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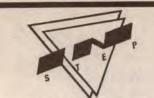
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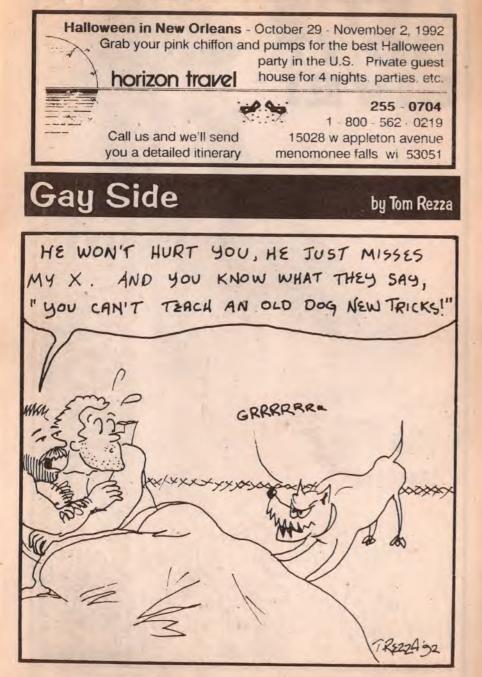
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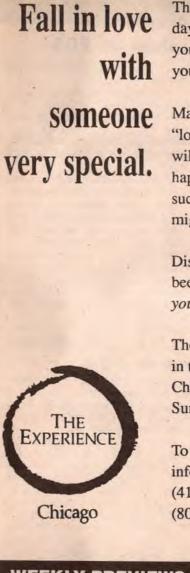
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News

Dole blasts Gay 'variety' show on PBS

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole (R-Kans.), making critical statements against the Corporation for Public Broadcasting on June 12, launched into a vitriolic attack against a Gay and Lesbian television variety program, falsely suggesting that it was financed with federal tax dollars.

Dole made his statements as part of his ongoing criticism of PBS, which is partially financed with federal dollars. A prominent critic of publicly financed TV and radio broadcasts, Dole has urged that Congress do away with PBS, arguing that it only presents "far-out liberal themes" for "liberal cheerleaders."

The show in question, **In The Life**, is an independently produced Gay and Lesbian variety and information show, originating out of WNYC in New York. The program was produced by John Scagliotti, the winner of two Emmy awards including one

for his acclaimed documentary Before Stonewall.

"According to USA Today, it is like an Ed Sullivan Show for Gays," aid Dole. "And it is coming to your living rooms on June 23. ... Is this the kind of programming taxpayers and public TV contributors have in mind? I do not think so."

(See side bar article on Wisconsin PBS stations decisions not to air the show.)

Dole also suggested that the show would be broadcast up to 12 times a month when the program will actually be produced on a once a month basis.

The New York station responded to Dole's criticism June 17 with a sharply worded statement noting that neither federal nor contributors funds were used to finance the project. The station did provide a \$2,500 loan for the pilot program, but notes that the money has

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What Wisconsin will see on PBS...

Portrait of a Marriage, a three part series scheduled to air on Masterpiece Theatre beginning July 19, deals with the unconventional marriage of Harold Nicholson, a Gay British diplomat. and Vita Sackville West. a Lesbian writer. Because of the Gay content and reportedly explicit sexuality, PBS has offered its affiliates an edited version in which 34 minutes have been excised.

WHA told In Step it planned to air the unedited version. Garfoot, who has seen the series, said she "didn't find anything objectionable about it" but that her station may put a parental discretion notice on it. Staff at WMVS said that Channel 10 would run the edited version.

(WHA can be contacted at (608)273-5400. Ask for Garfoot or Director of Programming James Steinbach. WMVS can be reached at (414) 271-1036. Ask for Tom Dvorak.) Neither WHA, the PBS affiliate in Madison, nor WMVS, the Milwaukee affiliate. have placed In the Life, the Gay/Lesbian variety program, on their summer or fall schedules.

Heidi Garfoot, Assistant Programming Manager at WHA told In Step she thought the first segment of In the Life was poorly edited and ''didn't really go anywhere. It needs some more work.'' Garfoot said there was a chance WHA would air it on cable, which would limit the audience to cable viewers in the Madison area only.

WMVS in Milwaukee has not scheduled the program. Spokespeople there said they had not yet viewed the tape and had not made a final decision.

Another PBS program causing controversy because of its Gay and Lesbian content will be aired by the Madison and Milwaukee affiliates, but in different versions.

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Milwaukee County finally passes fair housing

Milwaukee[IS] — On June 18, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors voted 20.4 for a fair housing ordinance that includes sexual orientation as one of the categories protected from discrimination.

The countywide ordinance prohibits housing discrimination based on sex, race. color, handicap, religion, marital status, source of income, age, ancestry or sexual orientation. Violators can be fined from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

The only supervisors who voted against the ordinance were Susan Baldwin, Daniel Diliberti, Richard Bussler and James Koconis. Critics charged that the new ordinance would duplicate city, state and federal laws already on the books which prohibit housing discrimination.

But Supervisor Dorothy Dean, who authored the measure, praised the ordinance as a means of ensuring integration throughout Milwaukee County. Supporters had tried for over 20 years to pass such an ordinance.

To register a housing discrimination complaint with the county, call (414) 278-4300 and ask for Mary Ann Grimes, Principal Assistant, County Corporation Counsel.

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been paid back in full. Funds for the show were provided by several charitable foundations and private individuals.

In The Life presents Gays and Lesbians in a non-stereotypical and considerate manner to the community at large," said WNYC Communications President Thomas B. Morgan in a prepared statement. "It covers the arts, politics, health and entertainment in a variety/ magazine format capturing the talent, excitement and contributions of Gays and Lesbians."

Although the station is making the show available to public stations around the country. PBS is not associated with the program.

Bush also against Gay/Lesbian families

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — President George Bush in an interview with the New York Times June 24 said that he "cannot accept" Gay and Lesbian families raising children, saying it is "not normal."

Bush made his comments as part of a lengthy interview with the **Times** in which he covered issues ranging from the economy to the U.S. role in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia- Hercegovina.

Bush was asked if he agreed with recent statements made by Vice President Dan Quayle railing against popular culture figures for undermining traditional family values by portraying unmarried and same-sex couples raising children.

"I can't accept as a normal life style people of the same sex being parents," Bush answered. "I'm very sorry, I don't accept that as normal.

"And I believe in the traditional family values," he added. "And the best shot that a kid has is to have a mother and a father that love that child, that will educate that child. That will care for that child. ... But to glamorize life styles that in my view, are not the normal life style, I don't approve of that. I don't want to censor it, but I don't approve of it."

Saying that the nation has gotten away from "traditional" values, the President backed up his Vice President in his claims that popular culture is helping undermine the American family structure.

Gay and Lesbian groups reacted with disappointment, but not surprise to the President's comments.

"It's a smoke and mirrors thing," said Ivy Young, director of the family rights project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "The fundamental problems of this country have nothing to do with Lesbian and Gay parents. To use these Lesbians and Gay men and their kids, and to make them targets in an election year for a few votes is indecent. And **that** is immoral."

Gays and Lesbians bolster Pro-Choice ranks

Milwaukee [IS] — Lesbians and Gay men have played a major role defending Milwaukee's abortion clinics from the onslaught of the 'Missionaries to the Preborn.' who are in the midst of a six week campaign to shut the clinics down.

Among the chants heard among the pro-choice ranks has been "Racist, sexist, anti-Gay/Born-again bigots go away!"

One Lesbian, who has been out defending the clinics every day in the last few weeks, told In Step: "I refuse to let fundamentalist forces take away women's rights to control our own bodies. These religious fanatics are the same people who condemn Gays and Lesbians and want to take away our rights too."

Diane Paoni told **In Step** she was out on the front lines because "I don't want somebody's religious dogma to become public policy."

"The whole thing revolves around 'Keep your laws off my body!" " said Julie Kleppin, another pro-choice activist. "It applies to all women and Gays and Lesbians very strongly."

Stan Straka of Queer Nation/Milwaukee said that virtually every member of Queer Nation and ACT UP has been at the protests at one time or another. Straka himself served as a site leader at the clinic on Water Street, while another Queer National, Dan Fons, served as a quadrant leader, coordinating communications at another clinic.

Of the Gay and Lesbian presence, Straka said: "We're very identifiable out there. Everybody knows who we are. There's a strong sense of community and solidarity with the other pro-choicers."

Libby Meister, who has been on the front lines many mornings, said she was "inspired" to see so many Gays and Lesbians come together for women's rights. Meister said that the openly Gay presence at the protests was "breaking down some of the barriers and stereotypes" among straight pro-choicers and "building a sense of shared commitment." Pro-choice leaders have declared their defensive strategy a success, noting that none of the clinics have been shut down. One of the most popular chants has been: "Hey, hey, ho, ho, we kicked you out of Buffalo/Hey, hey, hee, hee, we'll kick you out of Milwaukee!"

As of press time, only one pro-choice activist (as opposed to hundreds of anti-abortionists) had been arrested. He was arrested for disorderly conduct after blowing up condoms and releasing the air in the faces of some antis. Straka wanted to squelch the rumor that the man arrested was with Queer Nation. He was actually an out-of-towner unconnected to QN. Straka noted that QN was cooperating with the Milwaukee Clinic Protection Coalition and supporting its non-violent philosophy.

Another group of mostly Lesbian women, calling themselves 'Ladies Against Women,' conducted street theatre outside the Art Museum during the Lakefront Festival of the Arts. The 'Ladies.' clad in dresses and aprons, held signs declaring "Bomb a Clinic for Christ,'' "Pro-lifers for Killing Pro-Choicers'' and "You're Nobody 'Til You're Mrs. Somebody.'' The tongue-in-cheek display of feminist politics alternately amused and confused passers-by. But 'Ladies Against Women' plans future actions. To join, call (414) 778-1269.

To get involved in clinic defense, call the Coalition Hotline at (414) 669-9000; or call Queer Nation at 643- 5833.

Pritchard to leave Madison

Madison – Rev. Richard E. Pritchard, long a thorn in the side of Madison's Gay/Lesbian community. is packing his bags and moving to Vincennes, Indiana.

The 78 year old Pritchard was pastor of Madison's Heritage Congregational Church for 24 years. Since the 70's Pritchard has led the battle against what he considered a general decline of morals.



