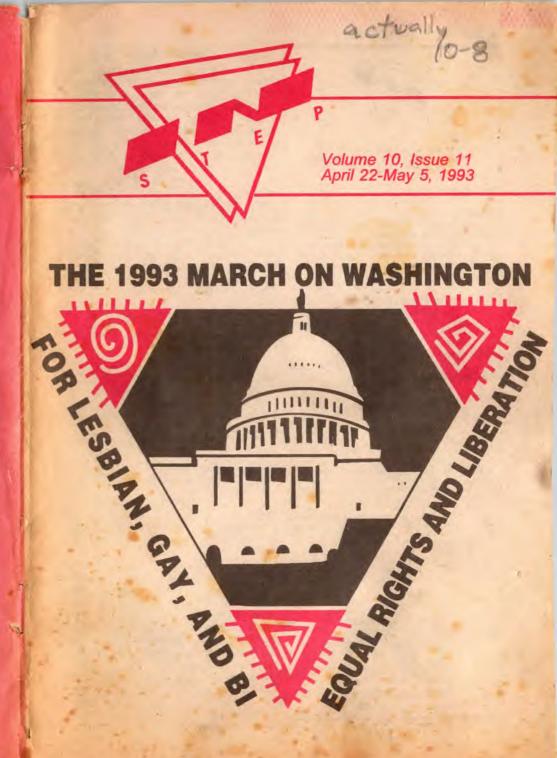
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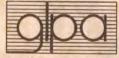
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Cover Story

We've selected the March On Washington official logo as our cover art this issue to draw everyone's attention to the historic April 25 event. We've wrapped up our pre-March coverage in this issue with some assembly information and a list of events through the weekend. If you've saved the last several issue, you should have just about the only information you'll need to attend the March. We weren't able to find a clear enough map to use, so that's the only thing you'll have to pick up.

Hope to see hundreds of you in DC! And for those who can't make it, monitor media reports, and if you feel the media isn't giving THE BIGGEST MARCH IN THE HISTORY OF DC the proper amount of coverage... Complain...Loudly!

Deadline Note

Deadline for the next issue Covering May 6-19, 1993 is 7pm, Wednesday, April 28

The In Step office will be closed April 23-24-25 and 26 while we go to the March. The office will reopen at 11am Tuesday, April 27, and then we'll be on deadline the day after. Please mail items in early if you can to help ease the last minute crush.

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News

LesBiGay Leaders Hold Historic Meeting With President Clinton

"Assured us of his support ... "

Washington, DC — An historic meeting occurred Friday, April 16 with leaders of the Gay and Lesbian community and President Bill Clinton in the Oval Office of the White House.

Included in the meeting of eight national leaders was William Waybourn, Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, plus two members of the Fund's board of directors, Adrew E. Barrer and Thomas B. Stoddard.

Stoddard was representing the Campaign For Military Service; a coalition organizations working to assure the lifting of the military ban against Gays and Lesbians.

Barrer serves as the director of COALITION '93, a coalition of nineteen large national Gay and Lesbian organizations which serves as a resource for individuals seeking appointments in the new Administration. Barrer was also a member of President Clinton's transition team.

"The President assured us of his support for equal rights for everyone," said Waybourn. "We reminded him of how we believed in his dream to help elect him and that there would be hundreds of thousands of 'true believers' coming to Washington who needed him to acknowledge their support of his candidacy. President Clinton assured us that his Administration will be visible and will do more then just acknowledge our presence."

"Our meeting should send a signal to the American people that this President will not tolerate discrimination at any level." said Barrer.

Although no details were finalized, several options were discussed that would allow the President to speak directly to the Lesbian and Gay community. The president and the Gay and Lesbian leaders spoke about other issues, including the historical significance of the meeting occurring in the Oval Office. Also attending were Human Rights Campaign Fund executive director Tim McFeeley; National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director Torrie Osborn; Phill Wilson representing the National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Conference and March on Washington co-chairs Nadine Smith and Billy Hileman. Administration officials in the meeting included openly Gay White House staffers Bob Hattoy and Keith Boykin.

A Milwaukee Journal wire service story reported White House officials told the media in advance of the meeting that Clinton "will not accept an invitation to appear at the March... but may make a phone call to marchers or send a letter to its leaders." White House Communications Director George Stephanopoulos said that the President was scheduled to be at a Senate Democratic retreat in Jamestown, Virginia. "He's got to be at the Senate meeting... and I believe he's also giving a speech to the American Association of Newspaper Publishers in Boston on Sunday."

The Journal article also commented, "The White House has been vague about Clinton's plans for the weekend... clearly uncomfortable about offending a vocal constituency that supported his campaign."

"At the same time, the White House is sensitive to the president's appearing at a gathering that could provide provocative images of Gay protesters that might be used by conservatives or opponents of the president's plan to allow 'homosexuals' in the military," according to the article.







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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 between the hours of 9 and 10am at the corner of 17th Street N.W. and C Street N.W. (the location of Constitution Hall).

According to a recent dispatch from the MOW Committee, The March will line up on 17th Street, but organizers had not yet assigned specific locations for the 95 separate delegations. That is why the two papers decided we should have Wisconsin participants gather at the Constitution Hall location. Then, after 10am, we can all move to our assigned location.

Look for the highly visible 14 foot by 3 foot WISCONSIN banner. Wisconsin will be spelled out in red letters, with "The ORIGINAL Gay Rights State" spelled out in black letters. We'll all be waiting for you.

If you or your group get to the Washington Monument assembly grounds after 10am, and want to know where Wisconsin is lining up, check with any of the MOW marshals, they should be able to point out our official line-up location. If all else fails, just remember that the March assembly area is the grounds of the Washington Monument you can't miss it.

BUS PARKING

According to the MOW Committee, buses from Wisconsin should park in the RFK Stadium Parking Lot, at the cost of \$10 per bus. Round trip Metro fare cards will be available at tables set up outside the Metro subway stop at the Stadium. The MOW asks that a bus captain from each bus purchase the tickets for all the passengers on her/his bus.

To get to the Washington Monument assembly from RFK Stadium (Stadium-Armory) people should use the Orange or Blue line Metro to the Smithsonian stop. When returning to the bus parking lots from the afternoon rally on the Capitol Mall, the MOW strongly encourages people headed to RFK to use the L'Enfant Plaza stop (South east of The Capitol), since the Smithsonian and Federal Triangle stops will be packed with people.

The route of the March will proceed as follows from the Washington Monument grounds: Line up on 17th Street, north on 17th then looping behind the White House, then east on Pennsylvania Avenue and onto the Mall.

Major Events For March On Washington Weekend

What else can you do in DC?

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

▼ AIDS Cure Now! Demonstration to demand an executive order for a Manhattan Project to find a cure. 12 Noon, from DuPont Circle to the White House. Sponsored by ACT UP.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

 Lesbians with HIV/AIDS Demonstration to demand recognition and treatment of Lesbians with AIDS. 11 a.m. at the Department of Health and Human Services Bldg. Sponsored by ACT UP.

 Legal Documents Workshop 3 sessions: Noon to 2 p.m., 2-4 p.m., 4-6 p.m. at Georgetown University Law School, 600 New Jersey Ave., NW. Sponsored by the National Center for Lesbian Rights.
 No Cure, No Peacel AIDS Action Now Demonstration to demand an end to AIDS profileering. 2 p.m. at the Headquarters of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers of America. Sponsored by ACT UP.

 Human Rights Campaign Fund Gala Dinner to advance the cause of the federal Gay civil rights bill and Gays in the military.
 p.m. cocktails, 8 p.m. dinner at the Mayflower Hotel, 17th and K Streets.
 \$500/person with phone reservation: (202) 298-1122.

 Harmonic Convergence, a Gay and Lesbian Choral Mini- Festival. 8 p.m. at the Lisner Auditorium at 21st and H Street, NW. Sponsored by the Gay men's Chorus of D.C. \$11-\$18-\$22.

 Women, Words and Rhythm, a benefit for Lesbian health care featuring writers Dorothy Allison, Chrystos, Jewelle Gomez and Irena Klepfisz. 8-9:30 p.m. at the Marvin Center/GWU, 21st and I Street, NW. Dance follows at 10 p.m. Sponsored by the Mautner project for lesbians with Cancer.
 Shabbat Evening Service for Gay and Lesbian Jews. 8:30 p.m. at the National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle. Sponsored by Congregation Bet Mishoachab.

★ HOE DOWN '93, a country-western dance. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the National Building Museum, 401 F Street, NW. \$20. Sponsored by the Atlantic states Gay Rodeo Association.

 The National Women's Ball, aka The Lesbutante Ball, featuring Kate Clinton, the Kit McClure Band, Suede and Cathy Winter. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW. \$125.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

 Arlington National Cemetery Memorial March and Commemoration to honor Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual soldiers who died for their country. 7:30 a.m. assembly at the Lincoln Memorial, 8 a.m. march across Arlington Bridge to the Memorial Ampitheatre for a service and choral concert. Sponsored by a coalition of Gay veterans groups.

 Second Annual Bisexual Conference.
 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at American University.
 \$60. Sponsored by the East Coast Bisexual Network and BiNet/USA.

 NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt Display. 10 a.m. to 6p.m. at either the National Museum of American History or the White House Ellipse. Also displayed Sunday, April 25, 10-6 p.m. Sponsored by the NAMES Project, San Francisco. 30

▼ The Wedding: Mass Commitment Ceremony, an interfaith bonding ceremony. 11 a.m. at the IRS Building. \$10 for certificate. Sponsored by the Universal Federation of metropolitan Community Churches.

 Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund Brunch honoring openly Gay and lesbian elected officials, featuring Clinton/Gore advisor James Carville. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Presidential Ballroom of the Capitol Hilton Hotel. \$100. Hands Around the Capitol to encircle Congress and deliver a wake-up call about AIDS. 12 Noon at the US capitol Bldg. Sponsored by ACT UP.

 Women of Power Luncheon to honor Lesbian activists who are making a difference. 12 Noon at the National Press Club, 529 14th Street, NW, \$100.
 Sponsored by the National Organization for Women.

 Fight the Right Town Meeting to discuss strategies to defeat the right wing's anti-Gay campaigns. 1-4 p.m. at the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW. Sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

 Harmonic Convergence, Gay and Lesbian Choral Festival. 2 p.m. at the Lisner Auditorium, 21st and H Street, NW. \$11-\$18-\$22.

 Forum on Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival Get the latest information about the big event June 18-25, 1994 in New York City. 2-4 p.m. in the Georgetown Room of the Washington Hilton, 1919 Connecticut Ave., NW. Sponsored by Gay Games IV.

✓ Interfaith Service 3 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street, NW. Sponsored by the DC Gay and Lesbian Interfaith Alliance.

 Gays in the Military: Honoring Our Allies, Forging Our Future, a reception for those who are working against the Pentagon ban. Special guests include Margarethe Cammermeyer, Joe Steffan, Tanya Domi, Tracy Thorne, Dusty Pruitt, Keith Meinhold and Heidi de Jesus. 4-7 p.m. at the Postal Square, 2 Massachusetts Ave., NE. Sponsored by NGLTF.

 Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International banquet and reception, with children's activities during dinner. 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hyatt Hotel in Rosslyn, VA.
 \$10. Sponsored by the G/L Parents Coalition.

 The Dyke March, a celebration of Lesbian visibility and survival. 7 p.m. in DuPont Circle. All lesbians welcome.
 Sponsored by the Lesbian Avengers.

 Gay and Lesbian Bands of America Concert, a gathering of bands from across America. 7:30 p.m. at the Warner Theatre, 13th and E Streets. \$15-\$20-\$25.

▼ NGLTF Fundraising Concert featuring Romanofsky & Phillips and Margie Adam. 8 p.m. at the University of District Columbia Auditorium. \$18. Sponsored by NGLTF.

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 Gay Rites Dance a benefit for the march on washington, NGLTF and the Human Rights Campaign Fund. 9 p.m. to 4 a.m. at the Washington Hilton, 191 Connecticut Ave. \$22/\$30.

 Spring to Life Benefit featuring disco diva Rozalla and drag artist RuPaul. 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. at Washington's pavilion at the Old Post Office. Ticket price unavailable.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

 Communion Service 8:30 a.m. at the Lincoln memorial. Sponsored by the Universal fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches.

• NAMES Project Quilt Display. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at either the National Museum of American History or the White House Ellipse.

THE MARCH!

Opening Stage and Assembly Rally. 9
 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the southwest side of the
Washington Monument and on the Ellipse.
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w March Step-Off at 12 Noon.

 Main Stage and Rally, 1-6 p.m. in front of the U.S. Capitol.

 Dance on Washington, an AIDS benefit.
 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Grand Hall of the National Building Museum. \$25. Sponsored by the American Foundation for AIDS Research.

 Divas Simply Singing, a gala event featuring Dionne Warwick, Melba Moore, Thelma Houston and other divas in a benefit for the National Minority AIDS Council at the Warner Theatre. 7:30 p.m. \$25 an up.

 The Fabulous Flirtations in Concert. 8 p.m. at Hines Junior High School, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Ave. SE. \$15.
 Freedom Rings Dance, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Washington Hilton. \$20/\$30.

Sponsored by NGLTF.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

 Health Care is a Human Right — Not a Business! Protest and civil disobedience at the Capitol. 9:30 a.m. assembly at Constitution and Delaware Aves. near Union Station. 10 a.m. rally, followed by non-violent civil disobedience. Sponsored by Human Rights Action for Health care. • The Fabulous Flirtations in Concert. 7 p.m. at Hines Junior High School, 8th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., SE. \$15.

Norway Legalizes Gay Marriage

by Rex Wockner

Norway legalized Gay and Lesbian marriage April 1.

It is the second country to do so. An identical law took effect in Denmark Oct. 1, 1989.

The legislation passed the Odelsting chamber of the Norwegian parliament by a vote of 58-40 on March 29 and the Lagting chamber by a vote of 18-16 on April 1.

Federal Minister for Children and Family Affairs Grete Berget said the law will come into effect Aug. 1.

As in Denmark, Gay/Lesbian spouses will have all the rights of heterosexual marriage except two: They will not be allowed to adopt children; and the state church will not be required to perform Gay weddings.

The legislation received support from all members of the Labour and Socialist parties, several members of the Conservative Party and a few members of the Rightist Progress Party.

Only the Christian Democrats opposed the measure as a block.

Gay-marriage legislation is pending in the parliaments of neighboring Sweden and Finland. It will likely pass in Sweden first.

In Denmark, at last report, more than 1,300 Gay/Lesbian couples had married since 1989. Seventeen subsequently divorced.

Sixty-two percent of the marriages have been between men.

In the U.S., Gay marriage is under consideration in Hawaii, where a lawsuit filed by three Gay couples has reached the state Supreme Court. A legal challenge is also ongoing in the District of Columbia.

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'Crypto' And Controversy in Milwaukee Water Debacle

Immune compromised hit hardest; 4 deaths possibly linked to contamination

By Ron Geiman

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Milwaukee — The "don't drink the water" ban — in place in Milwaukee and other localities serviced by the Milwaukee Water works for nearly a week — was lifted the evening of April 14... for most people. Those with severely compromised immune systems (People With AIDS, transplant & cancer treatment patients) were cautioned by the Milwaukee AIDS Project to continue boiling their tap water, or to use only bottled water, at least until more is known about the outbreak.

The weeks-long outbreak of rising numbers of severe diarrhea, stomach cramps and violent episodes of vomiting brought the city to a near stand still, and thrust it into the national media spotlight.

The city shut down the Howard Avenue water treatment plant after concentrations of the parasite cryptosporidium was discovered there. Throughout the last half of March, many south side residents called the plant to complain of cloudy water. Calls peaked in late March, early April.

Many area residents had, at first, thought the symptoms were related to the flu season. Then in April, hospitals started reporting significant numbers of patients coming down with the illness, schools having to close due to lack of staff or students, and businesses reporting high absenteeism, officials looked deeper into the illness.

A Milwaukee Journal poll suggested that during the first week of April nearly 59% of respondents lived in households where at least one member suffered from severe diarrhea.

PARASITE DISCOVERED IN STOOL

The protozoa culprit was found by a West Allis doctor who discovered it during a laboratory stain test. After notifying the city health department wide testing reveled the area-wide spread of the contamination.

Rumors, especially on the south side of the city, about "cloudy," "murky" and "vile tasting" tap water were substantiated when the protozoa was found in both the city's water treatment plants on the shore of Lake Michigan that supply Milwaukee and ten of its neighbors. Test results indicated the south side Howard Avenue treatment plant had much heavier concentrations of the organism; and subsequently the homes and businesses supplied by that plant suffered, by far, the highest number of infected people.

The protozoa may be found in most surface water systems, and is so tiny that only the finest filtration systems can remove it. Cryptosporidium is most associated with cattle (especially calves) and sheep.

Mayor Norquist, and several others, pointed fingers at up-stream farm run-off carrying the protozoa spores into the Milwaukee River watershed. Seasonal flooding, high water levels, and untreated sewage overflowing into water sources were also accused. Others pointed to a "pollution plume," laden with heavy concentrations of the protozoa, may have washed down the Milwaukee River and into the Lake Michigan harbor where seasonal currents then washed the effluent southerly into the Texas Avenue water intake pipe nearly a mile off shore.

Further studies by the State Department of Health, DNR and the federal government investigative agencies may eventually find the true cause, but as of deadline investigators pointed at the improper use of a substitute filtering process chemical. The new chemical, relatively new, was to take the place of alum. The Water Department dropped the use of alum because of its propensity to leach lead from the water pipes. Milwaukee's high level of lead poison cases led to the switch in late '92.

