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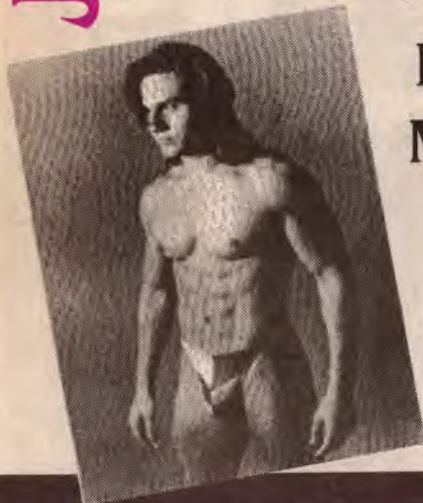
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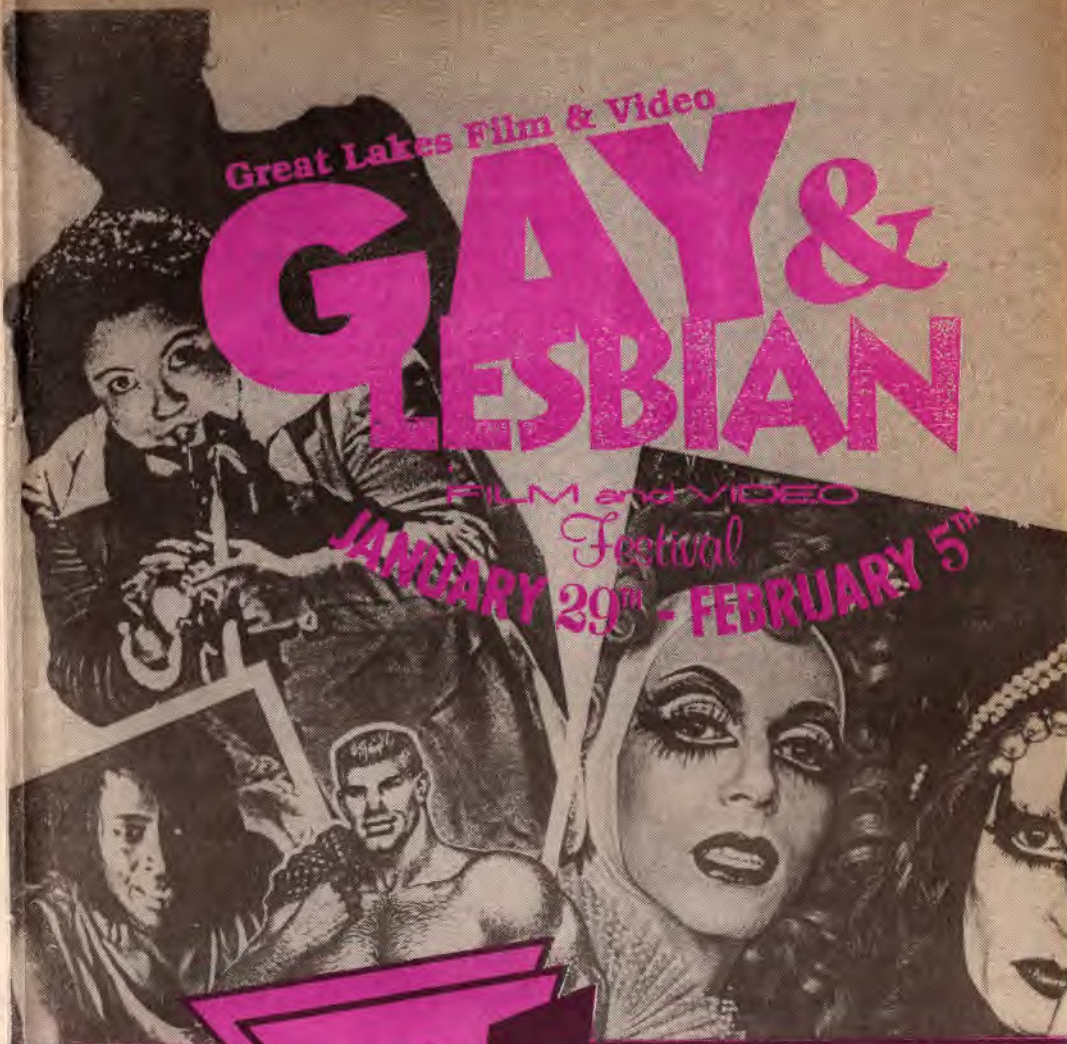
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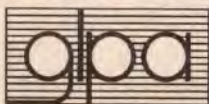
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by Tom Rezza



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# News

## Officially: 41 hate crimes in Wisconsin

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, under first time orders from the Justice Department, compiled statistics from Wisconsin Police Departments showing 41 hate crimes were reported statewide in '91. Those figures place Wisconsin among the lowest of the 32 states who participated in the first-ever national hate crimes survey.

Collection of the hate crimes statistics was mandated by the 1990 Hate Crimes Statistics Act.

The state of New York headed the list with 943 reported incidents. According to the FBI survey, three states — Kentucky, Louisiana and New Mexico — reported no incidents.

The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) reported no hate crimes in '91. However, a total of eight incidents occurred in areas patrolled by Milwaukee County, Greenfield and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee departments.

Seven of the Wisconsin hate crimes were motivated by the victim's sexual orientation; twenty-two for racial reasons; nine on ethnic differences; and two based on religion.

Many Gay/Lesbian community members feel the reported numbers for sexual orientation bias motivated crimes are not a true reflection of reality. Reasons given for the relatively low numbers are:

- Victims are not reporting hate crimes incidents to police departments, whose numbers the FBI bases its reports on. As an example, Ralph Navarro of Gay Information Services' Hate Crimes Hotline in Milwaukee, said he reported over 22 sexual orientation hate crime occurrences to the Milwaukee Police Department in '91. Those numbers were forwarded to the MPD; however, the MPD reports to the FBI only numbers reported directly to them from victims.

- Victims aren't conscious of what a hate crime is. Anti-Gay/Lesbian verbal slurs, verbal and physical harassment,

and physical or personal property attacks are all categorized as hate motivated crimes but victims aren't aware they're hate crimes victims.

- Victims don't know hate motivated crimes are something they should report to the police.

- Victims fear reprisals from the perpetrator(s).

- Victims fear reprisals from authorities; or fear the act of 'coming out' to those authorities.

## U.S. Supreme Court to rule on Wisconsin Hate Crimes law

Washington, DC [In Step] — The United States Supreme Court has agreed to rule on the constitutionality of Wisconsin's hate crimes law. The law was ruled unconstitutional by the Wisconsin Supreme Court last summer, but State Attorney General Jim Doyle appealed the case to the high court for further scrutiny. Twenty-nine other states joined Wisconsin in asking for the review.

The Wisconsin statute calls for higher fines and sentences for crimes motivated by bias based on race, religion, disability, national origin or sexual orientation. The state Supreme Court ruled that it violated the constitutional right to freedom of speech.

The case involves a black man, Todd Mitchell, now 24, who was found guilty of aggravated battery for attacking a white teenager in Kenosha in 1989. Before the attack, Mitchell reportedly said: "There goes a white boy, go get him." Because of that bias aspect, Mitchell's two year sentence for battery was increased to four years. His lawyers appealed and won the state ruling last year.

Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan stated at that time: "Because we wholeheartedly agree with the motivation

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of the Legislature in its desire to suppress hate crimes, it is with great regret that we hold the hate crimes statute unconstitutional — and only because we believe that the greater evil is the suppression of freedom of speech for all of us."

The U.S. Supreme Court has already voided a hate crimes ordinance in St. Paul, Minnesota. That ordinance differed from the Wisconsin law, and was

## Gays express hope for Clinton cabinet

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington, DC — Gay and Lesbian activists here are expressing a sense of guarded optimism over President-elect Bill Clinton's choices for key Cabinet positions.

Among the appointments with which they had struggled hardest was that of Defense Secretary. Gay groups expressed a measure of relief when the nod went to Rep. Les Aspin (D-WI). (Please see the separate News article headlined "Aspin pledges to confront..." elsewhere this section.)

Gay activists had earlier sounded alarms that Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, might get the post. They had launched their protests based on the knowledge that the Georgia Democrat had fired two Gay men from his staff based on their homosexuality.

The names of the two men were made public in November by the **Washington Blade**, a Gay newspaper. Gay activists responded to the news by staging a demonstration against Nunn in his Senate offices and by lobbying the transition team to drop the senator from consideration for the defense post.

At about the same time, Nunn's name began disappearing from the lists of rumored appointees and the chairman expressed his desire to remain in the Senate. Whether the protest from Gay groups factored into the choice of Aspin is not known.

ATTY. GENERAL ZOE BAIRD

somewhat broader in scope. It defined as a crime the display of any symbol or label, like a swastika or burning cross, that might arouse "anger, alarm or resentment in others" because of race, sex or religion. The justices ruled unanimously that the ordinance violated the First Amendment rights to free speech and expression.

A decision on the Wisconsin case is expected by June. It will affect hate crimes laws throughout the nation.

In choosing Zoe E. Baird as the nation's next Attorney General, Clinton appears to have picked a vocal advocate for Gay and Lesbian rights and progressive AIDS policy.

"I know her and it's the best news our community could hope for," said David Mixner, an openly Gay senior advisor to Clinton. "She is very pro-Gay and Lesbian. She is excellent on Gay issues. She knows people who have AIDS, friends. And she's of the generation that knows lots of Gay and Lesbian people as a result."

"She's going to be absolutely dynamite for us."

Baird, 40, most recently served as vice-president and general counsel for Aetna Life and Casualty. She previously held positions in the Carter administration in the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel and in the White House Counsel office.

As head of the Justice Department, Baird will be charged with a myriad of matters affecting the Gay/Lesbian and AIDS communities.

Baird will be ultimately responsible for the government's enforcement of the federal ban on AIDS discrimination, realized in 1992 as part of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As the Justice Department has jurisdiction over the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Baird will also be in charge of the federal collection of statistics on bias-motivated crimes, including those motivated by anti-Gay prejudice. This data collection was mandated by 1990's



#### Hate Crime Statistics Act.

Her first conflict on that front will be a long-standing disagreement between Gay/Lesbian rights groups and the Justice Dept. agency charged with collecting these statistics. Gay and Jewish advocacy groups have criticized the agency for allegedly overlooking crimes motivated by bias based on religion and sexual orientation. For the past two years, these groups have tried to remedy the stand-off by meeting with agency staffers and through legislation, with mixed results.

Baird also will have to stake out an administration position on hate crimes laws which increase penalties on certain crimes motivated by bias. Twenty-two states currently have such laws and they are being considered by an additional seven state governments. A similar federal bill died in the Senate last year after a filibuster threat from Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC).

The Supreme Court is expected to hear the case of Wisconsin's hate crimes penalty law this session (see related story, this section). Baird will be charged with helping craft the Clinton administration's position on this delicate issue. Many civil liberties groups oppose hate crimes laws as a violation of free speech rights.

With Clinton now supporting the federal Gay/Lesbian civil rights bill, Baird will also be in charge of the administration's lobbying of Congress in support of the long-stymied measure. If and when it is enacted, she would then be charged with enforcement of the law.

Justice also has final control over the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which since 1987 has been enforcing a controversial ban on immigration by people infected with HIV. While the prohibition on immigration and travel was scheduled to be repealed in 1991 after Congressional action, last minute lobbying by conservatives led the Bush Justice Dept. to sabotage the change, leaving the ban intact.

Clinton has pledged to repeal the ban and will need support from his new Attorney General to enact the change.

#### HUD SECRETARY HENRY CISNEROS

Gay and Lesbian activists are also expressing cautious optimism about former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, tapped for Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

In that role, Cisneros will oversee a two year old program to provide public housing to people with AIDS.

Since its enactment, AIDS activists have butted heads with the Department over the speed with which it has approved regulations allowing for the release of federal funds for the project.

"He's certainly an improvement over [sitting secretary Jack] Kemp," said Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF). "Whether he's the best selection, I'm not sure."

McFeeley said there is some "concern" in San Antonio over Cisneros's treatment of the Gay and Lesbian community there. Local Gays had asked the then-mayor to join other local officials in co-sponsoring a fundraiser for HRCF. McFeeley says Cisneros was "less than forthcoming" to the local activists in declining their request. The move came as the mayor was taking a series of more conservative stances, apparently in preparation for running for higher office.

Cisneros was later forced to resign from office when he acknowledged having an extra-marital affair. He has since reconciled with his wife.

#### FOREIGN POLICY POSITIONS

Activists also have a list of expectations for new Secretary of State Warren Christopher and United Nations Ambassador Madeleine Albright.

Radecic said she hopes that Christopher will help elevate the issue of international human rights for Gays and Lesbians throughout the Department and will assist in lifting the ban on immigration by HIV-infected individuals.

If Christopher has a staff in place by April, she said, Gay groups would like to send a delegation to brief him on human rights abuses of Gays and Lesbians. Radecic likewise hoped that Albright

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would play a role in the matter.

## SURGEON GENERAL

AIDS activists expressed nothing short of glee at the rumored nomination of Arkansas health chief Joycelyn Elders for Surgeon General.

Elders, an African-American, has earned praise from Gay, AIDS and women's groups for her outspoken, often controversial comments on abortion rights and sex and AIDS education.

Against the cries of conservatives and religious groups, Elders spearheaded a statewide condom distribution program in Arkansas and has addressed a number of abortion rights rallies, once saying that "these anti-abortion activists need to get over their love affair with the fetus."

"She sounds wonderful," commented McFeeley. "She's a breath of fresh air."

## Aspin: will confront military Gay policy "head on"

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Defense Secretary-designate Rep. Les Aspin (D-Wisc.), appearing before a Senate confirmation panel here Jan. 7, said that he would deal with the Pentagon's ban on Gays in the uniformed service 'head-on,' seeking to overturn it 'carefully' and 'deliberately.'

"I think the one thing that's different with Bill Clinton's election and his pledge during the campaign to take this issue head-on is that we are going to take it head-on," Aspin told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"There's no way to avoid the issue or slide around it, or try to patch up the whole issue and let it go away," he added. "Bill Clinton has said to me .... 'We want this issue to be dealt with very, very carefully, but we want it to be dealt with very, very deliberately.' So, I think there is some benefit from the pledge that Bill Clinton has made, because I think it will force us to confront it."

Aspin made his comments in response to a question from Sen. Dan Coats

(R-Ind.), who supports the exclusionary policy. Coats suggested that President-elect Clinton's campaign pledge to rescind the policy flies in the face of opposition to the presence of homosexuals in the military from the "Chairman of the Joint Chiefs (of staff) down to the privates in the units."

Aspin stated that he is not sure exactly how he will seek to implement a new policy on Gays in the military, but will seek input from various sources, including the Senate committee members.

"My view is that there (are) some obvious flaws in the current policy," said Aspin. "All you have to do is pick up the newspaper once in a while and find that something's not right here. Somebody's served 30 years in the military and is suddenly being separated because it's discovered that he or she is homosexual."