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•In Step • July 2-15, 1992 • Page 7 Oregon Gay rights office destroyed

Washington, D.C. [NGLTF] - The Portland office of the Campaign For a Hate Free Oregon (CHFO), the statewide Gay and Lesbian group fighting several Far Right ballot initiatives, was vandalized and demolished during the night of June 8. The attack on the CHFO offices immediately followed a highly visible organizing tour of the state organized by the Lesbian Community Project with NGLTF Executive Director Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF Board member Eric Rofes, and Arkansas- based organizer Suzanne Pharr.

The break-in also came on the heels of an increase in organizing by the Gay and Lesbian community of Oregon to combat *****************

the extremist Right - which has targeted Oregon for a November ballot measure that would thwart any attempts by Gau people to obtain equal rights:

Oregon activists attributed the destruction to the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), which is pressing to pass four anti-Gay local and statewide initiatives in 1992. Thus far, two of the measures have been-voted upon, with one passing (Springfield, OR) and one being defeated (Corvallis, OR). As the OCA organizes around the state in support of its anti-Gay measures on the November general election ballot, Oregon activists fear violence against the Gay and Lesbian community will increase.

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•In Step•July 2-15, 1992•Page 8 Queer Nation 'Cracks' the 'Barrel'

Milwaukee [In Step] — Cracker Barrel opened its first restaurant in Wisconsin and Queer Nation was there to greet it.

Approximately 30 people, members of Queer Nation and their supporters, from Milwaukee and Madison, left Milwaukee on Sunday morning, June 21 for Kenosha to hold a demonstration outside the recently opened store. They were joined there by nearly 30 more protesters from Chicago, Kenosha and Racine.

According to Stan Straka, a member of Queer Nation/Milwaukee who had organized the demonstration, the action was intended as a "peaceful protest and consciousness-raising" to make the public aware of the Tennessee-based restaurant chain's anti-Gay/Lesbian policies.

In other states, Cracker Barrel employees have been fired for being Lesbian or Gay men. The Kenosha restaurant is Cracker Barrel's first to be opened in a state with a Gay Rights law.

The demonstration began at about 11am. Approximately 25 law enforcement officials were there, including members of the State Patrol, Kenosha County police and Sheriff's Office and the Kenosha Assistant District Attorney, Richard Ginkowski.

Some officers were wearing rubber or plastic gloves. A police woman said the gloves were "protection against Hepatitis."

According to observers there, the cops seemed on edge from the beginning. Almost at once, they began confiscating signs for what they called "offensive language." The protesters, in accordance with their peaceful intent, took no action.

It had just been decided to end the demonstration when, according to Dan Fons, a member of Queer Nation/Milwaukee; Queer Nation/Chicago suggested a Conga line to finish things up. Then, Fons said, "Things really got bad."

As the line began to move, Kenosha County Sheriff's Deputies moved in to make arrests.

A woman, who does not wish her name printed, was the first to be detained. She was trying to cross the street. One cop told her to go, another, to stay where she was. She didn't hear the second officer, she said, and was arrested on a traffic violation. The Deputies began to drag her off.

When the crowd saw this, they began calling "Let her go! Let her go!" and started moving in the direction of the police units by the restaurant. Wayne Dunn, 25, of Queer Nation Chicago, began running toward the woman and slammed into Ginkowski who was filming with a camcorder.

Accounts vary as to what happened next. Michael Schumann, 37, of Queer Nation Chicago, said that Ginkowski grabbed Dunn by the neck and kicked him. Ginkowski heartily denies this.

Whatever the case, Dunn, himself, arrested shortly after. Schumann was also arrested as was Fons.

Following the arrests, the demonstration ended as Queer Nation members followed their comrades to the police station.

Fons said none of the four were read their rights, but were taken to the police station where they were to be booked on state charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing. These charges carry fines of \$450 per person. The charges were later reduced to disorderly conduct. The fine is \$323 per person. The traffic violation carries a fine of \$69. The woman paid her fine. The others were released on their own signatures. A plea date has been set for July 24 in Kenosha.

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Milwaukee's Pride celebration unprecedented

Milwaukee

- "It was the best Pride celebration ever." someone said. Most others agreed. Even the weather cooperated, that June 14, when the early morning thunderstorm blew away to give us a bright, warm day.

As last year, the PrideFest (a new name this year) was held in Juneau Park.

There was more interest than ever before, with new acts competing with all the booths.

According to Alan Stroik, President of the Pride Committee, their estimates of attendance is 7,000 people. Others said there were between 4,000 and 5,000. But it really was impossible to tell. As Bill Meunier, the Festival Co-ordinator said, people kept coming and going. His estimate was that the total of 7,000 was accurate if you meant for the entire day.

PRE-PARADE RALLY

The speakers this year held the crowd's attention. Kaye Hallinger, Ms. International Leather '91, spoke about the importance of the Pro-Choice movement to the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual community and its fight for liberation.

Tammy Baldwin, an openly Lesbian candidate for the State Assembly, talked about the importance of teaching Lesbian/Gay history in the schools. "There's no magic day when we'll wake up free,' she said. 'We'll make ourselves free."

Joan Jett Blakk, a candidate for president stood with her running mate, Miriam Ben Shalom. Blakk urged the crowd to support her candidacy and talked about her platform.

THE PARADE

The Pride Parade stepped off at 1pm or nearly so. Stroik said there were 45 units in it. representing groups and organizations from Milwaukee, Madison,



Green Bay and other parts of the state.

The crowds standing along the line of march seemed greater than last year, but were concentrated at the beginning and at the end. They were universally friendly. One very obvious family group carried a sign reading, "We love our Gay Family and Friends." There were no hecklers this year. Maybe they're getting used to us.

POST PARADE FEST

As the Parade units entered Juneau Park, MC's Barb Coyle and Rod Johnson announced them. Covle and Johnson did a splendid job. Their call for a moment of silence in memory of "those we have lost" in the past year gained added poignancy from the presence of Tony Hughes' family who had marched in the parade and then attended the Fest. (Tony was one of Jeffrey Dahmer's victims.)

The Parade Awards were announced. The judges were County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, Alderperson Fay Anderson and retiring ACLU head Eunice Edgar.

The Best Presentation of Theme Award for a Business went to In Step (Hey, we're proud of that!): the Theme Award for a group went to the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee. The Award to a group for Creative Originality went to Z-Hawk Productions. The Award in the same category, but for a business, went to Madison's Wings 3054 Club. Queer Nation Milwaukee received the Committee Choice Award

Individual awards for service to the community went to Eunice Edgar and Jamakaya. Edgar received the Alyn Hess Award, presented each year by the Gay People's Union to a non-Gay person.

Jamakaya received the Community

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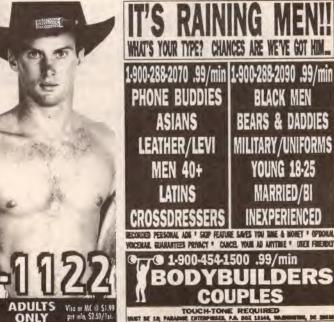


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•In Step•July 2-15, 1992•Page 12 Far Right attacks D.C. domestic partners law

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington – Rev. Lou Sheldon, the leader of the ultra-conservative Traditional Values Coalition, has targeted the District of Columbia's recently enacted domestic partners law in a direct mail appeal to his supporters, saying the measure "threatens the family."

"If the Congress does not disapprove of the (D.C. domestic partners) Act then it will be party to the demise of the family in America," wrote Sheldon in his appeal.

The local measure, formally called the Health Care Benefits Expansion Act, went into effect in mid June with the failure of a House measure to block its implementation. The law will allow same and opposite sex couples living together in the city to register as 'domestic partners' and will cover the partners of city employees under the city's health care insurance.

While the measure does not apply to private employers, it offers tax benefits to those that follow the city's example. the

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Service Award for her years of work in the cause of women's liberation and for her dedication to Lesbian/Gay journalism, both in Milwaukee and throughout the country.

The afternoon's entertainment was excellent. However one event deserves mention. That was the mass wedding, a tender and moving ceremony, sponsored by Queer Nation Milwaukee and presided over by the Rev. Christine Pasinski.

The Fest was a tremendous amount of work, but the Pride Committee is to be congratulated. The celebration seemingly has come of age. May next year's celebration be even bigger and better than ever!



law covers both romantic and platonic partnerships, including relatives living together to share expenses.

The D.C. law is modeled after similar measures already on the books in over 25 municipalities nationwide.

Efforts to kill or curtail the local measure are expected in the full House and Senate later this year.

The conservative Orange County, Calif. minister further sought to rouse his constituents in his appeal by suggesting that the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a D.C. based Gay and Lesbian lobbying group, has "pledged \$4 million to lobby Congress to support the Homosexual Domestic Partners Act," a false claim also printed on the letter's envelope.

Included in Sheldon's missive was a copy of a May 8 article on HRCF's lobbying efforts from The Washington Blade. a local Gay and Lesbian newspaper. Sheldon circled the \$4 million figure, adding in the margin, "The homosexual lobby has \$4 million to spend to convince Congress to support the Domestic Partners Bill!"

The \$4 million figure to which Sheldon referred was in fact a rough estimate of the national organization's entire budget for its 1992 fiscal year, only a fraction of which goes to back any one legislative proposal, according to HRCF documents.

HRCF fired back at the minister's characterization, noting that the reverend mailed out his appeal for lobbying funds under a U.S. postmark designated for non-profit organizations, which are prohibited from lobbying.

"It seems to me that (Sheldon) is engaging in political advocacy and requesting money for that purpose," said Gregory King, HRCF spokesman.

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Friends of Shane: Thank you for the kind expression of sympathy and understanding. It has helped a great deal. Mandi McCall

Tony [from Hurley]: I would like to talk some more. Give me a call collect. (Find my number in the counseling section). Denis

'Mr. Angry:' With your attitude, I have a hard time believing you're even Gay! You fit the classic example of a self hating, repressed homosexual. By the way — if you really feel the way that you do — you should have enough guts to leave your name & number — instead of leaving 3-4 anonymous phone messages! Editor New Bar-tendress Amy: What must I do to prove myself? My intentions are good...Mesmerized In Milwaukee

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Monty: We're gonna miss you working. It was a real trip! Jason, Jen, Glo, Suzy

B.J.: Thanks so much for inviting me to do the pride show. You're truly a dear friend. P.S. Come see me at The Asylum.Love, Gloria

B.J.: So how's the little rock doing. Hope to see you soon. Jason

Daphne: We are in a state of shock. Go home!! Just kidding.Pearl & Fer & Monty

Bryan: The best of luck in Milwaukee. Hope you find all you're looking for and that the city is good to you. Keep in touch PLEASE. Love Always, Your friend, GC [Daytona in October!]

