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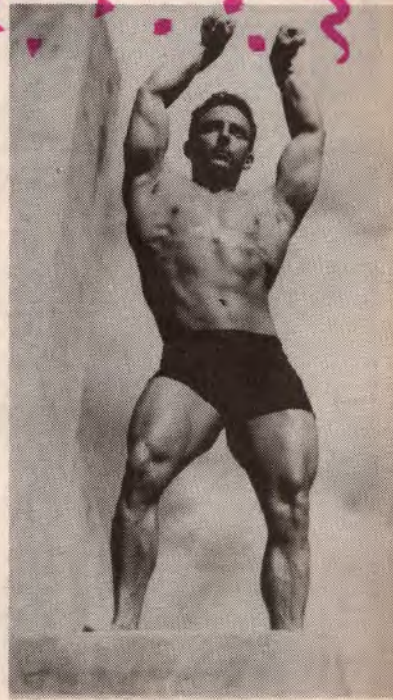
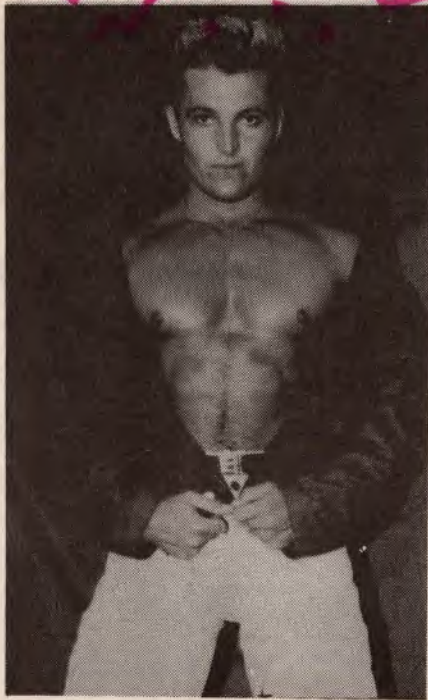
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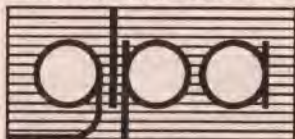
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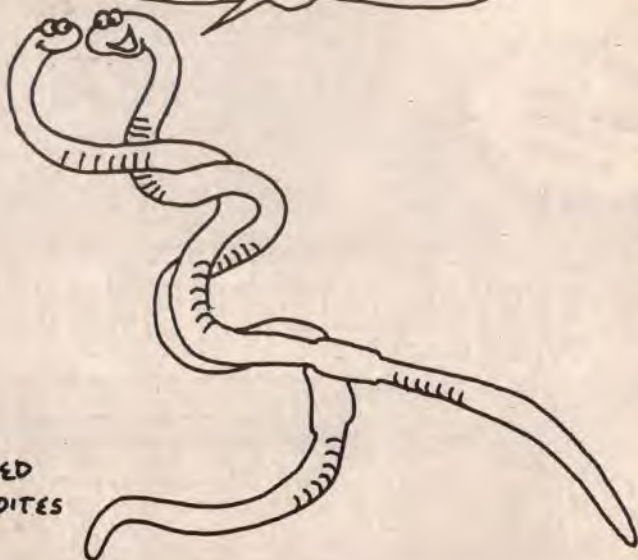
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All proceeds from these performances will go to benefit the AIDS relief and other humanitarian work of the Cream City Foundation. These performances are co-sponsored by the Cream City Foundation, the UWM Gay-Lesbian-Bisexual Community, and the UWM Department of English and Comparative Literature.

News

Cracker Barrel comes to Wisconsin

Queer Nation to Protest Bristol Cracker Barrel June 21st

Milwaukee — "It is inconsistent with our concept and values to continue to employ individuals whose sexual preferences fail to demonstrate normal heterosexual values which have been the foundation of families in our society."

With the establishment of this corporate policy in January 1991, Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores across the country began to openly fire queers solely because of their sexual orientation. To date at least 12 people have been fired because of this policy. However, the actual number is likely to be much higher, as many people will not come forward with their story. Cracker Barrel refuses to disclose the total number of employees involved.

This blatantly discriminatory policy has galvanized the queer community, bringing together a wide variety of organizations for public protests at Cracker Barrel Stores across the South and Midwest. Queer Nation, The Human Rights Campaign Fund, The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, The National Organization for Women, The National Association For the Advancement of Colored People, along with a variety of Labor Unions have joined to demand that Cracker Barrel:

- Fully rescind their anti-Gay personnel policy and add 'sexual orientation' to their Equal Opportunity Employment statement;

- Rehire the fired workers without retribution and remunerate them for lost wages;

- Meet with regional representatives of the Lesbian and Gay community and the fired employees; and

- Make a worthwhile donation to an organization working to end homophobic bigotry.

On June 8th Cracker Barrel will open

it's first restaurant in Wisconsin outside of Kenosha near Hwy. 50 and I-94. This will be the first Cracker Barrel in a state with laws that prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Milwaukee and Chicago chapters of Queer Nation have announced a June 21st Fathers Day demonstration to welcome Cracker Barrel to Wisconsin. All are invited to join in and show Cracker Barrel that the original 'Gay Rights State' will not tolerate this bigoted policy.

The demonstration will begin at 11am. Q.N. Milwaukee is arranging group transportation for those interested. The caravan will meet at Juneau Park at 9:30am and leave for Kenosha at 110am. For more information call Stan at (414) 643-5833.

Court: 'Offensive' AIDS education ban unconstitutional

National Task Force on AIDS Prevention hailed an unprecedented decision made May 11, 1992 by U.S. District Court Judge Shirley Wohl Kram. The federal district court struck down Centers for Disease Control regulations prohibiting the use of federal funds for HIV prevention materials deemed 'offensive' to "a majority of adults beyond the target audience." Judge Wohl Kram ruled that the regulations exceeded the CDC's authority. The regulations established an unconstitutionally vague standard, thereby violating the First and Fifth Amendments. The decision will affect all federally-funded AIDS education in the U.S.

Reggie Williams, Executive Director of the National Task Force, remarked, "This is a victory for Gay men of color nationwide, specifically for our targeted prevention efforts. We have advocated

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since 1988 that these regulations restricted the effectiveness of not only our programs but those of other organizations. We will now be able to educate our constituents in a culturally and linguistically appropriate way." The National Task Force is the only federally-funded, national HIV advocacy organization for Gay and Bisexual men of color.

The case was brought by the National AIDS Project of the ACLU and the Center for Constitutional Rights in 1988. Plaintiffs in the case, besides the National Task Force, were Gay Men's Health Crisis, Hetrick-Martin Institute, Horizons Community Services, the State of New York and other national AIDS service organizations.

Bill introduced to rescind Pentagon Gay ban

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — As mentioned in the last issue of In Step, Rep. Patricia Schroeder (D-Colo.) May 19 introduced a bill to Congress which would effectively rescind the Pentagon's long-standing ban on Gay men and Lesbians in the military.

The proposal, named the Military Freedom Act of 1992, was unveiled at a well-attended press conference. The unprecedented measure would make it illegal for the military to discriminate against a member of the Armed Forces based on his or her sexual orientation while holding Gay men and Lesbians to the same rules of sexual conduct as their heterosexual counterparts.

The bill differs from pending House and Senate resolutions in that those would call on the President and the Secretary of Defense to remove the ban, while the Schroeder measure would revoke the ban by an act of Congress.

"This has been a long and terribly painful issue for this country," said Schroeder. "And I find it really appalling that while we supposedly take a pledge of allegiance for liberty and justice for all, within the military, who is out to defend that pledge of allegiance, we do not give that same respect with liberty and justice

In ruling the CDC's grant terms unconstitutional, the Court called the regulations 'subjective' and 'imprecise.' The Court held that the grant terms "have no core meaning that can be reasonably understood by a person of ordinary intelligence."

Mr. Williams seconded the statements of Ruth E. Harlow, staff attorney with the ACLU. "Finally, clear and supportive AIDS education can reach all the communities that desperately need it. This decision strongly reaffirms that the public health and the Constitution are more important than some vague notion of squeamishness about explicit HIV prevention materials. This forced self-censorship resulted in homogenized, ineffective education tools."

for all."

The Pentagon has long maintained that homosexuality is "incompatible with military service" and that the presence of Lesbians and Gay men in the service is detrimental to good "conduct and morale."

While Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have both discounted the historic argument supporting the policy that suggests that homosexuals present unusual security risks, they have each told a House panel that they support the directive as a means by which to maintain troop morale.

Rep. Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) and others at the news conference strongly disagreed with the Defense policy makers, insisting that their arguments supporting the ban are "chillingly similar" to those used decades ago to oppose a racially and sexually integrated military.

"The question is not whether Gay men and Lesbians should serve in the military. They always have," said Studds, a leading force fighting the Pentagon policy. "They do now at every rank and level, both military and civilian, and they always will. The question is whether gay

men and Lesbians will be allowed to do so openly, with dignity and with pride."

Studds noted that several Pentagon reports have already shown that Gay and Lesbian members of the service have served as well, if not better, than their heterosexual counterparts.

Others noted the tremendous expense incurred by the military in recruiting, training, investigating and subsequently expelling Gay and Lesbian personnel, estimated to have come to \$300 million over the past 18 years.

"(This is) a total waste of lives," said Rep. Peter Kostmayer (D-Penn.), "a total waste of money."

Schroeder was joined at the press briefing by representatives from several

Gay and Lesbian political and veterans organizations as well as eight other House members, a record showing of lawmakers at the unveiling of a bill directly affecting the Lesbian and Gay community.

Besides Schroeder, the lawmakers at the news conference were Rep's Studds, Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Kostmayer, Norman Y. Mineta (D-Calif.), Don Edwards (D-Calif.), Jolene Unsoeld (D-Wash.), Bill Green (R-N.Y.) and Martin Olav Sabo (D-Minn.).

Congressional supporters of the bill touted the measure as a means to achieve justice for the thousands of Gay men and Lesbians in the service who presently face immediate expulsion from the Armed Forces should their sexual orientation become known to their superiors.

Clinton vows Gays in Los Angeles

By Keith Clark

Los Angeles — Promising that Gays and Lesbians would play a prominent role in his administration if elected, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton told a Hollywood campaign fundraiser that "America needs you" in what many said was the most comprehensive address on Gay rights and AIDS issues by any major presidential candidate to date.

Clinton, who in the past has indicated support for Gay rights issues, made the strong and at times moving statements on Lesbian/Gay rights and AIDS issues at a May 18 fundraiser at the Palace, once an elegant theater and now a chic nightclub that was packed with Gay and Lesbian activists and political heavyweights who had paid \$100 to \$250 per person to hear Clinton.

"This country is being killed by people who try to break us down and fear us up and make us little when we have to be big," Clinton told the crowd. "This is a big time. Let us rise to the challenge. I have a vision, and you are a part of it. We are all a part of the same community, and we'd better start behaving as if we are."

In an emotional speech, the Democratic presidential primary candidate, said he would sign an executive order to halt discrimination against Lesbians and Gay

men in the nation's military forces, increase federal spending for AIDS prevention efforts and research, and give Gays and Lesbians a prominent role in his administration.

Clinton, who was making his strongest pitch yet for Lesbian and Gay support, drew wild applause when he promised his audience that Gays and Lesbians would play an important role in his administration 'not because of or in spite of your sexual orientation, but because America needs you.'

The Arkansas Democrat also spoke at length about the AIDS epidemic, charging that the Reagan and Bush administrations had been "curiously silent" about AIDS and of "ignoring its own research" about the need for AIDS education in the schools.

"If I could wave my arm for those of you who are HIV positive and make it go away tomorrow," a choked-up Clinton

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2 Fannie's (Wm, D, F) 200 E. Washington	643-9633
7 Grubbs Pub (Mw, V) 807 S. 2nd St.	384-8330
7 La Cage (Mw, D, V) 801 S. 2nd	383-8330
Loose Ends (GS, MW, F)	
4322 W. Fond du Lac	442-8489
10 M&M Club (MW, F) 124 N. Water	347-1962
8 Cafe Melange (MW, G/S, F)	
720 N. Old World 3rd St.	291-9889
14 Nitrogenes (Wm, D, V, F) 2022 W. National	645-1830
On Broadway (G/S, M, W, F) 618 N. Broadway	272-0234
15 Partners (Mw, D) 813 S. 1st	647-0130
16 Phoenix (Mw, D, V) 235 S. 2nd	
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18 Triangle (M, V) 135 E. National	383-9412
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 Cream City Foundation (CCF) 2821 N. 4th St., #217B, or, Box 204, 53201 265-0880
 Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L Theatre Co.) P.O. Box 92756, 53202 347-0673
 DVOS (G/L Couples Social Group) P.O. Box 21651, 53221 425-9778
 Fest City Singers (gay choral group) P.O. Box 11428, 53211 962-7221
 Galena Club (chemical free recovery club) 2408 N. Farwell 276-6936
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 Gay/Lesbian Community at UW-M Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555
 Gay People's Union P.O. Box 208, 53201 562-7010
 Gay Youth Milw. (regular peer group meetings) P.O. Box 09441, 53209 265-8500
 Gay Men's Discussion Group Bill, 271-2565
 Gay Men's Support Group 271-2565
 G/L Parents Coalition of Milw. P.O. Box 93503, 53203
 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Veterans of America Milwaukee Chapter 342-6543
 Girth & Mirth/Milw. P.O. Box 862, 53201-0862
 Greater Milw. Maritime Assn. (GMMMA) (Social, boating/sailing)
 Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event) P.O. Box 899, 53201 672-8960
 H.O.P.E. (Support for PW AIDS/HIV) 383-1512
 Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203 871-4839
 Lesbian Alliance Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) P.O. Box 93323, 53203 264-2600
 MLGPC (Pride Week Committee) P.O. Box 93852, 53203 263-7187

MGALA (MU Graduates), P.O. Box 92722, 53202 256-1347
 Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network P.O. Box 204, 53201 265-0880
 Milwaukee Filppers/Swimming Club (G/L Swim Club) 963-1990 or 265-5340 449-9800
 Narcotics Anonymous (request gay mtgs.) 273-1991
 People Living With AIDS Coalition 315 W. Court, 53212 273-1991
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 Positive Health (Support for those testing HIV positive) 287-4680
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 Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians) P.O. Box 371, Elm Grove 53122 271-2565
 TS/TV Connection (Support for Trans-sexuals/vestites, crossdressers) c/o 2197 S. KK, Suite 707, 53207 483-2227

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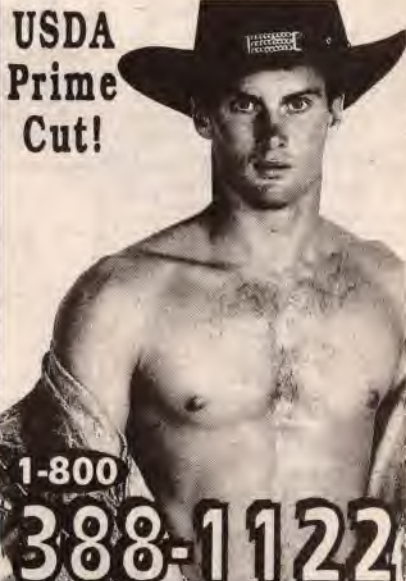
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said, "I would do so, so help me God I would. If I had to give up my race for the White House and everything else, I would do it."

On a more realistic note, the probable Democratic presidential candidate said he would appoint a cabinet-level 'AIDS czar' to change what he called the government's current 'foot-dragging fight' against the epidemic. He said it would be his administration's committed policy to greatly increase federal AIDS research funding, lead an aggressive battle, which he said would amount to a 'federal Manhattan Project,' to expand education and prevention programs, and support local efforts around the country to make condoms available in public schools.

Clinton also promised that he would invite someone who is HIV positive and "who has a positive attitude" to address

the Democratic National Convention in New York later this year.

San Francisco Lesbian Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg, who was one of those attending the event that raised some \$50,000 for the Clinton campaign, called Clinton's AIDS proposals "the most forward-looking proposal that ever emanated from any campaign."

While Clinton was clearly scoring political points inside the Palace, he was nevertheless being criticized by members of ACT UP/L.A., who had showed up outside the event to protest what they considered Clinton's poor record on AIDS while he's been governor of Arkansas.

