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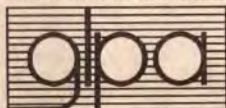
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Lot's of changes this issue, including a great Horoscope column geared towards Gays and Lesbians. Enjoy!

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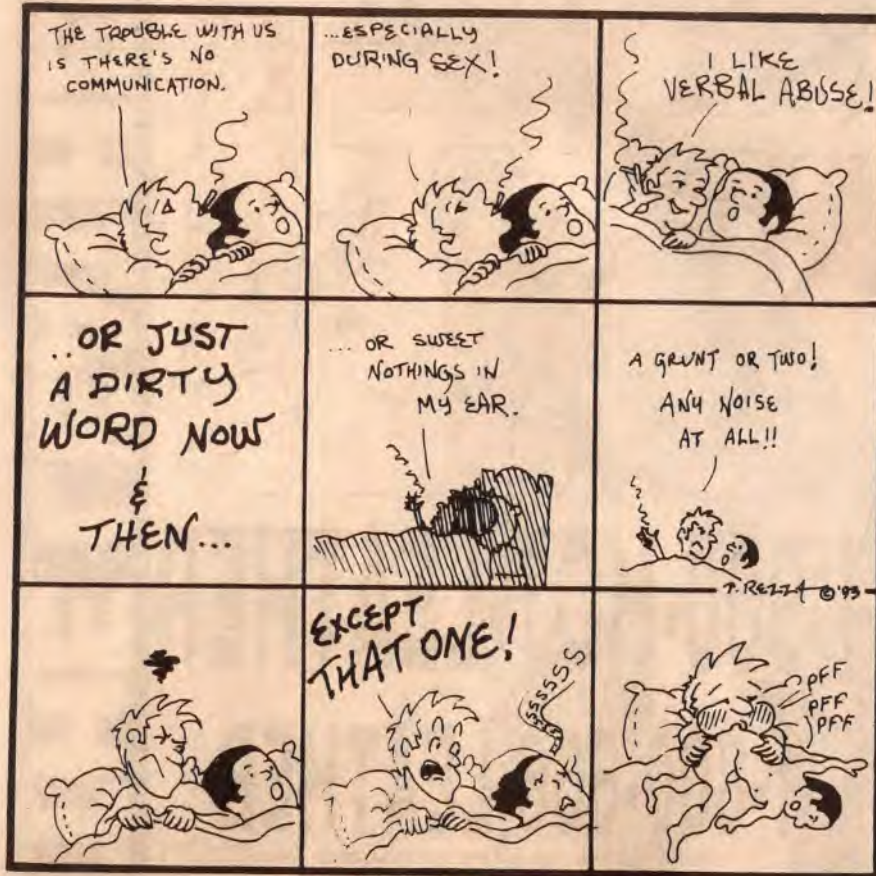
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The Gay Side

By Tom Rezza



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News

'92 record year for anti-Gay violence

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington — Due in part to the heightened visibility of Gay men and Lesbians around the nation and anti-Gay campaigns in the states of Colorado and Oregon, Gay men and Lesbians were victimized in 1992 more than in any year before, according to a study released here by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

"Our report shows that violence against Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals is at an all time record high," said Martin Hiraga, director of the NGLTF Anti-Violence Project which compiled the report. "In 1992, Gay victim services agencies ... report a widespread and profoundly destructive plague of victimization."

The study shows a record 1,898 anti-Gay crimes reported in the five major metropolitan areas where such crimes are counted by professionally staffed groups. The number marks a four percent increase over 1991's figures.

As in previous years, the study's authors insisted that the number of cases in the report is not an accurate figure reflecting what they call the widespread nature of anti-Gay and Lesbian violence but rather a crude marker of a larger social problem.

Torie Osborn, NGLTF's new executive director stressed that not only does the report only examine cases in the five metropolitan areas, but victims in the cities that are counted are normally reluctant to report these crimes for fear of being discriminated against by law enforcement, employers and family members.

"What we're talking about is the tip of the iceberg," she said, "That's what we're really tracking here."

Crimes counted in the review ranged from murder, assault and arson to police harassment, vandalism and threats. Leading 1992's tally was New York City with 662 incidents reported to the local anti-violence group. San Francisco followed with Minneapolis/St. Paul, Chicago and Boston completing the count.

This year the report was accompanied by separate numbers from victim service groups in Colorado and Oregon, where last fall voters were faced with referenda seeking the repeal of state Gay rights laws and barring state governments from passing new ones. The Oregon measure was defeated at the polls. Colorado voters narrowly approved theirs.

The Task Force report revealed that anti-Gay incidents in Colorado shot up a startling 129 percent over 1991's figures to a total of 204 reported cases in 1992. Oregon counted 968 incidents in the year, more than even New York City, which led the official count. The Oregon and Colorado figures were not included in the report's final tally, but were included for informational purposes.

One of the Colorado victims spoke at the press conference unveiling the report, detailing how she was attacked by a group of youths for wearing a button opposing the anti-Gay ballot initiative.

As Arlene Goodchild got off a bus in Denver, two men reportedly pushed her to the ground, kicked her and spat on her, pummeling her with anti-Gay epithets throughout. While she escaped the incident with the help of a bystander and suffered only cuts and bruises, she is to this day afraid to show any outward signs of her sexual orientation.

That result, said the report's authors, is exactly the unstated goal of each Gay-bashing. For while those who partake in bias-motivated attacks target individuals, their deeper hope is to scare all members of a group into frightened seclusion.

Crae Pridgen, was allegedly another of those so targeted. Pridgen was beaten and kicked outside a Wilmington, N.C. Gay bar last January, reportedly by a group of Marines stationed at a nearby military base. The attackers, supposedly enraged by President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on Gays & Lesbians in the military, reportedly shouted, "Clinton will pay," and "All faggots must die," as they attacked him.

Pridgen spoke haltingly of his attack while his mother looked on, telling reporters how the attack left him with

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bruises, a fractured skull, two broken teeth and a torn earlobe. Three other men attacked in the incident, he stated, have refused to come forward for fear of losing their jobs if they are discovered to be Gay.

"I don't ask for approval," said Pridden. "I only ask for acceptance."

The question of violence perpetrated by military servicemen against their Gay colleagues and homosexual civilians was also highlighted in the study, as the attention given to Clinton's pledge has reportedly brought to the surface long-simmering feelings of hostility in the service against Lesbians and Gays.

This animosity has been spotlighted most vividly by the case of Allen

Schindler, a Gay sailor aboard the U.S.S. Belleau Wood who last October was beaten to death in a rest room in SaSebo, Japan, Allegedly by his shipmates, after he requested a discharge based on his homosexuality.

One sailor admittedly involved in the attack has been granted a light sentence in return for his testimony against the other alleged attacker. The other sailor has been charged with the attack and could receive the death penalty if found guilty.

Still, Gay activists are asking Attorney General Janet Reno to have the Justice Department take the case from the Naval Investigative Service, which they charge has a history of anti-Gay bias itself.

NGLTF briefs Reno on anti-Gay violence

Attorney General's door is open

By Cliff O'Neill

Washington, D.C. — Staff members of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) Policy Institute met with the new U.S. Attorney General, Janet Reno, to brief her on the issue of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence. The March 1 meeting was held at the request of Reno, who invited NGLTF and other hate crime and victim advocacy groups. The meeting was held prior to her confirmation hearings where she received unanimous endorsement.

Martin Hiraga, NGLTF Anti-Violence Project director, and Marla Stevens, NGLTF Acting Director of Public Policy, participated in the one-hour-long meeting between Reno and the groups. Representatives from the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, National Organization for Victim Assistance, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and other groups also attended the 15-person briefing session.

Hiraga presented to Reno an overview of anti-Gay/Lesbian violence. He highlighted statistics from a prevalence study conducted by NGLTF that show one in six Lesbians and Gay men say they have been punched, kicked, hit or beaten because of their sexual orientation.

Hiraga then stressed three points during the meeting: the uneven Department

of Justice (DOJ) response to anti-Gay violence; a review of domestic violence laws and policies; and the importance of Gay and Lesbian victim service agencies.

Hiraga applauded the work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which has actively included Gay-specific materials and trainers in the agency's training seminars in implementing the federal Hate Crime Statistics Act. However, the various agencies within DOJ do not respond uniformly to anti-Gay violence. Hiraga asserted to Reno. Hiraga noted that the Community Relations Service, a division of DOJ that deals with inter-community violence, refuses to address crimes based on sexual orientation and religion and was reluctant to take reports of anti-Gay violence from callers to its federal 800-number hotline. He asked Reno to equalize the DOJ response to anti-Gay violence, and include sexual orientation in the mandates of all DOJ agencies dealing with hate crimes.

Hiraga also asked the Attorney General designate to review domestic violence policy and laws and encouraged that the laws extend coverage to Lesbian and Gay couples.

Finally, Hiraga noted the need for Gay and Lesbian community-based victim service agencies, given victims' frequent reluctance to report incidents to police or non-Gay agencies. Hiraga called for increased support and federal funding for

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Gays Appointed to Top Posts by Clinton

Washington, D.C. — President Clinton has been fulfilling his promises to the nation by appointing people that represent the diversity of our country to top government and White House posts according to COALITION '93, the Gay and Lesbian community's Presidential Transition Project working with the Clinton Administration to consider qualified Gay men and Lesbians for top appointments.

"This is an historic time for our country and for our community. It is exciting to see qualified men and women, who are openly Gay and Lesbian, being able to serve our country and not be hiding behind closet doors" said Andrew Barrer, COALITION '93 Director. The most recent appointments include:

Peter Pappas, a former New York attorney, to the position of Special Counsel to the President at The White House.

Keith Boykin, a graduate of the Harvard Law School, as Special Assistant to the President and director of news analysis in the Office of Communications at The White House.

Bob Hattoy, a longtime Clinton campaign aide on environment issues and a guest speaker at the 1992 Democratic National Convention who spoke about being a Gay man with AIDS has been appointed Associate Director, Office of Presidential Personnel at The White House.

Romulo "Romy" Diaz, Jr., a longtime career staff person and attorney at the Department of Energy, has been appointed Deputy Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Secretary, at the Department of Energy.

As previously announced, San Francisco Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg has been appointed as Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and is awaiting her confirmation hearing with the Senate Banking Committee.

"These appointments, and others to follow, demonstrate President Clinton's commitment to equal rights for all men and women in this country," remarks Barrer. "Young people will have positive role models to see that being Gay or Lesbian doesn't close doors to them."

M.U. students stage historic sit-in

Seeking Gay rights

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — In an unprecedented event March 16, nineteen students staged a peaceful sit-in in the administrative offices of Marquette University, demanding that the school's President, Father Albert DiUlio, respond to long-standing complaints by Marquette's Gay and Lesbian community.

According to protest leaders, "by some cosmic grace," they had the good luck of occupying the office while DiUlio himself was present. They told *In Step* that DiUlio at first seemed surprised and shocked by the incident. When the students said they planned on staying until they got some answers to their questions, DiUlio responded, "Well, you will have a long wait, and you will probably be arrested."

No arrests were made, however, and after some scurrying and quick consultations among administrators and legal advisors, DiUlio emerged with a statement responding to the students' requests.

The students had demanded to know why, eighteen months after the student government had passed a resolution recommending that sexual orientation be added to the school's non-discrimination policy, Marquette had not taken action. In that time, the students, members of REASON, Rights and Equality for All Sexual Orientations Now, had written letters and presented petitions to the administration in favor of the policy revision. DiUlio claimed to be unaware of these petitions.

"We went through all the proper channels and could not get a response," *contd. on page 8*

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community-based agencies.

"Ms. Reno was interested and responsive to the violence targeting the Gay and Lesbian community," Hiraga noted. "And she made it clear that the door is open for future discussions on this and other issues facing our community."

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said REASON's Lisa Gray. "So we did in one hour what others could not do in eighteen months."

The students are not happy with DiUlio's response, but they feel they can claim some measure of success by forcing Marquette to officially address the issue.

DiUlio's statement said: "While Marquette will continue to affirm the value and worth of all people and will continue to vigorously respond to any harassment of individuals, the University will not include the words sexual orientation in its written anti-discrimination policy."

"This is for legal reasons connected with the recognized right of church-related institutions to govern themselves in accordance with their religious traditions. It is not, and must not be interpreted as, a denial of the human rights of any members of the Marquette family."

Lisa Gray called the statement "vague and meaningless legalities." She noted that the Marquette Dental School included sexual orientation in its non-discrimination policy — apparently to qualify for state funding. She chided DiUlio for the "selective application of his religious traditions."

Roger Persaud, another member of REASON, was philosophical about DiUlio's statement. "I didn't expect a logical conclusion because their action is grounded in homophobia, and homophobia is not based on logic."

"I'm not sure I really expected them to change," said Persaud. "I just want them to be as uncomfortable as I feel in their school."

DiUlio did agree to REASON's other demand, a meeting with Marquette administrators to formulate a plan for the inclusion of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students on campus. That meeting was scheduled for March 25, after *In Step* went to press.

While Persaud hopes that something positive comes out of the meeting, he is skeptical. He told *In Step* that administrators had recently issued a gag order forbidding the Office of Residence Life from speaking to the media about any Gay-related issue. Persaud said the Office of Residence Life, which oversees Marquette's dormitories, was one of the few sources of concrete information

about anti-Gay harassment on campus.

Both Persaud and Gray are cheered, however, by the formation of another campus group called Climate for Change, which was initiated by faculty members to exert leverage on a pro-Gay agenda. The new group is valuable, said Persaud, because "it transcends the systemic problems of student groups whose efforts are often interrupted by exams, semester breaks and graduation. Climate for Change can be a continuing presence on campus."

One adjunct faculty member of Theatre Arts recently organized a production of Lesbian playwright Jane Chambers' "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove." Despite the denial of school funding, the play managed one sold out performance. It was followed by a lively panel discussion about the play and Gay rights and visibility. REASON members touted Professor Debra Krajec for her "courageous attempt to open dialogue on the issue."

In addition to Marquette's failure to revise its anti-discrimination policy, a series of homophobic letters have appeared in the student newspaper, *The Marquette Tribune*, since last fall. The student government established a Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Commission but failed to name a Commissioner or provide it with funds. REASON members say incidents of verbal harassment are also common around campus but administrators have denied there is any problem.