To the Owner of a Dk. Grey or blue Audi, Thanks for hitting my car, and not having enough guts to own up to it. Coward!

Lisa: It is said that one buys his/her own ticket...; by all your actions, you'll go first class.Dr. Faustus

Preston: It was nice seeing you again last month. Come to Chicago and let's party-Call me. If I gave you 447, it should be 477. Rick

Annabelle: Love your 'magnetic' personality! It really draws everyone to you. Remember Stonewall!Chicago 'Slut Puppy'

Thanks to Don, Bob & Club 94 Staff: For your help with Drag-O Rama II, all Helens agree — we couldn't do it without you!The Helens

Pumpkin Butt: | Love You! Pokey Bear

Hey DJ: Well, we tried but some things weren't meant to be. I'd still do anything for you, will always love you and will be your friend forever. You Know Me

Tim [La Cage]: I Love you Socoo Much!Annie Lennox

Subman: You make my heart spin. The Handyman

In Step Crew & Friends: I'd like to give everyone of you a loving 'thanks' for helping out on Pride Fest Day. Some participated in our parade entry, some as canvassers, photographers, or helped out behind the bar I volunteered you to staff. Hogs & Quiches to you all'Love, Ron

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U.S. & Wisconsin Supremes strike down hate crimes laws

Madison [IS] — Just one day after the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled a St. Paul, Minnesota hate crime ordinance an unconstitutional abridgement of freedom of speech, the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down a similar state-wide law. Proponents of hate crimes laws are in the process of re-evaluating their next moves.

On Monday, June 22, by unanimous vote, the U.S. Supreme Court voided the St. Paul ordinance. The ordinance was more broadly phrased than most such measures. It defined as a crime the display of any of any symbol or label like swastikas or burning crosses — that might arouse "anger, alarm and resentment in others" because of their race, sex or religion.

The law was challenged by attorneys for a St. Paul teenager who was convicted of burning a cross on the lawn of a black family.

Justice Antonin Scalia decried the "selectivity" of the ordinance and declared it an infringement of First Amendment free speech rights: "It has proscribed fighting words of whatever manner that communicate messages of racial, gender or religious intolerance. Selectivity of this sort creates the possibility that the city is seeking to handicap the expression of particular ideas."

On June 23. Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan of Wisconsin's high court invoked Scalia's opinion when he struck down the state's hate crimes law: "Like the United States Supreme Court, we conclude that the Legislature may not single out and punish ideological content... Punishment of one's thought, however repugnant the thought, is unconstitutional."

The Wisconsin law enhanced penalties for crimes against people and property which were motivated by bigotry based on race. religion, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry. A Kenosha man convicted of assaulting another man because of the victim's race (the victim was white) challenged the state law. Todd Mitchell had been sentenced to two years for assault and an additional two years with the hate crime penalty enhancer.

The state court was split 5-2, and Justice Heffernan even expressed some "regret" in rendering the decision: "Because we wholeheartedly agree with the motivation of the Legislature in its desires to suppress hate crimes, it is with great regret that we hold the hate crime statute unconstitutional – and only because we believe that the greater evil is the suppression of freedom of speech for all of us."

Justices Shirley Abrahamson and William Bablitch dissented. Abrahamson wrote: "I believe the Wisconsin statute ties discriminatory selection of a victim to conduct already punishable by state law in a manner sufficient to prevent erosion of First Amendment protection of bigoted speech and ideas."

The actions of the courts have placed the status of all hate crime statutes in limbo. Ironically, Gov. Tommy Thompson had recently signed a bill which strengthened the wording of the state law. Proponents of the hate crimes measure like Rep. David Clarenbach and Sen. Thomas Barrett are evaluating how to respond.

Meanwhile, State Attorney General Jim Doyle announced the day after the State Supreme Court he would appeal the decision to Federal Courts.



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Military spends \$27 million per year to oust Gays

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — The Department of Defense spends an average of \$27 million to train, investigate, oust and replace Gay and Lesbian service personnel each year, according to a General Accounting Office report released here June 19.

The study, requested in 1990 by Reps. John Conyers (D-Mich.), Ted Weiss (D-N Y) and Gerry Studds (D-Mass.), is now expected to become a centerpiece of congressional efforts to overturn the Pentagon's policy of barring Lesbians and Gay men from the uniformed service.

"We always knew that the anti-Gay policy was wrong," said Studds in a prepared statement. "Now we also know that it is a colossal waste of our money."

The contested DoD policy bars Gay men and Lesbians from serving in the uniformed service on the grounds that "homosexuality is incompatible with military service." While historically the Pentagon has insisted that homosexuals make worse soldiers and sailors and that Gays are unusual security risks, as of late, the department, led by Secretary Dick Cheney, has abandoned that defense of the ban.

Instead, they have narrowed their justification for the policy to the argument that the presence of homosexuals in the service is detrimental to troop "morale and discipline."

"GAO's comprehensive study provides a powerful argument for changing the Defense Department's out-dated policy of excluding Gays and Lesbians from military service," said Conyers, chair of the powerful House Committee on Government Operations. "That policy is an affront to anybody who values civil liberties, including in the military."

The 79 page study found that between 1980 and 1990, 16,919 individuals were separated from the service based on their sexual orientation, over half coming from the Navy which comprises slightly more than a quarter of the nation's fighting forces.

Citing several DoD commissioned reports which have repeatedly found no grounds for the policy, the GAO study concluded that "scientific and military studies disagree with the military's long-standing policy that homosexuality is incompatible with military service."

The study also points to a number of recent public opinion polls that show that the majority of the American people are opposed to the discriminatory policy.

The report compares the American defense policy with those of other nations, mostly European allies, two- thirds of which do not expressly bar homosexuals from the military. The study finds that in those nations with a more relaxed policy on Gays and Lesbians in the service, the presence of homosexuals has had little detrimental effect on troop morale.

Supporters of bids to overturn the ban now hope that they may use the GAO report to further their goals.



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Washington, DC [HRCF] - One day after Congressman Robert Dornan (R-CA) loudly accused a Gay activist of lying during a nationally televised broadcast of NBC's Today Show, the activist produced evidence proving his point and demonstrating that the Congressman was in error.

During a discussion of the Pentagon's policy of discrimination against Lesbian and Gay service personnel, Human Rights Campaign Fund executive director Tim McFeeley stated that the "policy of kicking people out of the military was suspended during time of war, during the Gulf War." Congressman Dornan interrupted at that point to scream "No it wasn't. That's a lie." McFeeley responded "there was a memo to that effect." Dornan denied the existence of the memo, stating "Prove it. Show it. It doesn't exist."

McFeeley produced the memo the next

day which listed homosexuality as one of thirty-five "criteria which may require personnel actions during the mobilization process." The memo states that Gay and Lesbian personnel should be discharged only if the discharge was authorized and requested prior to the notification that the military unit had been placed on alert. According to the memo, if the discharge "is not requested prior to the unit's receipt of alert notification discharge is not authorized." In that case, the memo continued, "Member will enter AD (active duty) with the unit."

"We know from experience how reckless Congressman Dornan is." McFeeley noted. "He wears his ignorance and bigotry as a badge of honor. but yesterday morning he made clear to a watching television audience how rude and out of control he really is." McFeeley stated.

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•In Step•July 2-15, 1992•Page 18 Gays meet with Perot D.C. staffers

By Cliff O'Neill

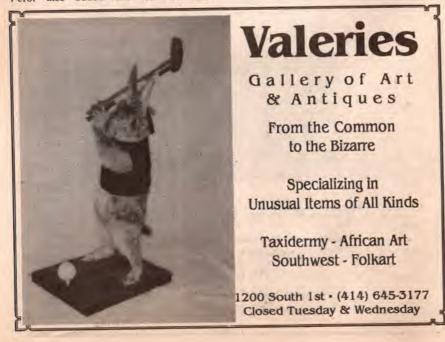
Washington - Representatives from three Gay and Lesbian groups met here with the local leaders of Ross Perot's unannounced presidential campaign to ask that the undeclared independent candidate apologize for much publicized comments he made in May about refusing to hire Gay men and Lesbians to serve on his Cabinet.

Sex members of Queer Nation/ National Capital, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund met with Perot staffers and volunteers June 8 and presented them with a list of demands. Lead among those was a request that within two weeks the presumptive candidate apologize for comments he made during a recent interview with ABC's Barbara Walters in which he said that he would refuse to appoint homosexuals and adulterers to Cabinet positions. During the interview (reported in In Step, Vol. 9, Issue 12), Perot also added that he felt that repealing the Pentagon's ban on Gays in the military was "unrealistic."

Since the comments aired on the network's May 29 20/20 show, Perot has attempted to explain his comments by saying that he only wanted to avoid appointing a person that would be a 'point of controversy' which could lead to prolonged Senate confirmation hearings delving into the nominee's past.

Beyond an apology, the activists asked that Perot support an end to the military's ban on Gay uniformed personnel, condemn discrimination in the workplace based on sexual orientation, support the federal Gay rights bill, support increased leadership and funding for AIDS and endorse the political platforms of two national AIDS coalitions.

NGLTF and HRCF staffers also presented Jim Brown, perot's chief Washington staffer, with a political questionnaire and briefing papers on Lesbian and Gay rights and AIDS issues.



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Brown, according to meeting participants, pledged to personally hand the papers to Perot's campaign chairman, former top Reagan advisor Ed Rollins.

Also present at the meeting were two Perot staffers with a special interest in Gay and Lesbian issues. According to the Gay activists, the hour and a half long meeting saw backers of the Texas billionaire expressing a variety of interpretations of the candidate's comments on the touchy issue.

"It became apparent in the meeting that volunteers for the Perot campaign all have their own interpretation of what he could or could not mean any time he speaks, on any issue," said Robert Bray, an NGLTF spokesman who attended the meeting. "They pointed out to us that, fundamentally. Perot believes in the inclusion of all Americans.

"... We reminded his staff that he was the one who removed us from inclusion by his statements," Bray added, "so he has to work to fix it."

In several broadcast interviews, including the 20/20 exchange, Perot has hinted at some possible support for Gay

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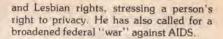
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Still, Gay activists remain at loose ends, trying to read the tea leaves of this man who is earning broad support for his upstart presidential candidacy. Efforts are presently under-way for Gay activists to meet with Perot himself to better gauge his position on their issues of concern.