"From an equity and a fairness standpoint, I think there are some real problems with the way the policy is going right now."

He also noted that public attention to the issue has increased over the past few years, ranging from media interest in the dismissals of Gay soldiers and sailors to lawsuits challenging the policy.

"The issue a while back when (Sen.) John Warner (R-Va.) was Secretary of the Navy was the issue of blacks in the military," said Aspin. "And then it was the issue of drugs. And there's still the issue of women, and women in combat. These are not issues based upon anybody's decisions, but they are issues that the military has to deal with because American society is dealing with them."

"I think what we've got is that we've got a situation where we're going to be dealing with it," he added. "Just as we're dealing with women in combat, just as we're dealing with sexual harassment, we're going to be dealing with Gays in the military."

Aspin suggested that even if Clinton had not pledged to change the policy, or even if President Bush had won re-election, the directive would have fallen. The difference with Clinton, he said, was that the policy would be addressed directly.



"You don't want to say that... it's an either do it or don't do it (proposition)," Aspin stressed. "The problem is we're going to end up dealing with it and we can either deal with it forthrightly and deal with it well, or we can deal with back-handedly and bungle it."

Previously, Aspin had been reluctant to state clearly his position on the controversial issue, only saying he would deal with the subject "carefully" and "deliberately." And while his congressional record has shown steady support for Gay and Lesbian rights, he has never co-sponsored legislation calling for a repeal of the policy.

Despite that, staffers for Aspin, who chaired the House Armed Services Committee, routinely attended briefings on the military policy sponsored by Gay and Lesbian activists.

During his confirmation hearings,

Aspin expressed a thorough knowledge of the fight to repeal the policy, noting that the governments of the Netherlands, Australia and Canada recently allowed Gays in their armed forces and that universities around the country are throwing ROTC chapters off their campuses, based on the Pentagon policy.

Gay and Lesbian activists greeted Aspin's comments well, reiterating their belief that Clinton will fulfill his pledge early in his Administration.

"We have great confidence in Les Aspin's abilities to implement President Clinton's plan to end the ban," said Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which endorsed Clinton's election. "We understand that Bill Clinton has not wavered in his opposition to the pentagon's policy of discrimination and will continue to work with Clinton officials and with Les Aspin as this change is implemented."

## Shalala's record in Wisconsin

By Jamakaya

Madison — In an interview on the ROTC issue last year, University of Wisconsin Chancellor Donna Shalala, newly appointed by Bill Clinton to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, declared: "I have a lot of colleagues that would say that I should not get involved in Gay and Lesbian issues, particularly in a state as conservative as Wisconsin. For me, it's a moral issue, a fundamental issue of civil rights."

Despite this avowal, Gay and Lesbian activists in and around the University of Wisconsin (UW), who have alternately dined with and sparred with Chancellor Shalala in recent years, responded with mixed feelings to the news that she was nominated by President elect Clinton as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Everyone interviewed seemed impressed by Shalala's political acumen and her personal warmth and charisma. "She wins over everyone she meets," said one activist. But all expressed disappointment that Shalala failed to follow through on progressive reforms during her tenure at the UW, particularly

in regard to ROTC.

"She consistently stonewalled on the ROTC issue," said Brad Birkland of the Ten Percent Society, a UW campus group. "Other smaller schools have moved more aggressively on ROTC and domestic partnerships. That a university of this caliber couldn't do those things is ridiculous. Shalala never brought her influence to bear on these things. She talks alot about very progressive ideas but there's been very little action."

### DISAPPOINTED EXPECTATIONS

"I respect the woman, but urgh!" groaned Tracy Prouty, former co-President of the Ten Percent Society. Prouty, along with other student leaders, dined with Shalala several times at the Chancellor's residence. "I credit her with giving us a real feeling of possibility," said Prouty. "I had very high expectations of her but she hasn't lived up to them."

Jane Vanderbosch of The United, a coalition of Gay and Lesbian groups, also called Shalala a "real disappointment."

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Vanderbosch cited Shalala's failure to move on ROTC and the defunding of the university's Women's Transit Service as the "lowlights" of her tenure at the UW. Shalala's much publicized "Madison Plan," an ambitious timetable for increasing minority enrollment, was "nothing but window dressing," according to Vanderbosch. The plan was first scaled back, then abandoned altogether.

The ROTC issue has caused the most frustration and led to several confrontations with Shalala and the UW Board of Regents. Students repeatedly petitioned to have ROTC kicked off campus because it is in violation of state, city and university rules barring discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The UW Student Association, the Faculty Senate, Chancellor Shalala and the Board of Regents all went on record opposing ROTC's discriminatory policy, but the Regents refused to ban ROTC from UW campuses.

#### SHALALA'S OWN WORDS

In an interview with this reporter a year ago, Shalala said she "absolutely" understood the frustration students and faculty feel with the UW's inconsistent policy on ROTC: "I share their frustration and I can see that the policies are inconsistent. But I do not have executive authority on this issue."

In a comment that might shed light on how she reacts to protests as HHS Secretary, Shalala seemed unruffled by the pressure tactics of the Ten Percent Society, whose members disrupted meetings of the Board of Regents: "The students have been doing what students who care deeply about an issue ought to do. They're not supposed to be patient, and they're acting accordingly. That's their role. And I have to do my best."

In November 1991, Shalala met with Pentagon officials to express opposition to the ban. As a board member of the National Association of Universities and Land Grant Colleges, she got that group to

agree to raise funds to mount a court challenge to the ban — money that has not yet been raised. She won the derision of Gays when she suggested that the most hopeful course for ending the ban was in writing letters directly to the Secretary of Defense.

"She just wanted to shift the pressure from the university and her own failure to lead to Washington," complained Birkland.

While Gay and Lesbian leaders faulted Shalala's lack of leadership, Shalala had a very different assessment of her role: "There's no question in my mind if you could see my mail on this issue, that there is not a lot of public support for the University's position — as led by me — on this issue. But there are some things you just have to do, and in some cases it involves personal risk."

#### 'A LOT OF HOMOPHOBIA'

Asked whether she faced opposition for her ROTC stand from fellow administrators, Shalala commented: "As you well know, there's a lot of homophobic behavior in this country, and that's in large part why public leaders have been reluctant, not just on the ROTC issue, but in general on Gay and Lesbian issues."

"But at some point you have to have a bottom line in your life," said Shalala. "For educators, you've got to have a consistent position on the fundamental issues of morality and the fundamental issues of civil rights."

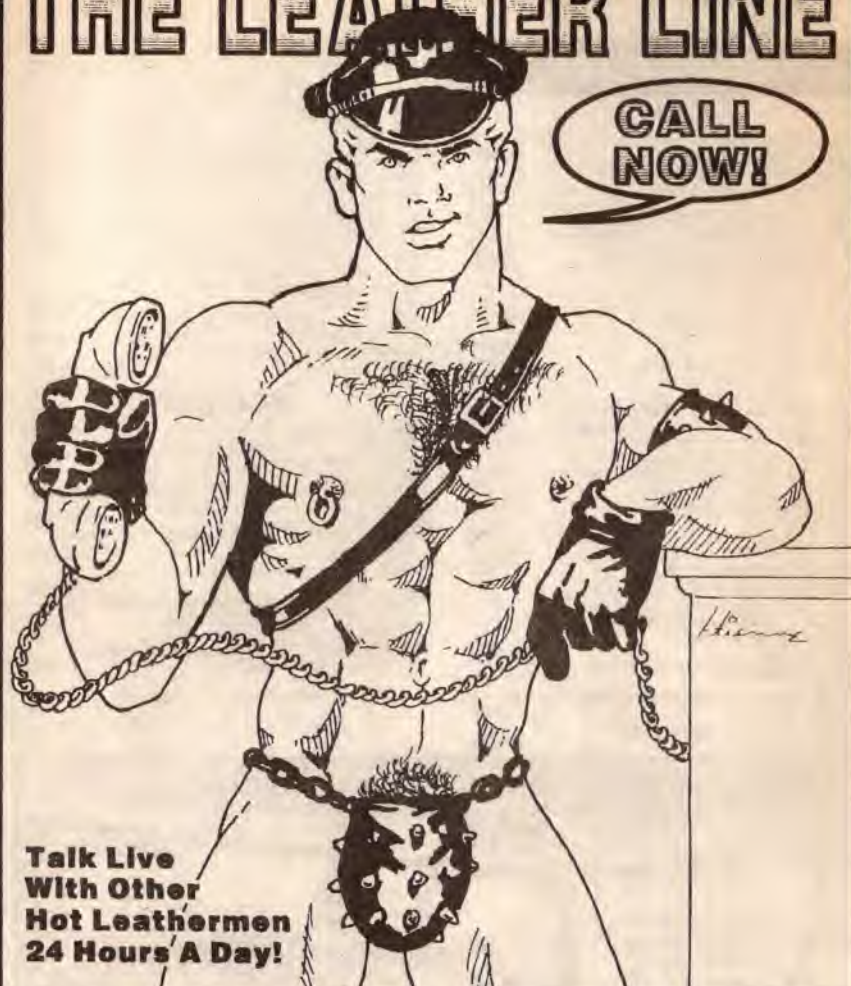
There have been positive developments for Gays and Lesbians at the UW during Shalala's tenure. In 1991, the University Housing Department opened the university's married student housing complexes to unmarried couples, including same sex partners registered under Madison's domestic partnership ordinance. A Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual Campus Center is financed through student fees, and the Dean of Students has begun publishing a newsletter for Gay/Lesbian students.

Vanderbosch says these things came about through student activism, not

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through any leadership by Shalala herself. And she warns: "It's still not okay to be queer here. There are still Gay bashings by the fraternities on Langdon Street. Homophobia is still rampant throughout the university. I don't think she's provided aggressive leadership at all."

### MISTAKEN PERCEPTION

Some of the disappointment with Shalala is based on the widely held perception that she herself is a Lesbian, an allegation she recently denied (see related story). Several half-hearted attempts had been made to "out" Shalala through the distribution of a flyer and chalking on pavements around the university, but neither the Gay nor mainstream press covered it and many Gays in Madison denounced the tactic.

Even those disgruntled with Shalala

admit she is better than the previous chancellor. She has been more accessible to students, is receptive to different points of view and is recognized for her administrative expertise and fundraising skills. Everyone remarks about her intelligence, high energy and infectious spirit.

"A lot worse people could have been appointed to be Health and Human Services Secretary," conceded Birkland.

Vanderbosch said her fondest hope was that as HHS Secretary Shalala "can bring integrity and leadership to the fight against AIDS." Shalala has promised to fulfill Clinton's campaign pledge to appoint a "czar" to coordinate the nationwide effort against AIDS.

"She'll certainly be held accountable if she does not," Vanderbosch warned, "and Donna's no stranger to Gay activists getting in her face."

## Shalala responds to 'outing' attempt

Commentary by Jamakaya

In late December, University of Wisconsin Chancellor Donna Shalala, newly appointed by Bill Clinton to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, responded to growing rumors about her sexuality by declaring that she is not a Lesbian. "The charge is ridiculous," she said.

"Have I lived an alternative lifestyle? The answer is no," Shalala told Associated Press. "I've been investigated up the kazoo by the best investigators in the world, and they've turned up their hands and said, 'You're just going to have to live with it. Crazy people make crazy calls.'"

The "calls" apparently refer to efforts by Michael Petrelis of Queer Nation in the District of Columbia to prod the media, Clinton's transition team and those set to preside over her confirmation hearing to expose Shalala's alleged Lesbianism.

Petrelis told *In Step* of his "outing" attempt: "I would do it all over again. I do not see this as a punitive outing. She's good on our issues. I'm not saying she's

a Lesbian as an insult."

Petrelis said he wanted to reveal her alleged Lesbianism so Shalala could serve as a role model as the first openly Lesbian Cabinet member. "Even if it's not true, it's not horrible to say that Donna Shalala is a Lesbian," said Petrelis. "At least we forced her to state her position."

### NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE

Petrelis admitted he had no evidence to support the contention that Shalala is a Lesbian. He cited a statement made by Lesbian activist Miriam Ben-Shalom at a "Creating Change" conference in 1990. Ben-Shalom's comments were reported by Minneapolis writer Tim Campbell in an opinion piece published in several newspapers at the time of Shalala's appointment.

Ben-Shalom told *In Step* she indeed made a reference to Shalala as a Lesbian at that conference. She said she thought the fact was "common knowledge" at the time but is disappointed that her words have been used to advance someone else's political agenda.

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"I strongly oppose outing except in the case of someone who does willful and malicious harm to the Gay and Lesbian community," said Ben-Shalom.

"I think I have some understanding of how Donna Shalala feels given that I was thrust unwillingly into this melee. We must be careful not to alienate people who are potential friends in our hunger for good and appropriate role models. One's right to privacy is penultimate."

Petrelis also cited an article about Shalala by this reporter which appeared in the **San Francisco Sentinel** December 17. It included excerpts of an interview with Shalala in which she expressed strong support for Gay rights as well as comments by Gay and Lesbian activists in Madison who had direct contact with Shalala. (See related story.)

**STORY SENSATIONALIZED**

The story made reference to the "widely held perception" among Gays and Lesbians that Shalala was Lesbian. It also noted that she (to that point) had declined to comment on the allegation. The story was sent with the headline "The Scoop on Donna Shalala: Her Record in Wisconsin." But it appeared on the front page of the **Sentinel** under the headline: "A Dyke in the Clinton Cabinet?"

Petrelis admits distributing copies of the story to the Washington press corps and urging them to investigate further. In response to many calls from media outlets, I denied any personal knowledge of Shalala's Lesbianism, asked them to ignore the sensational headline and to read the story more carefully. Like Ben-Shalom, I regret inadvertently contributing to a controversy I had no intention of igniting.

Michael Petrelis says he has "no regrets" about the attempted outing of Shalala. He contends it "advanced our agenda. It got the news media to look at whether a Cabinet appointee was a Lesbian. It put us in the papers. It made us more visible and that's always good. It puts people on notice. We didn't put up with closet cases under the Republicans

and we won't put up with them under the Democrats."

As for Donna Shalala, the subject of Petrelis's zealous brand of activism, she told AP: "When you live a public life as long as I have, there's almost no privacy left."

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**ST. LOUIS PASSES STRONG GAY RIGHTS LAW**

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Fox Valley AIDS Project 120 N. Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911	733-2067
Center Project, Inc. Fox Valley Ext. UW-Oshkosh 10% Society 207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901	
G.W.E.E.D.A. (Greater Wis. Educational Economic Development Alliance) P.O. Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903	

Gay/Lesbian Support Group UW-O Counseling Center	424-2061
Synergy (AIDS Support Network) P.O. Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935	235-5100
Fox Valley G/L Parents Lawrence Univ. /Gay, Lesbian, BI group	727-1975
Lawrence University, InfoDesk Box 599, Appleton 54912 (Elise)	(414) 832-7165
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The law, which has been hailed by Gay rights supporters as one of the most comprehensive in the U.S., prohibits discrimination in housing, employment, credit, education and public access on the basis of race, religion, disability, family status and sexual orientation. The law creates a civil rights commission with enforcement powers. It also contains a clause which prevents its repeal through referendum.

