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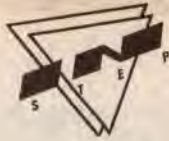
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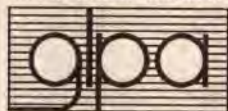
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**Cover Story**

We selected this great piece by Sherrie Szombathely to reflect the Spring season. This is the third or fourth drawing done by Sherrie that we've run over the last several years.

**Note:**

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 IS FOR OUR PRIDE ISSUE!**

This turned out to be another "tight space" issue. We have lots of photos to catch up on, and several columns of March postscripts. We had to delete "The Guide", "Health", several "Group Notes" and "Letters", all non-Gay "Arts", and the column "Inside Out". We did manage to save enough room to premiere our new "Legal" column we've been trying to get printed for the last two months.

Read and enjoy!

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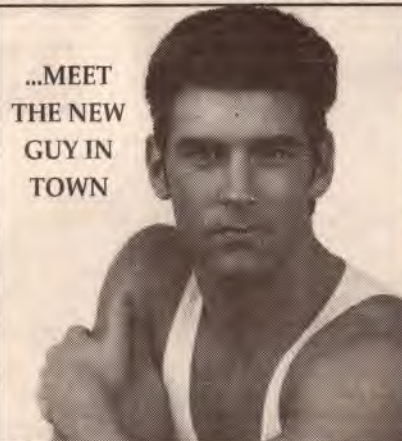
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# News

## Hearings on Pentagon Ban Heat Up

*Gay vets finally get chance to testify*

By Jamakaya

**Washington, DC** — The latest series of Congressional hearings on the Gays in the military issue ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, with Gay and Lesbian service members finally getting a chance to speak out and senators engaging in a high decibel shouting match about sodomy.

Sen. Sam Nunn, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, orchestrated a media circus tour of the cramped quarters of Navy ships in Norfolk. As expected, Persian Gulf war leader Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf spoke in support of the Pentagon ban. While in unexpectedly poignant testimony, a Marine Colonel who had just learned his son was Gay, said he would nevertheless keep his boy out of the service for his own protection.

Aside from the grossly unequal balance of those testifying in favor of the ban against those who want it ended, Gay and Lesbian leaders are most concerned about an emerging consensus among senators and representatives, led by Sam Nunn, who want to officially adopt the current policy known as "Don't ask. Don't tell."

### "DON'T ASK. DON'T TELL."

The phrase is shorthand for the interim policy instituted by President Clinton in January, in which the services were instructed to stop asking whether new recruits were homosexual. "Don't tell" is the advisory for Gays and Lesbians already in the military who are being encouraged to keep their orientation secret.

"Don't ask. Don't tell" is a lawyer's tinkering with a policy that must be rooted out in its entirety if equal protection of the law means anything," said Thomas Stoddard of the pro-Gay Campaign for Military Service.

Highly decorated Vietnam veteran Col. Margarethe Cammermeyer, who was

drummed out of the service after 27 years, told the the Senate Committee: "As long as there's a regulation out there, someone will have the power to use that threat against me."

Clinton's interim plan was meant as only a temporary measure until he issued a final executive order in July fully revoking the Pentagon ban on Gays and Lesbians. But the prospect of lifting the ban has run into a continuing firestorm of opposition, and Clinton could face an embarrassing defeat in Congress if he follows through on his commitment.

One senior Senate aide told the **New York Times**: "We haven't done any kind of a head count, but my feeling is the compromise would get a heck of a lot more votes than Clinton's position."

### CLINTON'S RESOLVE

Gay leaders and Gay veterans are not in the mood to compromise what they see as the constitutional right of all citizens to serve their country. But if Congressional leaders threaten to codify the pre-Clinton restriction, they will face a difficult dilemma about what to do. A lot will depend on President Clinton's resolve in the next few months.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin has finally, after months of delay, formed a 50-member advisory group to draft the executive order Clinton requested by July 15. The question now seems to be what shape that order will take and whether the President will stand by it.

Meanwhile, in the latest round of hearings, dozens of witnesses, from high ranking military officials to military chaplains, from psychiatrists to the chiefs of police in US cities who have integrated Gays into their ranks, all offered their opinions to the Senate and House Armed Services Committees.

Rather than rehashing testimony that the mainstream media covered extensively — most of it from the anti-Gay perspective — here is some of the compelling testimony that wasn't seen on TV.

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### LESBIAN-BAITING EXPOSED

Lesbians have been almost invisible throughout the debate despite the fact that women are seven times more likely to be discharged for homosexuality than men. Former Army Captain Tanya Domi gave compelling testimony before the House Committee May 4, none of which was carried by network news shows.

Domi said she was subjected to witchhunt-like tactics while stationed at Fort Devins in Massachusetts in 1974-75. Domi was once awakened and hauled into the investigator's office for two hours of questioning about whether she had visited a Gay bar during off-duty hours. She was repeatedly interrogated over an 18 month period. Her mail was opened and she was subject to military surveillance. She was pressured to reveal the names of service members who might be Gay.

While a company commander in 1989 at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, a fellow officer made an explicit sexual proposition to Domi during work hours. Domi reported his misconduct but no action was ever taken against him. Instead, Domi was investigated for homosexuality after the harassing officer accused her of being a Lesbian.

"The policy banning Lesbians and Gay men serves as an egregious tool of sexual harassment of women, called 'Lesbian baiting,'" Domi testified. "I was called in for questioning about my sexual orientation, not because of my misconduct, but because of his."

"At the very heart of this policy are the vicious investigative techniques employed by the military criminal investigative services," said Domi. "The tactics used to determine the sexual orientation of service members are evocative of the McCarthy era."

"It is the investigators' tactics, not the presence of Lesbians and Gay men, that are detrimental to unit cohesion and prejudicial to good order and discipline," Domi concluded.

