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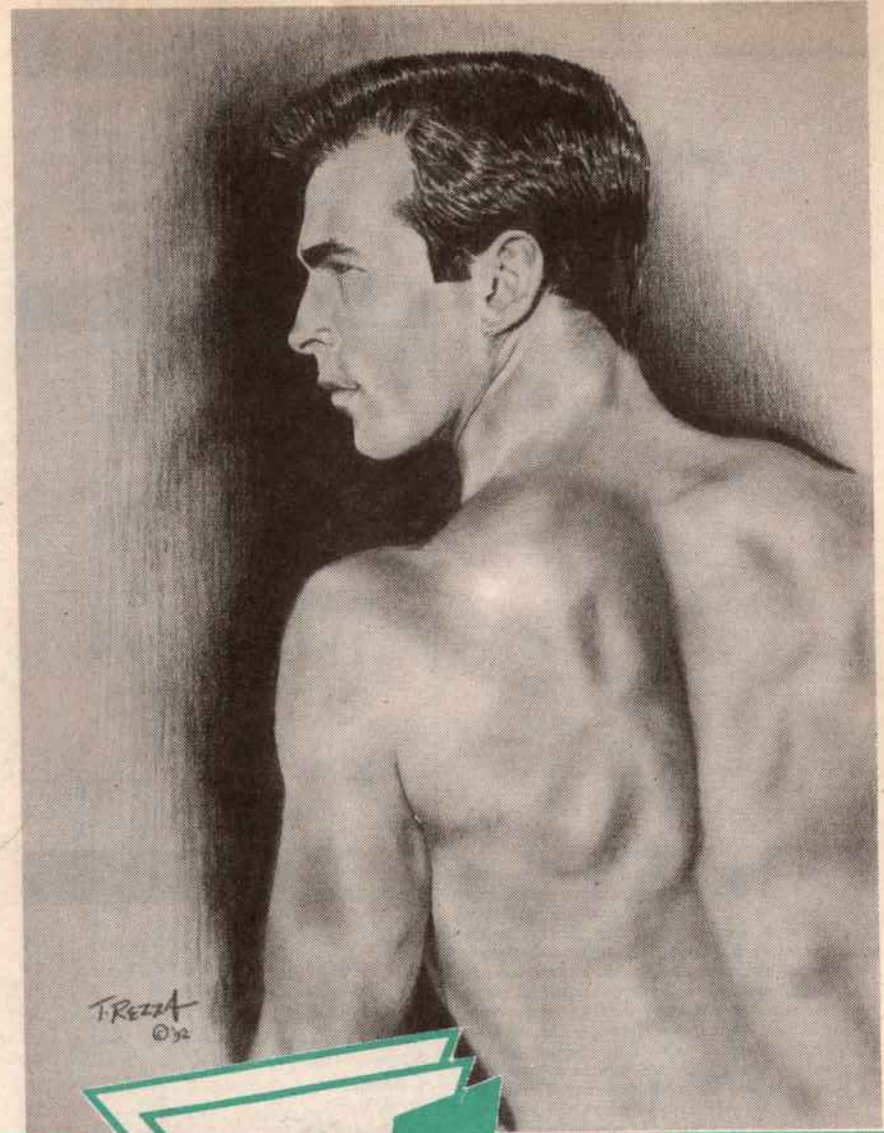
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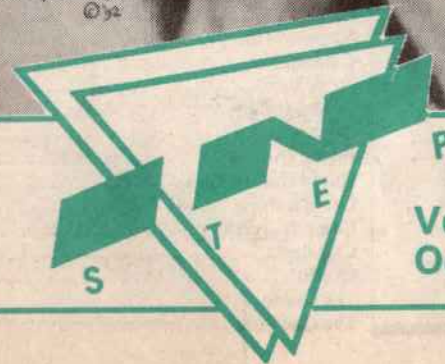
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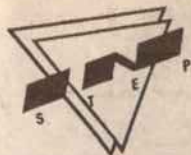
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News

Kentucky Sodomy law struck down

Frankfort, KY — On September 25, the Supreme Court of Kentucky ruled the state's sodomy law unconstitutional because it infringes on the rights to privacy and to equal protection under the law as guaranteed in the Kentucky constitution. The decision came in a 4-3 vote of the justices.

"We need not sympathize, agree with or even understand the sexual preference of homosexuals in order to recognize their right to equal treatment before the bar of criminal justice," wrote Justice Charles Leibson in the majority opinion. Just because some citizens may find certain acts of extramarital intercourse objectionable, that "does not provide a rational basis for criminalizing the sexual preference of homosexuals."

Justice Leibson noted that the state of Kentucky no longer criminalized adultery, fornication or "deviate" sexual intercourse between heterosexuals. Therefore, maintaining a law which criminalizes sexual behavior between consenting adults of the same sex is intended to impose moral values and is clearly discriminatory, according to the court.

Kentucky's law, like that of seven other states, specifically forbade homosexual sodomy. Sixteen more states and the District of Columbia criminalize both homosexual and heterosexual sodomy. Earlier this year, an appeals court in Texas voided that state's sodomy law. A decision by the Texas Supreme Court is expected early next year.

The US Supreme Court in its 1986 *Bowers v. Hardwick* decision rejected the argument that Georgia's sodomy law was an infringement of the right to privacy under the US Constitution. State courts, however, have the right to interpret their state constitutions differently.

Local trials of Salk vaccine not confirmed

Milwaukee [In Step] — In Step has learned that contrary to reports in the mainstream press, clinical trials by Wisconsin residents of the new Salk vaccine for HIV infection have not yet been confirmed.

AIDS service organizations have been flooded with phone calls from people wanting to participate in clinical trials of the experimental vaccine developed by Jonas Salk, inventor of the polio vaccine.

But while personnel at the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium have met with Salk researchers to inquire about the vaccine, no date has been set to actually begin clinical trials. Tim Kennedy, spokesman for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), told In Step that AIDS service groups in Wisconsin expect to receive official notice about use of the Salk vaccine by the end of this year.

The Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium, which is affiliated with ARCW, is the central group coordinating clinical trials of all new HIV/AIDS drugs in the state. The Consortium maintains the most comprehensive database of potential participants for such clinical trials. Anyone unsure of whether they are included in the database may call the Consortium at (414) 273-1991.

The Salk vaccine, unlike other vaccines administered to prevent diseases like polio and influenza, is given to those already infected with HIV. Early tests on animals and a few human patients indicate the vaccine may help reduce the level of HIV in the bloodstream by triggering a stronger reaction by the immune system.

Kennedy said that when and if clinical trials with the Salk vaccine are confirmed for Wisconsinites with HIV, an announcement will be made and potential participants registered with the Consortium's database will be informed.

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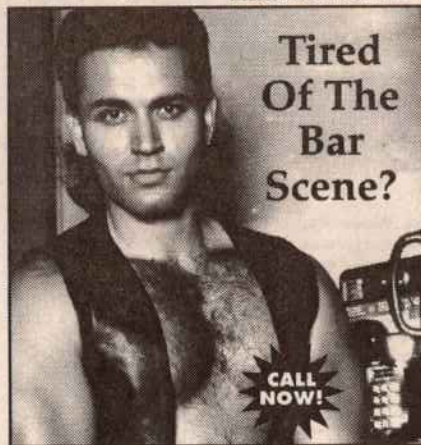
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United Way votes on Scout funding Oct. 13

Milwaukee [In Step] - Queer Scouts plans to make its presence felt on October 13 when the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee votes on a resolution to continue funding area Boy Scout troops.

The Board meeting itself is closed to the public, but members of Queer Scouts plan to be outside United Way headquarters at 225 W. Vine Street at 7am that morning, a half hour prior to the beginning of the meeting. Dan Fons, a spokesman for Queer Scouts, said those present would "greet" Board members as they arrive.

Queer Scouts/Milwaukee was formed to lobby United Way to reconsider channeling hundreds of thousands of dollars in charity funds to local Boy Scout troops because the Boy Scouts of America excludes Gays from membership and from leadership positions. In a meeting with United Way officials September 10, Queer Scouts outlined many legal and ethical reasons why the Boy Scouts policy is untenable and why it should not be tacitly endorsed by United Way.

Despite this appeal, the Executive Committee of the United Way Board voted to recommend continued funding of the Boy Scouts. The full board will vote on that recommendation October 13. Queer Scouts is sending informational packets about the controversy to individual members of the 36-person board to "make sure they are well-informed if they vote to continue funding."

Fons told In Step that if the full board approves Boy Scout funding, Queer Scouts "will keep the pressure on United Way all through its Fall campaign." They will seek the support of other community groups, organize a boycott of donations to United Way and encourage people to support other charities which do not endorse discrimination. Queer Scouts also plans to closely monitor programs and policies of the Boy Scouts over the next year.

(Dean Treptow, Chairman of

Milwaukee's United Way can be contacted at (414) 359-3040. Queer Scouts can be reached at (414) 964-8423 or (414) 643-5833.)

House guts D.C. partnership law

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Responding to a 235-173 vote in the House, Congress on Sept. 24 acted to postpone enactment of the District of Columbia's domestic partners law until at least next year.

The action bars the District from using any federal or locally generated funds this coming fiscal year to implement its domestic partnership ordinance, formally called the Health Benefits Expansion Act of 1992.

The district act, approved by the city council and signed by Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly last spring, would allow unmarried same-and opposite-sex couples to register with the city as "domestic partners" and would allow partners of city employees to qualify for the city's health insurance benefits. It also offers tax breaks to private employers following the city's example.

Earlier this year, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) successfully placed the amendment gutting the local law on the district's fiscal 1993 appropriations bill. But after a House/ Senate conference committee struck the Helms proposal, the House voted 235-173 Sept. 24 to put the Helms language back in.

The Helms amendment will now effectively block any implementation of the local law for the coming fiscal year. The District, fearing such an action, had announced earlier this year that it would not begin registering couples until January 1993. That action will now be postponed indefinitely.

The House vote came during debate on the D.C. appropriations bill when Rep. Tom DeLay (R.Texas) won on his motion to send the bill back to the conference committee with instructions that the Helms language be reinserted.

Somewhat surprisingly, the action was

taken with little of the vitriol that usually fills the chamber when matters affecting Gays and Lesbians are debated. Before the House vote, DeLay only questioned the District's non-voting Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D) about the local law's provisions for registration and 'de-registration' and the potential cost to D.C. taxpayers.

When the vote came down, backers of the District's home rule and of Gay and Lesbian rights — predominantly Democrats with a handful of Republicans tossed in — started out leading the vote. They began losing ground, however, as more and more Democratic lawmakers, including nine who had already voted, began defecting to the other side, securing the 62-vote victory for the motion.

Magic quits AIDS panel; Bush inaction attacked

Washington, DC — Basketball star Magic Johnson resigned from the National Commission on AIDS September 25, charging that the Bush administration has "utterly ignored" the Commission's proposals and that Bush himself has "dropped the ball" in the fight against AIDS.

Word of Johnson's dissatisfaction had circulated for some time, but the vehemence of his attack on Bush surprised everyone. The day after resigning, Johnson publicly threw his support to Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Clinton.

Johnson's letter to Bush read: "As I think you know, along with my fellow commission members, I have been increasingly frustrated by the lack of support, and even opposition, of your Administration to our recommendations... I cannot in good conscience continue to serve on a commission whose important work is so utterly ignored by your Administration."

"No matter how good the team may be," Johnson wrote Bush, "I said it won't win the championship without the

owner fully in the game. I am disappointed that you dropped the ball, and your Administration is not doing everything that it must to fight this disease."

A week after resigning from the AIDS Commission, Johnson announced his intention to rejoin the Los Angeles Lakers. He assured the press that his AIDS activism would continue, however, citing the video about AIDS he recently made with his friend Arsenio Hall. He plans to focus on efforts he believes can really make a difference. Johnson said he expects no federal action on AIDS for at least the next four months, an obvious reference to Bush's remaining time in office.

"COOKING THE BOOKS"

Judy Smith, a White House press secretary, immediately set about doing damage control, telling the media that the Bush administration had spent \$4.3 billion on AIDS this year alone. But an analysis of federal AIDS spending released by the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) contradicts that claim.

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Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of HRCF, accused the Bush administration of "cooking the books." He said: "In fact, only \$841 million is budgeted for AIDS research this year at the National Institutes of Health... Only \$480 million is spent on AIDS prevention at the Centers for Disease Control."

"George Bush creates the impression of billions of dollars in AIDS spending by including the funding levels for entitlement spending on AIDS care, spending for programs such as veteran's benefits, Medicare and Medicaid," said McFeeley. "This funding is not included in the totals for any other disease. It is not AIDS research and prevention spending. It is a ruse to mislead Congress and the public, a blatant deception that has cost American lives."

McFeeley does not deny that spending for AIDS under entitlement programs is skyrocketing: "This is the legacy of Reagan, Bush and Quayle," he charged. "Hundreds of thousands of poor Americans have been infected with HIV during the last twelve years while our leaders have distorted their records and denied the funds needed for research and effective treatments and a cure."

COMMISSION CRICIZES BUSH TOO

The AIDS Commission as a whole has also been sharply critical of Bush. The bipartisan panel issued a report in June charging that Bush and the Department of Health and Human Services "have failed to fully meet their responsibilities in leading the national response to the monumental human suffering and economic loss from the HIV/AIDS epidemic." The Commission labeled the Bush response "tragically insufficient."

Commission members are particularly angry that none of their many recommendations for meeting the AIDS crisis have been implemented. In its own report, the Commission charged that:

- the Bush administration has failed to create a mechanism for coordinating and implementing a national anti-AIDS plan;
- it has reduced money allocated for prevention at a time when infection rates

continue to rise;

- it has denied requests for increased funding for drug treatment programs and refused even to consider the distribution of clean needles as a prevention measure;
- it has retained the ban on immigrants and visitors who may have HIV/AIDS; and
- it has stymied any efforts at a more candid discussion of sexual matters in AIDS education programs.

The Commission also faulted President Bush personally for failing to convey a sense of urgency about AIDS to the American public or to his own domestic policy staff and administrators.

Some people resented all the attention Magic Johnson received when he announced to the world he was HIV-positive and was appointed to the AIDS Commission. But because of his celebrity status, Johnson's resignation and his open criticism of Bush may induce many people to look closer at the Bush administration's record on AIDS.

California gets rights

Sacramento, CA — California became the seventh state in the union to pass legislation protecting Gays from discrimination on the job when Republican Governor Pete Wilson signed the bill into law on September 25.