The mayor assured customers that from now on, the water department would listen seriously to citizen complaints about water clarity and taste, saying "after all, the customer knows what he likes."

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treatment plant to go back "on-line" by June. The north side Linnwood plant. where subsequent tests showed no traces of cryptosporidium after flushing, remained in operation throughout the crisis.

According to a by-lined Milwaukee Sentinel article, UW Madison researcher Dean Cliver, said April 14 that "the city's outbreak may have originated not with cattle, but with people already infected with the illness." Cliver was guoted in the article as saying "there are plenty of people in Milwaukee with Cryptosporidiosis." Quoting the Sentinel which said Cliver explained, "those typically are people with weakened immune systems such as people with the HIV virus, organ transplant recipients and people undergoing chemotherapy. Any one of those people could, in a normal day shed in their stools enough Cryptosporidium spores to potentially infect a large number of people."

After flushing into the sewer system, Cliver suggested there might have been a breakdown in water treatment or a "cross contamination" of the water and sewer systems," spreading the organism to the general population.

OUTBREAK LINKED TO 4 DEATHS?

Three Milwaukee AIDS patients, and a fourth receiving chemotherapy treatments for cancer, died in Milwaukee hospitals during the week-long period following the Mayor's order to either boil all water for drinking and food preparation, or to consume only bottled water. The patients who died all had been hospitalized for severe dehydration brought on by persistent diarrhea and vomiting. It was not determined that the four were infected with the protozoa.

Nearly 48% of the clients served by the Milwaukee AIDS Project reported diarrhea and vomiting in the three weeks prior to the discovery of the protozoa, and 12 were hospitalized for dehydration. according to results of a MAP survey.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (MAP's parent) executive director, Doug Nelson, came under fire by City Health Commissioner Paul Nannis, after Nelson disclosed that a study five months ago strongly suggested that Milwaukee had a problem with cryptosporidium. The study was part of a clinical trial for an anti-diarrhea drug for People with AIDS, by the name of

paromomycin. (The drug trial is still ongoing at MAP through the Wisconsin Community Research Consortium, a drug trials group.) The study showed Milwaukee had far more PWAs infected with the parasite than any other city.

Those findings do not necessarily mean that Milwaukee's water was contaminated at the time of the survey, or that the protozoa was more prevalent that anywhere else. But health officials angrily decried the fact that the information wasn't shared with them by ARCW. Nelson told The New York Times the sample "was not a systematic survey" and because the group has such a poor working relationship with health officials, saying "Right now, the doors are shut."

Nelson said he released the medical information to help solve the health crisis. What caused health officials to react was that the information was released to the press before the health department was alerted.

Contacts at the city Health Department told In Step that no one there felt "the doors were shut" between them and the AIDS agency, and they asked that all differences be set aside for the good health of the community.

Nelson followed up with an April 13 letter to Nannis asking him to set up an HIV/AIDS task force to "address the critical issues that this crisis presents." Nelson suggested membership be made up of Health & Social Services department members, MAP and other AIDS service agencies representative, doctors who treat PWA's and PWA's themselves. It could not be determined by press time if Nannis replied.

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TIPS FOR PWAs

The MAP Food Pantry and MAP's "Operation Helping Hand" surveyed all their clients during the crisis, and distributed hundreds of gallons of bottled water, donated by caring agencies and businesses, including Miller brewery.

Even though the water ban was lifted, MAP continues to urge its clients to boil all drinking or food preparation water and/or use bottled water saying, "questions remain regarding the safety of the water for individuals who may be living with AIDS or HIV disease."

MAP is advocating a conservative approach to the reinstitution of safe water. MAP is recommending that the following tips be taken to heart by immune compromised persons:

Continue to drink only boiled or bottled water;

 Resumption of the use of tap water for ice-making and general cooking may continue to pose a risk;

 Use of tap water for showering or bathing can be resumed. However, those clients with a Central Line, Hickmann or PICC line should cover the site with *Tegaderm* before showering and replace the *Tegaderm* following showering.

 If you have any questions, call your physician or MAP case manager.

To address questions regarding the safety of water for PWA's, MAP announced "Mayor Norquist has convened a work group to provide answers to questions such as what is a safe level of cryptosporidium in the water to an individual living with HIV disease and when can an individual living with HIV disease safely and confidently drink and use the water."

(Editor's Note: Since some studies on a nationwide level indicate various amounts of cryptosporidium exist in up to 27% of treated civic water supplies, we suggest all severely immune compromised persons drink only boiled or bottled water. Cryptosporidium is a widespread threat that will continue to pose a risk until officials learn more about it.)

Marines Acquited In Alleged Gay Bashing

Prosecution failed to prove case, judge says

Wilmington, NC — Three Marines accused of a Gay bashing assault in January at the height of publicity over President Clinton's proposal to lift the han on Gays in the military have been a cquitted. Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson ruled the prosecution had failed to meet its burden of proof.

The case drew nationwide publicity after Crae Pridgen, 28, visibly battered, charged that three Marines beat him outside a Gay bar while yelling "Clinton must pay," apparently a reference to the President's plan to lift the Pentagon ban on Gays. Pridgen claimed the attack was unprovoked.

The trial was filled with conflicting testimony by witnesses. The Marines said they did not set out that night to harass any Gays. They merely stopped at the club so a female companion could use the restroom. The woman testified when she emerged from the restroom, several bar patrons were taunting the Marines and making sexual overtures to them.

John Laughter, a female impersonator, said the Marines were making anti-Gay comments in the bar. Laughter confronted them, saying "You don't like queers. This is a queer bar. Get out." He said one of the Marines hit him and he responded by swinging a telephone receiver in self-defense. Then a general melee broke out.

Another bar patron contradicted Pridgen's testimony, saying that Pridgen himself had rushed toward the Marines, cursing, as the fight broke out. The Marines based their case on self- defense. But Officer J.K. Nedley, who arrested the Marines, said that while in custody the men said they "hate all faggots. They hope all faggots would die."

After six days of conflicting testimony, Judge Morris- Goodson said the prosecution had failed to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt. "If any of the defendants acted in self- defense," she said, "their individual actions are excused." In Step + April 22-May 5, 1993 + Page 85

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State Court's Decision on Housing Draws Criticism

Landlords can deny housing to unrelated people

By Jamakaya

Madison - An April 13 decision by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, which effectively gives landlords the right to deny housing to unmarried, unrelated people, has drawn the ire of state legislators Tammy Baldwin and Barbara Notestein and could have serious repercussions for the state's Gay and Lesbian community.

Rep. Baldwin called the ruling "outrageous, poorly written and poorly thought through," Rep. Notestein, calling the decision "wrong-headed and a complete and total misreading of Wisconsin's Fair Housing Law," vowed to introduce legislation to reverse the court's decision.

In a 4-3 decision, the court ruled that Dwight Norman did not violate Dane County's fair housing law in 1989 when he refused to rent a three bedroom unit in his Sun Prairie duplex to three single women who planned to be roommates and, later, to a woman who wanted to live there with her two children and a female companion.

The women claimed they were discriminated against because of marital status. The Dane County housing ordinance defines marital status as "being married, divorced, widowed, separated, single or a cohabitant."

But Justice Donald W. Steinmetz writing for the majority, said Dane County's "requirement that landlords make available their rental units to 'cohabitants' is inconsistent with the public policy of this state which seeks to promote the stability of marriage and family. As a result, it is outside the enabling authority ... and invalid."

Steinmetz also argued: "Norman's motivation for denying rental to the individuals in this case was triggered by their 'conduct,' not their 'marital status.'...Their living together is 'conduct,' not 'status."

Steinmetz was joined in his ruling by Justices Roland Day, Louis Ceci and Jon P. Wilcox.

"MORALIZING FROM THE BENCH"

But Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan wrote a stinging dissent, which was joined by Justices Shirley Abrahamson and William Bablitch.

Heffernan accused the majority of "moralizing from the bench." He said "Absent any evidence that these individuals were involved in anything other than a cost-sharing relationship, I cannot conceive how allowing these individuals to live together cooperatively would in any way affect the health and well-being of Wisconsin families and marriage."

"Dane County's ordinance protecting 'cohabitants' from housing discrimination is fully consistent with the State Legislature's anti-discrimination laws," said Heffernan, and was particularly relevant in an area housing the state Capitol and the University of Wisconsin. "Both of these institutions tend to attract large numbers of young, single individuals, people for whom rent-sharing is often the only means of obtaining affordable housing."

Heffernan also commented in a footnote that the majority's ruling would enable landlords to deny housing to Gay and Lesbian couples who wanted to live together.

That is one of many concerns of Tammy Baldwin.

"THE IMPLICATIONS ARE SCARY"

"From a civil rights perspective, the implications are quite scary for members of socially protected classes. It could be used as a guise for discriminating against Gays and Lesbians, also, people with disabilities who must often live with an attendant, people on public assistance who have to share rental units, and students, who oftentimes are living off loans and part-time jobs who have to pool their resources with other students."

If not an actual license to discriminate, Baldwin said the court had created a "loophole" to discriminate.

"I hope landlords will not make use of the rights extended by this opinion, but my fear is that they may use it selectively to target people who are traditional victims of discrimination," said Baldwin.

Baldwin is confident that state legislators will pass a measure to reverse the court's ruling. "There's not a district in the state that doesn't have citizens who will

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Graffiti

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Mike C. (Club 94): Nice job on the newsletter! I wonder who the editor could be ?

Andy Weber: Happy Birthday Andy! Bill (Partners)

Fitz: Happy 60th Birthday Shirley! Love, Teri

Bobby S.: Checkmate "click", P.S. I win your Evil Twin

Bobby (That's Amorel): Are you as wonderful and tasty in bed than you are waiting tables? You're Milwaukee's best kept secret in more ways than one, and those dimples! Landed me right away! An Admirer

Terry, Jerry and Friends (Brandy's II): The fundraiser for the chorus was absolutely fabulous! We appreciate the hard work and support on our behalf. The Bay City Chorus

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Jose: J miss you — it's been too long since we've seen each other. I'm glad you like my new schedule — I don't. With love. Mz. Miller

To everyone I hate, and hates me. Let's get over it and let bygones be bygones. Jose?

Katt: Thanks for the B-day ciss. I won't tell if you don't. (Not!) Lesbian Woman (Ces't La Vie)



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be negatively impacted by this decision."

She said many legislators themselves could be affected by the decision because "Republicans and Democrats alike often room with each other to save the expense of individual quarters in Madison while also maintaining homes in their districts." Baldwin expressed confidence that a bi-partisan coalition to reverse the ruling could be formed.

Wisconsin's Gay Vets Speak Out

On the Pentagon ban, witch hunts and future hopes

By Jamakaya

"I think it's gonna fall, I think it's gonna fall," said former Army Reserve Staff Sergeant Miriam Ben-Shalom of the Pentagon's ban on Gays and Lesbians. "Slowly, but surely, I think it's gonna fall."

"I can't believe America will will let a minority of old white southern fogies dictate what our policy should be," said Jim English, former Army Staff Sergeant who was discharged after more than 18 years of service to his country.

"Sometimes I feel like it's liberation day. Sometimes it hurts deeply," said Robert Nicholas of the ongoing debate on Gays in the military. Nicholas is a Navy veteran who retired at the rank of Commander.

"The outcome may not be as positive as we want it to be," said Maria Hanson, the daughter of a proud military family who was discharged from the Army in 1989. "At a minimum, even if the question is no longer asked and investigations are no longer held, people like me still won't be able to return to active duty."

In the midst of the Senate hearings and national debate on Gays in the military, and just days before the big March on Washington, In Step interviewed several of our state's Gay and Lesbian veterans to get their perspective on events.

They presented rational arguments against the Pentagon's policy. They shared emotional memories of fallen comrades and talked about the deep isolation they had felt while desperately trying to keep their true identities secret. Regarding Steinmetz's comment that public policy should promote marriage and the family, Baldwin said "Heffernan was right to criticize the moralizing from the bench."

"It's an exceedingly political decision," she said, which could have a chilling effect on nascent plans to introduce the concept of domestic partnerships into state law.

They expressed pride at their years of service and anger and bewilderment that their country would abandon and exclude them.

A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

These are the words of a few good men and women about the controversy swirling around them.

Today, Robert Nicholas is an Orthodox Catholic Brother who works with the elderly through a social service organization in Milwaukee. He enlisted in the Navy in 1955 and stayed on in the active Reserves through 1977. In the 1960's, he served on a gunboat in the Mekong River in Vietnam.

"You wouldn't believe how many Gay people were in the Navy On the Pentagon ban, witch hunts and future hopes — and they were some of the finest soldiers. A close buddy of mine who was Gay was killed."

"Gay is Gay. Everybody is an individual and we all live our lives the best way we can. I mourn for my comrades who died and I didn't always know which ones might have been straight or which ones might have been Gay. It didn't matter. We did our jobs together. We did the best we could."

During his years of service, Nicholas said he "never dared to say anything aboard ship. Gay culture was very discreet." While repressing his feelings, Nicholas suffered serious bouts of loneliness and admitted to taking some "great risks" while on liberty. "I wanted to meet people of my own kind," he said, "I had to meet people of my own kind."

ANATOMY OF A WITCH HUNT Maria Hanson, who works as Outreach Coordinator at The United in



OFFICE: Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church P.O. Box 1421 Milwaukee, WI 53201-1421 For information call: 414/332-9995 In Madison contact Jessie: 608/845-5409 Madison and who is the spokeswoman for the Campaign for Military Service in Wisconsin, was the victim of a Lesbian witch hunt while stationed in West Germany in 1988. Things got very ugly.

Wanting to be honest, Hanson admitted her Lesbianism, thinking it would lead to a quick administrative hearing and discharge. But investigators from the Army's Central Intelligence Division threatened her with imprisonment and a dishonorable discharge. They tried to extract the names of other suspected Lesbians from her and demanded that she admit to performing sexual acts with women. She was subjected to verbal abuse from other soldiers and, in 1989, was raped and beaten outside the barracks on base.

"The worst part of it," said Hanson "was the complete isolation, the paranoia. Your own community is forced to turn its back on you." There were, in fact, many other Gay and Lesbian soldiers on the base, but none could or would come to her assistance.

Jim English, a computer technician in Milwaukee, was given a general discharge one year ago after telling buddies he was Gay and after superior officers saw his photo on the cover of Gay Chicago. Just two years shy of qualifying for full Army benefits, English admits his actions may seem foolhardy, but after so many years of confusion and hiding, "I was just tired of the bullshit."

English is proud to be part of the movement "that will clean this whole mess up." He is confident the ban will be lifted and hopes to sue for retirement benefits once it is.

BEN-SHALOM'S LONG STRUGGLE

Miriam Ben-Shalom fought the longest legal battle to be reinstated to the Army Reserve, which, despite her exemplary record as a Drill Instructor, kicked her out in 1976. Like many others, she was discharged for merely saying she was a Lesbian, not for any sexual acts or misconduct. The convoluted legal challenges culminated with the US Supreme Court refusing to hear her case in 1990.

Throughout the long ordeal, Ben-Shalom has always maintained: "All I want to do is serve the country I love." Today, she is President of the Gay,

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Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America. As such, she is in the midst of the current debate, activating Gay vets, appearing on talk shows, attending town meetings, lobbying with politicians, working toward the day the ban is finally lifted.

Ben-Shalom spoke derisively of how "all the old arguments against Gays in the military are being trotted out and discounted one by one."

"The idea that we are a threat to security has been disproved by the Pentagon's own reports. Then they fell back on the idea that we are a threat to morale, a potential problem that education, leadership and discipline can resolve. Then they retreated further and invoked shower-phobia, saying that there were serious privacy issues - right, like anybody has privacy in the army! Finally, they suggested segregation, which only reinforced the argument we've been making all along that the root of the problem is discrimination!"

IS SEXISM TO BLAME?

"The military is engaging in obfuscation, a smoke and mirrors routine to distract the American population from the real problem: the sexism and profound misconduct of young heterosexual males in the military. Gay people are not the problem here," Ben Shalom insisted. "They just want to keep their all-male country club, the last bastion of good-old-boyism, intact."

Hanson and English also cited heterosexism as underlying reason for the Gay ban.

"Heterosexual male harassment of women in the military is rampant, but accusers are often dismissed as Lesbians. Sexism has ruled so long, it's a very effective means of intimidation. This whole issue is about power and control. Straight men don't want to give it up."

"The fear and lack of understanding about homosexuality is pervaded by such a strong male chauvinism in straight men. To be amongst the feared faggots challenges their manhood in a very deep way," said English.

"The only thing I don't get," he joked, "is how did we ever get from being poofy to being predatory?"

These Gay and Lesbian vets

often laugh about the absurdity of the policy and the stereotyped images that remain prevalent. But there is also sense of anger that their patriotism and soldiering abilities are being called into question.

"How many times do we have to say it before they really get it? Sexual orientation has nothing to do with the job you can do!" said English.

All the vets were cheered by the testimony of former Secretary of Defense Lawrence Korb, who wrote the current regulation barring Gays. He told the Senate Armed Services Committee: "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."

They are also encouraged by the statement released by Dr. Edward D. Martin, Asst. Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. It said: "We are not aware of any scientific evidence that individual sexual preferences, in and by themselves, be they homosexual, heterosexual or bisexual, affect work productivity, scholastic aptitude, disease incidence, medical costs or crime rate ... "

Word that former Admiral William Crowe has eased his earlier opposition to the ban was welcome news too. "Can Colin Powell be far behind?" English asked.

