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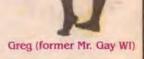


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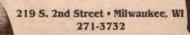


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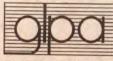
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Cover Story

The Gay Side cartoonist Tom Rezza returns with another piece for the cover, done in heavy pastels. This is Tom's version of "Family Values" within the LesbiBiGay community. We also thought it would be appropriate as we approach the March on Washington, slated for April 25 where the diversity of our community will be obvious to all. By the way, coverage of the March begins on page four of the News

Deadline Note

Deadline for the next issue Covering April 22-May 5, 1993 Is 7pm, Wednesday, April 14

The In Step office will be closed April 23-24-25 and 26 while we go to the March on Washington. The Office will reopen Tuesday, April 27 at 11am; and deadline for the following issue will remain April 28, 7pm.

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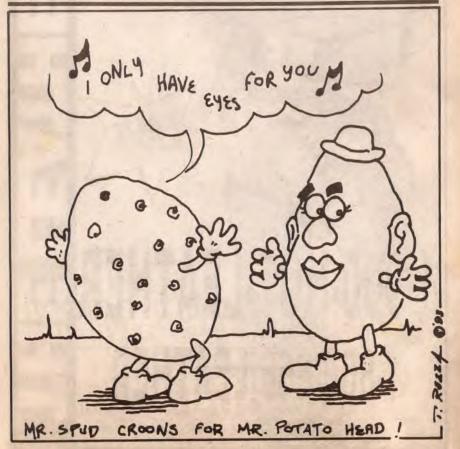
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News

MOW participants will double D.C.'s population

Some national media to provide minimal coverage

Washington, D.C. — Based on current (March 31) available indicators, attendance at the 1993 March on Washington, April 25, is expected to more than double the population of the District of Columbia. Hotel rooms inside the Washington Beltway are virtually impossible to acquire according to the March's official hotel agency. All flights into National Airport are sold out on both April 23rd and 24th; flights on April 21st and 22nd are already at more than 50% capacity.

Cross-county train caravans have been organized, and more than 1,000 buses have been chartered around the nation to bring people to the March. And, since Washington is within a day's drive from several large East Coast population centers, more than half the participants may simply drive into the city that day.

On March 31st the MOW Communications Director, Gregory Adams commented; "It is critical that we get the message out to both the mainstream and Gay communities that this March is not only about Lesbian and Gay rights — it is about the civil rights of all Americans who have been affected adversely by bigotry, religious intolerance, social inequity and other such injustices. In order for that to happen, however, the media must fulfill its obligation to be objective in reporting the March as a news story rather than automatically dismissing it as a "social" event."

"The 1987 March on Washington went largely ignored as a news story. Newsweek, along with Time Magazine, The New York Times, U.S. News & World Report and The Los Angeles Times, were among the chief offenders. In 1993, at this critical point in the movement, we cannot allow that history to repeat itself."

Adams made his comments after a late-March Town Hall meeting on Capitol Hill and subsequent telephone conversations revealed that Newsweek is closed on Sundays and therefore will only be able to provide minimal coverage before or after the March. When one member of the Town Hall meeting audience asked if the same would be true of a presidential assassination occurring on a Sunday, he was told the March was not as newsworthy as a president being shot and "the sooner you people get it the better off you'll be."

Adams continued, "What is apparent here is that Newsweek's editorial staff "doesn't get it." The 1993 March on Washington is not just another Gay pride parade and festival, as Newsweek seems to suggest by referring to it as "an upcoming Gay and Lesbian march on Washington" in a recent issue. The 1993 March will be the most significant occurrence in the quarter-century old Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual movement, and without any doubt, it will be the largest civil rights demonstration ever to occur in the history of this nation — and it already has attracted the attention of the international media."

"The March, which is the focal point of more than 270 related events spanning nine days, thus far has received nearly 500 endorsements representing a broad cross-section of American society, e.g., NAACP, United Church of Christ, Amnesty International, NOW, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Union of American Hebrew Congregations - to name a few. The participation of these diverse, mainstream organizations clearly establishes that we have reached a pivotal moment in the completion of the U.S. civil rights agenda, and that civil rights advocates from all communities are willing to work together on a common agenda of equality and fair treatment for all citizens."

(Editor's Note: Let the editors of Newsweek as well as those of other such wavering, non-committal news organizations, know where you stand on this issue. Newsweek may be contacted directly at (212) 350-4000. Consult local directories for other news agencies you wish to address.)



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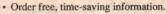
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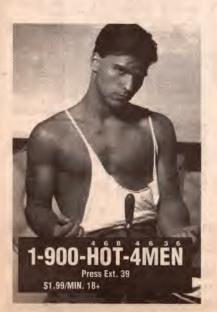
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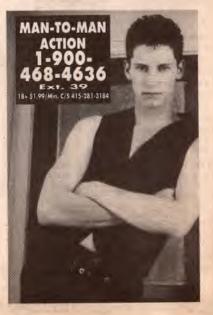
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Where to meet other Wisconsin marchers in DC Gather from 9-10am on day of March

Because of potential last minute alterations to the March On Washington Committees line-up procedure, Wisconsin Light and In Step Magazine have decided to ask all Wisconsin participants to meet at the park across the street from Constitution Hall, located at the corner of 17th Street NW, and C Street NW.

The papers ask all Wisconsin marchers to meet at that location between the hours of 9am and 10am on March day, Sunday, April 25. By 10am we should be able to find out our exact line-up locations, and we will then proceed, in mass, to that officially assigned spot.

There will be highly visible Milwaukee, Madison and Wisconsin banners designating our location.

March Route Finally Approved

After discussions with the White House, the National Park Service reversed itself and agreed to let the March use the Mall for the post-march rally.

Organizers of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation had been told earlier this month they could not use the mall for the rally because the grounds had just been re-seeded after being damaged during inaugural festivities in January.

Previous meetings between the National Park Service and the MOW Committee didn't bring about a resolution until Gay groups met with White House officials. By Monday, March 29, the Issues had been resolved and federal and city officials announced arrangements for using the mall had been worked out.

The MOW will have to produce a letter of credit for \$300,000 to cover the cost of repairing any damage to the grounds and the reseeded grass.

Tips For The March on Washington

Before You Leave For DC ...

· Check with your local organizers to see if you need to bring anything special to match your region (some cities and states are wearing a certain color of armband to identify their marchers more easily).

Make banners and signs to hold! Remember, anything raised above six feet will get the most visibility. Prepare your own unique chants and songs in advance so your group can stand out and add to the diversity of voices.

Don't wait until you get to D.C. to "run into" your friends somewhere. The crowds will be massive. Make plans to meet at a specific time and place in advance.

. The Wisconsin delegation as a whole is set to gather at the park across from Constitution Hall located at 17th Street N.W. and C Street N.W. Meet there between 9 and 10am the morning of the March. At approxiamtely 10:15am the delegation will proceed to its official assigned spot in the March formation.

For travel and accommodations, call the following numbers for assistance. Accommodations: (800) 554-2220 or (800) 343-9994. Community Housing: (202) 628-0493. Travel: (800) 872-7252 or (800) 800-9009. The Lesbian Alliance/LOC Women of Color Freedom bus (this second bus is open to men, not just to women) still had seats available as of April 3, call (414) 778-1269 or 264-2600.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN D.C.

Pick up an official program. A half million will be available all over town. It's an invaluable guide to all the related events and contains the schedule for the March and Rally.

· Buy a METRO pass. The METRO bus and rail system in D.C. is very easy to use. If you're coming by bus, buy several of the METRO \$2 passes at the bus parking lot. Otherwise, buy a pass on Saturday and put enough extra money on it to last through Sunday, METRO machines will have huge lines on Sunday.

· Remember, restaurants will be stretched to capacity and may have waits of several Please, be patient and courteous toward all working people and residents of hours. D.C.

. Look for the "I Support the March" signs in the windows of community-friendly stores and restaurants.

THE DAY OF THE MARCH

Eat early or plan to bring food. You will probably be at the Rally until past 6 pm. Then it will be several hours wait at restaurants.

The NAMES Project is planning to display The Quilt in the morning. The Kick-off stage will have entertainment from 9am until the March begins at noon.

The Rally stage with speakers and entertainers will run from approximately 1pm to 6pm

Be safety and security conscious during the March and Rally. With a million people. there's bound to be jostling and human logjams. Be patient. Each group should try to maintain some space between its own members and between the preceding and following delegations. Avoid pushing other people or following too close.

ACT UP Demo Set For DC

"AIDS Cure Now" set for April 22

targeting President Clinton, demanding a comprehensive research project to find a cure for AIDS.

Washington, DC - On Thursday, April 22, ACT UP chapters from around the nation will sponsor a demonstration

The demonstration is intended to protest over a decade of disorganized, profit-quided AIDS research. The action will

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In the Burbs, basic instinct Jeff, seeks hairy

8926

construction worker, kick back and let me take over. **=** 5837

Madison, Frank, 5'8", flexible, 40 something. # 4982

Why not you? Why not

older men. # 3713

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Kenosha, WI:

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Milwaukee: Tom Cruise look-alike, into Wrestling, videos, I have brwn hair, 5'11, 160lbs, love to play tennis, racket ball, # 1611

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N. Milwaukee: 44 yr old, white, 5'11, brown hair, 175lbs, green eyes, I love YOUNG GUYS # 1775

Milwaukee, Tickle MY FANCY, 30 yr old, Bi-, 1 enjoy phone conversations and discreet get togethers # 1739

Milwaukee, I'M STILL LEARNING about myself: 5'10, 150lbs, green eyes 23 yr old, # 1720

Milwaukee, Playaholic; I LIKE All SPORTS, including outdoors, comping etc, looking for hairy guys = 1616

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Wisconsin, Steve, letter

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discreet men = 3725



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Jeff, 5'9, 155lbs, brwn hair, hazel eyes, moustache, workout. seeking masculine guys -27-40 interested in serious relationship =2896

Kenosha LOOK HERE! HARD WORKER: brwn hair/hazel eyes enjoy cuddling, shows, preter someone under 45, =2366

Milwaukee LAID BACK: BM, attractive, endowed, enjoy quite evenings, #2457

Milwaukee Brian, 34, 5'9, blk hair, mustached interested in men 34-40 **#2907**

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Milwaukee NEW TO AREA: Love to dance, have fun: 18, auburn hair, 5'10, 170lbs, enjoy conversation #2976

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Milwaukee BI-MALE SEEKS SAME: 30, 5'8. 150lbs, hot bod., #2620

Madison Romantic, Teddy bear: 34, GWM, black hair, interests include sports, country western music, wrestling, seeking slim to avg. built =1310

Milwaukee YOU WON'T BE

guys 21-35 for fun/poss. DISAPPOINTED, bttm seeks endowed top for rel # 1721 goodtime only, leave name number =2763

Milwaukee 30, 5'11, 175lbs, sandy blond top, interested in meeting men, I travel alot =2591

Lacrosse Wisc. 24. 5'2, 125lbs, blond, blue eyed, seeking goodtime or rel, w/men 21-35, l eniov working out, sports, climbing hiking, and the outdoors, call for hm

number = 2253 C. Wisconsin, men 25-40 muscl. built for long lasting rel. = 2202

32 yr old, BM, enjoy movies, theatre, interested in tall dark mediterranean type , coll for hm # = 2052

Milwaukee: | DRESS TO PLEASE! 33 yr old GWM, TV, 6', 200lbs, totally shaven w/ brwn hair, w/naughty outfits call sandy and take charge = 2500

Kenosha, WI: Ready for serious Rel. Husky bear type Trusting, funloving sincere 40, any race ok, # 1684

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hairy, looking for younger adorable guy ready to explore serious love = 1390

> Milwaukee: Let's develop a Friendship. I' m a GWM, 29, 185lbs, sports minded, and like outdoors and indoor activities, # 1617

Madison, WI: 41 yr old, hairy male seeks smooth slender and safe guys under 30 = 2115

Milwaukee, 29 yr old, SPORTS enthusiast, I like going out dancing and the great outdoors and new movies, # 1541

Tim, Madison, HAIRSTYLIST; 26, 5'9, 140lbs, dark curly hair, chiseled features, # 1849

Keep me out of the BARSI I'm a fun 6'1, blond, blue eyes, looking for 26-40 yrs old, No BS games please, must be willing to commit. # 1380

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experience # 8960 Madison, Wisc, 30s,

5'10, 175, very open and excitable, # 8807

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begin at noon, with a rally at DuPont Circle, the heart of Washington's Gay community. It will then proceed through downtown D.C. and end at the White House.

During his campaign, President Clinton promised a "Manhattan Project" to find a cure for AIDS. But 100 days into his administration, ACT UP believes he has failed to take any action. The Manhattan Project was a highly coordinated crash program during World War II to build the atomic bomb. The project had the full backing of the President and the Secretary of War, as well as having unlimited access to funds.

ACT UP believes the present AIDS research effort is incapable of bringing the AIDS crisis to an end. The structure and processes of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have been a barrier to the testing of divergent hypotheses, the prime tenet of quality scientific research. Both governmental and private AIDS research is slow, uncoordinated and unproductive.

ACT UP wants the federal government

Minnesota Becomes 8th Gay Rights State

Republican Governor signed the bill April 2

St. Paul, MN - On April 2, Republican Gov. Arne Carlson signed into law a bill prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in housing, employment and education, making Minnesota the eighth state in the union to pass a Gay rights law.

The State Senate had approved the bill by a 37-30 vote, and the State House of Representatives supported it by a margin of 77-53

The chief sponsor of the bill in the State Senate was Allan Spear, an openly Gay member of the body since 1973 who this year was elected by his colleagues to be President of the Senate. The chief sponsor in the House was Rep. Karen Clark, a Lesbian.

Spear told The Minneapolis Star-Tribune:<> "The ultimate effect of the bill will be to provide more security for Gay and Lesbian people to live their lives in a productive and dignified way, without fear to take extraordinary steps to remove all barriers to developing a cure for AIDS.

The ACT UP/New York Congressional Action Working Group has developed the "Barbara McClintock Project to Cure AIDS." (McClintock was a pioneering geneticist.) This project would be jurisdictionally separate from the NIH and reporting to, but not directed by, the President through his Special Assistant on AIDS. The project would centralize and coordinate a massive research effort into the basic science of, and a cure for, AIDS.

"AIDS research is in the Stone Age," said Luke Sissyfag of ACT UP/Seattle. "It's been twelve years and there is not one effective treatment. They are not even sure HIV is the cause.'

"The need for a research project of this scale has become quite clear," he said. "We can't survive another year of ring-around-the-rosie at the NIH. Bill Clinton is killing time and people. He promised us a Manhattan Project on AIDS and we will hold his feet to the fire."

of losing jobs, without fear of losing the right to a place to live."

The bill does contain several exemptions from its provisions. Religious and youth organizations are entirely exempt, and owner- occupied duplexes are exempt from the housing provision. It takes effect on August 1.

A great deal of groundwork was necessary to achieve the victory. The state's Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council took the lead in forming a broad statewide coalition, called "It's Time, Minnesota," to gather support for the bill.

Intensive lobbying and coalition-building resulted in virtually all of the state's major religious denominations, labor unions and business organizations supporting the bill. The state's Log Cabin Club, a group of Gay Republicans, worked hard to win over Republican legislators. Special efforts were made to gain the support of representives outside the liberal Twin Cities area.

Minnesota now joins the original Gay Rights State, Wisconsin; and Hawaii, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, California and New Jersey in extending civil rights protections to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual citizens.

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MILWAUKEE INEXPERIENCED BUT WILLING TO LEARN: 6'2, blond/blue eved, #4097

MILWAUKEE EAGER TO PLEASE: 26 YR OLD, bitm seeking aggressive top to show me the ropes. ±4170

MILWAUKEE SENSUAL REL WANTED: 23 YR OLD, profess. 6'1, interests include sports & weightlifting. #4224

Milwaukee DO THE WILD THING: 26 yr old bitm seeks endowed top man for discreet good times let's play. =3483

Milwaukee YOU CAN CALL ME AL: BM, for good times, call my mailbox =2441

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Milwaukee Women Plan Community Center

Goal is Lesbian social facility

Milwaukee — A small group of Milwaukee women is making plans and building support for the establishment of a Women's Cultural Community Center. The women describe their goal as a "Lesbian social facility," similar to Apple Island in Madison.