David Lacaillade of ACT UP criticized Clinton for having signed a state mandatory HIV testing bill into law and had a generally poor record on the epidemic as governor. "It's past time for promising," he said. "We need action."

S.F. District Attorney: Gay press worth 'zero'

By Keith Clark

San Francisco — The San Francisco District Attorney effectively declared Gay and Lesbian newspapers in the city worthless May 16, in a move that's outraged an already scandalized Gay press here.

Dick Hongisto was fired as police chief the morning of the 16th after he was accused of ordering officers to remove thousands of copies of Bay Times, a local Gay paper that carried a cover article about Hongisto which he considered offensive. Hongisto has denied ordering the papers removed but they were later found in the basement of a police officer's home and at least two officers have said the ex-chief had suggested that they remove the papers.

In the wake of the accusations, District Attorney Arlo Smith began investigating whether the removal of the papers, which are distributed in news racks around the city without charge, would violate state law.

But on Friday, shortly after Hongisto's dismissal, Smith's office issued a press release stating, "In this case, since the

newspapers were given away free, the market value was zero. The newspaper does not constitute property which would be chargeable under theft statutes.

Smith's legal opinion, which means no state criminal charges will be brought in the case no matter who is shown to have been responsible for the removal of the papers, angered individuals involved in the Gay — and non-Gay — media here where free-distribution newspapers are common.

Tim Kingston, the Bay Times reporter whose article about Hongisto started the flap, said "How can they say that? What about all the advertising dollars that have gone up in smoke? Those advertisers paid for their ads to be seen by readers and the police have deprived them of that."

Vince Bielski, news editor of SF Weekly, a non-Gay newspaper that's also distributed free here, said, "That decision (by Smith) is so dangerous it amounts to a virtual attack on all the alternative press in California that's distributed free in the hundreds of thousands every week."

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1 Rod's (Mw, L/L, D) 255-0609
636 W. Washington (rear)
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636 W. Washington (upstairs)
3 Phaze II (GS, MW, F, D) 255-5029
117 W. Main St.
2 Wings 3054 (MW, L/L) 244-8870
3054 E. Washington

ORGANIZATIONS

ACT-UP/Madison P.O. Box 2023, 53701 251-7985
Gay/Lesbian Phone Line 255-4297
Gay/Lesbian Information Recording
(Ask for tape #3333) 263-3100
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center
P.O. Box 1722, 53701
Nothing to Hide (gay cable) 241-2500
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous 257-7575
Badgerland Narcotics Anonymous 257-1747
Frontiers Gay Men's Outreach (Men's Umbrella Organ.)
310 E. Wilson St., 53703 241-8184
G/L Educational Employees
c/o The United 255-8582
Gay Fathers c/o United 255-8582
Galvanize (G/L pride organizers)
P.O. Box 1403, 53701 255-8061

Gay Outdoor (recreation group) 244-8675
P.O. Box 8234, 53708
Klasing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events)
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Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians 271-0270
P.O. Box 1722, 53701
Queer Liberation Front
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New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation)
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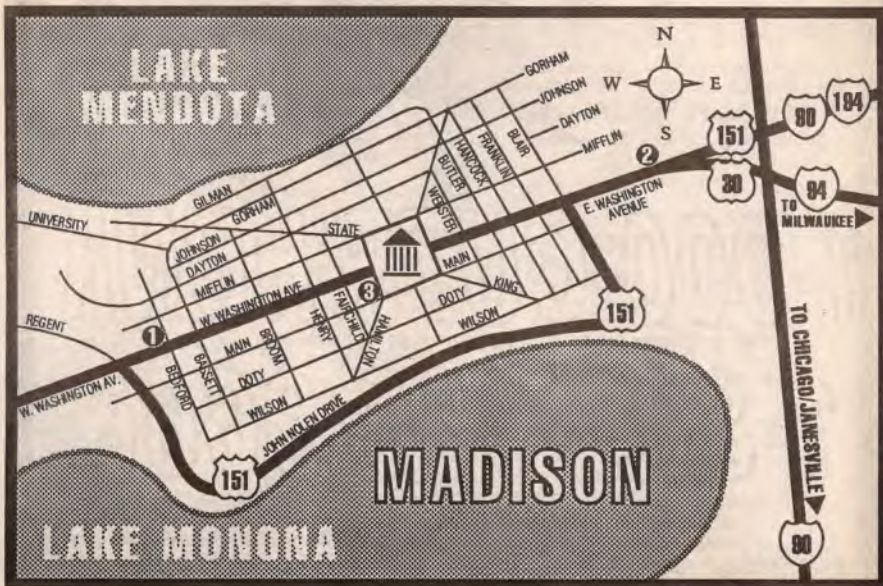
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Affirmation (L/G United Methodists)
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Alcoholics Anonymous (reg. gay mtgs) 272-3081
Beer Town Badgers (L/L social club) P.O. Box 166, 53201
Bi-Sexual Support Group
P.O. Box 14081, West Allis, 53214 271-3067
Black & White Men Together
P.O. Box 12292, 53212 265-8500
Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136
Care for AIDS Caregivers (Support Group) 287-4680
Castaways M.C. (L/L) P.O. Box 1697, 53202-1697
Coping with Loss (Support for those
who've lost someone close to AIDS) 287-4680



Local cable shows win awards

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network (MGLCN) won the 'Best Overall Gay Programming' and 'Best Special Project' awards from the Gay and Lesbian Press Association's Awards Program honoring the best of the 1991 electronic media. The GLPA awards were bestowed upon MGLCN at the GLPA's Editor's Convention held over Memorial Day Weekend in Los Angeles.

The "Best of Yellow on Thursday" won GLPA's Best Overall Programming Award; while the Best Special Project Award was awarded for the "Special 90 Minute Live Edition of The New TRI-CABLE Tonight: Gay/Lesbian Community Perspectives on Milwaukee's Tragic Murders" — a show produced live less than 48 hours after the Jeffrey Dahmer holocaust was revealed.

The same two shows are finalists in the 1992 Hometown USA Video Festival, a national competition in its 15th year. It is the oldest and largest video competition which honors programs made for

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Ken McPherson, who hosts the popular Gay radio program 'Hibernia Beach' on KITS-FM, said, "Smith's decision flies in the face of the reality of media. Both radio and television signals go out constantly without charge, but that hardly makes them have zero value. Or at least I suspect ABC, NBC and CBS would seriously disagree with Smith's assessment."

Despite Smith's refusal to continue an investigation, the U.S. Attorney's office is investigating the disappearance of the papers to determine whether federal statutes — such as freedoms of the press and speech — were violated by the disappearance of the newspapers.

In addition, Corsaro announced following the Smith decision that the paper has retained an attorney and is considering legal action, but she has refused to comment more specifically on the matter.

presentation on access or local origination channels of cable TV systems. A total of 2,087 entries from 412 cities in 40 states were evaluated this year. Winners will be announced and receive their awards in a July ceremony.

MGLCN has produced over 80 cable programs since 1986, and has won local and national recognition. MGLCN is a committee of the Cream City Foundation, and those interested in obtaining information about becoming a volunteer or crew member of the production team should contact: MGLCN, PO Box 239, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

NABWMT 12th annual confab

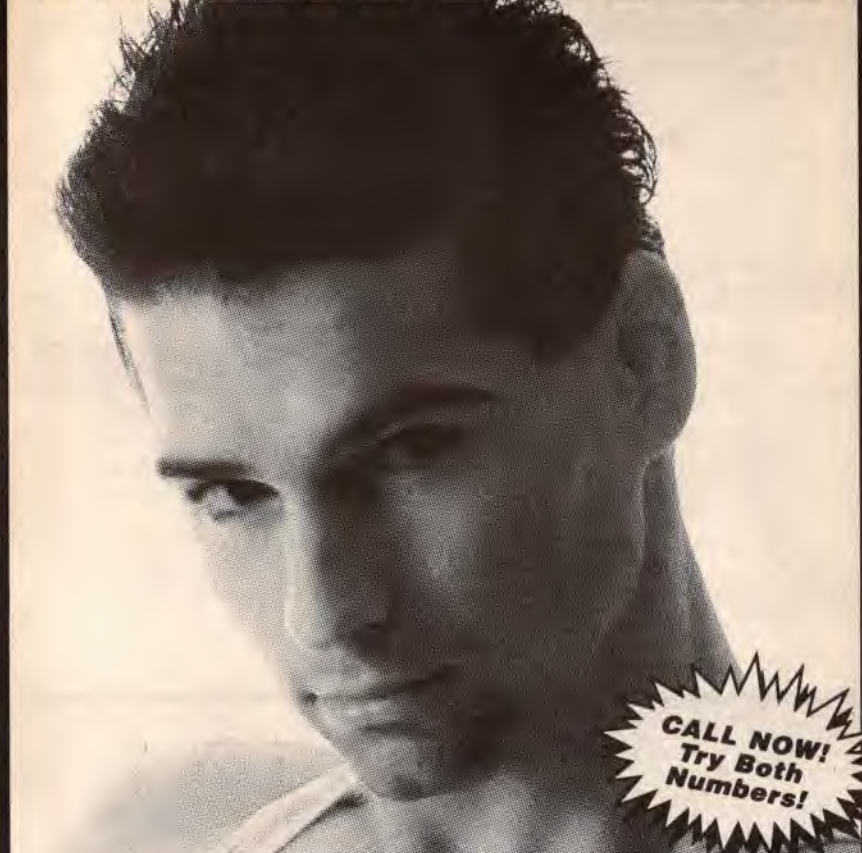
The **National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT)** will hold its 12th annual convention in Dallas, Texas during the week of June 22-28, 1992. NABWMT is a nationally known, Gay multi-racial, multi-cultural organization committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized.

This year's activities at Convention 92, will be surrounding the theme 'Bridging the Gap With Brotherhood.' The week's activities will explore personal growth through meetings, speakers, workshops and seminars. In conjunction with the convention, The National Task Force on AIDS Prevention is planning to hold a one-day institute devoted to education and prevention of HIV/AIDS in the people of color community.

Current registration of \$125 and \$145 includes all speakers, workshops and seminars, banquet and luncheon and opening session. For information on how to register for this year's convention write to NABWMT Convention 92, P.O. Box 190611 Dallas, Texas, 75219. Or call Dallas Direct at (214) 650-0760 or (214) 521-4765, Toll Free 1-(800) NA4-BWMT.

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3 Brandy's II (Mw, L/L) 1126 Main St.	432-3917
1 Napalee Lounge (Mw, DJ) 515 S. Broadway	432-9646
The 90's (Mw, V) 1106 Main	435-5476
2 Za's (Mw, DJ, V) 1106 Main Street	435-5476

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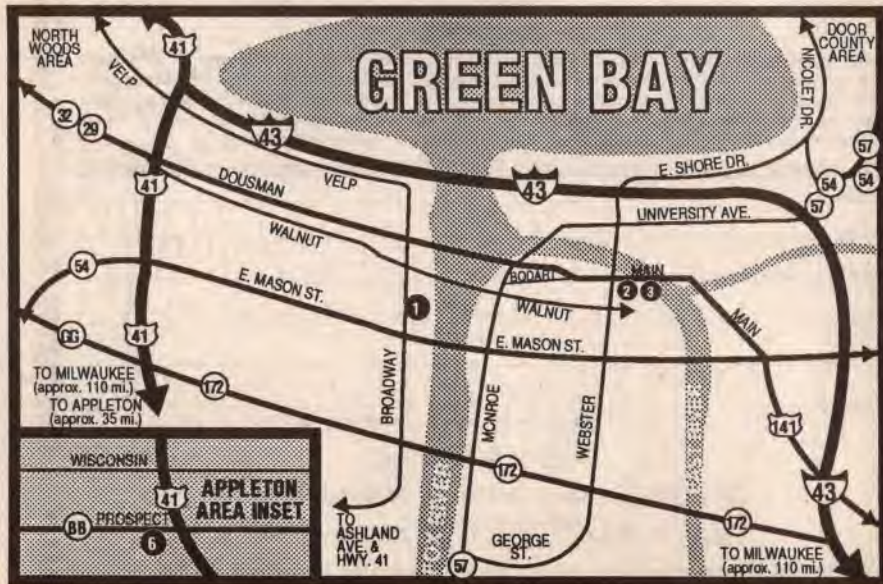
Angel of Hope (MCC Church) P.O. Box 672, 54305	496-8688
Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club) P.O. Box 22096, 54305	494-9904
Gay AA (Meeting Weekly)	469-2897
Bay City Chorus P.O. Box 1901, Green Bay 54305	437-7400
Center Project, Inc. (CPI) (HIV Test/Counsel) P.O. Box 1062, 54305	499-7080
Northern Women, Inc. (Lesbian Support/Social Group) Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102	465-2343
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6 Pivot Club (Mw, DJ, V) 4815 W. Prospect (Hwy BB) Appleton	730-0440
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Grand American Restaurant & Bar (F, G/S) 1200 W. Kimberly Ave., Kimberly	731-0164

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Center Project, Inc. Fox Valley Ext.	733-2067
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'93 March on Washington update

The second meeting of the National Steering Committee for the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights and Liberation was held in Dallas, on May 9 & 10. Because of the gender/ racial requirements of the organization, the committee expanded the number of co-chairs from 3 to 4 seats prior to the election. The elected co-chairs of the 1993 march are: Scout of Chicago II; Nadine Smith of Tampa, FL; Derek Livingston of Providence, RI; and Billy Hileman of Pittsburgh, PA.

The items of the March platform were adopted. In general, the platform planks cover demands regarding: equal civil rights based on sexual orientation, identification or gender; anti-racism; education and concerns of students; universal health care; reproductive freedom; partnership and family; as well as general and specific calls for an end to discrimination.

Twenty-two working committees are now operational including the Differently-abled/ Physically-challenged (DA) committee, which formed in Dallas. The DA committee will plan and evaluate access for the march and all auxiliary activities, with the goal of total involvement of the disabled constituency.

The Related Events Committee will maintain calendars for events during the months preceding the march, as well as the activities in the D.C. during the week of the march.

The Permit Committee reported that all the necessary permits have been filed with the Park Service, Metropolitan Police and the Capitol Police.

The Merchandising Committee presented the 1993 official logo, as chosen by a celebrity panel and Executive Committee. The production of T-shirts and buttons is in progress.

"This meeting was a big success. We are putting the components together for a truly incredible event in Washington next year. The feeling of the members of the Steering Committee was excitement as they left Dallas. We will succeed in

sending the message to the bashers and homophobes that we are stronger than ever." According to Scout, Co-Chair of the March on Washington.

"People came to this meeting with the intention of getting the job done, and that's what they did. The next phase of our planning will be to facilitate local organizing. With the opening of the office next month we will be able to coordinate the exchange of information critical to this process," commented Derek Livingston, Co-Chair.

Court ok's group's right to meet

[ACLU] — A federal district court in Alabama May 12 dismissed a case brought by Auburn University that sought a judgment about the legitimacy of Auburn's Gay student group. The court's decision leaves undisturbed the right of the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA) to continue to be a recognized student group and to meet on Auburn's campus.

"We are pleased that the court dismissed this baseless lawsuit," said William B. Rubenstein, Director of the ACLU's National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, which has represented the Auburn Gay student group throughout this controversy. "The Lesbian and Gay students at Auburn University continue to enjoy the right to associate with one another on Auburn's campus and we will continue to fight to ensure that their rights are not diminished."

The controversy over Auburn's Gay student group has been brewing for several years. In the summer of 1990, AGLA applied for and was granted a probationary one-year charter. During that year, the group was voted the Most Outstanding New Student Organization by the Organizations Committee of the Student Government Association. Nonetheless, at its meeting on November

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Urvashi Vaid to leave NGLTF

By Rex Wockner

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Urvashi Vaid will step down at the end of the year.

"This is the perfect time for me to move on, personally and organizationally," Vaid said. "NGLTF is in strong shape — with unique and effective projects, a terrific staff, a visionary board and dedicated members and volunteers. I am excited at the prospect of tending to parts of my life I have not had time for and I feel great confidence for the future of the force I

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25, 1991, the school's Student Senate, by a vote of 23-7, denied the group a permanent charter solely because of the Senator's dislike of the group.

The ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, with the Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, then wrote to the school's administration on the group's behalf. In January of 1992, the school reversed the Student Senate's decision, granting AGLA its charter. Since that decision, the school and its board of Trustees have been under mounting pressure from anti-Gay groups to revoke the charter.

Rather than revoking the charter, on March 23, 1992, the school filed this case in federal district court, asking the court to tell it what action it should take. Auburn sued the AGLA, the ACLU, the Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, the Rutherford Institute, which purports to represent the Student Senate, and the Attorney General of Alabama. All of the defendants moved to have the case dismissed, asserting that the court did not have jurisdiction to give legal advice to the university. The court agreed.

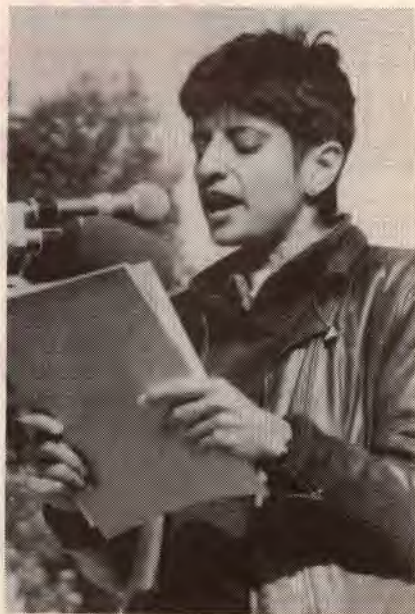
"The ball is back in the trustees' court," stated Olivia Turner, Executive Director of the Civil Liberties Union of Alabama. "The court has refused to substitute its decision making authority for that of the trustees. Now they will have to decide whether they support the students' constitutional rights."

helped build."

Vaid plans to live in Boston and Provincetown, Mass.; write, study, and travel to India, from which her parents emigrated.

According to a press release, NGLTF's budget grew from \$866,000 to \$1.3 million and its staff from nine to 14 during Vaid's three-year leadership. "Vaid is widely credited for strengthening the Gay and Lesbian movement and elevating NGLTF to a new level of effectiveness and political power," the release said.

But Vaid is also controversial. In the past year and a half, she has come under attack from two groups of fellow activists: those who feel NGLTF does not support direct-action groups such as ACT UP and Queer Nation and those who feel NGLTF is overly beholden to so-called 'political correctness' and thus devotes too much energy to non-Gay 'progressive' causes. Ironically, most chapters of ACT UP & Q.N. also have been called too 'PC.'



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NGLTF has been criticized for such things as aggressively opposing the Persian Gulf War, fighting to keep abortion legal, organizing protests against the Rodney King verdict, and allegedly providing preferential treatment to women and people of color in the name of battling sexism and racism.

Among examples, NGLTF's last two national 'Creating Change' conferences had no white males among numerous keynote speakers. And sources say Vaid's alleged PC attitudes against white men played a role in the departure this year of staffer Tim Drake, who headed NGLTF's projects opposing the military Gay ban and supporting local Gay activists.

Asked for comment May 14, Drake, who is running for the Illinois Legislature, declined "to talk about PC" directly, but said: "I would take issue with the claim that NGLTF is in great shape. The truth of the matter is that substantive programs have been given low priority in the budget. While I wish Urvasi the best in her new endeavors, it is my sincere hope

that the board will hire a replacement for her that pays more attention to solving the problems of the organization instead of solving the problems of the world."

At the time NGLTF issued its lengthy position paper against the Persian Gulf War, Republicans for Individual Freedom founder Gary Bastian blasted Vaid and others for 'let(ting) their personal political agenda interfere with the Gay agenda and with their duty to represent the Gay community."

Milwaukee's Miriam Ben-Shalom, founder of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America, asked: "When are these leftover people from the late '60s and early '70s going to learn that they need... a new rhetoric? I'm tired of people talking about imperialism out of Central America and all the rest."

But not everybody thinks Vaid is too PC. Her critics on the direct-action front, itself usually identified with PC progressiveness, complain that NGLTF rarely works with them, preferring to schmooze with D.C. insiders and power-brokers.

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"The national Gay and Lesbian leadership has ignored the masses of people who have for some time been crying three simple words: 'Let us in!'" The Advocate's Michelangelo Signorile wrote in a recent column attacking Vaid.

Asked May 14 for comment on Vaid's departure, Signorile said: "I'm happy to see her go on to other things because she is valuable, and I'm always happy to see new blood move into these leadership positions. She has done a great job given the organization's unyielding board of directors, which should be updated as quickly as possible."

ACT UP leader Michael Petrelis charged this spring that, "Our national Gay leaders are basking in their lavender bubbles, hitting the cocktail parties and playing kissy-kissy with the very politicians that refuse to address our issues when they are on the campaign trail." ACT UP/ Presidential Project repeatedly denounced NGLTF for not joining its zaps of presidential contenders.

NGLTF's press release seemed

tailor-made to respond to Vaid's critics. "Known for her charismatic and energized style of activism, Vaid transformed NGLTF from an inside-the-beltway lobby to an activist force with tremendous grassroots support," it said.

"Under Vaid, NGLTF emerged as the pre-eminent progressive organization in the Gay and Lesbian movement, forging a unique politics of inclusion and activism. NGLTF engaged in both direct action and lobbying. It embraced a broad political agenda that articulated an integral connection between Gay and Lesbian liberation and sexism, racism, and other forms of oppression." ▽

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Group Notes

UW-SP 10%

awarded student group of the year

By Meredith Medland

Stevens Point — Often, when one attends an awards ceremony for 'Student Organization of the Year' they expect to see a large, popular, non-controversial organization named for this prestigious award. That was not the case on the evening of Saturday, May 9, at the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point.

"And, the award for 'Student Organization of the Year' goes to the UWSP Ten Percent Society (one of 160 student groups on campus) because of their outstanding service to the community and student body, originality of activity programming, effort to provide unique programming that developed strength and unity for members, well organized planning and promotion for

activities, and fulfillment of their goals."

Since this issue is a pride week issue, it's important to recognize one of the many reasons why the Ten Percent Society received this award. Throughout the year, members put fourth effort to work with administrators and communicate effectively rather than protesting, fueling anger, or trampling on others feet. Members of the group opened up their doors to show university students and faculty that yes, needs of Gays, Lesbians, and bisexuals need to be met.

To meet the needs of homosexuals/ Bisexuals the group worked hard to create a strong core group to re-establish the organization on campus. The beginning of the year started with weekly meetings on Thursdays, which continued to grow



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larger each week. In November, the group helped organize an eight day social issues forum entitled, **Are You Ready for the 10%**? This program allowed members to educate the student body and community about homosexual/ bisexual issues. In November, several members had the opportunity to be involved in Lawrence University's B-GLAD (Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian, Awareness Day) conference. In December, 'out' members were asked repeatedly to speak in university classes, at local high schools, and on several panels.

A phone line was hooked up to aid in effective communication. This automated service allows callers to receive information on current programs, talk to steering committee members, leave messages, or report acts of violence. Then came a desk in the Campus Activities Complex, a mailbox, and tons of office supplies.

During the second semester, active members spent long hours in preparation for the first Gay Pride Week in over three years at the university. The week started out with a professional speaker, followed by a coffee chat with the society, an open meeting, and a picnic in Iverson Park. The planning process for this week brought the group together and created new and stronger grounds within the organization while educating community and university students.

Goals for next year include: working with the Women's Resource Center on campus, networking with other organizations in the state, creating a solidarity between members, and educating community and university students, while continually reminding people that "they're never alone."

Unfortunately, over the summer, meetings aren't on a regular schedule. However, keep your eyes open for weekly 9pm, Thursday night meetings this fall.

For more information contact: UWSP Ten Percent Society, UWSP Campus Activities Box 68, Stevens Point, WI 54481 or call (715) 346-4366.

HIV risk reduction group has open house June 5

Milwaukee — The **Milwaukee AIDS Outreach Consortium (MAOC)** will host an open house on Friday, June 5, at the Dennis C. Hill Outreach Center at 2111 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. from 11am to 5pm. A reception will follow from 5pm to 7pm.

The Consortium, under the direction of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, has reached more than 1,300 Gay and Bisexual men since January with HIV related information and risk reduction materials.

"This begins what is soon to be a full-scale HIV prevention outreach to the Gay community in Milwaukee," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. "Outreach workers are now regularly canvassing the Walker's Point and Third Ward areas, providing prevention information on a one-on-one basis, as well as distributing condoms, brochures, testing and referral cards.

While a recruitment effort is just underway, nearly half of the Gay/Lesbian bars in southeast Wisconsin have participated in the Tavern Owners Preventing AIDS program, TOP AIDS. A variety of outreach activities are planned for TOP AIDS participants, including staffed information tables, condom distributions, and display of AIDS prevention posters in restrooms.

So far, outreach workers have conducted exhibits at bars, including 219 Club, Triangle, Wizard's Pub, Ball Game, Mint II, and This Is It.

"The goal of the Outreach Program and TOP AIDS is to increase the community's knowledge of HIV infection and its prevention, as well as to promote safer behaviors that reduce the transmission of HIV," said Nelson.

During the last three years of HIV prevention outreach to targeted populations, more than 53,000 individuals have been contacted. Targeted

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populations are those that have been identified as potentially engaging in behaviors that put them at risk for infection with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

In addition to Gay and Bisexual men, street outreach workers provide HIV prevention and risk reduction information with special emphasis toward injection drug users, sex industry workers, the homeless, and the sexual partners of these groups.

Dennis Hill was one of the group's original outreach workers and his strong dedication to HIV prevention was the impetus behind dedicating the facility to him last May. Hill passed away due to complications related to AIDS in November, 1991.

MAOC is a group of community-based service agencies under the direction of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Members include the Milwaukee County Health and Human Services, Walker's Point Youth and Family Center, Milwaukee Health

Department, the Inner City Council on Alcoholism, Inc., STD Specialties Clinic, Renew Counseling Services, and Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Inc.

Lesbian minister 'under fire' to preach June 7

Sunday June 7, Reverend Jane Adams Spahr will be the guest preacher at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Milwaukee's East side.

Rev. Spahr and a host of witnesses will tell their overlapping stories of being called to Christian work and witness.

Rev. Spahr is an up-front Lesbian whose abilities and professional accomplishments have lead to a call to become one of the four Co-Pastors at the Downtown Presbyterian Church in Rochester, New York. The service starts at 10am. Communion will be served, and coffee after the service.

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Responsible GWM to share large home on upper East side, 4 blocks from UWM. Close to shopping areas. Private bedroom, cable TV, large kitchen, nice back yard full of flowers. Prefer non-smoker who likes pets. Must be employed. \$275/month plus security. Call Tom at 963-1315 between 8pm-10pm or leave message. Available July 1st.

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- Plot out "safe" routes from the bus stop or parking lot to your home or other places you frequent. Use well lit streets, and be aware of late night stores where you could run for safety;
- If you feel unsafe, trust your instincts, and remove yourself from the area. Make noise, blow a whistle, scream "FIRE!" Call 911 for police assistance;
- If you go home with strangers, make sure you introduce that person to a friend or bartender. Make people aware you are leaving together, so if a problem arises later, they can help identify the perpetrator;
- Lesbians should be cautious of men they meet in Lesbian bars who claim to be Gay and invite women to their homes to party;
- Leave bars with a group of people you know. Assailants often lurk outside Gay identified establishments waiting for their next victim;
- Always carry a whistle, consider taking a self defense class. (Self Awareness is often more important than Self Defense);
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During the coffee hour, Rev. Spahr and leaders (of various genders) of several organizations interested in the outcome of the challenge to her being named a Co-Pastor will be available for one one one questions and general talk.

90% of the Rochester Church members who voted wanted Rev. Spahr to pastor there. The Presbytery that Rochester is in, approved of the call. Some homophobic local (mainly suburban) churches complained to the Presbytery, so, the Presbytery voted again. When that second vote also came up, 'Yes', the homophobes petitioned the Synod of the Northeast to block Spahr's appointment, and stay Rev. Spahr's installation pending their decision. That decision is due in late May. It will be appealed, by whichever side doesn't like it, to the Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly (ie. the in-house version of the Supreme Court) for a decision early next year.

WHO WILL BE THERE?

Most of the people at Westminster that Sunday will never have been there before and are unlikely to be there again.

June 7 is the Sunday in the middle of General Assembly for most Presbyterians. This year, the General Assembly (G.A.) is in Milwaukee, for the first time in 50 years.

Rev. Spahr will attend G.A. to keep her networks up. As one of the noteworthy ministers attending G.A. she has been invited to preach at Westminster.

Several of the people who worked on the Rochester Church Search Committee that identified Rev. Spahr as the best candidate for the job at their Downtown Church will share their stories.

Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns will also be at Westminster. Rev. Spahr has worked with PLGC since the late 1970s.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays folk attending G.A. will be there.

Rev. Howard Warren of the Damien Center in Indianapolis and Presbyterians

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her, there was Pippi Longstocking, with her red pigtails sticking straight out to the side and her habit sleeping with her head at the foot of the bed and her feet on the pillows. I even tried to emulate her for awhile, but breathing proved difficult under all those covers and my hair simply wouldn't cooperate. All I can say is, thank god one's taste in women changes over the years.

And that, frighteningly enough, is where my journey ends: with Pippi. Try though I might, I could find no earlier clues. Nevertheless, it seems clear: I must have known a lot more a lot earlier than I've heretofore admitted to myself. Or maybe, just maybe, no one back then freaked out enough to make me feel that my proclivities were anything less than normal. In any case, on the nature/nurture thing — that is, are Lesbians born or made? — henceforth I'm going to have to go with nature — although I'm certainly not against a little nurturing...

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('P.C.' for short) at (415) 957-3638. Join your brothers and sisters in civil disobedience. M-TV asks its viewers to "Rock the Vote." So why don't we "Queer the Vote?" Register yourself and your friends. Ballots are our bullets in the battle against bigotry. Demonstrate. Retaliate. Facilitate the end of prejudice and the beginning of justice. It's just that simple. It's simply that just.

But keep it fun at the same time. We must never ever lose our sense of humor, even in the face of the deadliest enemy. I'm sure when I am facing the firing squad on the last day of my life and they ask if I want a blindfold, I'll snap my fingers and scream: "Get over it, girl!" and then go into my dance.

Since the fascists, bigots and right-winged fundies have declared war on us, it's only fitting that we gear up for battle. So you'd better sign up, girls, before you get drafted. Enlist!

Remember, unlike Uncle Sam's hetero army, in THIS queer army, Sister Sam wants YOU! "The few, the proud, the ten percent!" Our motto is "Encroach not on my crotch!" and "Leave my loins alone!" Our battle cry is: "Stop the Thought Police!" So strap on your dildo missiles. Get into your lavender camouflage uniforms. Tune up your pink tanks and come join our campy ranks. Wear your best military drag in your next parade, march, and demonstration (you ARE demonstrating, AREN'T you??). "Ten hut! Listen soldiers, I expect you to report back to P.C. classified information on bigotry, homophobia, and any action alerts. All right, grunts, as you were. At ease. Smoke 'em if you got 'em!!!"

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death of Walt Whitman. 8pm, UW-Milw. Fine Arts Recital Hall. \$5 general, \$3 students & elders.

Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.

BJ's: Over The Hill Birthday Party for Jim ('J' of BJ's). 8pm-1am. 2 for 1 rails, \$1 taps, food & fun.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

All Saints Cathedral: Month 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.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Father's Day Levi/Leather 'Daddy' Contest, \$500 in prizes. 8pm sharp, on the patio.

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MORE ON REV. JANE SPAHR

Rev. Spahr is a Presbyterian minister in the midst of a splendid career. For a decade, she has been the Director of the Ministry of Light, in Marin County, California, a Gay and Lesbian positive community building project that just this year changed its name to Spectrum, Center for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Concerns and got United Way funding for its work with Lesbian and Gay teen-agers and people with AIDS.

Her partner of the last seven years, Rev. Coni Staff UFMCC, is also a professor and university softball coach.

If you'd like more information call Jonathan Justice at (414) 265-8224. Once the General Assembly gets under way, June 2, you can visit the Information Booth that PLGG will have in the Exhibition Area at the east end of the MECCA building.