Hundreds Arrested At St. Pat's Protest In New York

New York, NY — Two hundred twenty eight demonstrators, protesting the exclusion of the Irish Lesbian and Gay Organization from the ranks of the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade, were arrested on March 17 after attempting to block the progress of the parade on Fifth Avenue.

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Among those arrested was Gay Irish City Council member Tom Duane. And Mayor David Dinkins, who sided with the Irish Gays in their many legal challenges to be included in the parade, boycotted the event for the second year in a row. It has been traditional for the city's mayor to march at the front of the huge parade. Republican Rudolf Giuliani, who is expected to challenge Dinkins this year, had a prominent place in the parade.

Before the protest and the parade began, Cardinal John O'Connor gave a special mass and sermon at St. Patrick's Cathedral in which he made reference to the controversy about Gay participation. Gays have contended that O'Connor is the true power behind the policy of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the parade sponsor, to exclude the Gay group.

In the cathedral, Catholics sang

a hymn to St. Patrick with the words: "In the war against sin/in the fight for the faith/Dear Saint, may thy children resist to the death."

O'Connor then intoned: "Neither respectability nor political correctness is worth one comma in the Apostle's Creed...What some call bigotry, Irish Catholics call principle."

Moments later, as the Gay Irishmen and women and their supporters sat down in the middle of Fifth Avenue just a few blocks from the cathedral, some chanted "O'Connor's a bigot in a dress!" The protesters did not resist but became passive, requiring officers to carry each of them to waiting police vans. Mayor Dinkins said the police had no choice but to abide by the court order to insure the safe, unimpeded progress of the parade.

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not included this year, spectators interviewed by the media did not express the extreme homophobia evident in 1991 when the Irish Gays were allowed to march with another contingent.

"There's plenty of Gays in the parade, make no mistake about it," said one middle-aged woman. "But they don't need a banner to march. It's not a parade about sex."

"I'm marching with a contingent of Catholics who had sex before marriage," joked another woman.

"The Gay parade was wonderful, too, last summer," said another spectator. "The cross dressers were beautiful."

The thousands who marched in the parade seemed oblivious to the lyrics of one of the most-sung songs of the day: "When Irish eyes are smiling, all the world seems bright and gay..."

"Operation Lift The Ban" Set To Mobilize

Events Planned To End The Military's Policy Of Discrimination

Washington, DC — In an unprecedented effort to mobilize the Lesbian and Gay community in support of President Clinton's plan to end the ban on Lesbian and Gay Americans in the military, the Human Rights Campaign Fund is organizing activities in more than 20 cities during the weekend that begins March 25th. Events, ranging from fundraising dances to public meetings and rallies are being organized under the banner of *Operation Lift the Ban Weekend*.

"If we are going to win this effort, our community needs to increase our level of participation," notes Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Campaign Fund. "Operation Lift the Ban is designed to give every member of our community an avenue to participate in ending the ban."

McFeeley cites the effectiveness of the Far Right in mobilizing grassroots activity as a key factor behind the weekend's activities. "Pat Robertson has more than 350,000 members in the Christian Coalition fighting to promote discrimination. We are encouraging every member of the Lesbian and Gay community to enlist in Operation Lift the Ban to counter the efforts of our opponents," McFeeley stated. "We need to mobilize our grassroots activists, just as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson are mobilizing theirs," he said.

Operation Lift the Ban activities around the country will include press conferences, town meetings, Federal Club events, women's events and Speak Out canvassing. Lesbian and Gay clubs, bars and restaurants are being encouraged to donate cover charges on Thursday evening to Operation Lift the Ban.

Several prominent Lesbian and Gay veterans, including: Margarethe Cammermeyer, Keith Meinhold, Carolyn "Dusty" Pruitt, Tracy Thorne and former Midshipman Joe Steffan, are serving as honorary co-chairs of Operation Lift the Ban Weekend and will participate in events. Dorothy Hajdys and Kathy Eichkoff, the mother and sister of Naval Seaman Allen Schindler, the young Gay serviceman who was killed in a widely publicized attack last year, will participate in an outdoor memorial service for her son at the Long Beach Naval Yard. Lowell Gibbs of San Francisco and Mary Anne Marsh of Boston are the National Co-Chairs of Operation Lift the Ban Weekend. For further information or to help organize activities in your community, contact Media Coordinator Gerard Kenslea at (310) 444-1418 or Gregory King at (202) 628-4160.

Fire, Water Damage Destroys Madison's Four Star Books

By Jamakaya

Madison — Massive water damage caused by firefighters quelling a blaze in the next door building has completely destroyed the inventory of Four Star Books, a popular Gay bookstore at 206 State Street.

The bookstore's manager, Ken Ginner, told *In Step* the store sustained a "total loss" of inventory. "So much great Gay literature was destroyed," he said sadly, "nine thousand titles and whole racks of periodicals."

Ginner estimated the loss at between \$60,000 to \$70,000. He and

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owner David Smith, who was on vacation at the time of the fire, hope that insurance will cover most of that. The building is owned by First Federal Savings.

The fire broke out just before dawn March 10 in the second floor apartments above Paul's Club at 210 State Street. The blaze was so intense that firefighters did not have it under control until almost noon that day. Firefighters were still pouring water on the smoldering embers more than a day later. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic on one of Madison's most busy thoroughfares was rerouted for two days.

Residents of the apartments escaped unharmed. Because of the early morning hours, no one was in the bookstore.

Ginner noted that a firewall between the buildings actually protected Four Star Books from the blaze. Although the structure is still intact, it was extensive smoke and water damage that destroyed the contents of the store.

Ginner described the eerie atmosphere inside the store once he was allowed to enter to assess the damage. He said the acrid smell of smoke was overwhelming and everything was water-logged. The atmosphere was "so intense and so humid," said Ginner, that when he was interviewed for a TV news report, the cameraman had to continually interrupt shooting to wipe condensation from the lens of his mini-cam.

Ginner said that he and Smith were just beginning to assess what to do about the store. No decision has been made about reinvesting and starting over. For now, the employees have been laid off and Ginner is busy contacting publishers to suspend all orders. He's also busy working on the computers that were damaged to see if they can be salvaged.

He reported one bright aspect of an otherwise bleak story. "I managed to rescue the Flirtations tickets!" Ginner said almost gleefully. The popular Gay a cappella group is doing an AIDS benefit at the Barrymore Theatre March 25.

Ginner was also quick to point out that Four Star Video Heaven on Henry Street, under the same ownership, was unaffected by the fire and remains open for business.

Another major fire leveled Select

Video & Variety, an adult video store on E. Washington Avenue, the day before the State Street blaze. Damage was estimated at more than a half million dollars, and Madison police have charged a suspect with arson. Some media reports said the suspect may have been motivated by strong anti-pornography beliefs.

GLAAD Bestows Its Annual Media Awards

By Jamakaya

Los Angeles, CA — The TV shows *Roseanne* and *20/20*, singers Elton John and Garth Brooks, and columnists Liz Smith and Anna Quindlen are among the recipients of this year's Media Awards presented by the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

The star-studded Los Angeles gala took place at the Beverly Hilton Hotel March 20. Roseanne and Tom Arnold, Jill Eikenberry, Steve Allen, Rene Auberjonois, Amanda Donohoe, Carl Reiner, Della Reese, *Golden Girl* Bea Arthur and Bruce

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Davison of *Longtime Companion* were among the celebrities in attendance.

Roseanne, which contained an ongoing subplot about a Lesbian relationship (portrayed by actresses Sandra Bernhard and Morgan Fairchild) this season, won an award as Outstanding TV Comedy Series. *Melrose Place* was named Outstanding TV Dramatic Series for including a Gay character, Matt, played by Doug Savant, among the regulars. One episode focused on Matt being victimized by Gay bashers. *Doing Time On Maple Drive*, about a young man coming to terms with his sexual orientation, won as Outstanding TV Movie.

Country singer Garth Brooks was honored for his song *We Shall Be Free*, a plea for tolerance which contained the line "When we're free to love anyone we choose, then we shall be free." (Brooks's sister is a Lesbian.) Elton John was awarded for his inspiring video *The Last Song*, which depicts the emotional reunion between a father and his son, who is dying of AIDS.

Tony Kushner's epic play *Angels in America*, subtitled "A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," was named Outstanding

Theatre Production. GLAAD/LA called it an "unabashed indictment of government neglect and institutionalized bigotry."

A special award was bestowed on openly Gay British actor Ian McKellen, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1991 for his distinguished contributions to the British theatre. Since coming out four years ago, the highly respected McKellen has become a major spokesman for Gay and Lesbian rights.

The New York chapter of GLAAD was scheduled to give out its own Media Awards in a ceremony on March 28. Among the recipients in the Big Apple are gossip columnist Liz Smith, who has frequently made pro-Gay comments in her articles, and liberal syndicated columnist Anna Quindlen. In the past year, Quindlen has written many sensitive stories about domestic partnerships, Gays in the military, Gay bashing, AIDS and the plight of Haitians with HIV.

GLAAD/New York is naming "The Only Way Out," a wrenching report on Gay teen suicide that aired on 20/20 as Best Broadcast News Segment. The daytime soap *One Life to Live* is being named as Outstanding TV Dramatic Series for an



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Ban on Immigrants with HIV passes Congress

Washington, DC — On March 11, the House of Representatives approved by the overwhelming margin of 356-58 a measure prohibiting people with HIV from immigrating to the US. In February the Senate had also endorsed the ban by a wide margin.

During his campaign, Bill Clinton pledged to repeal the ban, but he has slowly backed away from that commitment. White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Meyers diplomatically conceded defeat. "Congress's intent on this is becoming clear," she said. "The President has to work with Congress. He can't act unilaterally on issues like this."

The immigration ban is part of a larger and popular bill expanding the authority of the National Institutes of Health, particularly in the area of women's health research. After a House-Senate conference committee revises it somewhat, President Clinton is expected to sign the bill.

San Francisco to distribute clean needles

San Francisco, CA — Risking a possible constitutional showdown with Gov. Pete Wilson, San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan has ordered the city's health department to begin distributing clean needles to addicts to reduce the transmission of AIDS.

Last year, the California legislature outlawed the distribution of needles by localities. But in making his announcement, Mayor Jordan declared a "state of emergency" in his city and said that drastic measures were necessary to stem the tide of the epidemic.

While aggressive preventive education campaigns have reduced the rate of new infections among the city's large Gay male population, statistics indicate that the rate of transmission through tainted needles is skyrocketing.

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New book claims "vast Gay subculture" in military

San Francisco, CA — Award-winning writer Randy Shilts is expected to make great waves in the current debate on Gays in the military when his new book, **Conduct Unbecoming: Gays And Lesbians In The US Military**, is published on Memorial Day.

In the book, Shilts claims that "a vast Gay subculture has emerged within the military...At least one Gay man has served in the astronaut program...The Navy and the Marine Corps had at least one Gay person at four-star rank since 1981, and at least one Gay man has served on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in that time."

Shilts is the author of **And The Band Played On**, generally recognized as the first detailed history of the AIDS epidemic in America. An all-star cast including Whoopi Goldberg and Richard Gere is currently filming the book for airing on HBO. Shilts also revealed recently that he is HIV-positive.

Gay staffer fired by Sen. Dan Coats

Washington, DC — Glenn O. Hatmaker, 27, a former staff member of Indiana's Republican Sen. Dan Coats, has told the **Washington Blade** he was fired by the senator in 1990 because other staff members learned he was Gay.

Hatmaker said Sen. Coats's chief of staff told him: "Everybody here knows you're Gay and they don't like it." He was told that Coats's office was a "Christian office" and that he ought to find another job before he was fired. When Hatmaker was fired in November 1990, the official reason given was poor job performance.

Sen. Coats is a conservative Republican who led the GOP's opposition to President Clinton's plan to lift the ban on Gays in the military. Gay activists in Washington refer to him as "Jesse Helms, Junior."

The allegations against Coats follow similar complaints of discrimination against Democratic Sen. Sam Nunn, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who fired two aides to that committee after he learned they were Gay. Nunn, who also opposes lifting the military ban on Gays, will chair hearings on the issue in the next month.

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Conference Set For April 24

Washington, DC — The First American University Conference on Lavender Languages and Linguistics will be held on Saturday, April 24, 1993 in conjunction with the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. The free event will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at American University in northwest Washington, DC.

The conference will include formal presentations and informal research reports from linguists, anthropologists and gender studies scholars interested in Gay/Lesbian language, grammar, discourse, rhetoric and literature. Graduate and undergraduate students are especially welcome.

For more information and to register, contact: William Leap, Dept. of Anthropology, American University, Washington, DC 20016. Telephone: (202) 885-1831. Fax: (202) 885-2182.

Tabloid outs "Perry Mason" star Raymond Burr

New York, NY — *The Globe*, a supermarket tabloid, reported in February that actor Raymond Burr, widely known for his characterization of the shrewd attorney Perry Mason, is a Gay man who has lived with his male partner for 31 years.

The tabloid, quoting unnamed sources and residents of the California town of Healdsburg, where Burr owns a home, claims Burr's partner is 63-year old former actor Robert Benevides. Benevides was said to be at Burr's side at the hospital during Burr's recent kidney surgery. "Everybody here knows he's Gay," said a Healdsburg resident of Burr.

Burr and Benevides are said to be very domestic, cooking for each other and spending many hours together in their huge garden. "They enter their preserves in the Sonoma County Fair every year," said another neighbor.

Burr's press agent had no comment.

Right Wingers Buchannan and Robertson un-repentant

Washington, DC — In speeches before the Conservative Political Action Conference recently, failed Presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan and televangelist Pat Robertson refused to

apologize for their Gay-bashing speeches at last year's Republican convention and rebuked the GOP for trying to adopt a more moderate image.

"When leaders tell you they won't stand up and fight on cultural and moral issues," thundered Buchanan, "the answer is not to abandon those issues. The answer is to find new leaders."

Robertson denounced President Clinton's plan to allow Gays in the military, saying of homosexuality: "Let the President take a stand against this shameful lifestyle that destroys all it touches."