"It seems as though we need to talk to the monkey grinder instead of the monkeys," commented Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund.



New Black Magazine debuts

Los Angeles — The premiere issue of BLACKfire, an erotic magazine featuring the images and experiences of black men, was released by the Blk Publishing Company to national distribution last week. The 52 page bi-monthly includes photography, short stories, poetry, drawings and a centerfold.

BLACKfire joins Black Lace as the company's second erotic title. Black Lace, which focuses on the adventurous activities of African-American Lesbians, made its debut last year. The Blk Publishing Company also publishes Kuumba, a poetry journal for black Lesbian and Gay men; and BLK, the company's flagship black Lesbian and Gay newsmagazine.

Co-editor and art director for the new magazine is Ralf-E, a graphic designer whose previous work has ranged from corporate annual reports to CD album covers. Co- editor and publisher of **BLACKfire** is Alan Bell, who is also editor and publisher of **BLK**. **BLACKfire** also features the work of Jamal, Charles Jr., Mellow-D, Jarvis D, Moore, Bruce Hunt, David Weems, Dee Jay, Adam Starchild, Tom Paris and Dan DuVerny.

The introduction of **BLACKfire** completes the quartet of publications that was the company's original master plan. Keith Bass, who wrote under the name Revon Kyle Banneker, conceived the magazine and was to be its initial editor. He succumbed to AIDS before the first issue was completed.

Single copies of **BLACKfire** are available by mail for \$5.95 plus \$1.05 postage and handling. Subscriptions are \$30 for one year or \$54 for two years.



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Group Notes

MAGIC Picnic July 18

Madison — The 19th Annual MAGIC Picnic will be held Saturday July 18th, at Brittingham Park. The MAGIC Picnic is a seasonal social gathering attended by Gays. Lesbians, their families and friends from around the Midwest.

In past years, the MAGIC Picnic has helped provide financial resources for The Madison Gay and Lesbian Resource Center. The Madison AIDS Support Network, The Rodney Scheel House for Persons With AIDS, GALVANIZE, the 10% Society. The United, ACT UP, The Women's Transit Authority, WOMONSONG, Patents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and other Gay and Lesbian or Human Rights Non-Profit Organizations.

This years goal is to increase the funds available for these community organizations.

Open house for UW alumni

Madison – UW-Madison Lesbian and Gay Alumni and their families, friends and colleagues are cordially invited to a special Open House Brunch from 11am to 1pm on Sunday, July 19, (MAGIC Picnic Weekend).

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Triangle Trojans Wreck Room Partners Triangle Bad Boys

SSBL Results

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SSBL Schedule

July 4 – No Games – Tournaments July 11 Upper 1:15 Triangle Trojans vs. Wreck Room 2:30 Cest La Vie vs. Triangle Bady Boys 5:00 Fund Raiser at Triangle (Bring a non-perishable food item for MAP). July 11 Lower 1:15 Cest Las Vie vs. Partners 2:30 Partners vs. Triangle Trojans 3:45 Triangle Bad Boys vs. Wreck Room

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tournament committees determine seedings for their events."

Staples grew up in a tennis family and first took lessons in Puerto Rico from legendary teaching pro Welby Van Horn at the tender age of five. But it was when his family moved to Maine that he began a long-lasting tradition of winning trophies in tournaments. He gathered quite a collection while he was ranked at Maine's number one player in each of the junior divisions, as well as being the state's top ranked player in the men's division in the late 70's. While playing for Texas Christian University in Ft. Worth from 1978- 1980, Staples helped his team achieve their Top 15 ranking among American universities.

Staples is expected to be one of the prime contenders for the Open Men's singles title at the upcoming Fourth of July weekend tournament in San Diego and the Labor Day weekend tournament in Los Angeles. Fortunately, less experienced players interested in participating in a Gay tournament don't have to worry about meeting Chris Staples in the first round! Each of the tournaments have divisions for men and women players ranging from teaching pros to those just beginning to enjoy the sport's appeal.

Information about upcoming tournaments may be obtained by writing Gary Sutton, 12750 Centralia St., #126, Lakewood, CA 90715.

SSBL Update

Milwaukee — The second half of the Saturday Softball Beer League started on June 20th, and never in its 15 year history has the SSBL seen such a wacky day.

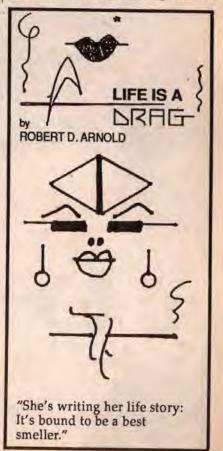
Would you believe - Ces't La Vie was the only team to WIN two games, beating the Triangle Bad Boys and Partners.

Earlier, Partners had defeated the first place Triangle Trojans. Then the Triangle Bad Boys knocked off the Wreck Room Spurs. You had to see it to believe it, but it all happened.

All four games were decided by 3 or

less runs, and the under-dog took all 4 games. After all the upsets, the Triangle Trojans and Wreck Room met with first place on the line. The Trojans won to move into 1st place in the league. The two teams will meet again on July 11th, and if the Trojans win again, they will represent Milwaukee in the Gay Softball World Series, in Los Angeles in August. A Wreck Room win would force a play-off (unless one of the teams gets upset again along the way).

Four of the teams in the SSBL will be competing in out of town tournaments over the July 4th weekend. Partners, Triangle Bad Boys and Triangle Trojans will be going to St. Louis; while the Wreck Room Spurs will be traveling North to



In Step+July 2-15, 1992+Page 23 Commitment '92 in Milwaukee

Milwaukee – Commitment '92 is the 7th annual round-up sponsored by Milwaukee and Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian A.A. groups with participation by Al-Anon, N.A., and several other 12-Step groups. The weekend conference provides a time and place for the Gay and Lesbian recovering community to come together to share our struggles and our triumphs in overcoming alcoholism and other addictions.

The main events include four keynote speakers, representing A.A., N.A., and Al-Anon; and over 20 workshops on topics such as Serenity vs. Shame; Recovering Couples; Sober & Single; Intimacy; the 12 Steps; Co-Dependency; Sex Addiction; Sexual Abuse; etc. In addition, there's a Friday night original play – 'Meetings, Meditation, & Murder' – a Saturday night dance, and a Sunday brunch all included in the registration price of \$30 (before August 28; \$35 after). A Saturday banquet is offered for an extra \$18.

This year's special theme - Open Minds, Willing Hearts - reflects the honesty, openness, and willingness essential to A.A. and all 12-Step programs. Recovery from all addictions comes from both the head and the heart, working together towards a life of unity and wholeness.

If you are in a 12-Step recovery program, or if you know someone who is, please join us in September. Registration forms and further information are available at the Galano Club (2408 N. Farwell) or from the Co- Chairs; Darryl F. (414) 961-8736 or Linda P. (414) 771-5837.





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'Lavender Space Odyssey' Aug. 16

Milwaukee - Lavender Space Odyssey, this year's theme for the Ninth Annual Lavender Hill fund raiser, will blast off Sunday, August 16th, at 1451 Renaissance Place at 6pm. Over \$40,000 has been raised by Lavender Hill for the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) since its inception in 1984.

Costumes will undoubtedly be worn by many of the 450-500 expected guests this year. Attending Lavender Mardi Gras, Lavender Hill 1991, many guests wore elaborately plumed, glittering, or brightly colored costumes. Promenading through 1451 Renaissance Place were everything from a pair of cows to regal kings!

1451 Renaissance Place, a magnificent hall on Milwaukee's east side, will again be the site for Lavender Hill, Formerly a Christian Scientist Church, 1451 Renaissance Place (1451 North Prospect Avenue) has been renovated and is now a spectacular two story hall perfect for an elaborate event as Lavender Hill. Galactic embellishments will decorate the large foyer, spacious main hall, and balcony overlooking the dance floor.

Your donation of \$30 (or more) will entitle you to an evening of music (by Muzic in Motion, Inc.), dancing, hors d'oeurvres, beer, soda and a cash bar. Miller Brewing has kindly underwritten beer and soda for Lavender Hill. Miller has been very supportive of this event over the years.

Lavender Hill is certainly an outstanding event, but its real purpose can not be diminished: the spread of AIDS needs to stop and those who are already HIV+ within our community must have our support. It is the goal of the Lavender Hill planning committee to raise \$15,000 this year to support the work of the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

Attending Lavender Space Odyssey is one of the most exciting ways you can support people living with AIDS and HIV infection within our community. If you are interested in attending (\$30 suggested donation per person), or would like further information, please send your name and address to: Lavender Hill, P.O. Box 93851, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Although reservations are not necessary they are suggested! Guests are welcome at the door (1451 N. Prospect Ave.) anytime on Sunday, August 16th from 6pm to midnight.

Two new support groups

Milwaukee - Two new support groups are planned to start during the month of July. The first is for Gay men and women who are looking for support in living life as constructively as possible. (That might entail support for who you are or what you want to create for yourself in the future and finding support for that vision. We will learn, love, and laugh together). The second group is for those who need support in growing beyond grief for friends or lovers who have died. Organizer Denis Jackson, M.S., has had some people ask him to start such a group.

The Gay bereavement experience can be complicated due to several layers of stigma for: (1) a socially unsanctioned lifestyle, (2) the loss of a same- sex relationship, (3) 'mourner's stigma' from other Gay persons (encouraging them to get past something they're having difficulty doing) and (4) 'complimentary stigma' or stigma by association.

If you are interested in either call Denis Jackson, M.S., at 342-4003.

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economic activity for the City of New York, according to the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Finance and Economic Development.

The Gay Games were founded by the late Tom Waddell, M.D. — who competed in the decathlon for the United STates at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City — as a celebration for Lesbians and Gays, many of whom had been excluded from other athletic endeavors because of their sexual orientation. The Gay Games IV theme, Unity '94, is an expression of the founder's dream that inclusion be a cornerstone of the Games.

Previous Gay Games were held in San Francisco (1982 and 1986) and Vancouver, British Columbia (1990). Some 1,300 athletes from 12 nations competed in Gay Games I, 3,500 from 16 nations in Gay Games II and 7,250 from 30 nations in Gay Games III.

Seeking local Triathletes

Chicago – The search is on for Gay athletes – full event triathletes and swimmers, bikers and runners for relay teams – to compete together in the Chicago Sun-Times Triathlon this August 23. Bruce Hayes, a Gay athlete on the forefront of the Gay Games movement who won a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, will lead the fastest relay team in an attempt to win the relay portion of the event.