"Since the closing of Sistermoon Feminist Bookstore and the Women's Coalition in the mid-1980s, Milwaukee Lesbians haven't had any central meeting place or information center," Rosemary Caravella, one of the planners, told In Step. "We'd like a place we can call our own again."

The group hopes the center will "centralize the availability of services for Lesbians" by encouraging the sharing of ideas and resources; provide a supportive and safe environment for women's gatherings and cultural events; function as a unifying force for organizations and individuals serving Lesbians; and reinforce and maintain the principles of feminism.

The idea for the new center originated among members of Milwaukee's West Side Dykes group. The core committee working on the project includes Caravella, Mimi Memmel, Jill Sanfilippo and Bonnie Austin. Each have enjoyed occasional trips to Madison's Apple Island for self-help classes or concerts and dances and decided it was past time that Milwaukee had its own vibrant social center.

"I was very fed up and frustrated with the lack of a regular meeting place in Milwaukee," said Sanfilippo. "I really think we need a centralized place where women can come and find out what's going on in our community. And if we come together and pool our resources, we'll be much more effective."

The organizers have been busy

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conducting the groundwork to launch the center. They consulted with women who tried to establish a Women's Building in Milwaukee in the 1980s and got some practical advice as well as a valuable list of potential donors. They have hammered out a proposed structure for the center and are currently drafting Articles of Incorporation. They plan to file for non-profit status.

Plans call for the center to operate under the direction of a Board of Directors by committees drawn from individual and group membership. Among the committees will be those responsible for event production, cultural diversity, finances, membership, newsletter/publicity and volunteer coordination.

The women unveiled their plans for the Women's Cultural Community Center at the March meeting of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and were pleased with the response.

"LAMM members seemed pretty excited about the idea, which is great, because all of our efforts are going to depend a lot on community support," said Sanfilippo.

Caravella, a veteran activist who helped start the Task Force on Battered Women in the 1970s, was encouraged by the response as well. But she was realistic about the hard work that will be needed to reach their goal. "I must be nuts!" she said, then added philosophically: "It's the Aries in me."

Caravella said the advice of an attorney and financial planner would be very helpful to the group at this stage. The group's first fundraiser, probably a Pancake Breakfast, will be scheduled soon, with other events planned for this summer. The group also wants to expand its mailing list.

(To volunteer for the group, to donate money or to get on the mailing list, call (414) 264-9927. Or contact the Women's Cultural Community Center at P.O. Box 71230, Milwaukee, WI 53211.) In Step . April 8-21, 1993 . Page 87

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Senate Hearings on Pentagon Underway

Mixed Results From First Round of Witnesses

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — On March 29 and 31, the Senate Armed Services Committee held its first round of hearings on the issue of lifting the Pentagon's ban on Gays in the military. The reaction among Gay activists was mixed, but the overwhelming impression gained by even objective observers was that the committee itself is stacked with senators who oppose lifting the ban.

The committee's chairman, Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA), who has repeatedly stated his opposition to changing current policy, must have anticipated charges of bias. On the first day of testimony, he said defensively: "When the interests of some individuals bear upon the cohesion and effectiveness of an institution upon which our national security depends, we must move very cautiously. This caution, in my view, is not prejudice, it is prudence."

Most other committee members indicated that their minds were made up.

Democrat Jim Exon of Nebraska bluntly stated: "Am I open-minded on the President's proposal? No. Am I open-minded on the proposition that homosexuality be open and approved in the service? No way."

Other vocal opponents on the committee include Republican Senators Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, formerly one of the south's leading segregationists, Dan Coats of Indiana, John McCain of Arizona and Alan Simpson of Wyoming.

Sen. Lauch Faircloth (R-NC) was candid about his lack of knowledge: "If there is anything I don't know much about, it's homosexuality."

The only two committee members who expressed support for the change were Democrats Carl Levin of Michigan and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Kennedy let his feelings be known at the outset: "It's time for the armed forces to stop discriminating against anyone because of who they are and what they do in their private life. Condoning prejudice is an appalling means to unit cohesion. Whatever name discrimination takes, it ought to be exposed and rooted out."

TESTIMONY AT THE HEARINGS

The most dramatic testimony in support of lifting the ban was given by Lawrence J. Korb, a former Assistant Secretary of Defense in the Reagan administration, who actually wrote the current regulation excluding homosexuals.

"I find no convincing evidence that changing the current policy would undermine unit cohesion any more than the other social changes that society has asked the armed forces to make over the past 50 years," said Korb.

Korb said that strong leadership by commanding officers and rigorous training would discourage any disruptions in the ranks.

Korb was questioned aggressively by Sen. McCain, who denied any knowledge of a report, commissioned by the Pentagon itself, which had disproved the notion that Gays were a security risk and concluded that they were suitable for military service. McCain hadn't seen it because the Pentagon, unhappy with its findings, had suppressed it. Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA) obtained a copy and released it to the press. Korb said he would be glad to get McCain a copy and enter it into the committee's record.

That day's testimony also included lengthy discussion about the qualities which create unit cohesion and whether introducing openly Gay troops into military units would reduce that necessary cohesiveness.

The earlier day of testimony was dominated by legal aspects of the policy.

David F. Burrelli of the Congressional Research Service testified that the Pentagon already discriminated against whole classes of people — those physically unqualified or with criminal records, single parents, conscientious objectors, etc. suggesting that it had a legal right to exclude Gays as well,

But Burrelli also sympathetically discussed the double bind of Gay troops who, during the Persian Gulf deployment, were shipped overseas without question at a time of needed manpower, only to find themselves facing discharge after returning home.

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When Sen. Exon asked him if Gay soldiers were more subject to blackmail. Burrelli replied that forcing Gays to hide their sexuality was what created potential security risks.

A "RUBIK'S CUBE" OF LEGAL QUESTIONS?

Law Professor David A. Schlueter urged the committee to give special consideration to the views of military commanders; "The persons best able to assess the risks to discipline are the individuals who must deal with that issue on a daily basis."

Schlueter also warned that if the ban on Gays were lifted, the Pentagon would have to rewrite the Military Code of Conduct, that it might be forced to grant housing and benefits to the partners of Gay soldiers. and that Gay troops might demand affirmative action quotas.

Schlueter said lifting the ban would create a "legal Rubik's cube" of unanswered questions.

Several experts also detailed the court-martial procedures in place to discharge Gay soldiers, despite the fact that most Gays and Lesbians are ousted through non-judicial administrative proceedings.

Alan Berube, author of Coming Out Under Fire, a history of Gays in the military, told USA Today: "They painted a picture that was totally distorted. There were dozens of sins of omission."

And a frustrated Margarethe Cammermeyer, the highly decorated Vietnam veteran who was discharged last year, said: "What would be nice before too much transpires is if they sat down to hear our stories, to personalize it."

In upcoming weeks, the committee will hear testimony about how other countries have managed to integrate Gays in the military. The committee will travel to several military bases to hear from soldiers and commanders in the field. They will also hear from Gays currently in the military (who will somehow be allowed to disguise their identity) and Gays and Lesbians who have been discharged. They will hear from Gay rights advocates and the top brass of each branch of the services.

IS PRESIDENT CLINTON BACK-SLIDING?

As the hearings began, the greatest question among Gay activists was President Clinton's commitment to the issue. He shocked many Gays and Lesbians when, at a news conference March 23, he said that segregation of homosexual troops might be a viable solution.

"I wouldn't rule that out, depending on what the grounds and arguments were," said Clinton, "The courts have traditionally given wide berth to the military to make judgments of that kind in terms of duty assignments."

Clinton's comments caused a firestorm of protest from Gay leaders, including long-time Clinton advisor David Mixner.

In a speech at the Metropolitan Community Church in Dallas, Mixner addressed the President directly: "Mr. President, do not negotiate our freedom away. Separate assignments and separate units is no more than old-fashioned segregation."

"Bigotry that wears a uniform is nothing more than a uniform with a hood," said Mixner. "Segregation is morally repugnant to us and we will never, ever accept segregation as a sign of progress."

David Smith of the Campaign for Military Service told USA Today: "If the Clinton administration continues to pursue this line, we're going to fight them. We view any segregation of Gays as total capitulation to the opposition."

Within days, the White House hurriedly invited Gay leaders to a fence-mending session.

"We made it clear to the President's representatives that our people are very anory and must have assurances of the President's commitment to eliminating the policy of discrimination," Thomas B. Stoddard of the Campaign for Military Service told The New York Times.

The activists also urged that Clinton move more quickly to fill the many appointed positions still vacant at the Pentagon. They expressed concern that the absence of supportive civilian leaders there is leaving Defense Secretary Aspin out on a limb and encouraging the military brass to defy the President and undermine his policy change.

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MARCH ON WASHINGTON LOOMS LARGE

Andrew Barrer of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, a major Democratic fundraiser who attended the White House meeting, also used the April 25 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Rights as a bargaining wedge. He told the Times: "We said that march could either be a celebration or a protest that we're not getting equal treatment."

The March on Washington, once derided as a hopeless effort and waste of resources by some, has gained enormous momentum from the national debate about Gays in the military. The march is shaping up to be potentially the greatest display of Gay power and unity in the modern Gay rights movement.

Lift the Ban!

Call Hotline #9355 Now

By Ed Bailey

While the opposition is gaining ground our side is not being represented. A Washington, DC entrepreneur, John Guggenmos, decided to act on his principles by setting up an advocacy hotline.

Guggenmos, part-owner of The Tracks Washington's largest Gay nightclub, is taking President Clinton at his word and asking Congress to honor his promise to lift the ban. Supporters are urged to call the 800-number Hotline he set up to deluge Congressional offices with mail demanding the ban be lifted.

Be involved! Don't wait for national organizations to speak for you! Participate in grass roots democracy by calling Western Union toll-free at 1-800-258-2222 and ask for HOTLINE # 9355. Give the operator your name, address and telephone number.

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22 Wisconsin Legislators Urge An End To The Ban

"Support Pres. Clinton's efforts to end discrimination against Gays & Lesbians in the Military."

Madison - Twenty-two state legislators - including the Senate President, the Assembly Speaker, and the Assembly Majority Leader - have joined with Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian state legislator, Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison), in sending a clearly worded message to all ten members of Wisconsin's current Congressional Delegation. That message: "We are writing to urge you to support President Clinton's efforts to end discrimination against Gays and Lesbians in the military service."

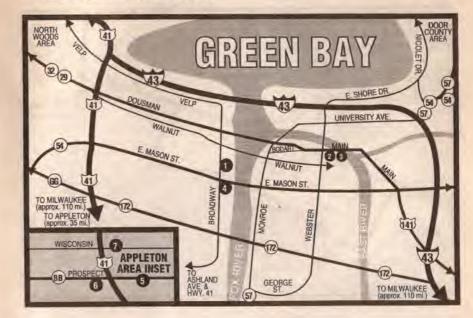
The letter was sent to Washington as Congress began hearings on President Clinton's plan to lift the military ban on Gays and Lesbians and less than a month before over a million Gays and Lesbians and supporters are to gather for a civil rights March on Washington on April 25.

Baldwin, Assembly Speaker Walter Kunicki (D-Milwaukee), Senate President Fred Risser (D-Madison), Assembly Speaker Pro Tempore Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee), Sen. Alberta Darling (R-River Hills), and Rep. Scott Jensen (R-Waukesha) circulated the letter.

Legislators from Superior to Racine responded by signing on to the letter, which is being sent to Senators Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, along with the other eight members of the delegation. (The First Congressional District seat is vacant due to Les Aspin's new duties as Secretary of Defense, which include implementing the new policy.)

"We believe that patriotic Americans should be allowed to serve their country regardless of their sexual orientation," the letter continues, "We are concerned that the current Defense Department policy is overly broad. We believe that discharge decisions should be conduct-based and should focus upon behavior which might interfere with military

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Flippy: Love is the answer, what was your question Yours, Drippy again?

Brett: Thanks for the opportunity to love you. You have made my days brighter, and my life happier. What a difference being loved makes. I'm glad you're mine, and thanks again for your undying love and support.

My love forever, Russell

Jeff W. (Jennifer Willams): Happy 30th Birthday. 1 know you're going to get back at me for all of this. But just remember. I have 18 months to go before I'm 30. Ha Ha Ha Love, J.J.J.

Jeff W. of Sheb .: To wish you and Adolf a Happy 30th and 104th Birthday, Which is which? Is Jeff 104 and Adolf 30222 Mr. XXX

Mz. Biolage (Danielle): I must admit that you have alot of nerve - I didn't think you had it in you. Seriously! But, in any case, it was fun while it lasted, but all things must end, and it has ended, in a very big way. Its been fun, have a nice life. The Lezbian Sisterz

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Special Thanks: To Bob and all Club 94 staff for your help with Drag-A-Rama, we couldn't do it without you. Mike C

Doug: Happy 4 month anniversary. I NEVER knew what happiness was till you came into my life. I thank God every day for bringing you into my life. I'll love you Love, George forever

Special Thanks To: S.E.W.A.P., N.I.A.P., Club 94, Baby Jane, Star E Nite, Tamara Tenille, Vivian Vivacious and all the Helens that helped with the show Helen of the year

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effectiveness. Such conduct-based rules should be applied evenly and without regard to sexual orientation."

The letter goes on to quote Wisconsin Adjutant General Jerald Slack, in a statement made last year, who said that as long as National Guard members perform their jobs and abide by rules of conduct, there should be no discrimination based on sexual orientation. "We could not agree more." the legislators write. "Each of us have Gays and Lesbians in our districts who could serve this great country with honor and distinction."

"We strongly support the civil rights of all Americans, regardless of their sexual orientation," the letter concludes. "Discrimination based on sexual orientation is no more tolerable than discrimination based on race, sex, nationality or religion. As our representative(s), from the first state

in the country to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation, we urge you to support President Clinton's proposal to end discrimination now occurring in the military."

The remaining signatories included Senators Brian Burke and Gwendolynne Moore and Representatives Peter Bock, Shirley Krug, Barbara Notestein, Rosemary Potter, Antonio Riley, and Leon Young (all of Milwaukee); Rep. Jeannette Bell (West Allis); Rep. Frank Boyle (Superior); Rep. Stan Gruszynski (Stevens Point); Rep. Doris Hanson (McFarland): Rep. Kimberly Plache (Racine); and Representatives Spencer Black and Rebecca Young (both of Madison).



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Group To Expose Anti-Gay Hypocrisy In Congress

Members Who Favor Pentagon Ban Targeted

Washington, DC — A group of former White House senior officials, Congressional staffers, lobbyists and consultants have organized the Nathan Hale Brigade. The Brigade plans to expose the hypocrisy of members of Congress who vote to preserve the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military but whose private behaviors allegedly belie their policy position.

The Brigade hopes to persuade members of Congress to consider all the ramifications of a vote against President Clinton's executive order lifting the ban on Gays and Lesbians.

Accessing established networks of Washington insiders, the Nathan Hale Brigade is compiling details of financial misconduct, marital infidelity, sexual harassment, the use of prostitutes and homosexual encounters by members of both the Senate and the House. Well-placed informants already have swom and documented reports of gross improprieties by individual members.

Philip Determan, the Brigade's "Commander," said: "The private lives of elected officials used to be off-limits to the press and public. But when the constitutional rights of a whole segment of our society are at stake, members of Congress cannot hold their constituents to one standard of behavior while they enjoy another." "Congress will vote after July 15 on whether Gay men and women can serve their country, whether they will live in segregated barracks, be relegated to non-combat assignments, or suffer other discrimination," said Determan.