"The position we're in now is one we haven't seen in the Gay and Lesbian movement. We've got big money backing which is allowing us for the first time to conduct professional and concentrated lobbying. It's clearly beginning to have an effect," said English.

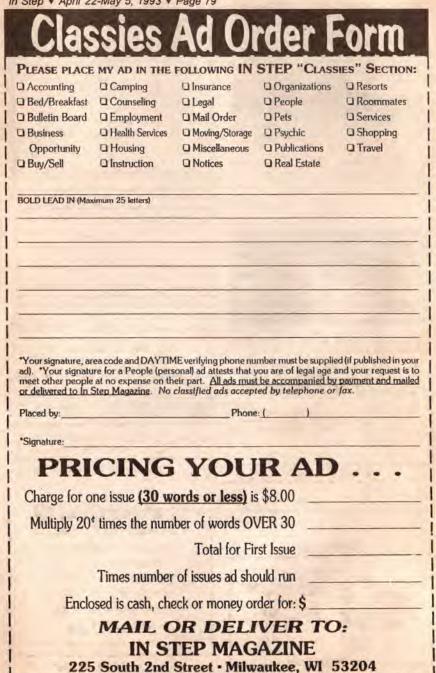
"I think it's gonna fall, I think it's gonna fall," Ben- Shalom repeated in an almost ritual chant.

What will these Gay and Lesbian veterans do if the policy if and when the policy is repealed?

Ben-Shalom wants to re-enlist. Hanson would like to join the Reserves, and English wants to collect his retirement benefits. They, along with Robert Nicholas who has an education degree, all expressed interest in participating in the education effort that will be necessary for a smooth transition in policy.

America needs us," said Ben-Shalom, "and we'll be there. We've always been there."

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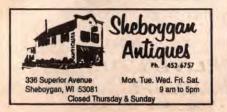
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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

HUD Recognizes Domestic Partners, Gay Rights

Washington, DC - Despite the strong opposition of former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Jack Kemp, HUD has become the first federal agency to extend family leave to same sex partners and to prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. The policy went into effect last November but only became widely known recently.

The policy proposals were first initiated by the American Federation of Government Employees, the union that represents HUD workers, during contract negotiations in 1989. To the surprise of union leaders, HUD's management representative signed the contract.

In addition to prohibiting job bias, the contract allows HUD workers to utilize annual leave time to care for incapacitated family members. Workers can also seek extended unpaid leave from supervisors "if workload permits." The policy defines "family member" broadly: "any individual related by blood or affinity whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship."

Kemp was reportedly furious. He contested the contract before the Federal Labor Relations Authority, which ruled in the union's favor. An appeals court also ratified the contract language, and the Justice Department denied Kemp's bid to appeal to the Supreme Court. The policy was implemented without fanfare to avoid political embarrassment to Kemp and the Bush administration.

Falwell's Ministry Fined for Political Work

Washington, DC - After a lengthy investigation, the Internal Revenue Service has ordered Rev. Jerry Falwell's "Old Time Gospel Hour" ministry to pay \$50,000 in back taxes and has revoked the tax-exempt status of his Liberty Federation. Both groups were found guilty of engaging in illegal political activity.

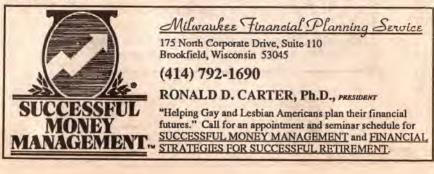
The tax-exempt status of the "Gospel Hour" was also revoked for a two year period. The IRS found that the ministry's assets and personnel were used to illegally raise funds for a conservative political action committee. The IRS also determined that the Liberty Federation went beyond its mandate as a religious and charitable organization. The IRS is requiring both groups to restructure policies to avoid future violations.

In 1991, the IRS forced Jimmy Swaggart's ministry to pay \$171,000 in back taxes for illegal activities.

Colorado Boycott Having Mixed Results

Denver, CO - The New York Times reports that "luxurious blankets of snow, drawing a record number of skiers" have offset the negative effect of the Colorado boycott to protest the state's passage of an anti-Gay referendum.

Tourism officials concede that the boycott is having its greatest effect in the state's cities, where lost revenue from at least 24 canceled conventions has totaled \$35 million. But operators of ski resorts credit the large snowfall with bringing in record numbers of skiers, and shops in tourist towns report a 6% increase in sales over the same period last year.



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Tourism officials are receiving fewer calls about the boycott. They say the summer season, which draws many campers, along with the debut season of the new National League baseball team, the Colorado Rockies, and a visit by Pope John Paul should make or break the boycott.

"Harvey Milk" Producer, Top Judge Succumb to AIDS

Los Angeles, CA — Richard Schmiechen, who won an Academy Award in 1984 as producer of the documentary film The Times of Harvey Milk, died on April 7 of AIDS complications. He was 45.

Another film produced by Schmiechen, Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker, was nominated for an Oscar this year. Among Schmiechen's other documentaries are Nick Mazzuco: Biography of an Atomic Vet, about a soldier who witnessed 23 a- bomb tests, and Arboreal Aviators, about life in the tropical rain forest.

On April 11 in New York City, Judge Richard C. Failla, 53, succumbed to AIDS. Failla was the first openly Gay man to be elected to the New York Supreme Court and was the highest ranking openly Gay man in the US judiciary.

Failla first practiced law in the 1960s as a lieutenant in the Navy's Judge Advocate General Corps. He then served as a district attorney in New York City. In 1985, Mayor Ed Koch appointed him a criminal court judge, and in 1988, he won his race for the Supreme Court. He was a board member of Gay Men's Health Crisis and frequently spoke out for Gay and Lesbian rights.

"Outwrite" Set For Boston in October

Boston, MA — Outwrite '93, the fourth annual Lesbian and Gay writers conference, will be held October 8-10 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. The title of this year's conference is Subversion/Perversion/Inversion: Queer Writers' Versions of the World.

Keynote speakers include: playwright Tony Kushner, author of the Broadway show Angels in America; poet, critic and author of The Gilda Stories, Jewelle Gomez; science fiction writer Samuel R. Delany, author of The Motion of Light in Water; and Native American



poet Chrystos.

This year's conference will be sponsored by Gay Community News, which will begin publishing again this summer Cost of Outwrite '93 is \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door. For registration info, write to. Outwrite '93, P.O. Box 263, State House, Boston, MA 02133.

Falwell Launches Campaign Against Lesbian Appointee

Lynchburg, VA — "President Clinton has done the unthinkable!" wrote Jerry Falwell to thousands of his conservative supporters. He "has appointed a Lesbian to his administration. She is a strong champion of homosexual rights to adopt children... Read how you can help me stop this outrage!"

Falwell, using the letterhead of yet another of his ministry's offshoots, the Liberty Alliance, urged his readers to lobby against the nomination of Roberta Achtenberg to be Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Opportunity in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Achtenberg must be approved by the Senate.

The letter said nothing of Achtenberg's background as a politician and community leader in San Francisco. The letter included postcards urging Senators to vote against her nomination with the message: "Americans simply do not want homosexuals attaining positions of authority in our government." It also asked for a \$25 or \$35 donation.

Rock Hudson's Estate Must Pay His Lover

San Francisco, CA — The Ninth US Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that actor Rock Hudson's failure to tell his lover he had AIDS constituted "inherently harmful conduct" and ordered Hudson's estate, rather than his insurance company, to pay financial damages.

A Los Angeles jury initially awarded Marc Christian \$21.75 million in damages, but that was reduced by a judge to \$5.5 million. The Aetna Casualty Co. issued Hudson a homeowner's policy which protected him against damages for bodily injury. But Aetna successfully argued that its policy only covered injuries that were accidental or unintended. The court's finding of Hudson's "harmful conduct" means the actors estate will be liable for the damages.

- Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

Cruising The Third Ward — The Latest High Risk Activity Police arresting drivers

Milwaukee - The Milwaukee Police Department is aggressively issuing citations to Gay men cruising the streets of the Historic Third Ward after bar closing hours, according to Attorney Thomas E. Martin. "Many weeks ago I was getting phone calls from men who had been issued a citation for trivial traffic violations, such as making a right turn without signalling on Jefferson or Jackson Street at 3am in the morning. Last weekend, the police started issuing tickets for 'loitering, soliciting and prostitution' where men had stopped their cars and talked to other drivers. All defendants I talked to are adamant that their cruising absolutely did not involve any discussion of money."

Using the authority of the "solicitation and prostitution" charge, the vehicles of the men are taken into custody, making a towing and storage charge of \$250 due before the car is released — in addition to the \$250 citation and a night in jail in some cases. The interior of one man's vehicle was ripped apart, apparently on suspicion of drugs.

Martin commented that, "It's hard to believe that the Milwaukee Police are interested in 'community policing', when there continues to be selective enforcement of the law targeting the Gay population."

(Martin urges any victim of police harassment to contact the Complaint Advocates of the Lesbian Alliance of Metropolitan Milwaukee (LAMM) at (414) 264-2600 to register and process a complaint.) In Step * April 22-May 5, 1993 * Page 75

Spent so much time preaching to the choir, we forgot to notice whether anybody else was sitting in the pews listening to the lecture.

For example again, and try to imagine you are a Non-Gay, Pudgy, Protestant, Crimson Necked, Middle Class,... oh, say, um.. Houston Oilers Fan. Or Hetero Recreational Needlepointer: (Shudder.) And try these currently popular bumpersticker models on for size:

OUT IS IN — Really confusing in a political year, which lately, they all seem to be.

RU 1-2? A Laid off auto worker? Cavity free? A Mensa member?

HATE IS NOT A FAMILY VALUE — Yup, Can't argue with that. Brought to you by? The Unitarian Church? The ACLU? The Mormons?

PRIDE — An all time favorite. But how presumptuous to suppose we own it. And that it advertises who we are, so we don't actually have to say so out loud.

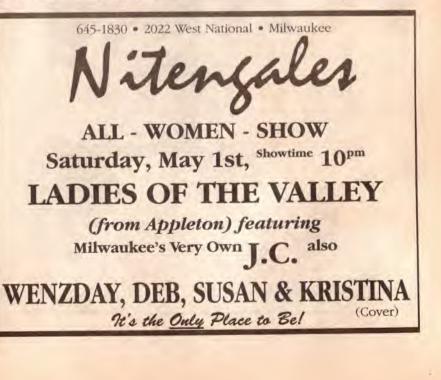
This year, of course, there's the newly popular: DC IN 93 — Farmers seeking government subsidies, perhaps? Vietnam Vets wanting better benefits? Where does it actually tell people who

"We" are? I rest my case.

Now, I'm not suggesting that you emblazon "FAGGOT" or "DYKE" over the factory installed. Unless you have a death wish. Or one of those NRA stickers too. I'm not even suggesting that "HATING A GAY MAN OR LESBIAN IS NOT A REAL NICE THING TO DO, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN?" would be a great banner unless you're driving a doublewide. But just maybe there's a better way to tell our fellow travelers. Something a little "Gay-er" in its wording, perhaps?

On the other hand...? We're going to be driving north to the Washington march through some pretty dicey territory. Maybe I'll just surgically remove the little pink triangle that almost everyone thinks is a university parking permit. Only temporarily, you understand. Just in case someone with a 200 thread count percale wardrobe is not quite so clueless as we attempt to pass.

Anybody know where I can get the word "BUBBA" stitched onto a bumper sticker? ©1993. Shelly Roberts. All Rights Reserved.



Cleaning out my closet By Shelly Roberts

It's A Real Sticky Issue

I had to out myself to the neighbors again.

Now I know you believe that I'm the poster child for outing, so having the neighbors on the receiving end of my usual, "Hey-Hey, Whatta ya say? I'm a Lesbian all the way!" Pep-rally shouldn't be any big deal by now, right? After all, I'm the one who keeps suggesting that you stamp your money "Queer Bucks" or "Lesbian Loot" or something a little more civilized like "Homoaffectional Currency." So what's the big deal about presenting myself as who I really am to June and Ward Wannabe from down the block?

Well, it's just that I didn't realize that I would have to. Directly. Face-to-face. Again.

That's what bumper stickers are

for.

I mean, why else would sticky pieces of bright paper, the removal of which requires a contractors' strength extension cord and a hot-air blow dryer, have been invented, if not to advertise the registered beliefs of the owner.

HONK IF YOU LOVE CHEESES! Nyah-Nyah-Nyah-Nyaa-Nyah-

Nyah My Brilliant Little Genius Made The Honor Roll At Pre-Natal Day Care! And Yours Didn't!

FLOG A FAIRY FOR FALLWELL!

Bumper stickers! We all love'em because they say things for us so we don't have to. I mean, who's gonna mess with an ebony Bronco on 747 wheels, sporting the fateful: "NRA — MAKE MY DAY!"? You do not have to ask to see this driver's certificate of high school equivalency to establish there is not exactly a delegate to the Mother Teresa School of Heavy Thinking and Diplomatic Relations on board.

But it seems that, when it comes to our ardent declarations, and bumper stickers, we're living in a Nuclear-Family Free Zone. Slap a pink triangle on the Dodge's derriere, and we think that we are being absolutely blatant. Wrongo. Pretty much what we're doing is talking to ourselves. For example:

There I was in the front yard admonishing a twenty foot schefflera to stop drooling leaves all over the grass because it was, after all, merely a house plant that had lost its perspective. When down the street from the beach gate ambled Mr. and Mrs. America.

"Excuse us." said Mrs. A., catching me in mid-rant to a twenty-one foot ficus with an attitude.

"Yes?" I replied engagingly.

"Well, um, we've passed your car a number of times, and we were wondering..."

"Uh-huh?" I crisply retorted.

"Well, your bumper sticker says, "WE ARE EVERYWHERE!" And we want to know who 'WE' ARE."

This was not the first time this had happened. (Quick assessment for concealed weapons, religious tracts, or a propensity toward certain citrus beverages, beauty pageants and bouffant hairdos (It is, after all, still Florida.). Bite down hard. D e e p i n h a l e .) "Oh, the gayandlesbiancommunity, of course." I respond, politicallycorrectly.

"Thanks." They wander down the street shaking beach sand from their bootys, curiosity quenched. I biofeedback my blood pressure back into tachometer safety and chalk two more off my census of the known universe who need to experience a genuine Lesbian.

And I wonder why my bumper sticker failed?

Because I was sure that everybody who could pass the Ronald Reagan President's Literacy Test (just spell "no") knows what it means. That's why I put it on there. Oops, then I realized. Correction. Everybody Gay and Lesbian I know knows what it means. We. Us. Now that I think about it, Unemployed Republican Government Workers could apply the same sticky paper logic to themselves. So could the Fever-Blistered. And Commuters with Post Traumatic Rush Hour Syndrome. And Cops and Cab Drivers. Aren't they everywhere too? Except, of course, when you need them.

I'd never noticed it before. We've spent an enormous amount of ink and glue announcing ourselves... to ourselves.

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FIFTEENTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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Pride Celebration To Expand To Two Days Festival & Parade June 12-13

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee

Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) has announced plans to expand its popular PrideFest celebration. For the first time ever, the Pride Celebration will be held on more than one day.

"Our celebration of Pride has grown to the point where we just couldn't do everything we wanted to do in just one day" said MLGPC President Alan Stroik.

The evening of June 12 opens the festivities with a free candlelight concert, Sing Out For Pride. It will be held on the same PrideFest grounds as last year, Juneau Park. The festival will open at 5pm. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 6;30pm.

The concert will precede the allday Sunday June 13th Pride Celebration. Last year's PrideFest attracted over 7,000 people.

"We are very excited about the opportunity to add a new dimension to our annual celebration," said PrideFest Chairman Bill Meunier. "The Sing Out For Pride concert will provide a great evening of free entertainment in a wonderful outdoor setting."

Among the performers who have agreed to sing at the concert are the Cream City Chorus, the Fest City Singers, Singsational, and Madison's Womansong. They will be joined by several outstanding soloists and guests from throughout Wisconsin and from Chicago. The musical director for the evening will be Scott Stewart. Stewart will be working with all of the entertainers to coordinate the program.

On Sunday June 13 PrideFest will begin at 10am. The festivities will continue until 8pm.

Sunday's festivities will see many new wrinkles. The organizers are hoping for an even bigger crowd than last year's record breaker. The Pride Parade has been moved up an hour and will begin at Noon. A pre-parade rally will commence at 11:30am.

Festival Co-Chair Roberta Niggimeier says that MLGPC will be ready for a big crowd. "We are expanding the size of our food area so we can provide faster service. We will be offering a larger menu as well. We are also increasing the number of cold drink stands from one to four. We are adding another bar area as well."

Organizers are also planning three new additions to this year's Sunday festivities. A sports area sponsored by MLGPC and GAMMA; a youth tent sponsored by MLGPC and Gay Youth Milwaukee; and a huge rummage sale sponsored by Wisconsin Light will make their debuts at PrideFest 93.

"The addition of the sports area and Youth area allow us to better fulfill out mission of displaying all aspects of Lesbian and Gay life," said Meunier, "Of course the rummage sale allows us to hone our shopping skills." All funds collected at the rummage sale will be used to help defray the costs of producing the festival.

The PrideFest Planning Committee is planning a repeat of the elements that made 1992 such a success. These include an interdemoninational service, the wide variety of outstanding performers on the main stage, great food and drink, and of course the annual Pride Parade.

ENTERTAINMENT ON TWO STAGES

This year on the Main stage you are going to see a very strong entertainment line up. We will have performers from throughout the state. We want this to be statewide celebration and we want people to have fun all day long." said Meunier.

