons in Gay and Lesbian relationships. Various important aspects of planning for the future with a loved one will be discussed, including home ownership, wills and living trusts, health powers of attorney, retirement savings/wealth accumulation and other estate planning matters as they pertain to a same sex relationship.

Couples and individuals in relationships are encouraged to attend the event, which will take place on Thursday, January 30th, in the upstairs meeting room at The M&M Club, 124 North Water Street. The evening will begin with registration and refreshments at 5:30pm, followed by a presentation by Martin and Moore at 6pm.

Tom Martin has been serving the Gay and Lesbian community in the private practice of law since 1984. Prior to private practice, he served as a federal prosecutor, during which time he received the U.S. Attorney General's Award for Superior Performance. Recently, he was

Health

AIDS umbrella group sets '92 priorities

Washington, D.C. [AAC] — The AIDS Action Council (AAC), the Washington, D.C. representative of community-based organizations including the Milwaukee AIDS Project, has announced that its top legislative and policy priorities for '92 are funding for AIDS programs; health care reform; and drug development. The annual strategic plan of the AAC, the only national organization solely devoted to shaping AIDS policy, was approved by the AAC Board of Directors at its December meeting, and announced by Board President Fred Miller in a January 8 release.

"Our greatest goal will again be to increase federal funding to a level that meets the challenges of the epidemic,"

said Miller. "We were able to increase AIDS spending by \$128 million in '91 — a very tough year for social programs — and we will try for greater increases in 1992. We will work again for full funding of the Ryan White CARE Act."

AAC also will target the development of HIV drugs. In 1991 AAC persuaded Congress to require a five-year research plan from the National Institutes of Health, and brought public attention to the high price of the new drug foscarnet. In 1992 the Council will monitor development of the NIH plan, support efforts to control drug prices, and push for earlier approval of HIV therapies.

For the first time, AAC expanded its agenda to include long-range policy goals such as national health care reform. "Because of the crisis nature of the epidemic, we've spent years putting out fires and responding to immediate needs," said Executive Director Dan Bross. "In 1992, in addition to day-to-day advocacy, AAC will take on goals that may take time to achieve, but which are essential to bettering the lives of people with HIV."

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The Face on the Cutting Room Floor
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Reviewed by Eldon E. Murray

The blurbs on the dust jacket of this book are full of praise for the author's first novel, **Best Performance by a Patsy**, probably because the publishers were unable to secure pre-publication praise for this turkey. One doesn't expect deathless prose in a murder mystery novel, but the competition is so tough in the genre that minimal competence is required. Did Dutton feel that the gimmick of a supposedly Gay main character would cause Gay people to buy the book, insuring its financial success? If so, Gays are being short-changed because this book deserves nothing more than a quick trip to the publisher's overstock pile.

What is wrong with the book? Everything! Even the title is misleading for nothing happens on the cutting room floor, although the scene of action is Hollywood. The plot is as thin as an anorexic drag queen and the list of characters is a yard long. The characters are not well defined, making each one hard to remember as they wander, aimlessly, in and out of the listless story line. The chapters alternate between the two main characters who relate the story in first person. However, the author sometimes gets his 'first persons' mixed up, causing the reader, in confusion, to continually check the page headings to see who is speaking.

The two main characters are Rayford Goodman, a straight detective who is described as "the wrong side of fifty, heavier side of two hundred, and shorter side of six feet," (note the missing nouns) and Mark Bradley, a Gay writer in his thirties. This mis-matched pair are thrown together, against their wishes, to solve the murder(s). I suspect an underlying Freudian meaning in the author's choice of names for the two men: Good(man) for the straight and (the) Mark

for the Gay. (Note my missing nouns). They don't like each other, but the reader will soon dislike these cardboard characters, too.

The dialogue is dreadful. Frequently important nouns or verbs are missing in the direct quotes, apparently in an effort to mimic spoken language. It doesn't work, but simply makes for very jerky, difficult reading as the reader backs up for a second reading, trying to supply the missing words in order to make sense of the sentence.

The book begins with a murder that could be a case of mistaken identity, and as it drags on there are several more murders, each happening just when the reader is ready to quit the book from boredom. This reviewer almost quit reading when the detective's cat was pointlessly murdered! Multiple murders are standard in murder mysteries; usually the new corpse that crops up is the character you have just decided was the murderer. Cutler's murders just happen for no other reason than to keep you from throwing the book away, unfinished. Even in the ending when the detective and writer are trying to tie up loose ends and identify the murderer, one murder remains unsolved and the plot line is so mixed up, you do not know how they arrived at their conclusion to select the murderer.

If Mr. Cutler understands the Gay sensibility, it does not show in his character Mark. Mark is Gay because Cutler says he is and because he lives with a younger, cheating, male lover whom he supports. The special perspective of a Gay man is never there and has nothing to do with his personality or his crime solving ability.

One of the dust jacket blurbs talks of Cutler's 'martini-dry wit,' which actually consists of several gin soaked puns scattered throughout the text, the worst being: "Old Louie B. days (bidets?)" Such garbled (Garbo'd) puns do not make wit, but if he can it, I can it. (Reader supply the do... do!)



cited by Milwaukee Magazine as "one of Milwaukee's top attorneys," in a survey of attorneys in the Milwaukee area.