Alderwoman Mary Ross, who introduced the measure, described it as a routine update of the city's civil rights protections. It was not specifically designed as a Gay rights law, but Ross said she wanted it to be inclusive of all

groups whose rights have been denied.

St. Louis now joins 130 other U.S. towns and cities which protect the basic civil rights of Gays and Lesbians.

## TWO MAJOR UNIVERSITIES OFFER DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS

**Chicago, IL** — In December, the University of Chicago (UC) and Stanford University in California extended health insurance, tuition benefits, library privileges and other fringe benefits to the domestic partners of Gay and Lesbian employees. The *New York Times* reported they are the most far-reaching domestic partner policies in colleges nationwide and are expected to influence the adoption of similar benefits elsewhere.



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"This will have very significant practical effects for a number of people who had to pay a lot of money in the past for health insurance," said Prof. George Chauncey of UC's Lesbian and Gay Faculty Organization. "But it's equally significant as a symbolic victory. It really means the university has said that Gay and Lesbian faculty members, students and staff are full citizens of the university community."

#### CALIFORNIA EDUCATION POLICY MANDATES GAY INCLUSION

Sacramento, CA — The California Board of Education has voted unanimously in favor of curriculum guidelines for health education which mandate the inclusion of Gay and Lesbian subject matter. **Health Education Frameworks** will govern health and sex education courses in grades K-12.

Project 21, a branch of San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, led the fight to include Gay information. The process of hearings and appeals and revisions took more than a year. Organizers were especially pleased with the victory because conservative groups like the Traditional Values Coalition had lobbied hard against the new guidelines.

**Frameworks** requires that "all students must feel included" in the educational setting regardless of sexual orientation. One section on mental health describes the higher levels of suicide among Gay youth. Another says that children from "non-traditional families" can lead happy lives and that "it is important that children not be denigrated because of their living arrangement or the composition of their family."

#### ADVOCATE NAMES MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Los Angeles, CA — Entertainment mogul David Geffen and grass roots

organizer Donna Red Wing, a leader against Oregon's anti-Gay Measure 9, were named "Man and Woman of the Year" by the Advocate.

Geffen, who after years of prodding, only came out of the closet fully in 1992, has donated huge sums of money to AIDS charities and for Gay civil rights efforts. Red Wing, Executive Director of the Portland, Oregon Lesbian Community Project, is a longtime activist who braved death threats to organize the successful campaign against Measure 9.

#### LESBIAN SOLDIER'S CASE TO PROCEED

Washington, DC — The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear a government appeal in the case of a Lesbian soldier, Carolyn "Dusty" Pruitt, who is seeking reinstatement into the Army Reserve. The Bush administration had tried to overturn a lower court's decision rejecting the Pentagon's rationale for excluding homosexuals.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco had ruled unanimously that societal prejudice against Gays could not be used as justification for the military's ban on homosexuals. The Pentagon's case against Pruitt cited social prejudice against Gays as part of its exclusionary rationale. The Pentagon argued that such prejudice created tension and disrupted the morale of military units.

Pruitt's case will now return to federal court, and the Pentagon will have to rework its defense strategy. Pruitt claims her discharge from the Army violated her right to equal protection under the law.

#### LONGTERM COUPLES WANTED FOR MASS WEDDING AT MARCH ON WASHINGTON

Washington, DC — Rev. Troy Perry of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches is launching a nationwide search for the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual couples that have stayed together the longest. All three couples will get a free round-trip airline ticket to attend a mass wedding to be held in conjunction with the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights in April.

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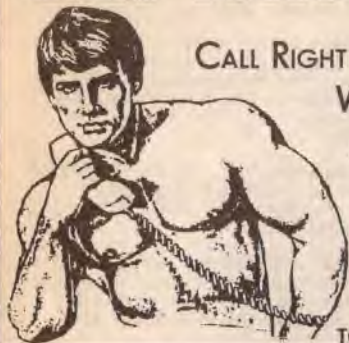
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### BLACK GAYS AND LESBIANS TO MEET IN FEBRUARY

Los Angeles, CA — Angela Davis and Bell Hooks, longtime writers and political activists, will be the keynote speakers at the 6th annual National Black Gay and Lesbian Conference and Institutes scheduled February 11-15, 1993 at the Hilton Hotel in Long Beach, California.

This year's conference theme, "Black Lesbians and Gays: Building Bridges, Making Connections," will focus on the need to bridge the gaps that separate participants around issues of race, gender and sexual orientation. San Franciscan Brandy Moore is slated to receive the

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For registration information, contact: The Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum, 2538 Hyperion Avenue, #7, Los Angeles, CA 90027. The number is (213) 666-5495.

### ABSOLUT VODKA SPONSORS BENEFIT CONCERT FOR AIDS

New York, NY — Absolut Vodka will sponsor its fourth annual "Absolut Concerto," a gala concert and dinner event, at Lincoln Center February 3. Maestro Mstislav Rostropovich will be honorary chairman of the event whose proceeds will go to the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

The concert will feature the New York premiere of George Rochberg's Symphony 6 along with two new works, "Silent Night/Bizarro World" by Michael Daugherty, and Sinfonia Concertante for Soprano Sax and Orchestra by Augusta Read Thomas. The works will be performed by the New Jersey Symphony under the direction of Lawrence Leighton Smith.

Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

## STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### STATE SUPREME COURT TO RULE ON MANDATORY AIDS TESTING

Madison — The Wisconsin Supreme Court will soon decide whether a Dane County social worker who was bitten by a woman can compel the woman to undergo an HIV blood test. After a similar biting incident at Taycheedah Correctional Facility, Carol Tucker allegedly claimed she had AIDS. Two lower courts said state law prohibited such mandatory testing.

The social worker, Bob Syring, is represented by his union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), along with the American Civil Liberties Union is representing Tucker's interests.

AFSCME attorney Bruce Ehlke told the Associated Press: "The arguments really involve a balancing of the rights of a potential AIDS carrier against the rights of a victim." But ARCW attorney Steve Byers said the mandatory testing would violate state law and Tucker's privacy rights.

The biting incident occurred in 1987. Syring has tested negative for the HIV virus since that time.

### MILWAUKEE COMMON COUNCIL VOTES AGAINST COLORADO BOYCOTT

Milwaukee — On December 18, the Milwaukee Common Council defeated a resolution that would have banned official city travel to Colorado because of that state's recent adoption of an anti-Gay referendum.

The resolution was introduced by Ald. Paul Henningsen, who was joined by just four other Council members in support of the boycott: Ald. Lorraine McNamara-McGraw, Marlene Johnson, Frederick Gordon and E. Fay Anderson. Twelve votes were needed for passage.

Ald. Tom Nardelli summed up the feelings of opponents when he said: "If we didn't have anything else to do in the city of Milwaukee, this might be a great topic to bring up."

New York City, Atlanta, Chicago and San Francisco are among the major municipalities that have joined the boycott.

### UNITED WAY FUNDS BOY SCOUTS FOR 1993

Milwaukee — At its December meeting, the Board of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee agreed to continue funding three area Boy Scout Councils despite growing pressure against the Scouts' policy of excluding Gays. The total allocation is more than \$800,000.

"It is my personal judgment that the determination of whether the Boy Scouts discriminate should be left to the courts," United Way Board Chairman Dean Treptow said in a memo to fellow board members.

At its October meeting, the board had

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rejected that view and promised to launch an active investigation into whether the Scouts' exclusionary policy was contrary to United Way's non-discrimination guidelines. Some board members had met with Boy Scout representatives in November and with members of Queer Scouts, the group opposing the funding, in October. Except for Treptow's brief memo, the board as a whole has not announced its findings or reasoning.

Before the December meeting began, Queer Scouts protested outside United Way headquarters. They had lobbied each board member and sent them newspaper clippings about Brooks Fain, a Brookfield teenager who committed suicide after being the brunt of anti-Gay harassment by his classmates. Queer Scouts accused United Way, through its continued funding of the Boy Scouts, of breeding the intolerance and discrimination that leads to the high rate of suicide among Gay teens.

#### MASN RECEIVES \$35,000 FROM AIDS WALK

Madison — Just days before

Christmas, the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) received a check for \$35,255 from Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. The money represented MASN's share of the proceeds from Wisconsin AIDS Walk in September.

"The co-sponsorship of MASN was an important reason for the enormous success of the Walk," said Nelson. Twenty-two teams and nearly 350 walkers from Madison attended 1992's pledge walk.

MASN will use the funds to provide case management and support services for more than 300 men, women and children affected by HIV disease as well as for innovative risk reduction and education programs.

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Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

## Gunderson resigns GOP post

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wisc.), whose sexual orientation has been the subject of controversy, surprised leaders in the Gay and AIDS communities here (and in his home state) Jan. 4 when he announced his resignation from a House GOP leadership post.

"There is no question that the House Republican leadership is becoming increasingly hard-right," said Gunderson in resigning his party post. "I do not believe our present leadership represents mainstream Republicans in this country or even in the Congress."

In making his announcement, Gunderson noted that he informed House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich shortly before Christmas that he would be resigning his post as Chief Deputy Whip, a post he has held for four years.

Gunderson, who was re-elected to a seventh term (serving largely rural South West Wisconsin) last November, will continue to serve in the House.

The moderate Republican lawmaker noted in his statement that he has been voicing concerns about "the growing image of intolerance" by the Republican Party since the party's convention in

Houston last August. He noted that his party efforts will now be aimed at revitalizing the moderate wing of the party "both within Congress and across the nation."

Gunderson charged that House Republicans are preparing to take a confrontational approach to President-elect Clinton's proposals, pushing an agenda of "confrontation and opposition," something he said he opposed during President Bush's term of office and will oppose during Clinton's term.

The announcement came as something of surprise to Washington Gay and AIDS activists who have long hoped that the Wisconsin lawmaker would take a more active role in confronting anti-Gay and AIDS prejudice among the party ranks.

"Congressman Gunderson is a conservative-to-moderate member of the House whose voting record on Lesbian and Gay issues has been mixed," said Gregory King, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "He could not be considered a liberal, yet even his moderate philosophy is being made uncomfortable in the current Republican climate."

"He doesn't want to be tarred by the reactionary brush that is sweeping across the Republican party."

Other sources suggested that Gunderson's move, while a renunciation of the increased power of the right wing in the House Republican ranks, may have been taken to avoid a more damaging defeat had he chosen to continue in the House party leadership.

"I appreciate his motives, though I don't know if it would have been better to stay and fight," said Rich Tafel, president of the Log Cabin Federation, a national organization of 26 Gay and Lesbian Republican groups.

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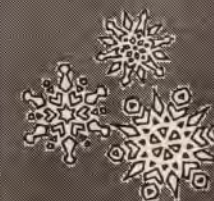
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**GWM, 21, 5'11 1/2"** Seeking relationship. Brown hair, hazel-blue eyes, not much hair on chest, thin. Interests include photography. (I'd like to have guys model for me.) Working out, watching movies either at the theatre or cuddling on the couch or bed. I'm still learning about myself. Sex is OK, but not top priority. You: GWM, good-looking, HIV negative, straight-acting butch guy. About 6 foot, dark dark brown, blackish hair color preferred. Not hairy. Medium/big muscles and chest. Mutual massages, gentle and understanding. No drugs or heavy drinkers, and non-smoker. No kinky games. Prefer guy in 20's, but will accept ages 18-35. Send photo. Serious only. P.O. Box 155, Green Bay, WI 54305.

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The Log Cabin Federation, since its birth in the late eighties, has attempted to move the national Republican party towards more moderate stances on Gay and Lesbian rights with little success. Since last August's GOP convention, which saw far-right forces flex their muscle within the party, they have joined with moderates within the Republican ranks to influence their party's future. They now hope to open Washington offices by the end of 1993.

Gunderson has been at the center of attention for Gays and Lesbians in Washington for several years based on widespread rumors that he is Gay. The congressman has been seen frequently at several area Gay and Lesbian nightclubs.

Gunderson's nightspot appearances made newspaper headlines in 1991 when, after being spotted by AIDS activists in a suburban Virginia Gay bar, radical activist Michael Petrelis threw a soft drink on the lawmaker. The activist demanded that the congressman publicly state that he is Gay and vote in support of Gay and lesbian rights.

As news of the fracas hit the press, Gunderson refused to express his sexual orientation to reporters, but did acknowledge that he frequents nightclubs that cater to Gays and Lesbians.

Tafel refused to speculate as to whether Gunderson's sexual orientation played a role in his decision, as did several other Gay and Lesbian activists who did not wish to be named.

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## House rules change could impact Gay issues votes

News Analysis By Cliff O'Neill

They fought hard all season, and after the votes were counted, Republicans had to console themselves with the idea that they would see a net gain of only ten new GOP House colleagues in the new Congress.

Now a procedural move by the Democratic majority could essentially slice that gain in half.

Needless to say, the Grand Old Party isn't feeling particularly festive about this one.

Early last year, with a Republican president riding high in the polls and redistricting sure to increase the sagging strength of the party in the House, GOP members had visions in their head of a Republican majority. The November election dashed those hopes badly.

This change kicks it in the teeth.

The controversy comes down to what Democrats are billing as a simple change of the governing rules of the House. In reality it goes much further.

Up until Tuesday, January 5, the USA's major territories and possessions (Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the District of Columbia) were granted only nominal representation in the House in the way of non-voting delegates in the chamber. These delegates could speak on the floor of the House and vote in committee, but they had no vote in the full House.

The new policy was adopted by the Democrats as part of the leadership's biannual rules changes. Those changes were then adopted by a 22 vote margin on Jan. 5 — in the first political confrontation of the 103rd Congress — giving those delegates a voice on the House floor for the first time in history. Delegates can now vote on all contested issues that come before the full House. Under the new rules, the delegates and representatives will be allowed to vote on virtually all contested matters in the House except for the final passage of legislation. Those final passage votes, more often than not,

result in overwhelming votes for passage.

And therein lies the Republican's main complain.

All of these delegates are Democrats.

House Republicans called the rule change "unconstitutional" and a "power grab" and threatened to fight the change in federal court.

Arguments for and against the change are wrapped up in the volatile issues of statehood for the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, the tax status of the four territories and the small populations of three of them. All of these will all be argued in the House and, most likely, in federal court.

But until it is all figured out, lobbying groups of all stripes — including Gay and AIDS organizations — will have to ask themselves a new and puzzling question: How will the gentleman from American Samoa vote?

For many lobbyists, the answer may not be hard to find; on a host of matters, Democrats and Republicans tend to line up pretty faithfully behind their party banners. But for Gay and AIDS groups, that's not always the case.

Clearly, one of the delegates, Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-D.C.) is no mystery to Gay interests. A leader on Gay rights, Norton has co-sponsored the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights Bill and has defended the district's pro-Gay policies before a rather hostile Congress.

The others, for the most part, remain something of a mystery.

It's not as if they haven't had any contact from Gay lobbying groups before. In every session of Congress, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force send out letters to every member and delegate in the House asking them to co-sponsor the federal Gay and Lesbian rights bill.