"We don't think it's fair that the rights of a whole group of American citizens be decided by a handful of hypocrites. We intend to make sure no one will cast a hypocritical vote on this issue."

"Our initial effort is the collection of information from anyone with firsthand, personal knowledge of the improprieties of members of Congress," according to Determan.

Determan encouraged the public to address relevant correspondence concerning elected officials to: The Nathan Hale Brigade, P.O. Box 5830, Bethesda, MD 20824. Determan can be reached at (301) 652-8809.

Nathan Hale was an American Patriot executed by the British during the Revolutionary War. He was condemned as a spy and was hung at age 21. His last words were reported to be: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country."

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Wanted: Butch GWM, financially stable, 35-45, approximately 180lbs. & 6 feet tall, Call Ron (414) 792-1690 (days) or 783-4131 (night).

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GWM 38, 6'2" Bottom. Seeks friendship/relationship. Am very versatile, nice guy — hope to meet same. All answered, P.O. Box 17333, Milwaukee, WI 53217.

GWM 20, Professional/ ambitious, very good looking, active lifestyle. Seeking self-sufficient, motivated GWM for companionship/relationship. Should be young & attractive, physically fit, fun loving, and willing to commit time and energy to a relationship. Please send picture, resume, and letter of application (Just kidding- no picture necessary) to: P.O. Box 1351, Brookfield, WI 53008-1351,

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Kevin from Stevens Point: I met you at C'est La Vie on 3/27/93. I saved you from the weird guy. Please write. I'd like to talk to you more. Mark, P.O. Box 3/1842, Milw., WI 53234.





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How to contact your representatives about the Pentagon Gay ban

A poll of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation reveals that only three members show strong support for President Clinton's plan to end the ban on Gays in the military. Those men are Sen. Russ Feingold (D) and Reps. Tom Barrett (D) and Steve Gunderson (R). Sen. Herb Kohl and Reps. Gerald Kleczka and David Obey — all Democrats — are sitting on the fence, while the others strongly oppose the change.

In Step encourages our readers to let them know what you think. Here's a handy list with the important addresses and phone numbers you'll need.

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Second such decision in 2 years

Sarasota, FL — In the second such decision in as many years, a Florida judge has ruled that the state law prohibiting Gays and Lesbians from adopting children is unconstitutional.

In a strongly worded statement, Circuit Judge Scott Brownell said the law "totally fails any legal test and is unconstitutional."

Judge Brownell said the law violates the equal protection clause of both the Florida and federal constitutions because it "automatically rejects all homosexuals as adoptive parents without regard to the needs or limitations of the child or the abilities of the prospective parent."

Brownell said the law violated privacy protections of the Florida constitution by requiring applicants to reveal their sexual orientation. He also said the definition of homosexuality included in the law was too vague.

"What is a homosexual experience?" the judge asked. "Does one such experience disqualify one from adopting? One as a young person? Two? Five? What about bisexuals? What about homosexuals who are in traditional marriages?...Under this legislative scheme, those who admit [to being Gay] don't adopt, and those who don't admit do adopt, thereby placing a premium on lying."

The judge also said that the state had failed to show how sexual orientation made a person unfit to be a parent. He said that the plaintiffs' attorney, on the other hand, presented "overwhelming evidence" that "shows no significant difference in the success of parents as role models because of their sexual orientation."

The case arose after an application for adoption filed by James Cox and Rodney Jackman was rejected by the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services in 1991. Cox, a pianist, and Jackman, a state employee, wanted to adopt a special needs child – one with physical or mental handicaps – after they learned such children were hard to place. HRS denied their request, saying that their relationship lacked an "opposite sex role model."

Two years ago, a judge in Florida's Monroe County also struck down the law, saying "It has been conclusively proven that homosexuals are fit parents." The plaintiff in that case has gone on to adopt a child, but each judge's decision is only operative in the county over which he has iurisdiction.

The state has so far declined to appeal the two decisions to the Florida Supreme Court, because a loss there would mean the law must be struck from the books entirely.

Florida and New Hampshire are the only two states which explicitly forbid homosexuals to adopt. The Florida restriction was passed in 1977 at the height of Anita Bryant's anti-Gay crusade.



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In Step + April 8-21, 1993 + Page 21 Court Orders USA To Treat Haitians With HIV

Government Immediately Begins Treatment of 36 With Full-Blown AIDS

New York, NY — On March 26, a federal judge ordered the Clinton administration to provide better medical care to the Haitian refugees with HIV imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba or to transport them to a medical facility which can address their health problems. The judge gave the administration ten days to respond to the order. Within days, the government brought 36 of the detainees to the US for treatment. Those brought here for treatment had full blown AIDS.

Two hundred-fifty Haitian refugees who had been cleared for entry by immigration authorities were detained at the naval base after some of them tested positive for HIV. The Haitians have been imprisoned for 16 months amid conditions that even the administration concedes are substandard.





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Military doctors who testified in court said at least 36 of the Haitians were in need of immediate evacuation to hospital settings.

President Clinton is in a catch-22 situation. While he campaigned on a platform of lifting the ban on immigrants with HIV. Congress last month voted overwhelmingly to codify the ban. To allow the Haitians entry would be to defy Congress, but to ignore the Haitians leaves him open to charges of human rights violations.

Clinton could appeal the judge's order, but an attorney for the Haitians told The New York Times: "The government at this point should be offering apologies and not seeking appeals." Meanwhile, actors Susan Sarandon and Tim Robbins used their role as presenters at the Academy Awards ceremony March 29 to draw attention to the plight of the Haitians. "HIV is not a crime," Sarandon told the estimated 1 billion viewers. Sarandon was arrested last month at a demonstration in support of the Haitian refugees.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Florida Group Proposes Anti-Gay Initiative

Tallahassee, FL - Florida may become another battleground in the debate over Gay rights after a conservative group filed a proposal for a statewide anti-Gay rights initiative with the Department of Elections March 15.

The American Family Political Committee of Florida submitted a measure for referendum which would repeal all existing Gay rights laws and prohibit any organs of government from including sexual orientation in civil rights protections. A similar measure which passed in Colorado is being challenged in the courts.

The group, which led the "Take Back Tampa" campaign which won the repeal of that city's Gay rights ordinance, will have to obtain 429,000 signatures to have the referendum placed on the ballot in the 1994 general election.

A group called Floridians Respect Everyone's Equality (FREE) has been formed to fight the ballot initiative, and the state's tourism industry, aware of the lost revenue in Colorado as a result of the Gay boycott there, may also work against the measure.

Gav-Friendly Comic Strip Banned By Some Papers

Kansas City, MO - Several newspapers have censored the popular comic strip For Better or Worse because for a period of five weeks beginning March 26 the strip is dealing with a 17- year-old character, Lawrence, coming out as Gay. The comic strip has Lawrence coming

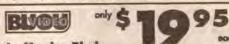
out to his best friend Mike and to his parents. In one episode, Mike tells Lawrence he can't believe it and shrinks away from him. Lawrence responds: "You're my friend Mike! There's a big difference between friends and lovers! ... And right now, I really need a friend."

"It was condoning homosexuality almost to the point of advocacy," said Thomas Mitchell, editor of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, which refused to run the strip. An editor in Sedalia, Missouri declined to run it because "we are a conservative paper in a conservative town." For Better or Worse is created by artist

Lynn Johnston of Ontario, Canada.



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Accused Sex Offender Savitz Dies Before Trial Begins

Philadelphia, PA — Businessman Edward Savitz, accused of paying boys to have sex with him, died of complications of AIDS March 27 just days before his trial was to begin.

Savitz garnered national headlines last year after he was charged with multiple counts of indecent assault, sexual abuse of children, deviate sexual intercourse and corrupting the morals of minors. The media sensationalized the case when it was learned that Savitz had AIDS.

Savitz, 51, died at a hospice. A juDge had ordered him transferred from prison in his last days. Attorney Barnaby Wittels told the Associated Press of his client: "He was tried and convicted in the court of the media. He has not gone to trial and he never will."

AMFAR Awards Grants To Study Women With HIV

Washington, DC — The American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR) has awarded \$80,000 in Public Policy Grants to four projects that will study pressing issues surrounding women and HIV.

The grant to Nancy E. Kass of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health will study maternal-fetal relations in the context of HIV research and care.

Theresa McGovern, Director of the HIV Law Project of New York, will help remove barriers that exclude women from clinical trials of experimental HIV drugs.

Karen H. Rothenberg, Director of the Law and Health Care Program at the University of Maryland, will study the relationship between HIV, partner notification and domestic violence against women.

Finally, the WomanCARE Project will help advocates for women to ensure that the Ryan White CARE Act is responding





fairly to the needs of women.

Two Major Papers Respond To Gay Rights

New York, NY — The nation's most widely read financial paper. The Wall Street Journal, acting in response to requests by its staff, has officially banned discrimination based on sexual orientation. "All of us must treat each other with respect, courtesy and consideration," publisher Peter Kann said in a written statement.

Meanwhile, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, following a meeting with representatives of the local chapter of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, decided to publish the announcements of same-sex couples holding weddings or commitment ceremonies.

While several other major dailies have been publishing same-sex social items for a few years, The Journal- Constitution is believed to be the first southern paper to do so.

Liz Taylor Dedicates Oscar To PWA's

Los Angeles, CA — Actress Elizabeth Taylor was honored at the Academy Awards March 29 with the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award for her tireless crusade against AIDS. In her acceptance speech, Taylor dedicated the special Oscar to "all the men, women and children with AIDS...the real heroes of the pandemic."

Taylor then delivered an eloquent plea for tolerance, calling on all those in earshot "to prove that we are a human race; to prove that our love outweighs our need to hate; that our compassion is more compelling than our need to blame; that our sensitivity to those in need is stronger than our greed; that our ability to reason overcomes our fear. And that at the end of each of our lives, we can look back and be proud that we have treated others with the

White Underwear Party Sat., April 17 LIGHTS OUT! kindness, dignity and respect that every human being deserves."

Gay Bashers Must Make Public Aplogies

Russellville, KY — Two men who pleaded guilty to harassing the personnel at a Gay-owned bed and breakfast in Logan County have been ordered by the judge to make public apologies for their misdeeds. The Stone Mountain Inn was featured on a recent NBC news show called The Gay Nineties.

Brian L. Harris, 19, was accused of attempting to run down the inn's security guard. He was given a 30 day sentence (probated for a year), must have an apology published in a local newspaper and must help repair a portion of the inn's driveway.

Christopher Rager, also 19, pleaded guilty to making harassing phone calls to the inn. He must perform three days of community service and also make a public apology to the owner.

Thousands of Lesbians Gather For "The Dinah"

Palm Springs, CA — In what promoters touted as the "largest annual Lesbian gathering west of the Mississippi," thousands of Lesbians descended on Palm Springs March 23-28 for the Nabisco Dinah Shore Ladies Professional Golf Association tournament.

Over the past decade, "The Dinah," as regulars call it, has become an increasingly Lesbian-dominated event. Local resorts and bars cater to the thousands of middle and upper income women who spend the week, providing such popular entertainment as Lesbian comic Kate Clinton, art and erotica shows, huge all-women dances, whipped creme wrestling contests and, at the Desert Palms Inn, the "Night of 2,000 Women" gala.

Golfing often takes second place to the partying at "The Dinah," where this year Sweden's Helen Alfredsson was the tournament champ, winning \$105,000. — Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

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think you're surrounded by people with extravagant needs and intimacy confusions and obsessive streaks and gnawing but cute desperations. But you'll soon discover that you're actually gazing at the workings of your own inner gaga. You're the one with extravagant needs and intimacy confusions and obsessive streaks and gnawing but cute desperations.

Once you get over the shock of having your inside-out feelings turned outside-in, I'm sure you'll love the sensation of being in two places at once.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): If you'd let me spend a day with you, I'd half-rescue you from your darkest secret. I'd help you see the difference between self-destructive self-control and the liberating kind. Together, we'd track down a close approximation of God near a convenience store. We'd throw food at each other until our problems didn't seem so deadly serious any longer. We'd figure out how to get you to stop sputtering the same old exhausted fantasy you've rehearsed a million times before.

But since I can't spend a day with you, you'll just have to act as if you can do all these things for yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): To avoid getting too set in my ways, I make it a policy to change my religion once a month — and maybe you should consider doing the same. This month my new spiritual home is the Born-Again Pagan Church of Charismatic Asthmatics, I invite you to join me, if only for a couple weeks. (You don't have to have asthma to belong.) We have only three commandments: 1)Thou shalt be bored by consistency. 2) Thou shalt use confusion to make thyself smarter. 3) Thou shalt regard contradiction as the meaning of life.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 20): I hope you're ready for five more Forbidden Love Secrets. 1) If you put your lover's hand in a pail of water while he's sleeping, he'll sleeptalk all his secrets. 2) Eat red licorice before bed, and you'll dream of copulating snakes. 3) To feed the flame in your lover's heart, pour a libation of milk, holy water and three drops of your blood over a mandrake root carved in your lover's likeness, then bury it in a power spot. 4) To make your face as clear as a movie star's, plaster it with oatmeal for an

hour every day. 5) Avoid women who love too much and men who love too little, and you'll learn how to love just right.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 21-JAN. 19):

Even as we speak, the planets are conspiring to touch you in ways you didn't realize you needed to be touched. Any minute now you should begin to feel a pleasurable burning sensation in your soft underbelly, or else a ticklish electricity running through your funny bone.

What's it all mean? Maybe nothing. Or maybe it means so much that you can't possibly analyze its meaning. What a mysterious gift that would be. When's the last time you felt free of the need to have to understand everything?

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18):

Applications are now being accepted for the following positions: a skeptical optimist who looks normal but doesn't act it; an innocent truth-teller capable of gravity-defying leaps of logic; a cuddly extremist who likes to skip down sidewalks on rainy days; an anything-but-smooth operator who specializes in intellectual foreplay; and two compassionate game-players who aren't into games involving the abuse of beauty's power.

You, my versatile friend, are an ideal candidate for all those positions. I urge you to seek at least two of them.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 19): In my dream, you were lounging near an

my dream, you were tounging incar an overturned cance in front of a sundial not a hundred yards from the foot of a majestic waterfall. Big piles of lottery tickets lay scattered around you. You were so wrapped up in scratching the tickets that you didn't see me on the other side of the river. I was waving huge wads of Deutsche marks and Japanese yen, yelling and pleading with you to row over so I could give it all to you. But the noise of the waterfall drowned me out.

Tonight I'll try to go back into that dream. Only this time, since you will have read this message, I'm sure you'll notice me and row across to claim your gift.

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Real Astrology By Robert Brezsny

For the week of April 8

ARIES (MAR. 20-APR. 19): My heart tells me you'll soon have a change of heart about what the heart of the matter really is. To aid your musings, I present these lighthearted facts about the latest in cardiological research. 1)Excessive use of the word "I" indicates a likely heart attack victim — except among those born under the sign of Aries, in which the exact opposite is true. 2) Heart disease is more likely in those people whose hearts are least chaotic.

The healthiest hearts are characterized by irregularities and unpredictability — which you, of course, specialize in.

TAURUS (APR. 20-MAY 20): Picture video footage of hostages being safely freed; picture Mother Teresa bathing a leper with a look of ecstasy on her ancient face; picture earthrise from the moon's point of view. These exercises in visualization will begin to give you an idea of what you need to bring into your life right now.

To complete the assignment, envision Bill Moyers mudwrestling Elizabeth Taylor to raise money for charity; envision a billion gallons of lemony fresh cleaner traveling by train to the army's worst toxic waste dump; and finally, envision yourself wearing anything but a hair shirt as you make a pilgrimage to the sanctuary where you feel most at home in the world. GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Life is totally unfair, and you'll soon be living proof — in reverse! You'll have such impeccable timing and dumb cosmic luck that envious people will silently accuse you of getting far more than your fair share. So many blessings will fall at your feet, in your lap and on your head that you'll be tempted to believe someone has organized a benevolent conspiracy in your behalf.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): The rumor mill hasn't bandied around your name this much since the last time you made it to the winner's circle inside the pleasure dome at the heart of Never Never Land. One reliable source has even begun to circulate gossip that you're conducting forbidden experiments in the lab — possibly involving a daring attempt to breathe life into inanimate clay.