Bob Moore has also been active in the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community. He is a founder of Milwaukee GAMMA, served on the board of the Lambda Rights Network and has been active in numerous organizations, including Lutherans Concerned, Gay Peoples' Union and the Metro Milwaukee Friendship Group. He was a director of the Executive MBA Program and the Small Business Institute at UW-Milwaukee, where he also served as an assistant professor in Finance.

There is no charge for this event. For more information, call 963-9833.

Workshops on mental health

Green Bay [NWI] — Even before Judy Hodel finished her two-hour seminar in September on 'Gay Shame and Self Esteem,' some of the more than 50 participants already were asking her to come back.

Hodel will oblige beginning this month with a series of three workshops targeting mental health issues in the Gay/Lesbian community.

Hodel, a clinical social worker who has done extensive counseling with Gay and Lesbian clients, and Dr. Marilyn Liljestrom, a psychologist who conducts women's groups at Fox Valley Hospital.

Each of the three, free seminars is sponsored by Northern Womyn, Inc. and will begin at 7pm in the Fox Valley Hospital Cafeteria, 301 E. St. Joseph Street, Green Bay.

• **Jan. 16:** How to build and sustain healthy relationships by laying a foundation of respect, individual identity, and commitment.

• **Jan. 23:** Internalized homophobia: how societal and moral stereotypes impact our sense of shame.

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For more information, call Lynn at (414) 465-1374, or Kathy at (414) 469-9077.

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Books

The Holly Woodlawn Story

A Low Life in High Heels: The Holly Woodlawn Story by Holly Woodlawn with Jeff Copeland.

St. Martin's Press, Cloth, 305 pp., illustrated, \$19.95

Reviewed by Eldon E. Murray

Born on October 26, 1946 in rural Puerto Rico to a Puerto Rican mother and an American soldier of German descent, Harold Ajzonberg became internationally famous in 1969 when he starred as Holly Woodlawn in a female role in Andy Warhol's infamous film *Trash*. Now, more than twenty years later, Holly's stardom has faded, but 70's people will remember the hysteria as the media followed her phenomenal career on stage, in films, and in cabaret. Holly was, indeed, one of the 70's 'beautiful people.'

In this book Holly and her co-author use the feminine pronouns (she, her) for women and for men who live entirely in drag (although they do not like the word 'drag'). For men living in masculine attire (even when entertaining in drag), the pronouns revert to the masculine (he, him). I will follow this preference in this review even though it may seem confusing at times. In this book, Holly tells all; the sleaze, the sensational, the serious, and the sensual — and she tells it in good old-fashioned street language. Sometimes the prose gets as purple and gaudy as one of Holly's gowns, e.g.: "the frigid November winds ravaged the lingering autumn, leaving the barren trees to fend with the bitter December frost. And there I was, out of the chorus and into the gutter, freezing my tits off... And while the freezing air bit at my blushing cheeks, the falling snow teased my hungry mouth as the flakes curled upon my tongue like slumbering nymphs born from the merciful womb of heaven." If you like florid soap opera drama, you will love this

book.

There is so much florid, trashy stuff that, at times, the reader suspects that Holly is not being honest, but simply striving for outrageous sensationalism. She reports in lurid detail some very sordid events in her 'low' life. For example, she makes no apologies for her alcohol and drug excesses which left her sometimes literally in the gutter. She candidly admits that at age 23, she introduced a 15 year-old hippie to acid and then, promptly, to Gay sex. The boy, apparently was not unwilling for he became her lover and saved her life more than once when she overdid the drugs. High on 'ludes,' her appearance on stage at the Continental Baths was a disaster, but she pulled herself together and after much rehearsal of good material she became the toast of the town at Reno Sweeney, Manhattan's hottest nightclub. Even the toughest critics praised her talent. Evidently when Holly was 'good' she was 'very, very good,' but when she was 'bad' she was 'horrid.' Riding on her Reno Sweeney laurels, she performed in cabarets all over the country during the 1970s.

As club dates dwindled in the early 80s Holly appeared in a few hardly remembered off Broadway productions, and mercifully, the book has little to say about this period. She simply jumps to Andy Warhol's death and funeral in 1987 as a fitting place to end her story.

The epilog reveals that today Holly is living in Hollywood and is enrolled in a fashion design school. She winds up the book with these words: "If there's any moral at all to be found in this tawdry tale of mine, it is to believe in yourself and, most importantly, believe in your dreams... And of course, I always dream in Technicolor!" The word Technicolor is the only understatement in the whole book!

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Politics on tap at LAMM

"Out at the Polls: LAMM's Political Strategy for 1992" is the topic of the Jan. 16 meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM).

LAMM has just begun to be active politically, yet its endorsement is considered important by many politicians. And many will be running in '92. Reapportionment means that almost every politician could be vulnerable to a well-run campaign.

How can Lesbians make a difference? How does this thing called politics work? Both political aficionados and neophytes who have never even voted can learn something new and help determine LAMM's political direction in '92.

The evening's events begin with a potluck at 6pm, followed by the program at 7pm. The location is the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St.

LAMM meetings are held regularly on the third Thursday of each month. For more information call 264-2600.

CPI's Cupid's Arrow dinner

Green Bay — Center Project Inc., northeast Wisconsin's HIV/AIDS testing, counseling and education center is holding 'Cupid's Arrow Dinner Celebration' Saturday, February 1.