But, until now, the only feedback has come from Norton and no one has made any grand overtures towards the other delegates.

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**GWM 33, Seeks GWM:** Still looking for that special guy, who enjoys the outdoors, quiet evenings together, cooking together or dining out, movies, music, etc. Looking for friendship and possible relationship with the right guy. Non-smoker, caring, honest and down to earth. Not into bars. Serious only need reply. Send to: Keith N76 W14535 Market Dr. #50, Meno Falls, WI 53051.

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**GWM 34, 5'11"** 174 lbs. Blk/Brn, average build, hairy, top, very affectionate, non-smoker/ drinker; lonely and in search for romance and friendship. Seeking honest, mature non-smoking GWM 18-27, slim to average build, who is serious about building a relationship with that special person. My interests are movies, music (country-western & pop), dining out and quiet romantic nights at home. If interested please call Jeff at (608) 255-5733, Fri.-Sun. nights or write: P.O. Box 644, Madison, WI 53701.

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**Two Tops and A Bottom** — (Roommates) seek second bottom 19-35 to live with us as a slut-puppy,houseboy and bedpartner for the older top. Some minimum expenses, some S/M. Ideal for student or part-time worker. Call Daddy in Milwaukee at 271-6959.

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**GWM, 40, 6', Slender** and very smooth bottom looking for a top, any race, for safe, hot times. I'm also very oral. I also like group fun. Will travel. Please write to: Boxholder, P.O. Box 311, Appleton, WI 54912.

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**Green Bay** — Sentimental GWM 33, 5' 9 1/2", 160 lbs. Seeking monogamous life companion and friends who enjoy sports, motorcycles, outdoors, camping, nature. Al, P.O. Box 9481, Green Bay, WI 54308.

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**GWM, 24, 6'1"** 190 lbs. Looking for caring, honest attractive male who likes music (alternative), skiing, tennis and quiet times together. 23-40 and hairy chest a plus. Steve (414) 281-0797.

One new voting member Gays could pretty much write off, though, is Robert Underwood (D), the newly elected delegate from Guam. Overwhelmingly Roman Catholic, Guam has one of the strictest HIV testing laws in the country and recently was overturned in its attempt to ban all abortions and abortion counseling in the territory.

According to Washington lobbyists, Underwood will likely be a strongly conservative vote on AIDS and Gay issues in the House.

Likewise, little is known about the Gay and AIDS positions of Del. Eni F.H. Faleomavaega (D), the Mormon attorney who has represented American Samoa in Congress since 1988. According to Gay groups in Washington, most Gays on the island territory flee to San Francisco and Hawaii, the base of most Pacific Islander Gay activism, and have little contact with their elected delegate.

As for ten-term Del. Ron de Kugi (D-V.I.), the New Jersey-born broadcast journalist from St. Thomas, Gay lobbyists disavow themselves from any hint of how

he may vote on their issues. Despite a host of North American emigres living in the territory and the large number of resorts there — including several Gay resorts — there is very little formal Gay political organizing in the Virgin Islands.

Puerto Rico, which recently elected to office former governor Romero Barcelo (D) from the center-right statehood party, might hold some promise for Gays. Gays are somewhat discouraged that Barcelo in his years as governor and mayor of San Juan never took a stand for Gay and lesbian rights. Still, they are hoping that he will follow the lead of the pro-Gay Puerto Rican American House members from New Jersey and New York and may look to his party's recently adopted Gay rights positions.

"This is a new facet we're going to add to our lobbying effort," conceded Kevin Layton, deputy political director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, "just like our new lobbying of the Administration. We've never really lobbied the Administration before. ...That's sort of a new thing for us, too."



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## WORT hit with discrimination suit

Madison [In Step] — A volunteer producer and host on WORT-FM in Madison has filed a complaint against the radio station, claiming the company has discriminated on the basis of sexual orientation in the provision of public accommodations.

The complaint was filed with the State's Equal Rights Division on December 4 by David Walter Bornhuetter-Machen, who produces the Monday morning program "Untitled" on WORT.

The complaint charges the station's News and Public Affairs Department of "placing unequal conditions on the use of company facilities for homosexuals and bisexuals." Bornhuetter-Machen claims WORT's Board of Directors has failed to overturn this policy and that he has suffered harassment because of his vocal opposition to the alleged discrimination.

According to the complaint, in November of 1991, Bornhuetter-Machen asked the station's managers about producing a weekly half-hour program aimed at the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual communities of southern Wisconsin. WORT broadcasts "This Way Out," a Gay/Lesbian news program out of KPFK in Los Angeles and "Her Turn," a feminist program which incorporates some Lesbian news, but Bornhuetter-Machen told In Step he saw the need for a program focusing specifically on local Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual news. The managers indicated their agreement, and Bornhuetter-Machen recorded a promotional announcement seeking additional participants for the project.

### "LACK OF INTEREST"

Volunteers worked through the winter

and spring to lay the groundwork for the program. On two occasions in March and April, News and Public Affairs Director Mike Wassenaar allegedly did not attend the meetings to assist with planning. Bornhuetter-Machen charges that this "perceived lack of interest" led to a decline in volunteers.

At a meeting with Wassenaar on July 31, Bornhuetter-Machen expressed confidence he could proceed with the project and produce the show himself, but Wassenaar refused to schedule the program on that basis. Wassenaar allegedly said that he would treat proposed programs for Native Americans and South Asian communities in a different manner than the Gay/Bisexual program.

Bornhuetter-Machen asked the Board of Directors to overturn the policy verbalized by Wassenaar. Board President Jan Miyasaki reportedly said the Board lacked that authority. While the Board reiterated its commitment to producing a Gay/Bisexual show, Miyasaki told Bornhuetter-Machen his idea of incorporating a section of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual news into his morning program would be an "insult" to those communities.

### RETALIATION ALLEGED

According to the complaint, Wassenaar engaged in several incidents of harassment against Bornhuetter-Machen in retaliation for taking his complaint about Wassenaar to the Board. On November 16, Bornhuetter-Machen added a 15 minute segment of Gay news — "Out Front" — to his show anyway, but promotional tapes for the program which he had prepared were pulled from the station's schedule by Wassenaar.

On November 30, Bornhuetter-Machen was informed he would not be appointed

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to the WORT Programming Advisory Committee because of his still pending proposal for the half hour Gay/Bisexual program and because of his "conflict with Mike."



Bornhuetter-Machen's complaint says that its broadcasting transmissions place WORT within the definition of "public place of accommodation" as described in Wisconsin statutes. He charges that News Director Wassenaar's stated policy in regard to Gay/Lesbian and Bisexual programming denied these groups the "full and equal enjoyment of this public place of accommodation" based on sexual orientation.

The complaint also charges that Wassenaar's public and business conduct toward Bornhuetter-Machen "constitutes intimidation and interference" in his rights under the state's anti-discrimination statute. Bornhuetter-Machen is Bisexual.

WORT has filed a response to the complaint, as required by state law. But because the arbiter at the Equal Rights Division is currently reviewing its status, Wassenaar declined to comment on the substance of the complaint. He did tell **In Step** that WORT is committed to producing a local program on Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual issues to augment the national program now being broadcast.

Meanwhile, Bornhuetter-Machen, appearing on WYOU's "Nothing to Hide," encouraged concerned people to contact The United to respond to his suggestion that if WORT agrees to put his program on the air, he will drop his complaint against the station.

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# Group Notes

## Gay center opens in Duluth

We are pleased to announce the formation of the 'Northland Gay Men's Center' in Duluth, Minnesota, just across the Wisconsin Slate line from Superior.

The current and evolving mission of the Northland Gay Men's Center "Is to provide information, referral and support in an atmosphere of caring, openness and tolerance of diversity for all persons of our region regardless of sexual orientation or identity. Furthermore, the center seeks to work with the community at large to dispel oppression and discrimination and create a positive environment of physical and mental well-being, while building solidarity in the Gay community." The center hopes to serve the regions of Northwestern Wisconsin and Northeastern Minnesota.

The Northland Center is located at Temple Opera Block, Suite 309, 8 N. 2nd Ave. E, Duluth, MN 55802. Hours are 5-8pm, Monday through Friday, and 11am-5pm Saturday. Interim coordinator is Dean Goebel, and the centers number is (212) 722-8585.

A men's discussion group meets every Tuesday at 7pm beginning January 12, and Lesbian/Gay potluck dinners are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 5pm.

## AIDS issues weekend in Appleton

Appleton — The Fox Valley AIDS Project and The Pivot Club will present a weekend of activities Jan. 22 through 24 that will focus on the many positive contributions made to the Fox Cities by people who have AIDS or who live with HIV.

The Pivot Club, 4815 W. Prospect, Appleton, hosts all weekend events.

Headlining the weekend on Friday, Jan. 22, is a special video presentation of the watercolors of El Jahr. Jahr, a local artist

whose media also included pottery, handmade paper and writing, died in Nov. 1987. The showing of "Watercolors: El Jahr" begins at 10:30pm and will include a brief biography of the artist as well as some of his poetry.

"Celebrating People's Lives" comes to the Pivot stage immediately following the video show. This variety program will feature the Green Bay musical group 'A Minor' as they present "The Big A," a song dealing with AIDS. Also scheduled for the evening are vocalists, impersonators and other entertainers. There is no admission charge for either of the evenings events, and all proceeds will benefit the Fox Valley AIDS Project.

Saturday from 1 to 5pm, people are invited to a 'Quilting Bee.' The award-winning documentary *The Quilt* will be shown at 1pm. For those interested, several sewing machines and exact specifications for the creation of panels for the Names Quilt will be on hand.

A Sunday afternoon discussion led by Jan Talbot, education coordinator for FVAP, begins at 1:30pm, 'A Whole Lot More Than Just The Facts, Ma'am' will address AIDS as an everyday issue in the lives of Lesbians, Gays and heterosexuals. A question and answer session will follow.

Organizers of this special weekend say their goal is to show that people who have died from AIDS or live with HIV have contributed to our community in a variety of ways.

"This weekend is a celebration of the wonderful things people have done with their lives and what they have left us. We hope people will walk away and say, 'I wish I knew that person,'" said Jan Talbot.

All events are open to the public free of charge. Attendees must be 21 years of age to enter. Appropriate I.D. is required.

For more information, contact Susan at The Pivot Club, (414) 730-0440.

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be a very good idea to consult your physician or local STD Clinic and arrange an appointment.

This brings us to fisting. Fisting qualifies as safe sex as far as HIV and other STDs are concerned, but certain factors should be taken into consideration. Latex gloves should be used as a certain amount of bleeding is common. If more than two people are involved in the scene, fresh gloves and thorough washing of the hand and arm with soap and water (preferably an antibacterial soap) must accompany a change in partners or if the hand or glove comes into contact with semen. Obviously it is also necessary to make certain fingernails are properly trimmed.

If this seems like an awful lot to be concerned with, just remember your life and the lives of your partners are well worth protecting. Play hard, play often, but play safe. I'd like to see you all around for many more new years.

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(Special thanks to Ben Johnson and

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## Upcoming topics for Brand New Queer show

**Milwaukee** — Every Tuesday at 7pm, the **Brand New Queer Program** brings the latest in Queer news, events and views to Milwaukee on Warner Cable public access channel 47. While the live hour-long call-in show has a decidedly flexible format, the show's producers, Mike Lisowski and Dan Fons, plan to cover certain topics during the next couple of weeks.

• **January 19th** — "What Has He Done For Us Lately?" This show will mark the one year anniversary of Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist's now infamous veto of city funding for Milwaukee Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. During the uproar that followed his action, Mayor Norquist successfully exchanged quiet promises for election year votes. Has he kept any of the promises? Join Mike and Dan on a look back at the mayor's Queer record during the past year.

• **January 26th** — "Queers On Film" A portion of this show will be spent sampling movies with Queer-related themes.

Also in January, the Queer Program welcomes Melloney Nelson, an African-American Lesbian, to the show. Melloney will be bringing her view of the world to the Queer Program regularly in an ongoing segment she has titled 'Sister Views.'

As viewers of the Queer Program may recall, Melloney called-in during a Queer Program in December and offered to appear on the show. It is that easy to contribute to the Queer program.

The Brand New Queer Program is scheduled to be rebroadcast every Saturday at 11am on Channel 47. However, it has been known to show up on Warner Cable channel 14 instead, so don't be afraid to turn that knob to look for the show on Saturdays. Interested persons can contact the Queer Program at P.O. Box 93951, Milwaukee, WI 53203.

## Miss Gay Great Lakes-USA pageant

Award winning King Production has scheduled the **4th Annual Miss Gay Great Lakes- USA Pageant** on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1993 at the Pivot Club in Appleton.

This Pageant differs from the Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Pageant in that anyone may enter. You do not have to be the winner or first runner-up of a preliminary.

As in all USA system Pageants contestants will compete in Personal Interview (held in the afternoon), Talent, and Evening Gown.

Guest entertainers will include former Miss Gay USA, Tommie Ross; former Miss Gay USA at-large, Jeana Jones; reigning Miss Gay USA Tandy Andrews; reigning Miss Gay Great Lakes-USA, Tiffeny Thomas; and other King Productions titleholders.

Prizes for the winner will include \$600 cash including entry fee to the nationals, crown, sash, plaque, bouquet, and bookings with King Productions.

The First runner-up will receive \$300 including entry fee to the nationals, plaque and bouquet. The second runner-up will receive \$100 cash, plaque and bouquet.

Applications are available from Tiffeny Thomas as Milwaukee's Club 219 or by calling Jason Flag at (414) 224-9483.

This Pageant is always competitive because it is the last opportunity for Wisconsin's entertainers to win a chance to compete with their peers at the National Miss Gay USA Pageant.

## Brothers loving brothers food drive

**Milwaukee** — **Brothers Loving Brothers of Wisconsin**, a support group for Gay males, will be sponsoring a 'Keep The Dream Alive' Food Drive for the Institute For Child and Family Development on Sunday, January 17, at Renez Co-Z Corner, 709 North 35th Street.

Admission into this event will be the donation of non-perishable food items.

disinfected, there is no STD risk. Care should always be taken, however, that nothing with a sharp edge is inserted. The biggest problem with enemas is overdoing it. A very necessary bacterial colony, intestinal flora, exists in the colon. Rinsing too frequently can damage the colony resulting in digestive problems.

The other side of water sports involves piss games. For this we will assume the active partner is free from kidney or bladder infections and has no damage to the urethra. Externally (golden showers) there is no risk of infection as long as the skin is healthy (no cuts or scrapes). Orally (recycling) there is little or no risk of HIV, however there is the possibility of other infections. Anally (golden fuck), in the absence of seminal fluid and with an undamaged rectum, the risk of HIV is considered lower than that of fucking without a condom but is still quite viable. There is also again the risk of other infections.

When it comes to rimming (oral/anal sex), as long as the tissue involved is healthy, there seems to be no risk of HIV. Again though, there is still the risk of other infections including Hepatitis B and other forms of the Hepatitis virus or amoebic disorders. Rimming should not be done after fucking or any other forms of assplay as damage to the rectum is likely to have occurred. A dental dam or a piece of plastic wrap will also increase safety.