The Smelts, 'Chicago's (Mostly) Gay and Lesbian Swim Team,' pull together triathletes and relay participants from Chicago and throughout North America for this event, officially known as the Smelts Triathlon Weekend. Members of the FrontRunners Chicago running club and Windy City Cycling Club assist in organizing the event also. Organizers link swimmers, cyclists and runners on relay teams. provide social events and arrange housing for out-of-town triathletes during the triathlon weekend, August 21-23. The event will be the largest national gathering of Gay triathletes in 1992.

In its first outing in 1991, the Smelts Triathlon Weekend attracted 75 participants, 42 of whom were on relay teams, while three- quarters of the participants were in their first competitive race ever.

Experienced athletes seem to benefit also, as seven of last year's participants finished in the top ten- percent of 4,000 athletes overall, several of whom scored personal best times.

The participants in the Smelts Triathlon Weekend will be invited to voluntarily wear the colors of the rainbow flag, a symbol of pride, in the event. In so doing, they will state their presence among their co-competitors.

Social events will include an orientation party hosted by SideTrack video bar, a pasta dinner in the penthouse of a lakefront high-rise and a picnic in Lincoln Park following the race. Costs for the weekend are subsidized in part by SideTrack and Miller Brewing Company.

For more information and registration forms, contact Bill Toepper (312) 281-5184, Mike Cipriano (312) 943-7919, Karla Shelton (312) 338-7317 or Russ Klettke (312) 528-2526.

Gay Tennis rankings

Miami's Chris Staples has captured the distinction of being America's best Gay tennis player according to the latest rankings issued by the Gay and Lesbian International Tennis Alliance.

Staples achieved his ranking based on impressive wins during the past year in the national tournaments hosted by Gay tennis clubs in Chicago, Ft. Lauderdale, Atlanta and New Orleans. He has never failed to at least reach the finals of any tournament on the Gay tennis circuit he has entered, and was a finalist in tournaments hosted by Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco and Dallas.

Not to be outdone by the pros, the Gay and Lesbian International Tennis Alliance has a computerized ranking system which assigns points based on tournament results, tournament difficulty and a variety of other factors. According to Board member Gary Sutton, "This system was established approximately one year ago and has been of great assistance in helping the national contd. on page 58

•In Step+July 2-15, 1992+Page 25 Chicago hosts Great Lakes Mr. Drummer

Back Door Promotions and BO Productions have announced the dates of July 24-26 for this year's Great Lakes Mr. Drummer weekend in Chicago. Co-sponsors of the event are AA Meat Market, Buddies, Deeks, River North Distributing and Touche. The purpose of the weekend is to select a representative from the country's Great Lakes region to compete at the International Mr. Drummer competition the weekend of September 18-19-20 in San Francisco.

The highlights of the weekend will the selection of Great Lakes DrummerBoy at the AA Meat Market on Friday night and Great Lakes Mr. Drummer 1992 at Touche on Saturday night. In addition to a regular contest format, each contestant will perform a fantasy of their choice at both competitions. Other weekend activities include, a registration and welcome party at Buddies' on Friday evening and a leather 'Man Dance' at Deeks on Sunday afternoon. Buddies will also be hosting a Great Lakes Drummer Brunch on both Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will be available at all events or \$20 Weekend Packages, including all events, are available in Chicago at AA Meat Market, Male Hide Leathers, RJ's Video (Halsted location) and Touche. Packages may also be ordered by mail from Back Door Promotions, 3450 N. Halsted, Chicago, Illinois 60657.

For contestant and additional schedule information, interested persons may contact Back Door Promotions at (312) 871- 3070.

Oberons welcome Leather United-Chi.

Milwaukee – On Saturday July 4th the Oberons welcome Leather United-Chicago for a guest beer bust at their home bar, the Wreck Room. The beer/soda bust will be available for \$5; with each participant eligible for raffle drawings for bar tabs good at the Wreck contd. on page 26



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Room, Special parking arrangements have been made for beer bust participants in the lot across Menomonie St. from the Wreck Room, courtesy of Bill Kindt, owner of the Wreck Room. Due to Summerfest, please car pool with friends. The beer/soda bust begins at 10pm.

Leather United- Chicago is a mixed mens/ womens Leather Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Miss Gay Rainbow Milwaukee USA

Mass Pageant Productions proudly Miss Gay Rainbow presents Milwaukee-USA. an official preliminary to the Miss Gay Wisconsin- USA pageant. The multi- racial preliminary will be held at Club 219 Plus on Thursday, July 9, with showtime at 10:30pm.

Contestants are asked to register for the pageant by 9pm that night. Personal interviews will begin at 9:30pm and the pageant will then begin at 10:30. Contestants will compete in Private



Interview (25%), Talent (50%), and Evening Gown (25% of total score). There is a \$20 contestant entry fee, contestants must be male and be able to prove they are at least 21 years old.

Mr. Sid at (414) 933-0588

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Jock Shorts

Gay Games '94 has new dates

The Board of Directors of New York in '94, the organizing body of Gay Games IV. recently voted to adopt new dates for Gay Games IV. Gay Games IV will be held in New York City in 1994.

The Games will take place in during the week preceding the dual celebrations of Lesbian and Gay Pride weekend and the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising. The Games will begin on Friday. June 17, and will end with closing ceremonies on Saturday, June 25, 1994. The Games were originally scheduled to take place from June 25 through July 4.

"The Stonewall 25 weekend is the climax of an international celebration of Lesbian and Gay Pride. To encourage maximum participation of Gay Games IV athletes and artists in this celebration, the Board voted to schedule the Games in the week preceding Pride Weekend (June 25-26, 1994). By holding the world's largest amateur sporting event one week earlier, we will free athletes and artists to give 100% to both the Games and the Stonewall 25 Pride Celebration," said Ann Northrop, Co- President of New York in '94.

As part of the decision process, the Board of New York in '94 conducted an survey of likely international Gay Games participants over the past several months. Survey questionnaires, which were mailed to thousands of artists, athletes and sports teams around the world, sought



opinions on the scheduling of the Games in relation to Pride Weekend '94.

Several hundred completed surveys were returned to New York in '94. The survey responses revealed a wide range of views on the subject, with a clear majority of respondents expressing their desire to participate fully in both Gay Games IV and Stonewall 25.

"The surveys were very helpful to the Board's decision- making process. Board members agreed that changing the dates to accommodate Stonewall 25 would best serve the goals of New York in '94. On balance we think adjusting the schedule of the Games is the right choice," added Jay Hill, Board Co-President.

Gay Games IV is an Olympic- style event featuring 15,000 athletes participating in 40 individual and team competitions, ranging from aquatics, basketball and cycling to triathlon, volleyball and wrestling. Five hundred thousand spectators are expected to view the Games, which will be held in various facilities throughout New York City from June 17th through June 25th, 1994. 'Unity '94' is the theme for Gay Games IV, which also features 5,000 artists and performers celebrating the world's cultural diversity. Gay Games IV is expected to generate \$111 million in



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Paulette Goodman pointed out, "We simply want our children protected from discrimination... It is only fair that they have the right to live together and receive the benefits of committed relationships... We stand with our children in their fight for the respect and dignity that we believe is the birthright of all human beings."

Fundamentalists and their political spokesmen sometimes speak as if Gays and Lesbians, by their very existence, somehow threaten the survival of 'the family.' It may be true that it is not easy currently to maintain a well-functioning family. But Gays and Lesbians are not the reason. Rather, the challenges have been economic, technological, medical, even political: the educational emancipation of women made them dissatisfied with earlier limitations placed on them; the birth control pill increased the opportunities for sexual variety and complicated emotional sequillae; inflation raised the cost of living along with maintaining a family and educating children: increased access to the mass media led to awareness of the variety of

social and cultural values: and enhanced personal mobility separated people from their family and neighborhood and the prolonged social control they exercised. It is hard to see how our simply living our lives could have any impact on families coping with those problems.

Sometimes the argument goes that if you are not supporting 'the family' you are hurting it - i.e., if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. But that is an example of ideologically outdated social collectivism and we can comfortably reject it.

Every time the 'family values' people make an argument. it sounds good only so long as it goes unexamined. If we respond in a knee jerk fashion, taking the opposite side on every issue from them, we will fail to use our greatest strength, which is to show that they do not believe the very values they purport to uphold, and that we ourselves are much more the bearers of 'family values' carefully explained and rightly understood. We need only speak up.

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Letters

Uncouth behavior

I must say how grateful I am for the turn-out for the Gay Pride Parade! People from all over came to Milwaukee to help us celebrate ourselves. Even after the discouraging news from the Mayor's office regarding the funding, people pulled together with determination to make sure we had a Pride Parade – Bravo!

However, I'm disappointed and embarassed at some of the filth coming out of various speaker's mouths. I don't have a problem with people talking dirty in their own homes, or even in the bars. I do have a problem with hearing that stuff at public events. If we, as the Gay community, are to gain and maintain the respect of the rest of the public, we better show them the same respect. There have been no other public events I have gone to that people on stage make explicit sexual remarks. I realize that sexuality is a part of what we are celebrating but did some of those people look around and see

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children? I'll bet some parents were not at all pleased.

In the future I hope organizers of these events remind those on stage that they are on a public stage and to clean up their speeches. And to the speakers responsible, please look around you before you belch trash out of your mouth - you can be funny and get your point across without being filthy. Save it for the bars or your home.

Thanks again to all that worked so hard to make the parade happen and to the people who showed up and showed their support!

-Sincerely, Jamie Taylor

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I am writing in reference to the Pride Celebration held at Juneau Park this past weekend. I would first like to congratulate everyone involved for what I viewed as a very successful celebration. I was proud to have several of my family members in attendance and felt it was a very positive experience for them in relating to and supporting the Gay community. That is, however, until our 'Miss Gay Wisconsin' Kellie Green performed her

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"contribution" to the celebration during the 6pm B.J. Daniels show.

I was not only embarrassed for myself and my family, but also for the residents in the area who were forced to hear this vulgarity amplified throughout their neighborhood. I find it hard to believe that anyone on the Pride Committee or in the community would allow and condone this behavior on the part of someone who was selected to be a representative of the Wisconsin Gay community. At best, this type of 'entertainment' should be confined to a bar show and NOT performed in a public park - only to degrade any of us who may have some degree of self-respect and pride in ourselves and our lifestyle.