Miss Americas is "AIDS Activist First"

San Francisco, CA — Leanza Cornett, Miss America 1993 who hales from Jacksonville, Florida, recently presented a panel for incorporation into the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The panel commemorates women in central Florida who have died from AIDS. The panel was created by an AIDS support group with whom Cornett has done extensive volunteer work.

Cornett is known to be a Republican and is an outspoken Christian. But she has also said: "I consider myself an AIDS activist first, and Miss America second."

On a visit to Milwaukee March 18, Cornett wore a red ribbon at all of her public appearances and talked about AIDS in her interviews with the media.

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Milwaukee — Because the bus to the April 25 March on Washington sponsored by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and West Side Dykes filled so quickly, LOC/Women of Color has stepped in to rent a second bus which will seat an additional 45 people.

"We're thrilled with the response we've gotten!" said Julie Kleppin, who has organized the transportation for all the groups. "The LAMM bus filled really fast and we already had more women on a waiting list, so Women of Color stepped forward to sponsor another bus."

Both buses will leave Milwaukee at Noon on Saturday, April 24 (at a location still to be determined), arrive in Washington the next morning just in time for the march, and return to Milwaukee by approximately 1pm on Monday. The cost is just \$55 round trip, and several scholarships will be available for low income riders.

Kleppin also said that while the LAMM-sponsored bus will be women-only, the second bus will be open to Gay men as

well. To reserve a seat on the bus, call Kleppin at (414) 778-1269.

Meanwhile, the Lambda Rights Network, which has rented two vans for the trip, says it still has several places open in the second van. The LRN vehicles will leave Milwaukee on Friday and include hotel accommodations for a cost of \$125 round trip. They will return on Monday. To reserve a seat in the van, call Scott Gunkel at (414) 871-4839.

March on Washington Town Meeting in Madison, March 27

Everyone interested in the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, Bi Equal Rights and Liberation is invited to attend a town meeting in Madison on Saturday, March 27. Marchers from all over Wisconsin are welcome. Organizers from the Upper Midwest Delegation, representing Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, will join Wisconsin march organizers hosting the meeting which will begin at 4pm in the Memorial Union at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Special Names Quilt Display At Washington March

San Francisco, CA — Over 160,000 Americans won't be able to attend the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights and Liberation on April 25 — because they have died of AIDS.

The NAMES Project has called for all those who are going to the March to bring new three by six foot panels commemorating those who have died of AIDS for inclusion in a unique display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. NAMES Project co-founder Mike Smith anticipates receiving

as many as 2,000 new panels.

"Nearly everyone going to the March has watched friends suffer through a losing battle with AIDS," said Smith. "Many of us had planned to attend the march with a lover or friend who didn't live long enough to see it. This display is a way for us to include those lost friends in an historic event — the largest gathering of Lesbian and Gay people ever."

Unlike previous showings, the April display will feature only those quilt panels received during the March on Washington weekend. Throughout the weekend, visitors may add new panels directly to the Quilt. Volunteers will escort panel makers onto the Quilt and then pin newly-presented panels together to form the display.

Covering the Mall between 13th and 14th Streets in front of the National Museum of American History, the display will repeat the size and shape of the Quilt's inaugural display during the 1987 March on Washington, when it included 1,920 panels.

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inscribed their names, written notes to departed loved ones and captured their feelings on fabric.

On the morning of Saturday, April 24, volunteers will unfold these Signature Squares to create the first stage of the display. But the display will gradually be transformed as hundreds of new panels are added during the weekend.

To include panels in the display, panel-makers must present them in person. They can also be sent with friends. For more information about the display, call (415) 403-3627. For information on how to make a panel for the NAMES Quilt, call (415) 863-5511.

Debate Over Proper "Image" Rocks National March

San Francisco, CA — The Executive Committee of the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights has abruptly withdrawn its invitation to the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence from entertaining on stage at the rally following the march April 25. The Sisters, a popular group of drag performers, are not pleased and are challenging the Committee's right to impose a certain politically correct image on participants.

The invitation to the Sisters was rescinded shortly after the controversy about Gays in the military dominated the media earlier this year. The group says it was informed that it was "too controversial" and was "not the appropriate image" the Committee wants to project.

"The Executive Committee for the March on Washington has taken a rather cavalier approach to selecting the individuals and groups who will represent our community at this very important gathering of Lesbians and Gays, and certainly we have to question their commitment to inclusion of the diversity of our community," said Sister X, the group's "Mistress of Media."

"If they behave this way with a pre-eminent group like the Sisters, one of the few groups fighting for the rights of transgender people, can we trust them to make any objective, fair and inclusive choices?" she asked.

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Power Hungry Bitch, said: "A token drag queen performing on stage as eye candy and comic relief is not a commitment to visibility of the transgender and queer community and their issues; it's the same unacceptable and elitist and exclusive attitude mainstream Gays have always had about the diversity within our community."

"It's only right when you consider that transgenders of color began the modern movement for Lesbian and Gay rights at the Stonewall Transgender Riots in 1969," said Sister X. "This march brings our struggle for federal civil rights full circle and we have to ask ourselves what we've sold out along the way."

The Sisters invoked the words of slain Gay rights pioneer Harvey Milk who said: "We should not sell out who we are to secure the rights to which we are entitled." Milk also declared: "We all go, or we don't go."

Sister Hellina Handbasket had this comment: "It seems to be a missed opportunity on the part of the March Executive Committee to make a very strong symbolic statement about their commitment to visibility and inclusion of the

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queer elements of the Lesbian and Gay community. If any group has earned the right to be on that stage, it is the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence."

In their formal proposal to the Committee, the Sisters included extensive background material on the group and its fourteen years of continual service to the Lesbian and Gay community, including videotape footage showing their professional caliber as entertainers, emcees and public speakers.

No one from the March on Washington office returned calls seeking their comments on the controversy.

In a related story, some Gays and Lesbians in San Francisco are unhappy with the slogan adopted for this year's Pride Parade. A new set of organizers was elected to the leadership this year and they adopted the theme "Year of the Queer."

But 26-year old Gregg Taylor, newly elected co-chair of the event, said the criticism was coming primarily from the "old guard," who he said "lacked vision."

"Most queers had given up on the parade," said Alan Carson of Queer Nation/San Francisco, which has enthusiastically endorsed this year's parade.

In its endorsement, Queer Nation said: "QN looks forward to participating in the parade this year knowing that the first step has been taken to change the direction of what has for years been an increasingly exclusive and moribund event unclear in its purpose."

The only undisputed fact in these stories is that when Gays and Lesbians gather together to celebrate and assert their rights, debate and controversy always ensue.

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Gay Couple Speak at UW-River Falls Explain efforts to marry

River Falls — Craig Dean and Patrick Gill want to be married, but the law won't recognize their union.

"If we didn't go ahead and at least try to be legally married we would be giving in to our own homophobia," the Gay couple told a packed audience at UW-RF North Hall Auditorium last Monday. The nationally known couple spent two hours explaining their struggle to become legally married.

Gay marriage was the issue at a panel discussion given by local clergy earlier on March 15. Both sessions were part of the multicultural diversity celebration, *World of Difference Week*.

Audience reaction to Dean and Gill was cordial, with one woman voicing objection to the concept of Gay marriage.

The men have been denied a marriage license in the Washington, D.C., where they live. They began their legal battle in 1990 but lost their first round. The judge, they said, gave only biblical reasons for his ruling.

Both are originally from New York. Dean is an attorney and founder of the Equal Marriage Rights Fund, a national non-profit organization working for legalization of Gay and Lesbian marriage. Gill is an active member of Equal Marriage Rights Fund and full-time Gay activist.

The couple say their reason for wanting to be married is simply that they love each other. Dean said they don't agree with the notion that "Gay and Lesbian relationships are less valid, less worthy and don't deserve the same protections and responsibilities as any other committed couple."

Dean said they have often been asked their views about having children. He said he responds by explaining that "marriage is about the creation of family, not just pro-creation."

"Marriage is a protective institution and is used as a vehicle to take care of one another legally, medically and financially," Dean said. The couple said this legal battle has consumed most of their lives. The publicity has been the most difficult part, but they aren't the first couple who have applied for a Gay marriage

license. According to Dean, the first Gay Marriage application was filed in Minnesota. Dean said that 6 percent of America's population is made up of Gay couples.

Clergy who discussed the issue at a campus forum were divided about acceptance of Gays.

Jane Esbensen Moore, representing the Unitarian Universalist Society of River Falls, said the group supports ordination of Gay and Lesbian ministers and recognizes Gay marriage.

But Dan Johnson of the Evangelical Covenant Church said that while that denomination does not have a formal statement on homosexuality, "no statement is necessary if you take scriptures seriously. The scripture clearly forbids the practice of homosexuality."

Others on the panel said their churches do not discriminate against Gays and Lesbians, but do attempt to counsel them away from the lifestyle.

Rod Chapman, of the Assembly of God Church, argued that the choice of sexual preference was "a psychological problem, a physical condition or deliberate choice of an alternate lifestyle, and scripture considers it sin against God and man. We, as a church, will reach out to minister and help those who are in homosexual lifestyles to help them to be delivered from that."

Even though the Rev. Robert Willow, pastor of First Baptist church in River Falls, apologizes for the harshness and antagonism shown against the Gay and Lesbian community by various groups, he believes, "according to the Bible...Homosexual lifestyle is wrong, and those that practice it will not inherit the Kingdom of God."

Tory Robinson, of Bethal Community Church, said, "Our church is not in the habit of being anti-Gay, but we do believe that the Bible is our source of authority, and, consequently, that is our stance."

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The moral of the story: To correct your partner's problem, change yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): You've grown into such an expert keeper of secrets that you're even keeping secrets from yourself. I think it's time for you to strip yourself bare in a new journal or diary.

Start with these assignments. Write about what you've always wanted to do but never gotten around to. Conduct imaginary interviews with people who excite the strongest emotions in you. Describe what kind of animal you are. Invent a dream in which you appear as a member of the opposite sex. Talk about the time you were most dangerously alive, and about how you'd like to feel that way again, only without the danger. Scribble fast. Don't think too much. Go with first impressions.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 20): This week's lesson in the language of love includes several words you know but don't speak often enough. Use each one in a sentence three times—preferably in a silky, spidery, slinky setting—and they'll be yours forever. (Not only that, they'll help you attract the exact experiences you need to discover three forbidden love secrets on your own.) Add the following terms to your active vocabulary: smoldering...murmur...sphinxlike...quiver...hubbub...shimmering...effervesce...moonstruck...undulate...rapture...slippery...allure...fecundity...gyrate...whirlpool...feast...spellbound...gush...lullaby...stargaze...luminous...plunge...bellylaugh...

CAPRICORN (DEC. 21-JAN. 19): It must be tempting right about now to seal yourself inside your home entertainment center and surrender to the mysteries of wolfing down waffles in your pajamas. And I defy anyone to prove this isn't what's best for you. After all the bridges you've

built under duress lately, after all the skirmishes you've fought in the Gossip Wars, you have every right to retreat and get your homebody hormones humming at a higher vibration. Besides, the cold cruel world outside is currently displaying a particularly boring brand of coldness and cruelty.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Along with Sagittarians, you're the zodiac's resident expert in rising to the bird's-eye view of the world. You'll never lose that talent. It's your birthright. But now the time has come to work on refining a perspective you don't have a natural affinity for: the worm's-eye view. I'm sure you'll be able to get down in the mud and see things up close from the ground level without taking on the personality of a nightcrawler.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 19): A pranksterish voice in my head just whispered that I should tell you to make love in a bed covered with ten-dollar bills. I asked the voice if this was supposed to be a cracked metaphor for a more practical bit of advice. The voice just cackled.

Here are several guestimates of what that image could mean: 1) Make a business proposition to your lover or spouse. 2) Make a romantic proposition to a business partner. (But scrupulously avoid sexual harassment!) 3) Spend more money on romance. 4) Brainstorm about finding a more blissful way to earn your livelihood. 5) Make love in a bed full of ten-dollar bills. *

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ARIES (MAR. 20-APR. 19): Please join me now in a moment of silence, as we commemorate your recently-deceased nightmares. In their prime, they were sour and smelly, yet hauntingly musical and breathtaking to behold. Generous in ways you couldn't understand till now, they exuded a scary beauty that provoked both your greatest resourcefulness and cowardice. And now, in death, they still serve you, as they decay into lush organic fertilizer that'll be ready just in time for your spring planting.

I predict radishes as big as pumpkins by late summer.

TAURUS (APR. 20-MAY 20): This is my pledge to you: I promise to use all my otherworldly connections to get your karmic debt reduced in the next few weeks.

In return, I ask that you make these pledges to me: You promise *not* to be a good soldier, a beast of burden or a willing victim of abuse by authority figures. You agree *not* to just follow orders or smile while some bad guy in a white hat tries to lower your standards. And finally, you swear to feed a desire which, if it's satisfied, will put a brisk new spin on all the rest of your desires.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): The Triple Witching Hour is at hand. Career, love and popularity are frenetically spiraling together towards a mutual multiple climax.

I trust you're gearing up for the schmoozefest of the year and the leadership opportunity of the decade and the legal high of the century and the hottest eye contact of the millennium.

And now, a word from our sponsor, Metaphors R Us. Quick, slip into something comfortable and seduce the masses into believing you have a hotline to God! Be like the Mad Hatter

hosting a strategy session for a new Boston Tea Party! Serve your guests the milk of human kindness spiked with the sap of spring fever!

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): When I was scavenging my meals out of dumpsters and living under the overpass in Eugene, Oregon back in 1979, I never dreamed I'd someday be sitting here talking to you about pumping up your ambition. When I fell in love with French literature my junior year in high school and began signing my own poems "Rimbaud Jr.," I couldn't have predicted I'd be approached many years later by a major publishing house to write the ultimate astrology cookbook for pets. It just goes to show you that success often comes at you from crazy, cockeyed angles.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): I'm proud of you for having refused to hire a stuntperson to perform your quantum leaps of faith for you. I'm amazed at the killer instincts you displayed when you ducked just in time to avoid getting smacked in the face by a runaway pie in the sky.

