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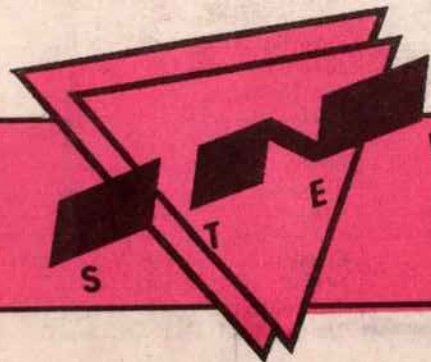
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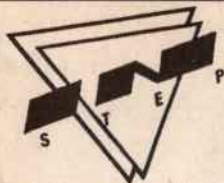
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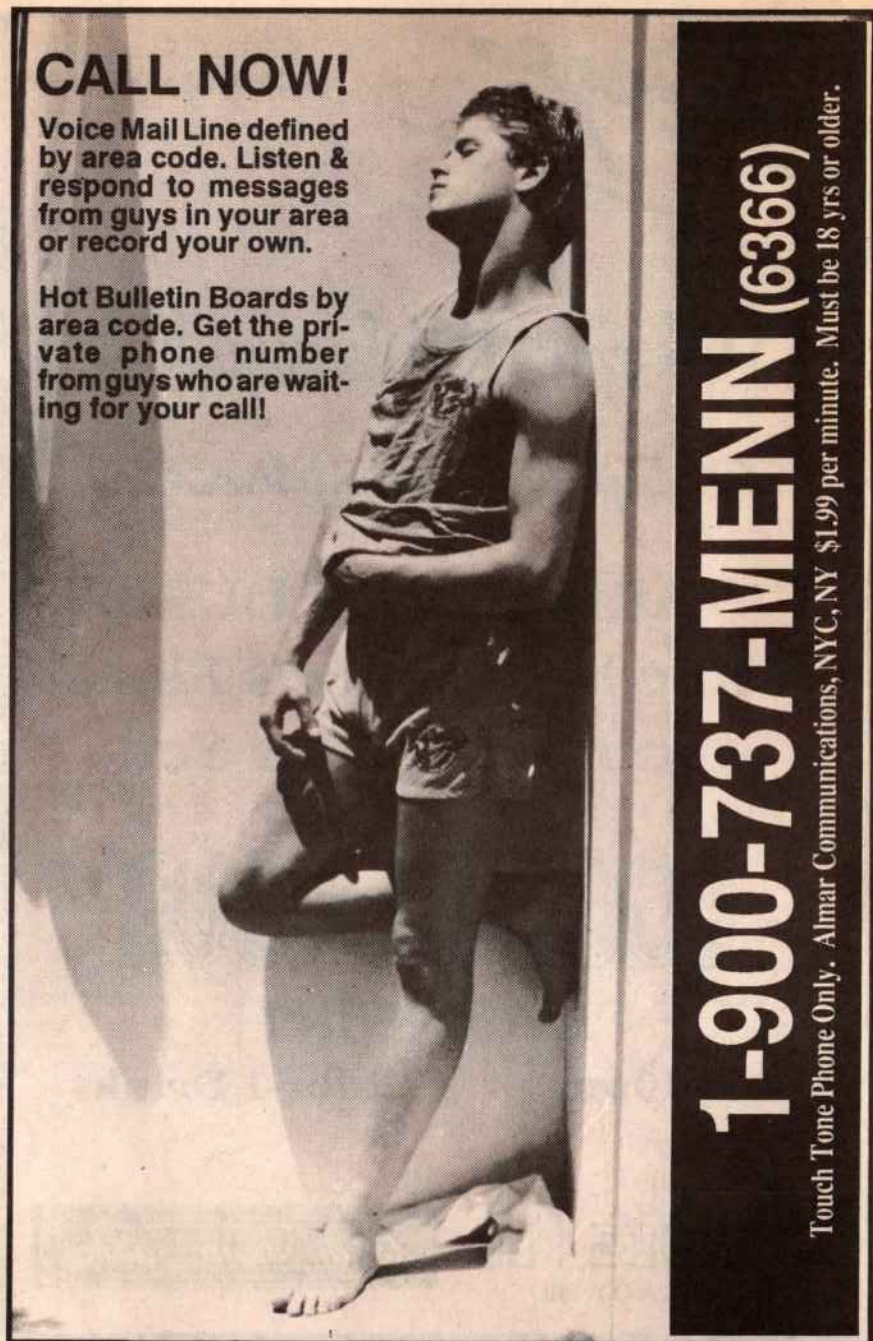
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News

Channels 12 & 18 refuse ACT UP AIDS ad

ACT UP Milwaukee produced its own commercial to raise the AIDS issue in time for the April 7 Wisconsin elections, which included the race for Milwaukee mayor and Wisconsin's Presidential Primary. The thirty-second commercial, which ACT UP had hoped to run on six Milwaukee-area stations, instead ran on only four stations — network affiliates WTMJ TV 4 and WITI TV 12, and independent channels 58 & 46 (the Spanish station).

According to Dan Fons of ACT UP Milwaukee, as of April 1 WVTU Channel 18 said they wouldn't run the ad, but would not put in writing why they refused to do so. WISN TV 12 said they wouldn't run anything controversial or issue oriented so close to the election. Channel 12's Dean Maytag said the station would place their reasons for refusing the ad in writing.

Channel 12 had the ad spot for a week before they decided not to run it. ACT UP had prepaid for the ads to run, and TV 12 had already cashed their check. After the decision not to run the ad, 12 said it would send ACT UP a refund check.

A donation to ACT UP from moneys raised from the "Red, Hot and Blue" compilation album paid for the advertisements. ACT UPs across the country have been diligent in their efforts to make political candidates talk about AIDS and HIV issues.

ACT UP Milwaukee said all the ads were scheduled to run on the Sunday and Monday prior to the Tuesday election.

The commercial, produced in both English and Spanish, featured a bright 'smiley-faced' alarm clock and flashed facts about AIDS. The ad was nonpartisan, mentioning no candidate by name but admonishing all politicians to break their silence on AIDS. It encouraged viewers to 'vote your hopes' on the Tuesday April 7 primary.

ACT UP Milwaukee worked with the generous assistance of videographer Dena Aronson and actor Ric Oquita to produce one of the first political advertisements to speak to the AIDS community.

Other ACT UPs produced a commercial earlier this year in time for the nation's first primary, in New Hampshire. While that spot was refused coverage in New Hampshire, it received air play in Maine. A similar ad was refused in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Milwaukee ad has five worded messages and this spoken message:

"AIDS has killed 130,000 of our loved ones. But while the epidemic rages, our politicians are silent. They won't publicly address the hatred against Gays that hinders safer-sex education. They won't change the sexist government definition of AIDS that keeps women with AIDS from getting benefits. They won't address the racism that keeps people of color out of promising drug trials. Time is running out for the one million Americans with the virus. Make a difference! ACT UP at the polls. Vote Tuesday April 7."

Make A Promise raises \$58,000

Milwaukee — The Make A Promise dinner and silent auction held Saturday evening, March 21, surpassed all goals and expectations. More than 800 guests filled the Grand Ballroom of the Pfister Hotel to capacity.

Striving to realize a goal of \$40,000, the total surpassed \$58,000. Proceeds will benefit the AIDS care and education programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), service agencies of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Clearly, as the challenges of

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AIDS increases, so too has the community's response.

As in each of the special fundraising events produced by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the Make A Promise dinner is borne from necessity and filled with purpose. The escalating support of the community, demonstrated so vividly at such events, enables MAP and SEWAP to continue to provide high-quality, comprehensive programming to each and every person who seeks assistance. Without this support, these services would not be possible.

Doug Nelson, executive director of ARCW, began the show after the dinner by thanking the numerous persons and organizations who have helped the Make A Promise dinner become such an effective tool to meet the challenges of the AIDS epidemic. Specifically, he mentioned members of the corporate, religious, and healthcare communities for their broadening base of support, and the Make A Promise steering committee, chaired by Steve Bahr and Tom Boll. He also thanked the Gay & Lesbian community specifically, as "the foundation" of MAP.

Nelson also issued a challenge — "that each person in the room tonight return to Make A Promise in 1993, and bring a friend... because 1600 people next year is what we will need to help us keep pace with the AIDS epidemic."

Throughout the evening, guests were entertained by outstanding, nationally-acclaimed entertainment. Singer/songwriter Loey Nelson, a Milwaukee native, headlined the show and was introduced by her brother, surprise guest Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist.

Comedienne Jo Ann Dearing, also originally from Milwaukee, and musician Pat McCurdy shared the spotlight.

Presentation of ARCW's first 'Sterling Rose Award' was featured at the 1992 Make A Promise dinner on March 21.

Sharon Otto, president of the Board of Directors for ARCW, presented the first

'Sterling Rose Award' during the dinner to Miller Brewing Company. The prestigious award has been developed to recognize the person, organization, or company that demonstrates meritorious service to the community in response to the AIDS epidemic. Tom Reed, Miller's director of corporate affairs, accepted the award on behalf of the organization.

"In the last several years," said Otto, "the Miller Brewing Company has crossed over the line from being a conscientious corporate citizen concerned with the quality of community life, to an organization that has made a passionate commitment to minimize the chaos visited upon all of us from this pandemic. Miller has declared war on AIDS. All of us in the battle with them richly benefit from their leadership, courage, financial support, and public advocacy. Miller Brewing Company... you have our heart-felt gratitude."

\$470,000 to ACT UPs

Chicago [PAAC]— The Physicians Association for AIDS Care (PAAC) recently distributed \$470,000 in grants to 51 chapters of AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT-UP). The funding represented a portion of the profits from the sale of **Red, Hot and Blue**, an album collection of popular Cole Porter tunes performed by pop/rock superstars including Sinéad O'Connor, Lisa Stansfield, Jimmy Somerville, Iggy Pop, Blondie, U2, Nineh Cherry and David Byrne.

According to Gordon Nary, PAAC's Executive Director, the funds were specifically designated to go to AIDS activists and many of the artists involved in the project specifically requested that some of the funds go to ACT-UP. In announcing the funding, Nary emphasized the critical role that activist groups, particularly ACT-UP, perform in keeping the political and economic issues affecting access to appropriate healthcare and promising investigational drugs at the center of public attention. ACT-UP also serves an important function in keeping up the pressure on government agencies to respond quickly to the changing nature of the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Ousted NEA chief compares controversy to Nazi Germany

By Keith Clark

Washington, DC — John Frohnmayer, outgoing chairman of the embattled National Endowment for the Arts, broke weeks of silence since being fired by bluntly attacking President Bush Monday, March 23, for lacking the courage to stand up to Patrick Buchanan's and other far-right assaults on the federal arts agency.

"Pat Buchanan is a Frankenstein monster that George Bush helped to create," Frohnmayer said in a speech before the National Press Club. He also said Bush has been getting "incredibly bad advice" on handling the controversies over federal funding for the arts. The issue flared up in 1989 when Sen. Jesse Helms (R- N.C.) labeled as "obscene" a Robert Mapplethorpe photo exhibit that was receiving NEA funds and convinced Congress to limit funds to the agency.

The White House forced Frohnmayer from office in February after Buchanan began using past NEA controversies to batter Bush on the campaign trail, promising that if elected he would close the agency and "fumigate" it. Buchanan charged that the NEA had funded "pornographic and blasphemous art" and "glorified homosexuality."

According to Frohnmayer, on Feb. 20 — just two days after Buchanan's surprisingly strong showing in the New Hampshire primary — "Sam Skinner (the White House chief of staff) called me in and handed me my hat." Frohnmayer officially leaves as head of the NEA on May 1.

Frohnmayer drew parallels between the Nazi crusade during the 1930s in Germany against "degenerate art" and recent congressional attacks in America on some NEA grants, particularly Gay and sexually explicit material.

"There was a sign on the wall (of the Nazi Propaganda Ministry) that the Germans had written that said, 'Your tax

money goes to pay for this filth.' That," Frohnmayer said, "could have come right out of the Congressional Record, my friends."

Navy Gay 'witch hunt' at Japan base

By Keith Clark

San Francisco — U.S. Navy officials at the Treasure Island Naval Base here have confirmed has court martialled or discharged more than a dozen sailors stationed at its based in Yokosuka, Japan, just outside Tokyo and that dozens more may face similar disciplinary action.

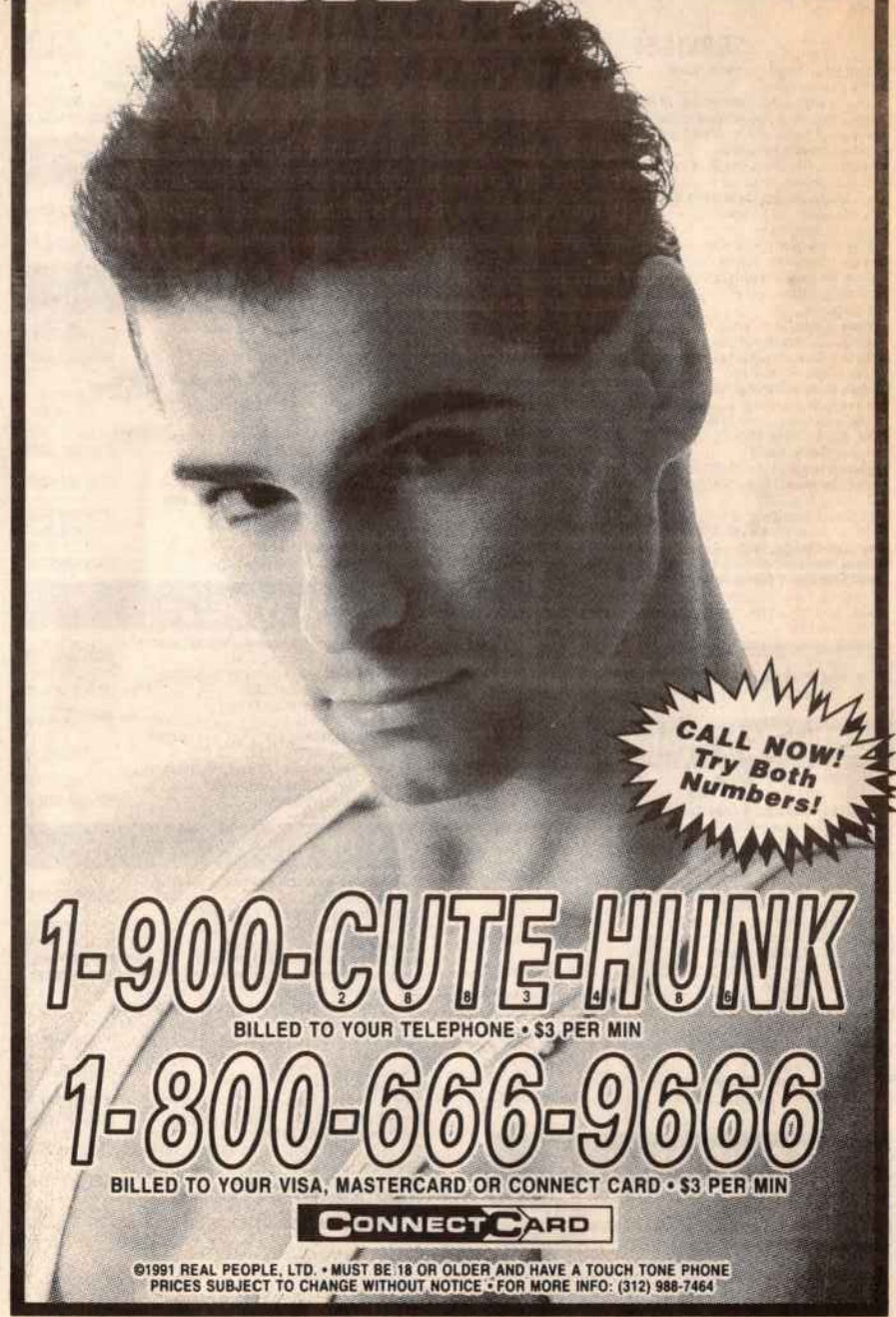
Lt. Commander Robert Anderson here said March 31, two sailors have already been court martialled and at least 11 more from the Yokosuka base currently face discharges of various kinds for "homosexual activity" after two sailors were discovered having sex aboard the U.S.S. Blue Ridge a few months ago.

The two, sources said, had been threatened with courts martial if they didn't cooperate with Naval investigators by naming other Gay sailors at the huge U.S. base in Japan. One source, Steve Krug, 22, who received an honorable discharge from the Navy in March, said the two sailors had named a few others who had then named scores of others, leading to what some are calling a 'witch hunt' at the base.

Several sailors, Krug said, have received four - and five-month suspended sentences, bad conduct discharges, demotions and months of lost pay as part of the Naval disciplinary actions.