Wilson's action took Gays and Lesbians in California by surprise because the governor had vetoed a similar bill one year ago. Activists expected a veto of this year's bill as well and had planned major protests in Sacramento, San Francisco and Los Angeles. But the protests were converted into joyful celebrations instead.

California now joins Wisconsin, Massachusetts, Hawaii, Connecticut, New Jersey and Vermont as states which prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation. Some of the other states also prohibit such discrimination in housing, credit, government contracts and public accommodations, but the California bill is limited to employment. California is by far the largest, most populous

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jurisdiction to prohibit Gay-related job bias.

WHAT IT SAYS

The California law covers all state and private workers but it exempts churches, non-profit corporations and businesses with less than five employees.

The new law differs from the bill Wilson vetoed last year in this way: complaints will be registered as violations of the state's labor code, which mandates civil action and penalties, rather than as violations of the Fair Employment and Housing Act, which mandates criminal prosecution and penalties.

Wilson argued that civil action on complaints would be more efficient and prevent costly litigation for all parties. The chief sponsor of the bill, Assemblyman Terry Friedman, agreed and said he was confident the new enforcement mechanism would be as effective as the original proposal.

While California Gays and Lesbians savored their unexpected victory, the Rev. Lou Sheldon, leader of the anti-Gay Traditional Values Coalition based in Anaheim, said that Gov. Wilson had "opened the door for all kinds of special rights for perverted, sexually addicted people." Sheldon claimed the law would "protect sex with animals and the rape of children as forms of political expression."

The California law, signed one day after the Kentucky Supreme Court voided that state's homosexual sodomy statute (see related story), brought renewed hope to Gay activists.

"I'm very optimistic," said Tom Stoddard, a Gay rights attorney who headed the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "This development, in combination with yesterday's development, in combination with the political signs that the Republicans are throwing aside the family values message, suggests that the Gay rights movement has finally tipped the scales."

AIDS Walk raises stunning \$404,000

Milwaukee — More than \$404,000 was raised by almost 4,500 people who gathered along the shore of Lake Michigan September 20 for the 3rd Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk. The record amount raised to benefit AIDS care and education throughout the state far exceeded the original goal of \$300,000.

Ninety-six percent of all contributions pledged had been turned in by the end of the AIDS Walk that day. For the second year in a row, Linda Molitor raised the most money of any individual walker with over \$5,000 pledged. But the "Scream Team" was the Walk's top money raiser, bringing in almost \$10,000 in pledges.

Honorary Co-Chair of this year's AIDS Walk, Brewers' star Paul Molitor, set the tone for the day at a Leadership Breakfast held before the Walk.

"AIDS touches all of our lives," Molitor said. "More than 12,000 people throughout Wisconsin have been infected with HIV...And each year, many more men, women and children witness first hand the devastation of AIDS. Across the country, someone becomes infected with HIV every eleven minutes. We are losing people to this disease in the prime of their life who are making important contributions to business, labor, the arts, and yes, even professional sports. There can no longer be any doubt that AIDS affects us all."

"We desperately need organizations like the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and the Madison AIDS Support Network to develop innovative and aggressive HIV prevention programs," said Molitor. "We must continue to build support services for people living with HIV disease as well. Today, through the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, we will be directly helping 15 agencies throughout Wisconsin deliver vital support services."

At noon, thousands of walkers, men and women, young and old, black and white, Gay and straight, jammed Urban Park for opening ceremonies and

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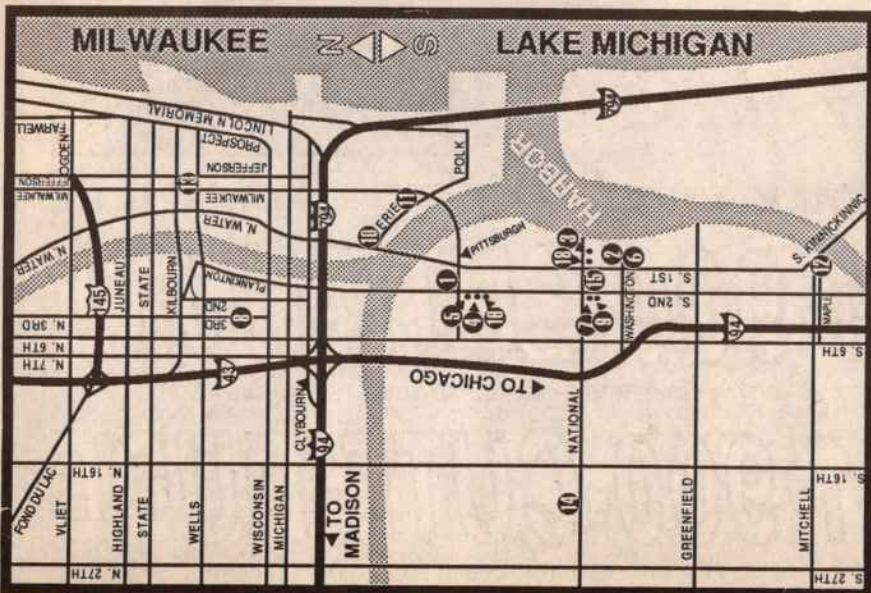
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National News Briefs

MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNOR EXTENDS BENEFITS TO GAYS

Boston, MA — Republican Governor William Weld has signed an executive order giving Gay state employees in Massachusetts the same spousal bereavement rights that are available to married employees. It entitles Gay workers to take up to four days paid leave in case of the death of a partner. Weld also signed a measure giving Gays and Lesbians throughout the state the right to visit their partners in hospitals or prisons.

Weld, a moderate Republican, has proved to be a staunch supporter of Gay and Lesbian rights. He is the first governor to set up a state commission to investigate the problems of Gay and Lesbian youth.

NEW JERSEY COURT VOIDS HATE SPEECH LAW

New Brunswick, NJ — State Superior Court Judge Joseph E. Sadofski ruled September 25 that New Jersey's hate crime law is unconstitutional because it infringes on the right of free speech. The law adds extra penalties to those found guilty of crimes that are motivated by

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speeches. Then, the seemingly endless line of people exited the park and began the 6.2 mile route along the lakefront. The last participants re-entered the park three hours later when entertainment by Gerard and Modern Art was in full swing.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, thanked the many volunteers and corporate sponsors whose assistance made the 3rd Annual AIDS Walk such a success. Among the sponsors were the Miller Brewing Company, Bank One, Aurora Health Care, WTMJ-TV (whose weathercaster, Paul Joseph, along with wife Judy, were Masters of Ceremony in the park) and Time Insurance.

An emotional rendering of Dionne Warwick's song "That's What Friends Are For" concluded the afternoon.

bias. The New Jersey Attorney General will appeal the ruling to the state Supreme Court.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court made a similar ruling against Wisconsin's hate crime law in June. Attorney General Jim Doyle is appealing that decision to the US Supreme Court. However, the US Supreme Court itself overturned a St. Paul, Minnesota hate crime ordinance on free speech grounds last June.

U.S. PARK SERVICE WON'T PROTECT GAY WORKERS

Washington, DC — The National Park Service, which guards and operates many of America's civil rights monuments, has refused to extend its anti-discrimination guidelines to include the category of sexual orientation. This conflicts with recent statements by President Bush who claims that his administration would not tolerate anti-Gay discrimination.

Current Park Service policy prohibits job bias based on sex, age, race, religion, national origin or disability. A move by the agency's western regional office, based in San Francisco, to add both sexual harassment and sexual orientation to the policy was rebuffed by the National Park Service in Washington, DC.

CAMBRIDGE APPROVES DOMESTIC PARTNERS LAW

Cambridge, MA — Cambridge, Massachusetts recently became the 19th municipality in the U.S. to enact a domestic partners registration ordinance. Unmarried couples, whether straight or Gay, can register with the city as partners and gain certain legal rights previously limited only to married couples.

The registered domestic partners of city employees will be eligible to obtain coverage under the employee's health insurance plan. The law also guarantees unmarried Gay and straight couples visitation rights to their partners in hospitals and prisons.

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a weeklong videotape surveillance sting allegedly caught the men engaging in homosexual acts in restrooms on the post. Both officers and noncommissioned officers were discharged. Some of those dismissed plan legal action.

Miriam Ben-Shalom, President of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual veterans of America, expressed outrage at the discharges: "I cannot believe that the Army has nothing better to do with its time and resources than to set up a sting operation in a latrine...I certainly can't endorse such public sex, but because we are desperately close to eliminating this ban [against Gays in the military], I think they are trying to ferret out as many Gay men...as they possibly can now."

GUS VAN SANT JOINS OREGON BATTLE

Salem, OR — Gay film director Gus Van Sant, currently shooting *Even Cowgirls Get the Blues* in Oregon, has entered the debate over the anti-Gay referendum, Measure 9, on the November ballot. The measure defines homosexuality as "abnormal and perverse" and prohibits any state agencies from "promoting" or "facilitating" it in any way.

"It might get to the point where people like me can't shoot their films," said Van Sant, whose movies like *Cowgirls* and *My Own Private Idaho* contain Gay characters and themes. He said the referendum was worded so broadly that government bodies could potentially deny work and business permits to filmmakers like himself. "I think it would give us a poor image that might affect people coming here," said Van Sant, who is a native Oregonian.

The Oregon Film and Video Office reports that a record 15 feature length films have been shot in Oregon just this year, bringing \$60 million into the state economy. Tourism and convention officials report that some large groups are warning they may withdraw their conventions from Oregon if Measure 9 is passed. Anti-Gay proponents of Measure 9 say the threats amount to economic blackmail.

LESBIAN BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

San Francisco, CA — The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in San Francisco is about to launch a statewide billboard campaign highlighting a Lesbian couple, one of whom is pregnant, with the tag line: "Another Traditional Family." The effort is intended to increase public awareness of Lesbians while challenging the traditional definition of family. The project is being co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Lesbian Visibility Task Force.

GAY EMPLOYEES AT AT&T ORGANIZING

— In August, delegates from 18 chapters of Lesbian and Gay United Employees of AT&T (LEAGUE) nationwide voted Kathleen Dermody and Arturo Nava to be co-chairs of their organization. LEAGUE's goal is to foster an inclusive and supportive work environment for Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals at AT&T.

(For more information on LEAGUE, contact Kathleen Dermody at (908) 658-6013, or Arturo Nava at (508) 960-6795.)

— Briefs compiled by Jamakaya from various sources.

Helms loses on two issues

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.), for the first time, has been defeated on his annual bid to bar federal funds from being used in HIV prevention programs allowing the distribution of clean needles to intravenous drug users.

The surprising 69-29 vote came during debate on the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriation bill Sept. 17 when the Senate passed a substitute amendment from Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) which gutted Helms' needle proposal.

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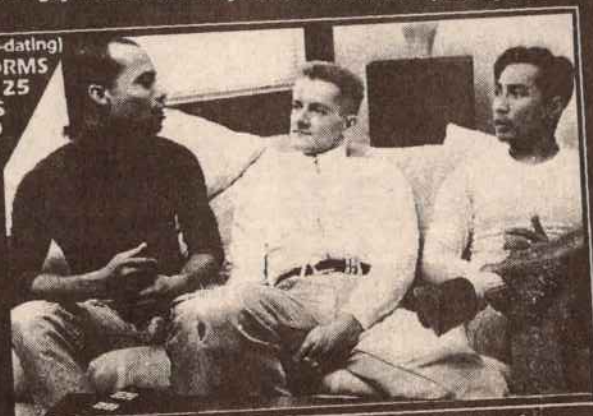
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programs to stem the spread of HIV among IV drug users only promoted drug use and addiction. In previous years, Helms has repeatedly won similar amendments by overwhelming margins.

BOY SCOUTS AMENDMENT

He was also defeated by a 49-49 tie vote in the Senate Sept. 22 on an eleventh-hour attempt to bar federal assistance to charities attempting to change the Boy Scouts of America's prohibition of Gay Scouts and counselors.

The Helms amendment, introduced to the Defense Appropriations bill, would have prohibited federal assistance to any charity seeking to change the Boy Scouts policy. The proposal was aimed at the United Way of America, which has seen several local chapters, including branches in San Francisco and Chicago, vote to withhold donations to the Boy Scouts until the organization removes its ban on Gay scouts and counselors.

The United Way of America opposed the Helms Amendment, saying in a letter to Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) that the charity "and the 1,400 local United Ways nationwide are committed to nondiscrimination."

An identical Helms amendment was approved by a voice vote in the Senate Sept. 17 during debate on a different appropriations bill, but is expected to be rejected by a House/Senate conference ironing out a final version of the proposal.

Sensing that his anti-Gay amendment would be killed in the conference — as has become customary with his other riders over the past few years — Helms had threatened to attach the measure to every appropriations bill passing through the Senate until he was granted a roll call vote on his amendment. Had it passed by a wide margin, the Helms proposal would have had a better chance of making it onto the final version of the bill.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-Maine) agreed to give Helms the straight up- or-down vote on the Defense bill if he agreed to abide by the outcome of that vote. With the 49-49 tie, the proposal was effectively killed for this

appropriations season, much to the delight of Gay and Lesbian activists.

During debate on the proposal, Helms trotted out what he characterized as evidence that Gays and Lesbians "recruit" children into homosexuality, quoting from several Gay and Lesbian publications and making repeated reference to the North American Man/Boy Love Association and how it is allowed to march in the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade.

"With so many in the homosexual community advocating sex with children," he said, "do we really want the taxpayers' money being used to force the Boy Scouts to allow homosexuals to serve as role models for our children, or to give them the opportunity to develop trusting relationships with young, impressionable little boys?"

Black Gay/Lesbian confab

Los Angeles — The 6th National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference and Institutes will take place February 11-15, 1993 at the Hilton Hotel in Long Beach, California. This year's theme, "Black Lesbians and Gays: Building Bridges, Making Connections," will focus on the inherent need to bridge the gaps that separate us around issues of gender, race, and sexual orientation.

The leadership forum draws national and international participants, and is host to workshops, institutes and vendors from the African-American, Lesbian and Gay communities. Topics to be discussed during the five-day conference include leadership, culture/ arts, family/ youth, heterosexism, health, public policy, economics, women's/ men's issues and spirituality.

The conference is currently soliciting vendors, workshop presenters and volunteers for the five-day event.