Westminster Presbyterian is the red brick church at 2308 East Bellevue Place, Milwaukee.

Author to speak at Presbyterian lunch

Milwaukee — James B. Nelson, Professor of Christian Ethics at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, prolific author, and consultant to the General Assembly's Special Committee on Human Sexuality, will be the featured speaker at the annual General Assembly luncheon of Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns.

The lunch will be held at 12:30pm on Saturday, June 6, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in the Regency Ballroom A & B. Tickets will cost \$20 and will be sold at the General Assembly ticket window and at the PLGC booth (\$10 tickets will also be available for students and low-income persons at the PLGC booth).

Nelson is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He attended

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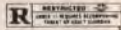
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Edward II

A Film by Derek Jarman

Based on the Play by Christopher Marlowe



"Jarman is much opposed to costume pictures, and although Edward was crowned in 1307, the film's dress is contemporary and the anachronisms abound in costume, props, the jarring but effective use of a Cole Porter song, skinheads and an electronic score."

-Don Kerne
San Diego's
Gay & Lesbian Times

"Edward II is no bloodless exercise in liberal pieties. For Jarman, the gay king and his lover are not innocent victims of a prejudiced society, but outrageous provocateurs who ask for much of what they get."

-Dave Kehr
Chicago Tribune

"We can only speculate about what Christopher Marlowe envisioned when he wrote Edward II 400 years ago, but three things can probably be ruled out: 20th-century gay-pride demonstrations; Annie Lennox singing Cole Porter's "Ev'ry Time We Say Goodbye"; and, as history tells us King Edward II died by forced anal intercourse with a hot poker, a happy ending seems unlikely."

"But Derek Jarman has his own vision, and he gives us all three in his film of Edward II. I won't say the play needed them-and this isn't the best way to learn history, though it's probably as accurate as most history books-but the iconoclastic gay filmmaker has at least provided us with an interesting variation on old themes and new."

-Steve Warren
Chicago's Outlines

Catch the Wisconsin Benefit Premieres!

The real point here is that I was the proverbial tomboy. I much preferred climbing trees, riding my bike down flights of stairs, and pogo sticking my way into the hearts of admiring onlookers. But what I really coveted was a pair of buckle-on shoes that had springs on them. I wanted those shoes long after it was socially acceptable for girls to want such butchy things.

But I remember now, on further reflection, that my grade school flights of fancy were not reserved for inanimate objects: neither Miss Kaufman nor Connie Stevens, special as they were, was the first to lay claim to my rapidly beating heart. Before them came Miss Armstrong (her name, I think, speaks for itself) in third grade, whom I've always remembered as having a special affection for me. Hm. Anyway. Before her was my uncle's first wife, who looked like Faye Dunaway. And for some reason, whenever I say that, the scene from Little Big Man comes to mind, in which she bathes Dustin Hoffman. But even Faye - I mean Aunt Karen - was not the first. Before

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spiral thing is spinning too fast, or it must be high school.

My first clue that I wasn't your average hetero high schooler was the fact that, as a junior, rather than being crushed out on a member of the football team — or anyone else ever known to wear a jock strap, for that matter — the object of my innocent desires was an older woman — a senior. And then, of course, there was Miss Kaufman. Miss Kaufman, of the big brown eyes and lustrous brown hair. Miss Kaufman, of second year French. Miss Kaufman — Cindy, as I like to think of her privately — who once told me that I was too intense and frightened people. Yeah, I'll bet — like her, for instance!

And going back to junior high, I suspect I've unearthed more evidence: my padded-vinyl scrapbook with the cover illustration of the ponytailed, be-loafered teen talking on the phone surrounded by her stacks of 45s. Yep: that was me to a tee — NOT. But what was it that I found to grace the pages of my own private zine? The Fab Four? The Prefab Four? (aka the Monkees.) Bobby Sherman, perhaps? None of those. My pages were filled with

the ever-popular Connie Stevens and the occasional photo of Nancy Sinatra in those boots. I'm sure my mother thought it was just a phase...

Also from junior high: when all the other girls were dreaming of getting their own ponies, I wanted an iguana, and got one. I dreamt of him growing to be three feet long and of taking him for walks on a leash in the neighborhood — oh, wait a minute: that just proves I was weird, not that I was a Lesbian.

So ok: the iguana was not a tremendously good point of evidence. But what about this: I always hated dolls. In fact, in the years just preceding junior high, when all of my friends on the block were rapidly fantasizing in their own little prepubescent way with the help of Barbie, Ken, and the gang, my own dolls were gathering dust in the closet. However, on those occasions when peer pressure prevailed, I found that my dolls always wanted to go off by twos — say, Barbie and Midge — into the seclusion of the wilderness. It seems clear to me now that I was re-enacting the story of *Patience and Sarah* about 15 or 20 years before it was published.

Edward II

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LAMM looks at money management

'Financial Empowerment: Money Makes the World Go 'Round' " is the topic of the next meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) on Thursday, June 18.

Whether one believes that it's love or money that makes the world go 'round, money is on some level a concern for everyone. Some want to learn how to get more; some want to know how to better manage what they have. Everyone could use some tips on how to make their money work harder for them.

The June meeting will focus on providing some useful information on money management and using what one has too, to get where one wants to be. By using some simple exercises, members will learn how to evaluate their current and future assets, and will learn some simple and fundamental techniques to maximize financial resources. Local women will talk about a variety of financial strategies ranging from tips on how to reduce car insurance, to small business start-ups, to real estate investments. Members are encouraged to bring and share their own tips, strategies and

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Macalester College and Yale University, where he earned both his divinity and PH.D. degrees. He has been visiting scholar at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England.

He is the author of 8 books, including *The Intimate Connection: Male Sexuality and Masculine Spirituality* (Westminster Press, 1988), *Between Two Gardens: Reflections on Sexuality and Religious experience* (Pilgrim Press, 1983); and *Embodiment: An Approach to Sexuality and Christian Theology* (Augsburg 1978, Pilgrim Press, 1978).

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GAMMA's July activities

GAMMA, Milwaukee's premier outdoor, social, and sports group, has a wide variety of outdoor events planned for July. Now is the time to plan to join over 165 Gay men and women for some of these activities. Major events include water-skiing on July 5; a canoeing and camping trip for three days down the Flambeau River the weekend of July 10 to 13; sky diving on July 25; and a two-day weekend biking and camping trip on the Sparta-Elroy trail beginning July 31. Other scheduled activities include the 'Storm the Bastille' run on July 9 and a pre-MAGIC picnic bike trip around Madison on July 18.

Regular events such as Sheepshead, local bike rides, rollerblading, book club, and 'Adventures in Dining' will be announced later. GAMMA also facilitates the community's volleyball action. Open Volleyball play has been changed for the summer to Wednesday nights at 9pm at UWM's Engelmann Gym.

For more information about GAMMA, please call 963-9833. Trial membership costs \$3 for three months; regular membership is only \$2 per month.



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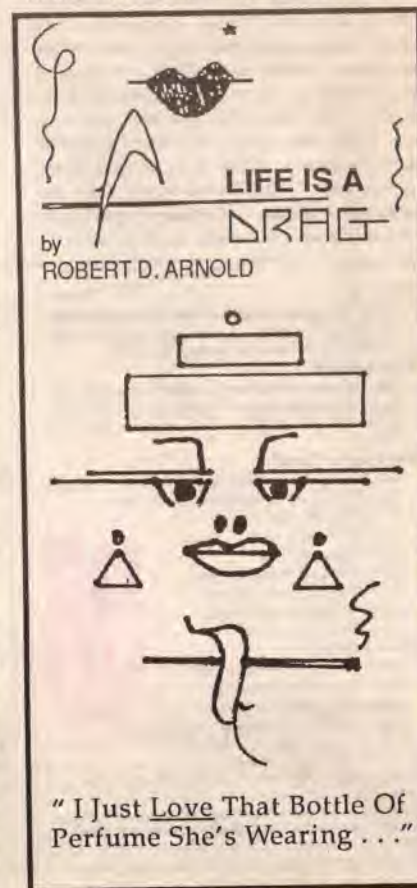
Reclaiming the Baby Dyke within

For a neurotically introspective person, I can often be quite dense about some very fundamental aspects of my life. Some would call this 'denial.' Personally, I generally just think of it as 'slow on the uptake' — or maybe I'm just in denial about being in denial. I'm not quite sure, as when I was doing my bulk-loading therapy, it was pre all this New Age psycho-lingo, before everyone got so damn sensitive and spiritual about everything. In the old days, either your mind was warped or it wasn't. Period. But in any case, this lack of insight about myself has caused me a certain amount of cognitive dissonance: how could I, a self-proclaimed self-analytical-type person, miss these salient details about myself and my life? Why, until a few years ago, I didn't even know I had a big ol' freckle on the cusp of my left ear! My girlfriend knew — even Flow and Rubynn at work knew — but I hadn't known until one day, much to my surprise, I saw it in the mirror.

I know the ear is pretty much an external thing and not the internal sort of thing to which I had been alluding, but that should give you some idea of just how deep this problem goes with me. But to give a more pertinent example: it wasn't until I attended a program on class issues at a feminist bookstore 9 or 10 years ago that I realized I was from a working class background. It's beyond me how — having grown up in housing projects with a family that held down such jobs as clerk typist, linotype machinist, heat treater, and short order cook — I was able to think of myself as from a middle-class family. You see now what I'm talking about.

What has precipitated this little trip down MisMemory Lane was a recent conversation with yet another friend who claims to have known that, like, by age three or something she knew she was a Lesbian — I don't think I even know I was

human at age three. Nevertheless, given my history of missing the totally obvious, I thought my early years deserved closer examination. I have always claimed that I didn't have any inkling I might be a Lesbian until sometime in high school, but perhaps I had glimmerings even earlier. Like Danny Dunn, the time traveler, hero of one of my favorite series of books as a kid, I am journeying backward in time. If this were bad TV, you'd see that swirling spiral now. I see myself with bell bottoms, a vinyl vest, a shiny shirt with big pointy collar, and a bad haircut — either that



syndicated columnists Jeff Cohen and Norman Solomon, argue instead that it has a 'corporate' bias.

"PBS does not offer a single weekly news/talk show presenting the agendas of groups often in conflict with big business, such as consumers, labor, or environmentalists," they write. "PBS officials... say they can't find funding for an opposing show. In essence, corporate underwriters... are determining which programs are seen and which are not."

Indeed, last summer's **Out In America** documentary was originally intended to be a regular magazine-type series dealing with Lesbian and Gay issues, but the program's producers were unable to find a corporation willing to underwrite it.

Regarding **The Lost Languages of Cranes** controversy, Texaco spokesperson Margaret Fletcher said, "We reviewed the programming and felt that overall, (**Great Performances**) was moving away from traditional arts programming, and for that reason felt that we couldn't support it." The Gay subject matter of **The Lost Language of Cranes** had nothing to do with the decision, she said.

But says Scott Robbe, a spokesperson for **Out on Film**, "It is highly circumspect that the funding from Texaco is ceasing just before the airing of **The Lost Language of Cranes**." According to Robbe, Gay sources within Texaco confirm that the Gay content of the film was the problem, and that, after a preview screening of the film, one Texaco executive reportedly stated, "We won't be funding any more of this."

On the other hand, Robbe says, "The Mobile Corporation has been absolutely wonderful. They're funding **Portrait of a Marriage**, despite its heavy Lesbian content."

These days, the biggest threat to Lesbians and Gays on PBS may be Jesse

Helms' fight against the Independent Television Service, or ITVS, a non-profit organization created by Congress in 1989 to increase the diversity of PBS programming and which funds much of the network's minority programming.

"Jesse Helms is making a deal behind closed doors to gut the funding of ITVS," says **Out on Film's** Scott Robbe. In exchange, Helms may agree not to go after the CPB, which sponsors PBS' more conventional programming. If that happens, the future of Lesbian and Gay programming on PBS may be quite dim indeed.

c1992 by B. Hartinger.

(Editor's Note: The suddenness of Texaco's announcement and the fact that **Great Performances** has aired contemporary dramas in the past lends credence to **Out on Film's** charges. Express your displeasure to Texaco and encourage the company to support programming that deals with Gay themes and issues on PBS and on the commercial networks.

Gays buy gas, too! Write James W. Kinnear, President & CEO, Texaco, Inc., 2000 Westchester Ave., White Plains, NY 10650, fax: (914) 253-7753.

Also, praise **Great Performances** for its inclusion of Gay-themed works. Write Jac Venza, Executive Producer, **Great Performances**, WNET, 356 W. 58th Street, New York, NY 10019.



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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.

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

Dignity- Mass & Friendship, 6pm, St. Pius 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. Ogden.

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 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.

ACT UP Milwaukee- Meetings 7:30 every Tuesday, All Saints Cathedral Guild Hall, 816 E. Juneau Ave. Call 769-8708 for info.

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).

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 Chorus [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.

Galeno- 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., 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. [LAMMI]- 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.

Galeno- 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.

Farm boys sought

Are you a Gay man who grew up on a farm? If so, your experience as a farm boy is an important and largely neglected part of Gay culture. Urban experiences are central to the lives of most Gay men, but they're far from being the whole story. The Gay Farm Boys Project is intended to give Gay men who grew up on farms — whether or not they are still involved in farming — a chance to talk about their experiences and the ways in which their farm upbringings have influenced their lives.

If you are a Gay man who grew up in a farming household and you think you might be interested in contributing to this cultural research project by talking about

your experiences, please contact Bill Fellows at (608) 231-3223 for more information or to arrange for an interview. You can write to Fellows at P.O. Box 55165, Madison, WI 3705-8965. A Gay farm boy himself, Fellows is an experienced researcher and writer who would like to consider your story for inclusion in a possible publication based on the 'Gay farm boys' theme.

Whatever your age and whatever your life is about now, your story is a unique and valuable part of Gay culture. (If anonymity is desired, names and other key details can be changed.)

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the program was pulled wasn't because of content, but quality. "The program did not meet our general standards," she says. "But pulling it was unfortunate because we knew it has the potential to be misread."

David M. Davis, chief executive of P.O.V., the PBS series which aired *Tongues Untied* and which was to air *Stop the Church*, at least concedes the impact of conservative pressure on PBS' decision. *Tongues Untied* put staffs of many stations through tremendous stress," he told Progammig magazine. "I felt another controversy... would break their backs and undermine their confidence in P.O.V."

Still, regardless of PBS' decision to pull *Stop the Church*, the network has indisputably shown a consistent interest in Lesbian and Gay concerns, and member stations, which have a high degree of individual autonomy, are typically very supportive. Many critics thought *Andre's Mother*, a 1989 *American Playhouse* production about the relationship between the mother of a man dead from AIDS and

his surviving lover, to be far more daring — and better — than anything commercial television has produced involving AIDS or homosexuality. For the last few years, the network has made a special effort to offer Lesbian and Gay programming during the Gay Pride Month of June. And the first theatrical film about AIDS, *Longtime Companion*, was originally commissioned as a PBS *American Playhouse* production.

In addition, despite Texaco's withdrawal of financial support, PBS will still air the BBC-produced *The Lost Language of Cranes* (though the bare buttocks seen in the British version of the film's one same-sex love scene will be covered by a pair of boxer shorts in the US version).

One major obstacle to more Gay programming even on public television is corporate sponsorship. Because such a small percentage of the PBS budget comes from public sources, the network must look elsewhere, often to corporations. As a result, though some conservatives like to argue that PBS has a 'liberal' bias, other people, like

Viewpoints

Gays on PBS: In the crossfire

By Brent Hartinger

Last month, *Out on Film*, an organization of professional Lesbians and Gays working in the entertainment industry, leaked the news that Texaco was ending its sponsorship of the Public Broadcasting Service's *Great Performances* series because a June 24 installment was a dramatization of David Leavitt's highly acclaimed Gay novel, *The Lost Language of Cranes*. It wasn't the first time that the presentation of Gay characters or Gay issues on public television had sparked controversy. Indeed, PBS is shaping up to be the NEA of 1992 — and, once again, Gays are in the hotseat.

"Any time there is oppression, the first thing that is attacked is the creative forces," says Arthur Kropp, president of the Norman Lear-founded People for the American Way. "And within that group, the first group that is attacked is the homosexuals. It happened in Nazi Germany. It happened in the McCarthy era."