-Sincerely, Robert Janson

Apologies...

Editor's Note: Due to the nature of the above letter I gave B.J. Daniels organizer of the B.J. Daniels Revue segment of Pride Fest entertainment, a chance to respond immediately. B.J.'s response was as follows:

I would like to offer my sincere apology to anyone offended by the content of the 'B.J. Daniel's Revue' performed at the 1992 Pridefest. It was my intention to present a varied program of Gay and Lesbian entertainers. As an artist, I am against censorship in any shape or form. However, considering the celebration's theme 'Power of Pride,' I assumed that the entertainers selected would gear their performance to what was promoted as a 'family' event. Apparently some performers chose to use material that even I found of questionable taste. Let's hope that these letters will influence all performers to use better judgment when performing at such functions. I would like to extend my thanks to the In Step readers who took the time to write the Editor with their concerns.

workshop taught me how to live life to its fullest: the workshop re-taught me how to live life with honesty and integrity. When I decided to attend the workshop (which was strongly recommended to me by several local friends), I felt that I had a strong grasp on my life and the life I was living but I realized through the workshop weekend that I had a lot of inner feelings that I needed to sort through and to deal with. The workshop helped me to bring those feelings to the surface. I was supported in confronting them and correcting those feelings that needed correcting which now allows me to be able to live life more freely and with significantly less effort and fear of the future.

The main reason that I am writing this letter is because of the tremendous impact that I received from this workshop and I am willing to share the knowledge that I have obtained by attending The Experience. If anyone reading this letter feels in any way (1) that they are not leading their life to the fullest extent and (2) that they are not being the best that they know they could be, I strongly urge you to seriously consider at least attending one of the previews for the workshop if not enrolling in the workshop itself. So committed am I that I am hosting a preview at my home located on the East side on Monday, July 6th at 7:30pm and have invited the National President of this not-for-profit organization to fly in from Florida in order to host the preview. This letter is my personal invitation to you to consider joining those who have already agreed to be there. You will need to call the local Experience Hotline and leave a message if you are coming. All messages will be forwarded to me. Call (414) 792-1691 and leave your name, address and phone number. A map will be sent to you. I really hope to meet you and to share this absolutely wonderful workshop.

-Respectfully submitted, Daniel E. Skahen

-Sincerely, B.J. Daniels

The Experience

This letter is written to you to inform your readers of an event that happened in my life that I am willing to share. I attended a workshop in Ft. Lauderdale recently called The Experience. This





Viewpoint

Family Values: Ours & Theirs

By Paul Varnell

One of the most entertaining - if possibly apocryphal - anecdotes about Mahatma Ghandi is the one in which some foreign journalist is interviewing Ghandi and asks him. "What do you think of Western Civilization?" The story goes that Ghandi looked thoughtful for a moment, then brightened up and said, "Why. I think it sounds like an excellent idea!"

Unbidden, that old story comes to mind when one hears claims made for 'traditional values' or 'family values,' especially when those terms are uttered as slogans by fundamentalist religious groups or opportunistic politicians.

We must make as clear as possible that many of the partisans of 'family values' have little interest in preserving families. The current polemical use of the term is largely devoid of positive meaning and is primarily a way of attacking a) Gays - for simply existing, much less seeking equal rights; b) women - for wanting the same opportunities as men; and c) human sexuality - for so relentlessly resisting legal or doctrinal control.

The natural reaction by some people has been to take a condescending or dismissive view of 'the family' - or 'nuclear family.' Yet the family has survived over centuries, in a variety of social. political and economic circumstances. It survived attempts to eliminate it by both early Christianity and early Communism. And it seems likely to survive now because it serves some necessary social functions better than any of the obvious alternatives. Those of us, therefore, who wish the family well may have a particular stake in opposing the 'family values' rhetoric to the extent that by its simplistic understanding of what is at issue, it serves to inhibit the clear and careful thinking that needs to go into the

work of helping authentic family values survive and flourish.

Seldom, in fact, do the proponents of 'family values' elucidate what values they have in mind. And that must be part of their intention, for if they did, most people would recognize the inappropriateness of the term for attacking Gavs.

Part of our task, then, is unpacking the concept of 'family values' to show that according to any reasonable content for the term, it contains nothing anti-Gay, Most of us. if we reflect on our upbringing, would think of things like mutual support. empathic understanding, a genuine concern for our well-being, mutual trust, and a reciprocal willingness to teach and learn

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays has made a start at this already by demonstrating that parents and Gay children can love and support each other. In a recent press release. P-FLAG's

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In Memoriam

Doug Fletsch

Madison - Doug Fletsch (Sluggo) was a popular bartender at Rod's bar and Cheri's Back Fast in the middle 1980's. He passed away on Sunday. June 21 in a tragic fire at his home in Sarasota. Florida.

He was currently employed as the Food and Beverage director at the Loveboat Key Hilton. He will be remembered for his unrelenting quick and sarcastic wit by all his friends in Madison. Milwaukee and Chicago.

He is survived by his partner-in- life, Ron Rubright: his mother, Ruth Jackson and her partner. Mark Teisman; his dad, Kurt Johnson; his sister, Deanne Smith, friend Shelly Rosenbaum (Madison, WI) and all his other friends in Wisconsin, Florida, & beyond.

In lieu of flowers, please support Doug's wishes and make contributions to Madison AIDS Support Network; AIDS Care Network of Rockford - 221 N. Longwood, Rockford, IL 61107; or People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. P.O. Box 42516 Washington, D.C. 20015. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, June 28. in Rockford.

Derrol Lamonte Blathers 1954-1992

Derrol Lamonte Blathers was born in Milwaukee, October 12, 1954, the beloved son of Bertha Jean Blathers. He received his formal education from the Milwaukee Public School System attending Robert Fulton Junior High School and completing his secondary education at Riverside High School.

His presence will be greatly missed by his dear grandmother who helped raise him until he became an adult. He also cherished the loving arms of his favorite aunt. Eurana Blathers.

He silently closed the doors to this life on Thursday, June 18.

He leaves to mourn his passing and to cherish his precious memory: his beloved and devoted mother. Bertha Jean Blathers: his dear grandparents, John and Frances Blathers: aunts, Elizabeth Slaughter, Juanita Nichols, Sara Lee Beech, all of Milwaukee, WI and Johnnie Franklin of Seattle, WA .; uncles - Rev. David K. Blathers, Raymond C. Blathers and James E. Blathers; a very special friend. Larry Lewis and a host of cousins and other loving relatives and many dear friends.

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The Arts

Hawk- Oakenstar to perform

Singer, guitarist, songwriter Jess Hawk Oakenstar will perform songs from her just released album in shows in Appleton and Beloit during July and August.

Jess performs at the Pivot Club, in Appleton on July 11 & 29; and on August 29. On July 26, she will perform at A Different World Bookstore in Beloit.

Born and raised in Zimbabwe, Jess moved to New Zealand, which she made her home from 1979-1990. She was involved in women's music, performing solo, in duos in in a popular women's rock band in a variety of venues from open-air festivals to concert halls to bars.

Jess is now back to being a solo performer, doing contemporary, upbeat originals and covers which are sometimes moving, sometimes funny, and always delivered with knockout Kiwi style. Since arriving in the USA, she has performed in a total of 23 states and recorded her first solo album, Leave a Little Light Behind. It was released May 15 and covers a wide range of subjects including women's heroism, friendship, and unity, Desert Storm and our legacy. Songs range stylistically from country rock to ballads with a little Mississippi Delta sound.

Beulah LaMont to tour

The Large & Lovely Beulah Lamont, former Miss Gay Universe at Large, and numerous other titles earned between 1984 and 1991, will be bringing her talents to Wisconsin for several July appearances.

Beulah has numerous television and radio programs under her belt including Larry King Live and Sally Jesse Raphael. She was performed in 32 states – appeared in the Vegas Sahara Hotel's infamous 'Boylesque', and toured in Europe.

Beulah says laughingly of herself, "I may not be the most talented, I may not be the best dressed and I may not be the most beautiful. But I am entertaining, I do dress very well and I think I look great for a big ol' man in a dress! Entertaining is what I do best and I will continue as long as God allows."

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As of this writing, Beulah is booked for the following dates in Wisconsin: Pivot Club, July 10; Club 219 Plus July 15, and the Napalese Lounge on July 18. Take it from someone who has seen her entertain (at Orlando's Parliament House Resort) – she's Divine, Dolly Parton, Connie Francis, Ethel Merman and the larger then life recreation of Jessica Rabbit – all rolled into one entertaining evening.

Phoenix to host '93 theatre fest

The 1993 International Gay/ Lesbian Theatre Festival will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from May 28 thru June 6, 1993. Festival Chairman, Dan Kryston, has announced that over 35 theatre companies from around the world will be represented at the festival. "Besides the European companies we have groups from Canada and 18 states. Applications are still being received, and a final listing of participants will not be available until September."

The festival has been established to





Juicy Bits

More dating 'Do's' and 'Don'ts'

Should you be completely honest with a new love interest? Must precautions be taken to avoid an uncomfortable romantic entaglement? Remember, a person who at first seems charming and likable may turn out to be a republican, incredibly co-dependent, or your ex-lover's last boyfriend. To avoid the aggravation associated with such uncertainties, use the following tips.

Do make casual inquiries about a new partner's history with friends.

Do Not initiate a covert investigation so extensive it would put Ross Perot to shame.

Do say you don't mind if he smokes, even though you've just quit.

Do Not reveal the thought of kissing a smoker conjures revolting images of what it would be like to suck face with Danny DeVito's, fish-breathed Penguin.

Do tell him you've recently joined a radical Gay rights group.

Do Not tell him you 'outed' your last four boyfriends.

Do share that you don't drink and attend A.A. meetings.

Do Not try to have him check into a rehab center when he has a glass of wine with dinner.

Do share that you have a vivid imagination when it comes to sex.

Do Not say you've had an on-going sexual relationship with an imaginary friend.

Do convey to your date that he seems easy to get along with.

Do Not say, "Compared with my ex-lover you're easy to get along with."

Do share that you are attracted to his wide-eyed naivete.

Do Not come right out and ask if he's really innocent or just plain stupid.

by W.W. Wells III

Do communicate what you want during sex.

Do Not clinically bark out instructions or present him with an personalized sexual playbook during foreplay.

Do practice Safer Sex.

Do Not call him at work and demand he FAX over his latest HIV test results before you'll meet him for drinks that night.