You've proved just how brave you can be when you don't realize how much danger you're in. As your reward, I've arranged for you to sneak a peek up Mother Nature's skirt and slip a glance down Father Time's pants.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): I have a nerve-racking job. As hard as I try not to interfere with my readers' free will, I'm always afraid they'll use my advice to shirk responsibility for their own actions. I mean, let's say I suggested that you call in sick so you could wander out into the woods and discuss philosophy with the birds. And let's say that in the course of following this suggestion you decided to downplay the desires other people have always wanted you to have and start revving up the desires you want yourself to have. Would you stick up for me later if you and I both got hate mail from someone in your life who regarded me as a bad influence? Or would you scramble back to your old habits, claiming I'd led you astray?

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): My fellow advice columnist Ann Landers recently published a testimonial you should know about. A woman wrote in saying that until recently her beloved husband's relentless snoring had her contemplating divorce. Then, almost overnight, her torment vanished. After she quit drinking coffee with her dinner, it seemed that her

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Rev. Dusty Pruitt at UW-SP

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Stevens Point—Reverend Dusty Pruitt, a former United States Army Captain discharged for being a Lesbian, will be at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, sharing her experiences in dealing with the Department of Defense. The presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 8pm, in the University Center's Wisconsin Room. Pruitt's appearance is sponsored by UWSP's Ten Percent Society, Residence Hall Association, and Women's Resource Center.

A long time Gay rights activist, Reverend Pruitt has been featured in *Time Magazine*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Sally Jesse Rafael Show*, and many others. Pruitt reveals a surprising side of the U.S. Military, and discusses their practices and policies concerning homosexuals. (See the Group Notes Section for related activities.)

Gay and Lesbian History Subject of UWM Lectures

Milwaukee — Two leading scholars in the field of Gay and Lesbian history will speak at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at the end of March.

George Chauncey, assistant professor of history at the University of Chicago, will deliver a lecture, *Rethinking the History of the Closet*, at 3:30pm Friday, March 26, in room 118 of UWM's Curtin Hall, 3243 N. Downer Ave.

Professor Chauncey is co-editor of *Hidden From History: Recovering the Gay and Lesbian Past* and author of the forthcoming *Gay New York: Gender, Urban Culture, and the Making of the Gay Male World, 1880-1970*. His appearance is sponsored by the UWM Center for Twentieth Century Studies.

Lilian Faderman, professor of English at California State University-Fresno, will deliver a lecture, *Naked Amazons and Queer Damoselles: A History of Lesbians in the Military*, at 3:30pm Tues., March 30, in the Wisconsin Room West of the UWM Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Professor Faderman is author of several books, including *Odd Girls and Twilight Lovers: A History of Lesbian Life in Twentieth Century America*. Her appearance is co-sponsored by the UWM departments of English and Comparative Literature and History, the Center for Women's Studies, the Center for Twentieth Century Studies, and the UWM Union.

Both lectures are free and open to the public.

7th Annual Make A Promise Dinner March 27

Over 200 Auction Items
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Milwaukee — More than 200 fabulous auction items have been donated to the 7th Annual Make A Promise benefit for AIDS care and education March 27 in the Grand Ballroom of the Milwaukee Pfister Hotel. The benefit will also feature elegant dining and nationally acclaimed entertainment.

Approximately 1,000 Make A Promise guests are expected to raise more than \$75,000 to assist the vital AIDS care and education services provided by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). The ARCW is served by the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP) of Kenosha, and Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project (NOWAP) located in Eau Claire.

Thanks to the generosity of numerous businesses, organizations, and individuals, the 1993 benefit "promises" to be a resounding success toward assisting persons and families living with HIV disease. Auction items will include a three day, four night Caribbean cruise for two (\$1600 value) on the Carnival Cruise Ship "Fantasy", courtesy of Thomas Cook Travel.

Other donated items include get-a-ways, shopping sprees, fine jewelry, and several "night on the town" packages. "Without the continually growing support of the organizations and individuals who so generously contribute to these imperative fundraising efforts, we could not keep pace with the AIDS epidemic," said Louise Searing, ARCW Director of Special Events. "In 1987, only 250 people attended Make A Promise. We're expecting 1,000 this year.

uniformity. A traveler would frequently find (often at the most inconvenient time) that the colors they "flagged" at home had a very different meaning in the region or country they were visiting. Needless to say, this could prove quite embarrassing.

The solution came in the late 1970's when *Drummer* and a couple of other magazines published the *Universal Hanky Code* (don't leave home without it!). Many Leather Bars responded by printing all or part of the code on business cards that their customers could carry with them for "ready reference." Among other things, this settled (hopefully for good) regional arguments about left versus right as top (left side-top or active, right side-bottom or passive).

CODES IN OTHER DRESS

The rules of dressing left or right extend to much more than hankies. Keys, armbands, chains and cockrings (even piercings) are frequently used as nonverbal communication in the mating rituals of the Leather World.

Some of the codes of dress that were common a decade or two ago are no longer practiced at all. For instance,

wearing a half-harness (straps just around the chest and shoulders) used to signify a bottom, while a full-harness (straps continuing down to a cockring) was reserved for tops. It also used to be common that only tops were allowed to wear a hat in a Leather Bar.

Occasionally, one may see someone wearing what appears to be conflicting symbols. For instance, someone may wear their keys on one side and have a hanky on the other. This usually means that the individual is open to a variety of scenes, but may have a preference for a particular activity. It can also signify that the individual enjoys being both top and bottom in a scene. For some, "flagging" every activity that they enjoy would require twenty different hankies worn in each pocket (definitely not very practical).

Excerpted below are the most of the common colors and their meanings. The rule to remember, however, is that people rarely wear hankies to bed (or into the playroom for that matter), many individuals are interested in a lot more than what they may be flagging for.

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Leather Worlds

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Universal hanky code

The California Goldrush of 1849 was an incredibly important time in history. In addition to its general importance for the United States and its value to the history of the West Coast, it also (quite accidentally) gave rise to one of the oldest traditions of dress still common in the Leather Community. And no, we're not talking about Levi's.

By the latter half of the 19th

century, the ratio of men to women in the San Francisco area reached as high as 20 to one. Entertainment was scarce for the miners, merchants and settlers that had flooded the area, one of the cheapest and most popular sources of entertainment was square-dancing, but how do you fill out the square with no women?

HANKY CODES

The solution was a code of colored bandannas worn by the dancers. The "males" in the square wore bandannas on one side while the "females" wore them on the other (*it is quite probable that at least some of the "49ers" carried these roles beyond the dancing*). A century later, not only was this code still in use, but it had evolved into a very specific language describing not only the role one wanted to play, but also the games one was interested in playing.

By the 1970's, the biggest problem with hanky codes was a lack of

THE LIST

HANKY COLOR	ON LEFT	ON RIGHT
LIGHT BLUE	WANTS HEAD	COCKSUCKER
ROBIN'S EGG BLUE	69	69
MEDIUM BLUE	COP	ARREST ME
NAVY BLUE	FUCKER	FUCKEE
RED	FISTER	FISTEE
LIGHT PINK	DILDO FUCKER	DILDO BOTTOM
DARK PINK	TIT TORTURER	TIT TORTUREE
DARK RED	DOUBLE FISTER	DOUBLE FISTEE
YELLOW	PISSER	PISSEE
MUSTARD	HAS 8" OR MORE	LIKES BIG ONES
GOLD	2 LOOKING FOR 1	1 LOOKING FOR 2
BROWN	SCAT TOP	SCAT BOTTOM
BLACK	S&M TOP	S&M BOTTOM
GRAY	BONDAGE TOP	BONDAGE BOTTOM
CHARCOAL	LATEX TOP	LATEX BOTTOM
WHITE	JACK ME OFF	GIVES HAND JOBS
BEIGE	RIMMER	RIMMEE
RED/WHITE STRIPES	SHAVER	SHAVEE
PAISLEY	WEARS BOXER SHORTS	LIKES BOXERS
KELLY GREEN	HUSTLER	JOHN
HUNTER GREEN	DADDY	BOY
ORANGE	ANYTHING, ANYTIME, ANYPLACE	NOTHING NOW (CAN ALSO MEAN BOTTOM INTO ALL SCENES)

The community's response has truly been heart-warming, and appreciated."

Nationally acclaimed comedienne Jo Ann Dearing and singer songwriter Claudia Schmidt will headline this year's Make A Promise entertainment. Milwaukee's premier jazz group, Jim Liban, Matt Liban, and the Liban Band, will play during the Make A Promise reception and auction. Featured throughout the dinner will be the fabulous music of Milwaukee's John Schneider Orchestra.

In acknowledgment of their outstanding leadership and meritorious service to the community in response to the AIDS epidemic, ARCW will present the second annual Sterling Rose Award to the Milwaukee Repertory Theater during the evening.

The Milwaukee Repertory Theater has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to assisting the purpose, programs, and services of the ARCW. According to ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson, Milwaukee Repertory Theater has been selected as recipient of the 1993 Sterling Rose Award for many reasons, including: organized five annual benefit performances each of the last four years, raising more than \$20,000 for ARCW's programs and services; starting and developing the Arts Action Committee, a coalition of over 40 of Milwaukee's performance arts groups dedicated to raising awareness and funding for the programs and services of ARCW; and provides the ARCW with numerous in-kind donations and imperative assistance with the Wisconsin AIDS Walk, the fourth largest single-day fundraising event of any kind in the state.

Continuing the benefit theme symbolized by the rose, tickets for Make A

Promise are available for \$50 (Friendship Rose), \$85 (Peace Rose), and \$125 (Forever Yours Rose). Ticket costs reflect preferential seating. To purchase tickets, please call the ARCW Special Events Department at (414) 273-1991.

QTV Ends After 24 Programs

Milwaukee — The end has come to **Queer Television (QTV)**! Producers Mark Behar and Bryce Clark announced their decision to not renew their contract with Milwaukee Warner Channel 14, for the series that has just completed its 24th program. Behar and Clark are the co-executive producers of the Cream City Foundation's **Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network**, a collective that has produced 106 shows since 1986 for the local public access cable television station.

The Network has won numerous local and national awards for programming excellence, including the Hometown USA Video Festival Award in 1989, the first public access producers in Milwaukee to achieve such recognition. Hometown is one of the largest video competitions in the world. They also won an Outstanding Achievement Award for TV Special Projects in 1992 by the Gay & Lesbian Press Association as well as numerous local Philo awards by MATA.

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Tonight and The New TRI-CABLE have been long running series. Six episodes of the comedy program **Yellow On Thursday**, as well as numerous single programs on an assortment of Gay/Lesbian topics were also co-produced by Behar & Clark. "It's only a mental health vacation for resting and getting recharged," said Behar about the end of the QTV. "We both have new jobs and need to get settled, but we'll be back eventually!" Clark added.

QTV's absence does not leave Milwaukee without queer television, however. The **Brand New Queer Show** is a weekly live and lively show produced by Dan Fons and Michael Lisowski. Lisowski served as a long time host for QTV and several of its predecessor programs. The **Brady East STD Clinic** also has a weekly

program on Gay/Lesbian health and HIV/AIDS related issues. **ACT UP Milwaukee** has a program, and there are plans for a new Lesbian women's program.

The final program of **Queer Television** series will promote the upcoming National Queer March on Washington, and will be cablecast Thursday and Sunday evenings, 10:30-11pm on March 25 & 28, and April 1, 4, 8, and 11 on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 14.

If you are interested in learning about how you can get involved in Gay & Lesbian television programming, or if you have ideas for future shows or want to express your support, contact the producers: QTV, P.O. Box 239, Milwaukee 53201, or call 277-7671, 271-7812, or 265-8500.

State News Briefs

Arrests Made In Attack On Madison Man

Madison — Madison police have arrested two suspects in the beating and robbery of a Gay man near Cherokee Park on February 9. The victim had met his assailants at Club 3054 and accepted a ride when they invited him to a party.

Jason Lancaster, 21, has been charged with strong arm robbery and battery. Richard A. Peters, 20, has been charged with strong arm robbery and being party to a crime of battery. Strong arm robbery is a felony carrying a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Both men are from the town of Montello in Marquette County. Warrants may be issued for two other suspects who reside in Portage County.

Detective Burdette Fraser told In Step the men apparently traveled to Madison that day in search of drugs and/or someone to rob. Their alleged anti-Gay motivation is less clear than first reported. Det. Fraser noted that one suspect said his sister was a Lesbian and that he was familiar with Club 3054 because he had been there with her on several occasions in the past. The victim claimed the assailants used anti-Gay slurs as they attacked him but the suspects have apparently denied that.

Students can't discuss homosexuality in Spencer

Spencer — A simple request by high school students in this small central Wisconsin town to discuss homosexuality in their social studies class led to a furious controversy and a series of emotional public hearings before the school board. The Spencer school board finally decided to abolish the committee set up to consider the request.

"People in our community are homophobic," 17-year old Heather Thom told the Associated Press. "We weren't going to do this class as a pro-homosexual thing. We wanted to give them their fair shot that they were people too."

Thom and fellow students asked their teacher to hold discussions on topics like discrimination and Gays in the military. When the teacher sought approval from the school board, a special committee was formed and hearings were held. A few supporters favored open discussion but opponents argued that homosexuality was sinful and should not be discussed in the schools. After four heated hearings, the committee was disbanded and the request shelved.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, a Lesbian, told AP that forbidding discussion of homosexuality in schools "realistically kills children." Referring to the high rate of suicide among Gay teens who feel isolated and oppressed, Baldwin said: "The public should be outraged by that."

Jock Shorts

Mil-Ma-IDS VIII April 17

Annual bowling tourney benefits AIDS

Milwaukee — With the Milwaukee-Madison against AIDS annual bowling tournament only one month away, applications are being accepted from throughout the state. Registrations have already arrived in the mail, and the Milwaukee organizing committee is "happy to see" a high rate of participation. The committee sent out letters

to area businesses and statewide seeking donations for door prizes and monetary donations to help underwrite costs associated with producing the annual event.

If interested business owners haven't received a letter and would like to make a donation, please call Rick at (414) 482-1964 or Steve at (414) 265-6188.

Deadline for registration is April 5, so interested bowlers are encouraged to get their entries in early.