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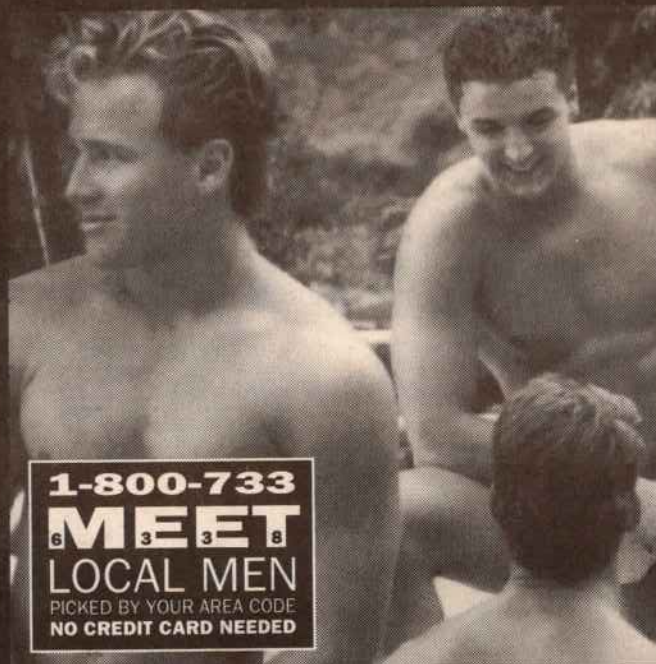
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Rod: Shards of glass in your ass is not a fashion statement. **Club 219 Posse**

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Gay & Lesbian Vote '92; Congress in the sights

An Election Year Series

By Cliff O'Neill

The writing is on the wall. Come January, Gay and Lesbian Americans will have significantly more support in Congress than ever before. More, perhaps, than some imagined possible.

While dozens of races for the House and Senate are still keeping both supporters and opponents of Gay rights glued to their pollsters through election day, Gay political onlookers already have reasons to be cheerful.

"Overall," says Kevin Layton, associate political director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, "this is a tremendous year of opportunity for Gay and Lesbian Americans."

Regardless of the outcome of the presidential election and several of the closer congressional contests, more backers of Gay and Lesbian rights will likely be swept into office this year than in any single election before.

In large measure this is due to the decennial redistricting process which this year saw the creation of a record number of congressional seats especially carved out for minority representation. Thanks to the implementation of the voting Rights Act this year, the Congressional Black and Hispanic caucuses will each double in size in the 103rd Congress.

And, as virtually all the minority members of the House are staunch supporters of Gay and Lesbian equality, the number of names on the Gay and Lesbian rights bill will likely swell as a result.

With few exceptions, one doesn't have to look very hard to understand why the influx of these members will have the added impact of bolstering support for Gays and Lesbians on the Hill.

"We are adding members who have experienced discrimination first hand," says Layton. "These legislators understand what we're talking about."

MINORITY POWER

The statistics are remarkable. Presently, of the 26 African Americans in the House, all but three are co-sponsors of the federal Gay and Lesbian rights bill. And of those, only one has what would be considered an anti-Gay voting record, Rep. Gary Franks (R-Conn.), the caucus' only Republican.

Factoring in retirements and primary defeats, that number is expected to grow by at least 21 members, of which 98 percent have long-standing records of support for Gay and lesbian rights and have pledged to co-sponsor the bill upon its reintroduction next year.

While not as uniformly supportive, members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus likewise have a history of supporting Gay and Lesbian Americans with word and deed, and they too will see an increase in their numbers in the next Congress.

Presently, there are 13 representatives in the Hispanic Caucus, eight of which are Gay rights bill co-sponsors. Of the remaining five, two are non-voting delegates from Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and two others have generally pro-Gay voting records. The sole anti-Gay vote in the bunch, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-Fla.), is also the group's only Republican and its only Cuban American.

The new Congress likely will see seven new members of the Hispanic caucus, of which six will either become bill co-sponsors or generally pro-Gay votes in the chamber. The sole hold out is expected to come again from Miami's conservative Cuban American community, Florida state Sen. Lincoln Diaz-Balart (R).

These incoming Hispanic and Black House members, plus a handful more shoo-ins for office among Asian and Native Americans, will result in a fortification of support for Gay and Lesbian Americans in the halls of Congress next year.

All told, the effects of the Voting Rights

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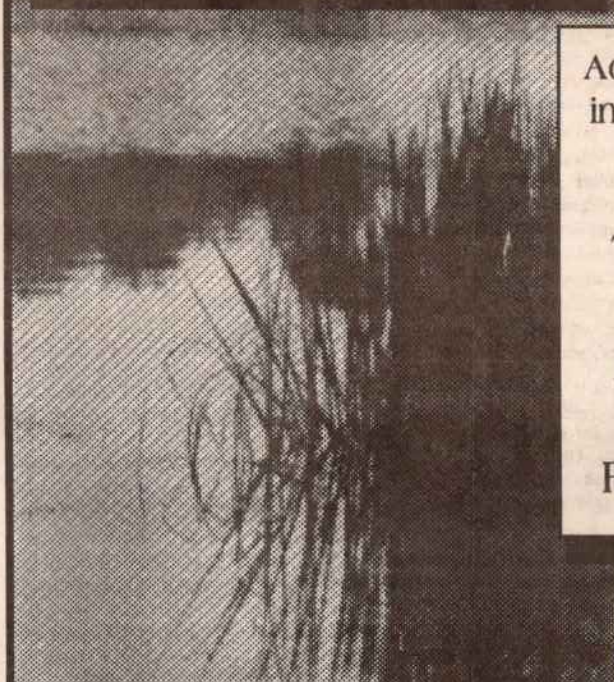
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Act's new minority seats alone will bring in a bare minimum of 20 new minority co-sponsors above and beyond those on the bill now.

Considering that Gay and Lesbian political activists are looking at a realistic scenario of coming out of the elections with a net gain of 30 new House co-sponsors — assuming some key incumbents win their races — the broad impact minorities in Congress will have on the future of Gay rights is clear.

"Right now we have 109 members on the bill," adds Layton. "Come Jan. 4, 1993, we could be only 58 votes away from a simple majority in the House... and that doesn't even count the supportive

members who for one reason or another haven't co-sponsored the bill, despite the fact that they support it."

As the House bill gains support and state legislatures pass Gay and Lesbian rights laws, movement is also expected on the Senate side, where presently 17 senators are co-sponsors. In the new Congress, if polls hold steady, Gays can reasonably expect somewhere in the vicinity of 23 Senate co-sponsors next year.

And while still far from the 60 votes that would be needed to overcome a Senate filibuster, that puts Gay activists well on the road to what by 1994 will be a 20-year goal; equal civil rights protections for Gay and Lesbian Americans by the year 2000.

National 'Get Out the Vote' campaign

Washington, DC — 'Come Out Voting,' the ground breaking 30 second television spot urging Lesbian and Gay young adults to register and vote was seen by millions of Americans on September 23rd Cable News Network broadcast of "Crossfire," the nightly public affairs program.

The spot features young Lesbians and Gay men in a variety of social settings urging their peers to vote. At the beginning of the spot, written copy appears on the screen which reads, "Because of who we love, the world calls us Queer." Then, various participants in the spot say: "Our rights, our lives, are being challenged every day. As Americans, we can do something about it — Vote! If we don't vote, others will decide our futures for us. Voting equals

power, power equals change. Your vote will make a difference. Come Out Voting. Register today."

"The ad has been accepted as a public service spot by over 50 stations around the country," reports Tim McCarthy, national coordinator of the Come Out Voting Coalition. "In addition, millions of viewers have seen the spot during the CNN program, and on a Fox television network news broadcast concerning the increasing impact of Lesbian and Gay issues in the presidential campaign."

The ad was produced for the Come Out Voting Coalition, a group organized by several national organizations, including the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, NGLTF, ACT UP and Queer Nation. The Triangle



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Handsome Male — Would like to meet Bi-females or couples. Serious only! You won't be disappointed! Write P.O. Box 1924, Waukesha, WI 53187.

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Young GWM — 5'11", Br./Br., 160 lbs. Straight personality, caring, sensitive and very straight forward and honest. Cute, along with nice body (like senior in High School). Just tried out the bars and I don't like it. Guys 18-24 in Brown County area that enjoy other things besides bars need only reply. Send photo, name, address and will reply with same. If interested: P.O. Box 9213, Green Bay, WI 54308-9213.

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GWM, Straight acting, 6'1", 25 enjoy dining out, movies and quiet times. Looking for friendship and commitment. Write: P.O. Box 167, 10240 W. National, West Allis, WI 53227.

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Institute, an educational organization, along with Terry Watanabe and Stonewall Community Foundation, funded the project, in memory of Randy Klose, the late Co-Chair of the Board of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"This is a critical election for all Lesbian and Gay Americans," Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund noted. "At the Presidential level and Congressional level, and at the state and local level, decisions are being made that affect all of our lives. We need to do everything possible to make sure that our community is registered and that it votes."

The ad is part of a multi-program effort underway to increase the Lesbian and Gay vote in November's election — including a grassroots distribution plan for the 'Come Out Voting' public service ad, a 'Come Out Voting' poster, and an action kit for registering and delivering Lesbian and Gay votes. The poster was conceived and photographed by Kevin Kendall of Impact Studios and designed by Thomas Drymon.

The coalition is encouraging individuals

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and groups around the country to sponsor the ad and encourage local stations around the country to sponsor the ad and encourage local stations to air it. "One radio station in Arizona, an ABC affiliate, is airing the audio portion of the video," notes Gregory King, Communications Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

McCarthy noted that local activists around the country can play a critical role in placing the 'Come Out Voting' ad. "We will provide copies of the ad, the poster, and the Action Kit to any groups that want them and are willing to demand that local stations carry them." Telegenics, a company that supplies

Lesbian and Gay bars and clubs with music videos, has agreed to send the television spot to hundreds of Lesbian and Gay establishments before the election. The 'Come out Voting' poster will be distributed widely as well.

The non-partisan ad does not refer to any specific candidate, party or referendum. McCarthy indicated that Columbus was chosen because of the critical role Ohio is playing in the national election — both the Bush and Clinton campaigns have targeted the state — and the emerging strength of the Lesbian and Gay community there.

For more information on the campaign, contact the HRCF at (202) 628-4160.

Mass wedding set for '93 March on D.C.

Washington, DC — The Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, has agreed to preside over a mass wedding of Gay and Lesbian couples at the March on Washington scheduled for April, 1993. The Wedding will take place Saturday, April 24, the day before the big march.

Meanwhile, the first meeting of the Upper Midwest Delegation Steering Committee for the 1993 March on Washington took place September 12 in St. Paul. Twenty people attended the meeting. The Upper Midwest Delegation includes the states of Wisconsin, Minnesota and North and South Dakota.

Three subcommittees were formed. The Finance/Fundraising subcommittee took on the task of incorporating the delegation as a business entity and opening bank accounts. The Marketing/Outreach subcommittee decided to launch a contest for a logo design. The Transportation/Lodging subcommittee decided to secure a hotel room in Washington, D.C. to serve as a hospitality suite for participants from the region during the April 25 March.

Most attending the meeting were from the Twin Cities area and it is hoped that more representatives of the other three states will attend the next regional meeting set for October 17, again in St.

Paul. Steering Committee members plan to travel to major cities like Milwaukee and Madison and Fargo and Sioux Falls in the Dakotas to whip up support.


The October 17 meeting will take place at Town House Country, 1415 University Avenue in St. Paul at 1:00p.m. For directions or accommodations, call Steven Anderson at (612) 645-4028. The meeting will focus on outreach and how to best encourage and coordinate attendance from the upper midwest at the March.


In other business, the group chose Mary Jo Nohner, Janet Carlsen, Shawn Dorisian and Steven Anderson as temporary delegates to attend the National Steering Committee meeting in Denver October 3-4.

Wisconsin contacts for the March on Washington are:

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Good-looking GWM, 50, 164 lbs. 5'8" educated. Greek, passionate, wants friendship or lover. GWM 25-42. Me: young looking, stable. You: Good-looking, horny, caring. P.O. Box 83173, Milwaukee, WI 53223.

34 yr. old, Bi-WM, 5'11", 162 lbs., NS, HIV neg., with trim muscular physique from regular workouts (swimming, bicycling) looking for similar guys for hot, safe, discrete get-togethers. If your description fits mine, send letter and photo to P.O. Box 2013, Waukesha, WI 53187-2013.

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GWM, 23, looking for fun. You: 21-25, thin, good appearance. Sense of humor, great personality? Me: 5'11", 155, br/bl, non-drinker, smoker, quiet at the start. If you think we would get along. Write: 'D', P.O. Box 581, Sturtevant, WI 53177, photos answered first.

Good-looking, Spontaneous GWM, early 20's looking to meet that special someone. The right person should be down to earth, fun loving, caring, and easy going. If you're the right person, please send photo and phone to P.O. Box 112, Hancock, WI 54943.

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Wanted: GWM, 35-45 — 150-185 lb., approx. 6', dark well-groomed hair, hung, barrel-chested, sensitive, financially okay, truthful, willing to share openly & honestly — Who enjoys 5'10", blond, swimmer's build, 40s, 138 lbs. Call Ron at (H) (414) 783-4131 or (O) (414)792-1690.

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In **Milwaukee:** Patrick Flaherty at (414) 789-1636 and Miriam Ben-Shalom (special outreach to veterans) at (414) 933-6233;

In **Northern Wisconsin:** Bob Jansen at the Main Club in Superior, (715) 392-1756.

The toll-free number for the national office of the March on Washington is 1-800-832-2889.

Gay Media Briefs

LILY TOMLIN FEATURED ON "IN THE LIFE"

Comedian Lily Tomlin and the a cappella singing group the Flirtations will be featured in the second installment of the new Gay/Lesbian variety program, **In the Life**. WMVS, the PBS affiliate in Milwaukee, has scheduled the show for November 18 at 11:30p.m. WHA in Madison has not yet scheduled the program.

In the show, Tomlin recalls her friendship with Gay film historian Vito Russo, author of **The Celluloid Closet**, and the Flirtations sing several songs. Kate Clinton is the host. The program's format has been reduced to a half hour. In January, producers plan to make the show a monthly series. Dick Sargent, the Gay actor who played Darrin Stevens on **Bewitched**, will be featured.

IN STEP JOINS GAY MEDIA EFFORT

Wisconsin **In Step** joined with a coalition of other Gay and Lesbian publications and a Gay public relations firm, aka Communications, to run a series of full page ads in **Advertising Age** touting the advantages of businesses running ads in the Gay press.