Another unconfirmed report makes the incredible charge that you're in love with something other than love itself. I find this hard to believe, and thought I'd check with you about its veracity before squealing it around. What about it? Have you really decided to forever forsake lightweight romance for nuts-and-bolts eros?

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): If you were an island, you'd be Madagascar or Tierra del Fuego. If you were a jello flavor, you'd be raspberry-kiwi-peach. If you were a stuntperson, you'd be the one that got the job of riding a dirtbike in the church. If you were an animal, you might be a hummingbird attempting to negotiate a large body of water for the first time. If you were a celebrity, you might conceivably be a cross between Billy Idol and Ted Koppel. And finally, if you were a late night TV salesperson, you'd have more soul than any late night TV salesperson who's ever lived.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): The world and every little thing in it will be your faithful mirror this week. You may at first

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toward the end of the meeting Dr. Moore

made a point of telling her he would call

her within the next two days to schedule

the next meeting. Seven days later, she

had still not heard from him. Sounding

somewhat frustrated, said she guessed she

that we've gotten to the point of discussion

after 18 months," said Roger Persaud. "But

I thought they were just playing good

cop/bad cop, and they know they don't

TWO MAJOR DEMANDS REJECTED

outright "No's" to two of REASON's major

demands: that sexual orientation be added

to the school's anti-bias policies and that

Marquette officially recognize student

organizations that represent Gay, Lesbian

reiterated the essence of President DiUlio's

previous statement that religious

institutions had the right to hire people who

fit into their spiritual traditions, the

implication being that those who do not can

called a "cynical" statement that exposed,

however inadvertently, the "lack of values"

behind Marquette's position. Meyer said:

"Anti- discrimination is not a statement of

the university's goals, values or beliefs. It's

a legal document to satisfy the

unified "No" to the question of recognizing

openly Gay groups on campus. The

discussion reportedly centered around

fears that the potential militant activities of

All the administrators present gave a

PR Director Meyer made what Persaud

On the first point, legal counsel Bauer

The administrators continued to give

"I suppose it's a measure of progress

would have to call him.

have to give us anything."

or Bisexual students.

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requirements of federal law."

Meeting Brings Mixed Results

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee - Members of REASON, Rights and Equality for All Sexual Orientations Now, at Marquette University report "mixed results" after meeting with administrators of the Jesuit- run institution March 24.

Student activists had demanded a follow-up meeting with Marquette's top brass when they staged a historic sit-in in the office of the school's president, Father Albert DiUlio, on March 16. They took that action to demand that Marquette incorporate sexual orientation into its official anti-discrimination policies and to seek redress on a range of concerns to Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students on campus.

Ten members of REASON attended the subsequent meeting with administrators. They included Fr. William Leahy, Executive Vice- President of the university; Fr. John Piderit, Corporate Vice- President, Gerald Meyer, Public Relations Director; James Moore, Dean of Student Life; Sherry Coe-Perkins, Vice-President of Student Affairs: and Cynthia Bauer, Associate General Counsel for Marquette.

"TRYING TO PACIFY US"

"On the one hand, the meeting raised awareness among administrators about the need to protect and include Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students in university life," said Lisa Grav, a graduate student in theology.

"On the other hand," said Gray, "they did a lot of eager head nodding, like they were trying to pacify us without really taking action.

To illustrate her point, Gray said that

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for the museum and how their two-year-old son Gulliver hated potatoes. Then I signed the guest register and returned to my hotel, filled with the glory of the versatile potato. I hope I haven't gotten your hopes up, however, about making such a visit yourself, because last I heard, the museum had closed.

I know what you're thinking: it would be hard to top those two trips. But I actually have: when I went to the 1987 march on Washington. Oh sure, I didn't come away with any swell stuff like ceramic cats or potatoes (in memory of Dan Quayle) pins, but I did come home with a pretty nifty t-shirt. And a hundred wonderful memories: the reading of the names at The Quilt DuPont circle filled with hundreds of women holding hands with women, men holding hands with men. All the wonderful signs at the March: Minnesota: Land of 10,000 lakes and 400,000 Lesbians and Gavs: Cruise men not missiles: Chris Cagney come out. The young woman at the airport who, seeing our buttons and tshirts, came up to us and said that she had been in DC for a soccer tournament with her mother and had wanted to come to the March but her mother wouldn't let her, and then asked whether we could possibly spare a button for her. Seeing friends from all across the country, knowing we all had our own, very personal reasons for being there, but we all also had one reason for being there: to stand up for ourselves, to make a statement about dignity and the value of our very human lives, and to fight for the same sort of rights and privileges theoretically granted to the other citizens of this nation.

With three such memorable trips to DC behind me, I may be pressing my luck to go there yet again. But as many strides as we have made in the last five years, we still have so much to gain: lifting the ban on Gays in the military; recognition of Gay and Lesbian partnerships by government agencies, by our employers, and by our heterosexual family and friends; an end to the quiet sanctioning of open season on Gays and Lesbians by law enforcement agencies in many of our cities and towns; and end to discrimination of all kinds; and making one's Gay or Lesbian sexuality as commonplace and accepted as having blonde hair, or brown skin, or unsighted eyes, so that young men and women like the one we met at the airport would have their parents' understanding

and blessing to join in a march for a cause like ours. But if that were the case, we wouldn't need to march anymore, would we? And then all of my trips to DC could be centered around visits to museums and souvenir stores. (One can never have too many ceramic cats.)

But then I wonder: would I miss the excitement of seeing all of us there, the thousands and thousands? And then I think: if we miss each other that much, we can just throw one big damn party on the Ellipse!

in any case, I plan to be there again this year. And I expect to see you there too. ...

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Miss Thing Goes to Washington

"Citizen Zipter! Citizen Zipter!" Our nation's capitol calls to me... I know that citizen Zipter doesn't have quite the same ring as, say, citizen Kane, but the important thing is that DC is calling me. I only wish it was Hillary herself calling: what a babe. Cute, brilliant, powerful, and not only rumored to have had an affair with another woman in college (like who didn't, Gay or straight, man or woman?) but also rumored to be throwing out the first pitch of the Chicago Cubs baseball season. What more could a gal ask? Anyway, this isn't the first time the capitol city has beckoned to me. What is it that keeps bringing us together, the capitol and me? Kismet? A series of happy accidents? My travel agent? This winding up there again and again would make a certain amount of sense if I was only going there for marches of one sort or another. I mean, where else are you going to march to make a political statement of this magnitude? Peoria? Oh sure: it would make a statement all right. But the statement wouldn't be quite the same. Neither would the accommodations. True, there's Jumer's Castle Lodge, but those theme rooms get booked up pretty fast, and then where would the rest of us be? Over at the Motel 8 on Hwy. 88? The point is, of all the times I find myself in Washington, DC, very seldom is it to exercise my constitutional right to freedom of assembly and all that. But come to think of it, the very first time I was in DC, I did, in fact, march.

I was in the sixth grade and went there on trip with my grade school's safety cadets. I don't remember why the hell we were there, exactly. I think it was some sort of safety cadet convention or something but I remember that, for whatever reason, we were to march in some sort of parade. Those of us from Woodrow Wilson school all had matching red t-shirts and little red hats that looked like something you might see down at the VFW post. The most salient features of that trip for me were not the Washington Monument or the Jefferson Memorial or even marching down the same streets where presidents had trod or rode before me. What I remember most about my first trip to the hub of our nation was that my t-shirt hung down to my knees, my hat had to be taken in an inch in the back by my mother so it wouldn't fall down over my eyes, and I spent my souvenir money on a ceramic cat. The cat had nothing to do with DC, but it was cute.

Another of my more memorable trips there involved a visit to the Potato Museum. This, for me, fulfilled a lifelong dream. You may not know this about me, but it's time I come out of the tuber closet: I am a potato lover and I don't mean that in the biblical sense. I even have my own potato collection of sorts. Some people find this puzzling, wondering how both I and the Potato Museum preserve those potatoes: I can almost see visions of shriveled and moldering potatoes in their polite but disgusted faces. But neither of us collects the actual vegetable itself, just stuff relating to it. I have in my possession, for instance, a variety of potato-shaped bowls and containers, a crocheted potato on a crocheted couch, a pen shaped like a potato, potato pins, potato cartoons, and potato toys, including, of course, a Mr. Potato Head. In fact, for many years, I had a constantly changing Mr. Potato Head "sculpture" in my office at work. I have even corresponded with the National Potato Board, the potato's very own PR firm. you can imagine, then, what a sense of "these are my people" I had when I visited with the good folks at the Potato Museum,

Run by a schoolteacher out of his home, the Potato Museum was open by appointment only. When I knew that I would be in DC on business once, I made my appointment weeks in advance. What excitement: potato peelers down through the ages, potato chip boxes and containers from eras gone by, framed literary references to potatoes, and much, much more. In fact, he assured me, the museum boasted so many pieces, much of it was in storage at the time especially the larger pieces, like equipment for cultivating and harvesting potatoes. But the biggest thrill of all came when the curator and his wife invited me to dinner, which was potato (of course) gnocchi with marinara sauce. Over dinner, we talked of their disappointments: how they had not been able to get funding

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such groups would come into conflict with the university's policies and the teachings of the Catholic Church, which believes that homosexuality is sinful.

CATHOLIC DOCTRINE OVERRIDES FREE SPEECH

REASON members noted that the Marquette administration kept tight control over any free speech or expression on campus that challenges Catholic doctrine. On March 26, eight staff members of the Marquette Tribune, the student newspaper, resigned after a continuing conflict with administrators over an opinion piece on RU-486, the French abortion pill.

When REASON asked Dean Moore to activate a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Commission created by the student government 18 months ago, Moore made it clear that the Commission would never see the light of day.

"They clearly fear that an officially recognized Gay group on campus would be a challenge and an embarrassment," said Gray.

Two points that the administrators did seem to respond to positively regarded sensitivity training for Marquette staff members about Gays and Lesbians and adding anti-Gay harassment to the list of offenses prohibited in the student handbook.

BLUE JEANS DAY, APRIL 14

While waiting for another meeting to be set with administrators, REASON has forged ahead and organized Marquette University's First Annual Blue Jeans Day for Wednesday, April 14. Gray says all those who support Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual students at Marquette are urged to wear blue jeans that day. A forum on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual issues will also be held in conjunction with Blue Jeans Day.



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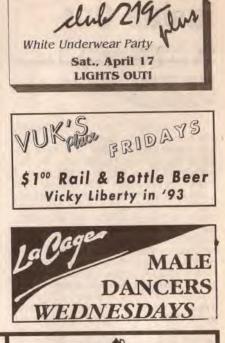
like Hawaiian Punch. Anything you remember enjoying.

Finally, do some reading on your own. Experiment with stuff, look for recipes that are easy and sound good to you. Remember that the Milwaukee AIDS Project has a nutritionist you can talk with and most homecare companies have good literature available on nutrition. And keep eating!

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(A Sometimes serious, sometimes irreverent look at living with AIDS. This is part 10 of as many as I can write before the Fat Lady Sings, or I run out of ideas.)

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My Party. Give them a call if you're interested and a talented dancer.

The 7th annual Make A Promise Dinner crew a crowd of nearly a thousand people. Over \$83,000 was raised for MAP during the grand event at the Pfister Hotel's fully-restored grand ballroom. The socializing, silent auction, vocal auction, comedy and live music and vocals, a quality meal, and celebrity-gawking all made for a memorable evening.

April Fools Day... Sure fooled us with a brisk little snow storm. But it didn't stop several fun events from going on... The Milwaukee Benefit Premiere of the film *Claire of the Moon* at the Downer Theatre April 1 drew approximately 340 paid admissions (mostly women). The crowd paid \$10 for the opening night ticket, with \$4 from each ticket going to benefit the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) and the other \$6 going to the Downer... The evening was co-sponsored by Wisconsin Light and In Step Magazine in recognition of LAMM's contributions to the entire Milwaukee Metropolitan area.

In was a "skin" April Fools in Madison (there they go again, taking off most of their clothes), with Wings holding another of their infamous underwear events. At Rod's it was "skin night". You get the idea...the heat generated couldn't quite melt ALL the snow falling outside, but it came close! Things were tamer in Milwaukee, with Station 2 offering those who dressed in a skirt half-price drinks; and Partners cautioned everyone; "Don't Be A Fool!"

This ain't no foolin'... that's it for this issue!



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In Step • April 8-21, 1993 • Page 30 STATE NEWS BRIEFS

State Bar Sponsors Seminar On Non-Traditional Families

Milwaukee/Madison — In a first for the legal establishment of Wisconsin, the State Bar on April 1 and 2 held day-long seminars in Milwaukee and Madison respectively on legal issues confronting non-traditional families.

Among those scheduled as presenters were Madison's openly Lesbian judicial candidate Shelley Gaylord, attorney Judith Newton, who is representing a Lesbian couple hoping to gain the right to a second party adoption, and Mary Bonuato of the Gay/Lesbian Advocates and Defenders of Boston.

Topics at the seminar included legal problems in forming and dissolving relationships, custody and guardianship issues in non- traditional families, estate and family planning issues, partnership agreements between unmarried partners, and health, death and dying concerns.

The seminars were videotaped and will be viewed by audiences in Green Bay, Rhinelander, Eau Claire, La Crosse, Oshkosh, Superior, Wausau and Hudson at later dates. In Step will provide a more in depth report in the next issue.

United Reports Huge Increase In Client Contacts

Madison — The United, Madison's premiere Gay and Lesbian service organization, logged a record number of client contacts in February. A total of 1,250 people either called or stopped in at the office to utilize the group's services that month. Last year, the average number of client contacts per month was just 750.

"We're growing by lavender leaps and bounds!" exulted The United's Director, Jane Vanderbosch. "It's awesome. I don't really know how to account for it. It boggles the mind."

Vanderbosch speculated that the new office at 14 W. Mifflin Street on Capitol Square was more visible and accessible to people. A stepped-up outreach effort, including ads in Isthmus, Feminist Voices and the state's Gay publications may also contribute to the increase.

Vanderbosch noted that the group still has only one and a half paid staffers and that increased funds are needed to accommodate the growing number of people seeking information and services. A fundraiser at The New Bar is set for April 17 and a "Queer of the Year" dinner and dance is planned for June 5. (See Group Notes for details.) Vanderbosch reminds supporters that donations to The United are tax-deductible.

Vilas County D.A. Accused of Homophobia

Eagle River — A defense lawyer representing a man charged with sexual assault has accused Vilas County District Attorney Steven M. Lucareli of "homophobic prejudice." But his motions to charge Lucareli with misconduct and to have the case dismissed were denied by the judge.

Dist. Atty. Lucareli wrote a letter to attorney Timothy L. Vocke calling Vocke's client "a fat-faced wealthy businessman with a predilection for young boys."

"Face it," wrote Lucareli, the client "is the stereotypical image most people think of when they hear the word 'Gay."

Vocke also filed a motion to prohibit the inclusion of photos of nude men found at the suspect's home to be entered into evidence.

James R. Dedricks, 44, is charged with assaulting a 19 year old who had come to do some gardening on his property. If found guilty, Dedricks could receive up to ten years in prison.

Shelley Gaylord Targeted By Hatemonger

Madison — Shelley Gaylord, the prominent Lesbian attorney and judicial candidate (In Step went to press before the April 6 election), was the subject of derogatory slurs scrawled on a newspaper article about her and dropped at the The United's office in March.

The United's Director, Jane Vanderbosch, said xeroxed copies of an article about Gaylord from a recent issue of Wisconsin Light were found shoved under The United's door one morning. Scrawled across the story were comments like "Dyke Bitch" and "Kill the Bitch."