Anderson declined to comment on exactly how extensive the Navy's investigation at the base is except to call it "comprehensive" and "on-going."

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Hate Crimes surge in USA

Washington, D.C. [NGLTF] — Violence against Gay men and Lesbians is pervasive around the nation, surging in key U.S. cities, and is having a 'profoundly destructive' impact on Gay people and society in general, says a new report released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

Findings in the seventh annual NGLTF Policy Institute report, **Anti-Gay/ Lesbian Violence, Victimization and Defamation in 1991**, reveal a disturbing increase in attacks on Gay people in five major urban areas around the country. In addition, the report cites examples of 1992 presidential campaign defamation by Patrick Buchanan and others, and negative portrayals of homosexuals in Hollywood movies — including **Basic Instinct** — as fueling anti-Gay prejudice.

A total of 1,822 incidents — including harassment, threats, physical assaults, vandalism, arson, police abuse and murder — were reported to agencies in New York, Boston, Chicago, Minneapolis/St. Paul and San Francisco. The incidents represent a 31 percent increase over 1990 in the same cities.

Among the most serious incidents that increased were anti-Gay murders, which more than doubled. Last year, eight people were killed for being Gay, up from three in 1990. Physical assaults, or 'Gay bashings,' leaped 15 percent and acts of police abuse jumped 29 percent.

"Anti-Gay and Lesbian violence continues to be a widespread and critical problem, provoked by official Gay bashing in politics and popular culture," said Kevin Berrill, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Anti-Violence Project director and author of the report. "Each attack sends a message of hatred and terror intended to silence and render invisible not only the victim but all Gay people.

"Unchecked, these crimes of hate create an atmosphere of fear and intolerance that undermines not only the Gay community, but the democratic and pluralistic foundation of our society."

This year's report focuses on trends in

five key U.S. urban areas with professionally staffed Gay/Lesbian victim assistance agencies. However, the geographic and cultural diversity of the areas, combined with prevalence studies and reports from additional cities, "means it is likely that other U.S. urban areas, and perhaps suburban and rural communities, are experiencing a similar surge," said Berrill.

Berrill noted that the rise in documented anti-Gay episodes reflects a variety of factors, including greater outreach to victims by local agencies and greater levels of reporting by victims. "It is likely, however, that the rising numbers indicate that the problem has intensified. A major factor has to be the increasingly violent backlash against growing Gay visibility — a visibility that ironically has garnered additional political power for Gays."

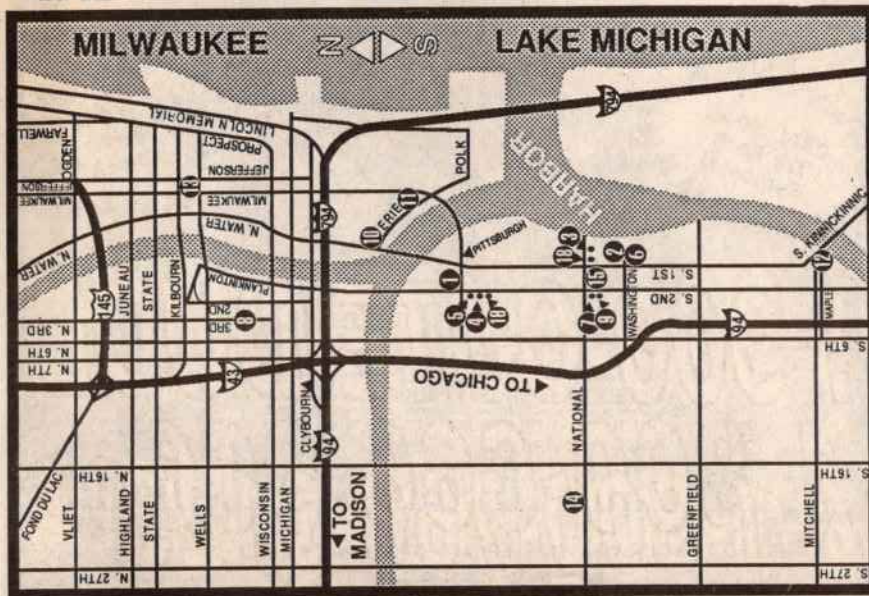
Rising reports of anti-Gay violence in 1992 occurred in a context in which Gays, Lesbians and people with AIDS are routinely vilified and defamed by leaders at every level of government, religion, entertainment and the media. In addition, reports show an increase of hate violence in the U.S. in general against Blacks, Jews, Arabs, Asian-Americans, women and others.

In 1991, NGLTF assisted the FBI with regional seminars aimed at training law enforcement personnel to respond to bias crimes. Meanwhile, hate crimes laws were passed in nine states, bringing to 20 the number of states (not including the District of Columbia) with laws that monitor or penalize anti-Gay crimes. (Wisconsin is one of the States with a hate crimes law.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

The NGLTF Policy Institute report recommends the following actions against anti-Gay/Lesbian violence:

- Increased funding for implementation of the Hate Crime Statistics Act and other measures to counter hate crime;



- Immediate passage of state and local laws to curb anti-Gay/Lesbian violence and other bias crimes;
- Immediate passage of local, state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and prompt repeal of sodomy laws that criminalize private, consenting, adult sexual behavior;
- Mandatory training programs for

Silence of the Oscars

Hollywood — To the relief of organizers of the 64th annual Academy Awards, the promised disruption of the Oscars telecast by Lesbian and Gay activists failed to materialize although protest outside the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion drew scores of demonstrators from Queer Nation and OutRage groups around the country. At least 11 protesters were arrested on an assortment of minor charges as more than 100 officers in riot gear kept a watchful eye on the approximate 200 demonstrators.

During the awards, the nearly 1 billion worldwide TV viewers of the program did get to witness history as the first open Lesbian won an award and acknowledged her 'life partner' during her acceptance speech as well as the lover of another Oscar winner accepting for his deceased partner. Scores of Hollywood's Glitteratti were also conspicuously sporting red ribbons memorializing people with AIDS throughout the production. So numerous were the ribbons, in fact, that comic Billy Crystal and actor Richard Gere both took time to make sure viewers around the world understood their purpose.

Outside, the demonstrators said they were protesting Hollywood's portrayals of Gays and Lesbians as "freaks, killers and psychopaths" and that negative stereotyping in the film industry must change. But the tightest security in the history of the Oscars apparently kept protesters on the outside looking in and just a bit upstaged 'out' awards.

Oscars producer Gilbert Cates acknowledged the high level security precautions taken to keep protesters out,

law enforcement personnel to ensure competent and sensitive handling of bias crimes;

- Required educational programs in schools, churches and the wider community to counteract intolerance and anti-Gay prejudice.

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but seemed surprised that it had actually worked. "When you see everyone wearing the red ribbons and you realize how much the (motion picture) community has really given to Gays and Lesbians, maybe the protesters just felt it was not the right venue for their protest."

But on stage, Lesbian and Gay visibility was historic. The title song from **Beauty and the Beast** won an Oscar for best song. Written by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, who died of AIDS last year, Ashman's award was accepted on his behalf by the deceased man's lover, Bill Lauch. "Howard and I shared a home and a life together," Lauch said, "and I'm very happy and very proud to accept this for him. But it is bitter-sweet. This is the first Academy Award given to someone we've lost to AIDS."

Another Oscar was awarded to San Francisco Lesbian Debra Chasnoff, producer of **Deadly Deception** in the documentary short subject category. During her acceptance speech, Chasnoff, who helped launch the Lesbian/Gay quarterly publication Outlook, said, "Finally, I'm very grateful to my friends and family, particularly to Kim Klausner, my life partner, who always had faith in me, and to our son Noah, who reminds me on a daily basis why it's so important not to give up and to keep working for peace and justice."

Jodie Foster, who made a strong — and some observers say a revealing statement thanking "all the women who came before, more who never had the chances that I've had — the survivors, the pioneers and the outcasts" in accepting her Best Actress award. Foster went on to

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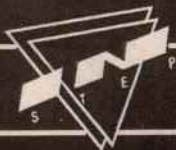
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Bush's son: Bush camp 'against... homophobic tactics'

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Leaders of the nation's largest Gay rights organizations are reacting with some skepticism to statements made by the President Bush's son, Jeb, saying that his father's campaign for re-election would eschew "homophobic tactics."

Jeb Bush, chairman of the Florida Bush/Quayle campaign, made the comments on the March 9 broadcast of the CNN program *Larry King Live* in response to a question from the show host about racially charged, anti-Semitic and anti-Gay attacks leveled at the Bush camp from Republican challenger Patrick Buchanan.

"I think that there are people in the Bush campaign that have spoken out directly against Buchanan for what he's said," Bush told King. "And my dad, in every speech that he gave in Florida (before the March 10 primary), spoke out very forcefully against racism and anti-Semitism and, you know, the homophobic tactics that are being used more and more in our society, and that's on the record."

Although President Bush was heard to make comments blasting the "politics of hate" at several stops in Florida in advance of the Super Tuesday primaries, none of the political groups contacted for this story had any knowledge of the President having specifically criticized Buchanan for his anti-Gay attacks.

Buchanan, who has since toned down

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say, "I'd like to thank all of the people in this industry who have respected my choices and who have not been afraid of the power and the dignity that entitled me to."

At a press conference following the awards, Foster was asked what she thought about the protests outside. "I think it's good," Foster said. "It's not against the law. Protest is constitutional. You can learn from it."

his attacks on the president, raised the specter of anti-Gay sentiment in Southern Super Tuesday states by placing on the air highly controversial television ads blasting Bush for supporting so-called "homosexual pornography." Using footage from the PBS documentary *Tongues Untied*, which was funded in part with federal money, the graphic ads show Gay men in leather and various stages of undress with the caption, "Your Tax Dollars Helped Pay For This." (Tongues director Marlon Riggs has since filed a copyright infringement suit against Buchanan, as reported in the last issue of *In Step*.)

Gay and Lesbian groups, which have called for a strong condemnation of the Buchanan ad, responded to the younger Bush's comments with lukewarm enthusiasm.

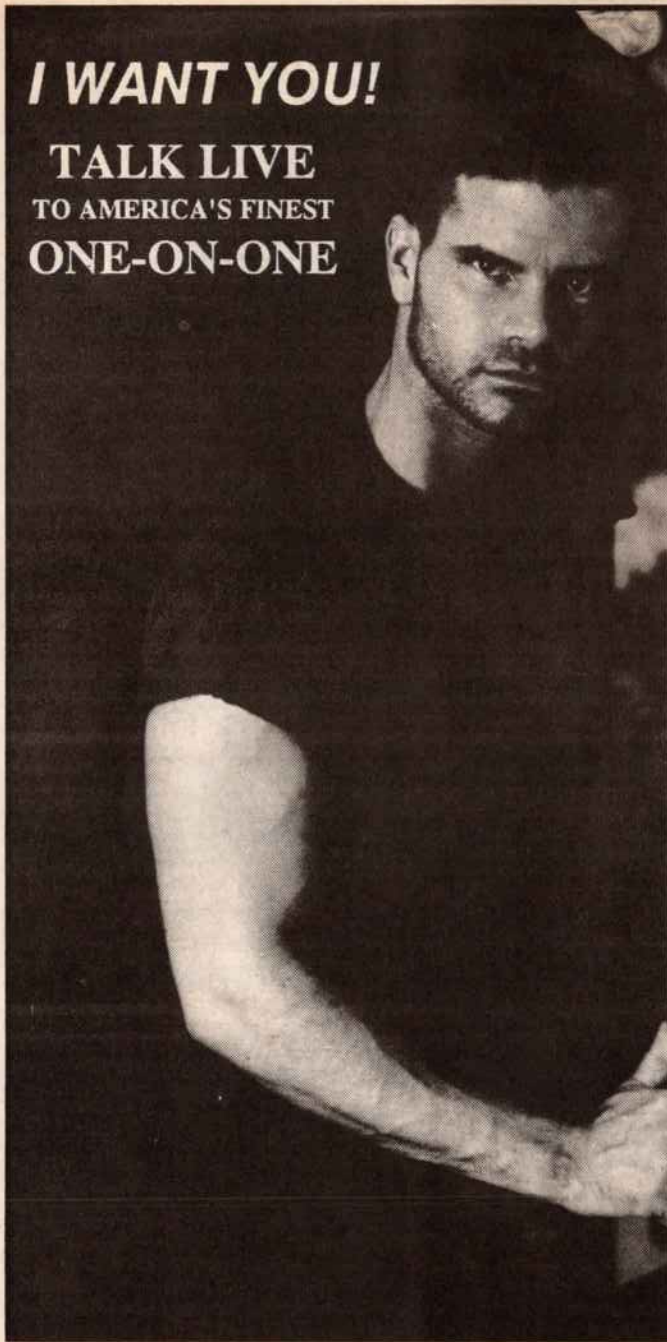
"Jeb Bush's use of the word homophobia, in my mind, means he knows the nomenclature of discrimination against Gays and has pondered that in his mind," said Robert Bray, spokesman for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "And that bodes well for Gays in this camp in this election. The question I have is, how much of that is getting up to his dad?"

Generally, the activists were pleased at the comments coming from the Bush camp but said that they would like to see pro-Gay comments come from the candidate himself, rather than his surrogates.

"I think that Jeb Bush is mistaking his mother for his father," quipped Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "While Barbara Bush is on record opposing homophobia, I've never heard George Bush specifically oppose bigotry against Gay and Lesbian America."

The Bush campaign recently raised the hackles of the religious right when national campaign chairman Robert Mosbacher met with representatives from the Task Force and the AIDS Action Council in February.

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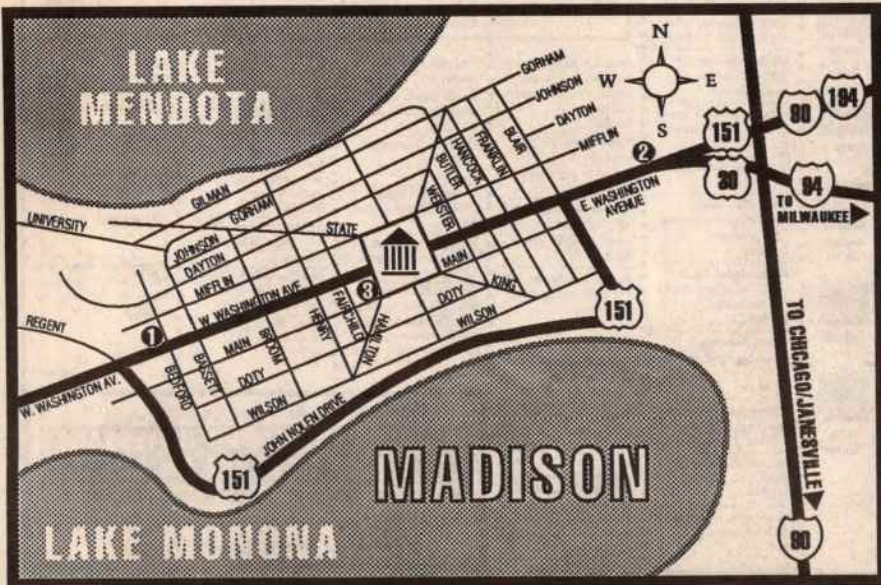
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Brown camp 'clarifies' position on same sex unions

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington— Former California Gov. Jerry Brown's campaign for president has issued a 'clarification' of the candidate's position on Gay marriages after an overzealous campaign volunteer responded to a questionnaire for the campaign without the candidate's knowledge.

Clarifying the earlier statement which had been made without the campaign's authorization, Brown deputy press aid Tom Pier on April 1 released the candidate's official position on the issue.

"Although Governor Brown supports the intent of the Domestic Partnership Act (including the rights of some same-sex couples to health and other benefits), he feels that this legislation should be pursued at the local level," the statement read. "He does not support federal legislation recognizing Gay and Lesbian marriages."

Neither the original nor the revised responses explained to which local domestic partnership act they were referring. Presently there is no federal measure bearing that name. Pier was unable to be reached before this reporter's deadline.

The flap arose after an unnamed Brown staffer, who had been billing himself as the campaign's official Gay and Lesbian spokesman, in late March took it upon himself to answer a months-old Gay issues survey from the Human Rights Campaign Fund. According to HRCF, Pier has indicated that the volunteer operates out of the campaign's Santa Monica, Calif. headquarters.

A report in the April 2 Daily News cited "sources" in the Brown campaign saying that, after the original answers became public, they became concerned that the campaign was "too far out on a limb" on the controversial issue and sought to position itself on more politically moderate terrain.

HRCF had mailed the questionnaires to all the major Democratic and Republican

presidential hopefuls in January. Brown, reportedly due to limited campaign staffing, had previously been the only major Democratic hopeful not responding to the survey.