Mil-Ma-IDS alternates yearly between Milwaukee and Madison. This year, Milwaukee is the host of the event, and as a result, the Milwaukee AIDS Project will receive the proceeds. Next year, Madison will host the tourney, and the Madison AIDS Support Network will receive the donation.

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events, and now we were engaged in expanding the interaction. Bringing in other halves to see if there was a couples' chemistry. They were into The Goddess, we were both Lapsed Protestants. But, still, we all seemed to like each other. So far so good. But, of course there was more. We just had to get to it.

First we covered geography. "California?" "Nope." "The Olivia Record people." We did know them personally, in separate common. Worth a fleeting second's chat. "Long Island?" "Not to live there. Summer's mostly." Not where she came from. No common ground. We kept at it.

People in clubs in the city back then? We caromed off a couple of people we had in common one step removed, trying to connect over drinks long ago served up in now defunct saloons.

Did I know Sahara's?

"Did I know Sahara's?" But only for the last few months, it was almost closed when I got to the city.

Did I know that the reason it was full of drop-dead gorgeous women was that a lot of drop dead gorgeous Lesbian hookers and call girls complained to *The Family* that they had no place to go. Didn't feel comfortable in the already existing clubs. So Sahara's was opened for them.

Ooooh! Delicious. I didn't know that. Good gossip. Fun topics. But really, still no connection.

Then we found it.

"You were in New York in the 80's? Did you know Jane Doe?"

"Did I know Jane Doe?! Of course, I knew Jane Doe! She was the first Lesbian I ever met in New York. She got me my first two jobs. Of course I know Jane Doe!"

"I brought her out."

"You brought her out? Jane Doe?"

Really?"

"Yep."

There it was.

The Speed Talking slowed to normal. This train had reached its destination. We had plumbed each other's histories far enough to make a concrete connection. We had known the link was there. Somewhere. For Lesbians, it *always* is. And we had raced through our personal maps of the past to find it.

"So. Imagine your knowing Jane. Imagine. Honey, did you know that she knows Jane, you remember, who was here

to visit a couple of years ago. That makes us family. You're always welcome. Come to Christmas Dinner. Come to New Years Eve. What a small world!"

It's true, of course. It is a small world. And it *does* make us family. And we all do it. All the time. If it hadn't been Jane Doe in common, it would have been Susie Smith. Or a love of the writings of Betty Jones. Or a shared teenaged infatuation with Whatsername and her wonderful music.

I don't know if Gay men do it too. I hope so. For their sake. Because it creates community. It builds bonds. It forges family from out of groups of strangers.

There is an ancient Sapphic rumor, nay, belief, that says *there are really only seven Lesbians in the world. And the rest is done with mirrors.*

That night we located five out of the seven.

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Shelly Roberts is a nationally syndicated Lesbian columnist, author of *The Dyke Detector, How to Tell the Real Lesbians From Ordinary People, Paradigm Publishing, and host of Alternet.*

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## Medical College to honor Dr. Anthony Fauci

**Milwaukee** — Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the National Institute of Health's Office of AIDS Research, will receive an honorary degree at the Medical College of Wisconsin's commencement ceremony on May 15, 1993. The commencement will take place at the MECCA Auditorium in downtown Milwaukee.

Dr. Fauci is a pioneer in the field of human immuno-regulation and has been a major government spokesman for the war against AIDS. Fauci is widely recognized for defining the precise mechanisms through which HIV destroys the body's immune system. He has been instrumental in developing strategies to rebuild this system in patients infected with HIV.

## Act-Up distributes condoms at high school dance

**Milwaukee** — ACT UP/Milwaukee, responding to a request by Students for Sexual Responsibility, showed up at Shorewood High School's turnabout dance March 14 on the grounds of the County Zoo to hand out condoms and safe sex literature to the students.

Members of ACT UP said the response from students was occasionally embarrassment but generally supportive. After about 45 minutes of interaction with the students, county zoo personnel, citing a request by the school's principal, ordered the activists to leave.

In February, the Shorewood school board unanimously voted against a request by students to have condoms available through the school's health center. After the vote, ACT UP offered to supply the students with condoms and safe sex information free of charge.

## Safe sex boutique opens in Milwaukee

**Milwaukee** — An enterprising entrepreneur has opened Milwaukee's first boutique dedicated to safe sex paraphernalia. Jim Paley, 28, proprietor of "Mr. Hardhead" located at 420 E. Wells Street, promises customers "quality products in an enjoyable shopping

environment."

Paley had previously developed and marketed his own brand of condoms, called Mr. Hardhead, but the store is his first venture into the retail trade. Along with his own brand, Paley stocks standard brands like Trojan, Sheik and Lifestyle in a variety of colors and flavors.

After the *Milwaukee Journal* published a front page story about the condom boutique, it received a raft of letters from outraged readers. One reader wrote: "I was nauseated...shame, shame, shame." Another called the article "sadistic, ungodly...tasteless and crude journalism." Yet another attacked the *Journal's* "liberal and permissive agenda that is permeating and ruining the society in which we live."

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**In Step Magazine**, in cooperation with the Gay/ Lesbian owned **CommunitySpirit** long distance service run by Chicago's Overlooked Opinions, is offering the community a chance to support a LesBiGay-owned long distance service provider, and at the same time, support a favorite charity.

Overlooked Opinions, a national opinion polling firm specializing in tracking the Gay community, introduced the **CommunitySpirit** service in mid-December in a few small test markets. It is now ready to prove to Wisconsin Gays and Lesbians they can offer top of the line service at discount prices. The long distance program, offered to both business and residential users discounts up to 25% on calls anywhere, compared to AT&T, MCI and Sprint, according to Overlooked Opinions.

In addition to a free calling card (with a 75 cent access charge, same as other long distance networks), and no restrictive calling circle. Callers who switch to **CommunitySpirit** will use Sprint operators, and services will also include toll-free numbers and international calls. Long distance charges will be billed through local phone companies, eliminating separate long distance bills.

On top of that, the program will donate 2% off all calling charges to Gay, Lesbian, Bi and AIDS organizations designated by the customer.

This gives Gay people "the ability to channel funds back into the (Gay) community to strengthen it," said Jeff Vitale, president of the Chicago polling company.

**CommunitySpirit** is part of the nation's only 100% digital fiber optic long distance network. It is the first long-distance carrier marketed solely to the Gay and Lesbian community. It works over lines

leased from Sprint.

Vitale continued, "It's hard to convince people to switch long-distance carriers. But because we're targeting a specific community, we expect to have more leverage. There are a whole lot of Gay dollars out there, and a portion of those dollars should stay in the Gay community. This is another way to do that."

**CommunitySpirit** offers a 24 hour toll free customer service number, where one can get answers to service questions or billing problems. **CommunitySpirit** also covers the switching fee charged by your local carrier when you switch to their service. **CommunitySpirit** is a simple "dial 1" service, no need to punch in an access code.

To obtain more information, or to switch your long distance service to **CommunitySpirit**, call 1 (800) 546-0549. Once signed up, you will be sent a welcome kit complete with a donation designation form asking you to list the Gay/ Lesbian/ Bi/ AIDS tax-exempt non profit organization of your choice. You will not be forced to choose from a list. This two percent payment will be sent to your favorite charity on a quarterly basis for as long as you remain in the program. Since you're the one selecting the organization, you will be able to confirm their quarterly receipt of your funds by contacting the beneficiary itself.

A **CommunitySpirit** promotional piece comments, "By going head-to-head with the likes of AT&T and succeeding, the power of the Gay market and the Gay press will clearly be demonstrated as a case study. The donations going back to the community are projected to be substantial."

**In Step** encourages Wisconsin's Gay/ Lesbian/ Bi/ AIDS organizations to urge their supporters to switch over to **CommunitySpirit** and designate them as the beneficiary. Gays and Lesbians are also encouraged to ask Gay-supportive family and friends to switch, and offer recommendations for beneficiaries. Again, to find more information about **CommunitySpirit**, or to switch your long distance service, now, call 1 (800) 546-0549.

## Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

### Who Do You Know?

We sat at the picnic dinner table outside their house at the blackening beginning to a comparatively cool South Florida night. Oil lamps intruded enough to blunt the edges of the evening's seventy-three degree March darkness. Two of us heavily into Speed Talking.

Now Speed Talking, for the uninitiated, is a language unto itself, learned through genetics or any time at all spent living Lesbian in New York City. I know you don't care how they do it in New York. But you've heard this language before. Probably wondered about it. It sounds like everybody's talking at speeds only insects could hear. New York Speed Talking is not so much about talking all that fast. It's more about listening all that fast. And knowing when the other person is about to take a breath so you can career right in and get in your own say-so. Not just for the sake of saying so, but because you think you have something important to add. (Even if you don't.) It's also about learning, Bill Clintonish, to take breaths in the middle of sentences so the other person can't just jump in whenever she wants to, especially if you aren't done yet, which you never are. It's a competitive sport. Degree of difficulty six point two-four.

People who don't understand this particular East Coast dialog think it's rude. Which isn't all that surprising because it sounds that way. It's a learned communication skill when your subway is pulling down the track, her subway is pulling in, one staircase down in the opposite direction, she's going to have to vault winos to get to it, you haven't seen each other in months, you won't see each other for months, it wouldn't occur to you to pick up a telephone and spend an hour in comfort, and you have so much to say to each other before the doors close in your face. Many Protestants have trouble mastering it.

So do most people from Ohio. And Florida Natives. Not that they couldn't, you understand. It's just that they just can't imagine why anybody would want to. Especially when you don't live there any more.

Well, I have to tell you, it's a habit. It comes back. Like riding a bicycle. Or good sex. Even though you might have quit doing it for a while, you can sense when you're in the presence of an accomplished partner. Which is why we were New York Speed Talking. Which is also why our respective honeys, one, a self-defined Person From Ohio, and one, an honest-to-goodness, collectors' item, real South Florida Native, had both repaired to an inside room. To attempt a normal get-acquainted conversation at a pace that didn't sound like they were playing the Lightening Round.

But we stayed out. In the darkness. Long past cake crumbs and cooled coffee. Clocking land tongue speed records in an ancient ritual called, "Yes, but, do you know...?"

We had sensed a shared purpose, met on the phone through various events, chatted in attendance at those

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known as HUSH UP.

And let us not forget the political lobbyist group, which had to change its name when it changed its tactics — National Gay/Lesbian Task PERSUASION, since Force was much too pushy, too aggressive an approach. Better we coax than coerce.

Of course there's that all-important media that we must strive to please and never never never ever upset, and thus we have the newly reorganized GLAAD... now known as SAAD: Straight Acting And Dealing. You know their slogan: *The only way to deal with homophobia is to ignore it.* Which brings to mind the modified Colorado boycott, in which we are urged to not say nice things about the state, but it's still okay to shop and ski there.

As you may recall, STOP AIDS used to teach hot, safer sex to Gay men, but since we don't want the hetero public to think all we Gays think about is sex, they have changed their name to STOP SEX and they strongly advocate chastity. You know what they say: *Abstinence makes the hard grow fonder.*

New York Gay Men's Health Crisis has dropped the "crisis" from its name (*well, jeppers, it just sounds so darned alarmist*) and instead substituted the less offensive "annoyance." And we will no longer speak of sexually transmitted diseases which once again makes us look like [icky-poo] sexual beings; we will revert to the 1950's euphemistic term "social disease." Certainly the Needle Exchange Program will have to be eliminated, since it's a well known fact that only the not-very-nice people are I.V. drug users. And the National Hate Crimes Hotline simply will not do; hate is such a strong emotion and crime is so judgmental; National Not Being Nice Hotline. Better. And no one is unduly upset. Bashed maybe, but still polite.

Now let's talk about the Names Project. Oh sure, it's nice to have a tribute to those who have lost the battle with the "A" disease, but wouldn't it be better to call it the Let's Not Name Names Project?! And while we're on the subject of names, is it really necessary to call our singing groups a Lesbian/Gay Chorus, when it is so much nicer to just say People With Uncertain Sexual Orientation Who Sing. Likewise for People With Uncertain Sexual Orientation Who Play Instruments and March. And what about Gay Square Dance Clubs? No,

come to think of it, there's nothing offensive about being square. That one can stay.

But *queer*?! No no no no no! That will never do. It's bad enough calling ourselves Gay. Let's go back to the good old clinical term of "homosexual" and shamefully admit we were somehow biologically damaged at birth with oversized brains and undersized hypothalamuses and can't help making our perverted sexual choices but will try to get straightened out and no longer offend those well-meaning, God-fearing fundamentalists who after all, don't hate the homosexual, just his homosexuality. Let's really try to fit in with mainstream society.

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## Life's a Drag

By Bob Arnold



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## In Step drops 900# voice mail personals

Two year old program never acheived its potential

**Milwaukee** — In Step publisher Ron Geiman has announced the withdrawal of the In Step Area Dialogue 900 number voice mail personal advertisements. "We gave the program two years, and far too much space to promote it, and never saw it reach its potential," Geiman commented. "Shortly after we started the program, other 900 service providers set up similar systems, often with more convenient and lower cost usage. We devoted 2 full pages of advertising to it every issue, plus the space it took in the Classics section to print the individual ads and their extension numbers. Enough people called in and used the system to make it worthwhile, but we never had enough people place ads in the paper."

The magazine ceased running the 900 Area Dialogue order form as of Issue 3, Volume 10; and dropped the promotional ads for the system in Issue 4. Issue 5 saw the withdrawal of the individual ads and their extension numbers; and all references to the system.

Geiman said "There are plenty of other 900 personal systems available to our readers; and specifically the Wisconsin Manfinder system, which offers more anonymity and free message recording unlike the Area Dialogue system, places ads in the magazine with specific box numbers and descriptions.

Geiman regrets having to give up on the 900 system, especially at a time when even the mainstream newspapers are finally getting on the 900 bandwagon. "Let them have a go at it. At least we gave it a

try."

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## No Nunsense

**By Sister Dana Van Iquity**

### Assimil Nation

Here it is late March already and the March on Washington is right around the corner. Omigod! I haven't a thing to wear! And after all, isn't that the most important aspect of this march — looks?