All proceeds from the event will benefit CPI. Sensenbrenner Union at St. Norbert's College in De Pere will be the site of the dinner, with mistress of ceremonies duties capably filled by Erin Davisson on Channel 5. Entertainment will be provided by Randy Bouche and the Bay Area Chorus.

The evening begins at 6:30pm with a social hour (cash bar), dinner at 7:30 and entertainment beginning at 8:15. Dinner offers a choice between Boneless Breast of Chicken stuffed with wild rice or Stuffed Filet of Sole. Tickets are \$35 for individuals, or \$240 for the corporate option with a table for eight. RSVP by January 27 to (414)437-7400.

NABWMT national confab

Dallas, Texas hosts "Bridging The Gap With Brotherhood," the 12th annual convention of the **National Association of Black and White Men Together** from June 21-28.

Workshops, speakers and seminars await participants which will focus upon the commitment to the elimination of the AIDS epidemic within our community.

The Convention in Dallas, where the south meets the west, will be a unique blend of pride and energy. Host group Men of All Colors Together/ Dallas, is 10 years old and part of the Dallas Gay Alliance which has its own community center.

During the weekend, "Razzle Dazzle Dallas," occurs — it is the Gay and Lesbian social event of the year in Texas, with over 10,000 people converging on the 20th for dancing, carnival events, shows, raffles and revelry. Convention attendees are urged to arrive a day early so as not to miss this special celebration of Gay life.

Registration fees for the Convention (which include the banquet) are \$100 through March 31, and \$125 from April 1-June 20. A \$20 surcharge will be added to registrations after June 20. Requests for scholarships must be received by February 1.

For more information or to receive registration materials, write to: MACT Dallas, Convention '92, PO Box 190611, Dallas, Texas 75219. Or call Michael McVay at (214) 650-0760.

Religion: friend and foe

Milwaukee [GMDG] — Religious traditions have often been a source of pain and oppression for Gay men. They can also be source of spiritual direction and comfort. Whether Christian, Atheist, Jewish, Muslim, New Age, or a member of any other belief system, religion continues to have a significant impact on our lives as Gay Men. Please join the Gay

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top, it's your option) or keep the interior light on, thus enabling the cruisers-on-foot to readily inspect the merchandise."

"I resolve to be slightly more unique in my pre-recorded phone machine outgoing messages — 'I'm not able to come to the phone right now, but if you'll leave your name and number at the beep, I'll get right back to you.'" (I thought Gay people were supposed to be witty. Well, at least amusing. But at the very least, start telling the truth in your outgoing phone messages: 'I will NOT get right back to you. Why do you think I bought this machine in the first place — to avoid talking to bozos like you!?' Now really, don't you owe your callers that candor?)

If even these resolutions are too challenging for you, how about this final one? "I resolve to stop making New Year's resolutions." (There! I dare you to break THAT one!!!)

My personal intention is to wish my dear Lesbian/Gay readers (resolute or otherwise), "Happy Ninety-two-oo to you- oo!!!"




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unidentifiable stains in his Calvins. Subsequent sales of his album will plummet.

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MALE DANCERS WEDNESDAYS

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Part of it, too, with us, has to do with trust. I mean, it seems to me that if you're willing to trust someone with your **body** and with your fragile **psyche**, you really should be able to trust her with something as replaceable as money. But, not everyone has the same relationship with money.

Anyway, this is not to say — trust issues or not trust issues — that there are not problems with getting a joint account. Whose goes first on the check? How do you decide whether to get the plain ol' pinstripe patterned checks, which you want, or the little bunnies, which she wants? Who gets to carry the checkbook? And how do you send away for a gift for your girlfriend without her knowing?

If you have lots of dough, this last might not be a problem: just take out cash under the pretext of 'mad' money (which is — what? hiring a hit man?) and get a money order. However, if your financial situation is like ours, each of you knows where every penny is and what it was spent for. You won't find any spare change in our couch cushions, for instance. Popcorn maybe, but no dimes or nickels.

Anyway, to buy my baby the compost bin of her dreams for her birthday (what a shitty birthday present, as our friend Laura said), I took out a loan from my credit union at work and gave the cash to a friend who then wrote a check to the company. It worked like a charm: Kathleen never suspected a thing. She was totally surprised. Now just imagine how surprised she'll be when she opens that package of coffee grounds and egg shells on Valentine's Day. Hey — what good's a compost bin without something to put in it? But the best part is, I won't even need to write a check!

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No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

Resolutions solutions

It is now nineteen ninety- two. Do you know where your last year's resolutions are? No doubt they were long ago broken and forgotten, just like every other New Year's resolution you have made before. Maybe the problem is that you are picking goals that are just too difficult — "I promise to give up smoking, drinking, overeating, drugging, compulsive shopping, and sleazig." (Oh sure, maybe if you have a life-time pass to the Betty Ford Institute and plan to check out every self-help book in the local library!)

Or perhaps your goals are a tag too vague — "I will be a better person next year." (Yeah, You and Saddam Hussein, right?) Might I suggest a few resolves that are just a little more realistic, down to earth (maybe even in the gutter) and applicable to your particular, personal (trashy even) lifestyle? And so in the tradition of **The Annual Sister Dana New Years Resolution Solution**, I submit to you these helpful intentions:

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"I resolve to have the phone company put a block on my telephone, thereby preventing me from making those frenzied phone-sex calls in the middle of the night." (This should reduce your monthly bill to a slightly more manageable, no longer up-there- in-the- four-digits number.)