After HRCF received the unauthorized Brown responses in late March, the group publicized them alongside those of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, who had earlier filled out the survey. Headlining its April 1 press release, "Brown Endorses Gay Marriages While Clinton Opposes Them," the Gay and Lesbian organization played up the major difference in the two candidates' responses.

Once the questionnaire results and press release were transmitted to major news organizations, becoming the focus of an account in the New York Daily News, Pier contacted HRCF to inform them that the survey answers were not official. Pier did indicate, however, that the campaign agreed in principle with the published responses.

"This was a clarification, not a correction," said Gregory King, HRCF spokesman. "Governor Brown has a strong record on Lesbian and Gay issues, and his answers indicate that he will be a strong President."

HRCF is presently awaiting a full questionnaire response from Brown himself.

Brown still remains the only major Democratic hopeful not responding to an unrelated AIDS issues questionnaire from the AIDS Action Council.

In the unauthorized answers to the HRCF questionnaire, the staffer had indicated that Brown supported giving same sex couples the right to marry. "Privacy is the key," read the original response. "I believe that same sex couples should have the same marital rights. That's why I support the Domestic Partnership Act."

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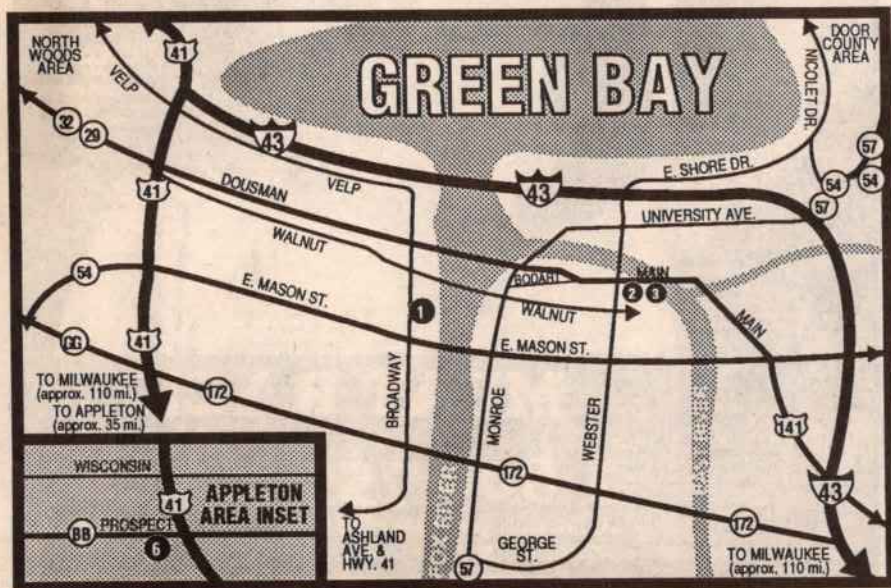
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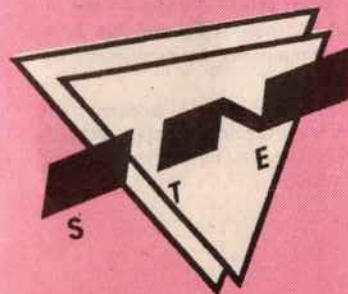
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Clinton 'goes off' on AIDS heckler

By Rex Wockner

Presidential candidate Gov. Bill Clinton flew into a rage March 26 when ACT UP member and Person With AIDS Bob Rafsky heckled him about his AIDS record during an address to 600 lawyers at the Laura Belle Supper Club in Manhattan.

The Democratic front-runner unleashed "a burst of pent-up anger," according to The Daily News. "Exploded in an angry outburst," said The New York Post.

The New York Times called Clinton "emotional,... impassioned and angry and hoarse," saying he was "venting frustration." Newsday described the incident as "a shouting match."

New York City's four daily newspapers were troublingly inconsistent in reporting both the exact words of the shouting match and the sequence of the interchange. A careful compilation of the four reports produced the following 'transcript.'

Rafsky, standing 10 feet from Clinton: "What are you going to do about AIDS? We're dying!"

Clinton: "I know how much it hurts. I have friends dying of AIDS."

Rafsky: "We're not dying of AIDS, we're dying of 11 years of government neglect. You're not dying of AIDS. You're dying of ambition."

Clinton: "If I were dying of ambition, I wouldn't have stood up here and put up with all this crap I've put up with over the past six months."

"I've had about enough of all these attacks, attacks, attacks on me. That's just a bunch of bull."

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Afterward, Clinton approached Rafsky to shake his hand, according to the reports.

Rafsky was reportedly not impressed and called Clinton's gesture "only.. a photo opportunity."

Gay Kurds tell their story

By Rex Wockner

Gay activists from Turkish Kurdistan made their first international appearance at an International Lesbian and Gay Association conference in Berlin, reporting that efforts to start a Gay movement have proven extremely difficult.

Police frequently raid Gay bars, even after receiving bribes, they said, leading bar owners to ban Gay political meetings.

Police also randomly nab effeminate men on the streets and take them in for questioning.

The authorities 'register' the men and ruin their chances of getting work, the delegates said, leaving them with only prostitution as a career choice.

Competition is tough in prostitution circles he activists said, so most of the men become transvestite prostitutes.

This has led the public to equate homosexuality with transvestism.

Turkish transvestites are routinely arrested and beaten by police. Amnesty International has intervened on at least three occasions.

The social situation is equally daunting, the delegates said. Families frequently report their Gay sons to authorities who whisk them away to psychiatric hospitals.

And Muslim fundamentalists chase Gays who congregate in cruising parks.

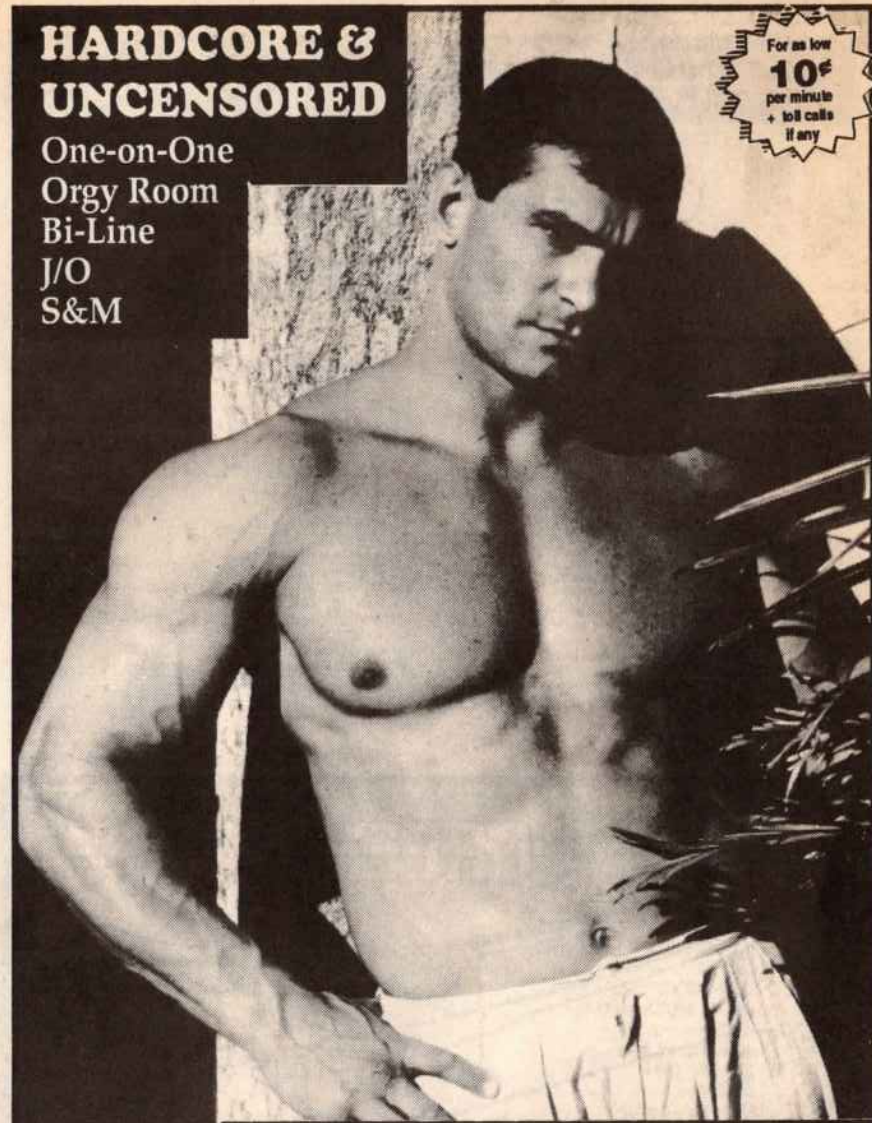
Nonetheless, there is no problem at all finding male-male sex in Kurdistan, the delegates said.

Only feminine men and 'bottoms' are considered homosexuals, he said, echoing reports from Gays in Latin America and the Arab world.

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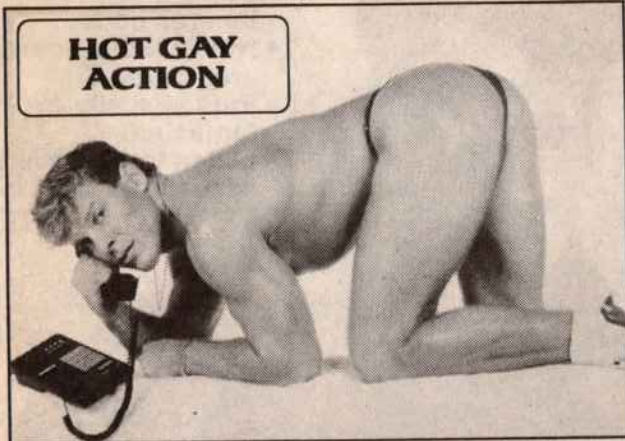
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Argentine Gays win 8 year battle

By Rex Wockner

The Comunidad Homosexual Argentina won its eight-year battle to register with the government March 19 and is now allowed to engage in routine business activities, such as renting an office and opening a bank account.

The General Inspection of Justice granted CHA's registration despite a series of court rulings against the group, most recently on Nov. 25, 1991, by the Supreme Court, which said: "Homosexuality offends the nature and dignity of the human person. ... Freedom of expression is limited by the need and duty to preserve public morals."

CHA will continue an appeal of that ruling to the Inter American Court of Human Rights, which is located in Costa Rica.

CHA's registration likely came about through the intervention of Argentine President Carlos Menem who late last year and early this year faced embarrassing Gay protests in New York

City, Washington, D.C., Brussels and Paris. The protests, coordinated by the International Lesbian and Gay Association and the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, interfered with Menem's efforts to promote his administration as the first in recent Argentine history to respect human rights.

At a November run-in with members of ACT UP/ New York, a flustered Menem promised to personally push through CHA's registration. U.S. and Argentine activists were shocked just days later when the Argentine Supreme Court then ruled against CHA, seemingly in direct response to the extensive publicity Menem's pro-CHA remarks generated in Buenos Aires.

"International pressure was the key factor in the approval of our registration," said CHA spokesman Rafael Freda. "It is a tremendous victory for us and for the international Gay community."

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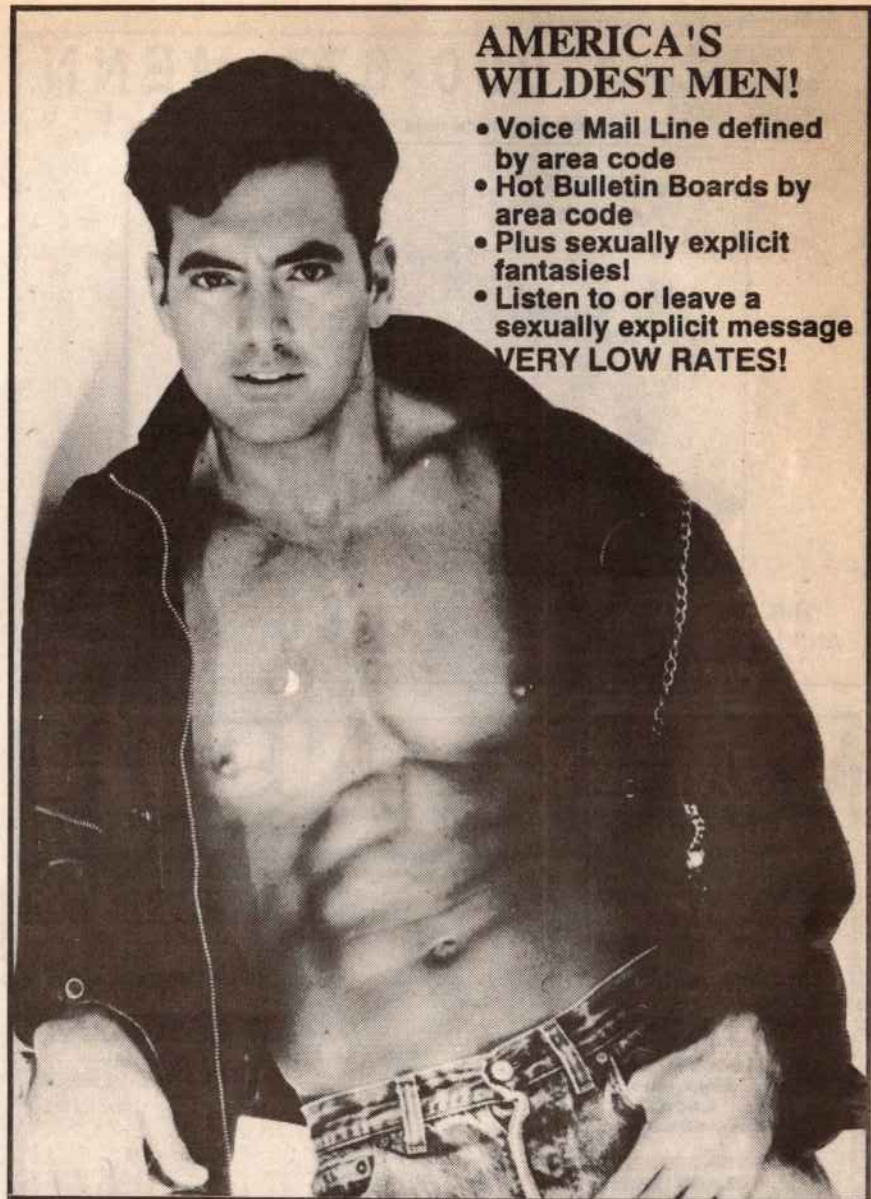
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Court upholds Lesbian couples contract

New York, [LDEF] — In a very important Lesbian and Gay family rights victory, the Georgia Supreme Court ruled late in March that the property agreement entered into by a Lesbian couple is legally enforceable. The court's ruling in **Crooke v. Gilden** overturns a trial court decision which held that property agreements between Lesbian couples are unenforceable because their relationships are immoral and illegal under Georgia law. The Georgia sodomy law criminalizes sexual conduct between same-sex adults.

The court's ruling has been long awaited by Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Center for Lesbian Rights and the ACLU, all of whom filed friend of the court briefs arguing that property agreements between same sex couples should be treated like agreements between any other two adults who are legally competent to enter a formal contract. Further, the groups argued that failure to allow Lesbian and Gay couples to enter into agreements with regard to their property inhibits their fundamental right to form contracts, a right with strong public policy support.

The two women — Patricia Gagne Gilden and Florence Crooke — began their relationship in 1982. Shortly after Gilden moved into Crooke's home, they retained a lawyer to draft for them a joint ownership agreement setting forth the terms of their ownership of the house and other personal property. The written agreement stipulated that Crooke would convey to Gilden a one-half ownership interest in the house. In exchange, Gilden contributed money towards household renovations. The contract also stated that all the property owned by the women before the agreement or acquired during their relationship would be considered joint property to be divided equally between them.

When the couple ended their relationship in 1989, Crooke refused to honor the agreement, prompting Gilden to seek court ordered enforcement. The trial court voided the contract based on Crooke's argument that any agreement

entered into by a Lesbian couple would "facilitate a relationship which in Georgia is considered illegal and immoral."

In rejecting the trial court's ruling, the state Supreme Court stated, "We cannot agree that the contract is void on this ground... We conclude that the contract before the court is supported by legal consideration. The promises contained in the contract are also legal."

Gays' parents to visit Russia, Latvia

By Rex Wockner

Parents of U.S.A's Gays/Lesbians and other interested people will travel to Russia and Latvia June 28 - July 13 in an effort to improve relations between Russian/Latvian Gays and their parents.