Gay characters or issues on television are almost always controversial, but Gays on PBS may be even more controversial because the network receives about 16 percent of its total operating budget, or \$200 million a year, from government sources. Like they objected to the government-funded NEA sponsoring controversial art, many conservatives object to the funding of Gay-related programming on public television.

"PBS is loaded with liberal, left, pro-Gay, pro-feminist stuff," says Reed

Irvine, chairman of the conservative media watchdog group, Accuracy in Media, or AIM.

Last March, seven powerful Republican senators, including Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Bob Dole of Kansas, tried to halt or dramatically amend a spending package for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting which funds PBS, arguing for greater accountability of the public airwaves. Around the same time, presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan featured inflammatory scenes from *Tongues Untied*, Marlon Rigg's erotic film about growing up black and Gay which PBS aired last July, in an attack ad ironically attempting to label the Bush administration as 'pro-Gay.'

But criticism of PBS hasn't all come from the right. After *Tongues Untied* unleashed a firestorm of conservative protest last summer, PBS pulled from its line-up the previously-scheduled *Stop the Church*, a quasi-documentary about a 1989 ACT-UP demonstration in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. This action sparked a new wave of criticism, this time from the left.

"They censored themselves before any pressure was actually put on PBS," says *Stop the Church's* director Robert Hilferty. "How could they program something ten months (before) and then be afraid to broadcast it? What kind of pressure is being put on them?"

According to Jennifer Lawson, head of national programming and promotion for PBS and who previewed the film after one member station criticized it, the reason



Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee presents PRIDEFEST 92 — Juneau Park, Sunday, June 14

The 1992 PrideFest is a radical turnaround from past events associated with Milwaukee's annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Celebration.

First of all, the event will be held on a Sunday instead of a Saturday. This will help many who work on Saturdays to be able to attend.

Another major change is that the Parade formation will be at Juneau Park, the site of the day-long PrideFest. Juneau Park is located on the top level of the lakefront bluff along Prospect Avenue north of the Milwaukee War Memorial Art Center. This gives parade goers a chance to get something to eat, watch the entertainment and hear the speakers while the parade gets organized.

Perhaps one of the most popular changes is the downgrading of the political nature of the post parade festivities. The post parade rally will be only 15 minutes in length in order to make

more room for entertainment.

And what entertainment there will be! From Flamenco Dancing to Musical Comedy, from Choral Music to Rap... PrideFest has it all. Enough will be going on to fill two stages. Please see separate schedules and articles for both stages, elsewhere in In Step's PrideFest section this issue.

Join in showing your pride in the annual Pride Parade which will leave the park promptly at 1pm. This year's parade features more floats than ever before and even includes a mounted horse unit, a dance troupe and more. The parade returns to Juneau Park after its course through downtown Milwaukee.

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volunteers. The shirts will be in a special neon color so those who come to PrideFest will quickly be able to find a volunteer if they need one. Miriam Ben-Shalom, co-chair of MLGPC Volunteer Committee, commented, "We want our community to know who these wonderful volunteers are, who have donated their time and energy to insure that PrideFest goes smoothly. Only those who sign up ahead of time will be given a T-shirt — volunteers who come to help on the day of PrideFest will get a badge, lots of hugs, but no shirt. These shirts mark a volunteer as someone special."

Ben-Shalom emphasized some 40

PrideFest 92 Pride Parade

Milwaukee Lesbian & Gay Pride Parade Sunday, June 14

This year's Pride Parade promises to be the biggest the State of Wisconsin has ever seen. The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) anticipates that over 3,000 marchers will join in.

The Parade will follow a new route this year, beginning and ending at Juneau Park, the site of PrideFest. The Sunday, June 14 kick off time has also been changed to 1pm. (See detailed Parade Route printed elsewhere in this section.)

This year's Parade will include marching units, floats, antique cars and more. The diversity of the Gay and Lesbian community will be in evidence when all segments of the community come together to join in this annual celebration of Lesbian/Gay Pride as organizations from Madison, Green Bay, Chicago, Appleton and other areas of Wisconsin and Illinois participate in a colorful display of Pride in the streets of Milwaukee. MLGPC also expects a number of non-Gay organizations to participate in a show of support for the Lesbian and Gay community.

There will be a mounted horse unit from the North Star Gay Rodeo Association, a performing dance troupe and many more surprises in store for participants and spectators.

For the fourth year in a row, the parade will be led by the Beer Town Badgers who

volunteers are yet needed. There is a special need for people to be at the Fest site around 8am, and to help clean things up after the Fest is over. "We need people who can do wiring and help with other areas as well." Shifts run from two to four hours — besides set up, there are still plenty of jobs for people to express their pride. Still needed are runners (communicators), general information staff, booth managers, trash collection and clean-up, parade marshals and security personnel.

Those interested in being a volunteer are asked to call Miriam at (414) 933-6233 as soon as possible.

will serve as the parade color guard. Other organizations displaying their pride include community health organizations, such as the Milwaukee AIDS Project, and the Brady Street STD Clinic; political organizations such as the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, and ACT UP; arts groups like the Cream City Chorus; sports organizations like the Saturday Softball Beer League and straight groups — like Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and Congress for A Working America. Many of the groups are participating for the very first time.

For more information on the Pride Parade call Alan Stroik (414) 342-7659. Parade participation applications are still available.

**Milwaukee Gay & Lesbian
Pride Parade & Pride Fest
Sun., June 14th Juneau Park**

Army. In case you did not know it, war has already been declared against the Lesbians, Gays, and Bisexuals of this nation. A nation which should be renamed Amerikkka the Unbeautiful. We must therefore retaliate against these Ugly Amerikkans, these extremely right-wing politicians and fundamentalist bigots who try to trample Gay rights and civil rights in general, who would hamper AIDS research, prevention, education, and drugs. We must enlist as recruits into the Queer Holy Wars, a civil war against the uncivil, ungodly ways of our country. The enemy is certainly, above all, AIDS and AIDS phobia, but goes on to include homophobia, bigotry, prejudice, and so called 'traditional family values' that stomp on non-nuclear family values and domestic partners. Let's all chant: "Dan Quayle you fascist clown, keep your hands off Murphy Brown!!!"

We must exhort free-thinking communities world-wide to stop passively accepting the right-wing, conservative churchianity movement, because America was founded on the principles that church is separate from state. True spirituality does not tread on the rights of individuals, making certain groups wrong or not as privileged, i.e. attempts to overturn Roe vs. Wade abortion laws, to enact sodomy laws and anti-Gay measures, to veto Gay rights bills, and to ignore the shocking rise in Gay/Lesbian/ People of Color-bashing.

The very idea that a church would forbid safer sex education in this age of pandemic deadly disease! That anyone would want to deny high school students access to condoms! That any group would want to stop another group's attempt to reduce teen-age suicide because of its own homophobia. That Jesse Helms and his cohorts would want to harass and eventually quarantine AIDS patients and people with HIV! Pink triangles for real.

Are we exaggerating or overreacting? I think not. The 'Reverend' Lou Sheldon of Traditional Values Coalition has boasted that his organization is waging all-out war against homosexuality. Presidential candidate Patrick 'Boooo' Buchanan attributes AIDS as a punishment against Gays: "The homosexuals have declared

war upon nature, and now nature is exacting an awful retribution." Senator William Dannemeyer has introduced federal legislation to quarantine people with HIV. SB 982 has passed the Senate to make it a felony for anyone with HIV to have protected but undisclosed sex. "Use a condom — go to jail." There are fundamental Christian lambs in wolves clothing who would like to see the death penalty for homosexuality. Smells like war to me, kids. **Civil rights or civil war!!!!**

The Queer Army needs you. We're looking for a few good queers (defined as any free-thinking Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, transgender or straight people). Call the Queer Army hotline, Propaganda Central

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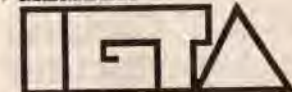
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Jan Eckrich

On Friday the 15th of May, Jan Eckrich passed away at home in Milwaukee due to complications of AIDS. He was 45. He was hospitalized until May 14th at which time his wish was to come home to say his good-bys to family and friends. We also wished that his loved ones let him know that it was OK to let go. He quietly passed away with his friends by his side, holding hands.

Jan was a well-known artist in the Milwaukee area, with many of his works displayed throughout Milwaukee and the state, including Serb Hall, Third St. Pier Restaurant, and the Pabst Mansion where he worked on delicate refurbishing. He also has many inspiring murals on walls of overpasses depicting growth and unity of all people. (One of his larger works is a 7,000 square foot mural at the base of the railroad overpass at South 6th Street & W. Holt Street, created in 1980.)

He was an inspiration to all who knew him, both family and friends. Through his artistic gift he radiated life and compassion by the sharing of his dreams and visions of the future, always looking ahead.

Eckrich is survived by his parents, a sister, a brother and many friends & associates. He will be greatly missed, but never will be forgotten in our hearts and minds. "We love you Jan."

Services were held May 19 in Hales Corners, burial was private.

No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

It's not just a parade, it's a march into battle

For many cities in Gaymerica, this year's parade theme is "Power = Pride," or in Milwaukee "The Power of Pride." In San Francisco & others it's "A Simple Matter of Justice," as spoken by slain San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk. Not special privileges or favors.

William (Bill) Wood

Bill passed away on May 19, 1992 of complications due to AIDS. (Our Brother and Friend how we shall miss you.)

Bill was the Assistant Pathfinder (Vice-President) of the Oberons Levi-Leather Club and an associate member of Panther L/L of Atlanta; Knights of Leather and the Blackguard of Minneapolis; Alliance of Memphis, and the Firekeepers of Indiana.

Because of his past career as an entertainer Bill was the unofficial 'club seamstress' for the Oberons's annual run show. He was crowned Miss Gay Atlanta in the early years of that pageant, and entertained crowds in Atlanta, St. Louis, and Minneapolis as either Victoria, or his campy alter ego, Gypsy.

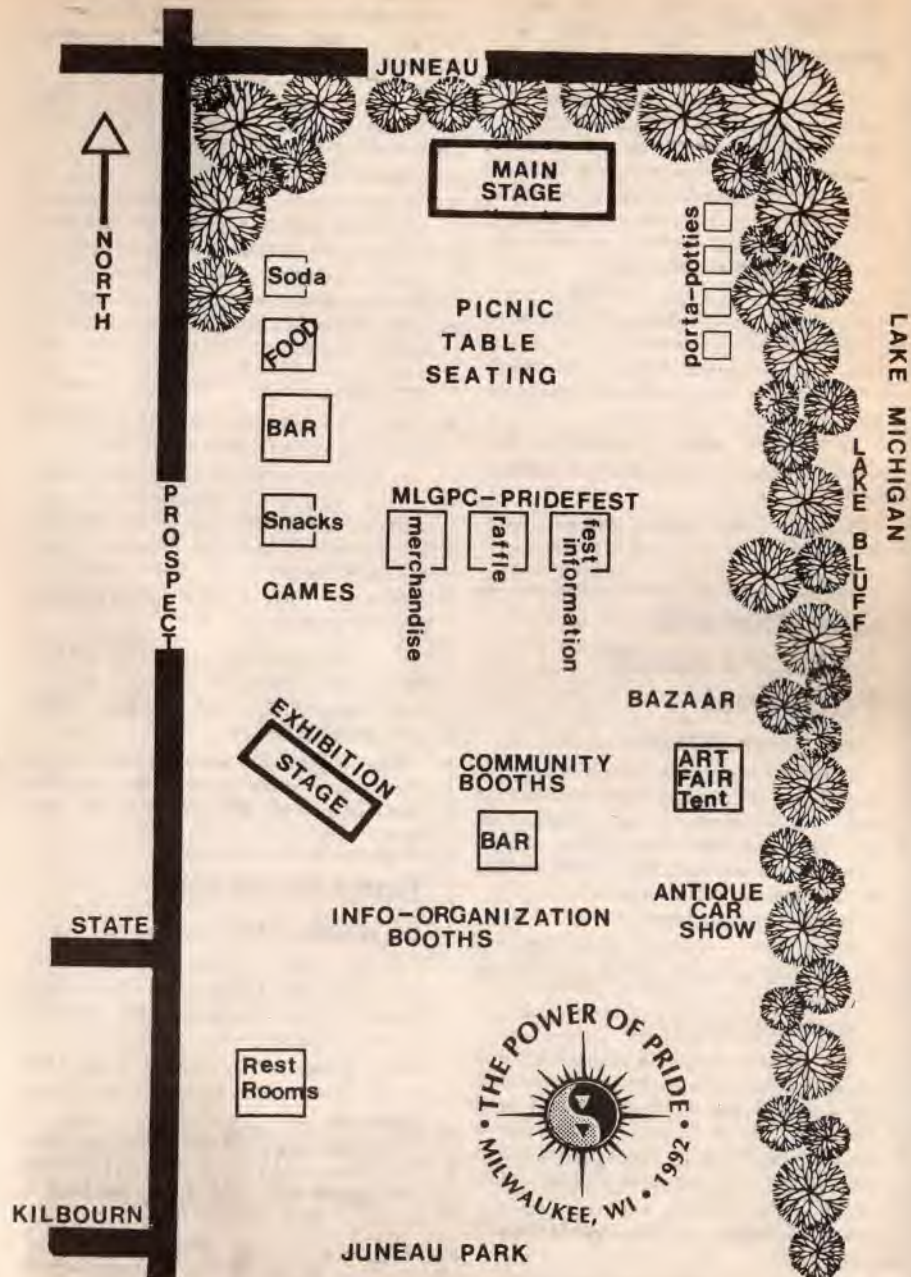
Bill was always thinking of the next show, or club night, or run; known for his inveterate shopping trips to Goldmans, thrift stores, and yard sales, Bill was always on the lookout for the perfect smock for Supermarket Sally, or that 99 cup coffee urn bought for a buck \$2.98. Bill somehow always managed to find just that thing that you'd been searching for.

Bill is survived by his son, parents, and his Club Borthers in the Oberons. Funeral Services were held in his home town of Staunton, Illinois.

A Memorial Remembrance will be held at the Hotel Wisconsin in the first floor meeting room on June 13. Visitation begins at 7pm, with a brief service following at 8pm. Memorials to the Milwaukee AIDS Project would be appreciated.

Just justice. That's all we ask. The basic rights of citizens here in the home of the brave and the free. But our home is being threatened by an insidious enemy. **No peace; no justice.**

So as good citizens, it is time to protect our nation and join the army. The Queer



PrideFest Parade route

Milwaukee's annual Pride Parade will assemble at Juneau Park on Milwaukee's East Side where Pride Fest will be held. Marchers are asked to gather by 12:30pm for the 1pm parade departure time. While the Parade is being organized Entertainers and Speakers will keep things lively at the Main Stage.

After leaving Juneau Park the Parade will travel South on Prospect to Wisconsin Avenue. The parade units will then travel west on Wisconsin Avenue to Water Street, turning north on Water Street and continuing to Kilbourn Avenue.

At Kilbourn Avenue the parade will travel eastward, returning to Juneau Park.

Its not too late to register your group for the Parade. Call (414) 263-7187 for more information.

Questions & Answers about PrideFest

WHAT IS PRIDEFEST?

PrideFest is our own special festival. It is a celebration of who we are and what we are. It includes a wide variety of entertainment, plus food, drink, games, exhibits, an art fair, information booths and the annual Pride Parade.

WHEN IS PRIDEFEST?

PrideFest is Sunday June 14th. It begins with an Interfaith Service at 10:30 and runs until 7:30.

WHERE IS PRIDEFEST?

PrideFest is being held in the North end of Juneau Park. Those coming from out of town should take I 94 to 794 and head East. Exit at the Jackson St. Van Buren St. Exit. Go North on Van Buren 5 blocks to Kilbourn and turn right. Kilbourn ends at the PrideFest Site.

IS THERE ANY ADMISSION CHARGE?

No. All the events and entertainment are free, but you might want to bring some

money to buy some food and drink, play some of the games and do some shopping.

ARE MY STRAIGHT FRIENDS WELCOME?

Everyone is welcome to attend as long as they are not disruptive and do not engage in homophobic activities.

WILL I BE ON TV?