"If I can't bite the bullet and bring myself to get the phone-sex block installed, then I resolve to describe myself over the phone with just a little more accuracy, no longer adding inches here and subtracting inches there." (Ditto for your outright lying about vital statistics over computer bulletin boards).

For the would-be monogamous: "I resolve to stop hearing wedding bells and planning our china patterns when I go out with someone for the first time." (At least wait until you find out if they snore

or if they already have a lover.)

For the would-not- be monogamous: "I resolve to gather all the phone numbers I've collected last year from various overnight visitors (we're heavily euphemizing here), alphabetize the stack into 26 neat piles, and begin actually calling some of them." ("Hi, you probably don't remember me, but we met in the meat department of the Safeway six months ago, and...")

"I resolve to actually **keep** some of these dates and go out somewhere, especially since my VCR is in the shop for repairs again." (Speaking of which, why not resolve to keep the clear plastic protective cover on the VCR and reduce the amount of Crisco build-up in the machine during your one-handed dates)

"I resolve to show up at functions five minutes early, and stop using my not-so-clever- anymore excuse, "Oh, I figured you meant **GAY TIME**, and added an hour!" Note: if you're the anal-retentive type who always arrives an hour **EARLY** ("Gee, I hope I didn't interrupt anything between you two lovebirds"), you need to resolve to show up five minutes **LATE**.

"I resolve to give my neighbors a rest and aim my telescope at the **sky** for a change." (After all, you bought that high-powered thing to be able to see the red planet Mars in the galaxy, not the red-hot babes in the apartment across the street, you voyeuristic star-gazer you).

(And speaking of **moons**...) "I resolve to stop being an exhibitionist in my window toward what in reality is my neighbor's potted palm tree or floor lamp, and not my actual neighbor." (While you're at it, better resolve to get a new, stronger prescription for your eyeglasses).

"I resolve to send Sister Dana a nice, expensive, belated New Years Day birthday gift." (Now wait just a minute, how'd that one get in here???)

"In my nightly, after-hours cruisions, I resolve to drive with my top down (either the convertible's or your own

Photos by Karen Zimmermann



Top — Gale Davy [Gay Gourmet] was chief cook and fundraiser for the Kate Clinton Benefit Reception for LAMM. Left — Clinton serving cheesecake [literally and figuratively]. Right — Clinton and LAMM member Stephanie Hume — comedy duo?

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Men's Discussion Group as we focus on religion and its effects, both positive and negative, on our spiritual journeys.

Discussion is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 from 6 to 8pm and will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave. Come and share your own struggles regarding religion or belief systems in your own lives.

The GMDG is designed to be a safe and supportive place for us to share with one another what our diversity of experiences as Gay men is and can be. Pre-registration is not required, and the cost is a \$2 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Bill Hanel at 271-2565.

Intl. Mr. Leather

Chicago — International Mr. Leather, now in its fourteenth year, has evolved into the largest leather event in the world.

In anticipation of another sell-out crowd, IML has taken some steps this year to expand International Mr. Leather, moved to a new theatre, added several hotels, and have included a post-contest Warehouse Party which promises to be hot and heavy.

As always, IML will seat the room on a first-come, first-served basis. Preferential seating will also be afforded to groups of eleven or more. Unlike previous years, IML will not be able to honor special seating requests unless all members of your party reserve their tickets at the same time.

To assist you in making phone reservations, IML has secured a toll-free '800' number. When you call, you'll be able to reserve your Weekend Package Tickets, make hotel reservations, and purchase optional meal packages. Our operators can also direct you to reduced fare airline tickets.

Ask anyone who's ever been to International Mr. Leather, it's the annual event you don't want to miss. To ensure your place at this year's contest, call NOW (800) 545-6753.

Interfaith Pride celebration planning

Milwaukee — The Inter-Faith Celebration Committee [IFCC] for Pride Week has begun its planning. Part of the planning this year is to express concern for more involvement on the parts of as many different faiths and expressions as possible. This was the initial thrust of the first two meetings of the Steering Committee.

Therefore, IFCC is inviting everyone who would like to be involved to contact us as soon as possible to express your interest and commitment to be involved in the planning of the Pride Week Inter-Faith Celebration this year. IFCC's intent is to be as inclusive as there are people and expressions who would like to join us.

A session is planned February 1, 1992 at The Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism, 2266 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI, 53202, Suite 324, phone 276-8487, from 9am to 4pm. At this meeting, IFCC will be sharing faiths and beliefs so that we can develop who we are and where we arrive from.

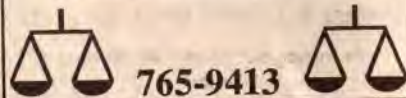
Please contact us at Dignity, P.O. Box 597, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Gay film series

Great Lakes Film & Video will be sponsoring a Gay/Lesbian film series at various Milwaukee sites between March 6-13. For a complete schedule, please contact Mary Yelanjian or Patrick Wright at 229-6971. Watch In Step for more details. ▽

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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipfer

Sex, lies and money market accounts

The category is: most likely to cause trouble in a relationship. And the winner is — oops there's a tie: sex, housework, and money.