Vanderbosch was unsure whether those responsible for the hateful message dropped it off, or whether a Gay-friendly person had made a copy of what they found and left it at the office for community 4815 West Prospect Ave. (Hwy BB)• Appleton

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Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

Eat It! Some Thoughts on Diet and Nutrition

Most of us dealing with this delightful plague often become obsessed with appetite, diet and weight loss/gain. It appears that the *wasting syndrome*, the unexplained loss of weight, continues to annoy us and baffle doctors. Sometimes it's for short periods of time, and sometimes it's for short periods of time, and sometimes it continues until death us do part. The fascinating and/or macabre aspect of the "wasting syndrome" is that there appears to be no known cause and no known cure. We have to deal with it the best we can and hope it goes away, before we do.

For a while when my weight was way down, I had to unlearn over ten years of good eating habits. Suddenly I was encouraged to eat butter, cheese, drink whole milk, and indulge in snacks like potatoe (the Dan Quayle variety) chips, I could eat anything I wanted. The only problem, was I often didn't want to eat anything. So I tried to force myself to eat even when I wasn't hungry. Actually, for a period of time nothing appealed to me, and certainly, nothing tasted good. I found that I was drinking Ensure, a dietary supplement, or Carnation Instant Breakfast in lactose-reduced milk, just for calories and some nutrition.

Some things I've learned either from experience or reading that can be useful are: stay away from favorite foods when you're nauseous, this will avoid associating things you like with events you don't like. Eat when you're hungry, no matter what time of day. If something smells or tastes good to you at a particular moment, eat it! One thing I found helpful when my appetite was really poor was to have cold cereal and a banana for lunch. It was easy to eat, it stayed down and was very nutritious. I also found that microwave dinners were good, also those rice or pasta side dishes and any comfort foods, things from your childhood that you liked a lot and may no longer eat. On bad days, these made good, easy-to-fix meals.

Another way to eat better and eat more is to eat with friends and/or family. I found eating easier when I didn't have to think about food preparation and clean up, and when someone was there to cheer me on.

By now, I think most of us know that pasta, beans, and rice along with fruits and vegetables are some of the best things for us. Usually they can be prepared in ways that we can eat almost anytime, even when we don't feel particularly hungry. Along these lines there are two helpful paperback books on food and nutrition. They are Eat To Win and Eat To Succeed both by Robert Haas. They contain good information and really healthy decent recipes stressing the use of rice, beans and pasta. However, if you try any of his recipes cut the quantities in half and increase the seasonings.

People with AIDS are now supposed to avoid some foods because of bacterial content. Interestingly enough, many of these are items of acquired tastes, and now that we've acquired them we're supposed to avoid them.

Things for people with AIDS to avoid: runny or sunnyside up eggs; Caesar salad (it uses raw eggs); Bleu cheese (it has active mold); any cheese with mold; cooked meat that is still red or pink (including of course raw beef with onions on rye bread). You can eat the rye bread and visualize the rest.

Another major problem many of us face is dehydration. When I didn't feel much like eating, I often didn't feel much like drinking. When I realized I needed to consume more fluids I started drinking soft drinks, the kind with real sugar. This added at least 100 calories per can to my diet, without any fat. I also started drinking more Gatorade, which is great stuff when you're dehydrated; it's easy to drink and it stays down. A cheap version of Gatorade is to just add two tablespoons of orange juice to a glass of water. Other beverages are those that qualify as comfort drinks, much like the previously mentioned comfort foods. Things from childhood, teen years or maybe college, like Ovaltine, hot chocolate with marshmallows (made with lactose reduced milk if necessary), or juice drinks

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In Step V April 8-21, 1993 V Page 31 leaders to see. Vanderbosch gave the material to Madison police who are investigating.

Infamous AIDS Speaker Canceled Weeks Before Quilt Display

Oshkosh — The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh has abruptly canceled a scheduled appearance by Dr. Lorraine Day, a surgeon who many AIDS activists believe has built her career on spreading misinformation about AIDS. Day is the author of AIDS: What the Government Isn't Telling You.

Day was scheduled to speak on campus April 14, just two weeks before panels of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt are to be displayed at the Kolf Sports Center. UW-Oshkosh has denied the two events are connected, but In Step has learned that AIDS activists, members of AIDS service organizations and even some politicians complained to the university about the "insensitive" timing of Day's speech.

The NAMES Quilt will be on display April 29-30 and May 1-2 at the Kolf Sports Center.

Teaching Assistants Negotiate For Partners' Benefits

Madison — The union representing almost 2,000 teaching assistants at the University of Wisconsin is making health insurance benefits for members' unmarried partners a central goal in negotiations for the 1993-95 contract.

Bill Sarvey, chief negotiator for the Teaching Assistants Association, has been meeting with Stephen Sargeant, the senior labor relations specialist for the Wisconsin Department of Employee Relations, to set ground rules for the bargaining sessions which begin on April 7.

Of the request for partners' benefits from the state, Sarvey told Associated Press: "We feel we have the moral high ground on that." In Step will follow up on results of the negotiations.

"Melanie Samuels" Gets 16 Year Prison Term

Milwaukee — Transvestite Derrick Hendricks, 37, also known as Melanie Samuels, was sentenced to 16 years in prison March 25 after pleading no contest to two charges of sexual assault and child enticement.

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Hendricks was charged with inviting teen-age boys to his home, giving them drugs and alcohol and performing sex acts on them. The boys believed Hendricks was a woman. Hendricks has breast implants and often dresses like a woman.

Hendricks has many prior arrests for prostitution, disorderly conduct and other minor offenses. His lawyer said Hendricks is HIV-positive.

At the sentencing, Hendricks told Judge Jeffrey Wagner: "I'm not an evil person. I am, however, a person who tends to get sidetracked in life."

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10th Anniversary International AIDS Candlelight Memorial May 23 Help bring the Candlelight

Memorial to your town

San Francisco — Mobilization Against AIDS announced that the 10th Annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization will happen worldwide on Sunday, May 23. The event, which began in San Francisco in 1983, is now the world's largest annual communitybased AIDS event. To date, it has been observed in 370 cities in 55 nations.

Observances have ranged from small gatherings in houses of worship to huge marches through city centers. The event honors the memory of those who have died of AIDS and demonstrates support for people living with AIDS.

MAA, the grassroots AIDS lobbying and educational organization that coordinates the event, is reaching into new territories, particularly in developing nations, to spur participation where none has existed before. The value of outreach to new areas is high: in many cases, participation in the AIDS Candlelight Memorial marks a community's first acknowledgement that people with AIDS live in its midst; and that AIDS is a local issue, as well as a global issue. In these and other cases, the event may be the only public show of solidarity with people whose illness often makes them the victims of hatred and discrimination. Currently, MAA is focused on finding groups or individuals willing to bring the event to their town.

"A single person, without previous experience, can bring the Candlelight to his or her town with our guidance and support, "MAA Executive Director Paul Boneberg said. "All that's needed is a little time and a lot of dedication. We've given birth to many AIDS activists this way."

MAA actively assists organizers by sending them posters, press releases, banners, public service announcements and samples of letters inviting public officials and dignitaries (Nelson Mandela, Bishop Desmond Tutu, President and Mrs. Bush and other heads of state have participated in past years.) MAA also provides referrals to those who want to know the locations of the observances nearest them.

Those who are interested in organizing an AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization in their area, who wish to find out about the nearest observance of the event, should call MAA at (800) 24-Lobby. People outside the United States should call (415) 863-4676 and reverse the charges. MAA is a grassroots, non-profit organization.

March Weekend Dance To Benefit Victory Fund

Dance Music Artists Rozalla & RuPaul To Perform

Washington, DC — International disco diva Rozalla and drag artiste RuPaul will perform at the Spring to Life dance party at Washington's Pavilion at the Old Post Office on Saturday, April 24 from 10pm to 4am

The event, held the night before the March on Washington, will benefit the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and the Robert Mapplethorpe Laboratory for AIDS research at Deaconess Hospital.

Spring to Life Fund, a new organization committed to raising money for both political causes and AIDS research, is expecting a crowd of 5,000 to attend the Spring to Life dance party, where there will be a light show designed by Richard Sabala and music by the nationally known DJ, Robbie Leslie, in addition to Rozalla and RuPaul.

A \$1,000 a plate dinner held earlier that

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shuttered the doors, complaining bitterly about no community support. She never mentioned that she had almost no stock. Or that she never smiled when anybody came into her store. Or that, since she hardly read anything she carried, she couldn't recommend anything. After about one visit, nobody went back, making it nearly impossible for the woman who followed to do any business.

On the other hand, when I needed to replace the old shiny black sports car with a new shiny black sports car, the dyke mechanic went out of her way to see if she could get me a better price than the local dealership. Though I won't need her services till the warranty runs out, whenever anyone asks me for the name of a good mechanic, guess who I recommend? Just like I recommend the dyke optician, who does better on price than Lens-Crafters, and remembers your name when you walk in the door. Good business practices deserve more business. The idea of doing business in our

where our vested self interest is, is, I think, still the best idea. And our part of the bargain.

But don't you just hate it when the community businesses truly believe we automatically owe them a living just because they're Lesbians or Gay men. Regardless of what kind of service, quality, or product they offer. Phooey!

There isn't enough money in circulation these days, that we can afford to donate an unnecessary thou' buck a year to business owners' incompetence just because we live in the same associational neighborhood. What we owe them is a chance to learn something from their failures.

So, you see, I had no choice. I had to fire the insurance agent. © Copyright 1993, Shelly Roberts.

(Shelly Roberts is the author of The Dyke Detector, How to Tell the Real Lesbians From Ordinary People, Paradigm Press.)





In Step • April 8-21, 1993 • Page 64 Cleaning out my closet By Shelly Roberts

Wassau Matter?

I really hated to do it, but I had no choice. I had to fire the insurance agent. Now what on earth, you are probably asking yourself, does that have to do with you? Well, since you asked, I'll tell you.

A while back, I got into serious trouble with a reader who took issue with me when I wrote about all the Lesbian and Gay men I do business with. The Mechanic. The Cleaners. The Printer. The Vet. The Dyke Doc. The Insurance Agent. Because I didn't mention any of the straight business people I interact with, she took me to task for being "Heterophobic."

Imagine! Me? Well, don't worry, she didn't live long.

The PC Swat team surrounded her house, chucked in tear gas, wrestled her to the sidewalk, handcuffed her, tossed her into the PC Police Car, and sped her off for Community Retraining. Well, okay, no. Actually, what they did was to bury her in responding letters that said stuff like, "When the world's a better place, and all of us are equal...," "Heterosexuality is alive and well without our help, but supporting our own, that's a conscious choice."

She hasn't written any letters to the editor again that we know of. At least not in this country. And I continue to espouse the active use of businesses in our own community. I think of it as my side of the deal.

But, yes, I did fire the dyke insurance agent.

It started off okay. When we needed new car insurance, we called for a quote for a two-Lesbians-over-twenty-fiveno-garage household. She wrote up your standard don't-run-over-anybody-or-intoanything-and-never-make-a-claim policy. I signed a note roughly equivalent to the national debt for a small agrarian country, and we drove away dyke-insured. Then Judi had her accident. Oh, no, nothing serious, thanks for asking. It just shook her up a bit. But it did do damage to a couple of Japanese quarter panels. And the insurance agent never called to ask if Judi was okay.

Of course, technically, that's not her job. Technically her job is to go to the insurance companies involved to make certain that we don't get substandard, made-in Cleveland replacement parts. It's her job to see that the insurance companies pay for the installation of those replacement parts in a service organization that is not currently under indictment. Still, we are in the same networking group. We have most of our friends in common. It would have been really good business to call, don't you think? And besides, she didn't do all that well at getting us the kind of company response we felt we deserved.

And then there are the tricks that an insurance agent, especially a dyke insurance agent, can play on your behalt. They're not illegal, or even misleading. But they can set up your policies so that two officially unrelated people living in the same household and sharing the same cars can get better rates. Not as good as if they were legally married, but not as much as if they were Hell's Angels trying to insure their Harley Hogs.

She didn't get us that rate. She got us into an expensive, special assigned risk rate pool. "Sorry." she said.

It cost us a thousand bucks extra a year. We were sorry too. Especially since I have a *perfect* driving record. No accidents. No tickets in the last five years for anything they could catch me at. So why do I have to pay so much extra freight?

"But," we said. "She's our Dyke Insurer, she wouldn't lead us wrong, would she?"

We paid the premium.

Then I ran into another (nondyke) agent, who quoted us a rate with a company with a name actually listed in my phone book. For a thousand bucks less. Oh, sure, he had to do a little home work to see that we got it. But he thought it was good business to do his homework. We did too. We signed up immediately. (The old agent still hasn't noticed that I canceled the policy with her company. Or bothered to ask why.)

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Wings bartenders Paul (Horse), and Mad Max demonstrate Erin-GO-Bra-lessness at their St. Pat's day festivities.

the uncanny ability to determine another man's sexual preference merely by eye contact. It's this extended eye contact, usually lasting a few seconds longer than is socially polite, which becomes the launching pad for most Gay relationships, juicy sexual encounters and severe eye irritation while trying to get the attention of cutest member of male dance revues.

Unfortunately, there are Gay men who suffer from defective Gay-Dar, and often cruise boyish looking Lesbians despite the fact many of these women wear Timberland boots, a profusion of pink triangle buttons and drive Toyota pick-ups with bumper stickers that read, "Real women don't eat men."

On the opposite end of the spectrum, some straight-appearing Stealth Homos are detectable only by the most sensitive Gay-Dar or because they host their very own gala-Gay talk show on public access TV. For these reasons, it's important to back-up a positive Gay-Dar detection with supplemental observation of obvious external characteristics before making a pass. The combination of any of the following, coupled with a positive Gay-Dar alert is considered clear confirmation of extreme homoness:

 Pink Triangle bumper sticker worn on forehead as fashion accessory.

2. Large mustache, styled with at least one can of mousse.

 Leather bomber jacket adorned with buttons featuring the likeness of Madonna, Streisand, Garland, Crawford or Divine.

4. Tiny dog with grand rhinestone studded collar, pooch named after a favorite character from any Broadway musical.

5. Annoying two-toned hair color while waiting for bad blond dye job to grow out.

6. Rumpled clothes, ruffled hair, dark circles under eyes and unwashed hand-stamp from some Gay bar's Rave party.

 Pink tank top purchased from International Male Catalog reveals pierced nipple or shaved underarms.

8. Latest copy of In Step opened to Juicy Bits by W.W. Wells.

Next Installment: "How to get rid of a man following a one night stand without coming off as a cheap, heartless tramp."

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Countering the Pentagon Arguments Against Gays

Questions and Answers as researched by the Military Freedom Initiative

Q: The issue of ending the ban should be studied before the President rescinds the anti-Gay policy.

A: No military personnel issue has been so studied, discussed and debated as the anti-Gay/Lesbian ban. The government's own studies on the issue have shown that the policy is unjustified and expensive to implement. Some of the results of those studies include the following:

The Crittenden report (formally the Report of the Board Appointed to Prepare and Submit Recommendations to the Secretary of the Navy for the Revision of Policies, Procedures and Directives Dealing With Homosexuals), March 1957: "The concept that homosexuals pose a security risk is unsupported by any factual data... The number of cases of blackmail as a result of past investigations of homosexuals is negligible. No factual data exist to support the contention that homosexuals are a greater risk than heterosexuals."

Nonconforming Sexual Orientations and Military Suitability, Defense Personnel Security Research and Education Center (PERSEREC), December 1988: "... the values that any society places on social acts are subject to change... the lessons of history tell us that the legitimacy of our behaviors, customs, and laws is not permanently resistant to change. Custom and law change with the times, sometimes with amazing rapidity. The military cannot indefinitely isolate itself from the changes occurring in the wider society, of which it is an integral part."

Preservice Adjustment of Homosexual and Heterosexual Military Accessions: Implications for Security Clearance Suitability, PERSEREC, January 1989: " ...the preponderance of the evidence presented in this study indicates that homosexuals show preservice suitability-related adjustment that is as good or better than the average heterosexual."