Trip coordinator is Laurie Coburn, program director of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) national. Coburn joined last summer's Gay-lib tour of Moscow and Leningrad by 70 American Gay leaders; 20,000 Soviets turned out for the conferences, demonstrations and film festivals after reading about them in daily newspapers — the Americans dubbed it "the Soviet Stonewall." (See In Step issues from August through October of 1991.)

"There has been no more profound experience in my life than last summer's conferences in Russia," said Coburn. "We took to the Russians our experience, language and technology for dealing with coming out. From them we learned about courage and dignity in the face of enormous obstacles. ... I hope other families will take advantage of this years trip, for I can think of no more appropriate way to celebrate the end of the Cold War."

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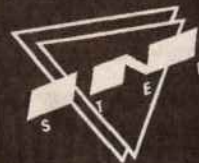
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Same-sex harassment suit filed

By Keith Clark

San Francisco — Gay rights attorney Paul Wotman has filed a \$1 million same gender sexual harassment lawsuit in San Mateo County Superior Court for his client Angelo Acere. It is one of only a handful of such same-sex harassment suits ever filed in this country.

According to the suit, Acere, 32, was repeatedly subjected to unwanted sexual comments and attentions by his supervisor, Kyle Mirallo, after he started work last year at Social Vocational Services (SVS), the operators of a number of residential facilities for the mentally and developmentally disabled.

In the suit, Acere says Mirallo made several sexual comments about him over several months last fall. Acere says Mirallo on one occasion invited co-workers to his home for drinks, but said Acere would have "to lie by the pool naked." At another time, Acere says Mirallo said "he (Acere) should wear different jeans which were more physically revealing."

According to Acere, the incidents culminated in September when Mirallo asked him to take a drive to discuss work-related problems. Instead, Acere claims, Mirallo grabbed his crotch and tried to kiss him. When Acere resisted Mirallo's advances, Acere says his supervisor told him "that if he (Mirallo) could not have (Acere) he would kill" him.

Acere says he fled Mirallo's car on foot, walking five miles fearing Mirallo would run him over with his car before he found a phone booth to call for help getting back to his home.

Acere then filed a grievance with the director of SVS who turned out at the time to be Mirallo's roommate. But instead of SVS taking any disciplinary action against Mirallo, Acere says his supervisor was given two weeks of paid vacation and he himself was transferred to another SVS residential unit.

After filing a complaint last year with the state, Acere has now filed the suit against Mirallo and SVS seeking \$1

million in punitive damages. But both the and attorney Wotman agree that on-the-job sexual harassment involving Gays and Lesbians has been, for a variety of reasons, a hidden problem that's only now coming out of the closet.

Bias suit filed in Conn.

New York, [LLDEF] — Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund announced that it filed a complaint March 25 in the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities against the American Radio Relay League (the 'League') for rejecting an advertisement submitted by the Lambda Amateur Radio Club ('LARC'), an organization for Lesbian and Gay ham radio operators and supporters. The complaint alleges that the League's refusal to print the Gay club's ad violates Connecticut's recently enacted Gay rights law.

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For more than six years, LARC has repeatedly submitted an ad containing basic membership information for publication in the League's QST. After accepting LARC's first submission and publishing it for one month in late 1985, editors of QST suddenly discontinued the advertisement. Since then, they have rejected numerous submissions by LARC, stating that LARC's proposed advertisement is unacceptable for publication.

(The suit & case sound similar to the fight waged by a Gay/Lesbian rural networking newsletter. The group tried to place classified ads in rural newspapers & weeklies to reach small town & rural Gays

& Lesbians. Gannet Corporation, which runs many of those papers, rejected the ads. Wisconsin's Supreme Court later ruled that newspapers are not places of public accommodation & thus were not covered by Wisconsin's Gay/Lesbian Rights bill.)

LRN bestows awards

Milwaukee — The Lambda Rights Network [LRN], Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian educational, political action, and legal defense organization, held their annual 'Political Party' March 24, and bestowed the annual Cream City Brick awards on worthy recipients.

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through the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, and the Milwaukee Lavender Network. **Dr. Gary Hollander**, for his representation of the Gay/Lesbian community on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee To Investigate Police Community Relations, and his long-term commitment to community issues. Hollander is on the staff of Sinai Samaritan Hospital.

• **The Torchbearer Award:** To those non-Gay/Lesbian person(s), who led the way for understanding between our community and the mainstream community. Three were given. **Mary Bills**, Milwaukee Public School Board member, for her diligent fight on our behalf during the battle to incorporate Gay/Lesbian issues in the MPS. The second award was given to **Alderman Tom Donegan**, President of the Milwaukee Common Council, for his various efforts in our behalf during his time on the Council. Donegan resigned his Council seat to run for a judicial seat. **Alderwoman Mary Ann McNulty** who has shown constant support on our issues while on the Common

Council. McNulty gave up her 12th District seat this election to run a social services agency. The 12th District is the location for nearly 80% of our bars.

• **Group Spirit Award:** Goes to the group(s) that has supported the positive goals of our community, as well as enhanced it. **The Police Proposals Task Group of the Milwaukee Lavender Network** received an award for their thoughtful, time-consuming job working up plans that will help insure a better relationship between our community, the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission, and the Milwaukee Police Department. The PPTG consisted of Margaret Snow, Karen Zimmerman, Robert Zimmerman, and Karen; with help from Kitty Barber, Luellen, Stephanie Hume and Scott Gunkel. **Wisconsin's Cream City Chorus** for its representation of our community before the rest of society, and their commitment to providing unique entertainment. Representing the CCC at the party was Michael Wavra.

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Activists call for Justice Dept. cooperation

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Representatives of a coalition of liberal, Jewish and Gay groups testified before a congressional subcommittee here March 26 calling for a federal agency charged with addressing hate crimes to expand its outlook to include crimes motivated by religion and sexual orientation.

The Community Relations Service, a Justice Department operation created by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, mediates disputes and offers technical assistance to federal, state and local governments in dealing with conflicts based on race and ethnicity.

Yet, since the 1990 passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, lobbyists for Gay, Jewish and liberal groups have complained that the CRS is deliberately ignoring the measure's definition of a hate crime, which it deemed as any criminal offense motivated by bias based on race, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation.

The CRS has consistently insisted that it is only bound by its original 1964 mandate to only address racial and ethnic conflicts. Despite report language in a 1991 appropriations bill calling on the agency to use the broadened definition of hate crimes, the CRS has refused to do so.

"That means that CRS is required to

withhold their mediation and conciliation services from American communities in the aftermath of anti-Gay or religiously based violence," said former Rep. John H. Buchanan, Jr. of People for the American Way Action Fund to the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights. "We believe that the CRS restrictive mandate is outdated, but worse, its narrow scope is actually harmful."

CRS Director Grace Flores Hughes repeatedly told the committee that the inclusion of anti-Gay and religiously motivated crimes is not in her group's mandate. Operating on a limited budget, Hughes insisted that she has made no motions to include such crimes in CRS

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"Whatever we do, I don't want to shortchange anybody," said Flores. "I don't want to shortchange, either the groups we now have to deal with today, or the new groups (that would be included under a broader mandate)."

After being asked several times by committee Counsel Ivy Davis if the CRS would be able to address hate crimes targeting religious and sexual minorities should it be granted additional resources by Congress, Hughes eventually conceded that it would.

In their testimony, a Gay activist told the committee that the CRS could begin to make changes on its own with little or no additional funding. Kevin Berrill of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute asked that the agency revise its publications to include the federal hate crimes definition, train its staff on issues relating to on anti-Gay and religiously motivated crimes and increase its networking with religious and Gay

community groups.

Conflicts between the agency and the activists first arose when, shortly after the Hate Crimes bill's passage, a CRS hate crimes hotline refused to take reports on religious and anti-Gay crimes. The agency has since agreed to take such reports, but to date only refers victims of anti-Gay and religious hate crimes to law enforcement counseling.

Further scrapes with the agency came up when a CRS guide for law enforcement and local governments on how to address hate crimes only mentioned racial and ethnic conflicts as hate crimes. The publication has since been revised.

The CRS also gained the activists condemnation when they awarded a \$400,000 federal grant to address bigotry and prejudice to another agency and stipulated that it only address racial and ethnic tensions.



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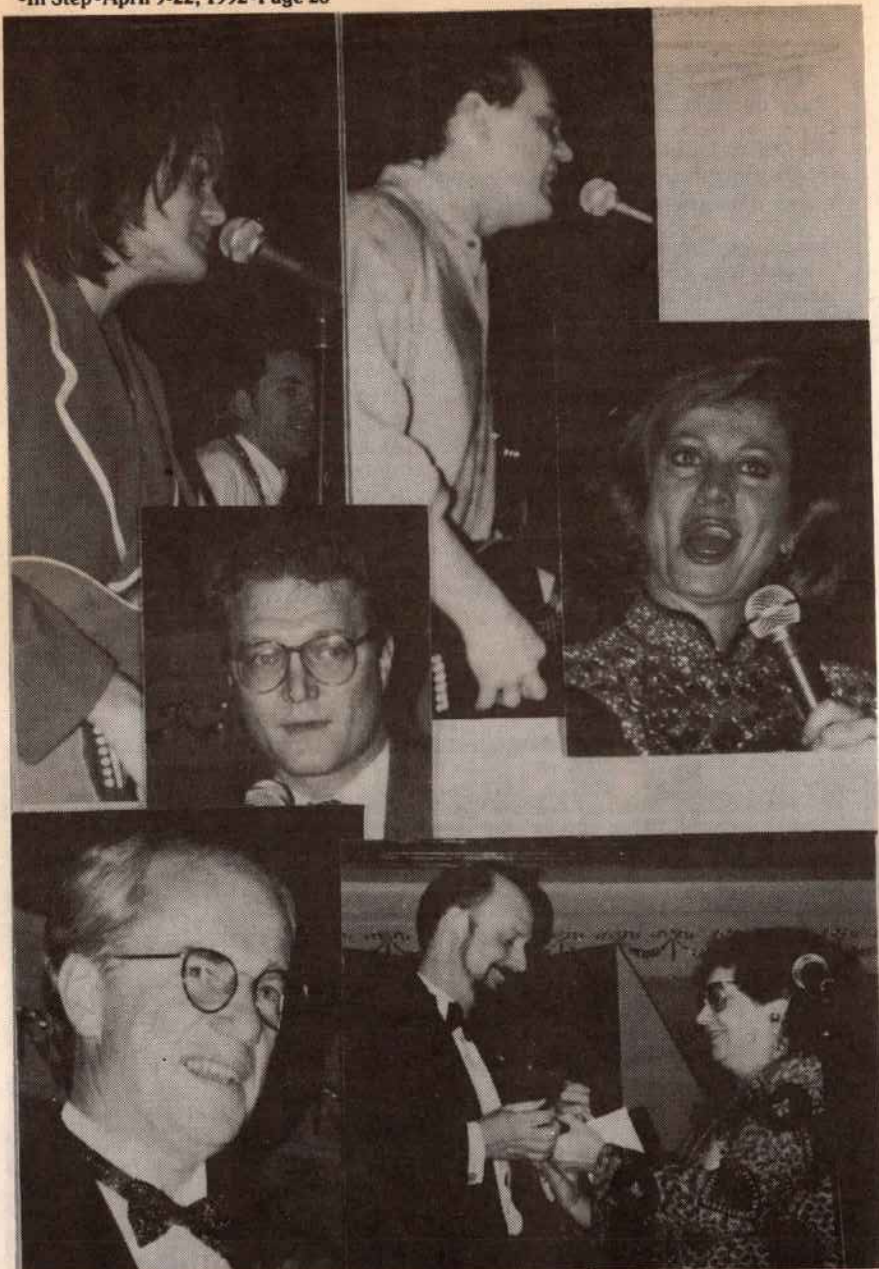
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Letting go of the control that doesn't have an importance in my existence is not failure on my part. It is not a defeat or being defeated. It isn't giving up or giving in. It is not losing. It's acceptance of a loss. A loss that at one time was vital in

my life, but now it is only important that I release it and grow from it. A new direction lies ahead, filled with new opportunities and endless possibilities. I'm being offered future choices to grab hold of in place of the losses left behind.

A voice inside me tells me my loss is for good reason. It will be replaced by something far more special — vital, life sustaining in the present. The past is no longer important, nor is tomorrow. The moment is what life it

I want so desperately to understand, I turn to others to help me find that answers. Why am I being asked? What is expected of me? But no answers come. I hear there are no answers — not now. Maybe one day there will be, and thus, understanding will come.

With the pain trails the healing. A lightening of expectations — of desired outcomes. A lessening of wants and a gaining of acceptance. Answers lose importance and rewards are no longer expected. The opportunities for growth granted me far outweigh the losses I have been asked to let go of.

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Group Notes

MLN meets, reviews reports

The Milwaukee Lavender Network [MLN] met April 1 and heard final reports from three of the original MLN Task Groups, who have all reported 'Mission Accomplished.' New goals and the future structure and functioning of MLN were also discussed.

The Police Proposals Task Group [PPTG] planned to turn over their completed proposal to the Fire and Police Commission on April 9. The PPTG was formed at the first MLN meeting, which was called in response to the Dahmer case.

PPTG has worked diligently, and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) provided about \$800 in reproduction money to produce this thorough document. (If interested in obtaining the proposal, the narrative part is available for a cost of \$5, copies of the complete package are available for \$50. Contact LAMM at 264-2600 to order.)

The PPTG also developed and administered the Gay/Lesbian community survey about violence and hate crimes; publicized the Sept. 17th special hearing for the Gay/Lesbian community before the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Community; solicited testimony for that hearing; researched police/community relations programs around the country; their preliminary proposal to the Blue Ribbon Commission was extensively utilized in their report to the mayor; worked with Gay/Lesbian police officers for their input into the final proposal to the FPC; and participated in the Community Action Coalition's Community Oriented Policing initiative.

The Media Relations Task Group was formed to work with the mainstream media and educate them on the Gay/Lesbian community. This task group was also an initial MLN effort after the Dahmer case broke. The media group quickly attacked the problem of in-correct

and inflammatory language being used by the media.

Since then the media group has met with the mainstream media in an effort to establish better communication and interaction with our community.

Since their initial job (to handle Dahmer fallout) is completed, the group has now disbanded.

It may be necessary, in the future, to establish an on-going media group that would "make the rounds" to various media outlets on a semi-regular schedule. That issue is one MLN may have to look at down the road.

The Community Oriented Policing Coalition, again an initial MLN goal, was designed to get the Gay/Lesbian community talking to and interacting with, a wide cross section of Milwaukee's community and ethnic groups in the Dahmer aftermath. This group also did it's job well. Stephanie Hume, a LAMM member is now one of the eleven citizen members of the Community-Oriented Policing Advisory Committee who, along with Police Chief Philip Arreola, and 8 other police department representatives, will work on community/police relations issues.

The recently assigned Diversity Training Task Group reported back that the training programs they've investigated are going to cost big money to bring in. The group suggested that to apply for grants, MLN would have to be formally organized first, and then look for funding.

The future functioning of the Lavender Network was the next topic of the meeting. Up until now, as reported here numerous times, MLN has just reacted to crisis after crisis. It has never formally organized, and the group has no set structure.

That will change soon, with the seven

Viewpoints

The Peace Within

By Daniel Trzebiatowski

While sharing a moment of closeness-honest expression, Mom says to me that she is prepared to let me go. She assures me there exists a more peaceful place where we will be together again.

During a friends' memorial, I shed tears of grief and anger over his passing and leaving me behind. I hurt and I'm afraid, but his strength I remember and pull hope from that strength. I say goodbye, still angered, but knowing there exists no failure on him or I. I walk away with a feeling of peace-faith.

I stand in front of the mirror looking at the unfamiliar image staring back. I want to look away from the physical existence I see before me. Endless effort has been given to halt, reverse the deterioration, and regain that once chubby, healthy me, but no change comes. Disappointed and angry at all and myself I want to give up and just give in to this disease - claiming failure. Yet, through the physical losses I find some gains and strives I have made in the inner part of myself. Though my outer part is less, my inner self is growing.

This letting go that I have so often fought in the past is difficult and painful, but is necessary in my healing process at this moment in my life. My letting go and accepting doesn't weigh upon having AIDS or facing my death, but instead, being able to let go of things that are preventing my growth; my future. Thus, allowing me to live fully, whether I have AIDS or not.

The potential for healing has come with my having AIDS and my realization of

these possibilities has granted me a rare opportunity that few of us are given... an awareness of the importance in my life and my purpose in living that life.

Often the moment comes without a sign. A feeling of dread overwhelms me with fear. A fear I cannot explain. A fear that I can do nothing to prevent or even fight. It's a fear I choose to go with - to follow, for I can no longer control it. I don't question it any more for I know it is telling me that it's time to let go of something - of this fear.