Chances are, if there is trouble in paradise, it centers around one of these three things. We have a simple way of dealing with this in our household: we don't have two of them and don't bother with the third, as my girlfriend puts it. (I'll leave you to sort out which is which.) Anyway, that solves that.

Now of course, these problem areas are not unique to Gay and Lesbian couples; straight couples have essentially the same types of problems. However, that doesn't mean that there aren't, in fact, differences.

I know you're probably all hoping that I'm going to talk about sex here, but the truth is, the only thing on my mind is money.

What **does** differ between straight couples and Lesbian/Gay couples is how the money is handled. In straight relationships, the money is traditionally pooled. That's not to say that the money is equally **shared**, mind you, but the usual thing to do, nonetheless, is to put all moneys into joint accounts.

Such expectations are not necessarily held in Gay and Lesbian relationships. As with many things in our relationships, we have to make it up as we go along — which makes us very interesting — and tired — people. Anyway, over the years, people have developed a number of ways to deal with money in a homosexual relationship — where both people (or no one) may where the pants in the family.

Perhaps the most clear-cut way is to maintain separate households and go dutch on any food or entertainment. (Just why is it called 'dutch,' anyway! Is that some kind of ethnic slur?) In any case, while that sort of arrangement keeps

money matters very unambiguous, all that commuting would drive me crazy. Then too, there's the problem of remembering where you left what — your place? Or hers? And believe me, as I get older, remembering **anything** is more and more a problem. As I'm fond of saying, we only have one brain in our household — and my lover Kathy has it most of the time.

Anyway, apparently to avoid just such commuting and memory hassles, some folks cohabit but judiciously divy up all joint expenses, leaving each person responsible for her own personal expenses — and each couple to decide whether tampons and ice cream count as joint — or personal. One couple I know was so organized that each month, they would put all of their receipts in a fish bowl — presumably sans water and fish — and figure out at the end of the month who owed what to whom.

Kathleen and I merely marvel at such efficiency: we are not that kind of couple. For us, a major feat of organization is to enter all checks in the register. Our lack of organizational ability aside, we have another reason for not handling money like that: laziness. All that calculating and keeping track — why, that time could be spent doing housework, or having sex... or going solstice shopping.

Basically, here's how we do it: put all of our money into our joint checking account and spend it 'til it's gone — and apparently the faster, the better. We tried for awhile to each put X amount of dollars into a joint account for household expenses and maintain our separate individual accounts for our own stuff, but one of us would invariably run out of money before the other, and we were not, predictably, very good at keeping track of who borrowed how much from whom. And then there were the **three** checking accounts to balance... Eventually, we just gave up the pretense of economic independence.

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Flicks

Cook premieres new film

Local award winning filmmaker, Cathy C. Cook will be premiering her latest film, **The Match That Started My Fire** on Sunday, February 9 at 2pm at the Avalon Theatre, 2473 South Kinnickinic. The event is sponsored by Great Lakes Film & Video.

The Match That Started My Fire (1991, 20 min.) juxtaposes candid interviews with women about their early sexual discoveries, fantasies, and pleasures with an impressionistic collage of sometimes suggestive imagery. The film began out of the filmmaker's curiosity about the exclusion of women's sexuality in sex education films of the 1950's and 1960's. The film has already been shown at PS.122 and Artist's space in New York, Chicago Filmmaker's, and the L.A. Film Forum.

Cook will also show her other films: **Mother Nature** (1992, 5 min.), **Bust Up** (1989, 7 min.), **June Brides** (1987, 10 min.), **26 +** (1983, 6 min.), and **Toe Jam** (1985, 6 min.). Like her latest film, Cook's past work is an exploration of women's sexuality and desire. She uses animation, collage, found footage, and elaborate sets to make films that are both funny and biting social critiques.

Cook's films have been shown throughout the United States and internationally at the Montreal Women's International Film Festival, EXPERI in Bonn Germany, and the London Gay and Lesbian Film Festival and Tour. She is the recipient of grants from Film in the Cities and Intermedia Arts.

The entire program will last about an hour and will be followed by a reception. Tickets cost \$3 and are available at the door. For more information, please call Great Lakes Film & Video at 229-6971.



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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Howdy Freaks and Friends, Booger Gals and Gal Pals! No, I haven't lost it — just injecting some Orlando colloquialisms into my act. I arrived back from my week in Florida on Thursday, January 9 — 16 hours after my scheduled arrival. Our plane developed hydraulic system problems as we were preparing for take-off. Thank God they found the problem BEFORE we took off or I might be just another statistic by now.

I left for Florida New Year's morning with 7 staffers from Club 219. What a trip! The seven of them worked through the night New Year's Eve, and when I arrived at 6am for our 8am flight, they were just closing the bar. I had slept all night — went to bed at 10pm and greeted '92 with ZZZZZZZ's. Naturally they had all been drinking.

My roommate Kim Z., who is also 219's DJ, carfed at least six times on the airplane... he blamed it on motion sickness. Hah!

I had hoped since none of them had slept, that once we settled into the infamous Parliament House Resort — they'd all pass out and I'd get first dibs at the men. It didn't work that way — especially with Scott (Stud Scud) Gunkel along on the trip. We lost track of his tricks after hitting several dozen in seven days!