At least that's what I keep reading in the Lesbian/Gay newspaper letters to the editors; ultra-conservative assimilationists continually warn us that if we are ever to attain our civil rights, we must look civil — don't dress outrageously in those silly drag queen clothes and rowdy cowboy and sleazy leatherpeople costumes, and above all, please, please, *puh-leeze* don't let those nuns parade around and spoil it for all of us!

Which is why a brand new civilly obedient c.d. activist group has formed, called Assimil Nation. Their motto: *We're*

*here, [sotto voce] We're homosexual, Please try to accept us!* Their radical uniforms are three-piece suits and power ties for the men and nice business outfits and a strand of pearls for the women. Nothing that would offend, heaven forfend.

There is a splinter group, an offshoot of Assimil Nation that believes since after all drag queens were the whole reason Gay men, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgenders have any rights at all (you know, that whole kinda embarrassing Stonewall thing where a bunch of tacky Transvestites rebelled against the authorities and refused to be harassed any longer, that event we celebrate nominally every year during gay pride month), that the drag element should be represented, but do so quietly and tastefully.

Their motto is: *We're drags, but just like our blush, we blend, we blend, blend blend right in.* Their chant: *The gender-bender is a real offender!*

Then there is the group who used to care about national health care reform but decided that putting too much pressure on the federal government and staging noisy demonstrations was really contrary to their agenda and they should take a quieter, less abrasive approach. They're



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## Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

### April Fool's Day Horoscope

*(Editor's Note: This April Fool's Day, W. W. Wells, internationally famous caster of bones, reader of palms, stars, tea leaves wrinkles on prunes and dirty magazines has provided his readers with a special astrological forecast. This will probably be the one time you'll want to check out the predictions for all 12 signs!)*

**Aries (March 21- April 19)** A Full Moon in Virgo signifies travel as you journey to our nation's capitol for The March on Washington. Once in D.C., you'll join a band of radical Safer Sex terrorists who will hijack a traffic helicopter and cover the Washington Monument with the world's largest condom and 10,000 gallons of Nonoxyl-9. Unfortunately, you will be arrested after the drag queen pilot crashes while attempting to use the capitol's giant Reflecting Pond to apply mascara.

**Taurus (April 20- May 20)** You will be kidnapped by aliens and brought aboard a spaceship for several days. No one will believe your story and you'll be charged with pet neglect after it's discovered you left your cats "home alone" the whole time you were gone.

**Gemini (May 21- June 20)** The moon wobbling through Aries indicates a focus on finance. Beware of an IRS audit if you're a member of Queer Nation planning on taking a deduction for whistles, angry body piercings or t-shirts that read, "I'm not Gay but my husband is!". Also, if you're a male stripper, avoid paying your taxes in sweaty, crotch-scented singles embossed with sticky pubic hairs.

**Cancer (June 21- July 22)** You'll be a hit with the politically-correct crowd when you develop an ecologically-sound, dolphin-friendly line of cosmetics targeted for both drag queens and lipstick Lesbians.

**Leo (July 23- Aug. 22)** As Jupiter swishes into Libra, the baby boom Aries will focus on retro fashion. However, do not attempt to relieve the 60's all over again by growing your hair long, because everyone will think you've grown the extra hair to comb over your bald spot.

**Virgo (Aug. 22- Sept. 22)** You'll discover how protective drag queens can be about their accessories when you're rushed to the hospital with high heel wounds covering 90% of your body, after you spritz a DQ's wig with Lemon Pledge and start dusting the furniture with it.

**Libra (Sept. 23- Oct. 22)** Your money picture will brighten this week as you receive a check for \$2.50 from a Gay peeping Tom who insists on paying for his sneak peeks into your bedroom window on a pay-per-view basis.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)** The uncircumcised Scorpio, always following the latest fad, will become lost in the wilderness while cruising in Juneau Park, get frostbite and be forced to undergo an emergency circumcision.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)** Peculiar planetary movements could cause embarrassment during sex with an exceptionally hairy lover, when you'll be forced to figure out the most polite, tactful way to extract a stray hair from your throat without being mistaken for a cat coughing up a fur ball.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 19)** You will have a disturbing spiritual dream which reveals an eerie, divine connection between Jesus and Elvis. This vision will come in three parts. First, revealing that while Jesus is the Lord's shepherd, Elvis once dated Cybill Shepherd. Second, that Jesus was a carpenter and Elvis once carved a block of wood into a toy race car for the Pinewood Derby. And finally, Jesus was resurrected and Elvis had his famous 1968 comeback TV special. As a result of this vision, you will start your own cult and will be the subject of several sensational segments of *A Current Affair*.

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(Top photo L to R) QTV host Michael Lisowski chats with guests on the final QTV episode, being broadcast now on Milwaukee MATA cable. Guests are Ron Geiman, Julia Kleppin, and Bill Meunier. (Center) QTV camera queens Tom Livieri and Allan Kurth. (Bottom photo) QTV technical director Bryce Clark and audio tech Rod Johnson in the MATA control room during the taping of the final QTV episodes.

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now that irate person was me. I felt this law was unfair; why should I pay of chunk of my monthly income that I wouldn't have to pay if I'd worked for a larger concern. There seemed to be only one alternative, to get the law changed. I did.

I contacted my state assembly representative and my state senator. I had gotten to know both of them over the years. I'd also made small campaign contributions, which aren't necessary, but often help. I explained the situation and asked for a change in law. My reps talked with the sponsors of the original bill about the 20 employee cut-off, which had been brought about by the small business lobby. While my reps worked on a change to include in the budget bill, I decided to contact some prominent Republicans. Ever since I was involved in Young Democrats in college, I've always maintained that everyone should know a Republican because you'll never know when you'll need one. Well, I needed one and through professional activities I knew one with access to the governor. I contacted him, explained the situation and he agreed to ask the governor not to veto the change. The people at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin also did some lobbying for this change. I was approved and the State now pays by Blue Cross premium, an amount considerably lower than the cost of my care.

Another area I'm trying to make a difference in, is the lack of user friendly medical products that are required for out daily care. As I've said before most homecare products are simply hospital products delivered to our homes. They're designed for someone to do to you while you lay on your back in a hospital bed. Finding this unacceptable I called my homecare company, and got the name of

the chief executive officer and I wrote to him suggesting that his office would have more influence than I in getting manufacturers and suppliers to re-examine the designs of their products. Much to my surprise, about two weeks after I mailed the letter, the CEO called me. He thought my idea was a good one and was directing the vice president of marketing to follow up with me. We've met and the process of getting some product designs changed has begun. One manufacturer of a portable IV pump is looking at making numerous changes, several needle manufacturers are looking to make them more comfortable and less visible while in use, and I even got 3M thinking about adhesive removers for adhesives they make.

Another thing I've done is continually ask my homecare company for names and phone numbers of product development people at various companies. Most have 800 numbers for their customers, and they're often surprised to hear from a patient. Often when they answer the phone they ask what company you're with, I usually reply: "I'm one of those pesky patients who has to use your product." This gets their attention. They're frequently amazed that a patient is calling to ask questions of people who never talk to patients. When I'd ask, "Have you talked to a patient about this product design?" the response is almost unanimous, "No we never thought of that." Well, they do now.

In some sense, I'm milking and/or manipulating the system with these actions. And, I admit that it's easier to manipulate the system when you know how to do it, but if you don't know, you can learn as you go along. You should not have to put up with things you don't like.

One of the joys of this for me, besides seeing actual changes, is knowing that other folks will benefit. When I first started doing this, several company people told me they never received input from patients. The more they hear from us the better off we all are, so get off your rear end and give these companies some feedback!

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It has been said that this March — this 1993 March on Washington — is destined to be our Woodstock. Just as Woodstock was a celebration of the freedom of youth, this March will be a celebration of the kind of freedom brought on by Gay Pride. You, like me, may have missed the 1969 event. But you, like me, can not afford to miss its second coming. **Come out of the closet. Declare your pride. Become an activist. Attend the March!**

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## Group Notes

### Pride Week at UW-SP Sponsored by 10% Society

**Stevens Point** — The Ten Percent Society at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point will sponsor a Gay Pride week entitled *Fresh Air in the Closet*, March 29-April 2. Programs and activities will be held each day of that week in U.W.S.P.'s University Center. All the programs are free of charge, and everyone is welcome. The planned activities are as follows:

▾ **Monday, March 29** — An informational booth on Bisexual/Lesbian/Gay Pride will appear in the University Concourse, from 9am-4pm.

▾ **Tuesday, March 30** — Reverend Dusty Pruitt, a United States Army Captain discharged for being a Lesbian, will present *Gays in the Military: A Firsthand Account*. This will be at 8pm, in the Wisconsin Room of the University Center. Reverend Pruitt is a well-known speaker and Gay rights advocate, having been featured in many national news publications and talkshows.

▾ **Wednesday, March 31** — A Rave/Not-A-Rave dance titled, *Land of the Free, Home of the Rave* will be held in the University's Freemont Terrace, from 8:30-11pm. This will be co-sponsored by other University groups, such as Women's Resource Center and Players, and will feature a performance by the U.W.S.P. comedy group, Delicious Ambiguity.

▾ **Thursday, April 1** — The Ten Percent Society will hold a *Homophobia Workshop* in the Garland Room, from 9-10:30pm. Anyone interested in examining the nature of this prejudice and its impact on these "politically correct" times should attend.

▾ **Friday, April 2** — The movie, *The Times of Harvey Milk* will be shown in the University Center Green Room, at 7:30pm. This Academy Award winning 1986 film traces the life of Harvey Milk, the first openly Gay man to hold political office in California.

The Ten Percent Society is proud to offer this, its most extensive Pride Week

schedule ever. The group has been often successful in the past, having been voted U.W. Stevens Point's Organization of the Year for 1991-92. They often participate in educational programs for classes and dormitories, as well as hold bi-weekly meetings.

### Queer Television

Next show is on Queer March

**Milwaukee** — Queer Television at the end of March and early April will be the last program and promotes the upcoming Queer March on Washington. Host Michael Lisowski speaks with Ron Geiman, Julie Kleppin, and Bill Meunier about what the March on Washington is going to be like. Cablecast dates for QTV #24 are: March 25 & 28, and April 1, 4, 8, and 11.

All programs are produced by the Milwaukee Gay/Lesbian Cable Network and are cablecast on Milwaukee Warner Cable's public access Channel 14 (MATA), Thursday and Sunday evenings, 10:30-11pm (barring technical difficulties beyond our control). Inconvenient times? Program your VCR! Please catch our sister show, the live call-in "Brand New Queer Program" produced by Dan Fons and Michael Lisowski every Tuesday evening from 7-8pm on MATA Channel 47.

### GLVBA meeting

**Milwaukee** — On April 1st the Milwaukee chapter of the **Gay Lesbian Bi Veteran's Association (GLBVA)** will meet at the 1100 Club, 1100 So. 1st St. at 7pm.

Anyone interested in supporting Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Vets. are encouraged to come to our open meetings which are the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. For more information please call Jim English at 562-4191, or write us at 1102 S. 1st St., Milw., Wisc. 53204.

GLBVA is a support group for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual veterans regardless of branch of service, active or reserves.

## Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

A sometimes serious, irreverent look at living with AIDS; part 9.

You CAN make a difference

Once upon a time there was an irate person with AIDS. At this particular point in time he was not irate because he had AIDS, but because of a silly glitch in Wisconsin law. He had just found out that the State of Wisconsin had a program to pay the private health insurance premium of people who are HIV+ and no longer working, but still eligible for private insurance. The glitch was the requirement that the former employer have 20 or more employees. This person worked at a small nonprofit agency of 15 people. He therefore did not qualify for the program and had to pay the premium himself. As you might imagine this was a substantial amount of money for someone on a fixed income. What to do? What to do?

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## Viewpoint

### A cure for Tarnished Pride

March!

By Steven W. Anderson

By the time most of you read this, opening events for the 1993 March on Washington will be less than four weeks away. The March itself will be history in under 30 days. And organizers for the event will be able to proclaim whether or not it was a success.

No doubt there will be people — lots of them — marching in D.C. on April 25. Hundreds of thousands of people. People from all over the country. But the success of the March will depend not on how many thousands from the state of Colorado are in attendance. It will depend not on how well the city of San Francisco is represented. Not on how many New Yorkers make the trip. Not even on how many are there from Wisconsin.

No, the success of the March on Washington depends entirely on *your* attendance. Simply because — at this juncture — *you* need the empowerment that marching with one million Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender people will bring. Never, *never*, in history have we been better poised to take full advantage of the recent spate of media attention afforded Lesbians and Gay men. This is *the* March. It demands your attendance.

You have been silent for too long. And your silence is deadly. It undermines your ability to be proud. It keeps you in the closet.

Do you consider yourself "out"? Do you consider it a display of activism when you openly pick up a copy of *In Step*? Do you dare read it in the park or on the bus? Or, on the other hand, do you wait until you're in the confines of your own home? If you feel shame because of the periodicals you read, then you are not fully out. If you act the least bit ashamed, then it is impossible to feel truly proud. The March on Washington is just the right antidote for tarnished pride.

I became involved with the 1993

March on Washington early last fall, shortly after George Bush managed to gain some campaign momentum following the Republican National Convention. I was sickened at the thought of another four years with Bush. But when November 3 rolled around, I — like practically all Gay men and Lesbians — was of the misguided belief that a Clinton presidency meant the end of our woes. Magically, discrimination would stop. With a stroke of the presidential pen, we would have our long sought equal rights. And overnight, the March on Washington would be rendered pointless.

The ecstasy of the first week in November all too quickly translated into painful reality by the last week of January. What an eye opener the military ban issue has been for us. We finally are awakened to the fact that our fight is far from over. Even with Clinton in the White House, we are forced to realize that the battle for our rights is just beginning. The battle won't be easy, and we have some powerful and vocal opponents. The ability of the Religious Right to mobilize its forces is overwhelming. Its activists are legion. And it has convinced many Americans that the military ban issue lies at the very heart of America's moral fiber. But this is *not* their issue. No, this is *your* issue. And it requires *your* activism. Today, you have an opportunity to become an activist — not alone — but with one million of your sisters and brothers. It is called the March on Washington.