Underneath this fear lies something that is very important to me, or was at one time - but no longer. Though I want to fight and retain a grip on it, the time has come to release it for it is no longer vital in my life. I can no longer control its role in my life - thus, I need to be freed of it, move on and grow without it. It's horribly painful. Much like saying goodbye to a loved one. It is letting go of a part of one's self. A piece within a puzzle that was once part of a whole.

Tears well, I shake and panic. I'm overwhelmed by an ultimate loneliness and isolation for a brief period of time. A time where I am aware of nothing but myself and nothing else exists, nothing is important to me, and my letting go of that control is feeding my fear and holding me back. Anger temporarily trails my tears, but this anger is there to question - to hold me back from ultimately releasing. I hold a tighter grip and say goodbye. I let control release itself and acceptance follows.

For a person who chooses to live with AIDS, not in spite of it, accepting my lack of control over certain aspects of the disease and it's affects on my body, mind

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Zipter wins honor

Author Yvonne Zipter's book **The Patience of Metal**, which is a Chicago Book Clinic Honor Book and 1990 Lambda Literary Awards Finalist, has just been named the runner-up for the 1991 Melville Cane Award given by the Poetry Society of America. The judge for this year's award was poet Thomas Lux. **The Patience of Metal**, which was also nominated for an American Library Association award last year, has been described by Lamont Award winner Minnie Bruce Pratt as "a beautiful book."

The book, organized into five thematic sections — family history, children and childhood, relating to others and the world around, nature, and the course of love — is the culmination of fifteen years of honing her craft.

Zipter, a syndicated columnist whose column *Inside/Out* appears in *In Step*, is also the author of the nonfiction book **Diamonds Are A Dyke's Best Friend** (Firebrand Books, 1988), which, for the first time, brought the world of Lesbian softball under analysis in book format. A native of Milwaukee, Zipter currently lives in Chicago.

The Patience of Metal is published by Hutchinson House, 4710 W. Hutchinson, Chicago, Illinois 60641-1607. \$7.95 (paper). ISBN 0-9625353-0-3.

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masterminded the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy but denied this revelation reflected poorly on his integrity or would hurt his chances to be elected to the nation's highest office. Oliver Stone could not be reached for comment.

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people who volunteered to investigate a membership and structure within MLN; form a meeting process that would address structure and agenda setting; and facilitation of future meetings. That group will have preliminary reports for the next MLN meeting.

The final agenda item was a proposal to establish a coordinating committee for future Gay/Lesbian meetings with the Mayor, and/or his staff. Karen Gotzler suggested the development of a system to organize agendas and participants for those future meetings. Some preliminary proposals for that coordinating committee, Gotzler suggested, should include using several of the individuals who already have met with the mayor to provide continuity from meeting to meeting.

Another objective is the establishment of a central point for groups to call with agenda items, and a central point for people to call to get information on the next meetings with Riemer or other mayoral staff. It's proposed that other guidelines and policies would be

developed as the group started functioning. The final decision will rest with the mayor's staff.

At the March meeting with Riemer, it was agreed that a system is needed to allow maximum access to the mayor and his staff for all Gay/Lesbian organizations. (Especially on projects where the mayor's office could be helpful in achieving the goals of the project.)

The next MLN meeting will be held Wednesday, May 6, 7pm at the Counseling Center (2038 N. Bartlett).

Queer TV Live April 9

Milwaukee — The live premiere program of **Queer Television [QTV]** on Thursday, April 9th, 7-9:30pm on Warner Channel 47 promises a memorable night of Gay diversity for cable viewers in Milwaukee. Viewers may call-in with their comments anytime during the program by dialing 225-3560. (The previously given 799-LIVE number will not be used that night.)

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Producers are planning a **Man Hunt/Womyn Hunt** dating segment, and daring participants are wanted! If you don't mind appearing on camera, and would like to be interviewed by moderator Michael Lisowski and by callers, call us at

265-8500 or 277-7671 and leave messages to register immediately. Other segments are pending: a famous local Gay artist, a demonstration of bondage; a Black Gay dance troupe; and a brief political analysis of the recent election.

During the entire program, call-ins will be encouraged. A Gay/Lesbian trivia contest will ask for your call-in response. **Homo 101** will feature a call-in about homosexuality. If time permits, a call-in segment about **safer sex made easy** is planned. For those without cable or for those who wish to view the program live as part of the studio audience, come down to the Channels 14/47 facilities, 1610 N. 2nd Street, anytime during the program.

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network is a committee of the Cream City Foundation, Milwaukee's Gay & lesbian charitable organization. For more information on how you can get involved in Gay & Lesbian television programming, contact: QTV, P.O. Box 239, Milwaukee 53201, (414) 265-0880.

interesting to say the least. For example, after the current Miss America denounced Gays, a lot of people came down with diarrhea after attending one of her fund raising dinners. The message "Sorry Now?" is passed after these actions which gives the novel its title. Could members of this group have stooped to murder since Mucklewraith had openly opposed homosexuality and adored his daughter?

Paul wangles an invitation to a party being given by one of the members of the group where he meets Dr. George Manfred, a dedicated AIDS doctor. They are attracted to one another and on their first 'date' they attend an AIDS fundraiser together. Soon the good doctor also comes under suspicion, but let me stop here rather than reveal the conclusion of the mystery. However, I will say that the reader will sigh with relief as the Gay cop escapes real danger several times as the novel progresses.

Mr. Zubro has written several mystery novels featuring Gay people and he is the current president of the Midwestern Chapter of the Mystery Writers of America. This book is well crafted, and while not a work of art, is very enjoyable.

Sudden Strangers

Sudden Strangers: The Story of a Gay Son and His Father

By Aaron Fricke and Walter Fricke, St. Martin's Press, hardcover, 112 pp., illustrated, \$15.95.

Reviewed By Eldon E. Murray

You may remember Aaron Fricke as the high school senior who successfully sued in 1980 for the right to attend his senior prom with a male date. Aaron had told his father, Walter, that he was Gay only a few months before telling him he wished to start the lawsuit. Walter, to his credit,

told Aaron to do whatever he felt was right, lending neither his approval nor his disapproval.

Aaron became a national celebrity and wrote a book, **Reflections of a Rock Lobster**, about his prom date fight and growing up Gay. Aaron and Walter began this book because "there had never been a book written by a heterosexual father and a Gay son." During a shared vacation in Provincetown, Massachusetts, while discussing the shape of the proposed book, they began to realize that their respective values and sensibilities were in conflict. The conflict grew into an almost all-out war. By early 1987, when father and son had not even been in contact for several months, Walter wrote his son a letter expressing his hurt and his love at the same time. Aaron felt that the letter was a 'final farewell' from his father and decided that he had to either forget his father ever existed or find a way to appreciate him.

Faced with this choice, Aaron realized that he had to have a reconciliation with his father at all costs. Afraid that it might already be too late, he hesitantly called his father, saying, "Hello, this is your son." When his father responded with a reassuring, "Aaron," he knew that he had not been written off.

Aaron and Walter got together and worked not only on the book, but on trying to understand one another. This little book struggles to describe the understanding that resulted when the two men reached out to one another. Neither Aaron nor his father are as insightfully articulate as I would like, but perhaps what is left unsaid is as important as what is said.

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In Memoriam

Bettie Aiello 1922-1992

Milwaukee — Bettie Aiello passed away April 3, 1992 of cancer. She was 70 years old. Bettie and her late husband, Angelo, owned the Mint Bar for over 25 years.

The Mint was originally located on West State Street, and then moved to the current location at 819 S. 2nd Street after the Bradley Center development was announced.

Bettie was well loved and will be missed by her many friends in the community, especially Tracey. Her friends Bob Dietz and Jim Jones have been running the bar, now known as BJ's since last fall.



Books

Sorry Now?

Sorry Now? By Mark Richard Zubro, St. Martin's Press, New York, 179 pp., hardcover, \$17.95.

Reviewed By Eldon E. Murray

Did a Chicago cop come out of the closet in the last few years? If so, I didn't hear about it, but several writers may have heard of it, because recently Gay Chicago cops have been turning up frequently as major characters in novels, including this thriller mystery novel.

Mystery novels featuring Gay private investigators are nothing new since mystery readers love anything different. Eccentric, but sweet old ladies, Chinese savants, and bumbling Frenchmen have all been much loved mystery solvers in the genre. But an openly Gay cop, particularly one from Chicago (where the police force has been sarcastically described as "the best police force that money can buy") seems to smack of either wishful thinking or pure fantasy.

Paul Turner, the lovable cop in this



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mystery novel, lives with his two sons, aged sixteen and ten. His wife died giving birth to the younger, who suffers from spina bifida. His cop partner and all of his many neighbors and straight friends accept his homosexuality and constantly try to fix him up with male dates. If the story took place in San Francisco, Seattle, or even in Madison, Wisconsin, such help from straight friends would be more believable.

Nice guy Turner is assigned to investigate the early morning murder of the daughter of a nationally known T.V. evangelist, Bruce Mucklewrath, near Oak Street Beach. Those around the evangelist, including his young wife and his son, Donald, are immediate suspects.

The plot thickens when a homeless man, who has told police he knows the identity of the murderer, is killed before he can pass on the information. Then Turner is told about a radical Gay group called 'The Queer Avengers' who have been taking radical actions to 'right' the 'wrongs' they feel have been done to Gays. Some of these groups dirty tricks are

Pride Committee races towards June 14

Milwaukee's Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee [MLGPC] is moving ahead with exciting plans for this year's celebration and some new faces have joined the committee to help.

MLGPC elected six new members: Miriam Ben-Shalom, Regina Henry, Roberta Niggemeier, Bill Meunier, Louis Santaniello, and Gary Wells. Also, Alan Stroik was elected President replacing Scott Gunkel who resigned to concentrate on his duties as President of the Lambda Rights Network.

The committee has been busy laying plans for this year's festivities, scheduled for Sunday June 14th. In a major change the group unanimously decided to alter the emphasis of the Pride Parade day, renaming the rally following the parade to Pride Fest.

"The idea is to celebrate all of the diverse elements of the Gay and Lesbian community," said Pride Fest co-chair Bill Meunier. Meunier, who has over 7 years of Festival organizing experience, is planning an event that will do just that. "Certainly we will have the parade in the same way that we have done it in the past, but many people in our community aren't into marching. We are going to put on a festival that will offer something for everyone."

Festival plans currently include an art fair, continuous entertainment, an area for groups like the Cream City Squares (Milwaukee's square dancing club) to show their skills and teach others, games, a raffle, food and much more.

In another change MLGPC will be doing the festival food and drinks itself. "Putting on a festival is a major undertaking," said Pride Fest Co-Chair Roberta Niggemeier, "We want to use the revenue food and beverage sales generate to reduce our dependence on fundraising."

The North Star Rodeo Association and the Cream City Squares will be holding a

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fundraiser at the 3 B's on Saturday April 11th. A \$3.00 donation is requested. Raffles, square dancing and other activities will be featured at this event which begins at 8:00. The 3 B's Bar is located at 1753 S KK. See you there.

If you wish to get involved the Pride Committee can use help in a variety of ways especially raising funds, and helping at the festival. The Committee is also looking for entertainers and artists for Pride Fest 92. For more information call (414)263-7187.

Mr. Boot Camp contest April 26

The **Boot Camp** will hold the Mr. Boot Camp contest on Sunday, April 26 at the bar. Doors open at 7pm, with the contest beginning at 9pm. There will be \$500 in prizes awarded. Advance tickets for the contest go on sale at the bar April 15.

Contest entrants must be over 21 and be a Wisconsin resident for at least one year. Applications can be picked up at the bar, or by writing: Mr. Boot Camp Contest, 209 E. National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53204. Applications must be received by 12pm, April 25. For more information, call the Leather Information Line at (414) 643- 6260.

LAMM meeting

Milwaukee — A discussion of media issues will be featured at the April 16 meeting of the **Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee [LAMM]**.

How does news become news, and how do people access the media? What images of Lesbians does the media present? How can we have an impact on those images? These and other media-related questions will be explored.

Speakers include reporter/writer Jamakaya, and Kitty Barber, spokesperson for the Lesbian Alliance.

There will be a potluck at 6pm, and the program begins at 7pm. The location is the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St.

Male talent pageant

Applications are now being accepted for the **1992 Mr. Black International Pageant**. The Pageant is designed to offer young Afro-American men the opportunity to display their talents in the most positive and productive manner, to exercise initiative and creativity, to promote and encourage leadership qualities, to enhance a positive mental attitude, self-esteem and other inner qualities necessary for a well rounded individual.

Contestants must be between the ages of 18-35 and will compete in Formal Wear, Swim Wear, Talent and Communication Skills. The 1992 Winner will receive over \$1000 in cash and prizes.

The 1992 Mr. Black International Pageant will be held on Friday, June 19, 1992 at the Park East Hotel in Milwaukee, WI. Interested applicants may send their name, age, address, telephone number and a recent photo to: Mr. Black International Pageant, Pageant International, Inc., 3635 North Broadway, Chicago, Il. 60613 or call Danny Green at (414) 276-1076.

GLOBE plans hate crimes event in Eau Claire

Eau Claire [GLOBE] — The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire student organization — Gay, Lesbian, Or Bisexual Equality (GLOBE) — announced it will hold a Hate Crimes seminar on April 23.

Plans include a keynote speaker; workshops on hate crimes, homophobia, heterosexism, AIDS Gay/Lesbian/BI history, and a legalistic overview of all hate crimes.

At noon, the group plans a campus mall 'Hate Crime Survivor Speak Out' — along the lines of a Take Back The Night Rally. A musician will use entertainment to spread the message and draw student attention. Survivors will have the opportunity to share their experiences and feelings.

The campus mall is is the core of student transit and should offer the best

— except for the fact that I sometimes feel like a meteorite hurtling through the earth's atmosphere.

That, and the fact that my girlfriend operates at a much slower pace. It may be true that opposites attract, but they also irritate the hell out of each other. Like when we're watching TV, for instance. Kath likes to put her feet up and, well, relax. I, on the other hand, am like a jill-in-the-box — or so says my beloved. I mean to sit and relax, but every few moments, something seizes my attention, and I have to jump up and take care of it — whatever it is. I'm not sure if this propensity is a result of the Protestant work ethic or a hormonal imbalance. In either case, it makes poor Kathy crazy.

And even when I manage to keep my body stationary, I can't necessarily do the same with my mind. My brain is always whirring, like a little beehive buzzing with activity. This would be swell if I were constantly churning out poems or ideas for improving the economy or solving the homeless problem. But frequently, I'm just worrying about all the stuff I've made a commitment to doing and how I'm going to get it all done. I pretty much always manage to get this stuff done as promised, mind you (it's the anal retentive in me), but I feel compelled to worry that I won't anyway. Unfortunately, I frequently worry about this out loud. This, too, is Kathy's cross to bear.

And then there's the issue of timeliness. No matter where we're going or what time we're due there, Kathy tends to operate in her own time frame, going along at her own more yoga-like pace, while I zip around the house trying to expedite our departure. I've cajoled. I've bribed. I've pleaded. I've schemed. But you can't break the sound barrier with a four-cylinder engine. This makes me crazy.

While our different relations to time can sometimes be a source of some tension (and I don't mean sexual), over the years we have begun, like the Darwinian creatures we are, to adapt to one another — each at her own pace, of course. But what concerns me is that I think Kathy's way is more typical of Lesbians — the phrase "dyke standard time" didn't just come out of nowhere, you know. However, it's not like I expect to exhibit every Lesbian trait there is. There's bound to be some variation, I know. And thank heavens for that. But I'm beginning to worry that people will think I'm a hetero in Lesbian clothing.

Case in point: I don't really understand what codependency is. Gasp! Yes, it's true. I know any self-respecting Lesbian should be familiar with that term, but I'm not a big reader of self-help books. What can I say? I laugh at all the jokes with everyone else, but the truth is, I'm faking it.

If it was only the two things — my punctuality and my unfamiliarity with the term 'codependency' — perhaps it wouldn't be such a big deal. But how do you explain the fact that I've never oohed and aahed and sighed over Ferron? Very unLesbianlike behavior. And then there's the whole goddess-worship and incense thing — I've never been, shall we say, captivated by that either. Are my Lesbian credentials now tarnished in your eyes? Believe me, I could go on — if I weren't pressed for time.

But lest you too begin to worry about my standing as a Lesbian, that you have been duped, that lo these many years I have been merely pawning myself off as a Lesbian to the unsuspecting masses, rest assured: despite these aberrations, I am the genuine article. In fact, I'm quite sure that my girlfriend will vouch for me — given enough time.

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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

Zippy

I am beginning to suspect that something went wrong at my birth. To be specific: I think someone set my idle too high. What I mean to say is, I just cannot seem to relax — no matter how hard I try.