The second stage will also be returning but this year it will be enclosed in a tent. This stage features dance classes, poetry, self-defense demonstrations and more.

Meunier says that the line up for the stages is not yet completed. "We are looking for people who perform live entertainment." None of the performers are paid. Those who are interested in performing are encouraged to call the Pride Line 9414) 342-2330.

Two big name Milwaukee area bands have agreed (as of April 14) to perform on the Main Stage. Milwaukee's premiere Reggae group, David Robinson and Road Damage (formerly known as the X-Cleavers) will be bringing their high energy sound to the stage at 1:15 on Sunday. Then at 5pm, Loey Nelson and her band The Carnival Strippers, will perform. Nelson, who is Milw. Mayor John LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): I confess that I sometimes use this column to practice a disguised form of psychotherapy - even though I'm not a licensed therapist. I've done this, frankly, because sometimes therapy works better when you don't know it's being done. That's certainly the case this week. If there's anything wrong with you, it won't be fixed by punching your pillow or grilling your inner child. The best therapy will be to take your attention off vourself and throw it onto people who're in more pain than you. If that doesn't do the trick, try working triple overtime at a job that always keeps you guessing. If you still feel antsy, read each of the other signs' messages and do what it says.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): The anesthesia is wearing off. When you come to, you might feel a throbbing pain in your wallet, but otherwise you'll be as good as new — maybe even better if you consider how much nicer looking your shadow is now.

What you've just learned is a lesson you'll never see advertised in one of thosemillion-dollar,30-second commercials that equates sex appeal with the acquisition of consumer goods. Sometimes, you see, fate's way of making you into a sexier person is to take something away from you.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 20): Any publishers or patrons out there? I'm trying to find an outlet for my unpublished masterpiece, the Macho Feminist Bible. Here's a taste of the kind of wisdom you'll find therein: "It's not the meek that shall inherit the earth, but rather the well-disciplined pleasure-seekers who have balanced the masculine and feminine sides of their own natures and mastered the fine arts of working at their play and playing at their Work."

By the way, that's perfect advice for you right now, whether or not you're in a position to help me out.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 21-JAN. 19): One reason I've been put on this earth is to coax you into putting less faith in experts and authorities like me. Another reason is to expose you to a kind of astrology that doesn't crush your free will, but instead clarifies your choices. In this week's horoscope, for instance, I'll crisply delineate your options so that you may decide upon a bold course of action that's most in tune with your highest values. Study the following query carefully, then briskly flex your freedom of choice: Would you rather have love hit you upside the head, knock your feet out from under you, or kick you in the butt?

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Still your thoughts, mortal, and listen hard! It is I, the Psychic Judge! Drive fear out of your heart, and cease your attempts to talk yourself in circles! It is I, the Psychic Judge! I have come to appraise the quality of your self-love! And beware, for I have found it lacking!

Therefore, I demand that you fall down on your knees this instant and begin to worship yourself! Disobey me and I will be forced to make you face all the shocking beauty you have hidden from yourself!

PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 19): If you could get an innocent man freed from prison just by eating a bowl of live worms, would you do it? And how about if you could win a mansion by agreeing to have both your legs broken? Would you write a lucrative and influential comic strip like "Doonesbury" if you knew it meant the IRS would audit you every single year? Would you believe me if I told you that you could have anything you want if you'd just ask for it in an unselfish tone of voice? * @1993 By John Brezsny

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ARIES (MAR. 20-APR. 19): What do you want to be when you grow up? A highly paid pioneer who's broken all the rules? A deliriously popular lone wolf? King or Queen of the Wild Frontier? Don't worry. I'm not asking you to make any final decisions. In fact, with any luck, you'll never have to grow up completely. When all the terminal grown-ups are collecting their Radio Shack watches in recognition of 40 years of volunteer slavery, maybe you'll be launching your sixth successful new career.

So what do you want to be now that you know you don't ever have to grow up?

TAURUS (APR. 20-MAY 20): The Force will be with you — and so will the Farce if you mess with the design of your mask or any of its accessories. It's also prime time to toy with new styles of talking, walking, laughing, wearing your hair, making out and who knows what else.

Important questions to address before you become tempted to attach too much importance to any of this: Is it time to change deodorants or shampoos or the color of your eyebrows? Should you throw out your entire wardrobe or just half of it? If, hypothetically speaking, there were gaps in your kissing technique, how would you go about filling them in?

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): As I put myself in your shoes and try to gaze out of the corner of your eye, I catch a glint of gold over to the left. It could be a false alarm — maybe only fool's gold— but I'd like to steer you over there to investigate. Gossip floating around the astrological community suggests that it could be a golden goose. In other versions of the rumor, it's not a golden goose but a golden parachute or a golden calf. I say: Make like Goldilocks, and explore.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): Say a prayer for my chances in the lottery. Just think of all the good deeds I'd do if I won. First I'd buy my own TV-radio-newspaper conglomerate and exercise my democratic rights to saturate the world with my version of the news. Next I'd airdrop teams of Jungian therapists into Serbia. Then I'd hire lobbyists who'd badger our government to withhold aid to El Salvador until that country jailed all the goons that ran its death squads.

With my remaining five billion or so, I'd give each of my Cancerian readers a bundle — on the condition that you used it as seed money for the dream project you've been postponing.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): I'm thinking of writing a screenplay about a character that's modeled after you. There's no way I could make up stuff that was any more entertaining than what you're already doing. I loved the way you souped up your "catalytic converter" (and I don't mean the one on your car). I laughed till I cried then cried till I hiccupped as I watched you play the game of love after all the rules changed. And now I'm on the edge of my seat as I await the outcome of your career tug-of-war.

Keep up the good work. Don't stop churning out all those stranger-than-fiction truths. If the story I write about you ever reaches the big screen, I'll naturally want to do a sequel.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): I like to fantasize that I'm listening to doves make love at dawn while I float down a river and discuss my dreams with a therapist who's more neurotic than me. I dream of opening an art gallery-cafe that stays open all night and features dancing poets on roller skates who serve up hot buttered organic beets while reciting poems by William Blake or Emily Dickinson. I love to pretend I live in a city where convenience stores sell sacred books and dancing bulls carved by Native American geniuses and live herbs that cure everything from asthma to loneliness. And now I'm fantasizing that you'll read this and be inspired to send me your own fresh hot fantasies at Box 150247, San Rafael, CA 94915.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRIDEFEST

The PrideFest 93 Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help put on this year's event.

The Committee needs people to help with the setup of the festival, as well with sales of merchandise, food and drink tickets, bartending, and helping with the Pride Parade.

This is a great opportunity to help with Wisconsin's biggest and best Lesbian and Gay event. Volunteer shifts are four hours in length and all volunteers will receive a complimentary meal and two free drink tickets.

Anyone who has volunteered in the past can tell you that its doesn't involve a lot of hard work and is fun. Its also a great way to meet new people.

If you have a few hours to spare on Saturday June 12th or Sunday June 13th and want to help put on Milwaukee's fastest growing festival, call the **Pride Line** (414) 342-2330.

AIDS Memorial Quilt In Oshkosh

Displayed April 29-May 2

The Patches of Life AIDS Memorial Quilt will be shown for the first time in Northeastern Wisconsin with an appearance at the Kolf Sports Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The display will include over 800 panels dedicated to individuals who have died from AIDS. The Quilt is continually displayed in cities around the world. Additional 3'X6' panels, created by area residents who have lost loved ones to AIDS, will be formally added at the closing ceremony scheduled for 3pm Sunday, May 2.

Friday, April 30, has been designated Youth Day Classes from area schools have been invited to attend. Viewing hours for the display will be 6-10pm Thursday, April 29; 8am to 8pm Friday, April 30; 10am-8pm Saturday, May 1 and 10am to 3pm Sunday, May 2.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Hate Crimes Law Before US Supreme Court

Madison — Oral arguments before the US Supreme Court about the constitutionality of Wisconsin's hate crimes law took place on April 21 (after In Step went to press). The law increases penalties for people found guilty of crimes motivated by bigotry.

State Attorney General Jim Doyle defended the law before the high court, while State Sen. Lynn Adelman argued against the law. The Supreme Court's decision will affect similar laws in almost 30 states.

Last June, Wisconsin's hate crimes law was struck down by the state supreme court as an unconstitutional violation of free speech and expression. Adelman was expected to argue along those same lines. Adelman argues that the law is a dangerous form of thought control which will ultimately be used against minorities themselves.

Doyle believes the law justifiably punishes crimes that have a dual nature: they are criminal acts as well as acts of discrimination. Doyle thinks government has a role to play in discouraging the rising tide of bias attacks, and focuses on the rights of victims of hate crimes. The NAACP, the ACLU, the Anti- Defamation League and attorneys general of every other state submitted briefs supportive of Doyle's stand.

The Supreme Court is expected to render its decision in early summer.

Gaylord Becomes First Openly Lesbian Judge

Madison — Attorney Shelley Gaylord was victorious in her effort to become Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian judge. On April 6, Gaylord was elected to a four year term as a Madison Municipal Judge. The bulk of Gaylord's caseload will be traffic- related offenses. She will also adjudicate building code violations and other municipal violations.

Gaylord practiced law in Madison for many years and represented the interests of many Gay and Lesbian clients. She served as the Family Law chair on former Gov. Tony Earl's Gay and Lesbian Council. Gaylord was endorsed for judge by

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Jock Shorts

Play Ball!

SSBL Season begins April 24

The Saturday Softball Beer League kicks off its 16th season on Saturday, April 24th at 11am at Mitchell Park. 9 teams have joined the league this year — 3B's, 1100 Club, Ball Game, Club 219, Muse Passion, Partners, Rick's Rangers, Triangle and Vuk's Place A number of teams wanted to play a lot of ball this Summer, so each team will play 27 games, and the schedule features 3 Saturdays when each team plays 3 games.

League fundraisers will be held on most Saturdays at 5pm following the games. On April 24th, the seasons first fundraiser will be at Club 219, and on May 1st, 3B's will be the host bar for the league.

Fans are encouraged to come out to Mitchell Park (behind "The Domes") each week to cheer on their favorite team and to join the players after the games at the sponsor bars.

Some teams are still looking for players, so check with your favorite establishment if you are interested in joining a team for a Summer of fun.

There will be no Memorial Day tournament in Milwaukee this year, as the league will be alternating with Chicago. A team from Seattle has already been turned away. The Milwaukee Classic will return to Milwaukee in 1994.

GAMMA Kicks-Off Hiking Season

Milwaukee — Opening day of GAMMA's hiking season will be Sunday, April 25. All are welcome. We will meet at a home in Wauwatosa at 10am, have a quick cup of coffee, and pool rides to the Southern Kettle Morraine area. Hiking will last for about two hours, healthy snack near Eagle; home by 3pm. Enjoy the beginning of Spring in the splendor of Wisconsin's woods. Bad weather, cancels! For more information contact GAMMA at 963-9833.

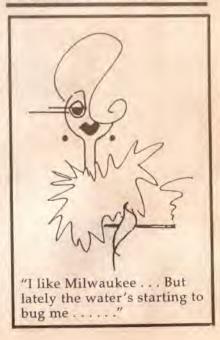
Spring HIT League Getting Organized Milwaukee – The Spring HIT

Milwaukee — The Spring HIT League will have it's organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 4, at 6:30pm at Landmark Lanes. This league is great for new bowlers, as well as those "pros" who

just want to keep in practice. This is a 10 (yes, only 10) week handicapped, sanctioned league, which is also a HIT fundraiser.

HIT (Holiday Invitational Tournament) is the time honored Thanksgiving Weekend LesBiGay bowling event in the United States and Canada. This year HIT will be celebrating their fifteen year anniversary. For further information please contact Debi or Cindy at 871-4735 or Jeff at 332-9414.

• By Bob Arnold



Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

Being Terminally III Is Such A Bitch

Yes, even I have weird days or have things happen that prompt me to say to caregivers and/or friends: "Being terminally ill is such a bitch." As I begin to write this the local anesthetic is wearing off from minor surgery I had done this afternoon to remove a small growth on my chest. The procedure took all of five minutes, including the time for the anesthetic to take effect.

This small growth just appeared one day some months ago, I don't even remember when. But it was small, it wasn't changing colors or doing anything at all, so I kept forgetting to mention it to my doctor (not a good idea.) Finally I remembered to put it on my list for a visit to my family practice doctor a month ago. He looked at the growth and said, "I've never seen anything like that," But decided I should see a dermatologist. I went that same day. The dermatologist looked at the growth and said, "I've never seen anything like that." He also mentioned that with AIDS he sees lots of things he hasn't seen before. But he said to just leave it alone and see if anything happens. That was fine with me. However, I did remember to have

my AIDS doctor look at it. He too said, "I've never seen anything like that," and decided he wanted a biopsy. Well to make a short story long, I called the dermatologist back, and made an appointment, and had the growth removed. After the doctor finished and I was lying on the table, he was unsure how to label this thing for the lab since it didn't fit any category. So I suggested that he label it that thing no one's ever seen before, then asked him, "Is this going to be an article in a dermatology publication?" Well, he was noncommittal, but it gave me an idea for this article you're reading. *Aren't you lucky!*

It's now two weeks later and the results of the biopsy are in: "The winner

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is... a molluscum contagiosm. It's benign, it's viral and it won't grow back where it was but similar growths could occur elsewhere. *Joy, oh joy.* Anyway, the reason it took two weeks was that the biopsy was performed at a lab in Cincinnati (my body parts do more traveling than I do).

Yesterday my counselor at Positive Health asked me if I had thought about the biopsy and waiting for the results, "No," I said," I haven't thought about it Besides, the worst case scenario is he could tell me I'm terminally ill." And, I believe you can only be terminally ill once. Several weeks ago I developed a

mild case of peripheral neuropathy, a degenerative state of the nerves. This brought about some temporary loss of sensation in my feet and lower legs, but hasn't interfered with my life, although it's occasionally annoying. Actually, my running has slowed down, and I attribute part of it to that. Since the two major causes of neuropathy are the disease itself and many of the drugs used for treatment, my doctor took me off one of my drugs for two weeks. Things improved and I am on a reduced dosage of the drug. For most of us some form of neuropathy is now a fact of life, one that doctors can only curb to a point.

Finally, let me briefly get on my soap box — as though I haven't been on it all these months. If you have AIDS, or know someone who does, please remind them to see a retina specialist periodically to check for CMV Retinitis because it can cause partial or total vision loss in a matter of weeks, or maybe months if untreated. You should however check with your regular doctor first so I don't get into trouble (practicing medicine without a license.)

Well to sum up, as I told my family practice doc, ""Being terminally ill is such a bitch."

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(A Sometimes serious, sometimes irreverent look at living with AIDS. This is part 11 of as many as I can write before the Fat Lady Sings, or I run out of ideas.)



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Mayor Paul Soglin, the District Attorney, city council and county board members, state legislators and many other judges.

She told Wisconsin Light in March: "I'm a woman, I'm a Lesbian, I'm a Jew, I'm a lawyer, I'm one of eight kids. I'm all these things. All of these experiences add up to make me qualified."

May 4 Election to Decide Aspin's Seat

Racine — A special election May 4 will determine who will inherit former Congressman Les Aspin's 1st Congressional District seat. The district includes Racine, Kenosha, Walworth and Rock counties and parts of Green, Jefferson and Waukesha counties in southern Wisconsin. Aspin's seat was vacated when he was named Secretary of Defense.

Assemblyman Peter Barca defeated several other Democrats to win a place in the run-off against Republican businessman Mark Neumann, who failed to unseat Aspin in 1992.

Barca has been endorsed by a number of the state's Gay and Lesbian leaders and organizations because of his progressive voting record in the state legislature. Neumann is a fiscal and social conservative who opposes tax increases on the wealthy. He is anti-abortion and opposes a national health insurance system and the Family Leave Act.

Republicans Gain Majority in State Senate

Madison — The victories of Republicans Peggy Rosenzweig and David Zien in State Senate races April 6 have given the Republican Party a one vote majority in the legislative body. The division is 17 Republicans to 16 Democrats.

The victory of Democrat Joe Wineke in another Senate district means that a special election will be held in June to fill three Assembly seats vacated by the winners. If the GOP were to win all three Assembly seats, they would increase their numbers to 48 of the 99 seats in the lower house.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin told In Step the GOP's gains should not have an immediate effect on her plans to push for domestic partners legislation. "We've always viewed it as a very long project. We'll be doing a lot of education on both sides of the aisle. Republican support will be important."

Baldwin did express concern about Republican Mike Ellis being named Majority Leader in the Senate. She felt "very fearful" about AIDS legislation in particular, saying that Ellis had introduced "some pretty Neanderthal types of bills," including one which requires criminal penalties for the transmission of HIV.

Baldwin said that to prevent "reactionary" legislation and to ensure the furtherance of progressive measures, "it is critical to maintain a strong Democratic Assembly and win back the Senate in 1994." Thirteen Senate seats will be up for grabs in 1994.



Libraries Given Grants for Gay Books

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation, a Gay and Lesbian charitable group, has given modest grants to 23 Milwaukee area libraries for the purchase of books by and about Gays and Lesbians.

Librarians overwhelmingly expressed appreciation for the donations, saying that their libraries did not have very wide selections of current Gay and Lesbian literature. Among the books being purchased are Rita Mae Brown's Rubyfruit Jungle, Paul Monette's award-winning Becoming a Man: Half a Life Story and The Alyson Almanac: A Treasury of Information for the Gay and Lesbian Community.

Dan Buss of the local chapter of the American Family Association expressed shock that the libraries would accept the grants. Buss told the Milwaukee Journal: "It's another warning that it's not safe for traditional families to go to the library anymore."