In the past the television stations have covered the Parade but have not done any filming at the Festival. Even with their parade coverage the stations tend to film the floats and cars more than the people. They also tend to film the beginning of the parade. In any event the cameras are easy to spot and easy to avoid if you don't want to be shown.

BESIDES ALL THE ENTERTAINMENT WHAT ELSE WILL BE HAPPENING?

In addition to the entertainment there will be quite a few information booths, exhibits; demonstrations on things like square dancing, and self defense; an art fair and a bazaar.

WHERE CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

For additional information you can call the Pride Line (414) 263-7187.

DOES PRIDEFEST NEED ANY VOLUNTEER HELP?

Like any major event PrideFest can always use some extra help. Call the Pride Line (414) 263-7187 NOW to sign up.

Banner awaits signatures

If you have a dollar you can be a permanent part of Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride History by signing the MLGPC Power of Pride Banner.

This banner will be carried in the 1992 Pride Parade and every Pride Parade thereafter.

The banner can be signed starting from 11:30 am until the parade starts and after the parade until it is full or the festival closes, which ever comes first.

All signers will receive a special commemorative Rainbow pencil with words 'Milwaukee Pride Fest' imprinted.

NEW CONTINGENCY GROUPS FOR THE GAY PRIDE PARADE

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AFRICAN AMERICAN MEN ARE THE CHOICE FOR MORE WIFE HANGERS

LESBIANS WHO LIKE TO FUCK IN THE BACK SEATS OF BIG AMERICAN CARS WITH V8 ENGINES AND LEATHER INTERIORS

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Special 92 PRIDE FEST SECTION

Books

Authors to appear at Webster's June 9

Webster's Books is extremely pleased to announce an extra-special author appearance coming up on Tuesday, June 9th at 7:30pm. This **Spring Evening of Mystery** with readings and discussion with four leading midwest mystery writers: Mark Richard Zubro, Barbara D'Amato, Michael Sherer, and D.C. Brod.

Mark Richard Zubro will be visiting Webster's closely on the heels of the publication of his fifth mystery; **The Principal Cause of Death**, the fourth in Zubro's popular and engaging 'Tom and Scott' series. Zubro's Chicago-based mystery features Tom Mason, a high school teacher, and Scott Carpenter, a professional baseball player and Tom's longtime lover.

Zubro's first book, **A Simple Suburban Murder** came out in 1989, followed by **Why Isn't Becky Twitchell Dead?**, **The Only Good Priest**, and Zubro's first 'Matt Turner' mystery, **Sorry, Now?**. Zubro is able to incorporate the many complexities of teaching in a public high school through his own experience as a teacher in suburban Chicago.

Webster's is delighted to welcome back for a return engagement Barbara D'Amato who is soon to publish her third Cat Marsala mystery, **Hard Luck**. Last year Ms. D'Amato featured a reading from **Hardtack**, the second in this yachting-themed series and now available as a Worldwide paperback. A woman of many talents, Ms. D'Amato is also a playwright and a crime researcher and is a regular columnist for the Sisters in Crime newsletter, as well as for **Mystery Scene Magazine**.

Michael W. Sherer's mysteries feature protagonist/ writer Emerson Ward, again utilizing a Chicagoland setting. **An Option On Death**, Mr. Sherer's first mystery was a Dodd Mead hardcover, now available as a Harper paperback. Also in paperback is the second in the series, **Little Use For**

Death.

D.C. Brod is the creator of Quint McCauley, a 'medium-boiled' detective working out of Chicago's western suburbs, rounds out Webster's 'Spring Evening of Mystery.' McCauley first appeared in the short-story, 'The Night the Lights Went Out at the Tattersal Tavern' in the July 1989 issue of **Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine**. Since then, McCauley has been featured in all three of Brod's novels. **Murder In Store**, **Error In Judgment**, and **Masquerade In Blue**.

The 'Spring Evening of Mystery' will take place at Webster's Books and Cafe, 2559 N. Downer beginning at 7:30pm. The even is free and all are welcome.



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PrideFest shopping

What will the fashionable Gay man or Lesbian be wearing during Pride Week? It can only be one of those fantastic official MLGPC T-Shirts or Tank Tops imprinted with 'The Power of Pride' logo, suitably accented with an MLGPC button, and a Cloisonne' pin.

These finely made articles of clothing can be purchased during PrideFest at the MLGPC Merchandise Booth, which will be located across from the Main Stage. Due to requests some of the T-Shirts and Tank Tops are available with the design alone minus any lettering. All the T's and Tanks are white with a hot pink and black design and will be sold for \$10.00.

Those who love to shop will enjoy stopping by this booth. In addition to the T's and Tanks, MLGPC will also be selling: mugs, key chains, flags, Cloisonne' lapel pins, stickers and buttons.

• Gold trimmed Cloisonne safety tie tack lapel pins will be available for \$5 each in five varieties including: the Pink Triangle, the Labrys, the Lambda, the

International Leather Flag and the Rainbow Flag.

• MLGPC Key Chains have a secret compartment for holding pills, condoms, money and other items. They carry the MLGPC logo and come in two colors, white or the ever fashionable hot pink.

• MLGPC coffee mugs are guaranteed to show your pride to those special brunch guests and they are wonderful collectors items as well. Each 11 oz. ceramic mug has the 1992 logo on one side and 'Milwaukee' printed on the other. Since they are only \$5 each why not get a set so you accommodate all of your friends?

• MLGPC is offering three kinds of flags this year. The large 3' by 5' Rainbow Flag is just the thing to display so your friends can find you at those tailgate and fireworks parties this summer. These flags are professionally sewn from the finest flag nylon, in six vibrant colors with heavy duty canvas edging and brass grommets. They are a steal at a mere \$25.00. Quantities are extremely limited so buy them early.

• For those who are looking for a smaller flag, MLGPC will be offering the Rainbow Flag and the Pink Triangle flag

in a 4" by 6" hand flag versions.
• This year's buttons display the 1992 Pride Logo and can be purchased for \$2.00. The Stickers will have pink triangles and are easily attached to any item of clothing. The stickers will be sold in sheets.

PrideFest Art Fair

For the second year in a row the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Celebration Committee is sponsoring a Gay and Lesbian Fine Art Fair. The Fair, which will be held in conjunction with PrideFest, is a juried event. The fair was open to Lesbian and Gay artists as well as other people supportive of the Gay and Lesbian community.

This year's fair will feature 10 artists each of which has submitted examples of their work to a jury of art experts. The jury selected the best artists for participation in the show. The artists will be displaying and selling their works in the Art Show Tent which will be located on the Southern end of the festival grounds.

The secondary judging will take place at the Art Show itself. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded for overall excellence

"We are really excited to have such high caliber artists in our show this year," said Leona Harrod, MLGPC Art Fair Co-ordinator. "I am sure that our community will be proud of what they are going to see."

The artists include a sculptor, jewelers, photographers, a lithographer, a potter, a fiber artist, and a painter.

The jury is composed of Leslie Bellevance, Professor of Photography at UWM, and Ellen T. Clark, Co-owner of the Bradley Galleries which is located at 2639 N Downer.

In addition to the works of fine art for sale as part of the art fair, there will be other artists and craftspeople displaying and selling their works at PrideFest.

PrideFest food stands

Celebrating Pride can work up an appetite. It was with that in mind that the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee planned its this year's Food and Snack Booths.

In a change from the past MLGPC has decided to run its own food and beverage booths. While the committee is most appreciative of the efforts put forth in prior years by Club 219 and La Cage, it feels that the Pride Festival has grown to the point where it can handle these responsibilities itself.

On this year's bill of fare: Brats, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Fruit and Vegetable Salads, and Corn on the Cob. Sandwiches are \$1.75 each or for \$2.25 purchasers can have a sandwich plate which includes chips and pickles. Corn on the Cob will be sold for \$1.25 per ear.

New this year will be the MLGPC Snack Booth. The Snack Booth will feature freshly popped popcorn, bagged snacks such as chips and pretzels and candy and fresh fruit.

PrideFest Co-Chair Roberta Niggemeier has been hard at work putting the food service together. Says Roberta, "We will be offering well prepared top quality food at prices that people can afford. All of us who are working on serving some great food are excited over the prospect of adding something special to PrideFest."

Organization & Info booths

In addition to all of the entertainment, art, food and fun offered by PrideFest 92; get some valuable information in the Information Booth area.

One of the groups heading up this area is the Mayor's Fair Housing Commission. The Commission, which investigates complaints of discrimination in employment and housing matters, has already handled several complaints of discrimination against Gays and Lesbians. The Commission's booth will

Lambda Car Club meets June 4-7

Chicago — The Lake Michigan Region of Lambda Car Club International will host the Club's annual Grand International Invitational in Chicago from June 4th through 7th. The highlight of the many activities planned will be the members' car show, to be held from 1-5pm on Saturday, June 6 at the Ohio Street beach, Ohio Street and Lake Shore Drive. Over fifty cars are expected at the show including 1957, 1962 and 1966 Ford Thunderbirds; 1962 Nash Metropolitan; 1956, 1960 and 1962 Cadillacs and 1962, 1963 and 1964 Imperials. While only

member's cars are to be shown, the event is open to the public. Admission is free.

Lambda Car Club has been in existence since 1981 and was founded to promote the enjoyment of old and special interest motor vehicles by Gay and Lesbian people. The Club has 20 regions from coast-to-coast, with nearly 700 members total. The Club also has members in Great Britain, Germany and Canada. This will be the first Grand International Invitational to be held in Chicago. Membership information may be obtained by writing: Lambda Car Club- Lake Michigan Region, P.O. Box 268534, Chicago, Illinois, 60626.



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Human Sexuality Fact Sheet

By Curt Pavola

Q. Why is the phrase 'sexual preference' inaccurate and misleading?

A. Because heterosexuals have not consciously chosen to love, or stated a 'preference' for loving, members of the opposite sex; they just feel it, and always have. No conscious, free-will 'decision' is made to be heterosexual. 'Orientation' is a more accurate word than 'preference.'

Further, heterosexuals are not oriented toward just 'having sex' with members of the opposite gender; they have feelings of caring, affection, and love for them — and sexual activity is a reflection of those feelings to the same degree as it is a reflection of sexual attraction. 'Love' is a more illuminating word than 'sexual.' A more accurate, descriptive phrase for human sexuality is 'love orientation.'

The same is true for homosexuals and bisexuals.

Q. Is homosexuality unnatural?

A. No. Eight or nine out of ten children are either born heterosexual or become heterosexual within the first few years of life for reasons of nature that are not yet clearly understood.

The same is true for homosexuals and bisexuals. [One child, or two, out of ten is homosexual or bisexual.]

Q. Should heterosexuals be given 'special privileges' in employment, housing, et cetera?

A. No. Heterosexuals should be guaranteed the rights afforded everyone else: To be free from discrimination based on unchangeable conditions of their birth (or first few years of life) and for consensual activities that harm no one. Heterosexuals should never be denied something because of their love orientation.

The same is true for homosexuals and bisexuals.

Q. Is homosexuality a 'mental disorder'?

A. No. The American Psychiatric Association and the American

Psychological Association say that love orientation is not an indicator of mental illness.

The same is true for homosexuality and bisexuality.

Q. Is heterosexuality a 'lifestyle'?

A. No. Affectional orientation predetermines no particular way of living or belief system. Who one loves has nothing to do with a person's 'lifestyle,' those chosen activities supported by a certain level of income and guided by a particular belief system.

Some heterosexuals are married, some are single. Some are bankers, some are mechanics, some are grocery clerks, some are elected officials, some are hair dressers... Some are square dancers, some are joggers, some are gardeners, some are couch potatoes... Some are grandmothers, some are fathers, some are sisters, some are cousins, some are sons...

The same is true for homosexuals and bisexuals.

Q. But don't Gays and Lesbians live an 'alternative lifestyle'?

A. Not necessarily. Although, just like some heterosexuals, they might choose an 'alternative lifestyle' for any number of philosophical reasons. An example: Imagine two guys who've never met. Both are mechanics who like baseball, enjoy a long-term love relationship, expect to rear children within the next couple years, read Timesweek, go camping on weekends, eat the majority of their meals at home with their life partner, visit their parents on holidays, and are active in local politics. Which one is Gay? We can't tell because their 'lifestyles' are the same. Only their naturally determined focus of loving emotions and sexual attraction is different. Neither man leads a lifestyle we might label as an 'alternative' to the 'average' American lifestyle.



be set up to provide information on your rights and to allow Lesbians and Gays to file complaints on the spot.

"We know that many Lesbians and Gays are victimized by discrimination," said Commission Chairperson John Gardner, "We hope that those who have suffered from discrimination will come forward talk to us and let us help them."

There will be a number of other organizations present in this area too, such as MAP, the Fest City Singers, the Cream City Squares, Congress For a Working America and the Milwaukee County Labor Council.

Isle of Lesbos

An 'Isle of Lesbos' will be beckoning the Gay women who attend this year's Pridefest on June 14. The 'Isle,' sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee [LAMM], can be identified by its 20-foot round tent, under which will transpire a variety of Lesbian activities.

This will include free soda for all card-carrying LAMM members; new members can sign up at an information table staffed by some of LAMM's most enticing outreach personnel. Lavender T-shirts featuring the stylish Lesbian Alliance logo will be on sale.

Tables and chairs will be set up for relaxation and conversation with other Lesbians. All Lesbians are invited to network, schmooze and consort.

For more information on the Lesbian Alliance, call 264-2600.



PRIDEFEST 92 MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE

10:30am — INTERFAITH SERVICE

11:30am — THE IBERIAN DANCERS — A fantastic, colorful extravaganza of Hispanic and flamenco dancing. (See separate article.)

11:30am — FOOD AND BEVERAGE BOOTHS OPEN — Sample some of that great food drink served with Pride by MLGPC volunteers. (See separate article.)

Noon — THE JOHN SCHNIEDER ORCHESTRA — Listen to the smooth sounds of this acclaimed orchestra known for their torch song and swing standards. (See separate article.)

12:15pm — PRE PARADE RALLY — GLBVA Presents the Festival Colors, followed by speakers: Regina Henry, Kaye Hallenger, Gay Youth Milwaukee, Tammy Baldwin, and Joan Jett Black. Then the Beer Town Badgers present the Parade Colors followed by a rousing Singsational number.

1pm — Parade Begins

1:45pm — POST PARADE RALLY — Features brief remarks by Gary Hollander, Kitty Barber, and Ben Johnson; and the presentation of the Alyn Hess Award.

2:10pm — PARADE AWARDS PRESENTATION

2:15pm — SINGSATIONAL — Called four of the best voices anywhere. (See separate article.)

2:45pm — FEST CITY SINGERS — One of the best musical groups in Milwaukee. Their musical comedy has been widely praised. (See separate article.)

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3:15pm — THE VISITATION — A performance art piece wonderfully produced by Debbie Davis, Deana Aronson and Leona Harod. (See separate article.)

3:30pm — THE CREAM CITY CHORUS — Find out why so many say this group is one of the best Gay and Lesbian chorus in the country. (See separate article.)

4pm — JILL CLARK (J.C.) — A fabulous Lesbian vocalist performing a variety of music. (See separate article.)

4:30pm — THE COWGIRL SWEETHEARTS — A Lesbian band from Madison with a country western twist. (See separate article.)

5pm — QUEER NATION'S MASS WEDDING — Join us as Lesbian and Gay couples state their solemn commitment to each other.

5:30pm — THE PRIDE WEEK PLAYERS — A rollicking review of news stories you won't hear anywhere else.

6pm — THE BJ DANIELS REVUE — A spectacular review featuring many titleholders and other great performers from throughout Wisconsin and put together as only BJ Daniels knows how. (See separate article.)

PRIDEFEST 92 EXHIBITION STAGE SCHEDULE

2:15pm — THE CREAM CITY SQUARES — A Square Dance exhibition by one of Milwaukee's best Square Dance groups. (See separate article.)

2:30pm — COUNTRY PRIDE SQUARE DANCE Lessons — You can learn the basics of Square Dancing with help from the Cream City Squares.

4pm — GAY/LESBIAN HISTORY/HERSTORY — Presented by author Dr. Terry Boughner and Lesbian herstorian Pat Calchina.

5pm — THE BASICS OF SELF DEFENSE — Presented by Juana Sabatino. Learn what you can do to avoid being bashed.