### QUICK-WITTED RESPONSES

Domi also delivered one great zinger to the Congressional committee. She noted that one argument against allowing Gay men in the military is that it might lead to a higher incidence of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. But since Lesbians are considered one of the lowest

risk groups for the transmission of STDs, Domi suggested that the Pentagon ought to start actively recruiting Lesbians.

Navy Lt. Tracy Thorne, who has been placed on standby reserve after coming out, also had some quick responses to questions thrown at him by Republican Sens. Strom Thurmond and Dan Coats at the Norfolk Naval base May 10.

When Sen. Coats asked him about showering among men, Thorne responded: "I have been showering with other men from the day I entered that grade school gym class. From Day 1, I've been showering with other men. It hasn't been a sexual experience for me every day since I was a little kid. It's been a daily chore."

"And when I get in the shower that's all I'm thinking about — showering and getting out of there. If I was staring at some guy, it's breaking the rules. That's a violation of his privacy, you're absolutely right. That shouldn't be tolerated. But I don't think it's gonna happen."

When Sen. Thurmond asked if he had ever sought medical or psychiatric care for his homosexuality, Thorne patiently replied: "Sir, I have not investigated any help from a doctor, from a psychologist or psychiatrist because had I done so, that doctor or psychologist or psychiatrist would have told me to go home and not to worry about it."

"Because as the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric and Psychological Associations did in 1973 — They said: This may not be a majority of the population but it is normal. It is not a disease. It is not something to be ashamed of and it is not something that should be on our list of diseases."

### A CATCH-22

Col. Cammermeyer told the Senate Committee May 11 that the Pentagon ban created a Catch-22.

"If the regulation did not exist, if people were not being separated for who they were there would never have to be a situation where they would have to come out and challenge that particular regulation the way it is. If there were no regulation that said you couldn't serve as a Gay person in the military, you would probably never know there were Gays and Lesbians serving."

Another area the media did not focus on was the number of sailors

at the Norfolk base who expressed tolerance and support for Gays in the military.

"I rely on my shipmates to be professionals," said Petty Officer Paul Gilberry, with fellow sailors looking on. "I can trust a homosexual as well as anyone else to bring me a fire extinguisher in a casualty situation."

Unfortunately, Gilberry's pro-Gay statement was one of the few recorded by the media. But even Sam Nunn told the **New York Times**: "I heard more support for lifting the ban than I anticipated, but that opinion was still in the substantial minority."

The Senate hearings became nearly farcical May 7 when Sen. Thurmond engaged in a debate about sodomy with Senate colleagues. The 90-year-old Thurmond declared that homosexuals must be excluded because only they perform sodomy.

"Heterosexuals don't practice sodomy," Thurmond declared, as the audience in the hearing room burst into laughter.

Thurmond shouted: "Sodomy is against the law! Why shouldn't they be arrested?"

Sen. John Kerry, who supports lifting the ban, noted that there were Gays working in Congress and that Thurmond had not sought their arrest.

During hearings in the House, Committee Chairman Ron Dellums, a strong supporter of Gay rights, warned right wing Republican Bob Dornan "You are walking down a very fragile road" after Dornan began to question the moral ethics of Congress's two openly Gay representatives, Barney Frank and Gerry Studds.

Reps. Steve Buyer and Neil Abercrombie, on opposing sides of the issue, also locked horns. When Buyer questioned the relevance of testimony by police and fire chiefs who have integrated Gays into their departments, saying "I don't have much time here," Abercrombie shouted back "You don't make much sense either."

More hearings were scheduled as **In Step** went to press.

## Jesse Helms Targets Roberta Achtenberg

### *Calls HUD appointee a "Damned Lesbian"*

Washington, DC — Vowing to stymie her nomination to be Assistant Secretary in the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) has accused Clinton nominee Roberta Achtenberg of being a "damned Lesbian."

President Clinton nominated Achtenberg to be Assistant Secretary of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at HUD. If approved, she would become the nation's top enforcer of fair housing and employment laws and the highest ranking openly Lesbian official in the federal government.

Achtenberg, a civil rights attorney, served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors as well as the city's Planning Commission and Housing Authority. She is well known and respected as both an effective administrator and politician. Achtenberg has been a Democratic Party activist and an open Lesbian for many years in her home state of California.

On May 5, the Senate's Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee approved Achtenberg's nomination by a 14-4 vote. Normally, the Senate would then automatically approve a candidate who was given such a margin of approval. But Helms used a parliamentary maneuver to seek full Senate debate on the nomination.

Helms called Achtenberg a "damned Lesbian" and then said: "If that makes me a bigot, so be it." He said full Senate debate was necessary for "Americans to have a chance to decide whether they want to get in the business of having an avowed Lesbian in a high government position who has insulted in the meanest way the Boy Scouts of America." (Achtenberg has opposed the Boy Scouts' policy of excluding Gays.)

Spokesmen for San Francisco's Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) came to Achtenberg's defense, suggesting the Senate debate should focus on something other than Achtenberg's Lesbianism.

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up a debate on whether or not Jesse Helms, an avowed bigot, should be allowed to hold a high government position," said GLAAD's Al Kielwasser. "The Senator's hate-mongering is a moral disgrace and an insult to all Americans."

"The Supervisor's qualifications are impeccable," said Jessea Greenman of GLAAD. "As an elected official of San Francisco and as a civil rights attorney, Supervisor Achtenberg has fulfilled her duty to act against discrimination and

injustice."

Gay lobbyists on Capitol Hill say Helms does not have the votes to defeat Achtenberg's nomination and that his mean-spirited attack will backfire, reinforcing the public's perception of him as a reactionary homophobe.

Even Helms concedes he does not have the votes. "I don't always win," Helms told the press, "but I'm going to make sure this woman is explained to the American people."

## Court Ruling Voids Local Laws

### California Gays decry "Bad Precedent"

Los Angeles, CA — Gay and Lesbian activists in California are reeling after an appellate court decision declared that the state's new Gay rights law supersedes, and essentially voids, all local Gay rights ordinances.