Cunilingus (vaginal/oral sex) falls into the same general guidelines as rimming as far as risk factors are concerned (with the exception of the Hepatitis risk). Again it should not be done after any form of penetration unless a dental dam is used.

For those who enjoy scat scenes, external contact is safe (again assuming there is no damage to the skin), ingesting it carries no risk of HIV but there are many other harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses (Hepatitis again) that are very likely to be present.

Speaking of Hepatitis B, there has been a steadily increasing number of cases reported in the USA, especially in the cities of the East Coast. The vaccination for the virus has been widely available for a number of years now. If you have not been vaccinated for Hepatitis B, it would

## Condom Using Hints

- Put on the condom before you enter your partner.
- Make sure there is no air in the condom, including the tip.
- Use plenty of water based lubricant. (For example K-Y Jelly, For-Play, PrePair and Probe.) Never use saliva!
- Hold onto the base of the condom when you're pulling out after intercourse to prevent the condom from coming off inside your partner.
- Use a fresh condom every time you have sex.

(See the diagram near this article showing the proper way to put on a condom.)

## THE A-B-C-'s OF PUTTING ON A CONDOM

**A**



Gently squeeze the tip of the condom with one hand, making sure there is no air in the tip. (This leaves room for the semen when you ejaculate (cum), and forces out any air bubbles, which are a major reason condoms break.)

**B**

While you continue to squeeze the tip of the condom, forcing out any air, begin to unroll the condom down the length of your penis...



**C**



... carefully unrolling it all the way down to the base of your penis to the hair.



# Leather Worlds

by Tony Terry

(Leather Worlds is a column of information and opinion written by an adult, for adults. Readers are encouraged to remember that all activities mentioned must take place in a Safe, Sane and Consensual environment. Please feel free to send any comments, questions or suggestions to Tony Terry in care of In Step Magazine).

## Safety in Leather

Sexually speaking, safety refers to contact without the risk of physical injury or damage. This includes the threat of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. We must remember that unprotected anal intercourse is still the leading cause of HIV transmission among Gay men. Simply put, if you fuck or get fucked without a condom you are playing Russian Roulette, sooner or later it's going to kill you!

Felatio (cock sucking) is still perhaps the most controversial activity with regards to HIV risk. While doctors have yet to positively confirm a single case of HIV transmission via oral contact, many believe it is theoretically possible. The best information seems to be that as long as the mouth and penis in question are both healthy (no gum disease or open sores) and you don't cum in your partner's mouth or allow him to cum in yours, there's little risk of HIV. However, other STD's are easily transmitted orally, and both these infections and medications used to treat them can damage the immune system.

If you decide to use a condom to minimize risk during oral sex, be careful what kind you choose. Non-lubricated, flavored condoms are far more likely to tear or break and therefore do not always provide an effective barrier.

### MEN & WOMEN SHARE THE RISK

It is now widely accepted that the danger of AIDS and other STDs in the women's community has been greatly

under-estimated. Lesbians must protect themselves and their partners just as adamantly as Gay men.

Toys used for penetration either anally or vaginally (dildoes, butt-plugs etc.) should ideally be used on one person and one person only. If they are shared with others, they must be cleaned and disinfected between every use (this is highly recommended even if they are not shared).

To clean, use soap and water or a liquid detergent. Standard dish soap does a great job, cuts through any type of lubricant, and won't damage most materials. Disinfecting requires either alcohol or chlorine bleach (boiling is recommended only for metal objects). To use alcohol, the product must be at least 70% pure, with bleach a 10% solution (1 cup bleach to 10 cups of water). First rinse any hollow objects (hoses or dildoes with openings) with the solution, then soak the object for at least 10 minutes. Afterwards, the object must be rinsed with tap water before use.

A couple things to remember; rubber and latex will become brittle and can crack after repeated use of alcohol, so I recommend using the bleach solution on them. On the other hand metal objects are likely to rust with exposure to chlorine, so you're better off using alcohol on metal items. Leather and wooden objects don't hold up well in either case and should be used strictly on one person only.

Objects inserted in the urethra (sounds, catheters) as well as piercing or tattoo needles must be sterilized before use. The object must remain completely immersed in boiling water for at least 15 minutes. Afterwards, these things must NOT be rinsed.

Speaking of water, water sports is an area seldom covered in safe sex literature, primarily because most people are uncomfortable talking about it. The first side of water sports — enemas — is fairly straight forward. As long as the equipment used is properly cleaned and

For every item donated, customers will receive a raffle ticket for one of the fabulous door prizes which include: 1st prize a \$25 gift certificate; 2nd prize a \$15 bar tab; 3rd prize a bottle of champagne. Many other prizes will be awarded throughout the night. Free food and entertainment will be provided by the club.

Brothers Loving Brothers of Wisconsin holds support groups every Sunday at the Institute For Child and Family Development from 5-7pm at 4206 W. Capitol Dr.; and on Wednesdays from 7-9pm at 1330 N. 22nd St. Come on out and fellowship with your own.

## Support for rural Gays

Madison — The United is offering a support group for rural Lesbians and Gays. The group began meeting on January 10th for eight weeks in Mineral Point. Anyone interested should call the United at (608) 255-8582 for more information.

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## Gay adoption

Milwaukee — Many of us feel called to the challenge of raising and nurturing children. Adoption is one way that we as Gay men can embrace this challenge. The obstacles to adoption, however, are complicated and overcoming them require persistence, patience and the intense desire and ability to give selfless love to another person.

What are the obstacles to adopting children as openly Gay men? What does it take to wade through the bureaucracies that are fighting the rights of all able people to parent by adoption? Please join us as we discuss these questions and hear first-hand from Larry and Ric, a Gay couple who are foster parents of Becky, a beautiful 2 year old whom they are in process of adopting. The evening is scheduled for Sunday, January 24 from 6 to 8pm and will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave.

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Ambelang will file taxes for the individual or business whether he prepares them or if they are already prepared. The flat rate for electronic filing is \$20. Tax preparation is also available and varies depending upon the complexity of the return. All returns are computer checked and validated whether Electronic Filing is chosen or not.

In addition to tax preparation and filing, Ambelang can also set up bookkeeping programs for small businesses or individuals. The Gay Community can now benefit from this new Federal program and keep their business within the community. For further information, call 933-1572 mornings

## Volunteer!

**Milwaukee** — Helping people find answers to questions that they consider critical is something that volunteers at **Gay Information & Services (GIS)** do on a daily basis. Being available to calls that come in 24 hours a day is only one type of volunteer service at GIS.

Dawn Schaefer, GIS vice president, suggests "there are so many places we need volunteers. If you don't feel comfortable working on the phone line, there are things that people can do from data base upkeep to fund raising and general secretarial." Schaefer continued, "and the best part is that many of the activities can be done from your home, following some brief training."

If you wish to give between 3- 10 hours per month, call GIS at (414) 444-7331.

## Gay hospitality x-change

**Montreal** — Gay Hospitality Exchange International (GHEI), the world-wide non-profit accommodation exchange for Gays and Lesbians, is changing its name to Lesbian and Gay Hospitality Exchange International (L/GHEI), effective immediately.

Lesbians and Gay Hospitality Exchange International was founded in 1991. It currently has more than 175 members in 23 countries from Australia to Zimbabwe. It publishes an annual membership directory. The deadline for applications for 1993 is January 31. Contact: Garnet Colly, P.O. Box 612, Stn. C., Montreal, Quebec, H2L 4K5.

**CENTRAL USA EXCHANGE** One is now being formed to cover the central part of the United States.

The organization is non-commercial and non-financial; hospitality is offered to visitors free of charge. HE provides the host with a way to meet others, in their home, from potentially around the world. For the visitor, it provides a way to meet local people and better experience the area. In turn, guests agree to provide hospitality if hosts travel to their area.

The HE coordinator provides the names and addresses of potential hosts to visitors requesting information. After direct correspondence the host may offer hospitality. The hospitality offered by the host will usually include accommodations. However, it could mean simply meeting to tell the visitor what there is to see and do in the area, or taking him to the local Gay scene.

Hosts are needed in cities, towns and especially rural areas throughout the central part of the US. Individuals who feel that they may be interested in providing hospitality may write for more information to: Allen Vander Linden, Coordinator, US Central Hospitality Exchange, 1532 Thompson Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50316.



12-14, 1993. The festival features something for just about everyone, including: Alpine Skiing — Slam and Giant Slalom; Cross-Country Skiing — a 2.5-kilometer and an 8-kilometer ski races; Innertubing and Snow Play; Figure Skating and Ice Dancing; Ice Hockey — the largest (and only) Gay/Lesbian hockey tournament on the West Coast; and a Snow Sculpture Contest.

In keeping with the spirit of fun, inclusion, and purpose, 50% of the net proceeds from the Slide for Pride will benefit the Northwest AIDS Foundation.

Team Seattle exists to facilitate, provide and promote opportunities for Lesbians, Gays, and their friends in all sports at all

levels of ability, and foster their physical and emotional health and well-being. We accomplish this mission primarily by providing an inter-sports resource network for athletes and sport leaders, by organizing Seattle's team to the Gay Games, and by producing the Northwest Gay/Lesbian Summer and Winter Sports Festivals.

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## SSBL holds election

**Milwaukee** — The **Saturday Softball Beer League [SSBL]** recently held its elections for the 1993 Softball season. The following officers were elected: Joe Appleman- Commissioner; Todd Muma-Assistant Commissioner; Scott Logan- Secretary; and Tom Salzsieder-Treasurer.

A special thanks to the outgoing officers Jerry Warzyn, Dan Nelson and Frank Villarreal for their many contributions to the league last year.

### MEETING JANUARY 17

An organizational meeting of the league will be held on Sunday, January 17th at 3pm at 3B's. Anyone wishing to sponsor or manage a team should attend or send a representative. The league is especially looking for persons who would like to manage a team, since last year several sponsors were willing to support a team, but had no one to run it. The league officers are willing to give assistance to anyone who wants to sponsor or manage/coach a team.

For more information, you can write: SSBL, P.O. Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI 53202, or telephone commissioner Joe Appleman at 224-0627.

### NEW PLAYERS SOUGHT

Plans are now underway to recruit new players into the league. We're looking for more players and teams in 1993 and to again make the softball season a 'fun time' on Saturday afternoons for all the players and their fans.

We're getting an early start to kick off the season with a 'sno-ball' game on Saturday, February 20th at 2pm at Mitchell Park (behind The Domes). This is open to all players, whether or not you were in the league last year. Everyone who wants to frolic in the snow will get into the game. Following the game at 4pm the official 'Commissioner's Inaugural Ball' will be held at the Ball Game. You're all welcome to meet the new officers of the SSBL and find out more about the league.

Whether you're a player or want to meet the players, come on out to the Sno-ball game at Mitchell Park and then party afterwards at the Ball Game.

### NAGAAA MEETING

The league officers are planning to attend a meeting of the North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance, the national softball organization, in Philadelphia on February 13th and 14th. The purpose of the meeting is to make final plans for the Gay Softball World Series which will be held in Philadelphia from August 17th thru the 24th. 25 cities from throughout the U.S. and Canada, including Milwaukee will be represented at this event.

## Winter sports fest in Seattle

Team Seattle, the Northwest's Gay/Lesbian Sports Network, proudly announces another first for Seattle: the world's first Gay and Lesbian Winter Sports Festival! The Festival, nicknamed the 'Slide for Pride,' will be held March

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# Flicks

## Gay/Lesbian Film Festival Jan. 29-Feb. 5

Milwaukee — Great Lakes Film & Video will present its second annual Gay/Lesbian Film & Video Festival from January 29 through February 5, 1993. The program is funded with a grant from the Cream City Foundation, and co-sponsored by In Step Magazine. The festival will be held at the UWM Union Cinema, 2200 East Kenwood Blvd., in Milwaukee.

The highlights of the Festival include a guest appearance by Barbara Hammer with her film *Nitrate Kisses* on February 4 and performances by Milwaukee artists Debbie Davis, Jane Kramer, David Figueroa, and Joseph Rapensdorf on the January 29 opening night.

All tickets will be sold at the door. Ticket prices are \$5 for individual shows; \$3 for students. Festival passes good for all shows are \$35; \$25 for students. Please call (414) 229-6971 for more information.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 7:30pm

**Queer Performance- Live!** — Featuring 'Languish' created by Debbie Davis who performs the piece with Jane Kramer. It is the essential text of unconditional intimacy, an inherited lovestory, a mistake. David Figueroa performs 'Sweet Querida,' a movement monologue that explores some aspects of growing up Latino and queer in Milwaukee's South Side. 'Food Piece' by Joseph Rabensdorf completes the program. In it, Rabensdorf uses melons, hot dogs, bananas, and meat to explore sexism, beauty myths, and pain.

also showing...

**Janine** (USA, 1990, video, 9 min.) by Cheryl Dunye — The story of a black woman's relationship with a white upper middle class friend and their subsequent struggle for mutual acceptance despite racial and sexual differences.

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**I Need A Man Like You** (Canada, 1986, 16mm film, 24 min.) by Kalli Paakspuu and Daria Stermac — This funny and provocative film is a zany burlesque of sex roles. It features the girl group, the Clichettes, performing new versions of songs from the 60's.  
**Splash** (USA, 1991, 7 min.) by Thomas Harris — This well crafted experimental collage reflects on the artist's childhood and the impact of family and white society on his becoming a Gay man.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 9:30pm

**An All-American Story** (USA, 1992, 21 min.) by John Keitel — What happens when you take your boyfriend of three years to your five year college reunion to meet old fraternity brothers and girlfriends.

**Strip Jack Naked** (See separate article.)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 7:30pm

**The Twin Bracelets** (Hong Kong/Taiwan, 1990, 100 min.) by Yu-Shan Huang — A remarkable film, written and directed by women, **The Twin Bracelets** is a deeply moving and tragic portrayal of one woman's struggle for independence, and for the love of another woman. Huihua is a bright-eyed rebellious teen-ager of a Chinese minority tribe, growing up in a village where people have no concept of human rights, women's liberation, Lesbian love, or even divorce. She insists on her freedom, pursuing the love and comfort of her childhood friend, Hsiu, pleading with her to keep their vow, "to be sister man and wife; to live together and die together."

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 9:30pm

**Daddy And The Muscle Academy** (See separate article.)

**Time Expired** (USA, 1992, 30 min.) by Danny Leiner — This film is the story of a recently released ex-con from Brooklyn

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part of the culture of this country — even less than positive images — that we flocked to the movie theaters to see it, many of us doing so three, four, or more times. I even had a poster of the movie hanging in my house for years (though now it resides, appropriately enough, in my closet). The draw, of course, for any of you who have never seen this gem, was the sizzling relationship between Mariel Hemingway and her particularly hot co-star Patrice Donnelly. Mostly, we tried to ignore the *Well of Loneliness* — type ending and concentrate on the good parts — namely, seeing two larger-than-life women in bed together up there on a screen. But here's the Nancy Drew part of this story: the description of the movie in the catalog reads, in its entirety, as follows (I swear I'm not making this up): "Mariel Hemingway is an Olympics-training hurdler on the rise in one of the best ever movies about athletes." My only consolation was the thought of some middle-American family, hoping to introduce their young'uns to the wonderful world of sport, buying or renting this movie on the basis of that description. To paraphrase ol' Holly Near, imagine their surprise!