One full page ad featured the attention-getting headline: "\$500 Billion Dollars Found in Closet!" The ad described the Gay community as a "virtually untapped market" of "affluent, well educated and brand loyal" consumers. It included charts

indicating the higher educational level and household incomes of most Gays and Lesbians and encouraged the placement of ads in Gay newspapers and magazines.

In recent months, large corporations like Absolut Vodka, The Gap, Banana Republic, Benetton and Geffen Records have placed ads in Gay magazines. Increased advertising income will put Gay publications on a more sound financial base.

SECOND EDITION OF 'OUT' ON NEWSTANDS

The second edition of the new national Gay/Lesbian news and features magazine, **Out**, is currently on newsstands. The Fall, 1992 issue includes profiles on Gay historian and novelist Gore Vidal, on outgoing Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Urvashi Vaid, and on David Mixner, an openly Gay man who is a major political strategist for the Clinton-Gore campaign.

The cover story is an interview with actor Rupert Everett and dozens of features on the arts, health and other lifestyle issues are featured. **Out** costs \$4.95.

BLACK LACE BEGINS SECOND YEAR

With its fourth issue published in September, **Black Lace**, the only erotic magazine featuring images and experiences of African-American Lesbians, began its second year of publication. The new issue includes five short stories, opinion columns, and 14 photographs with three women featured in the centerfold.

In addition to **Black Lace**, the BLK Publishing Company produces three other periodicals that focus on the Black Gay and Lesbian community: **BLACKfire**, an erotic magazine for Gay men; **Kuumba**, a poetry journal; and **BLK**, the company's flagship Gay/Lesbian newsmagazine.

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Roy Aarons, President of the Gay journalist group, said: "I'm confident that we can make a contribution to the way Lesbian and Gay stories are covered and enhance broadcasters' sensitivity to issues of diversity in the newsroom."

Among those attending the convention was Garrett Glaser, an openly Gay reporter for the TV news show **Entertainment Tonight**.

"OUT AND ABOUT," NEW GAY TRAVEL MAGAZINE DEBUTS

Out and About is a new monthly travel magazine geared to Gays and Lesbians. It promises up-to-the-minute travel

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program produced specifically for Gays and Lesbians is being delivered via VHS videotape to subscribers around the country.

The premiere episode of **Network Q**, a two hour video produced in Santa Fe, included: the evangelist-spoofing "Minister Mike Show;" **Fighting in Southwest Louisiana**, a documentary spotlighting rural Gay life; "Classic Queer Archives," a look back on the 1987 March on Washington; interviews with actress Ali McGraw and the founders of National Coming Out Day; a short film called **Afterlife**; and much more.

The second installment of **Network Q**, available this month, includes coverage of Gay resorts in Palm Springs, California, a humorous game show called "Caught From Behind," and an interview segment on current Gay/Lesbian issues. The two hour show is comprised of segments submitted by independent Gay filmmakers and artists from around the country.

For \$49.95, subscribers will receive the premiere edition of **Network Q**, a t-shirt and a subscription to the monthly newsletter. Each subsequent edition of **Network Q** will then cost \$21.95. Call the toll-free customer service line at 1-800-368-0638 to order.

GAY NEWSPAPER IN EUROPE TO FOLD

According to the Outlines News Service, the Paris based **Gay Pied Hebdo** will shut down in late October after fifteen years as one of Europe's best known Gay publications.

Newsstand sales have fallen in recent years and "We have not been able to turn this trend around or maintain a sufficient level of sales to ensure a balance," Managing Editor Gerard Vappereau told the paper's employees in September.

Staff members wrote in one of the final issues that the paper's demise will "deal an irreversible blow" to the rights and visibility of Gays and Lesbians in European society. **Gay Pied** was particularly valuable in publishing crucial news about AIDS that is not available elsewhere.

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The '92 Wisconsin AIDS Walk got off to a start when Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist and Linda Molitor cut the ribbon [top photo]. Center— ARCW Exec. director, Doug Nelson speaks at the after Walk rally and announced that \$404,000 had been raised, shattering expectations. Bottom— the big crowd of participants listens to the speakers and entertainment after the walk.

format. One bowler throws the first ball and the partner tries to pick up the spare.

The third game is the popular 9 pin tap. Nine pins down on the first ball counts as a strike.

There will be cash prizes for high scores. This is an event that should not be missed. Cost per person is \$15. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

BJ's 819 S. 2nd, will host the second 'Pot of Gold' party. A \$13 entry fee entitles the entrant to 6 scratch-off tickets and a super cash ticket. All winnings are put into one pot and divided equally among the participants. The date for this is October 14. You need not be present to win.

Both of these events are sponsored by the Holiday Invitational Tournament. For any further information please contact Tim at (414) 223-3139 or Jeff at 332- 9414.

Holiday Invitational Tournament

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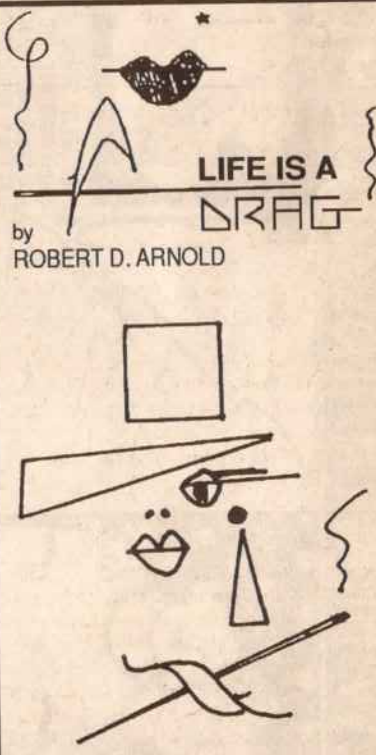
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Country/ Western will be the theme for the weekend with parties, contests and surprises. Watch In Step for more details on these events.

Application deadline for bowlers and teams is November 9, 1992. Advertising deadline for the annual HIT booklet is November 1, 1992. For applications or additional information please contact Dean at (414) 966-3339 or Cindy at (414) 871-4735.

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SSBL awards party

The awards party for the **Saturday Softball Beer League** will be held on Sunday evening, Oct. 11th from 4-7pm, at the Ball game. There will be free beer and food for all members of the SSBL and their guests. Anyone interested in joining the league next year is also encouraged to attend.

Team trophies will be presented to all teams and the 1st place Triangle Trojans and 2nd place Wreck Room Spurs will receive individual awards.

A league meeting, with election of officers for 1993, will be held prior to the party at 3:30.

Volleyball league being formed

Milwaukee — The Cowles Volleyball League is now being formed for the 1992-1993 season. Games will be played at UWM's Engelmann Gym on Saturday afternoons beginning on October 31 and continuing, except for holidays, through mid-March, 1993. All members of the greater Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community are welcome to join the league; many bars and some organizations are forming teams. There will be a 'competitive' division and a 'social' division. These games will be referred by

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Maybe these things aren't exactly miracles, but they do seem to me to be the basis for real hope: hope that Gays and Lesbians can stop **struggling** to live and just live. Then maybe we can devote more of our energy to helping solve this country's other problems (AIDS, poverty, homelessness, joblessness, racism, sexism — and unfortunately, I could go on). We're a valuable resource. Let's hope we're not squandered.
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certified personnel.

Persons interested in forming or joining a team should contact Pat Callen at (414) 271-8264. There will be both a team fee and an individual fee. These will be used to pay for equipment, rental, and referees. Mr. Callen will discuss fees and scheduling matters with potential team captains. Team fees and rosters are due by October 31st.

This league, honoring its late founder, John M. Cowles, is sponsored by Milwaukee GAMMA and is coordinated by an independent committee. GAMMA will be sponsoring a team; 'unaffiliated' persons interested in either the GAMMA competitive team or its social team should contact GAMMA at 963- 9833.

2nd annual 'Rita Bowl' Oct. 23

Milwaukee — Red Carpet Celebrity, 5727 S. 27th in Milwaukee will be the site for the **Second Annual 'Miss Rita' Bowling Party**. This event involves three different games of bowling.

The first game is something different every frame, for example, bowling blindfolded or on your stomach. Scores for this event are usually low but the fun and laughter are at an all time high.

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LRN Forum: involvement in politics

Milwaukee — The **Lambda Rights Network [LRN]** asks "Is there a home for us in the mainstream?" in its upcoming, Thursday, October 8 community forum debating Lesbians and Gays in the political process.

Does Pat Buchanan set the Republican agenda? Do Democrats take Lesbians and Gay men for granted? What are the prospects for openly Lesbian and Gay candidates? What about AIDS discrimination, domestic partnership, health care, outing, reproductive freedom, and working the system? All this and more will be discussed at the forum, and voter registration will also be available.

Panelists include:

- Gail Davy — democratic activist and campaign strategist;
- Scott Evertz — chair of the Milwaukee East Side Unit of the Republican Party of Wisconsin;
- Jim McFarland — former Madison Common Council member, and the Wisconsin contact for the Log Cabin Society (a club for Gay/Lesbian Republicans);
- Judy Selle — home secretary for Congressman Jim Moody.

Dr. Gary Hollander will act as moderator for the evening.

The Thursday, October 8 debate begins with a 6:30pm social hour, and wraps with the 7-9pm program at the Colonial Room of the Hotel Wisconsin, 720 N. Old World Third Street. Questions will be accepted from the audience.

Elect our own 'First Lady'

Milwaukee — Wouldn't it be interesting if we could elect our 'First Lady' instead of being stuck with the President's wife? You'll have a chance to

do that locally when the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee, in cooperation with B.J. Daniels and Club 219 Plus holds a 'First Lady Contest' on Wednesday, October 28.

The contest is open to both men and women. Anyone wishing to 'run' for the title must pick up a declaration of candidacy form at Club 219 and file it no later than Sunday, October 25.

To win the title, contestants will appear at Club 219, at 10pm, Wed., October 28 to do their electioneering. According to Election Commissioner B.J. Daniels, "All of the candidates will be given five minutes to convince the audience to vote for them. Speeches and routines can be either humorous or serious. All speeches and routines must relate to what the candidate would do if her or she was elected."

Everyone in the audience will receive a ballot when they pay their donation at the door. After the electioneering, the winner

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The newly elected 'First Lady' will be the honorary Grand Marshal in the '93 Pride Parade and help represent the Pride Committee at fundraising events.

MLGPC will also be selling pride merchandise at 219 the night of the contest. Mini-raffles will also be held, with all moneys raised going to MLGPC. For more information, or to obtain your declaration of candidacy, stop in at Club 219 any day after 4pm.

GWEEDA meets Oct. 14

Appleton — The Greater Wisconsin Educational & Economic Development Alliance, Inc. (GWEEDA), a relatively new group of Gay men, Lesbians and their supporters, will hold its next meeting, Wednesday, October 14, 7pm, at Mark's East Side Restaurant, 1405 E. Wisconsin Avenue in Appleton.

In its newsletter, GWEEDA said it "was formed because of a simple fact — we need each other; and we have tried to recognize that fact in the free flowing discussions which have characterized our general meetings this summer. Not everybody's ideas will be adopted immediately (nor should they be), but everyone needs to know that they've been heard."

The group already has a corporate charter, a proposed Mission Statement, and has drafted by-laws. "Most important of all, we've got a group of Gay

men, Lesbians and other friends who are willing to work together to make GWEEDA an instrument for furthering the economic development and raising the level of consciousness within the Gay and Lesbian community — and the wider community as well. By pulling together we can make it an effective instrument — a power indeed to be reckoned with."

Dues for the group range from \$15 for students and seniors, to \$100 for supporting members. (Membership fees may also be waived in case of economic hardship.) GWEEDA is preparing to file with the IRS for status as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation.

The Oct. 14 dinner will cost \$9.49 (tip included), and reservations are required before October 13. The regular meeting will follow dinner at 8:30pm. For more information on the meeting, or the group call either Perry or Mike at (414)739-1109 or (800)876-1190. Write: GWEEDA, 1004 Olde Oneida Street, #10, Appleton, WI 54915-1399.

Oberons Halloween party

Milwaukee — The Oberons will hold their 'Scary Monster' Halloween costume party and contest on Saturday, October 31 at the Wreck Room. Contest judging is slated for midnight.

First prize is a \$25 bar tab at the Wreck Room and a gift certificate for the Cell. Other prizes will be 'scary.' Costumes must conform to the Scary Monsters theme, "and while interpretation is encouraged, drag (while often scary) will not be permitted to compete." The contest will be judged by the Oberons.

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Based upon the best-selling book of the 1960's about rural buddies who form a sex club. Barn antics include: strip poker, group masturbation, cock-size competitions, and some good, old-fashioned fucking and sucking! Directed by J. Brian and starring Dean Chasson. (Item V0083)

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Painstaking professionalism with big cocks in this story about a swimmer (Leo Ford) and a photographer (Al Parker) in the first S.F. Gay Games. Al devours Giorgio Conoli's uncut boner, a doctor has sex with his patient, and sport footage are emphasized. With Johnny Daves and Brian Nichols. (Item V0271)

Lovers & Friends
A health club sets the scene for endless cumshots and beefcakes with big cocks in this well-photographed feature. Brad Mason fucks Ron Pearson and Eric Stryker in a 3-way; machoman Pierce Daniels sucks Joel Curry's ass; lots of big dicks; and superstars Scott O'Hara and Eric Ryan are featured. (Item V0564)

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I am also optimistic when I think about how many incredibly wonderful and supportive straight people I know. It used to be that, really, the only people I was close to were Lesbians. And now, not only have I acquired some Gay male friends (which is harder than it might seem in an all-encompassingly segregated town like Chicago), but I know numerous totally cool heteros — of both sexes and of ages ranging from early 20s to early 70s — women who aren't afraid of me and men who don't think of me as a challenge or as an affront to their masculinity. This is very exciting, to my way of thinking: bridges are being built, diversity is being embraced, we are being accepted and cherished for who we are — sometimes even by our families! My grandmother, my girlfriend's siblings, my sister and brother-in-law — they all seem perfectly comfortable not only with both my girlfriend and I as individuals but also with the two of us as a couple, showing us the same sorts of considerations they would any other committed couple. Even those members of Kathy's family who are still a little 'willified,' and adjective meaning: to be given the 'willies' by something — in this case by Kathy's Lesbianism and the tangible evidence of its existence (me) — regularly welcome us into their homes and treat us like the couple we are. This, if nothing else, shows tolerance. And that's a damn good start.