TAA Partners' Proposal Faces Hurdle

Madison — An informational session was held April 7 between members of the Teaching Assistants Association, which represents 2,400 graduate assistants at the University of Wisconsin, and representatives of the state's negotiating team. The topic was whether the TAA can introduce a request for insurance benefits for the unmarried partners of its members in current contract negotiations.

Jack Doherty of the TAA told In Step his union was committed to pressing the issue with the state. But a procedural glitch might prevent that discussion from moving forward. The state requires unions to send in one year prior to negotiations any proposals which would alter health care coverage. TAA failed to do that. "The state is therefore not required to bargain health care with us, but we are challenging that." A decision on that procedural question is expected in early May.

Meanwhile, an analysis conducted by the state's Department of Employee Trust Funds concluded that extending health coverage to domestic partners would increase the current membership pool by 6% and be too expensive for the state. The TAA has

prepared its own analysis, based on colleges and municipalities that have already implemented such benefits, which refutes those conclusions.

New Group to Pressure Corrections Department

Madison — Americans Concerned with the Treatment of Prisoners, a new coalition, has formed in response to inaction by the state Department of Corrections (DOC) regarding policies to correct the mistreatment of prisoners with HIV and the lack of adequate education for prisoners, guards and staff about HIV and AIDS.

The group is comprised of ACT UP, Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants (CURE) and other concerned community members. The group's first action was to sponsor a radio advertisement which demands to know why DOC chief Patrick Fiedler has still not implemented the recommendations of Gov. Tommy Thompson's Task Force on HIV and AIDS in the Prisons. The group encourages concerned citizens to call Secretary Fiedler and the governor to demand action.

New Bishop Wants Dialogue With Gays

Madison — The new bishop just appointed by Pope John Paul to head the 11 county Madison diocese says he hopes to open a dialogue with Gays and Lesbians and wants to help meet the needs of people with AIDS. "These are people in need," said Bishop William H. Bullock.

Bullock is currently the bishop of Des Moines, Iowa. While the Vatican often rewards church bureaucrats with bishoprics, Bullock has extensive experience as a parish priest and was teacher and headmaster at St. Thomas Academy in St. Paul for many years. While not a liberal, he is decidedly more to the center than previous bishops in Madison, who have been very conservative.

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Juicy Bits By W.W. Wells III

How To Lose A Man

(Last time I discussed fun, simple ways of finding Mr. Right. This week I will examine methods of getting rid of Mr. Right when he turns into Mr. Wrong.)

Few events are as unforgettable as the first night you spend with that special new person. Occasionally, that one impulsive, intimate night can lead to another and another. Then, before you can yell, "Dammit, did you use all the moussel!?", you're living together and have access to the secret code of his Instant Cash Card.

But let's face facts, even a relationship blessed with incredible potential (especially based on the size of his you-know-what!) can turn sour once the sexual fog lifts and the cold reality of co-habitation screams into full view. It's during this time many gays realize the man they thought was Mr. Right, is actually Mr. Wrong with Marky Mark's pecs, a firm butt and a mouth like a Hoover. These are all wonderful assets, for a couple of months, well... okay, years... but eventually his double digit I.Q. (and that secret, nasty thing he does with his boogers) will grind your nerves to a nub.

At this point, most men will try to develop a polite strategy for getting rid of this guy. Oh, some men might even go so far as to be honest and share unhappy feelings with his partner and gracefully move on. But, if I was to foolishly recommend that approach, it would defeat the entire purpose of this article, now wouldn't it?

So, the best way to deal with this problem is to make your boyfriend from the dark pit of hell think you're Mr. Wrong. You follow? Here are several things you can do to accomplish that objective, used in combination they produce marvelous effects.

 Convince him to let you do his laundry, treat his most prized clothes like dirty rags... wipe the floor with his Armani suit, clean the litter box with his favorite silk shirt. Then, make sure your outfits are put away so neat and clean you could get a job teaching the art of folding clothes at The Gap.

 Tell him you've bought him a gift and present him with a case of a new cosmetic-enlargement product called, "Aerosol Inches" which you purchased (with his credit card) after watching Jeff Stryker's new half-hour info-mercial.

3. Tell him the longer you stay together, the more he reminds you of your mother. Half-heartedly try to convince him this is a good thing, despite the fact that "Mom" weighs close to 300 pounds and was once the *Big Mama of the Roller Derby*.

4. Start wearing a tiny pink lapel ribbon shaped like a feather boa and declare that your donating your entire yearly salary to help support Supermodel Ru Paul, in her drive to support for drag queens whose careers have been cut short by lip-synching disorders.

5. Buy him his very own vanity license plate which reads, "CHP TRMPS."

6. After reading daily newspaper accounts of the agonizing, vicious testimony in the Mia Farrow-Woody Allen child custody case, announce that you're going into therapy to deal with it. After a couple of weeks (and hundreds of dollars spend on clothes, not therapy) tell him you've finally gotten in touch with your "inner child" and no longer want to have sex with him to avoid the possibility of inner child abuse.

 Turn watching television into an experience comparable with staring into a strobe light for a couple of hours by quickly switching channels any time he becomes even slightly interested in any program.

8. Have long frank discussions with his mother about your sex life and later appear on *Oprah* to discuss his love-hate relationship with his mother.

9. Have the Humane Society put his cat up for adoption because his tabby's fur doesn't match the new color scheme you have chosen for the apartment.

10. Enroll him in a home study college course on becoming a drag queen, take out full page advertisements in In Step announcing his first performance.

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Increase In AIDS Research Funding Hailed

Clinton Budget Calls For \$227 Million In Additional Spending

Washington, D.C. — The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Lesbian and Gay political group, hailed the April 8 announcement by Donna Shalala, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, that AIDS research funding will increase substantially in fiscal year 1994.

According to the Office of Technology Assessment, AIDS research, more than the research into any other single disease, benefits research into all other diseases. While the HRCF called for an AIDS research budget of \$1.7 billion for AIDS research, the final figure of \$1.3 billion represents an increase of \$227 million for AIDS research.

"The President's budget recognizes that AIDS research funding must be increased if we are to seriously address the crisis we currently face," said Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the Campaign Fund. "During the campaign, President Clinton assured the American people that AIDS would be given a high priority. His budget for AIDS research demonstrates the leadership and commitment that has been missing in the battle against AIDS for far too long."

BREAST CANCER

The President's budget also increases funding for research on breast cancer, which studies indicate affects Lesbians at a higher rate than other women. A total of \$422 million is requested for breast cancer research, an increase of \$216 million over fiscal year 1993.

AIDS activists praised Secretary Shalala and Leon Panetta, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, for their work in developing an AIDS budget that recognized the need for greater research funding.

"This increase in funding for research will allow many projects to go forward which could not be funded this year," notes Terry Beswick, the Campaign Fund's AIDS Research Policy Analyst. "Critical studies of vaccines, targeted drug development, basic research and clinical trials will benefit from the fresh infusion of funds," he says.



ILGA May Be Accepted By United Nations

Gay group may get official status

New York, NY — On March 29, the United Nations Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations voted 9-4 to accept the International Lesbian and Gay Association's (ILGA) application for official status at the world body.

Micha Ramakers at ILGA's office in Belgium told the Washington Blade the vote "proves that Lesbian and Gay human rights issues are increasingly recognized as a valid concern in international forums."

The recommendation still faces a tough hurdle this summer when the the UN's Economic and Social Council, meeting in Switzerland, makes the final decision on ILGA's request.

ILGA is a worldwide coalition of Gay, Lesbian and AIDS groups which conducts valuable networking between countries and exposes anti-Gay policies and atrocities by governments.

According to the Blade, the committee approved ILGA for "roster" status at the UN — the bottom rung or entry level status at the global agency. It would allow ILGA to submit written reports to the UN's committees. Category II status, which the group hoped to get, would have allowed it to request hearings. Full Category I status enables groups to propose agenda items.

Those countries voting in support of ILGA on the committee were Bulgaria, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Greece, Ireland, Russia and Sweden. Three countries abstained, and Lesotho, a small country in Southern Africa opposed the request on procedural grounds.

But the strongest opposition came from Iraq, Oman and Sudan — all Islamic states. The Sudanese representative reportedly called ILGA a "nefarious and evil" group promoting "abnormal conduct" and "dangerous diseases." ILGA officials are concerned that the Islamic bloc is lobbying aggressively against its application and might be able to sway many votes on the 53-member Council which will decide the issue this summer. ILGA is seeking official non-governmental status at the UN to forge direct links with the UN's Human Rights Commission and other international agencies. In that position, IIGA hopes to oversee and advocate more effectively for Gay and Lesbian rights worldwide. ILGA also hopes the prestige of affiliation with the UN will encourage governments to take its concerns more seriously.

State Bar Of Wisconsin Sponsors Seminar On The Non-Traditional Family

Analysis by Thomas E. Martin, Attorney

The State Bar of Wisconsin should be applauded for sponsoring an all day continuing legal educational seminar, on The Non-traditional Family: A Growing Phenomenon with New Legal Needs. Over one hundred lawyers registered to attend this all-day seminar on April 1 in Milwaukee, April 2 in Madison and at 10 video locations throughout the State.

The range of topics was as broad as the variety of relationships in the 90's. Attorney Richard Auerbach of Madison outlined the rights of third parties to custody and visitation, including grandparents, nonadjudicated fathers, foster parents, and others. Auerbach and Attorney Judith Newton addressed the unique issues arising in connection with increase in in vitro insemination.

Attorney Shelley Gaylord and I addressed evolving legal issues of estate planning, and creating and dissolving



April 29 - Don't Miss Shirley's Milestone Party Birthday Bash Starts at 8^{pm}





Baby Jane Hudson (closest to foreground) and guests perform at Partners "Baskets, Buns and Boobs" show on Easter Eve.



(L to R) Mimi Marks and Cezanne join Dominique Mahon at the Club 219 benefit show to help finance Dominique's trip to the Miss Gay USA finals.

partnerships, where the partnership is not recognized by formal legal marriage.

Also speaking was Attorney Mary Bonauto of the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, Boston, who provided a national overview of developments in the law and spoke of her work developing legal precedent under the State of Massachusetts' recentlegislation extending civil rights to Gay men and Lesbians.

Of particular interest to me was Judith Newtons' pending case before the Wisconsin Supreme Court In the interest of Angel Lace M. Attorney Newton is asking the court to interpret Wisconsin's adoption statute to include a second parent adoption where the parents are two Lesbian women. Judith has developed an excellent record to present to the Court. where the social worker has written glowing reports attesting to the fitness of both parents, and the biological father has testified that granting the adoption would be in "the best interests of the child." Judith spoke particularly movingly of the rights of another party too often unrepresented in the past - the "rights of the child" to continue to live in an excellent home environment.

In the interest of Angel Lace M. will be a case to watch, but a separate April 13 Wisconsin Supreme Court's decision is a sign that our highest court holds very traditional values and may not be receptive to bringing family law into the Gay 90s.

The Court, in a sharply divided 4-3 decision, ruled that a Sun Prairie landlord who would not let single women share a three-bedroom duplex is not discriminating on the basis of marital status.

What is striking about that decision is that the majority took pains to stress that it is "the public policy of this



state... to promote the stability of marriage and family." The three dissenters criticized the majority for "moralizing from the bench," by making pronouncements that were extraneous to reaching the decision. It is unclear what the result would be if the renters had been a Gay or Lesbian couple, and whether Wisconsin's Supreme Court would emphasize equally the public policy to prohibit discrimination based upon sexual orientation.

In many instances, we must look to the legislature to redress grievances, not only the Courts. Shelley Gaylord and I agreed that there is presently a significant gap in state law, where the rights of nontraditional parnters are not protected in making funeral and burial arrangements, including the wording of obituaries, arranging memorial services, and disposing of the deceased's remains, because a Power of Attorney for Health Care lapses upon death.

Shelly and I both acknowledged the presence and interest of State Representative Tammy Baldwin of Madison who was in attendance all day, attentive and diligently taking notes. (Shelley Gaylord was herself four days away from having her intelligence and good judgement recognized by the voters of Madison, who elected her Municipal Judge by a comfortable margin.)

The U.S. Supreme Court set back the Gay rights movement in 1986 when it ruled against extending the right to privacy to private, consensual sexual conduct in Bowers v. Hardwick.

Mary Bonauto and I agreed that the cutting edge of constitutional litigation today is applying the 1984 U.S. Supreme Court case of Palmore v. Sidoti. There, a white father of a white child from an earlier marriage sought custody after his ex-wife married a black. The U.S. Supreme Court acknowledged that stigma might indeed attach to the child, but the Court would not enforce bigotry.

"The Constitution can not control such prejudices but neither can it tolerate them," the majority ruled, "Private biases may be outside the reach of the law, but the law cannot directly or indirectly, give them affect." The applicability of this principle should be evident in innumerable contexts.

Today, the court and the practicing bar of attorneys are not prepared to approve, much less embrace the sexual

orientation of the Gay and Lesbian minority in many custody and visitation disputes, adoption petitions, and property agreements involving the creation and dissolution of partnerships.

Even so, many Judges and many lawyers are persuaded that it would be wrong to discriminate in these matters on an invidious basis, including sexual orientation. This is an educational process that occurs over years: one judge and one lawyer at a time. This State Bar Seminar on *The Non-Traditional Family* was an important step in that educational process.

"Angels In America" Awarded Pulitzer Prize

Honor comes on eve of Broadway opening

By Jamakaya

New York, NY — Angels in America, the epic play about Gay life and AIDS in the 1980s by Tony Kushner, was awarded this year's Pulitzer Prize for Drama just days before its April 29 opening on Broadway.

The play, subtitled A Gay Fantasia on National Themes, won rave reviews from critics when it was performed in London, San Francisco and Los Angeles last year.

In March, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) gave the play an award for its "unabashed indictment of government neglect and institutionalized bigotry." GLAAD said it effectively conveyed "the anger, frustration and commitment of a Gay and Lesbian community under siege."

Angels in America is a theatrical event of truly epic proportions. It is actually two plays in one. The first part, which was awarded the Pulitzer and which is opening on Broadway, is called *Millennium Approaches*. The second part, which Kushner is currently revising, is called *Perestroika*. Each section is more than three hours long. This fall, the second part will debut on Broadway, and both will run in repertory.

The New York Times described Millennium Approaches as "a strident, vividly theatrical piece on homosexual themes. Set largely in New York in the mid-1980's. it uses fictional characters,

historical personages, ghosts, hallucinations, disembodied voices and an actual angel to fix the AIDS epidemic as the central symbol of the nation's spiritual hypocrisy."

The New Yorker has praised Angels in America as "a victory for Kushner, for theatre, for the transforming power of the imagination." The Village Voice lauded it as "a landmark not just among AIDS plays or Gay dramas but in American theatre." Hard-to-please theatre critic Frank Rich called the play "a runaway sensation" and its author, Tony Kushner, "a messenger who demands to be heard."

Kushner, 36 and Gay, was born in New York City to parents who are professional musicians. He was raised in Louisiana, attended college at Columbia and currently lives in Brooklyn.

News of the Pulitzer arrived April 13, the day after the play began its preview run. Caught during a break in rehearsal, Kushner told the Times: "We still have a lot of work to do. So it's kind of a nice kick. Everyone feels they have a part in this, and they should."

Kushner expressed his gratitude for regional theatre in America, where he developed his play over the past three years. "There's a lot of great theatre all over the country," Kushner said. "It's great the Pulitzer committee is acknowledging that."

The play has been funded by independent producers as well as by grants from the Kennedy Center's Fund for New American Plays and the National Endowment for the Arts. Ironically, the NEA has been under fire by conservative critics for funding Gay-oriented material. Just how or whether the success of Angels in America impacts the current politicization of the federal grant- giving process is yet to be seen.

Torie Osborn, New Chief At NGLTF

Veteran activist gets right to work

Washington, DC — In the midst of all the national attention focused on Gay and Lesbian rights, Torie Osborn has begun her tenure as the new Executive



Milwaukee's favorite, Hunter (left) and two of his three hunky "Headliners" worked the crowd at Club 219 last week.



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Station II: Don't miss Shirley's Milestone party, birthday bash at 8pm. Wings 3054 (Madison): Madtown Underwear

party, 9pm. Juice: Rave event/dance at dance dance

dance.

AIDS Memorial Quilt Display (Oshkosh): "Patches of Life" NAMES Project Quilt at UW-O's campus Koll Sports Center. (See Group Notes F.M.I.)

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Ballgame: CCF Casino Night promotion 7-9pm. Buy a Casino Night ticket get a free drink. Pivot Club (Appleton): 3rd Annual Turnabout Show, a benefit for Fox Valley AIDS Project. Club 3054 (Madison): 70's & 80's Disco party, 9pm.

ZA's (Green Bay): Shooting Star with Jeff & Zoomie.

Runway 51 (Janesville): The "Sunset Dames" \$2 cover. With Sabrina Delight & guests. The United Open House (Madison): 4-7pm, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103 on the Square. Out & About Dance (Madison): UW 10% Society's dance, open to all, Great Hall, Memorial Union.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

Station II: May Day Bock party. Free Bock Beer 9pm-midnight.

leatherworks '93: 1100 Club, 10pm. Show & vendors. Hosted by Mr. Midwest Leather '93. Ballgame: Shirley Fitzpatrick's 60th Birthday party, 7pm,

Nitengales: All women's show "Ladies of The Valley" from Appleton. Features Milw's very own J.C., showtime 10pm, cover.