In 1969, thousands of America's youth gathered outside a small town in New York for a weekend-long lovefest. Condemned by the establishment, celebrated by its attendees, that weekend became legendary in American history. Its effect on pop culture was immediate and permanent. The event was called Woodstock, and it inspired an entire generation of Americans. But more than a weekend of psychedelic drugs, loud music, and open sexuality, it was a celebration of the freedom accorded only to youth. I remember reading about Woodstock in the papers. I witnessed its events on the nightly news. I listened to its music on the double album. But I was only 15 at the time. Too young to go by myself. Too unworldly to find a way. But, oh, to have been part of it.

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## Coming out group for young women

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**Milwaukee** — **Insight**, a support/discussion group for 17-21 year old women exploring their sexual identity or in the process of coming out, meets weekly at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

**Insight** provides a supportive place to discuss family and school life, coming out, sexuality, relationships and self-esteem. Group meetings are geared to the particular needs and concerns of the members. Participants are assured of confidentiality and an understanding environment in which to discuss their feelings.

Anyone interested in **Insight** can call Cheryl Orgas, coordinator of the Women's support group program, at 271-2565. Concerned individuals who know young women in need of this kind of support are encouraged to pass this information on to them.

## Northern Lights Womyn's music festival

September 11

The 4th annual **Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival** will be held on **September 11, 1993**. The Festival committee is now accepting demo tapes from performers, searching for volunteers and accepting reservations from crafters and women-centered organizations.

The **Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival** is a chem free, women only event held on private property in the rural Duluth area. The purpose of the festival is to celebrate our diversity as women, and to raise funds for **AURORA: A Northland Lesbian Center**.

If you are interested in learning through hands on experience, or if you already have experience, we need your help as a festival volunteer.

This is your chance to be surrounded by hundreds of women on 80 acres of Northern Minnesota's Wilderness for a full day of music and fun. The **Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival** is sponsored by **AURORA: A Northland Lesbian Center**. **AURORA** is funded in part

by the **Minnesota Women's Fund**. For information or submissions contact: **N.L.W.M.F. c/o AURORA, 8 North 2nd Avenue East #210, Duluth, Minnesota 55802 or (218) 722-4903.**

## Lesbian Physicians Conference

### Marks milestone during March weekend

The annual **Lesbian Physicians Conference** will convene in Alexandria, Va., April 25-28, marking the 10th consecutive year that Lesbian physicians and medical students have gathered to discuss issues of particular interest to women in medicine.

The historic four-day meeting, sponsored by the American Assn. of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR), is expected to draw 250-300 participants and spouses. It will be held in conjunction with the April 25 National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Equal Rights.

Putting its DC-area location to best advantage, this year's conference will discuss Lesbian and women's health issues in the larger context of public health and the health of the nation. Presentations will address coronary artery disease, osteoporosis, cancer prevention, breast health and Lesbian health as reviewed in the medical literature.

Speakers at the conference, called *Women in Medicine '93*, include Vivian Pinn, MD, director of the Office of Women's Research at the National Institutes of Health. Entertainers include singer Rhiannon, comedian Georgia Ragsdale, and the band Second Wind. The conference will also feature national political updates and discussions of reproductive rights, parenting and relationships.

The conference takes place at the **Stouffer Concourse Hotel**. Room rates start at \$129, which includes continental breakfasts and two banquet dinners. For reservations, call (703) 418-6800.

After March 25, registration is \$400 for members and \$450 for non-members. Student registrants are not charged, and a limited number of student scholarships are available for hotel costs. For a registration packet, call the AAPHR office, (415) 255-4547.



(Top, L to R) Chicago's Cezanne and Mimi Marks joined the 219 girls and guests for **I Remember You II**, the second annual MAP fundraiser in memory of Ginger Spice. The evening raised near \$1,800.





It must have been all the beer...but that's okay it was St. Patrick's festivities at Club 219 Plus.



The Shoreline country dancers lead an evening of country 2-step and line dancing Saturday, March 6 at the Lake Park Pavilion. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Gay and Lesbian Support Group programs at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

## Milwaukee group for G/L/B sci-fi fans

### Gaylaxians

There's good news in the Milwaukee/Chicago/Madison area for anyone interested in science fiction, fantasy and horror. This month marked a fresh start for the **Third Coast Gaylaxians**, a social group oriented for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and their friends with just such interests.

The Third Coast Gaylaxians are affiliated with The Gaylactic Network, an international organization founded in Boston in 1986, and is one of the dozen affiliates ranging in the U.S. from Maine to southern California; additional members reside in France, England, Canada and Australia.

Locally, the Third Coast Gaylaxians' goal is to provide a fun and informative forum where those interested in science fiction, fantasy, horror and related genres, as well as issues concerning Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals can gather to discuss their ideas and opinions: in

general, a place to meet with friends and make new ones.

The Third Coast Gaylaxians meet on the third Monday of each month in Milwaukee. These meetings are loosely structured, designed to open up discussions, rather than limit them. The meetings are held at 7pm at 3223 S. 92nd St. in cooperation with Milwaukee Science Fiction Services, a mainstream organization encompassing a diverse range of interests.

While the majority of Third Coast's members are Milwaukee locals, we include several Chicagoans and welcome members from the Madison area. Those interested in joining or finding out more about the meetings or the Gaylaxians in general should write to Third Coast Gaylaxians c/o Emory Churness at 2705 N. Shepard, Milwaukee, WI 53211.

## UJIMA Celebrates Lives of African-American Lesbians

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**UJIMA**, a support and social group dedicated to addressing the educational, social, and political needs of African-American Gay men and Lesbians, will be holding its March monthly meeting in honor of African-American Lesbians and their contributions to our community.

For further information about meeting times and places, please call Eric at (414) 277-7671.

## Gay/Lesbian couples workshop Coming to Madison in May

**Madison** — A weekend workshop for Gay and Lesbian couples, *Stoking the Fires of Our Love*, will be held from 9am to 5pm May 1 and 2 at Apple Island in Madison. Sponsored by the Lives Unlimited School of Healing Arts and funded in part by a grant from the New Harvest Foundation, this will be the first workshop of its kind held in Madison.

Over half of the estimated 22 million Gay and Lesbian people living in this country are in committed couple relationships. However, due to the oppression of homophobia (the irrational fear of homosexuality) and heterosexism (the attitude that heterosexuality is superior and the tendency to assume that everyone is heterosexual), Gay and Lesbian couples have unique challenges. These include:

### ▾ The lack of social sanction

— No social approval or public ritual to validate the relationship creates social isolation, fear of rejection, or actual rejection from family, friends, co-workers, and the community.

### ▾ Threat to personal safety

It is still unsafe to express affection publicly because of the potential for physical harm. Gay and Lesbians are a target for hate crimes.

### ▾ The lack of legal sanction

Unable to be legally married or recognized means no health insurance for couples, no protection of jointly owned property, no legal rights when one partner becomes gravely ill or dies, and no tax benefits.

### ▾ Invisibility of homosexuality

— Gays and Lesbians must continually



The Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin was held recently at the Pfister Hotel. (Top) Duwanna Moore captured the title of Miss posed with Mass Pageant Productions organizer Sidney Johnson; and the new Mr., Keenan Jamison. (Middle Photo) The four Miss and four Mr. contestants wait the announcement of the winners. (Bottom photo) Kelvin Haydon came in 1st runner up, Mr.; while Naomi LaParish placed 1st runner up in Miss.





**Mad for Leather**, a night of leather vendors/ purveyors of toys/ and fantasy was held at Rod's. The event was produced by leatherworks.

choose to hide or come out which risks safety. This takes a lot of personal energy, and can cause great strain and stress on the individual and the relationship.

The workshop is for couples currently in committed relationships, who want to celebrate, nourish, strengthen and deepen their relationship. Workshop activities will create support and validation for the relationship, and will help reduce isolation and invisibility. Participants can expect to learn new skills that will increase the health, intimacy, and loving communication in the relationship.

For more information and to register, call (608) 256-3733. Cost for the week-end workshop is \$100.00 per couple.

### G/L family tours

For G/L parents & their children

Chicago, IL — The Chicago-based research firm "Overlooked Opinions" estimates that 4.8% of Gay men and 10.2% of Lesbians have children under the age of 18 (based on a survey of 7,500).

After two years of persistent pleading from his children, consultation with other travel professionals, encouragement by many Gay parents, and outrage at how "Family Values" were narrowly defined during the recent presidential campaign, Gay parent Dan Ware, 40, president and founder of Toto Tours, has planned the first tour marketed exclusively to Gay and Lesbian parents and their children.

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travel for Gay men), Ware's two children, ages 14 and 15, have begged him to take them on a Toto Tour. In his travels, Ware met many other Gay parents and explored with them the idea of designing a tour especially for Gay families. In every instance the idea met with enthusiastic approval, and thus the "Family Values" tour was conceived. Ware named the tour "Family Values" to underscore the reality that families with Gay parents and children are as moral, loving, nurturing and healthy as more traditional family units.

The site of the first "Family Values" tour is a delightful dude ranch, "El Rancho Stevens," in Gaylord, Michigan. "El Rancho Stevens" was originally called "Gay El Rancho" by its founders, Doc and Candy Stevens. After the word "Gay" began to take on a new meaning they changed the name, but the curtain on the stage in the dance hall still proclaims the original name.

The ranch consists of approximately 1,000 acres of beautiful pine woods on Lake Dixon, and is a wonderful place for children and adults, with horseback riding, water skiing, canoeing, sailing, beach volleyball, softball, tennis courts, archery, a stage for performing, an

underground dance area for teens, hayrides, campfires and many more fun, family-oriented activities.

The cost for the weekend is \$225.00 for ages 13 through adult, \$175.00 for children ages 7 through 12, and \$75.00 for children ages 1 through 6; infants under 12 months of age are free. In addition to the above mentioned activities, the price includes breakfasts and dinners, with lunches available at a reasonable price in the saloon. Toto Tours will coordinate families who are willing to drive and share rides, and provide a shuttle service for those who fly into nearby Traverse City, where flights are available through Detroit and Chicago.

For complete details on this package and other Gay-oriented tours, contact Toto Tours at 3023 N. Clark, Suite 193, Chicago, Illinois 60657. Ph: (312) 935-9933.

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(Bottom photo) The Ballgame's manager, Kenny, owner Rick and Danny; and a couple of hundred friends and well-wishers descended on the bar St. Patrick's day. The Ballgame also celebrates their anniversary on St. Pat's...this was their 20th!





Jean (upper right) is the new owner of Loose Ends bar, which recently hosted a Beer Garden Reunion party with an evening of memories.

"Tellow Northwestern filmmaker Nicole Conn has gone for broke with this one and admirably pulled it off. I recommend it." — Gus Van Sant

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# The Arts

## Claire of the Moon benefit premiere April 1

**Milwaukee** — The acclaimed Lesbian feature film, *Claire of the Moon*, will have its Milwaukee premiere on Thursday, April 1, 7:30pm at the Downer Theatre on Milwaukee's eastside. The opening night screening will be a benefit for the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. The film begins a regular engagement at the Downer on April 2. As of March 18, enough tickets had been sold to fill nearly two-thirds of one of the Downer's Theaters. If sales of tickets for the premiere continue as such a strong pace, Downer Theatre management said they might open up a second theatre to screen *Claire*, to meet the demand.

*Claire* has already had highly successful runs in Chicago and Madison, and many local Lesbians travelled to those cities to see the film. Many of them are looking forward to seeing the film a second (or even third) time.

The film, which addresses Lesbianism with unprecedented frankness, aspires to not only break popular convention, it also strives to resolve the barriers between heterosexual and Gay experience. *Claire* honestly explores sexuality from a woman's point of view. What has become crystal clear is that *Claire of the Moon* is a film whose time has come — everyone loves a heart-warming, genuine, old fashioned love story.

*Claire* is one woman's journey into her sexual identity. It focuses on two very different writers who unwittingly share

a cabin at an annual writer's retreat. The film stars Trisha Todd as the wild and uninhibited satirist "Claire Jabrowski", and Karen Trumbo as the Lesbian author/psychoanalyst "Dr. Noel Benedict". Claire and Noel clash from the start, but grown towards understanding and eventually love.

Independently produced, the woman produced/directed/written film, was a maverick venture into the area of self distribution by Demi Monde Productions. Demi Monde understands its targeted market and is committed to the enhancement of film fare for this public's selected lifestyle.

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## SUNDAY, APRIL 4

**Gay Men's Discussion Group Movie Night:** Maurice is screened from 6-8pm at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. Popcorn & soda provided, \$2 donation.

**New Bar (Madison):** Lady Lillian L'Treue Starlight Show.

**3B's:** Brittney Morgan Presents fundraiser for MAP, show time 9pm, \$3 donation.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

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

## FRIDAY, APRIL 9

**Pivot (Appleton):** Lip Sync Improv. & Hat Party, 10:30pm.

**Club 219 Plus:** Rock America & 219 present a promo party for Bizzare Inc.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**M&M Club:** Singsational Singing Machine.



Starr E. Nite recently won the title of Miss Club 94 over two other contestants.

**Rod's (Madison):** Underwear Night, 10pm in the Alley. Live DJ, dancing, clothes check, contest.

**Pivot (Appleton):** Pajama Party.

**Ballgame:** Sheepshead, all welcome.

**Madison Gay Video Club:** Gay Travelog: Key West. Also, *Looking For Langston* and *Malibu Pool Boys*, 8pm. Phone (608) 244-8675 evenings.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 11

**New Bar (Madison):** Easter with Simply Divine Easter Bonnet Parade.

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**10% Society Spring Dance (Madison):** For Lesbians, Bisexuals, Gay men & friends. 8pm. Great Hall Memorial Union. \$3 cover, DJ, cash bar.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**M&M Club:** Singsational Productions Singing Machine.

**Madison Gay Video Club:** Showing of the First Annual Gay Erotic Video Awards followed by clips from the winning videos. 8pm. Phone (608) 244-8675 evenings.

**UW Madison Music Hall:** The UW Madison Dance Program presents **Tim Miller's My Queer Body**, 8pm. An intimate & humorous story of the flesh & spirits, \$12 general public, \$8 UW Madison students.