AND don't tell me you don't find it hopeful that for the first time in our history we have a presidential candidate who has made Gay and Lesbian rights a part of his platform and who made a real statement by having PWAs and Gays and Lesbians be a visible presence at the Democratic Convention. OK, the guy's not perfect, but it's a whole lot more respect and more of a gesture than we're

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getting from those other guys. I also find myself buoyed by the likelihood that the first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate will be from the state of Illinois this fall.

Maybe I'm overstating my case, but it strikes me, indeed, these are the days of miracle and wonder (to quote Paul Simon — or is it George Bush?): when a gal like me from the projects can become a writer; when several major corporations grant benefits to the domestic partners of their Gay and Lesbian employees; when my lover and I can be welcomed into straight people's homes as a couple; when Kate Clinton's name and face can be on "Entertainment Tonight," **The Wall Street Journal**, and **Publisher's Weekly**, all within a week or so; when a Gay novel (David Leavitt's **The Lost Language of Cranes**) and a hot true-life lesbian love story (between Vita Sackville-West and Violet Trefusis) can be adapted for TV, Not cable, but TV; when the Gay and Lesbian vote is actively courted by high profile candidates in a high profile way.

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Gay/Lesbian union forms in Kenosha

Kenosha — An interested individual, who has long desired that Kenosha have its own Gay and Lesbian Union, set the date of Tuesday, October 6 for the first meeting of the potential support and social group. Anyone interested in getting involved in the Gay and Lesbian community is invited to participate.

The group will meet the first Tuesday of the month at Gateway College (3520 30th Avenue), main building Board Room, beginning at 7:30pm.

To contact the group, write: GLU of Kenosha, care of Bradford Community Unitarian Universalist Church, PO Box 593, Kenosha, WI 53141. Or, call (414) 654-9427.

Northern Womyn dance

Green Bay — The country-western dance sensation that's sweeping the nation is coming to Northeastern Wisconsin Saturday Oct. 17!

Northern Womyn Inc. presents Carolyn & Jaye, two cute line-dancing cowgirls from Minneapolis, from 7 to 10pm at the Green Bay YWCA, 230 S. Madison St.

The duo will perform and teach country-western line dances throughout the evening, with plenty of opportunity for you to join them. You don't need a partner for country-western line dancing: Just come and join the fun.

Carolyn & Jaye are experienced members of the Townhouse Country Bar

Cloggers, a Minneapolis dance group that performed this summer at the Minneapolis Pride Fest, the Gay Rodeo Convention in Minneapolis as well as at the recent Dance of the Decade in the Twin Cities area. The two also appeared in July at Wilderness Way, a womyn's retreat center in Wascott.

For those of you who'd rather dance to hip-hop, rock or soul, the Oct. 17 event also will feature an area disc jockey spinning tunes between the line-dancing sessions. Prizes will be given away throughout the evening and refreshments will be available.

Donations will be requested on a sliding-scale basis at the door. Please bring soft-soled shoes to protect the Y's floor!

Taking the next step

Milwaukee — As in years past, Oct. 11 marks our annual National Coming Out Day, a day set aside to celebrate our lives as openly Gay people. It is also a time for each of us to reflect upon our personal journey of self-acceptance and plan for what our next step will be as we continue

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In the true spirit of National Coming Out Day, please join the next Gay Men's Discussion Group focusing on issues regarding the coming out process. Whether you are just beginning to consider coming out or think of yourself as being completely 'out of the closet,' you are welcome to attend and support one another in our personal journeys. Issues to be discussed include defining the coming out process, knowing what your next step is in coming out, making coming out a truly personal experience, and learning how to accept the support, and handle the frustrations, that come with redefining yourself as a Gay man.

The evening is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 25 from 6-8pm and will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave. The discussion will be facilitated by Tim Baack, MS, a Psychotherapist and staff member of the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

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

BESTD Clinic: 'Thanks!'

BESTD Clinic was the recipient of over \$200 resulting from the proceeds of a benefit show at 3B's September 19th. The Country Girls show was well attended and a really fun time was held by all attendees. BESTD Clinic wishes to thank 3B's and the show girls on behalf of the clinic.

BESTD does free HIV testing by appointment on Monday and Wednesday nights and has a walk-in clinic for other sexually transmitted diseases on Tuesday nights between 6 and 9pm. BESTD also does anonymous HIV testing & counseling at various Out Reach sites such as bars.


BESTD Clinic also received \$90 from Tony Terry from the fund-raiser he held for the clinic at the Wreck Room on June 12th. Thanks much to all of you!

African American support group

Milwaukee Ujima, a support and social group dedicated to addressing the educational, social, and political needs of African-American Gay men and Lesbians, has begun a book of the month club which features some of America's best known and unknown African- American writers.

October's selection features James Baldwin and his controversial 1950's novel *Giovanni's Room*, one of the first books of its kind to openly address the topic of homosexuality during that era.

For further information about meeting times and places, please call Eric at (414) 277-7671. Ujima is a support and social group dedicated to addressing the educational, social, and political needs of African American Gay men & Lesbians.



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all of that, my own experience shows clearly what is possible: you can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. I am living proof. And if you we can just get some structures in place to give other kids a few breaks... well, who knows what would be possible.

What also gives me hope is the way in which I, a most clearly and decidedly out Lesbian, have risen in the ranks of what is generally perceived as a rather stuffy and prestigious publishing house. It wasn't many years ago when the only way a Gay or Lesbian could rise in the ranks of any respectable business was to keep their so-called life-style a dirty little well-kept secret. And now, people in every walk of

life — medicine, law enforcement, teaching, retail, law, and even politics, to give a few examples — have found that it is possible to pursue their careers, to keep their jobs, without horribly compromising themselves. Again, I'm not kidding myself; I know that their are still all too many people who are fearful that they would lose their jobs if they revealed their true selves. But there has definitely been progress on this front and that, to me, seems a hopeful sign.



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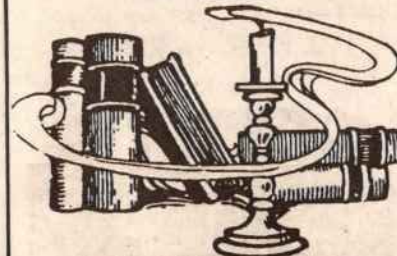
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Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

A place called hope

Sometimes — when I read about two women being shot to death by their 25 year long neighbor for being Lesbians, when I see people pushing their entire lives along down the street in front of them in a shopping cart, when I hear about white cops getting off scott-free after blatantly and brutally beating a black suspect — I get discouraged about the state of the world. I start feeling, in fact, hopeless.

Homophobia, poverty, racism, sexism — they're around us all the time, of course, but we generally don't hear about particular incidences unless they are sensational — or sensationalized. In the world I regularly inhabit — my place of work, my circle of friends and chosen family — it's decidedly not OK to be racist or homophobic or misanthropic. As a consequence, when I am not being bombarded with horror stories about man's inhumanity to man and woman (and, statistically, it is predominantly men who commit violent actions), I can sometimes get lulled into a false sense of things being, overall, right and good in this country. It's a rude awakening when I find out that they're not. Some people would say that that's because I'm not living in the real world. But I would argue that the world I inhabit is every bit as real as it's evil twin. What I mean is, who is to say that the world that is full of violence and hatred and poverty is more real than one peopled by those who are caring and tolerant and just and working toward change? What I believe is that even though this country is, in many ways, really screwed up, there is still reason to have optimism. Like Bill Clinton, I too believe in a place called hope.

My hope, of course, is not a town. Nevertheless, it is a place where I grew up. In my own life, I have found many, many reasons to hope that we stupid humans can maybe, just maybe, someday get our collective act together. For instance, when I think about poverty and

how it is all too frequently a legacy that gets handed down from parent to child, I then think of my own climb from a blue, blue collar background to a white collar job, from the housing projects of Milwaukee to owning my own home — and I know it's possible to break the cycle. On the other hand, I'm not kidding myself: I also know that, in addition to the hard work that went into bettering my life, there was also a lot of luck. Luck, first of all, to be born into a family that hadn't been completely downtrodden by a society which hadn't given it a break in generations, a family that was still capable of believing that with a lot of hard work and a good education you could lift yourself up out of the mire of poverty. Lucky, too, to be born white in a country where the color of your skin — the color white in particular — still gets a lot of doors opened for you that remain either firmly locked or very hard to find if you're a person of color. Even so, even knowing

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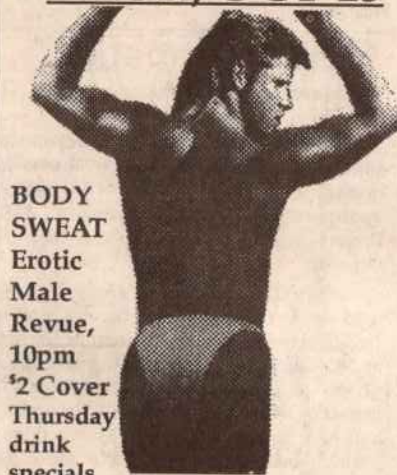
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Halloween video dance

The **Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Community [GLBC]** at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, will be sponsoring a Halloween video dance on Sat., Oct. 4th from 8:pm to 11:30pm. The event will take place at the UWM Union in the Wisconsin Room West and lounge on the second floor.

Everyone is encouraged (but not required) to wear a costume as prizes will be awarded. Cover charge is \$3 which includes non-alcoholic beverages. Those under the age of 21 are welcome to attend.

Although GLBC is a UW- Milwaukee organization, the dance is not limited to UW students. People of all ages and from all areas are welcome to attend. GLBC is expected students from several campuses such as UN-Parkside, UW-Madison, UW-Platteville, Marquette, MSOE, and MATC, to attend, as well as many non-students.

GLBC is a non-profit, student organization that believes it is important to give the Gay community more opportunities to meet others through social activities. Most activities are non-alcoholic to encourage under-age Gay youth and those not interested in the 'bar scene' to attend.

For more information, on this and other activities, you may contact GLBC at (414) 229- 6555.

GAMMA plans train trip to Chicago

Milwaukee — Enjoy an Amtrak ride, the museum of Science and Industry, and possibly the Art Institute as GAMMA makes a one-day journey on Sat., Oct. 17th to Chicago. Depart at 8am from the Milwaukee Amtrack station and arrive in Chicago at 9:30am. We'll first visit the Museum — and then, after lunch, some will ride north to the Art Institute.

The group will gather for cocktails at The Gentry (712 N. Rush St.) at 5pm, have a moderately priced dinner together, then

head back to Milwaukee at 11pm. Train fare is \$24. Admission to the Museum is \$5 and to the Institute is \$6. Funds will also be needed for food, beverages, parking in Milwaukee, and transportation in Chicago. Individuals may easily opt-out of this schedule for an earlier departure to Milwaukee — or stay for other activities that Chicago has to offer.

All members of the Greater Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian Community are welcome to join us — just show up at the station. No advance registration is needed — but, for more information call GAMMA at 963-9833.

AIDS Information Milw. (AIM)

Milwaukee — AIDS Information Milwaukee (AIM), a weekly discussion group for people with HIV disease sponsored by the Milwaukee AIDS Project, will feature two special topics in October.

"Integrating Grief Into Daily Living," held on Oct. 7, is presented by Brother Nels Deloria, Mission Awareness Director at St. Camillus Campus. This discussion group will assist participants with learning ways to understand what grief is and how to recognize and accept it as a normal and healthy part of life and of the growth process.

On Oct. 21, Bill Sparks from 'ACE-HI' will be available to discuss the services offered by the clinic. ACE-HI offers alternative therapies, information, and support groups for people who are HIV positive.

AIM meets each Wednesday from 7 to 9pm and is open to anyone who knows or believes that they are HIV positive. Guest speakers are scheduled for the first and third Wednesday of the month, with open discussions set for Oct. 14 and 28.

Contact Tim Baack, manager of support services at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, at (414) 273-1991, for more information about AIM.



art with Norman Rockwell paintings and stashing away the nude coffee table books to be substituted with cookbooks and travel books.

Trot right down to The Diamond Center with your lover and ask to see their wedding rings; when the salesperson questions where your loving spouse is on this momentous occasion, suddenly embrace your partner with a deep soul kiss and thus shout out the love that dare not speak its name. For extra drama, have one person fully decked out in gender-bender drag. To really put them over the edge, explain that you didn't mean a wedding ring for the finger but matching piercings for your pudena. Want to see how fast you're ushered out of the store????? No problem, cause you're off to a record shop, to flip through the CDs and tapes for a while, then with all the bravado you can muster, ask the sales clerk where they keep the Gay music instead of this tired old hetero house and retro rap crap.

Next, head for your nearest convenience store and inconvenience the clerk by asking for a **Playboy** if you're a girl or a

Playgirl if you're a boy. Better yet, ask for **On Our Backs** or **Honcho** and REALLY wreck 'em! Spend a long time leisurely strolling through their aisles holding hands and picking out items for a romantic, intimate dinner, which you will loudly discuss for other shoppers and clerks to overhear. Say lascivious things like: "Hon, won't we need whipped cream?" "But we're not having desert." "Sure we are, darling, YOU'RE the dessert!" Kiss kiss, tickle and hug. Be sure to ask the clerk where they keep the extra-strength condoms and dental dams. And remember that a vital part of NCOD is to take an activist role in overturning those outdated sodomy laws, so why not take the law in your own hands (and whatever else is handy — yuk yuk), grab your partner, and SOD SOD SOD O-MIZE! Don't forget the all-important second word in National COMING out Day.

Well, I think that I've lectured quite long enough on NCOD; Now Come Out, Dear!!!



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WATCH FOR OUR



No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

NCOD: come out, come out, whoever you are!

It's October already, and do you know what that means? Oh sure, who could be Gay/Lesbian/Bi and not realize that at the end of the month it's our national holiday, Halloween, when even the butchiest of boys may wear a dress and the femmiest of Lesbians could sport a motorcycle jacket! But I am not referring to that wonderful holiday yet; no, I am pointing out, to those few readers who were not aware, and as a reminder to those already in the know, that October 11 is the fifth anniversary of National Coming Out Day, known to some as N.C.O.D. (not to be confused with N.O.C.D., Not Our Class, Dear — the ultimate put-down to the non-A-Gay set). And hey, since the theme of NCOD is 'Take your next step,' you might even consider taking a step right into an A-Gay party and discovering that you really are their class after all. It just might be your coming out debutante party. In the immortal words of Sally Field: "You like me, you really like me!"