To give you some idea of how bad I am at relaxing: years ago, a therapist suggested I might want to think about learning biofeedback. As a sample of what such training might entail, she hooked me up to her biofeedback machine. "OK, just relax," she instructed — at which point the little needle on the machine practically went off the paper: just the thought of relaxing made me nervous. Several years after that incident, someone told me I should try yoga. I did — but it was so boring; it made me feel antsy — like, OK, when are we going to do something? Long hot baths have also been suggested to me as a good way to unwind. But what may be

a pleasant experience for many is one of torture for me: There's nothing to do in there — especially as our tub only seats one with anything resembling comfort. (Of course, if my girlfriend were in there with me, I'm not sure that what might transpire would count as relaxing anyway...). Now I hope you're not getting the wrong idea here: it's not that I mind being alone, with my own thoughts. It's that I just can't sit still while I'm doing it. But what can you expect, I suppose, from someone named 'Zip-ter?' An ex-lover, in fact, was once going to bet me a quarter I couldn't sit still for more than five minutes. Fortunately, we did something else instead.

The gist of this last paragraph, in other words, is that being able to relax is not exactly one of my strong points. Given that I'm also the sort of person who tends to overcommit herself, you would think this could be a good thing. And often it is



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opportunity for exposure of the message GLOBE is trying to get out to fellow students. If weather is in-clement, an alternate inside site has been planned.

GLOBE has been more vocal in this school year than ever before, showing movies, speaking in dorms, doing public relations presentations for diverse classrooms, and, in general being vocal and proud. With the increased awareness has come increased harassment and a Gay bashing.

GLOBE has recently formed a coalition with others in the UW-Eau Claire community to organize the upcoming event. GLOBE is still looking for survivors of hate crimes willing to speak at the rally, and a Lesbian, Gay or Bi band to perform the music. Contact the organization by writing: UWEC Student Organizations Complex, Davies 132, GLO, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

Integrity/Dignity prayer service

Madison — Integrity/Dignity invites the Gay/Lesbian community and friends to a non-denominational prayer service 'In Time of AIDS.' The service will include psalms, readings from works by or about PWAs, hymns, prayers for all affected by HIV/AIDS, and a rite of laying-on of hands. A collection will be taken up to benefit MASN's Cookie Jar fund. I/D will conduct the Prayer Service on Saturday, May 2, at 7:30pm in the chapel of St. Francis House, 1001 University Avenue, in Madison.

Same Sex couples magazine

Seattle — The world's first magazine for same-sex couples was launched on Valentines Day when Partners Newsletter for Gay & Lesbian Couples became a quarterly magazine.

Publishers and editors Stevie Bryant and Demian, Ed.D., are 10-year partners and the authors of a national survey of 1,266 Gay and Lesbian couples. They founded the newsletter in 1986.

Now titled Partners Magazine for Gay &

Lesbian Couples, the publication features news, advice, and interviews of committed couples. Demian said the magazine "provides information and encouragement to couples, who often get little support from families, friends and employers."

"The explosion of information and news concerning couples made it impossible to fit everything into a newsletter," said Bryant. "The larger format also allows us to accept advertising from organizations and businesses with an outreach to same-sex couples."

The magazine's first issue, Winter 1992, includes a story on how relationships suffer when partners are in the closet. In another article, 75 year old Donald Vining recounts his experience of widowhood after a 43 year relationship. The issue also reported results of the publication's survey of how same-sex couples are covered in the Gay and Lesbian media.

In the last few years, same-sex couples have formed dozens of social groups around the nation, according to the magazine.

"The groups allow couples to discuss common interests and socialize in a supportive environment," says Demian, co-editor of Partners. "They range from informal potluck clubs to organizations with hundreds of member who choose from several events each month."

The magazine is developing a list of these groups to add to its free resource list, which contains nearly a hundred organizations, books and films with a couples focus.

If you are part of a couples organization, please provide the group's name, address, contact person(s) and phone to: Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109; (206) 784-1519.

To receive a copy of the current resource list, send a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to 'Partners Resource List' at the address above.

Partners Magazine is a quarterly journal of news, interviews and information. Annual subscriptions cost \$21.

Jock Shorts

GAMMA showcases Biking

Milwaukee — GAMMA's special showcase event for April will be a two-hour bicycle ride from Milwaukee's Lake Park to Fairy Chasm Road — and return. Bikers will meet at the rock on the western face of the Lake Park Pavilion (far eastern end of Newberry Blvd.) at 1pm and go North on the '76 bike path to River Hills. All skill levels are welcome; there is no fee.

GAMMA is highlighting one major event each month in order to introduce the greater Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community to the many outdoor, social, sports, and cultural activities offered by the organization. Other GAMMA events in April include a tour of the Wheel and Sprocket Bike Expo, a one-day AMTRACK trip to visit museums, stores, and bars in Chicago, an 'Adventures in

Dining' at the Coffee Trader, a book club discussion of **Equal Affections**, roller-skating, a game night, and GAMMA's least vigorous sport — kiting at the lake front.

Although the Miller (Bicycle) Ride for the Arts will not be held until Sunday, June 7, 1992, the deadline for team reservations is Tuesday, April 14. GAMMA will be sponsoring a team and anyone in the Gay and Lesbian community is welcome to join it. Cost is only \$13 — and that includes a T-Shirt. Ride distances are 50 miles, 30 miles, or 15 miles. For more information on GAMMA or any of its activities, call Bob at 963-9833.

Spring HIT bowling league

Milwaukee — The Spring HIT Bowling League will have its organizational meeting, Tuesday, May 5 at Landmark Lanes, 2220 N. Farwell ave., at 7pm. For more information call Rick at 482-1964.



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News Update

Another startling collection of fast breaking news that Tom Brokaw wouldn't touch with a ten-inch pole!

- Despite claims its advertising is not targeted at children, the makers of Camel cigarettes succumbed to pressure from the Surgeon General and withdrew it's ad campaign featuring the cartoon character, Joe the Camel. To replace the successful ad campaign, the giant cigarette manufacturer revealed a new marketing scheme featuring Kermit the Frog, Big Bird, and Miss Piggy. Upon hearing the news, Joe the Camel said he intends to capitalize on the obviously phallic way his face is drawn and announced plans to star in his first porno video with Ryan Idol. No word was given on who would be given first billing or whether Joe would be a bottom or a top, but it was clear that Joe would not be smoking a Camel cigarette after sex.

- Under intense pressure, and to the delight of millions of Gays and straights alike, The Children's Museum for Pedophiles opened and closed it's doors the very same day.

- Claiming it's title alone indicates an obvious 'pro-hetero bias,' the leadership of Queer Nation and other radical Gay rights groups continued it's assault on homophobic Hollywood by announcing plans to picket the screenings of Dolly Parton's new movie, **Straight Talk**. In a related story, doctors for Queer Nation announced a medical breakthrough after successfully implanting whistles in the throats of it's protesters.

- The Food and Drug Administration announced a ruling today requiring caloric and nutritional information to be included on wrappers of mint-flavored condoms. The FDA also denied a request by drug manufacturers to market a chewable Flintstone version of AZT.

- During an on-site press conference, controversial environmental artist, Cristo announced plans to wrap Jeff Stryker's dick in plastic.

- Popular home repair show, **This Old House** celebrated it's ten year anniversary on PBS. In commemoration of this milestone, ace carpenter Norm pierced his nipples with a automatic nail gun.

- United Nation's inspectors monitoring Iraq's compliance with the UN-imposed cease fire, announced that while Saddam Hussein had destroyed most of his nuclear weapons capability, he was caught cheating on the treaty when it was discovered he had written plans to an atomic bomb on the palm of his hand.

- NASA officials revealed that Pee Wee Herman had stowed away aboard the recent flight of the space shuttle Atlantis. Scientists discovered the illegal passenger when pictures beamed back from orbit featured a horny Pee Wee attempting to masturbate using the Space Shuttle's robot arm and a copy of **Torso**.

- A recent study of single Gay men, released by The Dating Institute of America, revealed that any dinner date who insists the meal be 'dutch treat' because they're busy paying off huge psychiatrists bills resulting from a string of failed relationships is NOT a good prospect for along-term love affair.

- Responding to charges he does not support fledgling democracies, President Bush announced an aid package bound for the economically strapped Russian republic. The economic help comes in the form of coupons clipped by Barbara Bush from the advertising insert of the Sunday paper and a pile of old S&H Green Stamps.

- Doctors in Miami have revealed that the record for the most personalities inhabiting one body belongs to a hunky male stripper, suffering from schizophrenia, who has 97 different personalities. Doctors discovered his multiple personality disorder after dozens of jealous boyfriends incited a riot, all arriving at his apartment for a Saturday night date.

- Scandal prone Presidential hopeful, Bill Clinton revealed that he actually

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Organizational Meeting Schedule

SUNDAYS

Silver Space- For older Lesbians, meets 3rd Sunday, 6-8 pm, Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. Call 271-2565 for info.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Queer Nation Milwaukee- Meets 1st & 3rd Sunday in the Milw. Public Library (814 W. Wisc.), 1st floor meeting room, 3 p.m. Call 384-3911 for info.

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

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

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

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

Bay City Chorus [Green Bay]- Rehearsal every Sunday, 7pm, Union Congregational Church, 716 W. S. Madison, 469-2897.

Touch Football- Every Sunday during season, 2pm, Lincoln Memorial Drive Soccer Field, call Bob 963-9833.

MONDAYS

BESTD- Anonymous HIV Counseling & testing, (rest ok), 6-9 pm, by apptmt. only. BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. 272-2144

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

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

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

TUESDAYS

MASN Support Group [Madison]- For people with AIDS or ARC. f.m.i. 255-1711.

Parents FLAG Fox Cities- Meets 3rd Tues., 7 pm. Call 749-1629 for info & location.

Family, Friends of PWA's Support [Oshkosh]- 2nd & 4th Tues., 7 pm Holy Family Rm., East Frontage Rd., Oshkosh, Place 2B

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

PFLAG/Lakeshore [Sheboygan]- Meets 2nd Tues. of even months. For info write: P.O. Box 1396, Sheboygan 53082.

BESTD- (STD testing; treatment, hepatitis screening) 6-9 pm, walk-in, BEST Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (272-2144).

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAYS

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

BESTD Clinic- Gay men's HIV+ support group, call 372-3713 or 272-2144 for time & location.

Cream City Chorus- weekly rehearsal, men and women singers and accompanists welcome; 7-10 pm, New Hope United Church of Christ, 1424 W. Greenfield.

Fest City Singers- weekly rehearsal, 7-10 pm, War Memorial Center, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr.; men and women singers and instrumentalists welcome.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAYS

G/L Parents Coalition of Milw.- Meeting 1st Thursday; pot luck; 3rd Thurs. only; call 962-0861 for location.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TV/TS Social- At Wizard's Pub, call 483-2227 for more info.

UW Stevens Point 10% Society- Meets every week, 9 p.m. Call 346-4366 for exact location.

FRIDAYS

Bi-Sexual Support [Milw.]- meeting, call 271-3067 for location and info.

SATURDAYS

BESTD Women's Alternative Health Clinic- GYN exams, STD testing and more, 1st & 3rd Saturdays 10 a.m. to Noon, 10am-12 noon, walk-in. BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St., 272-2144.

Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee- Meets 2nd Sat. of every month, 10 pm social, 3B's Bar.

Galano- Movie night; 9pm, 2408 N. Farwell.

BWMT- 3rd Sat., 8 pm, 265-8500 for more info.

Gay Youth Milw.- Discussion group-1st & 3rd Sat. only 1-3 pm, Main Public Library (9th & Wis.), 1st floor meeting room, (18 yrs. & under), 265-8500 for info.

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

Metro. Milw. Friendship Grp.- 2nd Sat. For details/info call Dave 423-0379.

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

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

TS/TV Connection- Meets last Sat. of month at 3B's, 9 pm Call 256-1321 or 344-3581 for info & reservations.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Open 3pm, welcome MILMAIDS bowlers.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Hosts to MILMAIDS banquet & post bowling party. Bar opens noon.

Toga Party Benefit: At Cafe Melange, 9pm, to benefit The Milwaukee AIDS House. \$10 donation gets first drink free, dancing, fee appetizers, cash bar, raffles & entertainment by Baby Jane & Co. Drink discounts with Toga.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Follies Girls present C&W show 'Nashville, here we come... Again!' A benefit for SEWAP.

Madhatters [Wausau]: Miss Gay Wausau, a Wisconsin-USA preliminary, 10:30pm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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

Queer TV: April episode of new Gay/Lesbian monthly Cable Show. Every Thursday & Sunday at 10:30pm, Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14.

3B's Bar: Live dance lessons by Chicago's Ellis Rose, 7pm.

Club 3054/Wings [Madison]: Annual staff Variety Show, 10pm, \$2 donation goes to PWAs. A laugh a minute.

Boot Camp: 1992 Mr. Boot Camp contest, \$500 in prizes. Doors open 7pm, contest begins 9pm. Advance tickets available.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Mr. Miss & Ms. Emerald City Contest. Applications at the bar.

Gay Men's Discussion Group: 'Oppressing the oppressed,' on Racism in the Gay community 6-8pm, The Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave. No pre-registration, cost is \$2, more info call Bill Hanel at 271-2565.

Station II: Golfers meeting at 3pm to discuss Summer outings.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Club 3054 [Madison]: Good Friday, special buffet for Happy Hour.

Wreck Room: Crand Reopening of the 'Leather Cell.' Mr. Wisconsin Drummer Weekend.

GAMMA Movie Night: Meet at Henry's (2625 N. Downer) at 11:30pm prior to Midnight showing of 'Pink Narcissus' at Downer Theatre.

Station II: Easter Party, raffles & egg hunt.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

ZA's [Green Bay]: King Productions Miss Gay USA benefit show.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Wings Grand Re-opening Party - Come see our new look! 5pm-? Hors d'oeuvres & door prizes.

Wreck Room: ZHawk Productions presents the 1st Annual Mr. Wisconsin Drummer '92 Contest, 9pm.

3B's Bar: Cocktail reception for Mr. Wisconsin Drummer participants at 4pm; country dance at 9pm.

GAMMA's Bicycling: Begins at 1pm with 2 hour leisure ride from Lake Park Pavilion. Bring your bike, call 963-9833 for info.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Easter Weekend Show, with B.J. Daniels & Gloria Holloway.



SUNDAY, APRIL 19

EASTER DAY

Queer TV: April Episode of new Gay/Lesbian monthly Cable Show. Every Thursday & Sunday at 10:30pm, Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Easter Basket contest, prizes for best decorated basket, contest at 10pm.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Easter Sunday 5pm Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet Contest, drawing for giant stuffed bunny at 8pm.

Wreck Room: Mr. Wisconsin Drummer Contest Weekend.

Pivot [Appleton]: Birthday party for those born in April. 8 - close. 1st drink free with April birthdate ID.

BJ's Mint: BJ's Bunny Hop, 3-9, food, prizes & fun.

Partners: Easter Party, see ad for details.

Rod's [Madison]: Egg Hunt with lots of prizes, and a special buffet to go with Beer Bash. Show your colored eggs & get a free shot.

Club 219 Plus: Easter Egg Surprises, 1 free egg per person. Special 219 Girls Easter Show, shot specials.

Station II: Happy Easter, open 4pm.

Ballgame: Easter Buffet, 3pm-?

MONDAY, APRIL 20

GAMMA Book Club: Meet at 7:30 to discuss David Leavitt's "Equal Affections," call 963-9833 for location & info.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Roller-skating: Join GAMMA at Skateland (12400 W. Custer) in Butler. 8-10:30pm. All welcome. Cost is \$4.50 (including skates) but \$1 discount if you say you're with GAMMA.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Pivot Club [Appleton]: 219 Girls Show with Mary Richards, BJ Daniels & Tiffany Thomas.

Nothing To Hide/WYOU [Madison]: 'Ethnic Notions' a view of African American stereotypes directed by Marlon Riggs, 9pm, Cable Channel 4.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

QUEER TV: April episode of new Gay/Lesbian monthly cable show. Every Thursday & Sunday at 10:30pm, Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Uniform Contest, 9-close, co-sponsored by The American Uniform Assn. and The Chicago Brigade, Uniform contest at midnight, cash & T-shirt prizes.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

MILMAIDS Tournament Bus Trip To Madison: Kick off party for 2nd shift bowlers only, begins at M&M at 9:30am, bus departs for Madison at 10:30am. Transportation to all events included. Bus returns to Milw. at 10:30. A HIT fundraiser. \$15 tickets includes bus & special drinks on board. Call Tim at 223-3139.