Defense Force Management: DOD's Policy on Homosexuality, U.S. Government Accounting Office, June 1992: "DOD annually expelled an average of about 1.500 men and women between 1980 and 1990 under the separation category of 'homosexuality." The cost of replacing those service members is \$28,226 for each enlisted troop and \$120,772 for each officer. The total cost to U.S. taxpayers of implementing the anti-Gay policy between 1980 and 1990 was therefore \$493,195,968. The report also stated the following: "Major psychiatric and psychological organizations in the United States disagree with DOD's policy and believe it to be factually unsupported. unfair and counterproductive. In addition, two DOD/service-commissioned study efforts have refuted DOD's position on the potential security risk associated with homosexual orientation as well as disclosed information that raised questions about the basic policy. Further, the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff have recently acknowledged that homosexual orientation is no longer a major security concern."

Q: Integration based on sexual orientation is not similar to integration based on race because race is a nonbehavioral characteristic while sexual orientation indicates a behavior choice.

A: Whether or not sexual orientation is a biological or behavioral characteristic is a constant issue of scientific study, with several recent studies indicating that there may be a biological link. Regardless of the cause of sexual orientation, many of the arguments used in 1948 during the debate about integration by race were actually based on the ideas that African-Americans engaged in different behaviors than white Americans and those behaviors would be disruptive to the effectiveness and morale of the military. The stereotypes invoked in 1948 were proven false and integration based on race was implemented. The stereotypes invoked this year are similarly false. The issue was never whether African-Americans could serve - the issue was racism. The issue now is not whether Gay men and Lesbians

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can serve, the issue is homophobia and discrimination.

Q: Won't military readiness be hurt by allowing Gays in the military?

A: Gay men and Lesbians are in the military — tens of thousands of them. They serve at all levels of the armed forces, including in the Pentagon. No one argues that they are not. They have even served bravely in Operation Desert Storm and are serving in Somalia. An executive order would insure that Gay men and Lesbians could serve their country openly and be treated with dignity and respect.

Q: Given the special environment of the military, the presence of openly Gay and Lesbian service members invades the privacy rights of heterosexuals in the foxholes, showers and sleeping quarters.

A: These comments are based on the stereotype that Gay people cannot control their sexuality. Gay and Lesbian service members are in all those places today, and are behaving themselves appropriately. The penalties for inappropriate sexual behavior, whether by Gays or heterosexuals, should be the same and equally applied. Repealing the ban does not alter these regulations. The most similar civilian situation is that of fire and police departments which must often sleep, live and work in close guarters. The GAO study from June 1992 indicates that those agencies that have ended previous employment bans on Gay officers "have not experienced any degradation of mission associated with these policies. Most department officials did not identify problems related to retaining homosexuals in a work force."

Q: What about straight service members who fear sexual harassment and sexual overtures by openly Gay and Lesbian troops?

A: Sexual harassment is already prohibited and regulated by military codes of conduct. In recent years, we have seen that heterosexual service men have sexually harassed military women and violated many codes of conduct. The Tailhook incident shows that military leaders have often been slow to discipline troops who violate those codes. Instead of fearing the unsupported potential of sexual

harassment and misbehavior from openly Gay and Lesbian troops, military leaders should enforce the current policies fairly, regardless of the sexual orientation of the perpetrators or the victims.

Q: Won't the presence of Gay service members increase AIDS in the military? And what about blood transfusions in combat?

A: AIDS is permeating all sectors of American society, and HIV does not discriminate. The spread of HIV among recruiting age American young men and women is growing rapidly, as a result of failure to educate about the risks and selfprotection measures involved with HIV. The Department of Defense already has a strict HIV testing and screening policy and bars new recruits with HIV. The DOD also annually tests all personnel for HIV and tests those in rapidly deployed forces more frequently. The number of service members with HIV has remained fairly level at about 500 from year to year.

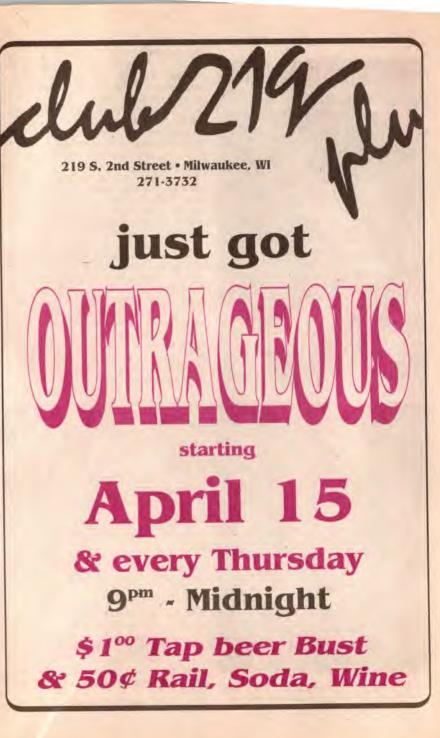
Regarding blood transfusions, the reliance on battlefield transfusions has been historically very low. Instead, the military relies on blood that has been previously stored. Service members with HIV are not placed in deployable units.

Q: Clinton should consult more closely with military leaders before moving forward on repealing the ban.

A: When President Truman issued his executive order banning racial discrimination in the armed forces in 1948, he received virtually unanimous advice from his senior military officers that this would be disruptive. President Clinton is knowledgeable about the Department of Defense's own studies on the issues that show no justification for the ban. President Clinton is acting as a leader to end discrimination. In 1948, the generals were wrong and strong presidential leadership by President Truman turned the country in the right direction. President Clinton has the same opportunity.

Q: Recent incidents indicate that violence against Gay men and Lesbians will increase in the military if the ban is lifted and they serve openly.

A: The Joint Chiefs of Staff and senior military leaders are responsible for the discipline and conduct of the troops. It should concern the U.S. public if military



Juicy Bits By W.W. Wells III

How To Find a Man, Part XXVIII

Just as some Gay men seem genetically predisposed to avoid relationships, commitment and joint pet ownership, other men are programmed to pursue them and are considered by many to be the Amway salesmen of Gay love. However, if my own research (which involves paying inordinate attention to the fantasy lives of friends) is to be believed, there isn't a Gay man on this planet who wouldn't trade in his rogue lifestyle for an on-going, trashy, sexual relationship with a Brad Pitt's face, or the rest of him for that matter. And while sex is the superglue that holds most Gay relationships together for the first 30 days, you will become less tolerant of your partner's more eccentric qualities as time goes by. As a rule of thumb, you'll be less than charmed with a partner who:

...raises a mega-stink at the Army recruiting office because he can't find the check-off box on the military application labeled, "Nellie the Wonder Queen."

... is convinced he's so incredibly witty he could be a regular on a Harvey Fierstein sitcom.

...met his last nine lovers during "drive by cruisings" in questionable neighborhoods.

...was inspired to become a drag queen by J. Edgar Hoover with make-up tips by Tammy Fave.

... has recently gone into therapy to deal with the psychological trauma caused by his circumcision.

... is so militantly hetero-phobic, he's declared a 100-foot radius around his home to be a Straight Free Zone.

...thinks "ethnic cleansing" has something to do with lvory soap and The United Colors of Bennetton,

The first few seconds of any long-term relationship begins with a homoalert issued by our built-in early warning system, commonly referred to as Gay-Dar. While recent budgetary cutbacks have delayed plans for a NASA-launched Gay-Dar satellite most Gay men are born with



The top three of eight contestants from Club 219's underwear party and contest. It was so successful, another one has been scheduled for mid-April.

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leaders cannot control the actions of their well-armed troops. If heterosexual service members act out their bigotry through violence against fellow Gay service members, military leaders must swiftly discipline the offenders. Gen. Colin Powell and the Joint Chiefs of Staff plus other senior military leadership must speak out as forcefully against anti-Gay violence by bigoted troops as they have against the Commander-in-Chiefs commitment to repeal the ban.

Q: The military is no place for a "social experiment" and we should respect heterosexual military members who don't want to serve with Gays.

A: When the military has led the nation in implementing civil rights, critics have labeled it "social experiment," such as during the racial integration of 1948, the change to an all-volunteer force in 1972 and the inclusion of women. This is not a social experiment. In fact, Gay men and Lesbians already work, live and even, in school and sport situations, shower sideby-side with heterosexuals throughout society. And Gay men and Lesbians are in the military. Discrimination is wrong and the anti-Gay policy should be repealed. The military is no place for bigoted service members who cannot cooperate and work with fellow Americans, Gay or straight, who wish to serve their country.

Q: The sexual practices of Gay men and Lesbians should not be permitted in the military.

A: Current military regulations prohibit many private sexual activities that heterosexuals engage in as frequently as Gay men and Lesbians. Those codes of conduct must be either revised to reflect the reality of individual sexual behavior, or must be enforced across the board regardless of sexual orientation.

Q: If the ban were lifted, would men dance with men in officers clubs and would women hold hands with other women on bases?

A: The military already has regulations prohibiting open displays of affection while in uniform. This policy would not change if the ban were repealed, and Gay and Lesbian service members would be required to follow the same policies as heterosexuals. However, Gay and Lesbian service members would have the right to

engage in behavior permissible for heterosexuals. Repealing the ban would end discrimination and allow Gay and Lesbian service members to serve their country openly and with honor.

Q: What about spousal benefits and other unresolved issues?

A: While these details are important, opponents of repealing the ban are using these issues as a smokescreen for their bigotry. Domestic partnership and other issues are regulated by the states and local jurisdictions and policy debates will continue for years in the public sector. The basic issue is this — the current policy blatantly discriminates against a whole class of American citizens and disqualifies them from military service without justification. The policy is wrong and must be repealed.

Q: Many other countries prohibit homosexuals from serving in the military.

A: Among NATO allies of the U.S., only Great Britain, Greece and Turkey have an explicit policy barring Gay and Lesbian service members, as in the U.S. In the past year, both Canada and Australia have successfully lifted their anti-Gay bans. The world-renowned Israeli military doesn't ban Gay and Lesbian service members. The U.S. military should be capable of this challenge and should move swiftly to end discrimination and retain many well-qualified Gay and Lesbian service members.

Q: If the ban were lifted, should Gay and Lesbian service members perhaps be segregated from straight service members?

A: Segregated forces are unacceptable and unnecessary. Gay and Lesbian service members already do serve side by side with heterosexual troops. Enforcing current codes of conduct and instilling a sense of respect for fellow service members, regardless of sexual orientation, is what is necessary to maintain good order and discipline in the troops. Segregation also sets people up for ridicule and harassment in a conformative military culture.

(The Military Freedom Initiative of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force challenges the anti-Gay discriminatory policy of the U.S. Department of Defense.)

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The Pivot Club's "hooray for Hollywood" weekend included a costume contest and lots of other Oscar-winning events. In the bottom picture several staffers pause for a photo.



Puppeteer Jerry Halliday brought his Vegas act back to Wisconsin for shows at the M&M Club and Pivot.



North Country entertained at Kathy's Nut Hut on St. Patrick's Day.



Partners swimsuit contest brought out some shapely bodies of both sexes, much to the delight of emcee (bottom center) Lizzie Bordeaux.

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Editor:

With Senate hearings now underway, it is of the utmost importance that our Wisconsin legislators here directly from as many members of the Gay Community as possible concerning the Gays in the Military issue. This applies to currently serving members of the armed forces, veterans and civilians, alike.

We can be sure that our bigoted opponents will be mobilized to defeat this effort, because they realize what a dramatic change opening the U.S. military to Gays and Lesbians will bring about, how important this issue is to all of us. As a six year veteran of the U.S. Army (Active and Reserve), I took it upon myself to write letters to the entire Wisconsin Congressional delegation, the President, and chairmen Dellums and Nunn. It would appear that Senator Feingold is already quite convinced of the justice in our cause. My letter from Senator Herb Kohl was less encouraging - he has yet to make up his mind

It's clear that our collective and individual lobbying efforts must be directed at Senator Kohl who, while seemingly sympathetic, remains noncommittal. Not only that, but the President's recent, shocking pronouncements that he might consider some sort of segregated status for Gays and Lesbians in the armed services has shown just how tenuous and susceptible his real position is: even he can't be taken for granted. I urge every one of you to call or write your Congressmen and the president within the coming weeks and months, and I urge both In Step and Wisconsin Light to keep those addresses and phone numbers within their pages until we have won this vital battle for our freedom.

Most Sincerely Yours, John Arthur Jahn, Milwaukee

(Editor's Note: The list of addresses and phone numbers are reprinted in this issue.)

Editor:

In the initial debate over the Department of Defense policy concerning homosexuals, many points were raised on both sides — which struck me as hysterical and far afield. As the discussion

renews, I hope that we can focus more closely on what all Americans are actually concerned with: The best solution for the future of the services and for the execution of their mission.

In the hysteria, lost somewhere between Gay activists and the military, is the pragmatic, practical reasons that this ban interferes with the mission of the military. I have summarized some of those concerns in a letter to President Clinton. A copy of this letter has also been sent to Secretary of Defense Aspin, General Colin Powell, Hillary Clinton and the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation.

If the President is not held to his initial promise to end discrimination in the armed forces, I greatly fear that when all of this is over, a tremendous amount of effort will have been expended to achieve very little. This is the opportunity to put this issue to rest, finally and completely.

Above all, this debate must not polarize Gay vs. straight Americans. The full acceptance of Gays into the military (indeed into all corners of our society) is in everyone's best interest and it is up to all of us to keep the discussion on that level. Sincerely,

Robert Davolt, Madison

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on both sides — which struck me as Member: I.G.T.A.

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NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

Quilt in Oshkosh April 29 to May 2

A flurry of activity is scheduled for the final weeks leading up to the display of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt in Oshkosh. The Quilt will be displayed at Kolf Sports Center on the UWO campus April 29-May 2.

A series of fund raisers continue through April 25:

* April 18, Sunday: Art's Desire, a silent art auction at the Granary in Oshkosh. Works by Wisconsin artists, antiques, handmade quilts, exotic desserts, coffee and wine. 4pm. \$7.50 advance, \$10 at door.

 April 25, Sunday:
 Performance by Northern Lights, a Green Lake folk group, in the Downunder Room,
 Reeve Union, UWO campus. Sponsored by
 UWO Women's Center. 6pm. Admission \$7, \$5 students.

Area residents who have lost loved ones to AIDS are also busy completing panels to be presented during the display. Each 3 by 6 foot panel is as unique as the person being remembered and reflects the love and pain of affected family and friends. Panel makers view their task as a meaningful avenue for healing and working through their grief.

The opening ceremony will take place at 6pm Thursday, April 29. The names of those remembered in the Quilt will be read by local people who have been personally affected by this disease. The names will then be read continuously during the four days of the display. Friday, April 30, has been designated Youth Day and classes from area schools have been invited to attend. The closing ceremony is slated for 3pm Sunday, May 2. New panels will be formally added to the Quilt and the sections will be folded.

Quilt Display hours are Thursday, April 29 from 6pm-10pm; Friday, April 30 from 8am-8pm; Saturday, May 1 from 10am-8pm; and Sunday, May 2 from 10am-3pm.

To volunteer call: Jack Talbot, (414) 235-7883 or (414) 424-4090. To make a panel call: Judy Pope, (414) 733-3537.

The Quilt, last shown in its entirety in October, 1992, in Washington, DC, consists of over 22,000 panels and continues to grow. Approximately 850 panels will be shown at the Oshkosh display.

P-Flag of Wisconsin presents "The Wisconsin Connection"

First joint meeting of Wisconsin's P-Flag Chapters

On Saturday, May 1 from 9am to 4pm, Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-Flag) of Wisconsin will hold the first joint meeting of Wisconsin's P-Flag Chapters at the First United Methodist Church annex in Wausau.