The problem, according to activists, is that most local ordinances offer more comprehensive protections, including longer statutes of limitations and the right to demand greater damages and attorneys' fees.

"It's a disaster," San Francisco attorney Paul Wolman told the **Washington Blade**. "This sets a very bad precedent."

The ruling, which declared the Gay rights ordinance of Los Angeles void, came in the case of James Delaney, who sued his employer, a freight company, claiming he was harassed on the job because of his sexual orientation. He sued under the 1978 city law prohibiting job discrimination against Gays.

But Judge Donald Gates, speaking for the court in a 3-0 decision, said: "Discrimination in employment is of statewide concern. The legislature has enacted general legislation and expressly stated its intent to exclude local regulation from the field."

Just days after that ruling, a judge in San Francisco, citing the Delaney decision, declared San Francisco's Gay rights law void, dismissing yet another job discrimination suit because it was based on the municipal ordinance.

Last year, Gov. Pete Wilson

signed a revision to the state's labor code which expressly forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation.

But the labor code, unlike the state's Fair Employment and Housing Act in which sexual orientation is not mentioned, allows only civil penalties, not criminal penalties. It does not allow plaintiffs to collect attorneys' fees and has a statute of limitations of just 30 days. The San Francisco and Los Angeles ordinances allowed for the collection of attorneys' fees and had statutes of limitations of one year. The prospect of attorneys' fees being covered can sometimes be a deciding factor in pursuing legal redress, said Wolman.

Wolman has appealed the San Francisco decision on the grounds that local jurisdictions have the right to enact protections that are not included in state legislation. But if he wins, the conflicting appellate court rulings would have to be resolved by the California Supreme Court, which is currently dominated by conservatives.

For now, local Gay rights ordinances, which offered greater latitude for redress and compensation to the victims of discrimination, are hostage to the more narrow confines of state law.

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## Hawaiian Court Paves Way For Gay Marriage

### Denial of Gay marriage is form of sex discrimination

Honolulu, HI — The Supreme Court of Hawaii has ruled that a lower court decision denying three Gay couples the right to marry violates the state constitution's prohibition on sex discrimination.

The 3-1 ruling fell short of declaring the Gay marriage ban illegal, and instead sent the case back to the lower court for reconsideration. But the Supreme Court justices said the government was required to prove that there is a "compelling state interest" in maintaining the ban on Gay marriages.

In the decision, Justice Steven H. Levinson said that "marriage is a basic civil right" and that the Hawaiian law "denies same-sex couples access to the marital status and its concomitant rights and benefits" merely on the basis of their gender. The plaintiffs did not argue the issue of sexual orientation, but based their complaint on sex discrimination and the guarantee of equal protection under the law.

"This is a major breakthrough," said Bill Rubenstein of the American Civil Liberties Union's Gay and Lesbian Rights Project. "This is the first court decision to give serious consideration to Gay marriage."

If the government fails to prove its case in the lower court, the State Supreme Court decision would stand and the couples would be free to obtain marriage licenses. The ruling cannot be appealed to the US Supreme Court because the arguments in the case are based on provisions of the Hawaiian constitution rather than the US Constitution.

#### RESULTS OF GAY MARRIAGE

Marriages between Gays and Lesbians would thus become valid in the state of Hawaii, with all the rights and responsibilities attached to the marriage union.

No other states allow Gay marriages, but all are compelled by law to recognize marriages which occur in other states. In other words, Gay couples married in Hawaii would have to be acknowledged as legally married in other states and could have

access to the tax breaks and health and insurance benefits available to heterosexual married couples.

The suit was initiated in October, 1991 by two Lesbian couples and a Gay male couple who were denied marriage licenses. A lower court dismissed the suit, saying it was within the state's power to regulate and restrict marriage licenses. But the Supreme Court said the court had failed to thoroughly review the constitutional questions in the case.

Hawaii's Attorney General, Robert Marks, who must argue the state's case, told the *New York Times*: "I'm no homophobe. But I think the issue should be left to the legislature. I think it will come as a surprise to the legislature that when they put in the Equal Rights Amendment, this is how it would be interpreted."

#### DOES ERA ALLOW GAY MARRIAGE?

Indeed, some observers noted that during debate over passage of the federal Equal Rights Amendment in the 1970's, opponents like conservative Phyllis Schlafly claimed the measure would legalize homosexual marriage, a charge that feminist advocates vociferously denied. The ERA fell one state short of passage in 1982.

The one justice who dissented from the Hawaii decision said that heterosexual marriage alone was justified because it furthered the propagation of the human species. He also said there was no sex bias involved because men and women were equally affected by the ban on Gay marriage.

In rejecting that view, the majority opinion cited a 1967 US Supreme Court decision which overturned laws preventing mixed race marriages. The high court rejected the idea that the ban on interracial marriages was justifiable because it applied equally to blacks and whites. The Hawaiian court rejected the same kind of logic as applied to same-sex marriage.

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## Postscripts To The March On Washington

Washington, DC — Here are some interesting postscripts to the April 25 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation.

### CROWD ESTIMATE

The *Washington Blade*, the respected Gay weekly that covers the nation's capital, has weighed in with its own estimate of the crowd at the big march, putting the figure right in the middle of those given by the US Park Police and the District of Columbia police.

Members of the *Blade* consulted with the Park Service and analyzed aerial photos taken April 25. The Park Police had estimated just 300,000 people participated, while the DC Police put the number at 1.1 million. The *Blade* set the number at 750,000, which would still make it the largest demonstration ever in the nation's capital. Only the 1982 anti-nuclear march in New York City is believed to have exceeded that figure, drawing between 800,000 and 1 million people.

### RIGHT WING VIDEO

Within days of the march, the Christian Action Network was distributing a video on Capitol Hill called *Gay March '93: What You Didn't See on Network TV*.

The video contains footage of the transvestite Church Ladies singing "God is a Lesbian" to the tune of *My Country 'Tis of Thee*. It focuses a lot on cross dressers and tough looking women in the Dykes on Bikes contingent. It intersperses scenes like that with a grossly edited clip of Mayor David Dinkins' speech in which he says: "This country doesn't belong to Christians."