But I digress. First... a short history lesson to explain just why we celebrate this day. October 11 was the very first March on Washington in 1987 for L/G/B rights when the Names Project Quilt first covered Capitol Hill. The idea behind NCOD was kind of like national smoke-out day: the latter was designed to support people to stop smoking (snub those butts); while the former was created to help smoke out the queers from their closets, but hopefully on a volunteer basis as opposed to the somewhat more violent and non-consensual outing process. In other words, it's a time for us 25 million queers to simultaneously scream, "We are everywhere!" to the populace at large. Wave flags. Throw confetti, hats and horns.

And it doesn't have to be a loud scream, or even an audible noise at all. In your own quiet way you can take one more

tiny step (high heels or engineer boots are optional) forward in advancing our cause. Because we have seen during this present presidential race that the buzz word is obviously 'Family Values,' and that unfortunately too few non-Gays regard our particular family with any value at all. That old adage — "The more the merrier (Mary-er?)" — applies here, because in numbers we are strong. Together, united... we can never be divided!

So on this particular day we can feel especially supported in taking our next step toward L/G/B visibility. Now with me, an out and outrageous Gay male nun running around in clown-white make-up and sister habit protesting for Gay rights and AIDS funding on national TV, I guess that would mean kissing George Bush full on the lips (read MY lips, Georgie), since I have taken just about every other possible step I can.

But I'm sure there must be options that you have yet to explore. For instance, at your place of work you might consider removing the xeroxed opposite-sex photo that came with that picture frame you bought, and instead put your same-sex lover or favorite homo porn star on your desk, proudly proclaiming your proclivities. Send a singing stripper telegram to someone at their office, where the dancer is their sex and the card attached is from someone their sex, and the two go off to the storeroom and have sex. Guaranteed to quickly raise the calibre of tired old water-cooler gossip to an all-time high. When your co-workers tell those stupid homo jokes, interrupt them with, "Oh say, did you hear the one about the insensitive, bigoted, prejudiced breeder who... no, I guess you didn't. You wouldn't get it anyway... it's a Gay thing." Snap snap snap.

Stop wearing that t-shirt that says, "I'm not Gay and neither is my lover." Quit hiding your hot porno fantasy VCR tape in the "Fantasia" box. Don't de-queer your house whenever the guests are due to visit — this includes frantically temporarily replacing all your homoerotic

Letters

Dear Ron:

I am writing to you in response to the recent lashing you, *In Step* and myself received in a letter which appeared in the Sept. 10-23 issue of *In Step* regarding the cover artwork I eventually titled 'Early Morning Stranger.'

I am, by no doubt, very disturbed by the insults Kathy Peterson and her entourage of co-signers made on this piece of work, of which I am very proud. I am appalled at the thought that such people think that the human body, whether it be male or female, offensive or in 'Bad Taste.' I suppose these same people find Michaelangelo or some other nude artwork also offensive, or in their words 'GARBAGE.'

As far as the statement, "It belongs on the cover of a pornographic magazine," this outrages me the most. I could surely see if the guy had an erection or was masturbating in the picture, but for God

sakes all he is doing is stretching in the early morning sunlight. How can this be pornographic?

In view of all of this, I hope all my artwork is done in such a tasteful manner. That people would look at it in light of my perceptions as an artist, taking into account the different shadows or shapes the human body can take on. I, myself, look at each individual as a masterpiece, for each person is one of a kind, there is no duplicate of another.

In all the years I have been sketching, I have never done a piece of artwork accenting how well hung a male was or for that matter accenting a woman's breasts. To do this, would be in my opinion, pornographic. But we all must remember, everyone in their own way looks at art differently. What may be obscene or pornographic to some, to an artists eye, takes on a different light. With this, I hope these people will view other works of art as an expression of the artists talents and not as being pornographic or obscene.

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Film premiere to benefit Pride

Milwaukee — "Queer New Wave" cinema hits Milwaukee Thursday, October 29 with the premiere of "The Living End," at the Downer Theatre in a benefit for the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC). The benefit is sponsored by Wisconsin Light and In Step Magazine.

In this third benefit screening sponsored by the two publications, audiences get to form their own opinions on the controversial film that has broke house records in some of the theatres it has played in. The Gay-themed film is about HIV positive lovers, in what the Village Voice called "a queers on the lam portrait that deserves a place in movie history."

The punkish tale of the odyssey of two guys with nothing to lose comes from Gregg Araki, who is stunned by the success of his film. He commented to USA Today on the upcoming proliferation of "small" Gay films: "The work is all personal response... It is young Gay artists being much more vocal and in-your-face in terms of their queer identity."

Araki refers to Todd Hayne's "Poison," Gus van Sant's "My Own Private Idaho," and the up-coming "Swoon," and "An All American Story."

Our community, stunned by un-ending AIDS deaths, first created films like "Longtime Companion," and "Common Threads: Stories from the Quilt." Now, 12 years into the epidemic, comes the New Queer Cinema — full of anger, disgust, and activism to replace the mourning in American AIDS films.

The Guide comments, "Transgression, anger, sex, AIDS, response to anti-Gay violence — you name it, Araki's film has it."

Luke, one of the two main characters, in the beginning of the film encounters three

men with baseball bats who tell him, "You're going to die, faggot," Luke replies, "Guess again, three stooges," whips out his revolver and blows them away.

Once Luke and Jon hook up and hit the road, they come up with a vague plan, of shooting George Bush, or at least holding a gun to his head, while they inject him with their HIV infected blood.

The film completely rejects society's rules of behavior. It has the basic concept that society at large is inherently horrible — to work within the system has obviously failed so now it's time to create a Queer society that says "fuck 'em" and makes up the rules as we go along.

If you agree or not will determine your reaction to "The Living End." Araki himself calls it an "irresponsible movie" because it trashes both the right wing and politically correct Gay ideals.

The Guide quotes Araki, who said the film "is an expression of the uncertainty, dislocation, and seize-the-day urgency that have become an integral part of Gay consciousness in the post AIDS era... in the back of my mind, I was sort of hoping that by the time 'The Living End' was finally released, the AIDS holocaust would be over and the movie would be something of an anachronism. Unfortunately, given our present-day sociocultural climate of right-wing oppression and rampant Gay bashing, it seems even more relevant now than when it was written over three years ago."

While some audiences may complain the film doesn't show a "good side" of Gay life, Araki portrays his Gay male characters as an oppressed minority being pushed to dangerous extremes. He told the Chicago Sun Times "The film should not be taken on a literal level. I do not condone violence or unsafe sex. This film is very metaphorical. The essential message is seize the day, live life and do whatever you are going to do, but do it today because you might not be here tomorrow. It is not a call for everybody who is HIV positive to go out and start killing people."

Among the crazed characters in his film

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In Memoriam

Mary Beth Baker

1950- 1992

Mary Beth Baker, born March 8, 1950 died suddenly at her home on Aug. 17, 1992 with her partner Kellie at her side. Mary considered her family to be the people who shared in her life. Mary and Kellie Martin, her lover of 5 years, made their home at 6155 W. Stack Ct. in Milwaukee, with their cats Sheba, Sassy, and Tia.

Mary appreciated the unconditional love and acceptance from the Ron and Betty Ackermann-Martin family. This family made holidays and celebrations special for Mary and Kellie.

Mary's support and understanding eased the coming out of her only nephew, Danny (Stashu) Laabs. Together they had many friends within our Gay community.

Mary's parents, Steve and Theresa Baker are deceased. She is survived by her only sister, Janice (Gregory) Laabs, parents of Jeanette and Daniel.

Her friends, co-workers, and staff of Cargill (formerly Ladish Malting Co.), where she was employed as an Executive Secretary for 14 years, will miss Mary.

The place between sleep and awake, that place where you still remember dreaming, that is where we will all remember you, and love you Mary, and that is where we will find you waiting for us.

—Love, Your October Boys
David and Danny

Jim 'Bullet' Boulet

[Matthew Peregrine]

Many Milwaukee friends joined together for a memorial service on Sept. 25, to commemorate the life of Jim 'Bullet' Boulet. Jim, who was also known in Milwaukee as Matthew Peregrine, died of complications of AIDS in his Washington D.C. home on Sept. 16.

Jim lived with his companion, Dan

Evans, and had worked as a bartender in the D.C. area. He was 41.

In the early 70's, Jim, a talented musician, formed a group called Silmaril, which did original Celtic style music. Jim specialized in traditional music, playing guitar, dulcimer, sitar, and Irish harp. His talents led him to perform at Renaissance festivals in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Texas.

In addition to music, which was his first and abiding love, Jim was very interested in history, mythology, and all aspects of Celtic culture. He was also a painter in the early 70's, and returned to a beautiful and original style during the last year of his life. He produced several beautiful works for family and friends.

He is survived by his companion Dan Evans of Washington D.C., his mother, Mary Boulet of Milwaukee, and family and friends from Seattle, Houston, Milwaukee, Madison, and D.C.

Contributions in Boulet's name may be made to Whitman-Walker Clinic, 1407 S. St., NW, Washington D.C. 20009; or to Hospice Care of D.C., 1325 Massachusetts Ave., NE, Suite 606, Washington DC 20005.

Velvet and Gold, the Dancer stands pinioned, out on The Edge of Eternity. Velvet and Gold, the Dancer stands pinioned, the Darkness will not overcome." — Matthew Peregrine



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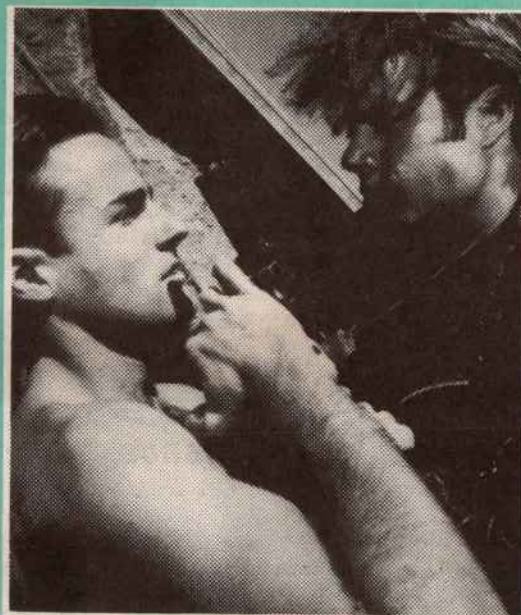
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are Lesbian serial killers whose weapons of choice include an ice pick. When some accused him of a "Basic Instinct" type of lesbophobia, Araki called the allegations unfounded. He claims that all the characters in the film are all treated the same way, "they are purposely pushed a few degrees beyond into these weird characters."

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The film premiere is scheduled for Thursday, October 29 at 7:30pm for the Downer's biggest theatre. That theatre holds 321 people. Light and In Step are urging people to buy advance purchase tickets at a cost of \$10. (\$5.50 goes to the

The Arts

'AIDS Quilt Songbook' performance benefits MASN

Madison — Noted American baritone William Parker will be featured in a benefit concert for the Madison AIDS Support Network on Thursday, October 22, at 8pm in Mills Concert Hall. Presented in cooperation with the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Music, the performance is a 90-minute song cycle for baritone voice composed to poetry by or about people with AIDS.

This past June in New York's Alice Tully Hall the songcycle received its premiere by Parker and three other baritones. The Madison concert will feature New York-based Parker, who has AIDS, and pianist William Huckaby.

Organized and conceived by William Parker, the song cycle consists of eighteen songs written by some of America's most renowned composers and poets. Meet the Composer, a national composer service organization, assisted with the development of the cycle. The 'AIDS Quilt Songbook' is dated '1992' so that in future years more musical settings to the poetry of people with HIV/AIDS will be composed until a day when this dreaded disease is arrested.

Downer, and \$4.50 goes to MLGPC) If, and only if, those first 321 seats are sold by October 26, the Downer has agreed it would show the film simultaneously in its second theatre, allowing a total of over 500 people to see the film in one sitting.

To increase advance sales, we've decided to charge \$12 at-the door — hoping it will convince people to buy their tickets now. (We'd really like to sell out BOTH theatres!) \$10 Advance Tickets are available now at the following Milwaukee locations: Boot Camp, Triangle, M&M Club, Club 219, 1100 Club, Station 2, Wreck Room, Outpost Foods, People's Books, and the In Step and Wisconsin Light offices.

Parker has long been a champion of contemporary music for voice, and many of the composers who contributed works to the Songbook are those whose works have been premiered by Parker. He began his operatic career at the Volksoper, in Vienna, and has since appeared in major roles with the New York City Opera, and the opera companies of Pittsburgh, Boston, Washington, Baltimore, and Santa Fe. He has appeared as soloist with the New York Philharmonic, San Francisco Symphony, Minnesota Orchestra, and Pittsburgh Symphony. Among his many international prizes and awards, he was the first vocalist to win the American International Music Competition.

Mr. Parker last appeared in Madison in July of 1981 for a recital at the UW-Madison School of Music.

Reserved tickets for the benefit concert are \$20 for the general public and \$10 for students. A \$50 patron ticket is available, with preferred seating and admission to an after-concert reception hosted by UW Chancellor Donna Shalala at the

sexual preference of a man merely by the sense of smell. These smart canines, similar to seeing eye dogs, will pick up preference clues based on identification and combination of such odors as cologne, latex, pasta, hair mousse, and leather and by how much a man swishes when he walks.

Metropolis — On the heels of the shocking revelation of Superman's imminent death, D.C. Comics announced that Batman would get in touch with his own sexuality and come out of the closet during Suprman's dramatic death scene. According to a spokesman, Batman will attempt to revive the Man of Steel with mouth to mouth resuscitation, get carried away and slip him a little tongue. Upon hearing the news, Robin appeared with Mary Hart on Entertainment Tonight, and announced he had hired attorney Alan Dershowitz and will sue for custody of the Batmobile.

Washington D.C. — Defense Secretary Dick Chaney denied reports that hundreds of Gays and Lesbians are able to remain undetected in the armed forces because

they use the Pentagon's top secret Stealth technology in order to remain invisible from service's sexuality police. Pentagon spokesman Peter Wilson reinforced Chaney's remarks despite the fact he was wearing a brand new, double breasted suit made from Stealth fabric.

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New, news, and more news

In an attempt to bring fresh, exciting comedy to my readers, the following update of late breaking news contains no unnecessary or gratuitous jokes about Dan Quayle's IQ or the break-up of Woody Allen and Mia Farrow.

New York — Major booksellers in co-operation with the makers of Trojan condoms and the publisher of Madonna's new controversial, sex-packed coffee table book announced a special collector's edition of the volume will soon be available nationwide. This collector's printing will be wrapped and sealed inside a large latex condom and come with a box of Handi-wipes. The unusual packaging is designed to help encourage the voyeuristically inclined to not soil the merchandise until they get it to the privacy of their homes.