I had heard all kinds of damning scuttlebutt about the P. House but none of it was true — rooms were clean, and comfortable — not luxurious, but not sleazy by any means. The complex has plenty to do — a country bar, disco, leather bar, piano lounge, a quiet bar, pool-side bar and a tiered seating show bar. Other facilities are a 24 hour cafe, antique store, erotic shop, pool, and volleyball court.

The disco is the most popular in Orlando, but the main feature at P. House is the cruising. Want a little action? Romance awaits you if you crack open your room door and curtains — men cruise the sidewalks outside all the rooms 24

hours a day. (Guess that's why the cafe is open 24 hours — after all — that 'walking' works up an appetite!) Not for the prudish, but if you leave your curtains and door closed, no one will bother you.

Security is excellent with a guard on duty 24 hours at the entrance gate to the compound, and at least one guard constantly roaming the facilities. I heard of no fights, break-ins or incidents in the seven days we stayed there and I swear at times there were over 700 people in the complex.

Rooms are inexpensive at about \$42 a night including all taxes. The location on the Orange Blossom Trail is gentrified... NOT! But the immediate area around P. House is tolerable.

The New Year's Day Citrus Bowl was in full swing less than two blocks away — we could see the crowds from the motel.

My western facing room looked out over a driveway, the volleyball court, grass, a sandy beach and a lake — all lined with palm trees. What a way to wake up in January!

Tommy (Totie) Polubinsky and Kevin (dwarf-tosser) Rotar were, shall we say, 'testy' until they finally got 'it' the fourth day we were there. BJ (Bjorn Davies) Daniels was a hit as a Miss at the talent contest and won the \$75 cash prize — which she immediately went out and blew on two new wigs at a shop in the trendy historic downtown area known as Church Street Station. BJ was invited back as a special guest for their regular Saturday night show. She wowed 'em — ain't no Queen in Orlando like Biddley B.

The other two on the trip were "arranger" and financier Bob (George, aka Roberta) Lyons and his other half Chris (we want a 3-way) Schulte. Bob, Chris and Scott opted to stay in Orlando for another five days after the mishap with the plane. Roberta claimed it was because he wouldn't fly in a plane with mechanical problems, but we all knew that was just a convenient excuse to stay longer. Hell, he probably sabotaged the plane! They'll

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Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

Predictions 1992

Michael Jackson's bloody demise... Scandal beams aboard the **Starship Enterprise**... **Barbra Streisand's** steamy love scene with 60-foot lizard... these are just a few of the astounding predictions for the coming year made by **W. W. Wells III**, whose incredible second sight makes him the world's leading Gay clairvoyant.

After gazing into his magical crystal brooch, here's what the amazing **W. W. Wells III** forecasts for 1992:

After the lukewarm success of **The Prince of Tides**, big-billed songstress, **Barbra Streisand** will announce plans to co-star in a romantic comedy with **Godzilla**. Hollywood honchos will deny the unusual casting choice was influenced by pressure from Japanese investors in the film industry.

Queasy stomached **President Bush** will fail in his re-election bid, after he throws up all over moderator **Peter Jennings'** new **Armani** suit during a presidential debate. In an ironic twist, the event will pull the US out of recession as sales in **Pepto Bismol** skyrocket.

Citing cruel and unusual treatment, animal rights activists will lead a boycott of theatres showing, **Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country**, after a bald **William Shatner** (Captain Kirk) admits he's been wearing a cute, fuzzy **Tribble** on the top of his head for the last 25 years. Reporters will be unable to confirm this story when the **Enterprise's** elderly surgeon, **Dr. McCoy**, falls and can't get up.

In an desperate effort to head off starvation in his homeland, Russian bigwig **Boris Yeltsin** will visit New York and fail in his attempt to trade a nuclear warhead for a **Wendy's** gift certificate. Defeated and depressed, he will end up joining **Mikhail Gorbachev** in front of a **K-Mart** carrying signs which read: "Will Work for Food."

Hoping to cash in on the success of **Oliver Stone's JFK**, cult filmmaker, **John**

Waters will release a controversial film which uses archival footage and dramatic re-enactments to implicate dead diva, **Divine**, in a foiled conspiracy to kill the former President. The convoluted plot implicates **Divine** (cleverly disguised as a pudgy **Marilyn Monroe**) in "The Single Butt Theory" in which her attempt to sit on him to death is foiled by quick thinking **Jackie** who kept a gun in hidden in her pillbox hat.

After replacing **Dustin Hoffman** in the title role, pop nutball **Michael Jackson** will hook himself to death during filming of the sequel to **Steven Spielberg's Hook**, when he repeatedly grabs his crotch during a pointless dance sequence.

The on-again, off-again romance of **Oprah Winfrey** and **Stedman** will be off-permanently after a plane carrying the love birds crashes in the Andes Mountains and ravenous **Oprah** is forced to eat **Stedman** in order to survive the grueling day-long ordeal.

Due to a severe allergy to body make-up, illustrated songstress, **Cher** will announce plans to stop making movies and join a carnival side show as a tattooed lady.

Taking it's cue from **Court TV** and the **William Kennedy Smith** trial, a Florida firm will market a portable, computer generated gray blotch to cover the face of a bed-partner whose face is less appealing than the body it's attached to.

In attempt to squelch persistent rumors, **Madonna** will test negative for the virus. However, she will test positive for being a dumb blond.