Do admit you've made mistakes in the past.

Do Not get all morose and take full responsibility for your last three failed relationships.

Do promise to call him the next day. Do Not actually do so, unless very attracted, then quickly re-program the speed dialing slots on you phone so you can call him at home, work or car. If he doesn't own a car phone, buy one as a present for your one-day anniversary.

Do tell him you believe it's inappropriate to make fun of drag queens.

Do Not attempt to prosecute him for a hate crime after he attempts to pull off a female impersonator's wig, and then refuse to tip her.

Do try to impress him by making a call from your car phone. Do Not call a 1-900 number.

Do share that you're just getting over a failed relationship.

Do Not tell him that relationship was with your cat.

Do say that you're into country crafts and painting.

Do Not attempt to stencil your name on his privates.

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THURSDAY, JULY 9, 10:30pm MASS PAGEANT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

MISS GAY RAINBOW MILWAUKEE-USA

An Official Preliminary to WI-USA 9pm Contestant Registration 10:30pm Pageant Showtime Ticket & Contestant Info Call 414/933-0588

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Baltimore's Former Miss Gay Universe at Large The Large & Lovely BEULAH LAMONT

Wisconsin Premiere Tour

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bring together Gay. Lesbian and kindred spirit theatre companies to showcase both original and published Gay and Lesbian works. "There will be something for everyone at the festival: drama, musicals, comedy, cabaret acts, performance artists, music and dance. Playwrights and directors will also conduct workshops and seminars on various topics. The response so far has been overwhelming and the enthusiasm from the theatre companies is very encouraging."

Aside from theatre events several social functions are also being planned. These include a costumed ball, a country bar-b-que, pool parties, balloon rides and more. The festival ends with Phoenix's Pride Rally and Celebration.

The Berlitz Gallery Theatre will serve as the official host for the festival with the Buttes Mountain Top Resort as festival headquarters.

Applications are still being accepted for presenter. performance artists and exhibitors wishing to take part in the festival. Interested groups or individuals are asked to write: Festival Committee, Berlitz Gallery Theatre, 1378 East Butler Circle, Chandler, Arizona 85224; or call (602) 899-9366 for more information.

'True to myself' released

Fresh Fruit Records is pleased to announce the release of **True To Myself**, a new album by Joe Bracco, produced by Paul Phillips, the second half of the well-known Gay singing/ songwriting duo, Romanovsky & Phillips. The posthumously-released **True To Myself** is a cassette- only album containing 15 songs by Joe Bracco, a remarkablytalented Gay songwriter who was on the verge of achieving national acclaim when he was taken by AIDS in March of 1991 at the age of 30.

True To Myself, the first album by an artist other than Romanovsky & Phillips to be released on the Fresh Fruit label, is a delightful collection of songs including "Friend In My Pocket" (encouraging condom use), "With Our Voices" (a



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BJ's staffer John, co- owners Bob & Jim, and Jeff [Maggie] celebrate Jim's birthday at the comfortable little bar.



Some of the staff at La Cage gather together for this group photo prior to the Saturday night rush.



Finalists prepare to compete in Club 219's Lip Sync Finals. Scotty [far left] won the \$219 prize with her original live rap.



Michael & Bob [2nd & 3rd from left, rear] celebrate 18 years together with their crew at 1100 Club. It was also Michael's birthday.

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stirring anthem written after the 1987 National March on Washington for Lesbian/ Gay Rights). and "Window Whacker" (a hilarious ditty about an exhibitionist neighbor). The album also contains "Kiss Me In Spanish" (a passionate cross- cultural love song), "Coming Out." and 10 more great songs spanning the career of a wonderful singer/ songwriter struck down in his prime by AIDS. **True To Myself** is an upbeat and enjoyable tribute to a talented and courageous young man.

The dream of completing this album kept Joe Bracco alive much longer than any of his doctors could have predicted. But unfortunately, he was only able to record 2 songs in a studio before he died. Utilizing some of the most up-to-date recording technology, Paul Phillips has taken ten of Joe's rough home recordings of his songs into the studio and added rhythm, instrumental and additional vocal tracks to Joe's original vocal and guitar tracks. The result is a high quality recording with only a few minor pitch and tempo variations. thanks to the creative input of sequencer and synthesizer wizard Jeff Nelson. Also included on the album are three unproduced songs on which the listener can hear Joe all by himself ... pure, sweet, and passionate.

True To Myself is available on cassette at better record and book stores. It can also be ordered directly from Fresh Fruit Records. 369 Montezuma #209, Santa Fe, NM 87501, or by calling 1-800-47- FRUIT. Retail outlets should contact their local Women's Independent Label Distributor.



SUNDAYS The Best Female Imposters contests & strippers 10:30 showtime Door varies

MONDAYS Country/Two-step Night Take lessos w/Blake Sie 8-10 pm \$1.50 Domestic Beer & Root Beer Barrels Dancin' at 10 w/Joe Miller & Scott Sabatke

TUESDAYS

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THURSDAYS Open Bar 9:30 - 10 75¢ Bar 10 - 11 Featuring our rail, domestic can beer and wine

FRIDAYS

Shake your ass & your fists to the extatic technohouse \$2 before 11 - \$3 thereafter

SATURDAYS

Dance your ass off to the best new dance party \$2 before 11 - \$3 thereafter



Steppin' Out

Summerfest is in full swing, and I'm still wondering where Summer is!

The Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Pride Committee sure picked the perfect weekend to have PrideFest. The following weekend was miserable (well, it, WAS the Lakefront Festival of the Arts! What else did you expect?). The reason the Pride Parade moved to a week earlier – the City of Festivals parade was a shivering event! Plus. our Pride Parade missed the down pours occurring just blocks to the north – someone was obviously watching over us!

Crowd estimates ranged from 3,500 to over 7,000 for the Parade & Festival – but there was no sure way to count, as people came and went continuously throughout the day. Temperatures ranged from mid 70's to the low 80's for the early part of the day, but about 6pm it cooled down considerably. From that point on the crowd consolidated around the main stage and many of the booths began closing up shop.

Chicagoan Joan Jett Blakk, the Queer Nation candidate for President, received plenty of attention when she introduced Miriam Ben Shalom as her V.P. running mate. However, Miss Blakk raised a few eyebrows with her campaign style speech at the post-Parade rally in what was supposed to be a non-political event.

The all volunteer food and beer stands provided quick, quality service — but the soda set up and lack of other beverages were a 'minus' that should be corrected by next year. The Mass Wedding was a big success and drew the most mainstream media coverage, while the Art Festival provided a wonderful mixture of style and mediums.

Hooray for the Milwaukee Police



by Ron Geiman

Department's Crime Prevention representatives – it was a first for them, and for us. The officer's booth was next to the auxiliary beer stand that In Step staffed and we saw lots of smiles from both the officers and the crowd. The officer that writes the crime watch column that appears in the weekly **Downtown Edition** told his readers in last week's issue how much his presence at the Festival changed his perception of the Gay/Lesbian community. Obviously, the day had a positive impact on him!

I had feared that the out-of-town anti-Choice crowd who were rolling into the city for the start of their protests the next day might decide to make their presence felt at the Parade or Festival. That fear was unfounded – I didn't see one fundamentalist! (Maybe they were too busy praying or something!)

My congratulations to the Pride Committee, all the volunteers, and to all of YOU for coming... hope to see even more of you next year!

Impressionist and puppeteer Jerry Halliday had the crowd at **M&M Club** in stitches the night of PrideFest. The Vegas based Halliday manages to hit Wisconsin whenever on tour, so if you missed him this time – watch for his return engagements.

Club 219 Plus hosted Lip Sync Finals on June 17 with a \$219 prize to winner Scotty, the Black Lesbian rapper who was a hit at PrideFest just days before. Scotty's rap comes from her life in Milwaukee's inner city and time she spent in jail — what she rapped, she lived! Her rap deserves to be recorded.

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MADISON'S HOT DANCE BAR 636 W. Washington Ave. 608/256-8765







Vegas entertainer Jerry Halliday with a few of his 'girls' during their recent appearance at M&M Club.



Jimmy King, winner Dominique Mahon, Miss Gay WI-USA Mary Richards, and 1st runner up Billie Blaze. Dominique and Billie vied for the title of Miss Gay Cosmopolitan, a preliminary to King's Wisconsin-USA pageant.

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Tuesday, July 14 Showtime 9°

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- Special Guest: Amber Richards (Miss Gay Continental '91-92)
- Performances by former Continental Wisconsin Titleholders: BJ Daniels & Dominique Mahon
- Prizes: ^{\$350} 1" Place and entry to Miss Gay Continental;
 ^{\$150} - 2rd Place;
 ^{\$75} 3rd Place.

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Congratulations to several birthday boys — Mike at Wizard's Pub who celebrated his big day with several days of activities, specials and a show. Jim, the 'J' in BJ's celebrated his 40th with a blow out at the friendly bar on June 20. That same night, Mike at the 1100 Club celebrated his birthday combined with his & his mate Bob's 18th year together. By the way, 1100 will be opening at 6am Monday through Friday effective this week, and will be serving wakeup cocktails, breakfast and lunch to all you second shifters and early risers.

Partners partied down on the patio with the Reggae sounds of Montgomery on the 18th. Hey Mon – Montgomery will return to Partners again July 9th.

The numbers club, **219**, played host to Jimmy King's Wisconsin -USA preliminary, Miss Cosmopolitan, on the 18th. Two contestants vied for the preliminary title, with dark diva Dominique Mahon capturing the crown.

Thanks to all of you who attended the Wisconsin Light and In Step sponsored premiere of the film Edward II in Milwaukee (June 19, at the Oriental); and Madison (June 26, at the Majestic). \$4.50 of your ticket went to benefit the Pride Committee in Milwaukee, and the Scheel House in Madison. Rest assured, monies raised will be put to good use.

I had to miss the Queer Nation protest against the Kenosha Cracker Barrel restaurant on the 21st because of previous commitments with my Milwaukee 'Family' - two of my close 'sisters' celebrated their birthdays together, and I had to be there. Contacts tell me four of the protesters were arrested, but media coverage was extensive. I heard a group from south of the state line embarrassed some of the protesters - to the point that some people left - because of a chant they started that went "Suck our dicks. lick our clits!" I don't see how such a chant would get us any support from sympathetic diners - maybe I'm getting old, but I agree with 'S' who penned me a note complaining of the chant.