"The right wing definitely intends to demonize our community," march organizer Nadine Smith told *USA Today*. About the transvestites and butch dykes shown in the video, she said: "The people they think are offensive and bizarre were the first people to fight back for Gay rights."

### PRO-GAY VIDEO

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(Madison's PBS affiliate, WHA, still does not air *In the Life*. Calls can be made to Program Director James Steinbach or Heidi Garfoot at 1-800-422-9707.)

## Sailor Pleads Guilty To Allen Schindler's Murder

*Atty. Gen. may investigate*

Washington, DC — Airman Apprentice Terry M. Helvey, charged with the premeditated murder of Gay shipmate Allen Schindler, has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge, apparently in hopes of avoiding the death penalty.

In court at the US naval base in Yokosuko, Japan on May 3, Helvey, 20, said "I remember hitting him in the face and stomping on his neck and kicking him in the groin." Helvey did not divulge what motivated his behavior but said he was very drunk at the time.

Schindler, 22, who was found in a pool of blood in a public restroom outside the US naval base in Sasebo, Japan last October, died of massive head and internal injuries.

Commander David Holcombe, presiding judge in the case, is expected to rule on Helvey's plea May 24. If he accepts the plea, Helvey could receive a maximum life sentence. But without a trial to air all the facts, Helvey's motive and the details of what happened that night may never be known.

Schindler's mother, Dorothy Hajdys of Chicago Heights, Illinois, said she could accept the life sentence as long as Helvey is not paroled: "I'm glad he finally admitted to what he did, which was to kill my son. I want them to put him away for the rest of his life. And I don't want any

## JOSE ZUNIGA ACCEPTS DISCHARGE

Sgt. Jose Zuniga, who came out on television and in the pages of the *New York Times* during the March on Washington and who was presented with discharge papers on returning to his base at the Presidio, has accepted an honorable discharge.

Zuniga said he could be most effective in working against the Pentagon ban on Gays once he was outside of the service. Had he challenged the discharge, he would have been placed on standby reserve status and restricted in what he could do and say.

Zuniga was a decorated medic in the Persian Gulf War and had recently been named the Sixth Army's Soldier of the Year.

other mother to ever have to go through what I've had to go through."

Meanwhile, Gay activists have called on Attorney General Janet Reno to investigate the Navy's alleged mishandling of the case. "Only an impartial investigation can determine whether criminal prosecutions are justified," wrote Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

Gay activists charge that the Navy has attempted to cover up the true facts of the brutal murder.

Initially, Schindler's mother was told her son died of head injuries sustained in a fall. Only when friends of the sailor wrote to *Pacific Stars and Stripes* to report that Schindler was being harassed for being Gay did the Navy begin to reveal further information, much of it conflicting. Most recently, a Navy official said that information was withheld from Mrs. Hajdys out of concern for how she would react to learning her son was Gay.


In February, Navy officials publicized the contents of an affidavit by an unnamed sailor who claimed to have had sex with Helvey. The information seemed calculated to imply that Helvey and Schindler may have engaged in a relationship that ended in violence. That sailor failed to pass a lie detector test and withdrew his affidavit. And Helvey has denied an earlier claim that he beat Schindler after Schindler made a sexual

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advance on him.

Last November, the Navy also quickly court-martialled a second sailor, Charles Vins, who witnessed the murder. Vins pleaded guilty to failing to report a serious crime and resisting arrest. He was sentenced to four months in prison and given a bad conduct discharge in exchange for testifying against Helvey. It has since been learned that Vins actively participated in the beating. The Navy says only that it acted on the best information it had at the time.

## View From The Hill: The (New & Improved) Lesbian/Gay Rights Bill — Sharp Increase In Support Expected

### News Analysis By Cliff O'Neill

For years and years, Gays and Lesbians in Washington and around the country have tolled feverishly to get this congressman or that senator to co-sponsor the federal civil rights bill which would protect them from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. And, amid a million distractions over the last 18 years, they have done reasonably well.

By the time the last Congress adjourned, 111 House members and 17 senators had lent their names to the twin measures, marking an all-time high. Still, by any other congressional yardstick, those numbers don't suggest a measure rushing to passage. Not by a long-shot.

In fact, the big hope throughout the last session on this front was for hearings — not floor votes — on the long-stymied bill. (For several reasons, they didn't come off.)

This year, the outlook is markedly different.

For one thing, the man living at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is, for the first time, a supporter of equal rights for Lesbians and Gay men. And while the devil always lies in the details of any Washington proposal, this is a head-start that Gays have never had before.

During the presidential campaign, then-candidate Bill Clinton expressed support for the concept of a federal Gay and Lesbian rights bill. The actual measure that has been bandied about the house and

The case has drawn so much attention because of the current debate about Gays in the military. Gay leaders claim their suspicions about the Navy's cover-up of the case is borne out by the recent Tailhook scandal and the explosion aboard the Battleship Iowa in 1989. In the Iowa incident, the Navy initially blamed a sailor for sabotaging the ship because of a 'ailed love affair with another sailor. Navy officials later retracted that allegation and apologized to the sailor's family.

Senate for years, however, was not completely to his liking.

He expressed concerns with specific parts of the bill which would not have allowed exceptions for religious institutions and would have insisted that federal affirmative action programs pertain to Gays and Lesbians as well as racial and other minorities.

And while Clinton's complaints with the proposal irked some Gay and Lesbian activists, others who have worked on the bill for years shrugged it off, having long viewed the proposal as hopelessly outdated.

The new and improved Gay rights bill is presently being worked on by the staffs of Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.) and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) (the bill's new lead sponsors) and Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), the chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights.

Kennedy and Waxman will take over sponsorship of the Senate and House measures from Sen. Alan Cranston (D-Calif.), who retired last fall after four years of carrying the bill, and Rep. Ted Weiss (D-N.Y.), who died last summer after championing the bill for over a decade.