MILMAIDS Tournament [Madison]: Milwaukee & Madison against AIDS bowling tournament. This year benefits MASN. Sun Prairie Lanes, 430 Clamar Drive, Sun Prairie. Bowling shifts at 10am & 1pm. For more info call Joe at (608) 271-8889.

Health

CDC: AIDS increases in rural USA

Saying that millions of Americans still do not understand that they may be at risk for HIV infection, HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., introduced March 26 a new phase of TV ads and other AIDS educational efforts in which ordinary people emphasize the risk of infection to women, sexually active young people, and small-town Americans.

"Our urgent message is that this disease is not confined to the big cities," Secretary Sullivan said. "Americans of all ages need to understand that if they engage in high-risk sexual or drug-use behaviors, regardless of who they are or where they live, they can become infected with HIV."

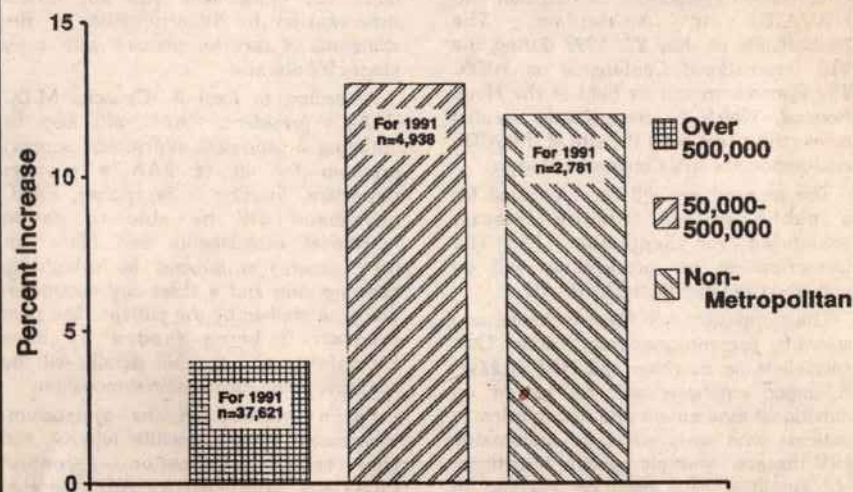
The new phase of the CDC educational program, **America Responds to AIDS**, reflects surveys that show most Americans know the basic facts about

AIDS but do not believe that people in their town or group are at risk. The aim of the new message is to say that anyone who engages in high-risk sexual or drug-use behaviors is at risk, regardless of age, gender, or where they live. (See accompanying chart.)

The new campaign, **Americans Working Together to Prevent HIV Infection and AIDS**, has special impact, Secretary Sullivan said, because it focuses on the true stories of three individuals with HIV infection. "They are real people who understand the risk and are willing to share their experience in order to help others," Sullivan said.

"A million Americans are currently infected with HIV. This represents almost 1 in every 100 adult males and about 1 in every 800 adult females," Dr. Sullivan said. "Every 13 minutes another person

Percent Increase in Reported AIDS Cases by Metropolitan Area, 1990 to 1991



The biggest percentage increases in AIDS cases in '90-'91 were in cities smaller than Milwaukee and in rural areas.

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is infected. If we are to control this epidemic, every person must know he or she can be at risk."

During 1992 alone, according to estimates CDC, 40,000 Americans will become infected with HIV, and as many as 40,000 will die as a result of AIDS.

"The number of reported AIDS cases has just surpassed 200,000; the magnitude of the epidemic is increasing, with the first 100,000 cases occurring over an 8-year period and the next 100,000 in just slightly more than 2 years. AIDS is now the third leading cause of death among adults age 25-44," said James O'Mason, M.D., HHS assistant secretary for health and head of the Public Health Service.

The CDC is the federal agency which manages the nation's HIV and AIDS prevention efforts. Its comprehensive program includes the 'America Responds to AIDS' public education campaign; the

CDC National AIDS Hotline; the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse; coalition building with national, state, and local organizations; and public health communications assistance to state AIDS programs.

The new phase includes multimedia public service advertisements and a variety of print materials including a brochure entitled 'Preventing HIV and AIDS: What You Can Do.' The PSAs — radio and television announcements, print advertisements, and posters — have been produced in both English and Spanish.

'Preventing HIV and AIDS: What You Can Do' provides specific activities and tips to help the public educate themselves, their families, and their communities about HIV prevention. The public can obtain a free copy of the brochure, other materials, referrals, and confidential AIDS counseling by calling the toll-free CDC National AIDS Hotline (1-800-342-AIDS).

Nutrition and AIDS seminar

Chicago [PAAC] — The Physicians Association for AIDS Care (PAAC) announced that it will be sponsoring an international symposium on nutrition and HIV/AIDS in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on July 22, 1992 during the VIII International Conference on AIDS. The symposium will be held at the Hotel Novotel, which is conveniently located across the street from the site of the AIDS conference, the RAI Convention Center.

The proceedings will be videotaped for a public service satellite telecast scheduled for September 11. The transcripts of the proceedings will be published and distributed by PAAC.

The symposium will feature clinical and scientific presentations from leading U.S. specialists on nutrition and HIV disease. A major emphasis will be placed on nutritional assessment and intervention in patients with early stage (asymptomatic) HIV disease. Multiple specific nutritional abnormalities have been documented in these patients, including frequent low blood levels of vitamins A, E, B6 and B12, along with low plasma levels of zinc and

copper. These deficiencies can influence the clinical progression of HIV disease. PAAC will be recommending that nutritional assessment with appropriate intervention be incorporated in the standards of care for persons with early stage HIV disease.

According to Paul J. Cimoch, M.D., PAAC's president, PAAC will also be outlining a landmark nutritional support program for all of PAAC's member physicians. Starting in September, PAAC physicians will be able to obtain nutritional assessments and plans for their patients at no cost by submitting baseline data and a three-day nutritional diary maintained by the patient. The pilot program is being funded by Ross Laboratories and the full details will be available at the Amsterdam symposium.

For a brochure on the symposium, information on the satellite telecast and conference publication, contact Physicians Association for AIDS Care at 1-800-243-3059.

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

ZA's [Green Bay]: The Headliners of Texas all Male Revue.

Men Aloud: HIV Risk Reduction/ Safer Sex Workshops for Gay & Bi men, 7-10pm, MAP office, 315 W. Court St. Call Mike L. at 273-1991 for reservations.

Nothing To Hide/WYOU [Madison]: Cable Channel 4, 9pm, with Jay Hatheway, a world view from a small town perspective.

Wizards: Bottom Line Travel informational cruise party, 6:30pm.

Beginners Volleyball: Newcomers welcome at GAMMA's regular volleyball session. 8:30pm UWM's Engelmann Gym. Cost is \$2, call 963-9833 for information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

Tri Cable Tonight: Last episode, Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm.

Queer TV Premiere: Special 2 1/2 hour live premiere cable show, Milw. Warner Cable Channel 47, 7-9:30pm. Call in, dial 799-LIVE (5483). See article in Group Notes for details about tonight's premiere show.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

ZA's [Green Bay]: Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Greg, presents his final show as Mr. Emerald City.

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

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Every Friday in April 50 cent tapers & soda.

Club 219 Plus: Texas Headliners Revue, male dancers return, 11:30 showtime.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

Wreck Room Saloon: Oberons Club Night, 10pm.

Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.

Mr. C's [Rockford]: Miss USA Benefit show, 10:30pm.

Rod's [Madison]: PWA House Rummage Sale, donations welcome.

Cest' La Vie: Cruiser's Softball Team Easter Egg Hunt & Auction, 4-9pm. Donated items appreciated.

Station II: Easter Party for 'The Kids' at MAP office, call MAP office for time.

'The Experience' Preview: A preview of The Experience workshop that helps you discover the one person you've been looking for. Preview of upcoming May Chicago Experience workshops. Previews at 1:30 & 7:30, call 792-1691 for reservations & location.

Country Pride Dance: Benefits Pride Committee (MLGPC) at 3B's Bar, 8pm. \$3 cover goes to MLGPC. Line, Square & 2 Step dancing.

BJ's Mint: 'Pardon Our Dust' party, \$1 taps & 2 for 1 rail from 9pm-1am.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: The return of 'Texas Headliners Revue' male dance troupe, 11pm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Tri-Cable Tonight: Last episode, Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm.

3B's Bar: Line dance lessons by Chicago's Ellis Rose, 7pm.

Wizards: 'Wizard of Oz' party, 5-9pm.

Triangle: Victoria Maxwell for Possum Queen Rally 4-9, free buffet, \$3 beer bust, all bust proceeds go to MAP.

MONDAY, APRIL 13

The New Leaf [Janesville]: Celebrate Bret's birthday with free beer from 7-9.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Nothing To Hide/WYOU [Madison]: Sam Day's Conversations.

Station II: Tax Day, 25 cent tap beer all night.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Queer TV: April episode of new Gay/Lesbian monthly cable show. Every Thursday & Sunday at 10:30pm, Milw. Warner Cable Channel 14.

Club 219 Plus: Miss Ebony WI-USA pageant, 10:30pm. King Productions.

Rod's [Madison]: Full Moon party — it's also leather night.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Full Moon contest. Contest at midnight, \$50 cash first prize.

LAMM Meeting: 'Lesbians & The media,' with speakers Jamakaya & Kitty Barber. 6pm potluck, 7pm program, at MEC, 2821 N. 4th St., call 264-2600 for info.



Club 219 Plus held a Mardi Gras Spring Fling weekend that included a Friday night performance by singer/coverboy David Burrill. A 219 Girls show was a bevy of beauties in feathers, bangles and beads.



Harvey Fierstein, the Gay three time Tony Award winning playwright and action guest stars on the "Cheers" episode entitled "Rebecca's Lover... Not" on April 23 on NBC. Fierstein plays Kirstie Alley's old high school flame who has since come out.



Local writer/historian Jamakaya discussed author Susan Faludi's book *Surviving The Backlash Against Feminism*, and the Gay and Lesbian Rights Movement as part of UW Milwaukee's celebration of Women's History Month.

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Clinton clarifies response

(Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to Randy Klose, of the Human Rights Campaign Fund and a copy supplied to In Step by HRCF.)

Dear Mr. Klose:

I am writing to clarify some misconceptions about my position on the subject of civil rights for Gays and Lesbians which have arisen from the answer to your recent questionnaire.

I am a strong supporter of civil rights for Gay and Lesbians, as I am for all Americans. As President, I will sign the federal Gay civil rights bill as long as the final version addresses my concerns on two matters, which I believe will help facilitate the passage of the bill.

In my answer to your questionnaire, I mentioned that the current version of the legislation will need to undergo further clarification on the issues of enforcement of non-numerical affirmative action and the hiring of secular employees by religious organizations. These issues raise important questions about the right

to privacy and freedom of religion, and should be addressed. My concerns are shared, I believe, by many legislators in Washington who support the legislation but think that the current version of the bill will need technical changes prior to passage. In pointing out my views about these areas, I was trying to give a thoughtful and responsible answer to your question about the legislation. This does not, however, reflect on my fundamental commitment to civil rights for Gays and Lesbians, or my public commitment to sign the legislation when it is passed by the United States Congress.

I think that if my position on the civil rights bill is read in the context of my commitment to the rights of Gays and Lesbians — my call for repeal of the ban on Gays and Lesbians serving in the military, and pledge to issue an executive order if elected prohibiting discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in federal hiring and contracting — it will be clear that I am fundamentally committed to the protection of the rights of Gay and Lesbian Americans.

— Sincerely,
Bill Clinton

The MAP dinner...

As a Gay person I'm quite familiar with the reality of often having to look to, and relying only on, the Gay community for the empowerment we often seek for the betterment of our community. We have been put in this position mostly due to necessity, because overall, we are seldom accepted, much less supported by the 'Community' at large (heterosexuals and closeted homosexuals alike). But often our pride, ego, resentment and anger prevent us from looking to, welcoming, accepting and acknowledging the support available to us from the mainstream community that we often feel necessary to separate ourselves from.

Whatever our reasons for distancing ourselves from the communities that surround us, I believe causes us only to lose in the end. Certainly, putting aside our anger, hurt and resentment isn't an easy task to undertake, but if we focus on the possibilities that exist in the wake of our being able to unite we can't argue the obvious benefits we are all given in the end.

This was brought home to me, and I'm sure numerous others, the evening of the 'Make A Promise' dinner for the



The top two winners in Wing's 3054 March Full Moon Contest. It's enough to make a man howl (full moon or not!).



Lynn Thomas made her Milwaukee premiere at the M&M Club on a recent weekend. In the top photo you can see she had several in the crowd doing a choreographed routine.

gig March 28-29. Best known in the East and South, Lynn has done some recordings, and has been a live entertainer for over 15 years. If you missed her, keep your eye out for her name in the future.

Dreams of Summer greeted Spring at Wings 3054 with their Mazo Beach Party (swimsuit optional). Those basement boys were having thoughts of the coming of Summer and the beach at Mazamanie on the Wisconsin River. (Don't ask me... I've never been there - yet!)

"Hi, I'm running for Possum Queen, will you buy a vote?" You've either been asked this, or will be asked soon - what's it all about? What started as a lark a year ago has turned into an annual fundraiser for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Done in a humorous (and defiantly NOT a glamour thing) way, those running for Possum Queen sell votes for \$1 each, with all money raised going to MAP. The candidate who sells the most votes (and thus raises the most money) wins the rather dubious honor of Possum Queen. Several of the candidates have already had rallies at their host bars. Baby Jane Hudson, one candidate, hosted a party/rally for her campaign at Wizard's Pub March 29. Keep your eye open and your dollars ready!

After all the pre-publicity and the worries of a disruption, the '92 Academy Awards went off without any visible interruption of the telecast. Queer Nationals made sure their presence was known outside the pavilion, where over 200 demonstrators picketed, shouted slogans, and blew whistles. The protest was over the way Gays and Lesbians are portrayed in Hollywood films. Only a handful of films in the last 10 years have treated our community with honest reflections. The demonstrators had the sympathy of some members of the Academy, but no one mentioned the protest during the televised broadcast.

If you caught the two hour long pre-Oscar broadcast on E! entertainment television cable station, you were treated to coverage of the protest highlights, as well as a steady dirge of whistles blowing as guests entered the pavilion. The

whistles reached a crescendo the closer it got to starting time, nearly drowning out interviews with the stars.

It was heart warming to see so many in the audience and on the stage sporting the looped red ribbons on their lapels in memory of Persons With AIDS.

See this issue's News section for more details on the protest and the Academy show.

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With the Mr. Wisconsin Drummer '92 contest weekend coming up April 17-19, I'd like to welcome all the out of town leathermen and leatherwomen to town for what promises to be a yearly event. A special welcome to titleholders who are visiting Milwaukee for the first time. We know you'll like it here, everybody does!

Leatherpeople: make sure your leather is ready to pass inspection. If you find you need leather repairs, re-modeling or something new, have I got a name for you. Milwaukee has a new resident, Peter Camonier, who has been doing custom leather tailoring for over 12 years. (No more going to Chicago!) His leather work was featured in the film, *People Under The Stairs*, and he can whip you up anything from jackets to pants, vests, chaps, dresses or skirts. Give him a call at 264-1523 and make an appointment, now!

That brings us up to April 1 events and wraps things for this issue. Until next time, think Summer and Play Safer!



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For a short time attitudes and judgments were replaced by harmless snickers, subtle criticism, open expression and at times even blatant acceptance of the differences that abounded.

Yet, one couldn't help but feel the losses that we've all had to endure as a community of the past decade. But instead of dwelling on these losses, and the struggles that faced us head-on, and needed to be overcome - I sensed were replaced - with the compassion and hope that hung in the atmosphere. It was far more powerful, life- sustaining for those who have been there in the past, and even now. Recalling some of that familiar helplessness I've experienced in the past, I was able to draw from this present hope. This kind of unconditional reaching-out support reinforced my sagging spirit, causing me to remember the positive changes and growth that has occurred, which always overshadowed the struggles and losses of the disease. Any step forward has been worth the barriers faced and battles fought. Battles that we all have been asked to endure.

In the end, we are making the difference, despite our many differences as members of a 'community whole' (no matter how small or unrecognizable at times). And this we have to keep in the forefront of our efforts as we forge ahead in the coming years. Thus, finding the much needed strength for us as a community to continue our fight in this battle.

-Sincerely,
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Publisher's Comment

by Ron Geiman

Gay men, abortion, and the '92 March For Women's Lives

Last weekend saw the April 5 March for Women's Lives, which was expected to be among the largest pro-Choice demonstrations in American history. The event was expected to draw hundreds of thousands to the Washington D.C. ellipse — site of numerous historic protests.

The march put the choice issue on the American public front burner during a presidential election year. A woman's basic right of choice is being attacked from all sides by vociferous Right to Life groups attempting to force their values and beliefs on the American public.