But why, I ask myself, should I be surprised that heteros sometimes have trouble with the word 'Lesbian' (or even the concept, apparently) when my own sisters — to harken back to the days of the redawning of feminist consciousness — often have difficulty with it. I have known more than one self-identified woman-loving woman who has said she "just doesn't like the word 'Lesbian.'" Personally, I kind of like the word, the way it sort of seethes off the tongue, with he 'Z' sound right in the middle, kind of like a buzz saw or some other power tool. But maybe that's exactly the problem for those who wince at the articulation of 'Lesbian,' heteros and homos alike: perhaps that word is too powerful, too dynamic, that 'zzzz' going right to their brains like the sound of a dental drill, a reminder of our prezzence out there in the world, everywhere.

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This threw me for a minute: Hadn't Bill and Lauren, the people who had recommended my work to her, told her that my area of so-called sports expertise was Lesbians and softball? But no, I was sure she had purchased a copy of my book. How had she managed to read **Diamonds, Are a Dyke's Best Friend** and not understand what I would be talking about? She explained that she was worried that some of the participants might be freaked out by the word 'Lesbians' and not show up to my talk. "Well," I countered, "if they're going to have problems with Lesbian material, I'd just as soon they knew that's what I'd be talking about, rather than show up and be surprised." (Visions of Geraldo and flying chairs danced through my head.) She proposed that, instead, I use the word 'Gay,' which is apparently more palatable to the borderline homophobic. And I counterproposed that this might be misleading as, to me at least, the word 'Gay' suggested Gay men, of whom I would hardly be talking at all. But supposedly, the term 'Gay' was what these people would be used to, given Gay studies and all. She also gave me the Gay/Lesbian equivalent of "When we say men, we mean women too" spiel. To keep a long story reined in, suffice to say that I continued to argue my points with her a while longer, but finally acquiesced, knowing that, whatever the title, my presentation would be resoundingly Lesbian. The title we finally ended up with (her invention) was 'Sports and Gender Politics: Gay Softball as Alternative Communities.' (Sounds just like me, don't you think?).

Here's another example of the disappearing dyke: I was looking at one of those mail order video catalogs - **Postings**, or something like that, I think this one was called. And being a lover of old movies, I was cruising through the titles, just looking to see what was available on video these days, when what should I see but **Personal Best**. Remember that old chestnut? It really is pretty much a skunk of a movie, but when it came out in 1982, we Lesbians were so hungry for any images of ourselves as

who finds himself embroiled in a crisis of a highly personal nature: should he stay with his patient wife and his indulgent Italian mom in their one-family brownstone or should he go off into the sunset with his former prison roommate, a pragmatic, no-nonsense Latino drag queen who goes by the name of Ruby and works as a manicurist in a neighborhood beauty parlor?

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 5:30pm

**Tiny and Ruby: Hell Divin' Women** (USA, 1987-88, 30 min.) by Greta Schiller and Andrea Weiss - Narrated by poet Cheryl Clarke, this film tells the story of drummer Ruby Lucas and her long-term lover, legendary jazz trumpeter Tiny Davis. Both were members of International Sweethearts, an interracial all-women jazz band of the 40's.

**Turnabout: The Story of the Yale Puppeteers** (USA, 1992, 58 min.) by Dan Bessie - This documentary tells the story of the Yale Puppeteers - Harry Burnett, Forman Brown, and Roddy Brandon - who created a world famous puppet and cabaret theater in Hollywood. Now 92 years old, the Puppeteers talk about their experiences as Gay men working in theater since the 1920's. Incorporating archival footage of the famous puppets they created (Charlie Chaplin, Albert Einstein, Hedda Hopper, etc.), the video is an exciting exploration into the art of puppet theater and Gay experience.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 7:30pm

**Kiev Blue** (USA, 1992, 28 min.) by Heather MacDonald - This insightful documentary includes recent interviews with nine Lesbian and Gay men living in Kiev, Ukraine, where the homosexual population is extremely closeted.

**Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker** by Richard Schmiechen (USA, 1992, 75 min.) - Director Richard Schmiechen - producer of the Academy Award-winning **The Times of Harvey Milk** - brings to film the compelling story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker, the trailblazing psychologist whose pioneering research resulted - in 1974 - in the removal of homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's official list of

mental disorders. Eye-opening period films and photos evoke the repressive period of her research, when Lesbian and Gay love was illegal and hysteria over the McCarthy hearings prompted the prosecution of 'perverts.'

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 7:30pm

### LESBIAN SHORTS

**I Never Danced The Way Girls Were Supposed To** (USA, 1992, 6 min.) by Dawn Suggs - This funny video examines the way women are supposed to move, eat, and act.

**It Wasn't Love** (USA, 1992, 20 min.) by Sadie Benning - In her latest pixelvision diary film, Milwaukee artist Sadie Benning mixes passion and heartbreak in a film noir road movie fantasy that never leaves her bedroom.

**In[Visible] Women** (USA, 1991, 26 min.) by Marina Alvarez and Ellen Spiro - This video focuses on the heroic and empowered responses of three strong women of color with HIV/AIDS. In the face of adversity, these women are confronting all aspects of the AIDS crisis in their lives and their communities.

**A Goat Named Tension** (USA, 1992, 6 min.) by Kate J. Goodnight - A charming visual pun, based on an actual classified ad placed by two women who lost their pet goat.

**Among Good Christian Peoples** (USA, 1991, 30 min.) by Jacqueline Woodson and Catherine Saalfeld - The story of a Black Lesbian raised as a Jehovah

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## Inside Out

by Yvonne Zipter

### Rebel without a clue?

I am starting to feel like Nancy Drew, if she had ever been so hip and avant garde as to have worked on a case called 'The Missing Lesbian.' It's not like I haven't noticed before that Lesbians have a visibility problem — except in periodicals such as **Penthouse**, apparently, as a reader pointed out to me once. And in some ways, though I can't say that I have come to accept the situation of the absent Lesbian, I have grown to expect it. Still, there are some instances where I find myself wondering, like an older, more potty-mouthed Nancy Drew, **Where the hell are the Lesbians here?** — places where you know Lesbians truly ought to be or where you know there once were Lesbians but they sure ain't there now. Let me give you a few examples.

A month or two ago, I was asked to give a talk on the role of softball in the Lesbian community at a seminar called "The Multicultural Work of American Sport" for college prof. types from the Midwest — this, I thought, was pretty amazing on a number of levels, not the least of which

was that they wanted me to — asked me to — talk about **Lesbians**. So in spite of my terror at standing up there with a bunch of white guy professors, talking to a whole lot more white guy (and a couple of gal) professors — me, who finished my four-year degree in just under five years — I had to accept this invitation to speak: How often does an opportunity like this come along, to be a sort of Shirley Temple Black of the Lesbian world, an ambassador of peace and goodwill, carrying the olive branch of understanding and all that crap to small town mid-American?

Well, right off the bat, there were thorns in the olive branch: the title of my presentation. I had suggested "Team as Community: Lesbians and Softball." I edit scholarly journals for a living and so I know what kind of titles these academic folks go in for, and this one, I thought proudly, seemed worthy: not quite jargony enough maybe, but capturing some *je ne sais quois* element, something in the syntax, perhaps. Anyway, a few days later, the woman who was organizing the seminar called back to say that she wasn't sure about the use of the word 'Lesbians' in the title.

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I, (your name), resolve to make sure I have my Tipper Gore impression down really well before I perform at the next lip-synch-a-thon; (and don't even TRY to do Hillary, because she knows how to dress with class, if you catch my drift, you nominee for Mr. Blackwell's Worst-dressed list three years in a row now.)

Well, there you have them. Sure fire resolutions that you are not as likely to break right away. But if even these resolutions are too challenging for you, how about this one? "I resolve to stop making New Year's Resolutions." I dare you to break THAT one!

Have a happy and Gay ninety-three! ▽

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 7:30pm**  
**GAY Shorts**

**No, Je Ne Regretter Rien** (See separate article).

**The Disco Years** Directed by Robert Lee King (USA, 1991, 30 min.) — An adolescent Gay man comes of age while in high school in the 70's. This quintessential coming out story starring Dennis Christopher (**Breaking Away**) and Gwen Welles (**Desert Hearts**) is remarkably honest and poignant.

**The Dead Boys Club** (USA, 1992, 25 min.) by Mark Christopher — A boy coming out during the AIDS weary days of the 90's is transported — like Dorothy to Oz, by a magical pair of shoes — to the loose, joyful, and happening disco days of the 70's. This cynical and moving dream is also a profound mediation on the generational differences that AIDS has wrought.

**Fear Of Disclosure** (USA, 1989, 5 min.) by David Wojnarowicz and Phil Zwickler — Images of spinning globes and dancing go-go boys overlay a text that explores sexual responsibility and desire among Gay men in the age of AIDS.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 7:30pm**  
Barbara Hammer in Person with "Nitrate Kisses" (See separate article.)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 7:30pm**

**Stigmata: The Transfigured Body** (USA, 1992, 28 min.) by Leslie Asako Gadsjo — Through visceral encounters with women who practice unusual forms of body modification such as cutting, piercing, and branding, this tape explores concepts of beauty, self-determination, and the outer limits of female sexuality. (Not for the faint hearted.)

**Skin Complex** (Great Britain, 1992, 20 min.) by Stephen Lennhoff — Since the 70's, Gay men have drawn inspiration for their own looks from heterosexual macho images. The latest in this line is the adoption of the short-crop, big-booted fashion previously popularized by white working class youth. This documentary confronts skinheads of differing persuasions, race, and sexuality, and questions whether the style can be separated from the fascist, homophobic politics that it represents.

**Blue Boys** (Great Britain, 1992, 25 min.) by Stuart Marshall — Every year in Britain, hundreds of Gaymen have their homes searched and their lives and reputations ruined because they own Gay pornography. This hard-hitting documentary questions operations by police and customs to smash so-called "Gay sex rings," and provides new evidence to challenge myths about the volume and violence of today's pornography and the dangers presented by it.

**Black Body** (USA, 1992, 5 min.) by Thomas Harris — This short, provocative film examines cultural conceptions of the black body.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 9:30pm**

**Drag Queen Blues** (USA, 1992, 3 min.) by Gabriel Gomez and Elspeth Kydd — An enigmatic look at the musical, and political, Joan Jett Black.

**Vegas In Space** (See separate article.) ▽

**THURSDAYS**  
**JUICE**  
*dance dance dance*

# No Nonsense by Sister Dana Van Iquity (Dennis McMillan)

## Resolution solution

"Fast away the old year passes: Fa La La La La, La La La La." and 'fah' to all those 'lala' resolutions you've no doubt made and already broken by now. January 1st is long gone and so are your best intentions.

Every New Year begins the same — you write out those really great resolutions with total determination to keep them, but then within a week or so they are mere memories of your best intents gone utterly awry. It's not that you are a self-indulgent, spineless jellyfish who can't keep a promise to save your life; it's just that you pick such boring resolves with no challenge. And so in the tradition of **The Annual Sister Dana New Years Resolution Solution**, I submit to you these new, improved, creative resolutions that any resolute queer would be proud to adopt and keep.

I, (your name), resolve to take a fashion risk and not wear my usual drag to the bars and clubs (preppies will try studded leather; leatherpeople will wear a nice Armani suit; female impersonators will eschew sequins and pop beads).

I, (your name), resolve to cut back drastically on my 1-900 phone sex calls (a rule of thumb would be one half your rent and grocery allowance); and when I do use the service, stop exaggerating my vital statistics (i.e.: saying you have a swimmer's build, when in reality you look like shamu the killer whale; giving yourself verbal liposuction, which means subtracting inches from your waist and adding it to your weenie faking a sexy phone voice as opposed to the squeaky, nelly one you normally use).

I (your name), resolve to pay off my charge card bills (deadline; when the national debt is below one million) and charge only for necessities, or at least leaving enough in my budget for my weekly food allowance of seven Top Ramen soup meals and a HoHo.

I, (your name), resolve to stop taking

out personal ads in this rag, looking for someone to take long walks on the beach (first of all, it's sooooo cliché, and secondly, you know you get blisters and sand in your pumps, and thirdly, all you really want to do is bump uglies and get the hell out, you slut).

I, (your name), resolve to give my neighbors a break and quit aiming my super-powered telescope and sooper-snooper eavesdropping microphone at their apartment (my gawd, get a life, girl); I will also get over my Fatal Attraction for the bartender who poured me a free shot one night (get real, this is NOT true romance).

I, (your name), resolve to have as few BAD HAIR Days as possible, even if this means sleeping with my hair stylist, enrolling in the Hair-Weave-of-the-Month Club, or dry cleaning my wig. I will lay aside all my hair bandannas and Malcolm X caps and start exposing my scalp to natural sunlight for a change (drag queens needn't fret, since they rarely SEE sunlight while wearing their Dynel wigs). Oh and by the way, here's a hint: mousse is NOT an animal in Alaska.

I, (your name), resolve to stop buying Jane Fonda & 'Body by Jake' exercise tapes (aerobics, step exercises, weight training, and every other video they've ever made) unless I really plan to work out to them; (by the way, you will never be as thin as they, unless you become a full-time bolemic, and admit it, ritual throwing up is just icky!). Also there's no need to join a string of gyms and muscle mills unless you really plan to visit one once in a while (the sauna room doesn't count — you know you only go there to pick up tricks, you little slut).

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## Positively HIV

by Arnie Malmon

A sometimes serious, sometimes irreverent look at living with AIDS. (This is part 4 of as many as I can write before I run out of ideas or the fat lady sings)

### Comedy is hard...

#### "Dying Is Easy Comedy Is Hard"

This oft-quoted statement is attributed to English actor Edmund Gwenn (Santa Claus in *Miracle on 34th Street*) as he lay dying. He knew the value of employing humor, something those of us living with AIDS need to learn. Humor and AIDS have not been closely related, but as we live longer it's important to look at ourselves, those around us, and the rest of the world with a different eye.

Since most people not directly affected by AIDS are very uncomfortable with the idea of making jokes about it, those of us who are directly affected need to help them and ourselves by looking for the humor around us. Obviously some of the humor will, by nature of the situation, be classified as black humor, some will just be stupid stuff that's funny. I have here a few modest examples:

• A rather devout friend of mine asked if I had thought about my death, which I have, and asked if I thought about what would happen then. I told him, "I don't believe in heaven, hell, or an afterlife — but in case I'm wrong, I'll keep my options open."

• Another death related issue came up in conversation with someone else, and that was the question of dying with dignity. Jeez... I've come this far without any dignity, why should I die with it. When I go, it will be kicking and screaming. Then again, maybe I won't want to go at all.

• The next time one of those annoying people who ask after your health, but don't really care say, "How are you?" Simply respond by saying, "Terminally ill thank you — and yourself?"