At a sold out concert performance, hunky hip-hopper **Marky Mark**, of **Marky Mark and the Funky Bunch** will trip, fall, break both arms and scrunch his ornaments when his legs get caught while dropping his pants, during what has become his trademark exposure of his lilly white boy-panties. Witnesses at the scene will report skid marks other

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have to get transfusions and injections of B complex to keep Gunkel going for another five days. (And he doesn't even eat oysters!)

We did manage to set aside three touristy days — a trip to Epcot Center, Universal Studios and a day trip to Cocoa Beach (an hour away) to walk in the Atlantic Ocean surf and sand in our bare feet. Epcot was great, Universal too, and the lines weren't even long. Good timing on our part.

Perfect conditions, weatherwise. Upper 60's and low 70's were the highs, and 40's to 60's at night. To us, it was spring, and we laughed at the locals who were bundled in coats and long pants — we ran around in shorts and T's.

All good things must come to an end, and after the flight delay and an unplanned night-long layover in St. Louis I arrived at the office just in time to dive into deadline. What a way to get back into the swing of things!

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Christmas and New Year's seem so far in the past, that I don't see the sense in re-hashing too many events from that long ago. Some highlights: **Club 94's** Follies Girls presented "A Gingerbread Christmas" and managed to raise \$827 for the South East Wisconsin AIDS Project.

Fest City Singers and the **Cream City Chorus** both presented lovely holiday concerts, and the fledgling **Different Drummer Theatre Alliance** premiered with **Adam and the Experts**.

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Green Bay's Bay Area Chorus presented its first holiday concert with an organ recital and social added to fill out the evening.

The bars all had Christmas and New Year's Eve events, and there were a multitude of shows to enjoy. **Club 219 Plus** combined their Christmas party with their 2nd Anniversary celebration that was quite the 'do.'

Thousands of former **Ces't La Vie** staffers converged on the bar for a Reunion Party on the quiet weekend between Christmas and New Years.

Things were slow between January 2 and the weekend of Jan. 10, on, when things were scheduled to start picking back up. Unfortunately, that's my deadline time, so I'll have to tell you about that next issue!

We're back on our every two week schedule now, so look for us again by January 30. Until then, see ya later Freaks and Friends!



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, Conversation with Sam Day.

Club 219 Plus: Third Annual Ms. Gay Wisconsin State Pageant presented by King Productions. The only state wide pageant for Lesbians. Contestants vie in interview, talent & evening wear. Winner gets \$200 cash. Applications at 219 or King Productions (708) 746-6758.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Partners: Best Physique in Milwaukee Contest. 10:30pm, \$200 in cash & prizes.

LAMM Meeting: "Out at the Polls: Lamm's Political Strategy for '92," potluck 6pm, program at 7, MEC, 2821 N. 4th St. For more info 264-2600.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

GALVANIZE Fundraising Dance [Madison]: Great Hall, Memorial Union.

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling 5-8pm.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Hosts Rod's bartenders in an exchange.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Ballgame: After the Holiday Christmas Party, 4pm-? Drink specials, prizes, hors d'oeuvres.

Wizards: Beach Party! Bar opens 5, party starts 8. Live entertainment, food, prizes. Those in summerwear get reduced prices. Male & female bikini contests.

ZA's [Green Bay]: "What About Me" a consciousness raising play about AIDS, \$1 cover.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Club 219 Plus: Ginger Spice Memorial Show as a benefit for MAP called "I Remember You" it will be a celebration of Ginger's life & talent. 10pm showtime. Contact bar for advance tickets & table reservations.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Council Vote on Pride Parade Funding [Milw.]: Full Common Council votes on funding for festivals, including the '92 Gay & Lesbian Pride Celebration. Supporters are asked to attend in force. 9am vote, Common Council Chambers, 3rd floor in City Hall.

Down Hill Skiing: Evening skiing at Alpine Valley, be there 6:30pm. 2 for the price of 1, GAMMA will coordinate, call 963-9833.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm. Milwaukee Pride Rally in June '91 with 3 main speakers: David Clarenbach, Peri Jude Radecic, Sgt. Perry Watkins.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

LRN's Political Party: The Lambda Rights Network holds elections, gives out awards, & offers all a chance to mingle with political leaders & hopeful's, 6pm-on, Wisconsin Hotel Colonial Room. Cash bar, hot & cold snacks served.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

ZA's [Green Bay]: Grand Opening Weekend celebrating the completion of our new level, 'The 90's'. Mary Richards & The Milwaukee Girls, 10pm showtime. (Lip Sync canceled this week.)

3B's Bar: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 8:30pm to midnight.

Gallery Night - GAMMA: Treks to open art galleries, begin at 5:45pm at Memorial Hall, War Memorial Center, Call 963-9833 for info.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Wreck Room: '92 MAP Food Pantry Drive Kick-off with Roger Deely's Birthday Bash, 7-9pm. Open bar & hors d'oeuvres with a minimum \$5 donation (cash or food) donation requested.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Grand Opening Weekend, Laser Karoke Contest, \$50 winner, drink specials, give-aways.

Phaze II: Miss Gay Wausau Mary Miller.
Rod's [Madison]: Bar crawl to Milwaukee.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Nitengales: Superbowl on 5 screens, \$1.50 Bloody Marys, Snacks.