While the details of the new bill are still being worked out, some basics have emerged:

The new measure will for the first time be a free-standing bill, not a proposal to expand the provisions of other civil rights laws to sexual minorities. This, lobbyists hope, will give lawmakers and the courts a clearer picture of its protections.

By this means, the bill's authors are also hoping the new bill will parallel the language of other more recent civil rights laws and take advantage of changes in case law over the years.

Also, as referenced in Clinton's concerns, the new measure will include an exemption for religious organizations.

Gay lobbyists working on the new proposal are quick to point out, however, that while the exception would allow churches and other strictly religious entities to discriminate, it would not allow individuals in secular life to discriminate legally against Gays and Lesbians on religious grounds.

And while such exceptions invariably raise the hackles of Gay activists in some quarters, lobbyists further note that all of the eight statewide Gay rights laws in the U.S. have some sort of religious exemption in them as do three recent federal civil rights laws which do not directly affect Gays as such.

With these new changes, activists are hoping that they will be able to convince more members of the house and Senate to back their cause, although they don't expect it to win them a significant new number of co-sponsors.

When the bill is introduced later this year, backers will be expecting 21 senators and roughly 118 House members to co-sponsor it. Any increased support coming from the new language, they expect, will come in the form of floor votes for the measure.

Gays are postponing any serious attention to the Gay rights bill until after July 15, the date on which President Clinton is expected to issue his executive order lifting the Pentagon's ban on homosexuals in the uniformed service. The Senate is expected to react to Clinton's move almost immediately by voting on a measure to trump the President by writing the ban into federal law.

Because of the crucial nature of that vote, lobbyists on the Gay rights bill are not expecting to introduce their new bill until at least mid-summer, if not later.

What is vital, these activists say, is a victory on the military issue. If they lose that battle, they insist, it will be extraordinarily difficult to get Congress to even begin to consider the Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill.

And the only way to ensure a victory, they insist, is for Gays and their supporters to blanket Congress with letters, phone calls and lobbying visits.

"It's hard to overestimate the importance of constituent lobbying," said one such lobbyist, Eric Rosenthal, political

director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "And it needs to be done again and again and again. The religious right is great in getting its message heard. Our community really needs to work on that because that's going to determine whether we win or lose."

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### Clinton Asks \$600 Million Boost In AIDS Funds

Washington, DC — President Clinton's budget proposal for 1994, submitted to Congress in April, increases funding for AIDS treatment and research by almost \$600 million over last year's allocation.

Figures prepared by Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala call for a total expenditure of \$2.7 billion on AIDS next year. The proposal includes a \$310 million boost (to \$658 million) in the Ryan White Act, which distributes emergency funds to urban areas most hard-hit by the epidemic.

The Health and Human Services proposal also calls for \$328 million for research and treatment of women's health issues, primarily breast, cervical and ovarian cancers.

The budget process is only just beginning, with hearings and debate expected to be fierce because of pressure to reduce the nation's huge deficit. The final budget for 1994 must be passed by October.

### Gay Jews Excluded From Israel Parade

New York, NY — Claiming that the rabbi of a Gay and Lesbian synagogue had reneged on an earlier agreement, the sponsors of the May 9 Salute to Israel Parade decided just a day before the event to exclude the Gay congregation.

Congregation Beth Simchat Torah had asked to march in the annual parade, but Conservative and Orthodox groups opposed the Gay synagogue's inclusion. Negotiations resulted in the Gay Jews being allowed to march under the banner of the Association of Reform

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Zionists of America but only if the congregation's Lesbian rabbi refrained from speaking to the press. When quotes by Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum appeared in the **New York Times**, permission for her temple to march was rescinded.

Clusters of Gay and Lesbian Jews protested along the march route that Sunday, but there were no incidents or arrests.

### Angie Xtravaganza Succumbs to AIDS

**New York, NY** — Drag artist Angie Xtravaganza, the mother of the House of Xtravaganza featured in the documentary *Paris is Burning*, died of AIDS complications March 31. She was 27.

Angie was preceded in death by the founder of the House of Xtravaganza — Hector, in 1985. Angie's "main" daughter, Venus Xtravaganza, also seen in *Paris is Burning*, was found strangled in a hotel room in 1989. Since then, another *Paris* star, Kim Pendavis, has died of heart failure, according to the **New York Times**.

Dorian Corey, legendary drag queen who also appeared in the film, spoke to more than 100 people gathered for Angie's funeral. "It's okay children, because Angie's got something now that we've lost: a little beauty, a little peace. And it's gonna be hotter and better up there."

### Lesbian Health Briefings Held on Capitol Hill

**Washington, DC** — In a historic first on Capitol Hill, health advocates presented information and recommendations on Lesbian health issues to Congressional representatives and staff members at separate House and Senate briefings. The meetings occurred on April 23, just days before the March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Rights.

The activists presented a report discussing access to health care, homophobia among care providers, medical screening, Lesbians over 40, cancer and substance abuse. It included five general recommendations for the Department of Health and Human Services and dozens of more specific recommendations for other agencies that

oversee health issues.

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will follow up by delivering the report to all members of Congressional committees that deal with health care as well as to members of Hillary Rodham Clinton's health care reform task force.

### New York City to Monitor Sex Clubs

**New York, NY** — The New York City Health Department has decided to crack down on the increasing number of sex clubs in which unsafe sex activity is known to occur. Establishments which fail to monitor sexual activity or fail to provide safe sex education and condoms will be subject to fines and closure. The crack-down is prompted by concern over the transmission of HIV.

Health Department personnel will conduct more frequent inspections to see that business owners are monitoring the sexual activity of their patrons and complying with state sanitary codes.

"We are giving notice to owners of any establishment that if they violate the law by failing to prevent their patrons from engaging in high-risk sexual conduct on their premises, we intend to act to the full extent of our enforcement authority," said Health Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg.