• The package (the information sheet pharmaceutical companies include with

drugs) for Foscavir lists the following statement under the heading of Adverse Reactions — "From the same controlled studies, adverse events categorized by investigator as 'severe' were death..." Personally I would consider death a fairly severe reaction to a drug, particularly if it's my death. Now, I'm sure that the lawyers at Astra Pharmaceutical had no intention of people finding this funny, but think about it.

• How about the small bandage adhesive remover pad that warns against prolonged contact with the skin. How am I to remove leftover adhesive without using this stuff on my skin?

These are a few examples of things that catch my attention, and I admit that I really look hard to find them. But I believe that humor plays an important part in our mental and physical well being.

About two months ago I started back at the gym, and three weeks ago I started running again. It had occurred to me that I should start taking care of my cardiovascular system again. I mean who wants to put up with the fun of living with AIDS, and then drop dead of a heart attack because you let your cardiovascular system deteriorate. I'll admit this concept may not be funny to you, but it struck me as absurd enough to laugh.

I write using a word processing program with spell check. This is a marvelous concept. However, the thought occurred to me that if those of us who use this system had to do without spell check, do we all become Dan Quayle? Think about it. This has nothing to do with humor and AIDS, but I wouldn't have thought about it if I weren't writing these articles.

My main point on humor is that we have to search it out. Sometimes it will be something that won't be funny to anyone other than yourself and if you should happen to offend someone while being funny, don't worry about it. The old cliché about laughter being the best medicine has a ring of truth.



## British Gay life captured on film

The opening night of the Great Lakes Film and Video Gay and Lesbian Film Festival includes *Strip Jack Naked* a revealing new documentary by Ron Peck subtitled *Nighthawks II*. Peck, director of *Nighthawks*, one of the first Gay made and Gay themed films to be widely distributed, uses the making of that film to explore growing up Gay in London.

"For twelve years I carried around with me a dozen film cans of film cut from my 1978 feature *Nighthawks*. The original running time of that film was around four hours. Too long. But I couldn't throw those cut scenes out with the garbage. The reasons were part sentimental, but part political. The original film was about a man trying to form relationships in the emerging Gay world. Nobody filmed those kinds of thing in Britain then. I thought one day the material might add up to

### Contest for Tom of Finland types follows film

**Milwaukee — Great Lakes Film & Video** and the **Wreck Room** present a Tom of Finland contest after the screening of **Daddy And The Muscle Academy** in the Great Lakes Film & Video Gay and Lesbian Film Festival on Saturday, January 30. The film will be shown at 9:30pm at the UWM Union Cinema, 2200 East Kenwood Blvd. with a reception immediately following at the Wreck Room, 266 East Erie. The contest will begin at 1am and prizes will be awarded to the people most closely resembling the Tom of Finland image. Please call Great Lakes Film & Video at 229-6971 for more information. A description of the film follows.

**DADDY AND THE MUSCLE ACADEMY** (Finland, 1991, 55 min.) by Ilppo Pohjola

Subtitled "The Art, Life and Times of Tom of Finland" one of the Gay world's few authentic icons, is 55 min. of collective fantasy.

His hypermasculine drawings have had

something, somehow..."

In 1990 Peck opened those cans for the first time in 12 years, and with the help of collaborators, starting putting it all together. He shot some new material on tape, collected scraps that seemed to have a connection with that film — photos, old magazines, student films, Super 8 film shot 27 years ago. Eventually, all this disparate material began to find its own strange shape and he ended up making a partial autobiography about being Gay in Britain between 1962 and 1990. He decided it seemed a story worth telling.

Karl Soebnlein, in **Outweek** commented, "To label such a project a labor of love is simplistic; few love affairs are testing by anything resembling the relentless treachery of the independent film production schedule. The effort to make such work remains daunting, but Peck's own experience, and eventual success, offer both enlightenment and hope for all Queer film to come."

an enormous impact on Gay identity, not only for their intense physicality, but also for showing a whole generation how to fantasize freely.

This documentary, completed shortly before Tom's death at the age of 71, gives us a compelling and thorough review of his drawings. The film also includes some steamy invented sequences — a sort of journey to the center of Tom's psyche.

Other artists offer their ideas about how Tom influenced Queer culture, Gay empowerment and the hyper masculine pose. Tom himself discusses the technique and inspirations of his drawings.

As Jim Farber commented in his **Daily News Review**: "The move offers something substantial — viewing eroticism not as flat porn but as a vehicle for self discovery."

Derek Elley in **Variety** said: "Pic is technically fine, and immaculately researched on its subject."



## Marlon Riggs new short at festival

— Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien

The Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7:30pm screening of Gay shorts at the Great Lakes Film and Video Gay and Lesbian Film Festival begins with Marlon Riggs' *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien* [No Regret]. Through music, poetry and, at times, chilling self-disclosure, five seropositive Black Gay men speak of their individual confrontation with AIDS. Each man tells a singular and at the same time familiar story of self-transformation - from panic, resignation and silence to the discovery of the redemptive, healing power of being vocal and visible.

Riggs was the director of the extraordinary Emmy Award winning *Tongues Untied*, and he wrote and directed this 38 minute short. The sometimes touching and at times angry *No Regret* illuminates the difficult journey Black men throughout America make in coping with the personal and social devastation of the AIDS epidemic.

In his review in the *San Francisco Bay Times*, Thom Beam comments, "the film is polite - no tears. This film is eloquent, analytic and middle-class. There are no Bangee Boys. And the street children were not asked to attend. Yet, this film has vision and a focus. There is some anger - mainly from (one of the interviewees). (The) music is wonderful. However, the film does not offer solutions on processing guilt and shame. This film showcases both human strength and human frailty. Perhaps the most liberating aspect shown is that coming out bring about personal growth; all five Black Gay men were the better for it. And we are more aware for having seen *Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien*."

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## Barbara Hammer to screen/ discuss "Kisses"

Barbara Hammer, America's most prolific and renowned Lesbian filmmaker, will be on hand for the Great Lakes Film and Video Gay and Lesbian Film Festival screening of her newest film, *Nitrate Kisses*, at 7:30pm, Thursday, Feb. 4 at UW Milwaukee Union Cinema.

This provocative and groundbreaking film searches between the lines, beyond the margins, and outside conventional boundaries for the lost vestiges of a Gay and Lesbian culture. Interweaving German films from the thirties, and archival footage from the first Gay film made in the USA (*Lot of Sodom*, 1931) with personal histories and the contemporary sexual activities of four Gay and Lesbian couples, it is nothing less than a history of Gay and Lesbian culture in America.

*Kisses* is Hammer's 50th film, and at 67 minutes, her first full-length feature. She told Jim Provenzano in *Frontiers*, "I think of this as my Lesbian comeback film," referring to 1974's *Dyketactics* and 1976's *Women I Love*, two of the earlier Lesbian-made films to utilize explicit Lesbian content. "I haven't so directly dealt with sexuality since then."

Provenzano concludes, "Hammer's use of images and music is poignant - and sometimes frustratingly uncredited. But it forces the audience to think. She gives the audience fragments, not unlike Gay archivists, and asks them to put the pieces together. Interspersed is in precious archival footage, each vintage layer of scratchiness dating it like a fine wine. The result of viewing *Nitrate Kisses* is a sense of encouragement and importance, especially in claiming and sharing Gay stories. Too often history gets lost, because people assure than someone else is taking notes."

Hammer will answer questions after the film.

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# Juicy Bits

by W.W. Wells III

## How out are you?

Out is in and In is definitely out, if you know what I mean. Unfortunately, many Gays and Lesbians simply take for granted that everyone knows they are out, whether a person has been formally informed or not. Numerous straights can instinctively determine when someone is, while others need to be whacked over the head with a rolled up copy of the Queer Nation fan magazine to get the idea. Even if a person knows you're Gay, that doesn't mean they actually accept that fact. Here's a quick way to ascertain if the hetero people in your life are truly in touch with your sexual preference.

**Santa.** He plunges down the chimney bringing your brother any dangerous looking, plug-in device from the power tool aisle at Sears. You receive a brightly wrapped Kitchen Aid blender, pepper mill or pot holder made to look like your cat. You're both thrilled.

**Mom.** Has finally begun to navigate her way through the maze of Gay-speak and knows that when you refer to your 'new friend' Bob, it means he's your current 'bed puppy' and edits your relationship score card accordingly. She also understands when you run into some guy you anxiously describe to her as an 'acquaintance,' it really means you've shared some cheap sexual encounter with him. While she may be able to accept that you engage this sort of activity, she will probably be unable to bring herself to call you a cheap tramp. But that doesn't mean that I can't! "Tramp!"

**Dad.** Stops attempting to start conversations with you about cars, sports, guns, politics and especially women, mostly because he gets real uncomfortable when all you want to chatter about is their dress fabric and shoes. This leaves you with absolutely nothing to talk about, but you are now able to spend hours together in comfortable, voyeuristic silence watching reruns of TV's lifeguard saga, "Baywatch" mentally drooling over the contents of

totally different styles of bathing suits.

**Younger Sister.** She now comes running to big brother for advice with any hair-do, interior design or man-related crisis. This is a huge laugh since the saga of your last relationship reads like a rejected script from "Amy Fisher Story" crossed with a bad "Fatal Attraction" rip-off and a commercial for Calvin Klein's Obsession.

**Shoe Salesman.** Doesn't bat an eye at your request for size 10 high heels or the fact that you're wearing socks with little pink penises printed all over them.

**Vic Tanny Trainer.** An understanding, too straight, mega-peced, work-out junkie who understands you're suffering from homo-anorexia. Homo-anorexia is a condition in which you attempt to achieve total beauty by thinning yourself down to a level in which you're too weak to use the gym's Nordic Track because your diet consists of nothing but Slimfast, bar snacks and cigarettes. This slenderizing approach induces a state of total crabbiness believed to be at the psychological root of what most Gays the Bitchy Queen Syndrome (BQS).

**Paper Boy.** A rollerbladed youth who knows the real reason you don't subscribe to his paper is because it doesn't list bar specials, has no full-color Dial-A-Woodie ads and no underexposed pictures of drag queens wearing so much make-up they look like they could easily appear as toxic waste zombies in a post-apocalyptic, sci-fi thriller.

**Niece.** Pesters mommy to let her visit her favorite uncle and his new 'bed puppy' (see Mom) so she can play with your Barbie doll collection.

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## Film looks at drag world

'Vegas In Space' at film festival Feb. 5

The Great Lakes Film and Video Gay and Lesbian Film Festival at the UW-Milwaukee Union Cinema continues with the screening of the 90 minute Phillip R. Ford's sci-fi adventure music comedy drag epic **Vegas In Space**. This is the first movie about space travel starring beauteous and glamorous transvestites. Depicting the politically erect behavior on a doomed all-female, fun-plagued pleasure planet in the 23rd century, the film stars drag queen icon Doris Fish and the internationally renowned performance artist Miss X.

Producer/Director Ford, when not scheming how best to advance his directing career, has spent his spare time working as a cheap Elvis impersonator, appearing at bowling alleys, office parties and trendy nightspots in San Francisco and New York. In '92, Ford was nominated for a prestigious Cable Car Award as San Francisco's outstanding nightclub entertainer of the year.

**Vegas** is screened along with **Drag Queen Blues**, an enigmatic look at the musical, and political Joan Jett Blakk. ▽

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# Health

## AIDS Action Council sets agenda

With the hope that the new year may bring a significant turnaround in the fortunes of the AIDS community, the Washington-based AIDS Action Council (AAC) will focus in 1993 on increasing federal funding for AIDS-related programs, realizing health care reform, pushing for programs which can help prevent the transmission of HIV and pressing for improved drug treatments.

- **Prevention:** Seek legislation promoting expanded and entirely restructured HIV prevention services and research programs.

- **Health Care Reform:** Health care reform, long coming to a boil, is one of President-elect Clinton's top priorities — and AIDS Action's. The council participates in several coalitions seeking health care reform to promote the interests of people with HIV, such as expanded access to care, and coverage of long-term care, prescription drugs, and diagnostics.

- **Treatment Issues:** AIDS Action will seek enactment of two pieces of legislation: 1) to empower the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of AIDS Research with administrative and budget authority to be truly effective in managing the research program and 2) to mandate a comprehensive 5-year research plan.

- **Appropriations:** For the communities AIDS Action represents, federal appropriations for AIDS-related programs is always a major concern. The council will seek to fulfill President-elect Clinton's pledge to achieve: full funding for the Ryan White CARE Act; full support for NIH's AIDS budget request; more prevention dollars for community-based organizations to implement a revamped prevention program; and full funding of the AIDS Housing Opportunities Act at \$156 million.

AIDS Action Council, founded in 1984, is the only national organization devoted

solely to lobbying the federal government on AIDS policy, legislation and funding. AIDS Action Council represents more than 900 community-based AIDS service organizations located throughout the United States.

## AIDS NEWS BRIEFS

### NEW RESEARCH BEGINS ON CELL THERAPY

San Francisco, CA — Twenty patients at San Francisco General Hospital are the subjects of a new study using cell therapy to combat Kaposi's sarcoma, a skin cancer common to many AIDS patients.

In the therapy, white blood cells (CD-8 cells) are removed from the blood, isolated and then treated with small doses of the cancer fighting Interleukin II and phytohemagglutina, a soybean extract. The cells are incubated for several weeks, during which they multiply tenfold, then are re-infused into the patient's bloodstream.

Applied Immune Sciences, Inc., the small Santa Clara firm that developed the procedure, reports good results and no negative side effects in its earlier tests. It hopes the new form of cell therapy will be effective against Kaposi's sarcoma and lead to broader treatments for AIDS and other immune system disorders.

Martin Delaney of Project Inform, an AIDS advocacy group, told Associated Press: "It's one of the first real efforts to begin rebuilding a damaged immune system. It's a new way to deal with AIDS, and one we support real aggressively."

Doctors hope to publicize the results later this year.

### EARLY RESISTANCE TO AZT CAUSES CONCERN

Washington, DC — A report in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences says that blood tests are turning



Vuk's Place owner [Tom Vuk, second from left] and staff give a big smile at their successful grand opening celebration.

Meanwhile, not too far away on the South Side...

Kathy [center] and staffers gather for a quick shot at her bar, Kathy's Nut Hut.







Bobby Hultman and Bobby Lyons pose with the Club 219 staff during the club's second anniversary celebration.

The 219 Girls, and their 'mother' DJ Kimberly Anne pose during the bars anniversary celebration.



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up growing numoers of AIDS patients who have never taken AZT infected with a virus resistant to the drug.

Previous studies have attributed AZT resistance to its long-term use by an individual patient. But the new study indicates that resistance may occur naturally even in those who have never taken AZT, or that the resistant virus can possibly spread from a patient who has taken the drug to another person who has been disease-free.

Dr. Wendell T.W. Ching of the UCLA School of Medicine said: "People usually are infected with various strains of HIV. Once they start taking AZT, the resistant strains are the ones that survive."