Dallas — On again, off-again, presidential candidate Ross Perot announced today that he really had to go to the bathroom, but would not use the facilities until he got permission from his volunteers in all fifty states.

Washington — John Schlafly, son of prominent right-wing Republican activist Phyllis Schlafly confirmed reports he is a homosexual, but avoided a major scandal in the GOP when he denied he ever went on a date with super-liberal Democratic congressman, Barney Frank.

Hollywood — At a press conference held at a local McDonald's, robust sitcom diva, Delta Burke denied a Science Digest report that her recent switch to blond hair was the result of an unusual chemical reaction caused when she accidentally overdosed on artificial coloring after devouring a 25 gallon pail of Ben and Jerry's vanilla ice cream. At the conclusion of the press conference, Delta ordered a McDonald's Happy Meal and got stuck when she attempted to walk through the drive-thru window to pick up her order. Luckily, a team from TV's

Rescue 911 was able to free her using the jaws of life.

Denver — A journalist who recently infiltrated a controversial Homosexuals Anonymous group, reported the group uses a program based on a 12 Step system of recovery from homosexuality in which the first step reads: "We admitted we were powerless over high energy dance music and promise that we'll never, ever ask another man to dance again, no matter how well-defined his pecs are."

Ohio — A recent survey by the University of Cleveland revealed that 87 percent of regular MTV viewers believe that bald songstress, Sinead O'Connor is the illegitimate love child of Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and Telly Savalas.

Detroit — Fashion kingpin, Calvin Klein has reportedly invented a time machine which allowed him to travel 10 years into the future. Reports indicate he found leisure suits, earth shoes and mood rings all back in style. A distraught Klein was unavailable for comment and was last seen making an appointment to see the infamous suicide doctor.

Miami — Citing a dip in sales, Kodak, the largest manufacturer of disposable cameras announced this week the development of disposable friends to take pictures of. Upon hearing the news, hundreds of horny Gay men contacted Kodak to see if these men would be available for one night stands.

Rome — Archaeologists working at the Vatican, confirmed that in 1582, Pope Gregory XIII developed the calendar we use today with the addition, the weekend. According to church records, Pope Gregory added the additional days so he could get drunk, cruise the bars, and try to pick up men on Friday and Saturday nights.

Chicago — After an embarrassing incident in which he attempted to pick up a straight man, a Chicago hairdresser has started a new business training service dogs which will be able to determine the

University Club, 802 State Street. Tickets are available by calling MASN at (608) 238-6276 or by mail, 303 Lathrop Street, Madison, 53705.

The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to providing support services, public education and advocacy in response to the AIDS epidemic. It serves a thirteen-county area and is recognized as the lead agency in south central Wisconsin in the fight against AIDS. It provides services with a special sensitivity to cultural and lifestyle differences.

Mills Concert Hall is located in the Humanities Building, 455 North Park Street (corner of Park Street and University Avenue), on the University of Wisconsin- Madison campus.

Director Stewart returns to Chorus


By an overwhelming vote, Scott Stephen Stewart was chosen as principal musical director of the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd. on September 2.

Stewart had resigned his position as musical director with the Chorus to pursue his position with the Florentine Opera Company after five successful seasons with the group. He succeeds Chuck Ellingson, who has moved into the role of Associate Director, sharing that responsibility with Kim Hah.

"Chuck is to be commended for his hard work in the past nine months," commented Bill Schumacher, President. He led the chorus through a very difficult transition period, and took the chorus to a successful spring concert and a wonderful performance at the GALA IV Choral Festival in Denver last July. He will continue to share his energy and commitment to the Chorus as an Associate Director.

Says Stewart of his decision to return to the Chorus, "I missed my association with the Chorus in providing a community service to the Lesbian and Gay community. My schedule at the Florentine Opera opened up, allowing me to return to the Chorus at a time when they were

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and a very special Thanks to Lilly White for the backdrop



Love you all!
Dominique Mahon
Miss Gay WI 1992-93

struggling and in need of direction. It was becoming apparent that the organization was suffering, both to myself and to members. I was also motivated by the election of Bill Schumacher as president, who I feel has the dedication and vision necessary to take the chorus on a forward course, and who approached me on behalf of the membership to return."

The chorus is currently looking for non-singing members to assist in a number of support positions, including financial and public relations assistance. "Our non-singing members are truly the unsung heroes of this organization," said Schumacher. "They grab the reins on many of the duties and tasks that the singing membership cannot due to time constraints. Whether it be running our fund raisers, making costumes and props,

selling tickets, or just cheering on the singers, they are among our most important assets."

Cream City Chorus will present its Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6, in Vogel Hall of the Performing Arts Center. The Chorus is a member of the Tenant Development Program at the PAC, which entitles them to a number of 'perks,' including reduced costs for hall rental. "Our ticket prices will reflect the savings we enjoy as tenants, and make our concerts more affordable, especially during the holiday season," said Schumacher.

The Chorus is always ready to welcome new singers as well. For information on rehearsal time and place, or to obtain more information about the chorus, call the Chorus office at 344-WCCC.

Sculptor honors victims of Dahmer

Milwaukee — This month Gallery 218 is presenting artists Marlon Banks, David Garner, and Kevin Kréger in a combined show of painting, photography and sculpture (resp.). The show will run Friday Oct. 9th (with an opening reception from 7-10pm) through Nov. 1st. A special gallery night reception (with live jazz and blues) will be held Friday Oct. 16th from 6-10pm. All three artists share a common vision of representing themselves through work which relies on individual aesthetics, skill, and content.

Sculptor Kevin S. Kreger specializes in bronze figure sculpture. The nude male figures which Mr. Kreger produces are both beautiful and provocative. His sculptures also include many sensitive and thoughtful portraits of African-American men. Mr. Kereger will be unveiling his first major work on Gallery Night, a Memorial for the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer. This uncommissioned bronze work, entitled Pleas of the Innocent, is part of the artist's call for unity and healing in the wake of the killings.

Blvd. Ensemble stays up late

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble is staying up late this season.

Beginning with its production of Tennessee Williams *A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur* and continuing through the season, the Ensemble will present one-hour benefits after selected Saturday performances. All money collected at the door will go to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

The Ensemble will present the first of
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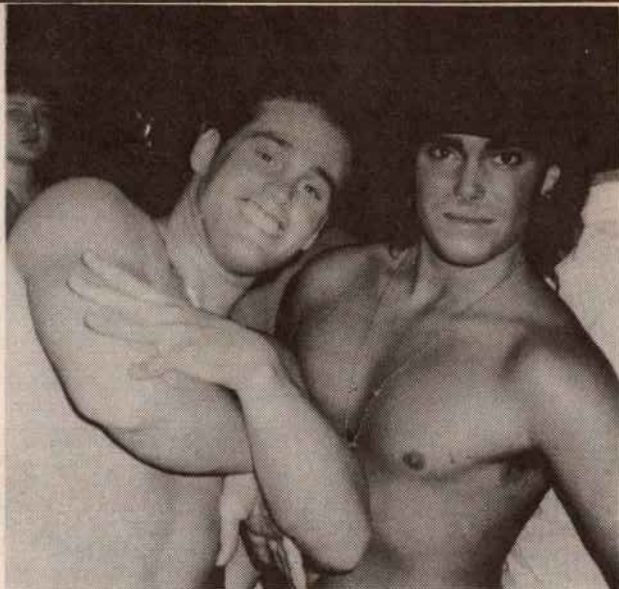
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Victims of Desire male dancers entertained the crowds at both Club 219 and Club 94. The Victims filled in for the 219 Girls the Sunday of the Jimmy King Wisconsin-USA pageant.



Bonnie Butch brought her new act back to her old home at La Cage for a show. Bonnie's act offers many zany characters, and C.C. Rae [right] as her co-star.

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these benefits, **The Women of Tennessee Williams** Oct. 17, Oct. 24 and Nov. 7 at 11pm. Admission is \$10. (Regular non-benefit performances runs Thursdays to Sundays, Oct. 16 to Nov. 8. Tickets for Thursday & Sunday 8pm performances are \$9; and \$10 for the 8pm Friday & Saturday dates.

The Women of Tennessee Williams has been adapted and edited by Joe Haseleu, who also will direct. The production includes scenes from Williams' plays featuring his famous female characters, as well as a brief biography of the playwright. The cast includes Raellen McMillion, Trina Frazee, Nancy Brown and Elaine Thorton. They will be directed by Susan Fete.

With the production of **A Lovely Sunday for Creve Coeur** and **The Women of Tennessee Williams**, the Ensemble, one of Milwaukee's most acclaimed theater groups, opens its seventh season of bringing entertaining, challenging theater to Milwaukee.

The Ensemble finished last season with a presentation of one-act plays under the title **A Director's Festival**. The Ensemble also performed Pirandello's **Right You Are If You Think You Are** and William Luce's **The Belle of Amherst**.

Among the other playwrights whose work the Boulevard Ensemble has presented are Samuel Beckett, Eric Bogosian, David Mamet, Spalding Grey, Edna O'Brien, Nikolai Gogol, John Patrick Shanley and Athol Fugard.

The Boulevard is located at 2250 S. KK Avenue. To reserve tickets, call 672-6019.

Singer Alice DiMicele to appear

By Meredith Medland

UW Stevens Point — The Women's Resource Center at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, has announced folk artist Alice Di Micele will perform there Oct. 16.

Are election year politics getting you down? Does the Mall of America depress

you? Do you need to be lifted above the absurdity of life in the nineties? Then get ready to soar with Alice Di Micele on Friday Oct. 16 at 7:30pm in the Program Banquet Room-UC.

Di Micele is a well known folk artist back home in southern Oregon and it seems that she is destined to become as popular nationwide. In 1991 the Women's Resource Center brought Di Micele to UWSP where she played before a sell out crowd and the Center is pleased to bring her back as part of an expanded Wisconsin tour.

Di Micele is not just a dynamic performer, her powerful voice and impressive guitar playing are pure joy but she takes her audiences one step further with her uplifting and empowering lyrics. As a socially conscious songwriter, Di Micele uses her incredible writing talent to speak for the trees. She also delivers personal and heartfelt messages about peace and justice, Lesbian/Gay rights and the rights of all people.

With three recordings already released on her own label Alice Otter Music, Di Micele has just released another fine CD titled **Searching**. One special song **In A World**, is an anthem, a vision of what could be. "I want to live in a world where all there is to sing about is love and the beauty of the Earth." And when you hear this dream flow from Alice Di Micele's heart to yours you'll spar. Don't miss this Friday's concert. Tickets are \$5 and \$3 for students.

Di Micele will also perform on Oct. 8 in Green Bay at the Ecumenical Center-UWGB; October 9 in Oshkosh, a benefit for the coming AIDS Quilt exhibit at Union Square-UWO; and Oct. 15 in Madison at Wild Hog in the Woods, Wil-Mar Center, and at several other venues throughout the state. For more information call Meredith Medland (715) 345-7883.

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Top— The top 10 finalists for the title of Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA during the King Productions pageant at Appleton's Holiday Inn. Center, left to right— Miss Gay USA '90 Cezanne; Miss Gay USA '88 Tommie Ross; and the newly crowned Miss Gay WI-USA, Dominique Mahon during her evening gown segment. Bottom, left to right— 2nd runner-up Tracie Shain; Jimmy King; Cezanne; Dominique; Mary Richards '91-92 Miss Gay WI-USA; and Duwanna Moore, 1st runner-up.



The Napalese Lounge just celebrated its big 10th anniversary with a weekend of entertainment. Clockwise from the top— the cast; Sage LaRue; Naps' owner and manager, Malcom & Cricket; Jeff & Zoomie; Nap's staff; and the Rayons.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Hey, we actually are having a Fall, for once. It's a season the Goddess of Wisconsin weather doesn't often bestow upon us... usually it's a fast track from Summer right into Winter. Enjoy it while you can, and try to fit in a Fall colorama tour before the trees go bare!

Let's dive right into an review of activities during the period of Sept. 17-30...

There were plenty of shows scheduled from the 17th through the 20th, with a benefit for Dominique and Duwana starting things off on Thursday at Club 219. On the 18th, Za's hosted Lecia Sams and her 'Cold Vinyl and Warm Honey' show; and Bonnie Bitch back at the Pivot. That evening in Madison, there was a dance/ fashion show to benefit the Gay/Lesbian/ Bi Studies Scholarship fundraiser at UW's Great Hall.

On the 19th at Jo'Dee's played host to Tippie's 'Taste of Country With a Kick'

show; while at 3B's Bar, Barbra Jean and The Country Girls presented 'Take Me Back to the Country.' In Kenosha, Club 94 featured Lola's 'Full Moon Madness' show with the 94 Follies Girls and several friends in a benefit for SEWAP.

The big show that night was at the Napalese Lounge where C.C. Rae helped the bar celebrate their 10th Anniversary. On the 20th, Nap's brought in Bonnie Bitch for a show. Both nights offered drink specials and food — all in a celebratory atmosphere. Congratulations to Malcom, Cricket and staff on 10 great years. Here's to many more!

Sunday, Sept. 20 was the day of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, which turned out to be a record breaking event. You can read all about the facts and figures in the News section this issue. However, on a personal level, I've got to say it was an overwhelming day. Several of us from the magazine staffed the Lake Park Pavilion



3B's Bar hosted Barbra Jean and her Country Girls in a down home show to benefit the BESTD Clinic.



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Club 3054 [Madison]: Columbus Day, drink specials all day, bartenders in costume.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

M&M Club: Andrew Marks every Mon. & Tues., 5:30-8:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Club 219 Plus: Hunter & The Headliners Male Dancers extra ordinaire!

Nothing To Hide/ WYOU [Madison]: Living With AIDS, testimonial from BWMT's '90 conference, 9pm, Cable TV 4.

BJ's: HIT's 2nd 'Pot of Gold' fundraiser, 8pm-? 75 cent taps, great food. Tickets available at bar.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Partners: Body Sweat erotic male revue, 10pm.

Wings 3054 [Madison]: Wings Mad Town Underwear party.

Club 3054 [Madison]: Voter Registration day. Register and get a free drink.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

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

Partners: Oktoberfest Celebration begins. Polka contest, see ad for details.

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

ZA's [Green Bay]: Todd, Mr. Emerald City '92 hosts a show (Proceeds to help send him to Mr. Gay Wisconsin).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Club 3054 [Madison]: Patio Oktoberfest \$5. German beer bust & free brats 4-8, polkas.