(The March occurs after In Step's deadline, but prior to distribution of this issue.)

The main sponsors of the march were the National Organization of Women (NOW) and the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) in association with dozens of other supportive groups.

The D.C. march comes less than two weeks after one of the largest anti-choice demonstrations in Milwaukee history, with over 137 choice opponents arrested outside a north west side clinic. NARAL-Wisconsin executive director Chris Korsmo was quoted in the Milwaukee Sentinel as saying area abortion rights (pro-choice) activists are bracing for a "long hot summer" of protests. "We expect to see protests like this continue and be much more intense this summer."

The Sentinel article also quoted 'Missionaries to the Pre-born' spokesman Matthew Trewhella, who said a six week mission in June should bring 30 extra protesters to Milwaukee. The March 28 protest came on the heels of two days of meetings organized by the 'Missionaries'— a Christian ministers group. On the eve of the protest, more than 300 people attended a rally at the

Milwaukee Area Technical College.

Local choice activists fear a Milwaukee version of last summer's Kansas City abortion protests where hundreds of protesters descended on the city from across the country. Hundreds were arrested, courts and jails were filled with anti-choice protesters and the national media had a feeding frenzy.

Most of the clinic protests are marked by hymns and harangues, and face to face shouting matches with women attempting to enter the clinics. Protesters also block doorways, sometimes chaining themselves to the building to make removal by the police time costly and time consuming.

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These tactics reek of the Fundamentalists and Traditional Family Values groups that also preach hatred and bias against Gays and Lesbians. They all come from the same mold — and try and manipulate 'The System' to their advantage.

Gay men MUST work with Lesbian and feminist groups on the choice issue. We must make it our issue, too.

Lesbians have made the Gay male-devastating AIDS pandemic a Lesbian issue. They work and volunteer at AIDS resource centers across the country. They contribute time and money and help us raise money and awareness.

The time has come for more Gay men to place a woman's right to choose on equal footing with all our other 'wants' agenda items. We must not sit by and let the women deal with this issue on their own. They deserve some payback.

AIDS has helped bring the Gay male and Lesbian community closer than ever before. As Gay men, we can now seal that relationship with our commitment to choice; or we can turn our backs on choice and risk division in our Gay/Lesbian community.

By the way, the only openly Gay male slated to speak at the march was the

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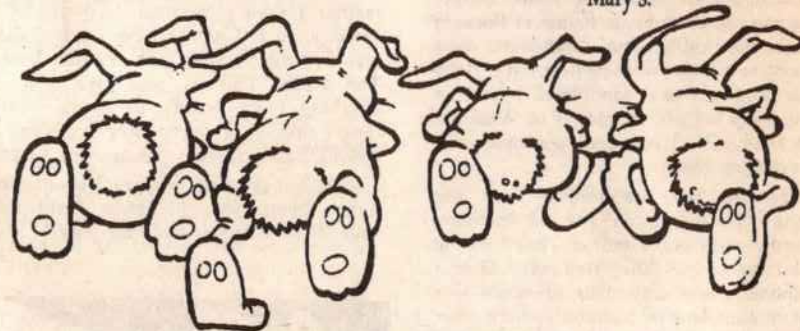
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which should help boost attendance.

Those Kenoshans were busy again raising funds for SEWAP (the South Eastern Wisconsin AIDS Project) an arm of ARCW, with Club 94's Follies Girls in a country western show. "Nashville — here we come!" They raised over \$900, but because of the nasty weather the cast has decided to do the same show again April 25.

Meanwhile the same night as the MAP dinner, Madison's Gay community was out for the Annual Community Service Awards and dinner sponsored by Frontiers. Frontier's does Gay men's outreach, and serves as an umbrella organization for a myriad of smaller groups. Jerry Johnson and Terry Boughner of Wisconsin Light were presenters at the Frontier's awards, as thus couldn't make it to the MAP dinner.

King Production's has been taking his titleholders on a road tour as a fundraiser for the upcoming Miss Gay USA pageant. It ain't cheap to send the winner and first runner ups from both the Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA and Miss Gay Great Lakes pageants to the nationals. Recent dates have been at The New Bar on March 22, Club 219 Plus April 2 and Club 94 April 4. Check our Calendar section for upcoming dates.

King's Miss Gay Great Lakes pageant was held March 29 at the Pivot Club in Appleton before a very large crowd. Open to female impersonators from any of the states bordering the Great Lakes, a total of seven competed. Tiffany Thomas won the title of Miss Gay Great Lakes, Duwanna Moore was 1st runner up and Chanel O'Conner taking 2nd runner up. Both the winner and 1st runners up from USA preliminaries are eligible to compete in the Miss USA finals.

Miss Gay USA '91-92 Sable Chanel and Mary Richards, Miss Gay WI-USA '91-92 thoroughly entertained the crowd in their guest spots. Hostess for the evening was B.J. Daniels. Alicia Kelly was the former Miss Gay Great Lakes who gave up her crown.

The HIT [Holiday Invitational Tournament] committee is raising funds, too — for their upcoming annual

Thanksgiving weekend bowling tournament. HIT is the oldest Gay/Lesbian bowling tourney in the country. HIT held a bar crawl to Chicago's Halsted strip and as usual half the crowd was 'well on its way' by the time the bus hit Chicago. (When will they ever learn to LIGHTLY imbibe at least until they get there?)

Club 219 Plus owner Bobby Lyons did Mardi Gras HIS way — celebrating it with a 'Spring Fling' well into the Lenten season. It was a weekend of events that started on Thursday and continued through the Sunday night show. Thursday March 26 was the actual Mardi Gras costume contest with a special 219 Girls show featuring lots of feathers and beads. Friday night, the bar brought in David Burril, dance music recording artist/model/coverboy/x-rated star. It was David's second appearance at 219 and he rocked the house with the help of a little whipped cream and La Croix water — applied liberally on all the fun places.

March 27 also saw Station 2 get in on the seasonal action with their own Spring Thing — free tap beers, raffles and Spring time surprises. By wht way, Sheri tells me only two 'girls' showed up in skirts for the bars skirt night. They were both female impersonators.

That weekend saw the Office, in Rockford, Illinois (just across the state line) celebrate their 1st anniversary under the new owners — Dan and Mike. It was also the grand opening of their new Basement Bar. They partied all night... with obvious delight at the guest male dancers, all for no cover. Remember, guys, the first year is the roughest!

If you want to Country — there's only one place offering a variety of C&W dancing in Milwaukee and that's the 3B's Bar. Whether it's line, square dancing — or two-steppin', 3B's has it. They've brought in Chicago Sidetrack's line dance specialist Ellis Rose for free dance lessons. Check the Calendar, this issue, for upcoming dates if you missed the one in late March.

Lynn Thomas, as featured in last issue's Arts section, made her Wisconsin premiere at the M&M Club for a two night

Human Rights Campaign Fund's executive director Tim McFeeley. McFeeley had this to say: "I understand the invitation (to speak) is in recognition of the high priority the HRCF has given to abortion rights and our efforts to defeat the gag rule and other anti-choice proposals. Choice is an important issue for the Lesbian and Gay community and for the HRCF."

What can you do? Contact your local NOW chapter (the Wisconsin chapter of NOW is headquartered in Madison, phone (608) 255-3911). Or, call the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (phone (414)264-2600). Another outlet would be your local branch of NARAL (in Milwaukee the number is (414) 332-4664).

Those groups can connect you with appropriate ways to use your areas of expertise or interest. For instance, volunteer to be a clinic escort — you'd meet women who have come for a clinic appointment as they arrive, and escort them through the demonstrators. Another option is to counter demonstrate, either in an organized effort or on your own. Donate money, volunteer to work a telephone tree, bring the issue up with your friends and acquaintances — there's lots of ways you can help. Now you just have to do it.

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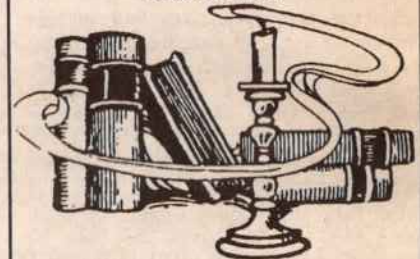
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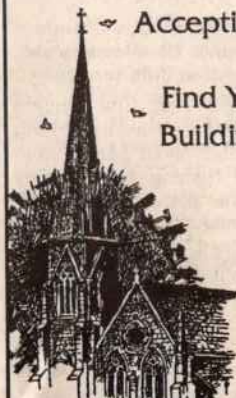


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The Arts

Pride Arts Festival seeks artists

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) has announced it will hold a juried Fine Arts Festival as part of the 1992 Pride celebration scheduled for June 14. Gay and Lesbian artists, as well as those supportive of the Gay and Lesbian community, are urged to submit works for consideration.

Exhibit categories at the Art Festival, part of MLGPC's Pride Fest, include: Sculpture; Jewelry; Pottery; Painting; Printmaking; Fiber Arts; Photography; and Drawing.

Best of category prizes will include ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. First place winners from each category will also be judged for Best of Show, with prizes including a Third Place \$75 prize, a Second Place \$125 prize, and a First Place \$200 prize. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries.

Entrants must submit a minimum of 10 slides showing the pieces they will be submitting for judging. A \$25 non-refundable processing fee must also accompany the slides and application. **Application deadline is April 30. To get an application call [414]933-0761.**

The slides will be reviewed by a screening committee and selected exhibitors will be notified by May 11. Entrants must attend and exhibit at the Pride Art Festival in order to be eligible for prizes. Each exhibitor will receive a 10' x 6' space at the Pride Fest site in Juneau Park.

Last year, MLGPC sponsored a small art show for the first time. This year, organizers hope to expand the Art Festival and make it an integral part of the festivities. For more information, please call the number above.

Fest City Singers seeks new members

The Fest City Singers, a member of GALA Choruses, invites people who enjoy singing, performing and/or theater production to join the chorus in time for its annual spring cabaret show. Membership in the Fest City Singers is open to Gays, Lesbians and anyone sympathetic to our causes. Chorus rehearsals, under the musical direction of Charles Golden, are held each Wednesday at 7pm at the Milwaukee Art Center. FCS needs new members in all voice ranges, but women's voices are especially needed.

The spring show employs an original script written by the group's artistic director, Peter Mortenson. According to Mortenson, the show, presently titled **Clique: A Soap Opera in Three Rituals**, involves "the coming together and drifting apart" of a group of people. The first act takes place in an art gallery; the second, in two bars, a leather bar and a piano bar; and the third act, over brunch the next day.

FCS received rave reviews on last year's spring cabaret show, **History, Herstory, Ourstory**. Also written by Mortenson, the show was a musical review of Gay and Lesbian life from the 1950s to the present. The chorus performed the show to record crowds at the Stackner Cabaret in the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, at La Cage, at ZA's in Green Bay and at the Pivot Club in Appleton.

In December, Fest City Singers performed its annual Christmas show, **Home for the Holidays**, at Villa Terrace.

Most recently, the Fest City Singers performed a satirical skit at the Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball about Mayor John Norquist's veto of funding for the Gay Pride Parade. Held at the domes, the ball was sponsored by the Gay/Lesbian Pride

Anyone interested in joining the Fest City Singers can call Jonathan Justice at 265-8224 or Sandy Lewis at 961-2135 for more information.

their generous contribution to the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, as well as other ARCW fundraising events. Since 1990, Miller and their parent corporation, Philip Morris, have donated more than \$61,000 to the ARCW. Miller was also saluted for its leadership role in gaining participation from other corporations; and for its dedicated and active employee participation with ARCW's Volunteer Resource program.

After the award, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist introduced his sister, who also happened to be the entertainment headliner — Loey Nelson. Loey certainly doesn't look like her publicity pictures, where she had long blonde hair. This Loey appeared with much shorter, wilder hair in shades of auburn. It's obvious New York has had an effect on her. But it was the same voice which has enthralled many since release of her recording last year.

During a brief introduction of his sister, the mayor missed an obvious opportunity to reach out to the Gay/Lesbian community (in a very supportive environment). He was booed by several in the audience who were obviously still upset with his veto of Pride Parade funding.

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Other things DID happen that weekend, including the champagne reception for 12th District Aldermanic Candidate Emilio Lopez held at La Cage. The event was co-sponsored by La Cage, Triangle, Partners and BJ's. The 12th Aldermanic District contains the majority of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian bars, and the person holding that seat has an obvious impact on our community. Let's hope the April 7 election sees Lopez in that seat previously held by Mary Anne McNulty.

The SSBL Gay/Lesbian softball season is quickly approaching, and with it scores of softball team benefits. As in past years, because there are SO MANY softball fundraisers, In Step will not be covering or photographing any of them. If we can't cover them all (and we can't), then it's not fair to cover just a few. Hope everybody understands... we will gladly give pre-publicity to those events (Calendar listings, etc. — if they are provided to us)

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Just when you thought it was Spring (at least according to the calendar), we get the biggest snowfall since December. The weather, fortunately, didn't stop nearly 800 brave souls who fought the elements for the March 21 Make A Promise dinner, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's annual fundraiser. I, like many others, wore my tux with a winter overcoat, and wore 'moon boots', and changed into my formal footwear once inside the Pfister Hotel.

Prior to dinner, supporters — ranging from Persons With AIDS to politicians to other VIPs — mingled and sipped drinks. They also perused the over 160 items (donated by over 125 businesses and individuals) up for bid in the silent auction, while Ariel — a flutist and harpist — provided light, un-obtrusive music.

I got a kick when I noticed that out of the approximately twelve auction items displayed on one table, the single item that had the longest list of bids was a peach colored ostrich feather boa! All the other items had 2 or 3 bids listed, whereas the boa had nearly 10! The high number of bids on the boa I equated with the make up of those in attendance. Even though there are more of 'them' supporting MAP benefits year after year, Gays and Lesbians still made up approximately 30% of the nearly 800.

The dinner itself was divine, with choices ranging from a filet to salmon to a vegetarian delight. I was impressed with the quality of the food served by the

Pfister for such a large banquet gathering. During dinner, the Northern Lights Chamber trio entertained beautifully.

Master of Ceremonies Neal Gittleman, the Associate Director of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, began the program after dinner by introducing MAP's parent corporation, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin Executive Director, Doug Nelson. Nelson pointed out the tremendous increase in support and attendance by corporations, the medical community and the strong support of a have dozen specific doctors. Nelson also didn't neglect to mention the Gay and Lesbian community, "from which we received support since the beginning."

After enjoyable and funny sets by Milwaukee musician Pat McCurdy and comedienne Jo Ann Dearing, it was time for intermission and the last chance to place a bid for silent auction items. (I never did hear how much that darn boa brought in!)

ARCW's Sharon Otto, who is President of the Board, next presented the first annual ARCW 'Sterling Rose' Award to Miller Brewing Company for its "outstanding leadership and meritorious service to the community in response to the AIDS epidemic." Miller's Director of Corporate Issues, Tom Reed, received the award on Miller's behalf.

Miller was chosen the initial recipient of the award for many reasons, including

2nd Art for AIDS benefit May 31

Milwaukee — The second annual Art For AIDS auction and brunch to benefit the comprehensive services of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) will be held on Sunday, May 31, at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago Street.

An anticipated 500 buyers, gallery owners, artists, and guests are expected to raise more than \$43,000 to support the essential AIDS care and education programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project and the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project, service agencies of the ARCW. Last year, due largely to the incredible generosity of the arts community, the initial auction was a wonderful success, with more than \$30,000 raised.

"The Art For AIDS Auction offers a unique opportunity for the arts community and its patrons to make a major contribution to the struggle against the AIDS epidemic," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "We owe the success of the auction to the artists, gallery owners, and others who have offered their beautiful pieces of artwork. Our organization's purpose is truly indebted to these wonderful supporters."

Auction organizers expect to offer more than 60 works of art in the Art For AIDS voice auction, with each piece carrying a value in excess of \$400. Accompanying the voice auction will be a silent auction featuring more than 75 additional fine works of art.

To date, donations have been offered by prominent local, regional, and national artists, including Peggy Thurston-Farrell, Fuji Yamaguchi-Moses, Charles Wickler, Kathering King, Frank Hoeffler, Dennis Sargent, Steve Slaski, Wyatt Y. Osato, Lisa Englander, Mark Geisheker, Phillip Johnston, and Jacqueline Richards.

Tickets for the Art For AIDS benefit, including a brunch and catalogue, are \$20 per person. Viewing, brunch, and silent auction will begin at 10:30am. Gary Hollander will conduct the voice auction beginning at 12:30pm.

For more information or tickets, contact the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin special events department at (414) 273-1991.



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Prizes for the best decorated basket.
Contest at 10 o'clock.

Friday, April 24th

UNIFORM CONTEST

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