3B's Bar: Rustler's Softball Team beer bust, 4-? Food, raffles, prizes: \$5.

BJ's: May Day Party Night, 9-12, 50 cent taps, 2 for 1 rail drinks. Bar tabs, prizes, food. Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): C.C. Rae Show, 10:30pm, \$3 cover.

All Wisconsin P-FLAG Gathering (Wausau): 9am-4pm meeting/social of all Wisconsin Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG). Call Harriet at (414) 749-1629 for more information. Held at First United Methodist Church Annex in Wausau.

Ecunemical Celebration Worship (Milw.): A Service of Reconciliation & Affirmation; 3pm, Albright United Methodist Church (55th & Capitol Drive). (See Group notes for more info.).

Wreck Room: Ma Barker for Possum Queen benefit by Saturday Condo Assoc. Beer Bust, 5-8pm; door prizes.

Maritime Assoc: GMMA Dock Party, food, beverages, help members prepare boats for the season. New members welcome. RSVP by 10am to 258-2802.

SUNDAY, MAY 2

GMDG's April Movie (Milw.): Torch Song Trilogy 6-8pm at The Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. Popcorn & soda provided, \$2 donation.

Station II: Open 3pm, Spring Social with \$1 "Summer Hummers" till 7pm New Bar (Madison): Mr./Miss/Ms Gay Madison Pageant.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Partners: YP 28th Anniversary Party. Drink specials & guest bartenders, food, prizes.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

La Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling, 10pm-1am. Runway 51 (Janesville): Women's Day, celebrate Nellie Blys' birthday.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Rod's (Madison): Bartender exchange with the staff of Rockford's Office, 10pm on

FRIDAY, MAY 7

Daddy & Daddy's Boy L/L Weekend: All weekend, events at Wreck Room, Boot Camp & 1100 Club. Wreck Room: Daddy's Boy contest, 10:30pm. \$5. Hosted by Castaways MC.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

1100 Club: Argonauts of Wisconsin's sponsors the Daddy Contest, \$5. Intermission entertainment by Shoreline C&W Dancers. Ballgame: Sheepshead, all welcome. Bay City Chorus: Spring Concert A Celebration of Song & Season 7:30pm. St. Norbert's College, Byron Walter Theatre, \$5 admission.

Wreck Room: BESTD Damn Underwear party & Wet Shorts contest to benefit BESTD Clinic, \$3 at the door. (No thongs or jock straps!) Hosted by the Sat. Condo Assoc. 1100 Club: Daddy Weekend brunch, 10am-

2pm. \$5. M&M Club: Entertainment by Singsational

Productions Singing Machine.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

1100 Club: Daddy's Weekend Brunch 10am-2pm, \$5. Sponsored by Unicorns of Madison. Boot Camp: Daddy's Weekend. Wind-down party, 2pm. Free admission. All door prizes drawn at this event.

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Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). Osborn has just completed five years at the helm of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center,

Osborn got right to work. During her first weeks on the job, Osborn arranged key meetings for activists from NGLTF and the March on Washington at the White House, with the Washington Post and with officials of the Democratic National Committee. She attended the Senate Armed Services Committee hearings on Gays in the military and responded through the media.

Osborn dispatched Tanva Domi, NGLTF Military Freedom Initiative Director and former Army captain, to help lead the "Tour of Duty" bus trip to bring the truth about Gays in the military to communities across the country. She launched a new Grassroots Media Program to train local and national activists on effective ways to work with the press and shape public opinion. Robert Bray will lead this effort, which will expand and strengthen NGLTF's Fight the Right organizing efforts.

Meanwhile, Digital Queers, a group of computer professionals in Silicon Valley, is spearheading an organization-wide computerization that will give NGLTF a state-of-the-art

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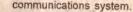
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"This is truly a new era in the Gay and Lesbian movement," said Osborn. "It is a time of increased possibilities to advance our civil rights significantly, while we also face a tremendous backlash by the Far Right...NGLTF will continue to wage these battles in the forefront of our movement. I'm proud to be leading the Task Force at this historic moment."

Osborn brings to NGLTF 25 years of activist experience in the Gay and women's movements as well as the anti-war, student and civil rights movements of the 1960s. She has an MBA from UCLA with a concentration in finance and marketing. Under her leadership, the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center in Los Angeles grew from a staff of 60 to 160 and a budget of \$3.2 to 7.4 million. She produced a more multi-cultural and gender balanced staff, increasing women staffers from 22 to 50% and people of colors staffers from 17 to 45%.



Action Expected Soon On More State Gay Rights

Following Minnesota's approval

Washington, DC — On April 2, Minnesota became the eighth state in the union to adopt a Gay rights law, and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reports that several other states could follow suit this year. Here is a brief summary of the progress being made across the US.

In Maine, activists cheered as a Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill was reported out of committee by a large margin on April 8. By a vote of 11-2, the Joint Judiciary Committee approved the bill, which is backed by Gay, women's and civil libertarian groups as well as by the Maine Chamber of Commerce. The bill could be acted on by the State Senate as early as the end of April.

The down side is that a referendum question to repeal the law has been filed in anticipation of its passage. Petitions are being circulated by a group called Maine Families, based in Auburn. In nearby Rhode Island, openly

Gay State Sen. Will Fitzpatrick and the Rhode Island Island Alliance for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights lobbied their Gay rights bill through the Senate Judiciary Committee April 6. The committee approved it by a 11-6 vote and sent it on to the full Senate where a vote is expected in mid-May. Although the governor is supportive, the major obstacle is expected to be the conservative House Judiciary Committee. The New York State Assembly

approved a Gay rights bill on February 1 by the unexpectedly large margin of 90-50. Nine Republicans joined 81 Democrats in supporting the bill. The bill faces a less certain future in the State Senate, however, which is currently dominated by Republicans.



Gay lobbyists in the Empire State are concentrating their efforts on several potential swing votes among GOP senators and continuing to broaden the statewide coalition that supports the bill. Democratic Gov. Mario Cuomo has enthusiastically endorsed the bill and vows to sign it into

law once the Senate approves it. In Washington state, a bill

extending civil rights protections to Gays and Lesbians passed the House of Representatives on March 12 by a vote of 57-41. But, like New York, the legislation faces an uphill battle in the State Senate. Gays and Lesbians in Nebraska

gave persuasive testimony on a fair employment bill that was voted out of the Senate's Business and Labor Committee by 4-3 on March 22. The full Nebraska Senate is expected to take up the bill on the floor in the second half of its current session this fall.

In Illinois on March 24, the House Judiciary Committee voted 9-2 in favor of a bill that will amend the state's Human Rights Act to include sexual orientation. While the two negative votes were cast by Republicans, two other Republicans joined seven Democrats in support of the bill. The Illinois Federation for Human Rights has employed a Republican lobbyist to win over the GOP votes necessary for passage on the floor.

In other news, Hawali is considering legislation which would broaden the provisions of its current Gay rights law.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 25

'93 March On Washington: Watch the media for coverage.

Club 3054 (Madison): Glamour Girls Pride Show, 9:30pm, special guests. Partners: Andy Weber's B-day, food, show at

8pm; Possum Queen debut. UW Oshkosh: Northern Lights, a Green Lake

folk group will perform in The Down Under Room of Reeve Union. 6pm, admission, all proceeds to PWA's.

"Self Esteem & Being Gay": Gay Men's discussion group's topic; 6-8pm. (FMI See Group Notes).

Station II: Golf Outing 10am, Brookfield Hills, \$15.

New Bar (Madison): Morgan Le Fay & Quantasha '93 Talent Preview.

TUESDAY, APRII 27

Club 219 Plus: BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing from 9-12pm. Blue Lite (Sheboygan): 7pm, Make-over & Beauty Tips Party for men & women. Come & get glamorous.

Club 219 Plus: Fundraiser to send Mary Richards & Duwanna Moore to the Miss Gay USA finals. Starring Simply Divine & guests; 11pm.

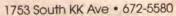
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

1100 Club: Blackjack, a CCF Casino Night promotion, 8-10pm. Prizes, drink specials. Hiking (Milw.): Meet in Tosa at 10am & drive to the Southern Kettle Morraine for a two hour Spring hike. FMI call GAMMA at 963-9833. Arts Action Committee: "The Tall and Short of *lt*". At the Stackner Cabaret in the Milwaukee Repertory Powerhouse Theater Complex; 7:30pm produced by the MRT; \$12. All proceeds benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project. 224-9490 or 273-1991.

Spotlight on Wisconsin (Beloit): Produced and directed by Miss Wisconsin, Stephanie Annklett, 7:30pm at the Beloit Memorial High School, \$20/person. Miss Wisconsin is performing with Miss America State Finalists. Goal to raise \$30,000 to benefit the Miwaukee AIDS Project, the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (Kenosha), the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project (Eau Claire), the Madison AIDS Support Network and the Green Bay Center Project A bus is being arranged to leave from Downtown Milwaukee. Call (414) 273-1991 ask for Jim.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Triangle: CCF Casino Night promotion 9-11pm.





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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

Vuk's Place: CCF Casino Night promotion, 9-11pm. Free tap beer with purchase of Casino Night ticket; snacks.

Club 219: King Productions Miss Gay Ebony Pageant, 11pm.

UW Parkside (Kenosha/Racine): Gay & Lesbian Organization (GLO) first ever "Out & About" week through Apr. 23. (See Group Notes for more info.).

Madison's 10% Society: "Out & About '93", LesBiGay Awareness series; continues through Apr. 30. (See Group Notes for more info.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

M&M: BESTD Clinic offers free anonymous HIV testing, 8-12pm. Partners: CCF Casino Night promotion, 10-

midnight. Free tap beer for all those who purchase Casino Night tickets. Club 3054 (Madison): Karaoke at 8:30pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

3B's Bar: CCF Casino Night promotion 9-11pm. Buy a Casino Night ticket, get a cowboy hat. Pivot Club (Appleton): Miss Gay WI-USA benefit show

Rascal's (Appleton): Fish Fry every Friday from 5-10pm.

ZA's (Green Bay): Memory Lane Show!, 10:30pm.

Station II: 50 cent tappers 10pm-12 midnight. 10pm, Spring Things raffle.

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.

Club 219: SSBL Softball League Season Opening Party, 5-8pm. \$2 donation or \$1 plus food item for MAP food pantry. (Other \$1 goes to SSBL.).

Saturday Softball Beer League: Opening games today 11pm-4pm, Mitchell Park diamonds (behind the Domes)., 11am-on.



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We Need Your Voice To Cease State-Sanctioned Prejudice

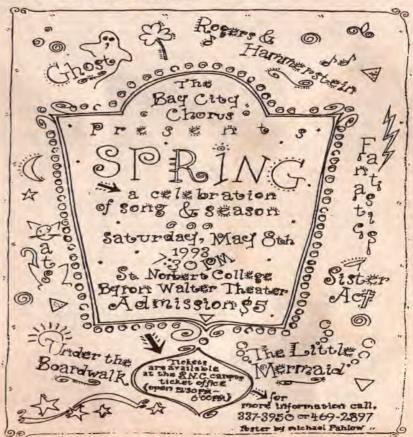
An open appeal to mobilize support for ending the ban on Gays in the military

By Miriam Ben-Shalom

Each year, an average 2,000 patriotic servicemen and women have been denied the right to fulfill their military careers because of prejudice focused on the private matter of sexual orientation. The cost to the taxpayer for these dismissals is at least \$100 million a year, but the cost to the concept of American freedom cannot be measured in dollars and cents.

"I am reminded of a quote by Sophocles: "What you cannot enforce, do not command," said Jeffery A. Meiring. USAFR. "This is so true today. Our military leaders' efforts to keep Gays and Lesbians out of the armed forces are in vain. There have always been homosexuals defending our nation and there always will be."

This egregious practice of inequality also applies to the ROTC and service academies, where young men and women have been denied the right to serve their country for reasons wholly irrelevant to their intelligence and sense of responsibility.



"Nothing could be more clear than the hypocrisy of this policy," said Joseph Steffan, the former United States Naval Academy cadet who was expelled from the Annapolis school prior to his graduation because of his sexual orientation. "Despite the military's insistence on truth and honor, they discharge those Gay and Lesbian service members who refuse to lie about their sexual orientation."

Most tragically, service men and women who choose to openly identify their sexual orientation have often been subjected to harassment and violence. And this open brutality has spilled beyond the military bases into the civilian sector, with recent news of servicemen following the military policy of prejudices to unjustified extremes.

"Good order and discipline is a phrase we have heard a lot of lately," said Senator John Glenn (D-Ohio). "I believe that good order and discipline also means zero tolerance for acts of hatred and prejudice. Regardless of the Service Chiefs' position on lifting the ban, it is incumbent upon them to send a strong signal that no acts of violence or hate against homosexuals will be tolerated."

There is very real hope for a long-overdue change. President Clinton has reversed years of dreadful Executive Branch approval for this state-sanctioned prejudice by openly calling for an end to the ban on homosexuals in the military.

However, a brilliantly orchestrated campaign by right wing political factions and old-guard military elite caused a backlash which forced the President to postpone an official decision on lifting the ban until summer. The proban forces have their guns in place; those of us who oppose the ban need to respond in kind.

"The focus now is for all parties to reconcile the issue through a process based on *factual data*, free from hysteria and religious opinions." said Capt. Meiring. "I am confident that a consensus will be achieved and all Americans who serve in the armed forces will be judged on their conduct, not their sexual orientation."

To help ensure this vision of fairness and justice, one patriotic individual is mobilizing a national grassroots campaign to let Washington know that the continuation of the ban is morally wrong.

Ed Bailey, marketing director of a Washington, D.C. nightclub called TRACKS has organized a toll-free Hotline which allows like-minded people to voice their disapproval of this unfair military policy.

By phoning 1(800) 258-2222, and asking for HotLine Operator #9355, callers can send high impact messages to their two senators and congressional representatives urging Congressional support for the lifting of the military's ban on Gays. The cost of this call is only \$8.75, which can be billed to either the caller's credit card or telephone bill.

There is no place in America for hatred and prejudice. By calling this special hotline and voicing your opposition to the continuation of the military's discriminatory ban, you will be doing a patriotic duty which future generations will recall with pride — much like today's generation recall the efforts of Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King Jr. and those who risked all to guarantee freedom for everyone.

"The real problem with the military is not Gay and Lesbian soldiers," said Joseph Steffan. "It is the unchallenged prejudices they face every day. Now, more than ever, our elected representatives need to know that their constituents do not support the bigotry and hatred embodied in the military's exclusionary policy."

Douglas Johnson, the founding member of the Philadelphia Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Veterans of America who was himself discharged from military service due to his sexual orientation, said "We aren't the problem here. It's those people who just aren't secure enough, grown-up enough. No one calls these people on their bias and bigotry; no one in command takes these people spreading hatred to task! The commands, in fact, are helping spread hatred against Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals. People have simply got to make the Congressmen and women and Senators understand that maintaining this ban and allowing Government sponsored homophobia is unacceptable. We are constituents; it's our job to make our officials listen to us."

(Milwaukee's Miriam Ben-Shalom is the Veterans Coordinator for the Campaign for Military Service and the President of the National Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America.)

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iskng Janesville bar on April 13. Congratulations Al celebrated their 4th anniversary at the Runway 51 owners Randy and

nidnight beer between the hours of 9pm and offering \$1 tap beer bust and 50 cent tap new "Outrageous Thursdays" special, Then on Thursday, they kicked off their (sometimes very friendly) and fun to watch. his guys are always hot, friendly doesn't employ dancers with an attitude, around) had the crowd in a swoon. Hunter (still the best damn male dance troupe on Wednesday, Hunter and the Headliners included Mimi Marks and Cezanne. Then USA finals. The Dark Diva's special guests send Dominique Mahon to the Miss Gay On Tuesday they hosted a benefit show to nearly every night the week of April 13-on. Club 219 had special events

Inicegi summer. Stop in some week and get be held every other Thursday through the dance dance dance on the 15th, and will By the way, Juice returned to

Give it your support! funding worthwhile community programs. Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian "United Way" when the 16th rolls around. CCF is play Black Jack so they'll know how to play tickets, CCF will also teach novices how to for the Park East Hotel. Besides selling to sell tickets to the May 16th event, slated City Foundation members will be on hand ticket during that specific evening. Cream customers who purchase a Casino Night something something special to all their The cooperating bars agree to provide and those will continue through the 30th. Night" promotions in the Milwaukee bars, There have been lots of "Casino

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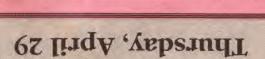
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500 People Needed By December

Special volunteer orientations Offered

Milwaukee — Due to a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking assistance from the Milwaukee AIDS Project, the agency will be sponsoring two special programs set for Thursday, April 29, and Thursday, May 13 for those interested in volunteering. Each will run from 6pm to 8:30pm.

The sessions, specifically designed for the Gay and Lesbian community, will be offered at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water Street, Milwaukee. Please call Neil Albrecht at (414) 273-1991 to register.

"Volunteer staff, which currently number more than 500, are the backbone to our ability to provide comprehensive AIDS support and prevention services," said Neil Albrecht director of volunteer resources for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW). "Each volunteer plays a vital role, helping to meet the challenges of this devastating epidemic."

Through more than 25 different volunteer positions, individuals provide transportation, food pantry and other practical support assistance, emotional support to people with HIV disease, case management assistance, community education, and volunteer training. Volunteers also staff the Wisconsin AIDSLine, coordinate fundraising events and programs, and assist with communicating MAP's programs and accomplishments to the community.

Comprehensive volunteer training programs are offered to prepare new volunteers, ensuring their success in the positions they choose within the agency.