6pm LESBIAN POETRY READING — Sue Silvermarie and Special Guests, an hour long presentation of exceptional poetry.

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Iberian Dancers kick off PrideFest

Those who come early to PrideFest this year are in for a real treat. Entertainment will start off with some different sounds, specifically the click of castinette's and the rhythmic stomping of boots. Bellet Ibero Hispanic Inc. (The Iberian Spanish Dancers) will be performing their colorful dances at PrideFest.

When this dance troupe takes the stage at 11:30am June 14, those who are watching will see and hear a spectacle of color and sound.

The purpose of the group is to present Hispanic Culture through dance and music, thereby promoting cultural

understanding and awareness. The group has appeared at the annual Holiday Folk Fair, Fiesta Mexicana, Summerfest and Wisconsin State Fair. This is their first appearance at PrideFest.

The troupe has researched the Mexican, Puerto Rican and Spanish cultures and have developed a repertoire of dances and costumes to authentically represent their beautiful traditions.

"MLGPC is very pleased to have this excellent troupe open our Pre-Parade entertainment. Anyone who has ever seen them knows how exciting they are to watch."

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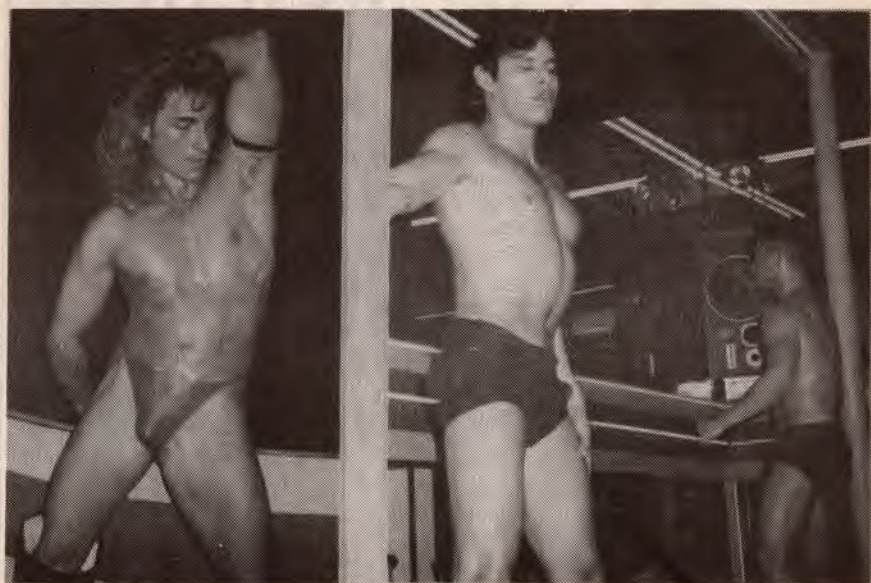
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Main Stage to feature Singsational

Leading off the Post-Parade Main Stage entertainment at 2:15pm is a group that seems destined to wow the crowd, SINGSATIONAL PRODUCTIONS. The group is composed of four of the best singers around.

Patti Michale, Garret James, Sharon, and Mike Borg were all members of the Creamettes, a sub group of the Cream City Chorus. They decided to form their own singing group so they would be able to display their immense talents on a more regular basis than the three Cream City concerts allowed.

Sharon, the group's manager, is excited about singing at PrideFest. "We are looking forward to showing the community what is available to them. We are really up for this appearance. There will be so much talent on display all day long, its really great to be asked to participate."

"Singsational sings a wide variety of music from Country to Disco, from the Forties to contemporary and everything in between," says Sharon. "We wanted to be a group that can perform for just about any occasion."

Schneider Orchestra at Pridefest

The John Schneider Orchestra is a regular fixture at Cafe Melange. In fact they were the original Cafe Melange band, playing the standards of the twenties, thirties and forties for the last four years.

Those who have never heard them before will get a chance to listen to the mellow sounds of this fine group at Noon on the PrideFest Main Stage. The Band will play three songs as a warm up for the Pre Parade Parade Rally Opening Ceremonies.

"We're really looking forward to joining in on this day of unity and celebration," said Band leader John Schneider, "This will be the first of what we hope will be many appearances at this festival."

Cowgirl Sweethearts

Although 'The Cowgirl Sweethearts' have only been around for a year, the quality of their music and the uniqueness of their act has allowed them to attract a large following.

In fact many of their fans will be on hand to hear them perform on the PrideFest Main Stage at 4:30. They will be joined by a group of country western line dancers from Madison.

The five person band is composed of Bevo Buhr, B.C., Rise Christesen, Anne O'Connor, and Becky Burns. They play at various shows, and benefits in the Madison area.

Band member Bevo got the band together, because in her words, "I really like country music, but I have a hard time with the words. Basically they didn't fit my Lesbian lifestyle." The band's efforts to make country music more relevant to our lifestyle has resulted in their writing several original songs as well as altering a number of others.

"We have found that quite a few Lesbians like country western music and the same is true for many Gay men," said Bevo. "Even people who don't like country western music like what we do with it."

"We like playing for special events — especially Gay and Lesbian events. In fact I don't think we could play for a straight crowd. They wouldn't get anything, so we'll keep doing the Gay and Lesbian events. After all its not like the Grand Ole Opry is beating down our doors begging us to play there."

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communion wafers with condoms. The New York chapter of Dignity, a Gay religious group, immediately seized upon the idea and ordered 1,000 bread flavored condoms from a novelty manufacturer.

•Indianapolis: Coming on the heels of his moronic Murphy Brown comments, Vice President Dan Quayle announced he is convinced Batman and Robin are Gay and were personally responsible for turning Brady Bunch dad, Robert Reed, into a homosexual.

•Seattle: Gay democrats delivered a set of demands to Presidential candidate Bill Clinton. Highest on the list was free national hair care program and government subsidized access to tanning booths during the winter.

•Toronto: Members of the Pink Angles, a Gay/Lesbian security organization, report they thwarted an infiltration by right wing extremists who planned to tarnish that city's Pride Parade by having the group's color guards march with Gay flag flying upside down.

•Buffalo: Genetic scientists announced they have discovered a method of determining a baby's sexual preference while still in the womb. As a result, organizers canceled this year's Gay Pride celebration and announced they would join Operation Rescue in picketing of abortion clinics.

•London: Claiming children need more positive role models, the Tooth Fairy came out of the closet during Gay pride week in London. British conservatives balked at the announcement and claimed the Tooth Fairy would begin recruiting children to be Gay by bribing them with money left under their pillows.

•Hollywood: Recently decloseted Dick Sergeant (Darren Stevens on Bewitched) celebrated Gay Pride Day with more startling revelations when he admitted he and effeminate Uncle Arthur had secretly carried on an affair behind Samantha's back for several years. The tryst ended when Samantha's mother, Endora, threatened to cast a spell which would turn them hetero and it explains Endora's perpetual hostility toward Darren and dislike of Uncle Arthur.

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Gay Pride around the globe

A collection of news briefs illustrating the state of Gay pride around this country and beyond.

• **Washington D.C.:** The U.S. Air Force has issued discharge papers for members of it's elite Blue Angles aerial acrobatic squadron, after the group defied orders and showed support for Gays in the military by using shocking pink smoke when performing the dangerous 'Triangle Formation' and then zooming over the Pentagon with the jets flying in the shape of a Lambda symbol.

• **Los Angeles:** A major agreement was pounded out during a recent pow-wow between Queer Nation and major porno producers when the producers agreed to support Gay Pride by allowing commercials between scenes of it's filthy films. In the future, viewers will be

treated to paid messages like, "The following orgasm was bought to you by ACT UP."

• **Detroit:** Troubling signs of the country's lingering recession were evident as unemployed drag queens lined the route of that city's gay Pride Parade with signs reading; "Will Lip Synch for Food."

• **San Francisco:** Radical Lesbian feminists filed a lawsuit in federal court against Sigourney Weaver, claiming the star of Alien 3 illegally co-opted their official hyper-short hair-do when she shaved her head for the sci-fi thriller. In a related story, professional body shavers report a sharp increase of requests by Gay men to shave their crotch like Weaver's head in the movie.

• **Rome:** Radical members of the Italian branch of ACT UP, protesting the church's stand on condom use and homosexuality, staged a daring Gay Pride Day raid on the Vatican, secretly replacing the Pontiff's personal cache of

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Cream City Chorus on Main Stage

The Cream City Chorus will be very busy the weekend of June 13 and 14th. At 8p.m. Saturday June 13th, the city's biggest Gay and Lesbian Singing Group will put on its annual Pride Week Concert, and on Sunday 14th the Chorus will appear on the PrideFest Main Stage at 3:30pm.

The Cream City Chorus' Pride Concert has become a favorite of Lesbian and Gay music lovers from throughout the region. This year entitled 'The Power Of Love,' it will be held at beautiful Vogel Hall at the PAC. Tickets are available through the PAC Box office, or by calling the Chorus 344-WCCC.

The Chorus' Sunday concert will be on the PrideFest Main Stage. "It's a pleasure to have this fine chorus perform at PrideFest," said PrideFest Co-Chair Roberta Niggemeier, "They have been a source of musical pride for us all over the years and I know they will give a great performance."

Fest City Singers on Main Stage

Milwaukee's Fest City Singers were formed seven years ago. The twenty member strong mixed chorus (male and female) is primarily a Gay and Lesbian chorus. It was founded to produce cabaret shows and its goal is to entertain while promoting unity in the community as a whole.

That's one of the reasons why the Fest City Singers were invited to appear at Milwaukee's PrideFest 92. "This group is a good mixture of men, women and people of color," said PrideFest Co-coordinator Bill Meunier, "Even more important is the fact that they are great entertainers and anyone who has ever seen them knows how much fun they are to watch."

The Fest City Singers will be appearing on the PrideFest Main Stage at 2:45, where they will treat those in attendance to a sneak preview of their new show

'Movin On.'

'Movin On' is an original work specifically created for the Fest City Singers. It was written, directed and choreographed by Peter Mortenson with musical direction by Charles Golden.

'Movin On' is a lighthearted look at moving to different places, faces and spaces. It will include songs, dancing and of course the usual witty repartee that the Fest City Singers are so well known for.

Fest City had planned to present 'Movin On' on June 19th, 20th and 21st. However the production will be "moved on" to a date later this summer. Look for an announcement of when the full production will be scheduled in coming weeks.

J.C. on the Main Stage

In announcing the entertainment line-up for it's 4th annual PrideFest, the MLGPC has included many bright, new and talented entertainers. Having recently competed in a singing contest in Appleton, and placing 2nd overall, J.C. joins this prestigious line-up.

Originally from Racine, she began her singing career by performing at Nitengales, Wizard's Pub and most recently performed live on MATA, Cable Channel 14.

She will be singing live from 4- 4:30pm on the Main Stage at PrideFest on Sunday, June 14.

Deb Davis performs

Award winning Milwaukee Lesbian Performance artist Debbie Davis will perform this Pride Season. First she will perform at 3:15 on the PrideFest Main Stage, secondly, at her seventh annual performance event, "Bad Girls Summer Solstice."

On Pride Day Debbie will perform "The Visitation." This is an appearance by the ancient Egyptian cat goddess, Baste, "Reminding us that our pussies are part of us." She will be performing with Leona Harrod (dancer) and Dena Aronson (drummer). *contd. on page 42*

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Milwaukee PrideFest: Day long celebration of Gay/Lesbian/ Bi Pride. Everything contained in Juneau Park — along Prospect Avenue between Kilbourn & Juneau. Interfaith Service 10:30am; food beverage booths, main stage entertainment, Art Fair, bazaar open 11:30am; Pre- Parade Ceremonies at 12:30. Parade lines up & departs from park at 1pm. Exhibition stage presentations & main stage entertainment resumes at 2:30pm. Fest concludes at 8pm. (See special Pride Fest section this issue).

QTV-Episode 5: Milw. Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm.

Open Road Riders [Chicago]: Depart Chicago at 8:30am to ride in Milw. Pride Parade.

M&M Club: The irresistible hilarity of impressionist Jerry Halliday & his puppets, 9pm, no cover.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

Rollerblading: Meet 6:30pm in Veterans Park near skate rental facility. Sponsored by GAMMA. Open to all. Call Bob at 963-9833 for info.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Club 219 Plus: Lip Sync Finals, \$100 cash plus & \$119 bar tab prizes to winner. Must have 2 previous wins to enter. Hostess BJ Daniels.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

QTV-Episode 5: Milw. Cable Channel 14, 10:30pm.

Club 219: Miss Cosmopolitan WI- USA Pageant, 10:30pm.

LAMM Meeting: 'Financial Empowerment,' monthly meeting topic. Potluck at 6pm, program at 7pm, at MEC, 2821 N. 4th St. All Lesbians welcome. 264-2600.

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

Partners: Reggae Patio Party with Montgomery.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Underwear night in Wings, cash prizes.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Premiere Benefit [Milw.]: Premiere of the film 'Edward II' to benefit MLGPC, 7pm showtime. Oriental Theatre. \$10 tickets (\$4.50 goes to MLGPC). Sponsored by

Wisconsin Light & In Step Magazine. Prior to the movie Clark Wilson will play the theatre's restored organ from 6:30-7:25pm.

Lakefront Festival of the Arts: Through 6/21 at Lakefront just north of War Memorial Art Center.

BeerTown Badgers Club Night: Boot Camp Saloon. Drawings for prizes & drink tickets, 10pm-1:30am.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Madhatter [Wausau]: Miss Central Gay WI-USA pageant, 10pm.

Big BBQ Festival: Free post-parade party on the Summerfest grounds.

Walt Whitman, Camerado: Poets Antler & Jeff Poniewaz present a special 100th Anniversary performance in tribute to the *contd. on page 74*

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Special 92 Pride Fest Section

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Jo'dee's Intl. [Racine]: Premiere of every other Wed. event, The Relationship Game, 9pm, with host Tiger Jones.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

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

Queer Television: Episode 4 spotlights the upcoming June 14 Pridefest. 10:30pm, Milwaukee Cable Channel 14.

Open Volleyball: At UWM's Engelmann Gym, sponsored by GAMMA. 9pm starting time. Call Bi - at 442-2268 for info.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Riversplash! Through June 6, on Milwaukee's downtown Riverfront. Food, fun, frolic from Michigan St. to Pleasant Street on River. Gondola rides, water taxis, canoe demos, water skiing.

GMMA: Cocktail Cruise 5pm, for Riversplash festivities. Call 258-2802 for more info.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Club 94 [Kenosha]: Miss Gay Kenosha Pageant, 10:30pm.

BJ's: Party night, 9pm-1am, 2 for 1 rail, \$1 taps, food, fun, prizes.

M&M Club: Singational Productions Singing Machine.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Ballgame: A Day At Arlington Race Track, bus leaves 11am. Food, cocktails; bus round trip \$30.

Gay Men's Discussion Group: "Gay in the Workplace" is topic, 6-8pm, The Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett; \$2 donation. All men invited, call Bill Hanel at 271-2565 for more information.

Queer TV: Episode 4, spotlights the upcoming June 14 Pridefest, Milwaukee Cable channel 14, 10:30pm.

Guest Preacher: Rev. Jane Adams Spahr & Virginia West Davidson "On Calling: Unbushel Your Light," Westminster Presbyterian, 2308 E. Bellevue, 10am worship, with a coffee hour following.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

Men Aloud: HIV Risk Reduction/ Safer Sex Workshop for Gay & Bi men. 7-10pm.

MAP office, 315 W. Court St. Call Mike L. at 273-1991 for reservation.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Miss Gay- USA At-Large Benefit Show, 10:30pm.

La Cage: First Class Male Revue, male dance troupe, 11pm showtime.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

QTV- Episode 5: Milw. Cable channel 14, 10:30pm.

Open Volleyball: At UWM's Engelmann Gym, sponsored by GAMMA, 9pm starting time. Call Bill at 442-2268 for info.

Triangle: Victory Celebration for '92 Possum Queen Victoria Maxwell, 9pm, free food & beer.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Polish Fest: Through June 14, Lakefront Summerfest grounds. Lots of entertainment & ethnic foods.