The purpose of the joint meeting is to meet, greet and hear Marie Jenkins, P-Flag Regional Director; Dr. Patricia Robertson, Counselor Educator at UW-Oshkosh, & others. They will address today's issues relating to a better understanding and acceptance of our Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual loved ones. The speakers also said to nurture comfort and healing in our hearts and homes; and



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The Make A Promise '93 fundraising dinner for the Milwaukee AIDS Project drew a sell-out crowd to the Pfister Hotel.

In Step + April 8-21, 1993 + Page 56 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

John Utes In Concert: Baritone Utes, accompanied by pianist John Komasa in concert at Villa Terrace Art Museum, 2220 N. Terrace Ave, in Milw, Net proceeds benefit BESTD Clinic. Donation requested at the door. M&M Club: CCF Casino Night promotion, 8-10pm.

Club 219 Plus: Hunter & the Headliners Milwaukee's favorite traveling male dance troop.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

This is it: CCF Casino Night promotion. Wings 3054 (Madison): Madtown Underwear Party, 9pm.

Club 219 Plus: Outrageous Thursdays premieres tonight & every Thurs, from 9pmmidnight, \$1 tap beer bust & 50 cent rail/soda/wine.

dance dance dance: The return of Juice, a weekly Rave, bigger and better than ever.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing 5pm-8pm. Beer Town Badgers Club Night: Boot Camp Saloon, drawings for prizes & drink tickets from 10pm until 1:30am.

BJ's: CCF Casino Night promotion, learn to play Black Jack Buy a Casino Night ticket between 10pm & midnight & get free tap beer & \$1 rail, and chance to win free ticket. ZA's (Green Bay): Mr./Miss/Ms. Emerald City USA Pageant, open statewide, Entries accepted until 7pm. Pageant begins at 9:30. Pivot Club (Appleton): All-woman show, Ladies of the Valley, 10:30pm. Club 219 Plus: Carmella Marcella Garcia & Devin J. Michaels: The Country Duo from the South: live locals, male exotic dancing, female impersonator, all around entertainment.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

New Bar (Madison): Men In Heat Rave. Mil-Maids VIII Tournament: At Red Carpet Celebrity Lanes in Milw, 1pm, Benefits MAP. Wreck Room: CCF Casino Night promotion. Play Blackjack from 10-12pm. Buy a Casino Night Ticket & get a free raffle ticket from the WR for a \$25 WR bar tab. Drawing at midnight. Club 219 Plus: White Underwear party, lights out

Club 94 (Kenosha): Carmella Marcella Garcia & Devin J. Michaels, the Country Duo from the South, Live vocals, male dancing, female impersonation.

New Bar (Madison): United Fundraiser, 4-8pm; \$5-10, DJ, free hors d'oeuvres, cash bar. March On The Hotel Washington.

Self-Empowerment Workshop (Madison): For Gav/Les/Bi's, 10am-noon, United's office, facilitator is UW's Paul Wesselmann; free. Madison Gay Wrestling Club: Practice and Bodybuilding. Beginners/new members are welcome. 8:30pm. Phone (608) 244-8675 eves.

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Station 2: Kristi K & Jeff Stoll, 6pm to 10pm. Milw. P-FLAG Meeting: Special guest author, Chris Glasser. Appearance sponsored by United Ministries in Higher Education & Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7-9pm. Call 962-9320 for more info.

Runway 51 (Janesville): Ethel & Ruby Show, an all comedy revue, 10pm. \$2 cover. M&M Club: Fallen Angels perform.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Vuk's Place: CCF Casino Night promotion, 9-11pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

M&M: BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing 8-12pm.

Partners: CCF Casino Night promotion, 10midnight. Free tap beer for all those who Club 3054 (Madison): Karaoke at 8:30pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

3B's Bar: CCF Casino Night promotion, 9-11pm.

Pivot Club (Appleton): Miss Gay WI-USA

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

M&M Club: Singsational Singing Machine. Ballgame: Sheepshead, all welcome. Wings 3054 (Madison): Spring Mazo Party, 10pm

Madison Gay Video Club: Gay Travelog: Fort Lauderdale Boys From Cellblock Q and Kiss-Off (Best picture '92). 8pm. Phone (608) 244-8675 eves.



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nurture development of new P-Flag Chapters and the expanding influence of current groups.

The joint meeting will provide an opportunity for P-Flagers from our state of Wisconsin to meet each other, along with our friends from Upper Michigan and Northern Illinois

The fee is \$15 per person, and covers lunch, breaks, and general meeting expenses. The building is wheelchair accessible.

In large and small groups we will address issues such as: P-Flag past, present and future; Gays and the military; civil rights and wrongs; advocacy; meeting facilitation; promotion and literature.

Leadership will be by Marie and Tom, Dr. Robertson, Jo and Joe Elder, Jane La Flash, harriet Bruyn and others.

Your suggestions of additional topics and presenters is solicited. Call Harriet at (414) 749-1629 (Tuesdays, Thursdays and evenings best), to receive more information or to register for the meeting.

Chili Cook-off To benefit Northern Womyn

Green Bay - Northern Womyn of Green Bay is sponsoring a chili cook-off on April 25th at Sass, 840 S. Broadway.

To enter, call (414) 435-9054 before April 19th and leave your name and number so Connie can get back to you. Think of a creative descriptive name for your chili recipe (for example: Hot & Spicy, Mild, Vegetarian, Turkey, etc.) You'll have to bring your own crockpot and ladle but outlet strips and extension cords will be furnished. All chili will be numbered and displayed anonymously to be fair.

Tasting and voting will be from 6:30 to 8pm. Bowls will be available for a 25 cent donation. To vote for your favorite chili, deposit loose change or bills into the box corresponding to the number of the chili. The top 3 dollar amounts determine the winners, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Take-out containers will be made available after the voting ends at 8pm. All chili proceeds benefit Northern Womyn.



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Madison's United Sets Fundraisers

Seek Items For Auction

Madison — The United will hold a fundraising party, humorously dubbed "The March on the Hotel Washington," on Saturday, April 17 at The New Bar, 636 W. Washington Avenue, from 4-8 p.m. Admission is \$5-10 based on a sliding scale and will include free munchies, a cash bar and a DJ spinning records.

The United is also planning a "Queer of the Year" dinner and dance and silent auction on June 5 at the Concourse Hotel. People who have items to donate to the auction and those who would like to nominate worthy Gays and Lesbians for the "Queer of the Year" awards should call The United at (608) 255-8582. To mail in nominations, write to The United at 14 W. Mifflin Street, Suite 103, Madison, WI 53703.

The events will help raise funds for The United, which has seen a dramatic increase in the number of men and women seeking services or referrals since the move to its new location on Capitol Square. (See State News Briefs.)

Different Spokes of Madison

Gay/Lesbian/Bi Bicycling group

Different Spokes of Madison is a newly formed bicycling club for Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and friends.

Different Spokes invites interested bicyclists to its upcoming information and planning meeting. The meeting will provide an opportunity for like minded bicyclists to learn about and comment on planned early season rides and help plan additional rides. The information and planning meeting is scheduled for 7pm, Tuesday, April 13 at The United's office at 14 W. Mifflin St.

It's intended that rides be organized to allow bicyclists to ride at their own pace, and be followed by post-ride socializing. Planned early season rides range from a 15 mile Icebreaker Ride on April 17 to participation in the 9th Annual Provincetown Ride from Boston to Provincetown (130 miles) on June 19. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet others with similar interests, and make Different Spokes a success. For more information, call Dean Hutchens or Dave Parsons at (608) 241-8184.

Miss Ebony-USA

Due to a conflict of dates, the Miss Ebony Pageant, a preliminary for Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA has been rescheduled from Wednesday April 14th to April 21st, at Club 219 in Milwaukee.

Applications are available by calling Jason Flaig at (414) 224-9483 or from Dominique Mahon at Club 219.

Gay temporary tattoos

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A new line of temporary tattoos, Gaytoos®, is available to the Gay community from B.S. Enterprises of Northampton, Massachusetts. Gaytoos can be found in stores throughout the United States and by mail order.

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Gaytoos are a unique line of temporary tattoos for they are specifically designed for the Gay community. The designs available offer a broad assortment of choices, ranging from brightly colored cowboy boots to dragons and panthers sporting pink triangles. Each tattoo sheet is four inches square and offers 2 to 9 tattoos per sheet. Each Gaytoos sheet retails for \$3.50.

B.S. Enterprises also designs and manufactures temporary tatoos for individual businesses and community organizations who wish to promote their products or services through the medium of temporary tattoos.

Those wishing to order a color catalog of Gaytoos can do so by sending \$1 to: B.S. Enterprises, 50 Union Street, Suite 9, Northampton, MA 01060.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Wreck Room: Live entertainment with Bill & Ben, 7-10pm, every Thursday, no cover. Partners: Starting tonight & every Thursday, Ladies In The Lodge with new bartender Tracy

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

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

Club 219 Plus: RockAmerica & 219 Present a promo party for Bizzare Inc. Blue Lite (Sheboygan): Good Friday specials.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

M&M Club: Singsational Singing Machine. Rod's (Madison): Underwear Night 10pm in The Alley, live DJ, dancing, clothes check, contest.

Pivot (Appleton): Pajama Party. Madison Gay Video Club: Gay Travelog: Key West Looking For Lanston and Malibu Pool Boys, 8pm. Phone (608) 244-8675 eves Ballgame: Sheepshead, all welcome Maritime Assoc. (GMMA): Spring meeting 1-3pm. RSVP by 11am, new members welcome. Call (414) 258-2802 FMI. ZA's (Green Bay): Dance In The Dark lights out night, bring your flashlight. Partners: Baby Jane Hudson presents Baskets, Buns & Boobs showtime 10:30pm, Yuk's Place: Hop To II, raffle at 11:30pm, hourly drink specials. Oberons Club Night: Wreck Room, 10pm, 50

cent off drink coupon with each door prize ticket purchased.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

New Bar (Madison): Easter with Simply Divine Easter Bonnet Parade. Wreck Room: Live entertainment with Bill & Ben, 3-7 every Sunday. No cover.

Ben, 3-7 every Sunday. No cover.
ZA's (Green Bay): Starting tonight, dry night 17 & up featuring tekno in the dance bar. 21 & over can drink upstairs in the 90's.
Blue Lite (Sheboygan): 7pm Easter Bonnet Contest, prizes & specials.
Club 219 Plus: Special Easter Show with 219 Girls.

Club 3054 (Madison): Hot ham sandwiches & scalloped potatoes; egg hunt at 5; Glamour Girls Easter Parade at 9:30pm. Wings (Madison): Underwear Party, 9pm; Basket Contest at midnight.

Vuk's Place: Easter Egg Hunt. Ballgame: Easter treats & hors d'oeuvres in the afternoon. M&M Club: Carl & Tami perform.

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Runway 51 (Janesville): Al's & Randy's 4th Anniversary Party, free beer. Club 219 Plus: Mimi Marks returns in a benefit show to send Dominique Mahon to Miss Gay USA finals. 11pm showtime, \$3 cover.



throughout the state. These shows raise funds to send the 1st runner-ups and winners of the Miss Gay Great Lakes, WI-USA and Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA to the Miss Gay USA finals which are coming up real soon. Support the girls, it ain't cheap to be a Real Queen (or a potential one for that matter).

The Fabulous Flirtations performed in concert in Madison at the Barrymore Theatre on Mach 25. The evening of *a-capella* vocals was a benefit for the AASPIN Foundation, a make-a-wish group for PWA's. Great music, great cause. Minneapolis' Borderline Dancers

hit the dance floor at 3B's for a demonstration and lessons on March 26. If you want country, line or square dancing in a Gay/Lesbian club, the B's is the place to be.

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Congratulations to Miss M and her crew at Walker's Point Cafe which celebrated it's 8th anniversary the weekend of March 26. I don't know how she has put up with after-bar rushes of dozens of drunks for so long demanding their eggs or burgers be served, RIGHT NOW! (Especially without killing anybody or pulling out all her hair!)

The Pivot hosted a Hooray For Hollywood Weekend March 26-29. Lots of Oscar winning films, and a Hollywood Masquerade contest rounded out the theme. Puppeteer Jerry Halliday brought his Vegas-style act to the bar for one of the night, and The Academy Awards presentation on Monday wrapped things up.

The Academy Awards were also toasted with several other bar events; at BJ's, Station 2 and Ballgame. (Fags and Films, we go so well together. Honestly now, how many of you watched just to hear "something Gay" said or to see who wore what outfit?)

Speaking of Jerry Halliday, he also dropped in at the **M&M Club** with his "girls." Jerry treats Wisconsin to annual tours when in the region. He's back on the road again, but keep your eye out for him sometime next season.

Randy and AI at Runway 51 in Janesville are constantly looking for dancers and shows and brought in Forever Friends for a show on the 27th entitled *It's*

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Feature

Easter Thoughts

By Reverend Lew Broyles, Pastor Milw. MCC

I want to tell you an Easter story, of a sunrise service next to a dam in Texas one year ago. The assembly numbered about 50 when these thoughts came back again just after the benediction.

Driving back home alone after the service, the words from the month previous still seemed to be a fog..."It's over honey, he's gone," they said. I hung up the phone. I remember that last long drive to

the hospital seemed to take forever. Carefully and methodically, it was a time of simple contemplation and the thoughts raced through my head in a stream of consciousness.

"Ok, this is it. This is not the way you've rehearsed it 1,000 times over in your mind, this is it. Take your time, there'll be his dysfunctional family to deal with, and people to thank, and people to hold, and why am I feeling like I'm on the outside — Remember — you're a clergy they'll be looking to you — Oh yeah — Disassociation! Great! That's all I need, now I'm losing it!"

Just a week and a half before that call, when I got on the plane to California, he had said, "Now don't worry, I'm going to be in the hospital when you get back, just going to have a few things checked out.

Then the call, the flight in, the room in the hospital, and those words, "Baby I'm dying, now run home and get the car title, and get back up here and hold me, cause I'm hurtin.

Then three days of staying at the hospital with only a couple of hours break in between. Last goodbye and rough stuff. "Look I don't know much about

dying and sh-, but if they let you hang around before you go on, I'll help you out for a couple of years. I Love You, but two things: first drop 30 pounds; second, there are hundreds of hustlers out there, so don't judge them, they're just trying to make a living. But if you give my rings to the first little queen that tells you you're gorgeous, I'll Come Back and Haunt Your Ass!" The routine. Go into his hospital room, sit, laugh, go out of the room, grab a deacon (thank God there were some 80 or so people around that week) cry like hell, go back in.

Finally so exhausted that the nurse's words seemed to be a dull roar to me. "Rev. Broyles, go home and get some sleep. There's nothing you can do here." Volunteer Chaplain on the AIDS ward or not, it's another world when it's you.

Just my luck that I hadn't been asleep two hours when the call came. That was in mid-February; and Easter '92 was the first time I was to preach a service since Fred died.

On Easter Eve I fell asleep on the couch & woke up when I heard his voice, clear as a bell.

"Hey — wake up!" Now that may sound a bit gruff to some, or even rude to others, but if you knew the crusty edge to my late lover, you'd fully know the reason I jumped a half a foot in the air when I awoke. The clock said 10:15am and I grabbed my Bible and headed out the door. Adream—maybe Hallucination? Certainly. I told the grief counselor/therapist that it didn't matter to me what others thought. God and I knew better, and that was that. I told him that he needed to love me enough in a professional, care-giver fashion to allow me to believe anything I wanted.

That was, for me, my Easter miracle.

Happy Easter! there's my story, my Easter-miracle. Here's to yours, even the ones you haven't had yet.

(Reverend Broyles is the new paster at Milwaukee's re-invigorated Metropolitan Community Church, MMCC.)



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woman's "foundation garment". Bartender Kevin Rotar donned a lovely satin chemise. (Hairy back and all!)

The SSBL softball season kicks off soon, as do the women's leagues, so you'll be seeing lots of benefits and fundraisers showing up in *The Calendar*. Some of the first for the season were the Women's softball beer bash at 3B's Bar, and an team auction at the Ballgame; both on March 20.