Volunteer positions are also available at the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), which provides service in Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties, and the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project (NOWAP) in Eau Claire, which serves 13 counties in the northwest region of the state. Call SEWAP, (800) 924-6601, or NOWAP, (800) 750-2437, for volunteer opportunities in these regions. To register, or for more information about volunteering at the Milwaukee AIDS Project, contact Neil

Milwaukee AIDS Project, contact No Albrecht at (414) 273-1991.

Olivia Travel Announces 1994 Trips

Olivia Travel, specializing in vacations for Lesbians, has just announced its 1994 itinerary! Seven-night cruises are planned to the Western Caribbean ports of call include Playa del Carmen, Cozumel, the Yucatan Peninsula, Key West — (February 13-20, 1994); as well as from New York to Montreal — via Provincetown, Portland, Maine, Nova Scotia, and Quebec City — (July 3-10, 1994). This summer cruise was scheduled particularly for the many women who work in the education field. Olivia's second annual resort vacation to Playa Blanca, Mexico has been scheduled for April 30 to May 6.

"During the past three years, more than 6,000 women have traveled with us to Mexico, Alaska, Greece, and the Bahamas," says Olivia President Judy Dlugacz. Ninety-nine percent say they will travel with Olivia again, and our 1994 destinations reflect their suggestions.

A very special Extravaganza, celebrating Olivia Records' 20th Anniversary and Lesbian/Gay Pride, is scheduled in San Francisco for June 23-27, 1993. This five-day event includes sightseeing tours; networking receptions; excursions to the wine country; a fabulous Friday night concert with many wonderful surprises.

In 1993, Olivia is taking more than 600 women to a secluded beach resort in Mexico. A small group will visit Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in August, and almost 830 will cruise the Bahamas — visiting St. Thomas, San Salvador, and San Juan, Puerto Rico — for Thanksgiving (November 20-27, 1993).

For more information or a free brochure about these vacations, call Olivia at 1(800)631-6277; or your local IGTA travel agent.



respondents report that they did not march in '87 but will be marching this weekend. Another 17.5% did not march before and were undecided whether they would do so this year.

"Attendance at the '87 event was estimated at 650,000. Using this number to represent the 9.5% of respondents who report attending the '87 march, and extrapolating up to account for the additional 6% who expected to attend suggests approximately 1 million Gays and Lesbians had already made plans (as of the survey date) to march on April 25. Further, an additional 1.2 million were still undecided."

Overlooked Opinions continued, "The March should easily draw 1 million participants and has the potential to draw twice that number. The total US adult population is roughly 200 million. This means 1 out of every 200 American adults may be marching for Lesbian, Gay and Bi rights and liberation on April 25."

Some interesting tidbits about the March Weekend I thought I'd throw your way. Keep your ears peeled to radio and television stations news reports on Sunday (and your eyes on the Monday newspapers). If they don't cover the March at all, or give it very little attention — do your part and call and ask WHY?

To those of you who are going... See you there and have a safe trip!

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Now, onto a quick review of events from April 2-16...

Fax machines are practically a necessity in any office (any many homes), and neither the Fox Valley AIDS Project or Center Project of Green Bay had room in their budgets for one. There's money in the bank now, since the Pivot held a "Country Fax" show for FVAP on April 2 and Sass did the same for CPI on the 3rd. (When they called in their ad copy for the last issue over the phone, I thought they said "County Facts" and I told them I already knew how cows "did it"! I ain't that much of a city boy... But, I was confused for only a short time until they straightened out the "fax"!)

The Oberons of Milwaukee did a guest club night at Wings 3054 in Madison hosted by The Unicorns of Madison back on April 3. It was wall-to-wall leather, and I'm sure dates were made for the upcoming Daddy and Daddy's Boy Leathermania weekend May 7-9 in Milwaukee. You can read more about those plans in this issues' *Group Notes* section.

Showtime at the New Bar April 4 brought Lady Lillian L'Trelle in a Starlight show (where do those Madison queens come up with those names?) — while 3 B's hosted Brittney Morgan's fundraiser for MAP the same evening.

The crowd was howling at the 110 Club's full moon party April 8 with cheap drinks (and cheap thrills). The 1100 is gearing up for their May 1 leatherworks '93 event. Stop in and see Miguel's newest additions to his gladiator leatherline, or his new colored leather items.

Don't forget to stop into the Wreck Room some Thursday (7-10) or Sunday (3-7) and give a listen to some wonderful live entertainment featuring Bill and Ben. There's no cover...

Partners kicked off a new Thursday "Ladies in the Lodge" special with new bartender Tracy. By the way, Partners new partner's name is Bill, formerly of Florida. (I wonder what poor Bill thinks of springtime in Wisconsin!?)

Pajamas and Undies... the Pivot hosted a pajama party on Saturday, April 10, while the same night in Madison, Rod's was a little sleazier (aren't they always?) with an underwear party. (Pretty soon, some of these bars are going to have to install locker rooms to hold all the clothing being checked!) Za's got in on it too, but in a different way... they just turned out the lights and encouraged the use of flash lights. (I love things that go BUMP in the dark!)

Easter Eve also brought Singsational Productions Singing Machine to the M&M Club; a "Hop To It" raffle and drink specials to Vuk's Place; the Oberon's club night to the Wreck Room; and Baby Jane Hudson and gang presented "Baskets, Buns and Boobs" at Partners.

Easter Sunday meant dinner (for a smaller than usual crowd) at my house and lots of bar shows and contests, including: "Simply Divine's Easter Bonnet Parade" at The New Bar; an Easter Bonnet Contest at The Blue Lite; a special 219 Girls Easter Show at Club 219; and Carl and Tami performing at M&M Club. There was food available at Club 3054 and Ballgame; and an Easter Eog Hunt at



Ten Percent Celebrates 10th Anniversary Out & About Events Through April 30

Madison — Celebrating ten years of fighting for the rights of Lesbians, Gay Men, and Bisexuals, the UW-Madison Ten Percent Society presents the spring Out and About series continuing through April 30. The Out and About series includes political, cultural and social events for teh Madison community.

All events are free and open to the public. All are wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpreters are available for all events on request. People requesting this service should contact The Ten Percent Society at least one week in advance by, leaving a message, through the Wisconsin Telephone Relay Service, (800) 947-3529, at (608) 262-7365.

The two highlights of the Out and About events are a bus trip to the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Equal Rights and Liberation, and a talk by guest lecturers Craig Dean and Patrick Gill about their current law suit to force the District of Columbia to legally recognize their marriage.

Other events include a film night about women of color, organized by African Diaspora, a film night about Gay men, a panel discussion of President Clinton's proposal to end the ban on Gay people in the military, and a panel discussion on Lesbians, Gay men and Bisexuals and The Bible.

The March on Washington is the most ambitious event ever organized by The Ten Percent Society. Over 130 Wisconsinites, about half students and half community members, will travel to D.C. together to attend the largest Gay rights demonstration ever. Another 100 Madisonians will travel to D.C. on their own, joining the expected 1.5 million people



at the March.

Below is a schedule of remaining events planned for Out and About: FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 7pm at the Memorial Union. Check Today in the Union.

*1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay, and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. The Ten percent Society has organized a bus trip to the March On Washington, the largest Gay rights protest in history. Three buses will be leaving from the Memorial Union on Friday evening. People who have already purchased bus tickets should come to the Union between 7 & 8pm on Friday. April 23rd. Final organizational details will precede the launching of the buses. The buses will return on Monday afternoon.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 8pm at the Memorial Union. Check Today in the Union.

Panel Discussion: Clinton's Reversal of the Ban on Gays in the Military: A panel will discuss the Clinton Administration's consideration of changes to the rules on Lesbians, Gay Men, and Bisexuals in the U.S. military. Panelists include: Maria Hanson-Bailey, Wisconsin spokesperson for the "Campaign For Military Service." Former Sergeant Hanson-Bailey was discharged from the army for homosexuality; and Michael Olneck, Professor of Educational Policy Studies and Sociology. Chair., University Committee's Task Force on Discrimination Policy in ROTC. Member, Officer Education Committee.

Additional panelists to be announced



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by Ron Geiman

The In Step office will be closed from Thursday, April 22 through Monday, April 26 while I travel to Washington DC for the March. The office will re-open Tuesday, April 27 11am-5pm, then Deadline for the May 6 issue will be 7pm, Wednesday, April 28.

I'm so excited about the March that this issue was the most difficult one I've had to put out in the over 9 years I've been publishing. I wish all of you could be among the perhaps thousand Wisconsinites going to D.C. for the March. It truly will be an historic event, the largest civil rights demonstration EVER held in this country. Mark Behar faxed a letter to our

office last Friday which I didn't have the space to print, but I'd like to bring up a few of the suggestions he made. He attended the first March back in 1979, but can't make this one. He wants everyone who can't go to realize, "we still are part of a very important community." He also suggested a way for non-Marchers to get involved this weekend. He asks "exactly how well attended will Lesbian and Gay establishments, bars, and organizations be during the March weekend in cities around the country (and state)? Bartenders could estimate attendance (and bar owners record sales) during the big weekend, when 'everyone' is supposed to be in DC." Will Milwaukee's 2nd Street and Madison's Hotel Washington be ghost towns? "Or will they be bustling as always, with perhaps different Gay/Lesbian clients?"

Mark continues, "This weekend presents a unique opportunity for all of us not attending the 3rd March on Washington to come up with novel and innovative ways to encourage, support, nurture, and promote each of our local Lesbian and Gay communities throughout America."

Overlooked Opinions, a LesBiGay marketing research agency out of Chicago, said a recent survey of theirs of 5,000 Gay and Lesbian adults showed approximately 9.5% of respondents report that they attended the last Gay and Lesbian March on Washington in '87. Of those, 99% reported they will also attend this weekend's march. An additional 6% of



show. The overall goals are celebration and appreciation.

Due to site restrictions, those who perform will need to be scheduled. It is expected that visual artists will be more easily accommodated. New Harvest will be responsible for publicity, which will be aimed at attracting a large attendance from around the state, and basic organization. The means of display is the individual artist's responsibility.

In fulfillment of our mission as a philanthropic organization, incorporated to provide grant support to projects benefiting the Gay and Lesbian Community, a small donation of proceeds from art sales on May 23 would be welcome.

For more information, or to register, call Earl Bricker at (608) 244-0289 or write: Celebrating Art, The New Harvest Foundation, P.O. box 1786, Madison, WI 53701.

For the sake of organization and planning — this is an effort run by volunteers — all registrations must be received by Monday, May 3, so don't delay in making the initial contact. The event will be held rain or shine.

Bay City Chorus Spring Concert

Slated for May 8th

Green Bay — The Bay City Chorus of Green Bay, Inc. is proud to announcetheir upcoming concert: "Spring... A Celebration of Song and Season, Saturday, May 8th at the St. Norbert College Hall of Fine Arts, Byron Walter Theatre.

The concert will begin at 7:30pm. Admission is \$5. Tickets are available from chorus members or by calling the St. Norbert College ticket office at (414) 337-3950.

"As Is" To Be Presented By UWGB

Play deals with Gay life in the AIDS era

Green Bay — William Hoffman's As Is, the original ground-breaking play that deals with Gay lifestyles in the age of AIDS, will be presented May 6, 7 and 8 at

UWGB's University Theatre.

The production is a cooperative undertaking between the University Theatre Department and two visiting New York City guest artists, Dennis Hearn and Timothy McCall.

As Is is the story of Rich and Saul, a New York couple struggling to come to terms with life and love in a world where death and despair are becoming commonplace at a time when no one knows why and very few care.

The separation between the worlds of Green Bay and New York City may seem like light years, but the 10 years since the play first appeared, the gap has closed considerably. Today there are few places in the country that have not been touched by the harsh realities that face Rich and Saul. With this realization, Dr. Louis O. Erdmann and the Theatre Department at UWGB have taken a daring leap in presenting this work to the community.

The play is being directed by New York Director, Dennis Hearn and features New York actor Timothy McCall in the role of Rich.

This powerful play blends humor, poignancy and brilliant theatricality in its depiction of an individual infected with the deadly AIDS virus. Performance dates are May 6, 7 and 8 at 7:30pm and May 8 at 2pm. Call University Theatre Tickets: (414) 465-2217 for more information.

Theatre Explores Sam Shepard's Milwaukee Connection

Milwaukee — Windfall Theatre's second production, Falling Angels, opens April 22 for a six show run at the Village Church, located at 130 E. Juneau. Falling Angels is an evening of theatre combining the one-act plays lcarus's Mother by Sam Shepard and Mulciber And Danjal by Shwawn M. Gulyas. The show is being produced in conjunction with an art exhibit focusing on "Things with Wings" to be viewed during the show's intermission. The art exhibit will present works by Milwaukee artist Andrew DeWeerdt.

The production will run April 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and May 1 at 8pm. Tickets are \$7. For more information and reservations call 332-3963.



FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 7pm, Tripp Commons, Memorial Union

•Women's Film Night; The Mark of Lilith: Zena is a Black Lesbian researching how goddesses of one culture become demonized in another. Lillia is a white vampire intent on escaping her bloodsucking male companion. They meet at themovies, a horror film starring Lillia's double. Eventually, Lillia learns to stop being either predator or victim as Zena begins to find some answers to her questions.

Just Because of Who We Are: This groundbeaking documentary focuses on the neglected issue of violence against Lesbians. Interviews with a range of women, including writers Cherrie Morgan and Barbara Smith, reveal stories of unprovoked violence, physical and psychological harassment and attempts at institutional "cures." As a backdrop, anti-Gay forces clash with Gay and Lesbian activists in thepublic arenas of church and state.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 8pm, Great Hall, Memorial Union

✓Out and About Dance! Members of Madison's Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual community and their friends are invited to celebrate spring at Ten Percent's annual Out and About dance. Following an eight year tradition, the Out and About dance is free and open to the public.

Out & About Week At UW-Parkside

Events continue through April 23

GLO, the UW-Parkside Gay and Lesbian Organization, is having its first-ever Out & About Week through April 23. The entire community is invited to attend. Parkside is located just 20 minutes south of Milwaukee. Take I-94 south to Hwy. E, then Hwy. E east to Wood Rd., then Wood Rd.



north to the university (900 Wood Rd.). Some of the activities planned include: • Daily through April 23:

Tell It To The Wall: A large poster will be up outside the WLLC library in Main Place for people to write what they think about homosexuality, both good and bad. There will also be quotes from celebrities on what they think about homosexuality.

Flyer Criers: Single-page flyers will be placed strategically around the university on "Crier" sticks containing facts and trivia about homosexuality like where it's illegal, teenage suicide, boyscouts, etc.

Posters: Announcing the movies, dance, comedian, educational session, blue jeans day, speakers, etc. will be placed all around campus.

Wednesday, April 21st:

Movie — My Beautiful Laundrette: Johnny (Daniel Day Lewis) and Omar (Gordon Warnecke) are unlikely friends in a shabby South London neighborhood. One is a clever workingclass street punk and the other is a young Pakistani who runs errands for his racketeer uncle. But can a grungy storefront full of rattletrap washers and decrepit dryers be their mutual ticket to a better life? The movie will be playing in the Union Cinema at 7pm. Ticket cost \$1 for students, \$2 for non-students.

Blue Jeans Day: Everyone who is wearing blue jeans this day will be showing their support for Gays and Lesbians.





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Belinda (1992, video, 30 min) by Anne Lewis Johnson. A native of eastern Kentucky, Belinda Mason was, in her own words, "a small-town journalist, young mother, reliable Tupperware party guest" until she became infected with the HIV rirus in 1987.

Delinum (1992, video, 24 min) by Mindy Faber. Using her mother's personal experience with what has been categorized as "female hysteria," Faber traces the historical roots of the stereotype of the mad housewife and debunks some old fashioned theories.

Paulette (1992, video, 28 min) by Claudia Looze and Anthony Wood. In this dramatic story the disappearance of a mentally disturbed girl turns a northern Wisconsin campground into turmoil, causing vacationing campers to band together in a desperate search.

Arts Action Council Raises over \$20,000 for MAP

35 local arts groups participate

Milwaukee — The Arts Action Committee, through its sponsorship of the "Red Ribbon Project" and other fundraising efforts, has raised over \$20,000 for the Milwaukee AIDS Project's comprehensive services for people with HIV disease and HIV prevention programming.

Since its creation in 1991, the Arts Action Committee(AAC) has been dedicated to ensuring the commitment of performing arts organizations and their patrons to support the work of the Milwaukee AIDS Project. During select performances by AAC member organizations, all, or a portion of the ticket proceeds directly benefit support services for men, women and children with AIDS and HIV disease and HIV prevention programs of the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

The Arts Action Committee also sponsors the "Red Ribbon Project," a major fundraising and awareness campaign taking place in major cities across the U.S. and Europe. Ribbons are for sale at many AAC member performances. The red ribbon, worn in an untied loop, is intended to demonstrate compassion for people living with AIDS, promote AIDS awareness, and support AIDS research projects.

AAC was founded by five volunteers and has grown tremendously in the past two years. The committee now includes more than 35 members of the Milwaukee area performing arts community. According to Louise Searing, special events director at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., the wearing of red ribbons, dispersed through the Red Ribbon Project, has made a strong visual statement in the arts community. "Through the Red Ribbon Project and its benefit performances, the Arts Action Committee has brought AIDS awareness to many individuals who either patronize, or participate in the arts."

For information on the Red Ribbon Campaign, or to hear about upcoming benefit performances, contact Jim Schleif at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (414) 273-1991. The Milwaukee AIDS Project is a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.