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

Pivot [Appleton]: The men of 'Mantasia' 10:45pm showtime, \$2 cover.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Cream City Chorus: 'The Power of Love' spring concert, PAC's Vogel Hall, \$10 tickets from PAC Box Office (273-7206), or chorus office (344-WCCC).

Mr. C's [Rockford, IL.]: Miss Southern Gay WI- USA Pageant, 10:30pm.

3B's Bar: North Star Gay Rodeo Assoc. 'Bar Night & Country Dance,' 9pm. \$2 cover, DJ Brian Kemper.

Grubb's Pub: Grand Opening Celebration 5pm-1:30am free champagne & hors d'oeuvres. 10% of food sales donated to MAP.

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Debbie Davis' circus influenced performance art was recently awarded a fellowship for the Intermedia Arts/McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis. She was one of eight artists in the Midwest awarded \$9,000 to further their development of interdisciplinary works. Says Davis, "This is a victory for the entire Lesbian and Gay community. It tells us that despite the Gay bashing against the NEA (and every other institution) our voices are wanted."

PrideFest Co-coordinator Bill Meunier urged everyone to see both of Debbie's performances. Said Meunier, "Debbie is a good example of someone who is widely recognized for her immense talent, but is not nearly as well known in her own town as she should be. PrideFest is pleased to be able to expose her talent and give her the recognition she so richly deserves, and we are deeply honored that she has accepted our invitation to perform. No one should miss her on our Main Stage or at the "Bad Girls Summer Solstice."

For information on the "Bad Girls Summer Solstice" call 372-5192.

BJ Daniels Revue

BJ Daniels is known among many circles as a consummate Gay impresario. Yes, he is a professional female impersonator but he is also one of Milwaukee's foremost Gay and Lesbian talent scouts. The organizers of PrideFest were so impressed with his ability that they asked him to organize a special revue to conclude the entertainment on the PrideFest Main Stage.

Beginning at 6pm the BJ Daniels Revue will take over the PrideFest Main Stage with a diverse line up of performers who will produce everything from original dance routines to performance art, to live singing, comedy and impersonation.

"The only requirement I was given was to find the best talent that I could and to be sure I looked outside of the city as well as inside of it," said Daniels in a recent interview, "I believe I have done that."

A glance at the list of performers

recruited by Daniels shows that true to form, he has kept his word to bring forth a varied line up of entertainers.

For example there is Scotty — a Milwaukee Lesbian Rap artist. Then there is Christopher Ellex and Company, a Gay dance studio owner who will present his own original choreographed works with his company. Ellex and his troupe will be doing a modern dance piece.

Along for the ride is long time Daniels pal, the hysterically funny entertainer/comedian Gloria Holloway (aka Gloria P. Hole).

Miss Hole is making the trip from Green Bay having received permission for a furlough from the asylum where she now lives.

Mr. Gay Wisconsin will be doing a performance art piece. Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Mary Richards and Dominique Mahon, Miss Gay Continental Wisconsin will be on hand. So will Award Winning singer Tim Cole, along with Kitty, a Green Bay woman who sings in the styles of Patsy Cline and Bette Midler. Tiffeny Thomas, Miss Great Lakes USA; and Duwanna Moore, Miss Gay Milwaukee; will do their thing, too.

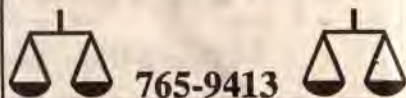
"The theme of this revue is unity. We are trying to show the diversity we have in our community and how that diversity can come together and be a strength instead of a negative" said Daniels. "We have men and women, blacks and whites, even a straight performer. All of the performers and myself as well are honored to be asked to participate, especially with all of the many talented people who will be on stage all day long.

The BJ Daniels Revue begins at 6pm on the Main Stage.

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was presented by last year's winner, Jerry Fitzpatrick of New York Claire Buddies, to the Columbus Hawks.

The ceremonies concluded with the presentation of trophies and metals to the top 3 teams in each division.

Once again this year, the Milwaukee Gay Community showed its hospitality and ability to run a first class tournament. Milwaukee can stand tall.

Saturday Softball Beer League STANDINGS — MAY 30

Triangle Trojans	5 1
Wreck Room	5-1
Triangle Bad Boys	3 3
Partners	2 4
Cest La Vie	0 6

RESULTS — MAY 16

Partners 11	Cest La Vie 10
Wreck Room 14	Triangle Trojans 12
Triangle Trojans 19	Partners 5
Triangle Bad Boys 23	Cest La Vie
Wreck Room 21	Triangle Bad Boys 9

SCHEDULE

JUNE 6 Upper
1:15 Wreck Room vs. Cest La Vie
2:30 Triangle Trojans vs. Cest La Vie
5:00 League Fund Raiser at Triangle

Lower
1:15 Triangle Trojans vs. Triangle Bad Boys
2:30 Wreck Room vs. Partners
3:45 Partners vs. Triangle Bad Boys
JUNE 13 Pride Week — No Games.

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GAMMA goes grappling

Milwaukee — GAMMA will coordinate a two-day, beginners rock climbing course at Devil's Lake State Park during the weekend of June 27 - 28. Any Gay or Lesbian person interested in exploring and stretching his personal limits safely while receiving instruction on bouldering, high-angle face climbing, repelling, belaying, and the use and care of climbing gear is welcome to attend.

This promises to be a visually, physically, and mentally stimulating weekend. The class will be led by professional rock climbing instructors. There is an international network of Gay and Lesbian climbers; many cities have members. Isn't it time Milwaukee gets involved?

Cost for the class and use of equipment is \$110; food, transportation and camping costs are extra. Call GAMMA at 963-9833 by June 12 for more information. ▽

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Special '92 Pride Fest Section

Jock Shorts

Chicago and Minneapolis teams capture Classic

Chicago and Minneapolis teams captured the championship of the **13th Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament**, held over the Memorial Day Weekend. **Sidetrack** of Chicago took the competitive division; **Brass Rail Bandits** of Minneapolis captured the recreational; and **Synergy** of Chicago, the woman's division.

The '92 Classic was hailed by the **North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance [NAGAAA]** as the **largest invitational softball tournament ever held in the USA**. It could have been even larger — seven additional teams had to be turned down due to lack of facilities.

Again this year, the weatherman tried to throw a monkey wrench into the tournament, but thanks to a group of hard working Milwaukee volunteers the tournament was completed on time.

Rain on Saturday morning delayed the games for 5 hours. They started at 1pm on make-shift grass fields. By 4pm, the Milwaukee volunteers had the regular softball diamonds available for play.

Because of the delay, the format for the competitive and recreational division was changed to a double elimination tournament, and opening ceremonies were canceled. The cold front which brought the rain also cooled temperatures, with wind chills reaching the teens. This held down the attendance at the games, but many players and fans were able to warm up between games at a friendly bar across the street from Wick Field, Dana's Fieldhouse. Games were played on Saturday evening under the lights until 10pm.

Overall, 46 teams from Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Columbus, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Nashville, New York, Norfolk, St. Louis and Toronto competed in the tournament. Milwaukee's entries — Ces't La Vie,

Partners, Triangle Bad Boys, Triangle Trojans, Wreck Room Spurs, and Wizard's Bad Girls played gracious hosts to the out of town guests and were all eliminated before the championship rounds.

DIVISION PLAY

In the Competitive Division — Sidetrack came through the loser's bracket to defeat runner-up Virginia Outlaws in the last two games. Town House Bulls of Minneapolis took 3rd place and Bama Express of Nashville came in fourth.

In the Recreational Division — The Brass Rail Bandits scored 10 runs in one inning in the final game to hold off runner-up Chaps Stallions of Boston, and go undefeated. The Brass Rail holds onto the tournament's traveling trophy as The Brass Rail Roadrunners had taken the recreational title last year. Columbus Hawks took 3rd place.

Synergy was also undefeated as they swept by total chaos in the final Woman's game. Saloon Stampede of Minneapolis was third, and Baton Show Girls took 4th place.

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About 600 players attended the banquet and awards ceremonies on Sunday evening at American Serb Memorial Hall. Following cocktails and dinner, the Canadian and American National Anthems were played. Former Milwaukeeans Suzy Arnold and Ron Burbey, NAGAAA Commissioners, were introduced and gave brief remarks. Following the introduction of the umpires and tournament committee, a special birthday tribute was given to tournament director, Joe Appleman. Participation plaques were then presented to all the teams.

The Tom Theis Memorial Award, given to the team showing outstanding sportsmanship during the tournament,







Sunday, June 14

9PM Showtime

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The Cream City Squares will sponsor a fun filled hour and half lesson for all who want to learn how to Square Dance with the best of them, and PrideFest 92 offers you an opportunity to get started.

The Squares perform an exhibition at 2:15 at the PrideFest Exhibition Stage. This group, which has been in existence for about 9 months, has already put Milwaukee on the Lesbian/Gay Square Dancing map.

After the exhibition, which will be about 15 minutes in length, those in attendance will be invited to join in, have a great time and learn some of the basics of Square Dancing, free of charge!

"There are approximately 50 Gay/Lesbian Square Dance Clubs around the country," said Cream City Squares President Randy Elliott, who will be representing Milwaukee at the 'Diamonds in the Desert' 1992 International

Association of Gay Square Dance Clubs in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Over the past few months Square Dancing and Country Western Dancing have aroused quite a bit of interest in Milwaukee. The group sponsors Square Dance lessons and their club dances at the 3B's Bar.

According to Elliot, Country Western Dancing is not the same thing as Square Dancing, and Square Dancing in Milwaukee is relatively new but growing phenomenon.

"Country Western Dancing is basically couple dancing and line dancing to country western music," said Elliot, "Square Dancing is the original American Folk Dance. It's fun to learn, not overly difficult to pick up, good exercise (Randy says he's lost 20 pounds since starting) and a great way to meet new people."

Those choosing to learn Square Dancing at PrideFest will be able to pick up some of the basic calls and by the end of the lesson will be able to dance simple square dances.



The newly crowned Miss Gay Fox Valley WI-USA is Kyllie West shown here with Mary Richards, the 91-92 Miss Gay WI-USA. The pageant was held at The Pivot Club.



The rains came, and with it a 40 degree drop in temperatures for Memorial Weekend and The Classic, but the tournament was a success, none the less.



The 1992 Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament featured 46 teams, 40 from out of town, making it the largest Gay/Lesbian softball invitational ever held in the USA.

The Arts

Halliday & puppets at M&M Club

Direct from Las Vegas — Jerry Halliday and his puppets will be appearing at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street, in Milwaukee. Showtime is 9pm, Sunday June 14th. There is no cover charge for the performance.

Mr. Halliday's live impersonations of Mae West, Carol Channing, Katharine Hepburn, Bette Davis, and others make this red hot risque' revue a must see!

Dance benefit raises \$ for ACT-UP

On May 17, Milwaukee choreographers came together to perform in United in Compassion, an evening of dance to benefit the Milwaukee chapter of ACT UP (AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power).

The evening featured work from such talents as: The Bauer Contemporary Ballet, Edward Burgess, Diego Carrasco, Milwaukee Dance Theater, The Wild Space Dance Co., and the Milwaukee premier of Et Toi, Tu Dansez? Ltd. It was a great success in many ways. On an artistic level, it was a rare opportunity to see an eclectic combination of choreographic styles and wonderful dancers. On a financial level the concert raised nearly a thousand dollars for ACT UP Milwaukee.

It takes a lot of elements to make a concert like this happen and ACT UP would like to publicly thank everyone that gave their time, energy, and talent to make this exciting event possible. First of all to Annabelle Havlicek, Marnie Malin and Marc Darling for pre- production assistance; to the Pabst Theater, the Milwaukee Ballet, Dance Circus, and James Pease for use of production equipment; to all the choreographers, performers, and technicians that participated in the event itself; and to the Bauer Contemporary Ballet for use of its wonderful space, a warm thank you! ▽

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

I have got to make this column as brief as possible because we have so much information to squeeze in this issue about the upcoming Sunday, June 14 PrideFest and Pride Parade. Be sure to give special attention to our PrideFest special section, elsewhere in this issue for full details on that.

I caught the **Different Drummer Theatre Alliance's** production of **Eastern Standard** and was quite impressed with the talent and energy involved in putting the show on stage. Like all groups, however, DDTA needs an infusion on money to assure continued success. Their next production this fall will be held in a different facility (the Bauer Dance Studio's performance space has limited seating, and is anything but handicapped accessible). That move should help with visibility. Kudos to all those involved!

Club 219's and **Club 94's** booking of **Wendy Rochelle** (The Texas Tornado) was such a hit — and she loved Milwaukee so much — she hung around for the next few days and made special guest appearances.

The **Possum Queen** contest finals were held at **The Ballgame** on May 17 with **Victoria Maxwell**, sponsored by the Triangle, capturing the dubious title. The contest sold nearly \$4,000 in votes, with the money all going to the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Last year the contest only gathered a little over \$700, so it was an impressive jump this year in money raised.

The women's exotic dance troupe, 'Exposed To Love' made the nearly all female customers drool during their shows at **Club 3054** in Madison, and **Club 94** in Kenosha.

My Friend Sam a duo featuring the disco diva **Viola Wills** and her keyboardist **Shelby**, wowed Appleton and Milwaukee audiences at the **Pivot Club & Club 219 Plus** during their Memorial Weekend appearances. Besides performing her new releases, **Viola** delighted the crowds with her hits from the past (MY kind of dance

music!) that today's younger dance floor addicts missed out on. My best wishes for this come-back attempt for one of my favorite dance music vocalists. (Can that girl sing!)

The 13th annual **Milwaukee Classic** brought in over 600 out-of-town Gay/Lesbian ballplayers to participate in what turned out to be the largest Gay/Lesbian softball invitational softball tournament ever held, anywhere. Despite Mother Nature's drenching Saturday morning rains and a 40 degree drop in temperatures over the Memorial Weekend, the Classic went off with hardly a flinch. The Classic Committee and its volunteers should be given a big 'Thanks!' for the hell of a job they did in making the soggy fields playable.

Like I said in the beginning, I've got to make this column short, so get all the Classic details in this issue's Jock Shorts section. A big 'Thanks!' also go out to all the Gay/Lesbian bars and community members in Milwaukee who did their best to provide plenty of partying and friendliness. Again, Milwaukee showed we've got what it takes!

If I tried to mention all the special events wrapped around both the Classic and Memorial Day Weekend, I'd be here until **Dan Quale** kissed & made up with **Murphy Brown**!

That's a quick look back at the last two weeks, but I'd like to remind all you "Girls" out there that the annual **Miss Continental Wisconsin Pageant** will be held July 14 at **Club 219**. **Ginger Spice** used to run this pageant, and this year, her 'spouse' **Chris** has taken over as Pageant Director. Get those gowns sewn and those wigs set!

LaCage
MALE DANCERS
WEDNESDAYS



The top finishing Recreational & Competitive teams accept their awards at The Classic banquet.



The Columbus Hawks won a divisional ranking as well as the Tom Theis Memorial Award — a traveling trophy given to the team displaying true sportsmanship.



Women's Division top teams accept and show off their awards at The Classic Banquet.



Wendy Rochelle, also known as The Texas Tornado, blew into Club 94 & Club 219 for some shows recently. She'll be back at 219 June 11.



Wizard's Pub played host to a Big Top Show and was packed with Classic players and regulars.

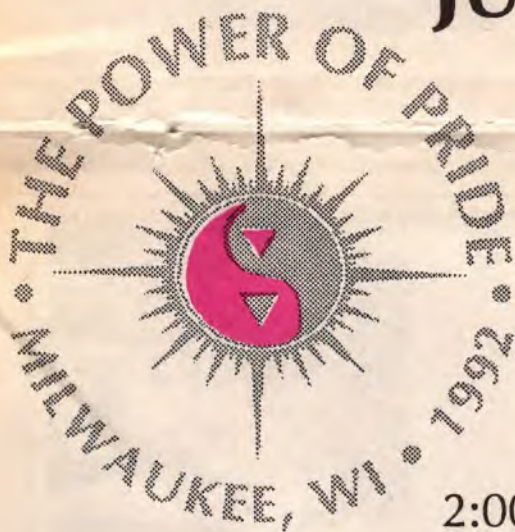
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- 1:00 -- PRIDE PARADE**
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