Miss Southern Gay WI-USA, another of the preliminaries for the Miss WI-USA pageant, was held at Jo'Dee's; also on the 20th. Racine's Phyllis Anne captured the coveted crown. By the way, my apologies to Reba Sin Clair, the real winner of the Miss Jo'Dee's Intl. title last month. We mis-identified her in the March 11-24th issue as Miss Tippie. The picture was of Reba. Tippie was first runner up.

Dianna Jones & Company performed at Cafe Melange on March 21. Her and the band play there every third Sunday of the month. (You know Dianne, the one with the BIG voice you've seen at numerous benefits over the years...) My condolences to her. Her brother passed away last week due to AIDS-related complications. Chin up, girl!

The 1100 Club played host to the Castaways on the 21st, who held an afternoon beer bust benefit for MAP. Mr. and Ms. Midwest Leather were on hand to meet the revelers.

Whenever there's a Full Moon, head out to Madison. Both Rod's and Wings 3054 are infamous for their Full Moon events. Howling allowed.

In case you haven't noticed, there is an ongoing profusion of Possum Queen benefits, shows and possum-mania around Milwaukee. For the uninitiated, the Possum Queen contestants (usually skagtype gender-fuck drag) hold benefits and sell raffle tickets to benefit MAP every year at this time. This is approximately the fourth year and every year there are more and more contestants. The candidate who raises the most money wins the dubious title.

Partners swimsuit contest drew a bevy of bathing beauties for their annual swimsuit contest on March 24. They weren't all guys, either. One body-beautiful woman entered, and won a prize (much to her surprise and delight)!

You've also probably noticed a lot of Miss Gay USA benefit shows being held



Alternatives like having two separate parades — one coming in from Pentagon City — and a separate one coming in from RFK Stadium. They would then converge, and march towards the Washington Monument grounds. The MOW Committee stuck to its guns and fought back and forth with all the involved officialdom, and finally came to a decision on March 31! Only 25 days before over a projected million and a half Gays, Lesbians, Bi's and our supporters were to descend upon the city, more than doubling its population!

The semi-final word... The MOW Committee has to provide a \$300,000 letter of credit to cover any potential damage to the damn grass! Marchers will gather at the Opening Stage and Assembly Rally from 9am-on.on the grounds surrounding the majestic Washington Monument, the most well known obelisk in the world. From the grounds you'll be able to see the White House to the north; The Mall and The Capitol to the east: the Potomac River. Tidal Basin and Japanese Cherry Trees to the south; and the Lincoln Memorial and Vietnam Veterans Memorial to the west Awesome setting!

Speakers and entertainers will get the crowd warmed up for The March, which kicks off at noon. The Assembly Rally will continue to run until at least 1pm, because the March is expected to take well over an hour to leave the assembly area.

Once the line-up location was verified, us locals attempted to find out from the MOW Committee if they had yet assigned specific gathering points for the over 95 contingencies. They informed us April 1st that "it would be weeks yet until they had those details." So, we decided to pick our own spot at a near-Washington Monument location.

Meeting Place for Wisconsin Marchers... If you want to march with fellow Wisconsinites; please gather at Constitution Hall, a Colonial-columned building at the intersection of 17th Street NW, and C Street NW... just a few blocks from the Monument, and overlooking The Ellipse which is just east of the building. Meet there between 9am-10am. At 10:15am we will then move to our "official" location.

In Step is having a large banner made that will read "Wisconsin... The first Gay Rights State!" We're also having "Milwaukee" signs prepared in the colors of

the rainbow flag. Try and wear Black and White clothing. Madison has prepared their own signs.

March Route... The March steps off at noon, loops north around the White House, then southeast on Pennsylvania Avenue to The Capitol for the Main Stage Rally, which will last until at least 6pm.

I'm sure that by the time the final contingents reach the Main Stage, it will be near 6pm... remember there are going to be somewhere between 1-2 million of us. (The Mall has never had that big of a crowd, and it may sink into the ancient marsh it's built upon!

That will get us in the weekly mainstream news magazines!

We have lots of informative articles about the March in a special section of the News, this issue. Be sure to read it!

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Now, into a quick wrap up of social events from the 2 weeks prior to deadline...

The Station 2 bounced into Spring with their Spring Fling on March 19. Sheri, Lois, their staff and loyal customers turned the Fling into another of their MAP Food Pantry benefits. The Station and **3B's Bar** are the most active Food Pantry supporters.

There was another Spring Fling at Club 219 Plus on the 20th. No food baskets here... but plenty of them running around in white underwear! They had eight contestants for their underwear contest, including one campy gentleman wearing a





The Arts

Concert to Benefit Brady East STD Clinic

Featuring baritone Jon Utes

An upcoming concert by renowned Chicago baritone Mr. John Utes on April 14 will benefit Milwaukee's Brady East Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic (BESTD). The concert will be held at Villa Terrace, located at 2220 N Terrace Avenue beginning at 7:30pm.

Mr. Utes has arranged and paid for the use of Villa Terrace and all expenses to promote the benefit. All donations at the door will go directly to the Clinic to provide client services.

While originally the suggested donation was \$25 per person, BESTD has decided to leave the amount of the donation optional to make it accessible to more people.

Mr. Utes is very well known in both Chicago and Milwaukee, and has toured the US and Europe. He and his accompanyist, John Komasa are donating their talents to the Clinic.

Enjoy the music of Richard Strauss, Ralph Vaughn Williams, and others. Tickets are available only at the door.

Arts Briefs

Dancecircus premieres "A Sand County Almanac"

Milwaukee — Modern dance company Betty Salamun's Dancecircus premiere's the new full-length production of A Sand County Almanac on April 16 and 17, at the Stiemke Theater of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. A 20-minute pre-show profile of Aldo Leopold, author of the book A Sand County Almanac, will begin at 7:30pm as an added benefit to concert goers at no extra charge.

Performed in four seasonal sections, A Sand County Almanac is based

on an awareness of Aldo Leopoid's land ethic, where images of rushing water and wildlife movement depict the magic of seasonal change. An environmental and socially inspiring production that makes its point with humor and beauty, Dancecircus' production of *A Sand County Almanac* is a collaboration of Artistic Director Betty Salamun and Narada/MCA recording artist/composers Nancy Rumbel and Eric Tingstad.

Tickets for the April 16 and 17 performances are on sale now at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Box Office or by phone at (414) 224-9490. Tickets are \$10 for general admission. Students, seniors or members of environmental organizations are offered a discounted ticket price of \$8, with proper identification.

National Juried Exhibit

Milwaukee — Wisconsin Women in the Arts, a non-profit organization, in cooperation with U.W. Milwaukee will present WWIA's 10th annual national juried exhibit Beauty & the Beast, and other Myths and Fairy Tales. All media except video, photography, computer, xerox, or craft. Open to all artists over 18, juried by slides.

Deadline: Slides must be postmarked by July 1, 1993. WWIA (414) 764-7630. Send #10 SASE for prospectus to: Wisconsin Women In the Arts, C/O C. Beth-Furness, 3480 Cherry Hill Dr., Brookfield, WI 53005.

Boulevard Ensemble Presents "The Learned Ladies"

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's only storefront theatre, closes its seventh season by staging Moliere's raucous battle of the sexes, The Learned Ladies.

The Ensemble will present the production Thursdays to Sundays, April 30 to May 30 at The Boulevard Theatre, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Tickets for Friday and Saturday performances are \$10. Tickets for Thursday and Sunday performances are \$9. All performances begin at 8pm. To reserve tickets, call 672-6019.

The classical comedy, directed by the Ensemble's general director, Mark Bucher, has been updated to a presentday backwater Texas town. The

In Step + April 8-21, 1993 + Page 51 **Steppin' Out** by Ron Geiman

Daylight Savings Time, Sun, warmer temperatures, and snow. Snow?!? Welcome to April in Wisconsin:

we should know what to expect... But I'm continually surprised after 21 years of living here.

Hope lots and lots of you are going to the March On Washington, Sunday, April 25. There are about 100 people riding buses and vans from Milwaukee; another 150 or so via bus from Madison. Those Wisconsinites, plus the hundreds more who are flying, driving or Amtracking-it on their own from throughout The First Gay Rights State.

After conversations with the various organizers in Wisconsin, Terry from Wisconsin Light, MOW representatives, and lots of phone calls from people asking "Where are Wisconsin marchers going to gather in DC so we can march together?" we decided we couldn't wait any longer than the March 31st deadlines to "Get the

word out" to everyone throughout the state. We waited until April 1 hoping

that the March on Washington Committee, the National Park Service, and DC bigwigs came to terms on exactly what route the March would take. The head honchos wouldn't allow the Ellipse grounds (across from the White House) to be used as the Assembly Stage and Rally location because it was recently re-sodded (after being torn up during the Presidential Inaugural festivities).

They also weren't going to let the March use The Mall coming off the western facade of the Capitol building. That too was because of the damn grass — it too was wrecked during the "American Family Reunion" Inaugural festivities. The park service had patched and re-seeded it and didn't want anyone using it until June.

The park service, the federal government and the District of Columbia KNEW this March was going to occur in April of '93 for several years. Why weren't these things planned for? Or is that too logical? (Let's blame it on the late Republican Administration!)

After the inaugural festivities the park service suggested the MOW Committee make alternative plans.



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Shalala, who calls the character of Molly Bolt "a genuine descendant — genuine female descendant — of Huck Finn." BOMC says it took the blurb off an earlier edition of **Rubyfruit**. Shalala recently denied persistent rumors that she is a Lesbian.)

Edmund White, born in 1940, is one of America's most well-known and admired openly Gay authors, revered for his fiction as well as nonfiction. But it is White's two novels of coming-of-age and coming out which cemented his literary reputation and are included in the Triangle Classics series.

A Boy's Own Story tells a poignant tale of late childhood and adolescence as we follow the narrator from home to summer camp to boarding school, all the while aware of his ache to be in love with — and be loved by — another man.

The Beautiful Room Is Empty continues the narrator's search for his identity as a Gay man, beginning in the 1950s and the restraints of his Midwestern life and culminating in the birth of Gay liberation at the Stonewall Inn in New York City.

The initial three book set of the Triangle Classics (White's two books are in one volume) are available for \$29.95 exclusively from the Book of the Month Club. Contact BOMC at Camp Hill, PA 17012-0001.

CBS/Fox Video Asks Gay Consumers To "Mobilize" Behind New Title

New York — Leading an unprecedented charge into the Gay and Lesbian market, CBS/Fox Video has announced a national "mobilization" campaign to launch the acclaimed family drama The Lost Language of Cranes.

CBS/Fox is urging Gay and Lesbian consumers to contact local video stores and national chains and request the film. Retailers can only order rental copies of the film until the May 11 cutoff date.

"We know demand's there for Gay and Lesbian titles all over the country, not just in New York and San Francisco," said Sal Scamardo, CBS/Fox's director of promotions. "Now, we need Gay and Lesbian consumers to help us prove it to retailers." CBS/Fox will also donate a portion of rental receipts to VIAC, the Video Industry AIDS Coalition.

For the home video industry, the campaign could lead to major changes in how it markets to Gays and Lesbians.

"Our ultimate goal is to better serve Gay and Lesbian consumers by integrating titles that speak to them into more stores in more places," Scamardo said. "We've always recognized the importance of the Gay market, and this title gives us the chance to work directly on their concerns."

"It's not a question of politics for us," said Mindy Pickard, vice president of marketing for CBS/Fox. "It benefits everyone for video stores to carry more Gay and alternative titles — the stores win, consumers win, distributors win. This market that offers true growth potential if its needs are addressed."

Based on David Leavitt's highly acclaimed novel, the BBC-produced The Lost Language of Cranes tells of a family facing crisis after both father and son come out of the closet. When it aired on selected PBS stations last June, Time praised its "intense, subtle performances" and USA Today lauded its "absolute lack of sentimentality." The film stars thirtysomething's Corey Parker, as well as Eileen Atkins, Brian Cox, and Angus Mac Fadyen.

"Since the title's launching during Gay Pride Month, and after the March on Washington, we also think it can open dialogues about coming out, families, and what parents and children expect of each other," Scamardo said. "These are very powerful issues that relate to all of us."

The Lost Language of Cranes will debut in video stores on June 2, at the start of Gay Pride Month. In Step . April 8-21, 1993 . Page 47

Dance Classes

Milwaukee — The Danceworks five week spring mini-session begins April 19, with classes for children and adults at all levels from beginning to professional. Classes take place at Danceworks' downtown studio at 727 N. Milwaukee Street. Offerings include modern dance, ballet, jazz, tap, creative dance, stretch, step aerobics and t'ai chi ch'uan. Especially popular are our simultaneous adult and children's classes.

For a class schedule, rates, or other information, call Danceworks at 276-3191

Poems and Short Stories Wanted

If you would like to have original poems and short stories, written by or for you, published, I would like to do it in my book yet untitled. The contents of this book will deal with HIV and AIDS, and will be written by the Wisconsin community at large. This is an effort to join our population together for one common goal: The support of our own and to those affected by this disease.

When you submit an item, fifty percent of the proceeds from the sale of this book, after cost will be donated to AIDS organizations through-out the state, in your name.

If you are interested, please send a copy of your piece to me at the following address. Questions and suggestions are welcome. Jay Hanson, Out of the Shadows, P.O. Box 93626, Milwaukee, WI 53203-0626.

When you submit your works, please include the author's name, your name, address, and phone number in case I may have any questions. Please do not send originals. Submitted work cannot be returned. The author's name, along with yours, will appear in the book unless otherwise stated. Your address and phone number are for business use only and are held in strict confidence. Once the material is received, a confirmation letter will be sent.

Book Of The Month Club Offers Gay Classics

Triangle Classics Library

The Book of the Month Club has just launched its Triangle Classics Library, a series of landmark books that illuminate the Gay and Lesbian experience. For the first time subscribers will have access to attractive hardcover volumes of Gay classics by James Baldwin, Rita Mae Brown and Edmund White.

Baldwin's Giovanni's Room, Brown's Rubyfruit Jungle, and White's A Boy's Own Story and The Beautiful Room is Empty are the first three volumes of a library destined to expand to include many other modern Gay and Lesbian classics.

James Baldwin, born in 1924, grew up the son of a Harlem storefront preacher. At the age of 14 he began the difficult process of coming to grips with his homosexuality, at first attempting to "save himself" in the church.

It wasn't until Baldwin moved to Paris in the 1950s that he openly identified with the Gay community and wrote the landmark novel Giovanni's Room First published in 1956, Giovanni's Room beautifully evokes an "all-American" man's tangle of emotions when he finds himself falling in love with a handsome Italian bartender. The Atlantic called it "a book that belongs in the top rank of fiction."

Rita Mae Brown, born in Pennsylvania in 1944, was adopted as an infant, and grew up to win a scholarship at the University of Florida where she was expelled on "morals charges." She created a sensation in 1973 with the publication of **Rubyfruit Jungle**, a humorous and insightful novel of growing up Lesbian in America.

Like Brown, the heroine of the novel, Molly Bolt, is an adopted child who is dismissed from college for having an affair with her roommate. Molly hitchhikes to New York City, captures the heart of the Lesbian community there and pursues her ambition to become the greatest filmmaker ever. It's a triumphant story of a girl blossoming into an adulthood of her own creation.

(Prominent among the critics' comments on the book jacket is one by Secretary of Health and Human Services Donna contd. on page > 50





Don't forget the weekday specials: Cocktail hour prices 7pm-10pm PLUS-Wednesdays 10-close \$5.00 drink bust Thursdays 10-close \$4.00 Beer/soda bust Open 7pm Tuesday - Saturday / 8pm Sundays Friday, April 16 Mr, Miss & Ms Emerald City USA Pageant Open Statewide! (Accepting entries thru Fri, 16th 7pm)

The pageant will start promptly at 9:30pm so there will be time to dance! \$3.00 cover (\$2.00 w/Clubcard & ID)