The New Harvest: Lesbian and Gay Art in the Park

An event to commemorate and celebrate Gay and Lesbian art

Madison — The New Harvest Foundation is organizing a celebration of artists of the Gay and Lesbian community. Scheduled for Sunday, May 23, this event — the first of its kind in Madison — will take place in Orton Park, deep in the heart of Madison's 6th District, home to many Gay men, Lesbians and their friends.

This celebration of creativity will coincide with the installation of a plaque commemorating the George Segal sculpture, *Gay Liberation*, which was installed in Orton Park for four years, from 1987 to 1991.

Artists of all genres are encouraged to participate. This is the first in what is hoped to become an annual affair, and those responsible are making plans with the intention of being as inclusive as possible. This is not a juried

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Cleaning Campus Closets — An Educations Session: In the plethora of diversity one issue is often "forgotten." Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual students are the invisible minority. In this session we would like to help you get the facts *straight* about the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual community and your place in it. We will show you how to be more inclusive in your everyday thinking and behavior. The session will be held in Union 207 beginning at noon. • Thursday, April 22nd:

Comedian: Rick Burd, currently from New York City will be performing at 8pm in the Union Square, admission is free. Going to high school in Milwaukee and graduating from Carroll College in Waukesha, Burd has written scripts for Happy Days and The Odd Couple. Since then he's found his niche as an "out" Gay comedian, doing standup from the Valencia Rose in Sand Francisco to the Milwaukee AIDS Project to the Lesbian and Gay Community Center in New York. *Friday, April 23rd:

Movie — My Beautiful Laundrette: Playing at 7pm in the Union Cinema. Tickets \$1 for students, \$2 for non-students.

Social Gathering/Dance: Unwind after the movie Friday night in the Union Square from 9pm to 1am. This nonalcoholic event is free and open to the community, 18 years and older. Complimentary snacks will be available all night with music ranging from Industrial to Alternative Dance videos.



BESTD Clinic Benefit Thursday Night Cable Show Continues

On Saturday, May 8th, the Wreck Room will be holding a fundraiser for the Brady East Sexually Transmitted Diseases (BESTD) Clinic. Billed as the "Best Damn Underwear Party and Wet Shorts Contest" the event will take place the same weekend as the Daddy/Daddy's Boy Weekend. The party is scheduled to run from 3 to 8pm. Here is your chance to get a jump on Spring and show most of it off. A \$3 donation at the door is requested with all proceeds going to the clinic. Prizes will be given to the top three contestants in the Wet Shorts Contest. Free clothes checking will be available for those who wish to "show it off." Due to City Ordinances, a nothongs or jockstraps rule will be enforced.

BESTD Clinic Answers Your Questions on HIV is in it's third month of broadcast on MATA Channel 47. The program airs at 7pm every Thursday night. The first segments of the program dealt with testing and transmission. Currently the topic is safer sex practices. Bob Ambelang, Clinic Director said that the number of calls has increased tremendously since safer sex became the issue. "People are concerned about their risk of exposure to this virus. They are sexually active and want to know how to prevent it's spread. It is gratifying to see the number of straight people who are calling in. It shows that the straight community is becoming more concerned. We issue a disclaimer that we are not on the air to moralize but rather to discuss in a clinical way, how to halt the spread of the HIV virus. We did get a few crank calls in the first few weeks, but those folks either got bored or realized that we were not promoting what they considered immorality."

Brady East STD Clinic offers anonymous testing for the HIV virus antibodies by appointment on Monday and



Wednesday nights. There is also a general STD walk-in Clinic on Tuesday nights beginning at 6pm. The Alternative Women's Clinic is open on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10am to Noon. Additionally the clinic hosts two support groups one for HIV Positive Gay Men and another for their Partners. More information on any of the services offered by the Clinic, you may call 272-2144 afternoons after 3pm.

B-GLAD '93

Lawrence University G/L Awareness Weekend

Appleton - Lawrence University of Appleton, will be holding their annual B-GLAD (Bisexual Gay and Lesbian Awareness Days) conference April 30th -May 2nd, 1993. The conference is for people concerned with Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual issues.

To kick off the weekend event, a Ball Bizarre will be held Friday evening. Refreshments will be served. On Saturday there will be workshops going on to include: Internalized Homophobia, Hate Crimes, Sexuality and Art, and Lesbian fiction to name a few.

On Saturday eve, Key note speaker Kevin Berrill, a training and organizing consultant with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, will speak on Progress and Backlash: The Lesbian and Gay movement in the 90's. Following the keynote address, Edward II, a 1992 film about the Gay King of England will be shown. There will be a \$1 admission charge for the film.

Coinciding with our conference, 850 panels from the AIDS Quilt will be on display at the Kolf Sports Center at UW-Oshkosh throughout the weekend. Lawrence University will provide free transportation to the stadium.

Registration fees are as follows. Early registration for students is \$15 and





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FRI, APRIL 30 SHOOTING STAR with Jeff & Zoomie

Sunday, May 2 UWM Mitchell Hall Room B-91 (3203 North Downer) 7pm

Finding Christa (1991, 16mm, 55 min) by Camille Billops and James Hatch. In 1962, Camille Billops made the painful decision to put her four-year-old daughter up for adoption. She surrendered her child in desperation, knowing that in all probability she would never see Christa again.

Who's Gonna Pay for these Donuts Anyway? (1992, video, 58 min) by Janice Tanaka. This video tells the story of Tanaka's search for her father who she has not seen since she was a little girl.

> Tuesday, May 4 UWM Mitchell Hall Room B-91 (3203 North Downer) 7pm

A Place of Rage (1991, 16mm, 52 min) by Pratibha Parmar. This exuberant celebration of African-American women and their achievements features interviews with Angela Davis, June Jordan and Alice Walker.

A Period Piece (1991, video, 4 min) by Zeinabu irene Davis. This is a rap art/music video which satirizes "feminine protection" and gives an alternative take on "feminine confidence."

The Potluck and the Passion (1992, video, 20 min) by Cheryl Dunye. This video depicts the one-year anniversary celebration of a Lesbian couple. However, the video focuses not on the hostesses of the potluck, but on the relationship between two of their guests.

Voices of the Morning (1992, video, 15 min) by Meena Nanji. A woman who is subject to orthodox Islamic law explores her identity.

Wednesday, May 5 UWM Mitchell Hall B-91 (3203 North Downer)

7pm Guerrillas In Our Midst (1992, 16mm, 30 min) by Amy Harrison. This video documents the underground activist group known as the Guerrilla Girls, anonymous women artists who have aggressively and hilariously exposed the racism and sexism of the art world.

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non students is \$20. Registration at the door will be \$18 for students and \$23 for non-students. Free student housing is available, but limited so early registration is encouraged.

For further information contact Jessica at (414) 832-7563.

Weekly Support Group For Partners of Gay HIV + Men

Milwaukee — Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) announces a weekly support group for lovers and partners of Gay men who have tested positive for the HIV virus. The group meets on Wednesday each week from 7pm-9pm on the second floor of BESTD Clinic at 1240 East Brady Street.

BESTD invites any lover, partner, or caregiver of a Gay HIV+ man to attend the group. Since the format is informal, interested persons can begin at any time and attend as their schedule and needs permit.

Ross Walker, President of BESTD is facilitating the group until the participants select a peer to fill this role. Walker stated that the initial informational meeting on March 31st was well attended and the group decided to meet weekly. For further information about this group or the other support group at the clinic for Gay HIV+ men, please call Ross at 353-4798 (mornings are best).

'93 "Milw. Pride Guide" In Production

Milwaukee — Havlicek & Associates, a local graphics house and advertising agency with strong ties to the Gay community was selected by the Pride Committee to promote and produce the 1993 Official Pride Guide.

Over 200 informational flyers with details about advertising were sent out approximately three weeks ago. If you are interested in advertising in the 1993 Pride Guide, contact Havlicek & Associates at (414) 271-5819.

Funds derived from the sale of ads will go directly to the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Committee to help defray the cost of the '93 Pridefest (which has been extended this year to two days), June 12-30. There will be 10,000 copies printed of this free souvenir program, and it will be distributed statewide and in Regional locations.

The deadline for space reservations and non-camera ready ads has been extended to Monday, April 26. Camera ready ads need to be in the offices of Havlicek & Associates by Monday, May 3.

Your financial support is vital in order for the 1993 Pridefest to be a success, and to continue in the future.

Call Annabelle at (414) 271-5819 for more information, ad rates/sizes, and to make space reservations.



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Get Ready for the "biggest" show in Wisconsin

Award Winning King Productions has set the date of Monday, June 7 for the 3rd Annual Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA at-Large Pageant.

Especially designed for those large and lovely girls who weigh over 215 lbs. This years pageant will be held at Milwaukee's Club 219.

Contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Talent and Evening Gown.

The winner will receive \$300 cash and entry fee paid to the Nationals in addition to other awards. The first runnerup will receive \$200 cash and entry fee paid to the Nationals in addition to other awards. The second runner-up will receive \$100 cash and other awards.

The winner and first runner-up will represent Wisconsin at the Nationals to be held in November.

Special guests will include the reigning Miss Gay USA at-Large - Nancy Newton from Hickory, North Carolina; Dominique Mahon - Miss Gay Wisconsin USA: and Todd Hammond - Mr. Gay Wisconsin USA.

West Side Dykes

club 219 w

Milwaukee - The next meeting of W.S.D. will be on Sunday. May 2, 6-8pm. For the first hour, we will do introductions, what's happening in the womyn's community, job openings, and things we'd like to see happening. In the second hour, we will break up into different groups for conversation or games.

West Side Dykes exists to promote neighborliness, networking and social activities among Lesbians. Meetings are always the first Sunday of the month and are open to all dykes living west of the lake and east of Madison. For info., call Julie: 778-1269, or Mimi: 445-4179.

Thursdays

9° -Midnight

*1 Tap Beer Bust

50° Rail, Soda, Wine

Meet International Mr. Leather During "Daddy" Weekend

May 7-9 in Milwaukee

Len Broberg, International Mr. Leather (and former Wisconsin resident) heads the list of celebrities coming to Milwaukee for the Leather community's big weekend, May 7 through 9. He and other well known names from the international Leather Community will assist the Wisconsin L/L Clubs in the selection of new Wisconsin Daddy and Daddy's Boy.

The Argonauts of WI., Castaways MC., D.A.M.E.S., Oberons, and The Unicorns of Madison have joined forces for this second annual event to be held at three Milwaukee leather bars. Thus far prizes in each contest total over \$700, including over \$500 in custom leather. Potential Daddys and Daddy's boys wishing to enter the contest can get information from any of the above groups or bars.

The Boot Camp Saloon will host the Friday kick off party and Sundays wind down. The Wreck Room will host the Boy Contest Friday. The Daddy will be chosen at The 1100 Club. Other events scheduled for the weekend include buffets and afterhours parties.

Ticket for most events available at the door as well as in advance. Persons are encouraged to arrive early for choice seating. Invitations to the afterhour parties must be obtained in advance. Contact any of the groups or bars for further information

Leatherworks '93 at 1100 Club May 1

leatherworks '93 returns to the 1100 Club on Saturday May 1st at 10pm. Miguel De la Rosa, Milwaukee leather designer, will be showing his new female harness as well as his latest additions to



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The Arts

Women's Film & Video Festival

Presented April 29-May 5 by Great Lakes Film & Video

Milwaukee - Great Lakes Film & Video will be presenting a Women's Film & Video Festival April 29-May 5, 1993 at various sites in Milwaukee. The program is funded with a grant from the Milwaukee Arts Board All programs are free though seating may be limited at some locations. Please call 229-6971 for more information.

> Thursday, April 29 Milwaukee Indian Health Center (1711 South 11th Street)

> > 7pm

Sun, Moon and Feather (1989, 16mm, 30 min) by Bob Rosen and Jane Zipp. This prize winning musical comedy is about three Native American sisters growing up in Brooklyn in the 1930's and 40's.

Bingo (1991, 16mm, 16 min) by Marjorie Beaucage. The social and ritual elements of bingo are captured in this short, moving film set in the Knights of Columbus Bingo hall in Toronto.

The Learning Path (1991, 16mm, 54 min) by Loretta Todd. The Learning Path introduces the audience to three remarkable educators. Each in their own way, they encourage younger indigenous people to follow the path of preservation of their own language, culture and identity

Friday, April 30 **United Community Center** (1028 South 9th Street) 7pm

Canal Zone (1993, video, 22 min) by Dalida maria Benfield. The piece reveals from the inside the complex identities and struggles of Latina women in the context of an inter-racial family living in a dominantly Anglo midwestern community.

(un)named (1992, video, 5 min) by Madhavi Rangachar and Maria T. Rodriguez. (UN) NAMED is a poetic combination of autobiography and imagination, as two women, respectively of Asian and Latin American heritage,

ruminate on perceptions of family, self, and "American" childhood.

The Missing Latina (1992, video, 5 min) by Marisela Gomez and Emily Castillo. This video, written and directed by high school students in Los Angeles, asks the question "Where am I on television?"

"When she's gone..." (1992, video, 3 min) by Adriana Rosas. "This video short is an interview with my mother, we touch upon the relationship we haven't always had." - Adriana Rosas

My Friend (1992, video, 16 min) by Natalia Velez. "This video is about two of my friends ... it shows part of their everyday life ... I wanted to capture their reactions when they saw themselves on TV for the first time." - Natalia Velez

Women of Pilsen (1992, video, 30 min) by Dalida Maria Benfield and Maria C. Lugones. The Women of Pilsen is a grass roots video project which portrays the real lives of Mexican women in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago. This piece is a collaborative oral history produced with the community.

Saturday, May 1 Wisconsin Black Historical Society Museum

(2620 West Center Street) 7pm

Bird in the Hand (1992, video, 20 min) by Melanie Nelson and Catherine Saalfield. Simone and Kaya are lovers trying desperately to escape New York City and the reality of their friends Ayo's abusive relationship

The NIA Project (1992, video, 30 min) by Mary Morten and Natalie R. Hutchinson. This collection of voices, stories and images of African-American Lesbians revolves around the Swahili word NIA, which means purpose,

I Never Danced the Way Girls Were Supposed To (1992, video, 7 min) by Dawn Suggs. A fresh and funny exploration into the lives of Black Lesbians.

Among Good Christian Peoples (1991, video, 30 min) by Jacqueline Woodson and Catherine Saalfield. The story of a Black Lesbian raised as a Jehovah Witness. Featuring the music of Lavender Light Black and People of All Colors Lesbian and Gay Gospel Choir, this powerful story is contextualized with commentary by other Gay and Lesbian African-Americans.

Self-Esteem and Being Gay

Milwaukee — Do you like who you are? The answer to that questions depends a great deal on self-esteem, or the value we assign ourselves as individuals. Stereotypes of Gay men can impact this self-regard. Some expect Gay men to be promiscuous, desperate, unhappy victimizers. Others expect us to be sensitive, compassionate, artistic and outgoing. We may even internalize these stereotypes and live these roles out in our lives, whether or not they are characteristics of our true selves.

How do the stereotypes that exist affect our self-image? What can we do to feel better about who we are? Please join us as we discuss these questions surrounding self-esteem. Facilitating the discussion at The Gay Men's Discussion Group will be Rick Beaudoin, MSW, a psychotherapist at Sinai-Samaritan Medical Center's Gay and Lesbian Mental Health Services. The evening is scheduled for Sunday, April 25 from 6 to 8pm and will be held at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave.

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

Gay Harley Group

A group calling themselves the Great Lakes Harley Owners have formed to provide Gay Harley owners a confidential means of contacting others in the US and Canada within reasonable riding distance of the three major Great Lakes.

It also hopes to be a contact center for out of the area riders when visiting Milwaukee and will assist with housing arrangements for "Homecoming 90."

The fledgling group at this time has no desire for meetings or dues nor is planning regular events. Members will keep in contact with a newsletter as necessary.

For further information riders can write: G.L. Harley Owners., P.O. Box 341611., Milwaukee, WI 53234-1611.

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the Gladiator series. Also, he will be previewing his new line of colored leather products.

New to leatherworks will be Leona Harrod showing her erotic photography as well as her line of imaginative leatherwear for men and women.

Popular T-shirt designer, Jimmy from Blue Flesh, will be showing designs from their singles and menz catalogs.

The emcee for the evening will be Tony Terry, Mr. Midwest Leather 1993. Other title holders from Madison and Chicago will be presenting fantasies and demonstrations for the leather lifestyle.

There is no admission charge. Anyone interested in participating as a vendor can call 647-9950 for further information.

Ecumenical Celebration Worship

A Service of Reconciliation and Affirmation

Milwaukee — On Saturday May 1. 3pm at Albright United Methodist Church, 5555 W. Capitol Drive, Milwaukee (corner of 55th St. & Capitol Dr.) it is hoped that the spirit of "March On Washington" continues in Milwaukee on this day, as we gather to affirm the Gay and Lesbian presence in our community of faith.

Much harm and harassment has been done by fundamental conservative "Christian" churches throughout our city and a nation against persons of same gender orientation. Therefore, we hope to reconcile those individuals who may have felt alienated from the church by discriminating attitudes which perverts the true Gospel call of all people being created in God's image.

Terry S. Underberg, a former United Methodist pastor, now coordinator of the newly formed Affirmation support group, will be presenting the message: "If Not Now... When?" The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will be providing several special music selections.

Other participants include the Milwaukee District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, and representatives from the Metropolitan Community Church, Catholics Integrity/Dignity group and others. During this worship, the formation of the Affirmation group will be recognized.

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