### Gay Group Wins Property Tax Exemption

**Rochester, NY** — State Supreme Court Judge Andrew V. Siracuse has ruled that the city of Rochester discriminated against a Gay organization by denying it a property tax exemption.

Rochester officials had denied the tax exemption for the community center of the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, saying it was an "advocacy" group that did not qualify as either an educational or charitable organization.

But Judge Siracuse ordered that the group be granted the property tax exemption. He said the Alliance "advocates not homosexuality but the legitimate rights and needs of the Gay and Lesbian community, rights recognized by the city in its anti-discrimination ordinance. This is an essentially educational function."

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## The Gay Side

By Tom Rezza



**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22):** For being so cranially well-endowed, you Virgos sure are a bust in the boasting department. What do I have to do to get you to pump up your egos? Nag you? Bribe you? Maybe I'll just show you how it's done. Listen closely to the rant of a Master Bragger, yours truly:

*Don't even bother trying to insult me. No one can make fun of me better than I can. I know myself better than anyone has ever known himself, and that's why I make a living from doing what I love. The perfect job? I've got it. The sexiest astrology column in the world? I write it. Most men need a big salary to prove their worth, but not me. I'm the only CEO in the global economy who insists on taking home less than \$100,000 a year.*

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22):** I have only one problem with your current escape fantasies: They don't go far enough. Bland paradises like Hawaii shouldn't appear on your itinerary unless they're stopovers on the way to wild frontiers like Tasmania or Tierra del Fuego.

I hear the lost valleys of Papua New Guinea are nice this time of year. Madagascar's crocodile caves might also provide the bang-bang adventures you need to dislodge you from your polite ruts. If it's impossible for you to send yourself away to a land that time forgot, smoke some banana peels and watch a National Geographic video.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21):** In your next incarnation you could be a genetically-engineered anchorperson or a spy for the United Emirates of Exxon or a Christian missionary preaching abstinence to the intelligent lizards on Saturn's moon, Titan. On the other hand, you could be the first Lesbian president or a psychologist who proves all political problems originate with child abuse or the star of a popular cable TV show that helps viewers interpret their dreams.

Why bring this up now? Because your actions in the next two months will unleash consequences, for good or evil, that'll ultimately recast the contours of your next incarnation. If you don't believe in reincarnation, take this as a metaphor for what you'll be ten years from now.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 20):** Time to brush up on your smoldering glances and flirtatious tilts of the eyebrow and saucy curls of the lip. Practice in front of the mirror until you shatter it or perfect that "I only have eyes for you" look — whichever comes first.

This of course is just the marketing gimmick you're going to use to snag the attention you require. When your worthiest candidate is finally sitting smitten and receptive in front of you, unveil your vision of intimacy as a well-ventilated hothouse.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 21-JAN. 19):** Once again, I've put the competition to shame. While Jeane Dixon was boring you with advice like "avoid promising the moon," I was comparing the revitalization of your libido to the eruption of a dormant volcano. While Sydney Omarr was trivializing your life with cliched bunk like "a friend will give you an overdue pat on the back," I was predicting that a hurricane of love would rendezvous with the lava-spewing volcano, spawning a beautiful freak of nature.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18):** There's nothing wrong with you that a rowdy exercise of your First Amendment rights wouldn't cure. I simply can't underestimate the health-giving properties of saying exactly what you mean. So what are you waiting for? Write the letter of the year. Make the phone call that changes everything. Ask questions you're not supposed to. Whisper sweet nothings in the ears of movers and shakers who can change nothings into somethings. Act out splashy symbolic gestures that everyone feels compelled to talk about.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 19):** Study the following words: *refuge, sanctuary, bunker, asylum, haven, shelter, safety zone, storm cellar, retreat, halfway house, cloister, ashram, clubhouse, spa, foxhole, health resort, nest, inner sanctum.* Pick out at least three of these words, and use them in a sentence. Example: "If I were desperate for privacy and renewal, I'd rather retreat to a health resort than a bunker." Another example: "If I needed to seek refuge from the unnameable insanity around me, I'd prefer to make a pilgrimage to a sanctuary, not a foxhole."

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## Victory Fund Supports Six More Candidates

**Washington, DC** — The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund has recommended six more openly Gay and Lesbian candidates to its national donor network, giving them access to crucial "early money" needed to conduct winning campaigns. Wisconsin State Rep. Tammy Baldwin credits the Victory Fund with aiding in her win last November.

The six qualified candidates and their races are: Larry Bagneris for New Orleans City Council; Tom Chiola for Cook County, Illinois Circuit Court; Jackie Goldberg for Los Angeles City Council; Christine Kehoe for San Diego City Council; Tim Mains for Mayor of Rochester, New York; and Victoria Sigler for Dane County Court Judge in Florida.

The Victory Fund is a national donor network of individuals committed to electing qualified Gay and Lesbian candidates to public office. People can join the Victory Fund with a contribution of \$100 or more to support candidate research, and by agreeing to make contributions of \$100 or more to at least two recommended candidates within a twelve month period.

For further information on the Victory Fund, call (202) 842-8679. Or write to the Fund at: 1012 14th Street, N.W., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

## Also On the Newswire...

**New York, NY** — A Family Court Judge in Manhattan has ruled that a man who donated sperm to a Lesbian couple so they could have a child cannot claim parental rights to the girl, who is now 11. The man had signed away his parental rights and never provided support for the girl. It may be the first case in which biological parenthood was overruled in the best interests of the child and in favor of a Lesbian couple.

**Portland, OR** — Gay activist George Eighmey has been appointed to fill a recently vacated seat in the Oregon House of Representatives, making him, along with State Rep. Gail Shibley, the second openly Gay member of the state legislature. Eighmey, sworn in May 6, describes himself as "pro-choice, pro-family, pro-diversity."