I/D Madison: Open forum to discuss recent document from The Vatican regarding Civil Rights for Gays. St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave., 7:30pm.

Amtrack To Chicago: Milw. GAMMA & friends depart Milw. depot at 8am for a one-day excursion to Chicago's Museum of Science & Industry. Info call 963-9833.

1100 Club: 'Little Rosie's' Birthday Party, 7:30pm-?

Northern Womyn Dance [Green Bay]: Lessons in Country Western Line Dancing mixed in with hip-hop, rock and soul. Prizes & refreshments, donations on a sliding scale basis at the door. YWCA, 230 S. Madison Street, 7-10pm. Wear soft sole shoes!

Partners: Cookout & Great Oktoberfest Beer Race (see ad for details.)

Brandy's II [Green Bay]: Grand Re-opening celebration weekend. Food, fun, drink specials.

M&M Club: The Singations, 9-12pm.

Ballgame: Sheephead Tournament 4pm.

Club 94 [Kenosha]: 3rd Annual SEWAP Auction & Show, 10:30, with entertainment by Club 94 Follies Girls.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Dignity Milwaukee: Liturgy at 6pm; membership meeting & election of officers. St. Pius, call 444-7177 for info.

Touch football [Milw.]: Continues on soccer field at northern end Lincoln Memorial Drive at 1:30pm. All welcome. Information; call GAMMA at 963-9833.

Triangle: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 7-10pm.

Brandy's II [Green Bay]: Grand Re-opening celebration weekend. Food, fun, drink specials.

M&M Club: Tommi & Nannette 8-12pm.

Station II: Kristie K. & Jeff Stoll, live, 7-11pm, no cover.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Book Club [Milw.]: Meets in Sherman park area at 7:30pm for video and discussion on current Gay-related book. Information; 963-9833.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Club 219 Plus: Wet Jockey Shorts contest, \$50 cash prize.

Nothing To Hide/ WYOU [Madison]: 'Blessed Unions' with video of '90 SFO Pride Parade. 9pm, Cable TV 4.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

Club 3054 [Madison]: Amateur Strip Contest at 11pm, \$50 cash prize, amateurs welcome - finals Dec. 17.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

ZA's [Green Bay]: Ladies of the Valley return.

rest stop, and the multitudes of people turned into a blur after a short period of time. Because so many people turned up, all the rest stops ran out of supplies. Our stop went through 240 1.5 liter bottles of Evian water - which we had to pour into cups (we went through nearly 4,000 cups); 3 cases of oranges we had cut into quarters; and a case of bananas we cut into chunks. Even when we ran out, walkers were still in wonderful 'up' moods, with smiles and a warm feeling of camaraderie. Congratulations and Thank You's to all who participated as either walkers or volunteers. The heavy participation by the Gay and Lesbian community was obvious - and we should pat ourselves on the back.

The New Hope Metropolitan Community Church held their second annual 'homecoming' service on Sept. 20 in their new worship space. New Hope now holds their service at 4:30pm on Sundays at the Kenwood United Methodist Church (2319 E Kenwood), in the first floor parlor. New members are always welcome as are guests.

Grant Dixon's 'Victims of Desire' male dance troupe made several appearances at Clubs 219 & 94 during the Sept. 23-27 time period. The Sunday, Sept. 27 appearance at 219 provided the 219 Girls a chance to participate in King Productions' Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA contest. (More about the contest in just a bit!)

The Pivot brought back the incredible talents of Bryan Murphy as Pearl Bailey on the 23rd.

WISCONSIN-USA PAGEANT

King Productions 'Stars on Tour' hit Club 219 & Za's Sept. 24 & 25 to help promote the weekend pageant. Miss Gay USA and Wisconsin-USA titleholders provided lots of entertainment as a teaser for the upcoming pageant. The Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA pageant itself started off with preliminaries at the Pivot on the 26th. 32 preliminary winners and first runners up were eligible to compete, with 17 actual entrants. One of those 17, Miss Southern Gay Wisconsin, Austria Andrews, had to drop out after she broke her wrist during rehearsal, leaving the number of contestants at 16. The

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David Burrill, dance music singer and porn star recently performed at Za's. At left, David poses with Za's owners Za and Ken.

preliminaries, before a huge crowd at the Pivot, saw all 16 contestants compete in, talent and evening gown.

On Sunday, festivities moved to the gracious Appleton Holiday Inn for cocktails, dinner and the finals. The chicken Kiev served as the entree was tasty, and service was quick and efficient. (The dessert was great!) After dinner, the ballroom hall filled to near capacity for the pageant itself, which started promptly at 8pm (and was over shortly after 11pm). After all the contestants were introduced, the top 10 finalists were announced. Then, Miss Gay USA '88, Tommie Ross; Miss Gay USA '90 Cezanne; and Miss Gay USA '92 Tandy Andrews charmed the crowd with entertainment, prior to the talent segment for the ten finalists.

After an entertainment interlude featuring Tania Michaels, Miss Gay WI-USA '89 & Miss Gay WI-USA '91-92 Mary Richards, the evening gown competition was held. The Gay-USA pageant has strict rules when it comes to evening gown competition, and deviations from those rules can cost points. It is also

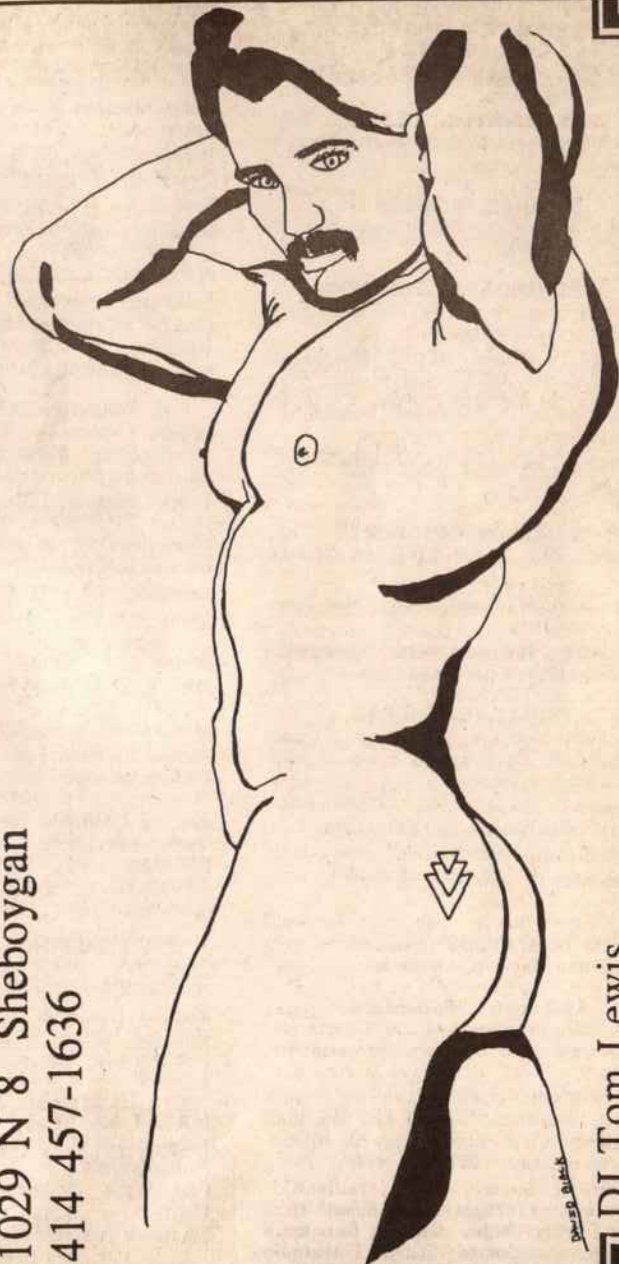
the only pageant where comparative evening gown competition is held — another words, after each contestant is judged individually, all contestants come back on stage and their gowns are judged in comparison to all the others. It gives the girls a chance to really 'work' their poses and attitude.

Prior to the announcement of the top three finalists, individual awards were given out. Duwanna Moore was selected Miss Congeniality by the rest of the contestants. Judges scores showed Tracie Shain won the Interview segment (held prior to the Pageant); Dominique Mahon won Evening Gown; and Dominique also won the talent segment, with an un-precedented high score of perfect 20's by all seven judges.

Tracie Shain, Miss Southeastern Gay WI-USA, captured 2nd runner up. Duwanna Moore, Miss Gay Milwaukee, captured 1st runner up. Dominique Mahon was crowned the new Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA. Both Dominique and Duwanna are eligible to compete in the USA finals.

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Club 219 Plus: Wet Jockey Shorts contest, \$50 cash prize.

Pivot Club [Appleton]: Talent shop with BJ Daniels, 10:30pm.

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

M&M Club: Gary Abbott, every Wed. 7-11.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Club 3054 [Madison]: Strip Search, amateur strip contest, 11pm. \$50 cash prizes - finals in December. Hosted by Robert Thomas. For men & women.

10 Percent Society at UW [Madison]: National Coming Out Week panel discussion on 'Stories of Coming Out' 7:30pm, Memorial Union, Beekeepers Room.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Living In Leather Weekend [Chicago]: Through October 11. Blackstone Hotel, two complete floors of leather vendors. Seminars, workshops, social events. For more info. call (312) 528-0041.

10 Percent Society at UW [Madison]: National Coming Out Week Rally at noon at Memorial Union. Dance at Memorial Union Great Hall, DJ's, cash bar, \$3 donation.

3B's: Line dance lessons by Shoreline, at 8pm every Friday in October.

ZA's [Green Bay]: Dancing at 10pm, Cameo performances 11:30pm.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

ZA's [Green Bay]: King Productions 4th Annual Ms. Gay WI-USA Pageant, 10pm. \$200 prize plus crown, flowers & bookings to the winner. Compete in interview, talent, evening wear. Guest entertainers '91 Ms. Gay WI, Cory; newly crowned Mr. & Miss Gay WI-USA.

Oberons: Beer or Soda Bust for the Christmas Club for Children with AIDS, 10pm, Wreck Room, \$5 bust.

10 Percent Society UW [Madison]: Workshops on: Bisexuals Among Us; Whose Family Values; Gays & Religion; Queer Politics; Coming Out as Bisexual. Workshops 11am to 2pm. UW Union, see 'Today In The Union' for room locations.

3B's: 'It's A Party' for Mark (Marney Jo)

Waldenberger's 39th birthday party & Cream City Chorus benefit with Singational Productions Singing Machine at 9:30; \$3 donation.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

National Coming Out Day: Come Out to someone, take your next step!



Wings 3054 [Madison]: Full Moon Contest, cash prizes.

The Other Place: Live music 5-8.

Dignity Milwaukee: Liturgy 6pm; stations of the cross at Holy Hill. Call 444-7177 for details.

SSBL Awards Party: At the Ballgame 4-7pm. Free beer & food for all SSBL members & guests. Potential league members also invited. Trophies & awards. League meeting 7 election of officers will be held prior to the party at 3:30pm.

Episcopal Church's 4th National Day of Prayer: For persons living with HIV/AIDS. Also regular AIDS Evensong. 4pm, All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau.

M&M Club: John Catania, 7-11pm.

Ballgame: Weekly Cricket dart tournament, every Sunday at 3pm. Weekly cash prizes, play until Dec. 20.

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Congratulations to Jimmy King and his crew on doing the best WI-USA pageant yet. Things moved quickly, and there were no technical problems. Also, congratulations to all the contestants, you all did a very credible job.

La Cage welcomed back it's former show director, Bonnie Bitch with guest C.C. Rae for a one night show on Tuesday, Sept. 29. Both the entertainers were at their peak for the enjoyable show. Wisconsin's own C.C. Rae will be joining Bonnie on her upcoming touring season, now that Bonnie's annual Summer Wisconsin Dells job is over for the season. Best of luck to them both!

The new Thursday night Xstacy events at **dance dance dance** are certainly pulling in unique crowds for the 'rave' style events. If you're young, energetic, and enjoy theme events, this is a night for you!

The MTV Awards show cameras captured a simulated oral sex act between two members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers when they accepted an award - but the cameras moved elsewhere and missed a simulated masturbation just a few seconds later... On Thursday, Sept. 17, Bono of U2 stopped in at Chicago's Baton to see Chili Pepper and Ginger Grant perform.

It's nice to see that rockers are being less homophobic these days...

Until next issue, wish me luck with my new man... we've been together for over a week as of last Wednesday! (It's about time... it's been over 8 years since I've 'gone steady'.)

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STRAP CONTEST**
at Midnight
\$50 cash prizes

THURS, OCT 29
WINGS Mad Town
**UNDERWEAR
PARTY**
Robbie gets
new
underwear



FRI, OCT 30
**PUMPKIN CARVING
CONTEST**
Bring entries in by 11pm.
*50 cash for the Demonic
Pumpkin
Judging at Midnite



SAT, OCT 31
HALLOWEEN
Costume contest at
midnite. Cash prizes.
Let it all hang out.
Dress up or Dress Down
or wear nothing at all!

SUN, NOV 1
The Staff of WINGS & Club
3054 present their own
**ROCKY HORROR
PICTURE SHOW**
at 10pm
A SHOW NOT TO MISS!



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6
BAR CRAWL TO MILWAUKEE
\$10 per person
Sign up now all you
PARTY ANIMALS!



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WED.
CHILI \$1

THURS.
BBQ'S \$1

SPECIAL EVENTS

THURS, OCT 8
**STRIP
SEARCH**
Amateur Contest
at 11pm
\$50 cash prizes
Host Robert Thomas
For men & Women

MON, OCT 12
**CHRISTOPHER
COLUMBUS**
Celebrate 500 years
of the Founding of
America.
Drink Specials all nite
long. See
bartenders
in
costume.



THURS, OCT 15
**VOTER
REGISTRATION
DAY**
Register to
Vote during
Happy Hour
and receive
a Free Drink
on us.

SAT, OCT 17
on the patio



\$5 German Beer Bust
& Free Brats 4-8.
Polka the Patio Away

THURS, OCT 22
**STRIP
SEARCH**
Amateur Contest
at 11pm
\$50 cash prizes
Amateurs Welcome
Finals Dec. 17

FRI, OCT 30
**PUMPKIN CARVING
CONTEST**
Bring in your carved
entry by 11pm for
judging. \$50 cash for
best carved
pumpkin.



SAT, OCT 31
Drink Specials
**COSTUME
CONTEST**
at midnite
\$300 in prizes.
Bewitching
hour at
midnight.



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