That night, Madison's Wings 3054 hosted their Father's Day Leather/Levi Daddy contest. Five contestants competed, with Chris Broehl winning the honors; and Phil & Jim coming in 2nd & 3rd place. There was a separate unannounced side show, too – which I won't talk about – except to say the Gay Grapevine is still hot with dirty dishing!

The H.I.T. Committee's Celebration Cruise on June 24 could have been on a warmer evening, but with the un-Summery weather we're having they're lucky it wasn't raining or something worse. The dockside pre-departure cookout was so 'chillin' that most of the crowd warmed up inside the docked yacht.

Apologies to Jo'Dee's and all you confused readers for our mistakenly listing the appearance of the Exotic Body Shop under the wrong date in the Calendar last issue. The date in the ad was correct but the wrong Calendar listing caused a swarm of phonecalls to the bar. (Well, at least they know their ads are read!) The five member male dance troupe had 3 especially interesting specimens! The hunky troupe traveled to Madison for a show the following Friday at Club 3054.





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This bevy of beauties performed a show at Wizard's to wrap up manager Michael's birthday celebration.



The Exotic Body Shop male dance troupe made recent appearances at Jo'Dee's and Club 3054.



The Extraordinary **Bonnie Bitch** & The Multi-talented **C.C. Rae** Together For One Helluva Show 10pm (after city fireworks) \$3 Cover



Recording Artist Janet Planet With Guitarist Thom 9pm, \$3 Cover



The Large & Lovely **Beulah La Mont** Former Miss Gay USA At Large Current Pagent Director 10pm, \$3 Cover

July 28th

Jeff Jennings hosts the premiere of "Shooting Star" watch IN STEP for details

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

Nothing to Hide/WYOU [Madison]: 9pm, Cable channel 4, topic: UWM's G/L Awareness Week '91.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Underwear Party.

FRIDAY, JULY 3

G.M. Maritime Assoc.: Club Anniversary Night party on boats for fireworks at the Lakefront. Call 258-2802 for more info.

Milw. Lakefront Fireworks: Midwest's largest fireworks show begins at 9:20pm on Lakefront – just north of War Memorial Center.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Country Western singer Dena Kaye performs live, 10:30pm.

Nitengales: \$4 Beer Bash.

G/L Comm. at UWM: Picnic & fireworks, look for GLC-UWM banner at McKinley marina park near the lagoon, 7pm-on.

BJ's: 4th Weekend, 2 for 1 rail shots, \$1 taps, 8-close.

SATURDAY, JULY 4

Rod's [Madison]: Anniversary Weekend, South Seas theme. Underwear allowed tonight!

Oberons: Welcomes Leather United-Chicago for guest beer bust, 10pm. \$5 beer/soda bust, raffle drawings.

Nitengales: 50 cent tappers; 50 cents off to anyone wearing Red, White & Blue.

Napalese [Green Bay]: Bonnie Bitch & C.C. Rae together for a show, 10pm, \$3 cover.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Show featuring BJ Daniels, Mary Richards & Tiffany Thomas.

Wizard's Pub: 4th of July beer bust, noon-6, \$3 bust; free buffet at 6pm.

BJ's: 4th Weekend, 2 for 1 rail shots, \$1 taps 8-close.

Station II: Free tap beer from 7 to 11.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Patio 4th of July Beach Party, starts 4pm — bring a dish to pass - we supply meat.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

Rod's [Madison]: 'South Seas' Anniversary Weekend, patio party all day & night, loin cloths & summer hats, tropical drink specials. ZA's [Green Bay]: 100th Birthday Celebration.

Partners: 4th Weekend patio cookout. 5pm, complimentary food, drink specials. Wizard's Pub: Pig Roast by Clarence, 3pm; special cocktail hr. 4-7. BJ's: 4th Weekend, 2 for 1 rail shots, \$1 tans 8-close.

MONDAY, JULY 6

Rod's [Madison]: 'South Seas' Anniversary Weekend, annual patio cocktail party, hors d'oeurvres at 8pm, entertainment at 10pm.

TUESDAY, JULY7

Roller- blading: Meet at High Roller booth at 6:30pm in Veterans Park just north of the Milw. Art Center. Info call 963-9833.

Biking: Join in for a 2 hour jaunt around Milw.'s East Side. Meet at High Roller booth at 6:30pm in Veterans Park, info call GAMMA 963-9833.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

Nothing To Hide/WYOU [Madison]: Self empowerment for Gays & Lesbians, 9pm, Cable TV 4.

Wreck Room: Bim & Company's musical revue of the 50's-70's returns with their weekly show 9pm-midnight. Back bar opens at 5, front bar opens 8 for show. \$3 cover from 9-12.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

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

Club 219 Plus: Mass Pageant Productions presents Miss Gay Rainbow Milw.-USA, a WI-USA Preliminary pageant. 9pm contestant registration, 10:30 pageant showtime.

Partners: Raggae music with Montgomery, 9pm, no cover.

Greek Festival: Through 7/12 at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, food, dancing, games & rides.

Bastille Days: Through 7/12 at Cathedral Square in East towne. Food, market place, 3 stages entertainment, races, more.

Triangle: Anniversary Celebration! 9pm patio BBQ & free soda/ tap beer!

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SUNDAY, JULY 5, 5^{pm} Patio Cookout

with complimentary food, Sunday Drink Specials, + \$1.25 Wine Coolers

THURS., JULY 9, 9^{pm} Reggae Music with Montgomery

No Cover "Ya mawn . . . hez baak!"

(Just in time for Dan's Birthday)

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COMING SUNDAY, JUNE 26 Partner's Annual Edelweiss Boat Cruise \$15 per person includes cruise with hors d'oeuvres on board, free drink coupon, and cookout at Partners. 5:30pm

Ask you favorite Partner's bartender for more details!

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Reggae artist Montgomery had the crowd moving, mon, during his show at Partner's.



The H.I.T. fund-raiser cruise aboard the Celebration yacht helped raise money for the Thanksgiving Weekend bowling tournament.

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH BIM & COMPANY

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will present their outstanding Musical Revue of the Hits of the 50's, 60's, & 70's from 9^{pm} to Midnight

Wednesday, only the Back Bar will open at 5^{pm} for cocktails. The Front Bar will open at 8^{pm} for Bim & Co.

There will be a ^{\$}3 cover from 9^{pm}-Midnight. All drinks are regular price.

Tokens & Bartabs will not be accepted from 9pm to Midnight



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FRIDAY, JULY 10

Pivot Club [Appleton]: The large & lovely Beulah Lamont, 10:30pm. Performs live vocals, lip sync, & comedy.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Dominique Mahon hosts week 1 of lip sync.

Concert: A summer evening of music at the PAC, for an 8pm presentation by UWM's Fine Arts Quartet & pianist Menahem Pressler, info call 963-9833.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

'The Experience': Preview scheduled today for upcoming Chicago Experience Weekend Aug. 28-30. Call (414) 792-1691 to attend preview.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Singer, songwriter, guitarist – Jess Hawk -Oakenstar, 8:30pm.

Nitengales: 'Ladies Of The Valley,' with Ms. Gay WI Cory & lots of special guests, 10:30 showtime, \$2 cover.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: Recording artist Janet Planet with guitarist, Thom. 9pm, \$3 cover.

Biking: Meet at Greenfield Park Golf Course, 1pm, bike on '76 trail to Boerner Gardens, All energy levels, call GAMMA 963-9833.

South Shore Water Frolics: Through July celebration with parade, 12. entertainment & fireworks, held in Bay View, on Lake Shore.

Rod's [Madison]: White Rave Party till dawn

BJ's: Party Night. 9pm-1am, prizes, food, fun.

SUNDAY, JULY 12

Great Circus Parade: Two hour re-creation of yesteryear's circus parades. Downtown, 2pm, rain or shine.

Milw. Fundraiser for Tammy Baldwin: Out Lesbian Dane Co. Supervisor Tammy Baldwin, is running for WI Legislature in Madison area. 6-9pm, Lake Park pavilion. To help, call (414) 264-4455.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

8th Annual Miss Gay Continental Wisconsin Pageant: Held at Club 219, presented by Chris Gorski. Showtime 9pm. Tickets \$7 in advance; (\$9 at the door); table of 4 with bottle of champagne for \$45. Hosted by Mimi Marks. Special quest Miss Gay Continental '91-92 -Amber Richards, Performances by previous WI-Continental titleholders BJ

Daniels & Dominique Mahon.

Rod's [Madison]: Full moon video party, starts 11pm in 'The Rear.' Wings 3054 [Madison]: Full Moon Contest.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Club 219 Plus: The large & lovely Beulah Lamont doing live, lip sync & comedy in her Wisconsin premiere tour.

Nothing To Hide/ WYOU [Madison]: Lionheart Gay Theatre presents 'One,' & 'The Changling in Exile,' 9pm, Cable TV

THURSDAY, JULY 16

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

Festa Italiana: Through July 19, grounds. food. Summerfest cultural exhibits. entertainment. fireworks.

Wings 3054 [Madison]:Another Underwear party!

FRIDAY, JULY 17

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

Beer Town Badgers: Club night at Boot Camp Saloon, drawings for prizes & drink tickets 10pm-1:30am.

Bar Not [Madison]: Alternative after hours private men's club 'White Heat Dance Party' midnight-5am, for details call (608) 877-0440.

SATURDAY, JULY 18

MAGIC Picnic [Madison]: Noon to 7pm Brittingham Park, one entry fee gets you beer & food for day long festivities.

New Leaf [Janesville]: Stoney, the female Elvis impersonator, returns.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: The large & lovely Beulah Lamont, former Miss Gay USA At Large, 10pm, \$3 cover.

G/L Comm. at UW-M: Beach Party! Look for the GLC Banner toward the middle of Bradford Beach, 1pm-3pm.

Rod's [Madison]: Patio opens 6pm with live DJ & dancing, grill serves till 9pm.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: MAGIC Weekend patio party, bar opens 4pm serving wieners; \$4 beer bust on the patio from 4-8pm.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Magic Weekend, bar opens noon with specials; patio cookout 5pm.



Eat Drynke & Be Merrie! **Tri-Citv** GAY DAY at the Bristol Renaissance Faire 22 JULY 25th. 1992 (only) 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. \$11.95 Admission Present this coupon at the Main Gate Ticket Booths when you purchase your ticket and the Faire will donate \$3.00 to **RODNEY SCHEEL HOUSE** FOR PWA & MILWAUKEE AIDS RESOURCE CENTER OF WISCONSIN Co-Sponsored by

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