**West Palm Beach, FL** — Sherry Johnson, 18, who recently announced that

she has HIV, is believed to be the sixth person infected by dentist David Acer. Like Kimberly Bergalis before her, Johnson said she wanted to speak out for the mandatory testing of health workers for HIV. Of Dr. Acer, she said: "Let's just say, 'Thank God he's dead.'"

**Washington, DC** — Shelli Craver, a Lesbian who has been a pro-choice organizer and who is currently Midwest Coordinator of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, was honored as one of "Tomorrow's Leaders Today" in a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden April 20. She was one of 100 young leaders presented with awards by Hillary Clinton.

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## Rep. Baldwin Appointed To Committee Chair

**Madison** — Assembly Speaker Walter Kunicki (D-Milwaukee) has announced the appointment of freshman Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) as chairperson of the Assembly Committee on Elections, Constitutional Law and Corrections. The Committee on Elections, Constitutional Law and Corrections has broad responsibilities for a variety of pressing legislative concerns including campaign finance reform and questions regarding the state corrections system.

It is extremely unusual for a freshman legislator to receive an appointment as the chair of a major committee. However, Speaker Kunicki has expressed great confidence that Baldwin will bring just the right combination of skills and experience to the job. "Throughout her career and her first 100 days in office, Rep. Baldwin has distinguished herself through her work for the people of her district and the state as both an accomplished attorney and a well-respected elected official," Kunicki said. "There's no doubt in my mind whatsoever that Tammy Baldwin is the right person for this important job."

Baldwin has served for seven years as an openly Lesbian Dane County supervisor, including service as the chair of the county's Human Services Board, which oversees a budget of more than \$100 million. A 1989 graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, Baldwin has litigated in the areas of criminal law and civil right law. A lifelong resident of Madison, Baldwin also has a broad record of experience as a community activist including extensive work in the areas of civil rights, women's rights, and housing rights. For seven years, she has been a leader in the National Network of Openly Lesbian and Gay Officials.

"I appreciate Speaker Kunicki's confidence in appointing me as chair of this committee at a time when so many important issues under its jurisdiction are coming to the forefront of the legislature's agenda," said Rep. Baldwin, "I am very excited by the challenges and the opportunities this appointment presents."

Baldwin's appointment comes at a time when the Elections, Constitutional Law and Corrections Committee is tackling a number of issues that have received recent prominence in the headlines. The

committee will be overseeing important work in the area of campaign finance reform.

Baldwin's committee will also be looking at what to do in the face of rapidly growing prison populations. Including options for physical expansion and alternatives to incarceration for offenders, where appropriate. As a leader on these issues on the Dane County Board, Baldwin was very involved in the debate surrounding the building of a new county jail.

As the founder and first co-chair of the Dane County Task Force on AIDS, Baldwin sees the need for the Department of Corrections to provide education and AIDS prevention services for both inmates and staff. "Ignoring the problem hasn't got us anywhere; it's time to recognize that attitudes must change," Baldwin said.

## Five Activists Receive \$25,000 Rewards

**Chicago** — Just days before leaving for the history-making Washington Gay and Lesbian Rights March at the end of April, five community activists for AIDS education, Gay and Lesbian rights and women's interests received telephone calls telling them they had won the No-Strings Stonewall Awards of \$25,000 "for achievement for Gay and Lesbian America."

The winners, announced publicly May 5 by The Anderson Prize Foundation of Chicago, are:

▾ Earnest Hite, Chicago, co-founder and president of Image Plus, a support organization targeting African-American Gay and Lesbian youth, and the HOPE Project, an AIDS education program;

▾ Pat Norman, San Francisco, executive director of the California AIDS Intervention Training Center;

▾ Suzanne Pharr, Little Rock, a community-action strategist who has spent most of the last year working against the Religious Right's anti-Gay legislation in Oregon, where the legislation was defeated; and,

▾ Sharing a prize, Edward Sedarbaum, Queens, New York, founder of Queens Gays and Lesbians United, who leads programs to sensitize police about the Gay and Lesbian community; and his companion, Howard Cruse, pioneering Gay and underground cartoonist.

# Real Astrology

By Robert Brezsky

## Week beginning May 20

**ARIES (MAR. 20-APR. 19):** Night or summer classes you might want to consider signing up for: "Ninja Bellydancing: a Sensual Form of Self-Defense"... "Secrets of Applying Make-Up To Your Inner Child"... "Using Claymation for Conflict Resolution and Mediation"... "How To Create Dynamic Seminars in Which You Make Money Teaching the Weird and Special Things You Know"... "Applying the Principles of Tennis To Running a Successful Relationship"... "The Rainbow Shield Dreamweaver Approach to Tax Planning"... "Your All-Knowing Superconscious Mind has the Solution To Your Learning Disabilities and Communication Snafus."

**TAURUS (APR. 20-MAY 20):** Dreams of unicorns wearing diamond necklaces mean you're longing for a virginal approach to making money. Dreams of plastic forks mean you're not getting the emotional nourishment you need. Dreams of red roses turning white mean you'll soon receive a chance to perfect one of your desires. Dreams of giant hands mean you should accelerate the growth of a skill that's maturing too slowly. Dreams of Hillary Clinton kissing the Buddha mean you're on the right track.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20):** It's 3:15 am. I'm sitting in the 24-hour coffee shop. In bursts a phalanx of three lanky androgynous types, eyes popping and jaws

flapping. Obviously Gemini. Buzzed out of their gourds probably not on any drug but on the natural high-octane frenzy of their nervous systems. I can almost see the vapor trails.

I ask them to join me so I can do some astrological research about the state of the Gemini psyche. The next five hours pass in a dazzle as these virtuoso talkers entertain me with convulsive stories of reconciliation. One Gemini has just reunited with her lost love, another with a lost part of his own mind, and the third with a lost cause that's now no longer lost.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22):** Imagine the AMA acknowledging that maybe possibly perhaps the ancient Chinese science of acupuncture is effective in some cases. Imagine homophobic Senator Sam Nunn rising to the defense of the Sixth Army's soldier of the year, Jose Zuniga, who's being harassed by the top brass now that he's announced he's gay. Imagine yourself puckering up your ego and admitting that maybe possibly perhaps you need to start stretching your notion of what's right and true — before the cosmos forcibly stretches it for you.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22):** After an exhaustive Jungian analysis of your archetypes, engrams and epiphanies, I've determined that the current phase of your astrological cycle should be referred to as party time. To be in maximum harmony with cosmic forces, you should throw a tea party, dinner party, surprise party and pajama party.