**Pivot (Appleton):** Hooray For Hollywood weekend. Hollywood Masquerade Party. Prizes for best costume.

**Ballgame:** Sheephead, all welcome.

**Runway 51 (Janesville):** *It's My Party* show by Forever Friends, 10:30pm, \$2 cover.

**Za's (Green Bay):** Laser karaoke returns, 10:30-11:30pm.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 28

**Gay Men's Discussion Group:** *Coping With Celibacy*, 6-8pm. The Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., \$2 donation, For more info call Bill Hanel at 271-2565.

**UW Madison Music Hall:** The UW Madison Dance Program presents **Tim Miller's My Queer Body**, 8pm. An intimate & humorous story of the flesh & spirits, \$12 general public, \$8 UW Madison students.

**Pivot (Appleton):** Hooray For Hollywood weekend. Oscar Award winning movies, 2pm.

**M&M Club:** Jerry Halliday with his puppets.

**New Bar (Madison):** *Chit Chat* with Miss Caroline. Show time 10pm. Tickets \$4.

**Partners:** Possum Queen Party & Fundraiser. Show time 8pm.

**Club 3054 (Madison):** Glamour Girls Dinner Show. Dinner 5pm, show follows at 9pm, \$5.

**Kite Flying (Milw.):** All welcome to join GAMMA Kites. Meet 2pm at Gift of Wings rental shop at Lakefront Veterans Park, weather permitting. Proceeded by brunch at M&M. Call 963-9833 for more info.

## MONDAY, MARCH 29

**Pivot (Appleton):** Hooray For Hollywood Weekend. Oscar Awards 8pm, \$1.25 can beer. Free pizza & popcorn.

**BJ's:** Hooray For Hollywood Party, vote for favorites. Win prizes; food; 7pm till midnight.

**Station II:** Academy Awards Party. Open 5pm. Free champagne 6pm-7pm, guess winners & get free shot.

**Ballgame:** Academy Awards Party; ballots available 3/22.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 30

**Club 219 Plus:** BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing, 9-12pm.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

**Wings 3054 (Madison):** Wings buns contest at midnight. Cash prizes.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 1

**Rods (Madison):** April Fools Skin Night Party.

**Partners:** *Don't Be A Fool Party*.

**Milw. Premiere:** *Claire of the Moon* a film premiere benefit for LAMM at Downer Theatre, 7:30pm. Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at door.

**Wings (Madison):** Mad Town Underwear Party

**Station II:** Come dressed in skirt & drink for 1/2 price.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 2

**Pivot (Appleton):** *Country Fax* show independent fundraiser for FVAP, 10:30pm.

**Za's (Green Bay):** Performers do Cameos after 11:30pm.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 3

**Wings (Madison):** Unicorns of Madison and Oberons of Milw. Club Night, 9pm, \$5 beer bust.

**Sass (Green Bay):** *Country Fax* benefit show. An independent fundraiser to purchase fax machine for Center Project of Green Bay. Showtime 10:30pm.

**Madison Gay Wrestling Club:** Practice and bodybuilding. Beginners/new members are welcomed. 8:30pm. Phone (608) 244-8675 evenings.

## Jerry Halliday at M&M

Jerry Halliday, America's leading nightclub puppeteer will appear at the M&M club, Sunday, March 28 at 9pm. Jerry has created a hilarious celebrity look-a-like performance of music and comedy. Jerry designs and builds all his own puppets. His unique skill of bringing his custom-made puppets to life is unmatched by any puppeteer working today. Jerry does the voices and characters of Bette Davis, Carol Channing, Katherine Hepburn, Mae West, Marilyn Monroe, Tammy Fae Bakker and more.

He has appeared in Las Vegas at the Riviera, Sands, Rio, Hacienda, Dunes and Bally's Catch a Rising Star; and was hired by Merv Griffin as the first comic to work the lounge at Resorts International in Atlantic City.

Halliday has worked hundreds of nightclubs and cabarets nationwide, making numerous Wisconsin appearances.

Critics and audiences agree he is absolutely the funniest most talented puppeteer on the club and casino circuit today. The show at the M&M club is offered with no cover charge.

## BCB's auction/party will also benefit MAP

**Milwaukee** — Roll together a party, a benefit, and a collection of the rare, free, and fine. That's the *Fourth Annual Party and Auction*, carefully thrown by Bauer Contemporary Ballet on Saturday, April 3, from 8pm to midnight at the Hotel Wisconsin. The festivities will include live music, celebrities, generosity, a full service bar, and both silent and voice auctions.

BCB's fundraiser carries a special message this year. As an indication of their own commitment to the community, a portion of the ticket proceeds will be donated by CB to the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Each admission of \$8 will see \$1 donated to MAP.

Obie Yadgar will join in as Master of Ceremonies; and Bim & Company will provide live entertainment.

The auction will have spice for shoppers and even investors: since the items for auction are donations from local businesses expressly for this purpose, the contributions are the sorts of things that are



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Cafe Melange, which shares the building with the hotel and BCB, will run a full service bar in the clubby atmosphere of the old Circus Room.

## 5th anniversary Pride Performance series

### Chicago's Bailiwick Rep

Chicago — Bailiwick Repertory has named national theatre veteran Matt Callahan as producer of its 5th annual **Bailiwick Pride Performance Series 1993**, which officially opens May 22 and runs through August 22 at Bailiwick Repertory at the Theatre Building, 1225 W. Belmont in Chicago. For information or reservations, call the Theatre Building box office at (312)327-5252.

"Our goal this year is to make Bailiwick Pride Performance Series a national event," says Callahan, a graduate of Cornell University who has worked in the professional theatre in Philadelphia, New York, Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

For the past four summers, Bailiwick Repertory has produced this 13-week series of plays and special events dedicated to recognizing the cultural expression of the Gay and Lesbian community. "We will present works that are challenging and forward-looking, going beyond the expected and exploring the complexity, diversity and mystery of our world," explains Callahan, who after just a short time at his new post, has already initiated a campaign to find national and local sponsors for the Series.

## New Art Show Opens Summer Festival Season

Waukesha — Summer will receive an open air greeting Memorial Day weekend as the new Lake Country Art Festival kicks off the state's outdoor celebration season.

In its debut year, the three-day gala will feature the original works of an anticipated 250 artists from throughout the

midwest who will be displaying their creations in a variety of media. Other attractions at the May 29 through 31 event will be continuous musical entertainment, a children's arts and crafts area, and plenty of food and beverages for the strolling public.

This first annual Lake Country Art Festival will run from 9am to 6pm daily on the grounds of the Country Inn Hotel & Conference Center at 2810 Golf Rd., Waukesha. Admission is \$4; youngsters 12 and under are free.

Among the art works available for purchase will be paintings, mixed media and sculpture, along with various handcrafts such as pottery, jewelry, weaving, and metalwork. All art entries will be juried by a panel of experts to ensure the quality, originality, and uniqueness of items displayed.

For further information on the upcoming Memorial Weekend Lake Country Art Festival, or to obtain sponsorship and participation materials, contact Festival Events, Inc. 316 N. Milwaukee St., Suite 440, Milwaukee, Wis., or call (414) 223-7500.

### ART SHOW SEEKS ENTRIES

Wisconsin area artists and handcrafters are invited to participate in the Art Festival. Application forms, slides of work, and booth fees must be submitted by April 15.

The juried show is accepting entries in 15 categories including drawing, fibers, jewelry, printmaking, wood, leather, metalsmithing, pottery, glass, and mixed media. There is a non-refundable jury fee of \$15 for each category entered.

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# Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**1100 Club:** Condo Association's all you can eat Spaghetti Dinner, 5-9pm. Fundraiser for the Ma Barker for Possum Queen, 1993 committee.

**Partners:** Swimsuit contest, cash & bar tab prizes. Sign up with bartender.

**Club 219:** King Productions presents a benefit show to help send our Wisconsin girls to Miss Gay USA nationals in San Antonio, \$3 cover.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

**LGB Campus Center (Madison):** Video night featuring *Torch Song Trilogy*, 7:30pm, 336 W. Dayton, free & open to all.

**The Flirtations In Concert (Madison):** 7:30pm, Barrymore Theatre (2090 Atwood). Benefits AASPIN Foundation. Tickets \$12 Advance, \$14 Door!

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26

**Partners:** BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 9-12pm.

**Club 3054 (Madison):** Rave Party starts at 9:30. DJ Doctor John with hot Rave techno music.

**Make A Promise '92 Video:** Highlights of the dinner & auction. Interviews with Doug Nelson & Sharon Otto, clips from other MAP events. Produced by Mark Duris, 6pm on Warner Cable Channel 14.

**Pivot (Appleton):** *Hooray For Hollywood* Weekend, Puppeteer Jerry Halliday, 10:30pm.

**Ujima Discussion:** *The Lives & Times of Black Lesbians*. 6:30pm, call Eric at (414) 277-7671 for more info/location.

**3B's:** Borderline Dancers from Minneapolis, 8pm. Free country dance lessons & demonstrations.

**Walkers Point Cafe:** 8th Anniversary, Free dessert with food purchase.

**Za's (Green Bay):** Benefit Show for Miss Gay USA, 10:30pm.

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production schedule and given me a production weekend night off! Also, a big thanks to Joe Koch who has really been a big help as we enter "A New Era".

One not so positive change — news stringers Rex Wockner (Chicago) and Cliff O'Neill (Washington, D.C.) have both opted to cease their diligent coverage of Gay and Lesbian news. Both have been effectively "put out of business" by the Associated Press (AP) news service. AP, over the last two years, has been marketing their services heavily to the Gay and Lesbian press. I never considered using their service, because I would rather employ Gay and Lesbian writers to do that job. However, over time, I've seen vast numbers of Gay media switch to AP, and now Cliff and Rex are not able to make a living selling their news to the few papers who have stuck by them.

Now, we've got to find new news sources. I'm determined NOT to go with AP. We're checking out other possibilities. Both Cliff and Rex will still have at least occasional by-lines in *In Step*. Cliff will be doing news analysis pieces, and Rex will occasionally submit hard news.

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Looking back over the two-week period previous to our deadline, there were a number of highlights to bring you up to date on...

Back on March 5, Pivot bartenders travelled to Madison's Club 3054 for a bartender exchange. Some of the "Girls of the Valley" entertainers also went along, and performed at the Club. Those bartender exchanges can be too much!

Those Shoreline Dancers sure are spreading around their talents to benefit varying causes. On March 6, they appeared at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee's Country Dance Gala at the Lake Park Pavilion. The money will be used by the Center for their Gay and Lesbian support group programs.

Speaking of benefits, there was another one at Club 94 that night with the Helens presenting a "Drag-a-Rama", hosted by Vivian Vivacious.

The Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin pageant was held at the Marc Plaza's Empire Room. A nice crowd and a good field of contestants provided for an enjoyable evening. Duwanna Moore was named Miss and a Chicagoan was named

Mr. Congratulations to the winners and to Mass Pageant Productions on its 3rd annual pageant.

*I Remember You II*, the second annual Ginner Soice Memorial Show at Club 219 on the 8th drew a standing room only crowd. The MAP benefit raised over \$1,800, and totaled \$2,449 when Christmas ornaments and Valentine's hearts sold in memory of loved ones were added to the evening's proceeds. Special guest hostess was Mimi Marks, Miss Gay Continental; who brought along Chicago's infamous Cezanne. Annabelle and Jerry are also to be commended on the 22 minute video compilation they put together for the evening. Great night, for a great cause.

**Mad for Leather**, a Leatherworks '93 show, set up shop at Rod's. Besides leather vendors, a show with demonstrations and fantasy segments was presented. A bus-load from the 1100 Club carried many of the entertainers and vendors to the Mad Town.

Meanwhile, the **Loose Ends** and its new owner hosted a Beer Garden Reunion party with pictures and memories from those golden days. Great time!

**Partners** hosted a "Pick A Lucky Shamrock" MAP fundraiser with the \$1 donation giving you the opportunity to win drink discounts or raffle entries.

On St. Pat's day, the **Ballgame** once again proved to be the right place to be to celebrate. It is also the time when the bar celebrates their anniversary; and this year it was their 20th! The day long celebration featured lots of Irish Whiskey shots, plenty of food (even Rick's infamous Irish Stew), souvenirs and a sing-a-long to rousing musical ditties. Congrats to Rick, Kenny and all the rest at the bar... 20 years!

Other St. Pat's day events were held all over the state, with Club 3054 hosting a blow out, and **Station II** doing the same and adding a singing machine. **Kathy's Nut Hut** celebrated with food and live country music by North County. Other events were held at 3B's, **Partners**, Club 219 Plus, 1100 Club and Vuks.

That brings us up to my deadline of the afternoon of the 18th. By the way, just last week a new district captain was assigned to the 2nd Police District (bar area). Capt. Bartholomew is gone, and in his place Chief Arreola named Peter Pochowski from the Communications Division.

## Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

### Lot's going on...

A lot is going on here at *In Step*, too. Besides all the changes in the way we produce the magazine, you'll notice the addition in the last issue of a new columnist — Shelly Roberts, and her column, *Cleaning Out My Closet*. This issue, we premiere our first ever Horoscope, with an astral view for Gays and Lesbians. *Real Astrology*, by Rob Breznsky will appear in every issue. We've looked long and hard for a good astrologer who wasn't widely available to Midwest readers. We hope you enjoy...

The *Guide* has been entered into our new computerized system as of this issue, allowing us to make more frequent updates than in the past. Previously, it was only updated every 4-5 issues because it was too expensive to have it changed more

frequently. Now we have complete control of it, and can make changes, as they come in.

We've also dropped the 900 voice mail Area Dialogue personals we've been running for two years. It never really seemed to catch on with our readers. Many of you called into the system, but not enough of you placed print ads. At least two full pages of ads were needed in every issue, one to explain how to use the system, and the second as an order form to place your own ad. Plus we had to devote space to the ads from individuals.

Now that we've pulled the system, and the associated ads that supported it, we freed up space for new features.

On top of all that we installed a direct data line, so out-of-town writers no longer have to fax articles to us; now they can upload them directly to our computer. That eliminates re-typing them, saves us time, and allows more efficient office operation.

I'd really like to publicly thank David Johnson and John Kusch for their help and efforts in getting our new production system up and running. Their work has already allowed us to tighten our



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