Triangle: Superbowl Party.
ZA's [Green Bay]: Grand Opening Weekend, free buffet 5-7pm, open bar

Poor People's Campaign which embraced all who could not survive due to poverty and ignorance. He began more and more often to speak about a society without tolerance and a world without compassion.

Yet today most of the problems faced by people of color, women and Gays/Lesbians are the result of a society which has no morality and fails to value human life over all other entities.

If Martin Luther King were alive in 1992, he'd be fighting for national health care, for an end to discrimination against people because of their sexual preference, for an end to a society which values missels more than morality.

He'd be working with Gays/Lesbians to help organize the April 25, 1993 Gay and Lesbian March on Washington.

But Martin Luther King is dead. He can't help us do it. He can't help us follow his dream.

Can we finish the job, without him! Can we use this march planned for April, 1993 as a beginning? At this point the 4 states making up what has been divided into the

Midwest region (SD, ND, WI and MN) has only one representative. There seems to be severe apathy and complacency about this event.

Yet this could be the Gay and Lesbian equivalent of the 1963 March on Washington. It could be our turn to stand up and demand our dignity! To say we will overcome!

We don't have a Martin Luther King, who speaks for us with brilliance or charisma. We can hide, because sexual preference can be hidden in a way blacks never had the chance to do.

Or, we can learn from Dr. King's accomplishments. We can march 1 million strong on April, 25, 1993 and change our world once and for all. This march can send the same message to the powers that be, that the 1963 march did. More importantly, we can reclaim our dignity the way Southern blacks did by standing up for their rights!

If we do, we will be finishing Dr. King's dream. If we fail to, his legacy will remain intact. But will our own?



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Martin Luther King and Gays

It has been 24 years since Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee. I had the opportunity of working for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLU) when I was only 19 years old. I also had the privilege of interacting with Dr. King and getting to know him slightly.

Despite all the critics who have come forward over the years in an effort to debunk and defame the legacy of Dr. King, his contribution to this nation remains untarnished.

Dr. King's gift was his belief in himself and in his people. His willingness to go forth despite the omnipresent threat of assassination; his belief that non-violent civil disobedience would work. His eloquence at defining the pain and torment of segregation and prejudice. Most importantly, his ability to convince people who had been ignored, abused and discounted of the value of their contribution — their ability to actually change the very system which denied their dignity.

Marching with Dr. King was a unique experience. You really got to see his effect on the common, everyday person. People who never believed they would be doing such a thing were right there marching behind him, believing in their power to change the world.

So now almost 25 years later, how much has that world changed? In the South, it has changed profoundly. Returning in 1988, almost 20 years after I left was amazing! Not only are all there the all

obvious changes, but the subtle, attitudinal changes as well.

White only signs are but a dim memory as are situations akin to riding on the back of the bus. But there is a belief system which is different. Martin Luther King is embraced as one of the South's heroes; Andrew Young, former King aide as a former Southerner who made good. (Fact is Andy was born and raised in the North, but after serving as Mayor of Atlanta and a Congressman, has managed to be embraced as one of their own.)

With as many problems of poverty and slums as remain, one only need to spend a week in any Southern city to know what King's real legacy was.

Changes are apparent in the North also. Blacks are mayor in many Northern cities. Big deal, some may say, but that's the problem, it is a big deal!

Yet many northern attitudes and belief systems seem less changed. Therein lies the part of Dr. King's message that never got accomplished. It might have if he had lived longer, but that's something we'll never know.

As Dr. King grew, he realized that he had to be more than the messenger of non-violence, and more than the savior of his own race. He saw that the very problems which led to a system of segregation and racism being tolerated were systemic and world wide. He began speaking out about issues such as Vietnam and organized marches like the

6-7pm, dancing 7-midnight with cocktail hour prices.

The New Bar [Madison]: The Dream Team Male dance troupe. \$6 advance tickets includes free drink & seating. \$7 at the door.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Superbowl Party. Beer/Soda bust, raffle, food (we'll have Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, you bring a dish to pass).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

The 90's [Green Bay]: Now open weekdays.

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

The New Bar [Madison]: Eighth Anniversary Celebration. "The 8 Ball" in Black & White retrospect, cocktail party at 5, entertainment at 10pm. Comedian Kris Francis direct from San Francisco.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Milw. Lavender Network: meeting open to public, is there a future for MLN? 7 pm, Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue on East Side.

Club 219 Plus: Proudly presenting 'The

Dream Team Male Dancers' 11:30 showtime.

HIT Benefit: Tupperware Party, M&M Upstairs Banquet Room, 8pm.

Roller Skating: \$2.50 includes skates, Rollaero, 5200 S. Pennsylvania in Cudahy. 7:30-10pm, Call 963-9833.

Nothing To Hide [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, part 3 of Carter Haywood on "Sexual Ethics & Justice Making."

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

What Are Your Rights?: A Seminar discussing home ownership by lovers; wills & trusts; retirement savings & wealth accumulation, & other estate planning. M&M Club Upstairs Room, 5:30pm refreshments & presentation. No charge. Call 963-9833 for more info.

Partners: White Out Party, free house shots to those wearing white, \$1 rails, 7-close.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

ZA's [Green Bay]: Ms. Emerald City hosts a show (Lip Sync canceled).

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