The resistant strains eventually become the dominant HIV population and if the virus is spread to another person at that point, the new patient can develop an HIV infection resistant to AZT.

Scientists are deeply concerned that over time, AZT could be of less and less use in inhibiting HIV. The study recommended rapid development of new drug therapies against HIV.

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### BROADER DEFINITION TO INCREASE NUMBER OF AIDS CASES

Atlanta, GA — The federal government's new, broader definition of AIDS which took effect on January 1, 1993 is expected to increase by 50 to 75% the number of people diagnosed with AIDS in the state of Wisconsin this year, according to the State Division of Health.

On the national level, the number of cases this year is expected to reach 90,000, up from 50,000 last year under the old standard.

The new definition, promoted for years by AIDS activists and finally adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, adds four new standards for diagnosing AIDS. The guidelines add pulmonary tuberculosis, recurrent bacterial pneumonia and invasive cancer of the cervix to the list of 23 other illnesses currently used to identify AIDS.

In addition, any adult with HIV, who has fewer than 200 CD-4 cells (helper T-cells) per microliter of blood will be included in the definition of those who have AIDS.

The new definition adds clinical manifestations unique to women and drug users who are HIV- positive. Doctors hope to be able to diagnose AIDS at an earlier stage in these populations and initiate drug treatment therapies in a more timely manner.

### DR. ROBERT GALLO FOUND GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT

Washington, DC — A three year inquiry by the Federal Office of Research and Integrity has found Dr. Robert Gallo, the reputed co-discoverer of the virus that causes AIDS, guilty of scientific misconduct in his research.

The report said Dr. Gallo had "falsely reported" a critical fact in the 1984 Science article in which he described his process of first isolating the human immuno-deficiency virus. The report claims that Gallo intentionally misled colleagues in an effort to gain credit for himself and to deny credit for the discovery of HIV to his French competitors.

The finding specifically accuses Gallo of

denying that he used a strain of the virus he obtained from French scientists in his research. He did, in fact, use the virus to advance his own research without giving the French researchers credit.

The conflict has festered since 1984 and almost caused a diplomatic rift, pitting the integrity of the American and French scientific establishments against each other. A 1987 compromise had given an equal share of the credit for the discovery of HIV and a 50-50 split in the patent royalties from the research to Gallo and the French doctors.

Gallo vociferously denied the charges against him and plans to appeal.

### MEDICINAL MARIJUANA USE APPROVED BY SAN FRANCISCANS

San Francisco, CA — In November, San Francisco voters approved by an almost four to one margin a proposition urging the state of California to add marijuana to its list of approved medications.

Marijuana has been helpful in reducing the symptoms of glaucoma as well as the nausea and loss of appetite experienced by people with cancer or AIDS. The Food and Drug Administration has occasionally allowed individual access to the drug for therapeutic reasons, but the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) still classifies it as a narcotic.

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**Cafe Melange:** Live band, Dianna Jones & Company, 8:30pm- 12:30am, \$3 cover.

**Club 3054 [Madison]:** Glamour Girls '92 Revue, showtime 10:30.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

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#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

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**M&M Club:** BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 8pm-12 midnight.

**Wings 3054 [Madison]:** Mad-town Underwear party.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

**Pivot Club [Appleton]:** AIDS Issues Weekend, video presentation of artist El Jahr's work at 10:30pm; followed by a variety show featuring 'A Minor', other vocalists, impersonators. No admission charge, all proceeds to benefit Fox Valley AIDS Project.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

**Pivot Club [Appleton]:** 'Quilting Bee' from 1-5pm; to make panels for Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. 1pm screening of the documentary 'The Quilt.'

**Ballgame:** Sheepshead, 4pm.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

**Pivot Club [Appleton]:** AIDS Symposium/discussion begins at 1:30pm, questions & answer section follows.

**Gay Men's Discussion Group:** Looks at Gay Adoption, 6-8pm, The Counseling Center of Milw. \$2 donation; FMI call Bill Hanel at 271-2565.

**WAVE Soccer Game:** GAMMA has reserved seats, 1:05pm at Bradley Center. Call 963-9833 for tickets before 1/19.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

**The New Bar [Madison]:** 9th Anniversary Celebration, cocktails & hors d'oeuvres at 7pm; entertainment by comic/impressionist Tony Dominic at 10, dancing follows. Dress to the 'Nines'.

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

**GAMMA Roller-skating:** In Butler, meet 8pm at Skateland (12400 W. Custer), \$4.50 includes skates.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

**Club 219 Plus:** National Males '93 tour, 4 hot male dancers.

**Wings 3054 [Madison]:** Jock Strap Contest.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

**GAMMA Sheepshead:** Private Sherman Park home, call 963-9833 FMI.

**Club 3054 [Madison]:** Karaoke night.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

**Pivot Club [Appleton]:** Talent shop at 10:30pm.

**Great Lakes Film & Video Gay & Lesbian Film Festival:** See Arts Section for schedule.

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** A special reception for Mr. Gay WI-USA, Ms. Gay WI-USA & Miss Gay Wisconsin, performances, 10:30pm.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

**Great Lakes Film & Video Gay & Lesbian Film Festival:** See Arts Section for schedule.

**Wreck Room:** Post Film Festival Reception & Tom of Finland Character look alike contest, midnight.

**M&M Club:** Singational Productions performs.

**Integrity/ Dignity Madison:** Potluck & discussion for couples & others interested in discussing what services the chapter offers to them.

**ZA's [Green Bay]:** Manhatter Night.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

**Ballgame:** Super Bowl Party.

**Rod's [Madison]:** Super Bowl Party, open at 2, special free buffet at 6pm with purchase of beer-bust or cocktail.

**Club 3054/ Wings:** Super Bowl Party, starts 4pm. Beer bust 4pm till end of game, with buffet. Bring a dish to pass.

**Club 3054 [Madison]:** Glamour Girls 'A Night With Disney' showtime 10:30.

**Great Lakes Film & Video '93 Gay 7 lesbian Film Festival:** See Arts Section for details.



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# CELEBRATING PEOPLES LIVES

-A WEEKEND DEDICATED  
TO THOSE WITH HIV & THOSE  
WHO HAVE PASSED ON-

**Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30<sup>pm</sup>**

- Water colors video presentation of El Jahr's work
- Variety show follows featuring "A Minor" & DJ's greatest moments video

**Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1-5<sup>pm</sup>**  
**Quilting Bee**

Make a section for the names project quilt & view  
The Award Winning Documentary "The Quilt"

**Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30**

"A whole lot more than just the facts, Mom" a  
Discussion on HIV - Presented by Dan Talbot, FVAP

#### NEXT MONTH

Bartender X-change with  
Rods (2/5) and Club 3054 (2/12)

The Town of Menasha Police Department & The Pivot Club Requires EVERYONE to Present a Valid Photo ID upon entering the club



the DEA policy, but activists there hope the public support for medicinal use of marijuana will discourage authorities from prosecuting those who use it for health reasons.

**IRS MAY GIVE TAX BREAK TO TERMINALLY ILL**

Washington, DC — The Internal Revenue Service has proposed that people who are terminally ill should be allowed to collect their life insurance benefits tax-free, a change that would be welcomed by people with AIDS.

Currently, insurance benefits paid after a person's death are tax free. But if the benefits are paid before the person dies and exceed the amount paid in premiums, the difference is subject to regular tax rates as high as 31%.

Congresswoman Barbara Kennelly (D-CT) supports the change: "This proposal would remove the burden of an unfair tax and would allow the terminally ill to make use of their insurance benefits when they need them most."


A hearing on the proposal is scheduled in Washington March 19. The public has until February 26 to make comments or suggestions to the IRS. Letters can be sent to the IRS at P.O. Box 7604, Washington, DC 20044.

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presents **"A NIGHT AT DISNEY"**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>st</sup>, Showtime 11<sup>pm</sup>**  
Come see all your favorite Disney characters! If you come dressed in costume, get in free! \$50 cash for Best Disney Costume.



Wings 3054 in Madison started off the New Year with an underwear party the evening of Jan. 1. Modesty prevents us from showing the best angle of vision...

**Calendar**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13**  
Club 219 Plus: Wet Jockey Shorts Contest, \$50 cash prize.

Wreck Room: New Wednesday Special premieres tonight — Customer Appreciations Night with 2-4's from 5pm-1am.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14**  
Partners: Caribbean Party w/Reggae artist Montgomery. \$1 door, 9-close.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15**  
Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 5-8pm.

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

ZA's [Green Bay]: Special guest Duwanna Moore.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16**  
I/D Madison: Integrity/ Dignity Board Meeting & Potluck brunch, 10am. Open to

all members & interested parties. FMI call (608) 242-1393.

Cest La Vie: Bouji & Billie Blaze's birthdaze, free tap beer, show at 10:30pm.

Napalese Lounge [Green Bay]: The C.C. Rae Show with Lip Sync Improv., 10:30pm, \$2 cover.

Rod's [Madison]: Fresh Meat Week through 1/23. Mailing list drive.

M&M Club: Singsational Productions perform.

Club 94: Comic Memory Lane, live at 11pm.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**  
ReneZ Co-Z Corner: 'Keep The Dream Alive' food drive; admission is non-perishable food items. Raffles, free food & entertainment. Food drive benefits the Institute for Child & Family Development.

Ballgame: 301 Dart Tourney starts today at 3 & continues every Sunday. Weekly prizes.





Ray and fellow Club 3054 employee David host Karaoke Nite at the club. On your right, Vicki Smith and friend relax after proving their vocal talent.

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issue's 'Arts' section for full festival listings and details!

As we have in the past, Wisconsin Light and In Step are co-sponsoring opening night premieres of Gay/Lesbian films at the Oriental and Downer theatres in Milwaukee. We'll be hosting a fundraising premiere of the Gay film *Swoon* at the Oriental on a yet un-confirmed date in February. Funds raised will go to the Cream City Foundation.

On March 19, we'll co-sponsor the fundraising premiere of the hit Lesbian film, *Claire of the Moon*, to benefit the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee.

We'll have more on both the films and ticket details in the next issue.

The fourth event is our second annual Mardi Gras celebration at the Mitchell Park Domes on February 21. The two papers again will sponsor the evening of costumes, food and music at the Domes to benefit the Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee.

This gay-la Mardi Gras event will offer two contests — one for overall costume and a separate one for head-dresses. Last year, several people came in what I would

call Halloween costumes — tsk, tsk, my dears! Don't you know that Mardi Gras is feathers, spangles, skin, beads and sequins?

The official date for Mardi Gras this year is Feb. 23 (Which is also called 'Fat Tuesday') and we scheduled our celebration as close to that date as possible. Hope you plan on joining us, as this fundraiser will help put MLGPC in the black as they prepare for our upcoming June Pride Celebration events.

We've decided to stop carrying the educational cartoon panel 'Out of the Darkness.' When we first started printing Linda Sue Welch's work, we were one of the few publications in the country to do so. However, 'Darkness' is now appearing in the *Advocate* and other publications where it can be enjoyed by a larger audience. (Besides, we need the space!)

Did you see "Roseanne" last week? I'd like to quote actor John Goodman, who as Dan Connors (the husband in "Roseanne") said on the show: "Being self employed has its drawbacks — last week I sexually harassed myself."

Here's something that gave me a reason to smile... A Woman won 219's Jan. 6th Wet Jockey Shorts Contest! ▽

# Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

The Holiday season has come and gone so quickly, and here I am back doing this column again. Hope you all had a very happy and healthy one — mine was very productive. Joe of JRK Services & I each spent over 90 hours during In Step's holiday break totally redoing the office. I can highly recommend JRK for work ranging from painting to minor electrical — he did it all, and at a very reasonable price, too! It's hard to believe I've been in this office location for going on six years now, but it's even more strange to realize we're beginning our tenth (!) year publishing the magazine. February 9th marks our 9th anniversary!

There is no sense in going back over a month to cover all the Christmas, Holiday and New Year's events — and no 'Big' events occurred from Jan. 2 to my Jan. 6th deadline. So, I get to take it easy and you don't have to read a brief synopsis of ancient history...

Last year I spent the first week of January at the Parliament House resort in Orlando Florida with 7 staffers from Club 219. As I said, this year, I spent that same period re-doing the office. However, some other well-known Milwaukeeans graced the P-House with a Wisconsin presence — Baby Jane Hudson and Sandy Beach (Steve Byers). Jane won the P-House talent contest, with Miss Beach taking first runner up — and the girls shopped extensively — they hit every Purple Heart store they could find!

Lots of exciting things coming up on the agenda to warm your little Gay and Lesbian hearts and social calendars... The Great Lakes Video Gay and Lesbian Film Festival opens January 29 at UW Milwaukee. This second annual film and video festival is, once again, funded by the Cream City Foundation and proudly co-sponsored by In Step Magazine. The festival runs through Feb. 5th. Check this

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## UP COMING EVENTS

**Thur, Jan 21**  
WINGS MADTOWN  
**UNDERWEAR PARTY**  
at 9<sup>pm</sup>.  
with Kiro  
and Mad Max

**Wed, Jan 27**  
WINGS  
**WET JOCK STRAP  
CONTEST**  
AT MIDNITE!

**Sun, Jan 31**  
**SUPER BOWL PARTY!**  
Party starts at 5<sup>pm</sup>  
Beer Bust goes until end of game.  
Please bring a dish to  
pass!



**Thur, Feb 4**  
WINGS MADTOWN  
**UNDERWEAR PARTY**  
at 9<sup>pm</sup>  
Cum for it once, and  
you'll be cuming again  
and again.

**Sat, Feb 6**  
WINGS FULL  
**MOON CONTEST**  
at Midnight.  
  
Cash Prizes  
Show us your full moon!

WINGS is now serving  
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Miller - Lite - Genuine Draft -  
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**ON SATURDAYS**  
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from 9 to Close

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Madison's Happy Hour & Dance Bar for '93

## UP COMING EVENTS

**Sun, Jan 17**  
**GLAMOUR GIRLS**  
**"Best of '92 Show"**  
at 10:30<sup>pm</sup>  
with Special Guest!  
& Cass Marie, Marsha, Morgan & Chastity

**Thur, Jan 28**  
**KARAOKE NITE**  
at 10:00<sup>pm</sup>  
Hosted by:  
Cass Marie Domino  
and  
Chastity White

**Sun, Jan 31**  
**SUPER BOWL PARTY!**  
Party starts at 5<sup>pm</sup>  
Beer Bust goes until end of game.  
Please bring a dish to pass!  
4th Annual Super Bowl Party!  
Big Screen TV

**Sun, Feb 7**  
**THE GIRLS  
FROM  
WAUSAU  
SHOW**  
at 10:30<sup>pm</sup>



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**Beer Bust 9 to Close!**

**Thur, Feb 11**  
**STRIP SEARCH FINALS**  
Show starts at 11:00<sup>pm</sup>  
All Winners Compete  
for \$500 in Cash.

Winners, please contact bar for details.

**Sat, Feb 13**  
CLUB 3054 presents a  
**"SWEET HEARTS BALL"**  
Come dressed formal!  
Champagne Fountain!  
Balloons!  
Red Carnation to the  
first 50 people!