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▾ Martina is even cuter on a TV screen that's forty feet high.

▾ Funniest line to Sam Nunn from another politician: Pat Schroeder — "With liberty and justice for all. What part of 'all', Senator, don't you understand?"

▾ No one, least of all me, expected the DC subway system to turn the Dupont Circle Metro stop into a four story StairMaster experience. Good thing thousands were cheering, or I'd be stuck there to this day, halfway up. (Did you hear the one about the (aging Lesbian columnist) who spent all night in the subway? The escalator broke.)

▾ Best suggestion of the weekend: if homosexuality is a disease, let's all call in queer to work tomorrow. — Robin Tyler

▾ Most accurate chant variation: "We're Here. We're Queer. We're Getting Used To It!"

▾ Best speech leading to another nationwide demonstration: "If every Gay and Lesbian person in America stood up for two minutes... in the Navy... in the Army... in the Air Force... in the Marine Corps... in the House and in the Senate. Every doctor... every lawyer... every

carpenter... every teacher... every clergyman... THIS DEBATE WOULD BE OVER!"

— Congressman Gerry Studds

▾ Best nationwide demonstration idea coming from a speech: On Monday, December 6th, 1993 at 1pm Pacific Time, 2pm Mountain Time, 3pm Central Time, and 4pm Eastern Standard time, we're all going to stand up for two minutes. Every Gay man and Lesbian in America. Every American who has a Gay man or Lesbian in their family. Every American with a Gay or Lesbian friend or acquaintance. Every American who believes that *liberty and justice for all* means for all.

And we will settle once and for all, in our offices, in our schools, in our neighborhoods, in our government, in our apartment buildings, in our retirement communities, the question of who we are and who is with us. We are not a force to be denied. We are a force to be reckoned with.

Oops, Sorry, I couldn't help having at least one serious thought. But you will stand up with me, won't you?

Now, how was your weekend? ▾  
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## STATE NEWS BRIEFS

### Teacher Facing Misconduct Charges Commits Suicide

**Racine** — A highly honored teacher at Racine Case High School, who was under investigation for allegations of sexual misconduct with students, was found dead in his home May 7. The medical examiner ruled the death a suicide. Joe Longo, 47, had apparently hung himself.

John Longo, the victim's brother, expressed doubt about his brother's suicide and presented evidence to the police which he believes points to possible foul play.

"I knew him as a good guy and I can't believe he would take his own life," John Longo told Associated Press. "My brother did a lot of good for those kids. My brother would never sexually abuse those kids."

A co-worker of Joe Longo's agreed. She told *In Step* he was a dedicated teacher who was devoted to his job and his students. She confirmed that Longo was openly Gay and somewhat "flamboyant" in his mannerisms, a fact that in her opinion "could have made him a target for students' allegations."

Longo was a teacher for more than 25 years and worked with emotionally disturbed students. The Racine Jaycees once named him "Outstanding Young Educator," and he had also been nominated as Wisconsin's Teacher of the Year.

Although Racine authorities had not filed any charges against Longo, he was suspended by the Racine Unified School District May 3 pending the outcome of the investigation.

### State Reports Big Increase in AIDS Cases

**Madison** — The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program of the Department of Health and Social Services reported 427 new cases of AIDS in the state during the first quarter of 1993. There were 74 deaths due to AIDS complications during that period. A total of 932 people in Wisconsin have died of the disease so far.

The high number of new cases is due in part to the broader definition of AIDS which went into effect January 1. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now includes invasive cervical cancer,

pulmonary tuberculosis, recurrent pneumonia and CD4 T-cell counts of less than 200 as indications of AIDS.

The AIDS/HIV Program expects 600-700 new cases of AIDS in the state this year. That is 75%-100% more than would have been reported under the previous definition.

Nationwide, more than 175,000 people have died of AIDS complications.

### Milwaukee to Host Stonewall '25 Meeting

**Milwaukee** — The quarterly meeting of the national steering committee of Stonewall '25, the group planning a huge anniversary celebration of the 1969 Stonewall riots for New York City next year, will meet in Milwaukee July 31 and August 1.

Gary Wells, past President of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Pride Committee and a member of the Stonewall Committee, convinced the group that support for the event in the Midwest would be negligible unless and until a meeting was held here. Wells called it "a real coup" that Milwaukee rather than Chicago was chosen for the meeting.

The meeting will focus on grass roots fundraising and organizing efforts. A Midwest Regional Caucus meeting on July 30, open to all interested people, will choose eight Midwest delegates to serve on the Stonewall steering committee.

The Stonewall '25 March and Rally are set for New York City on June 26, 1994. Gay Games IV will take place in the two weeks immediately preceding the March, along with dozens of other cultural and political events.

### Lesbian Files Harassment Charge Against Professor

**Milwaukee** — Dana Beckelman, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, has filed a sexual harassment complaint against English Professor Jane Gallop.

Beckelman claims that Gallop made sexual advances toward her and discussed sexual fantasies with her. "My accusation is that she created a hostile environment in which to do one's work," Beckelman told the *Milwaukee Sentinel*.

Gallop has admitted to engaging in sexual banter with Beckelman, but said that Beckelman initiated it. She also said



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# Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

## MOWie-Wowie

No. No. Really, I promise. I won't tell you the new meaning of life as I see it vis-a-vis the March On Washington. Not one more word than you've already read every place else about its import, portent, psychological connotation, sociological ramification or political implication.

If you have breathed in any Gay or Lesbian ions at all in the past weeks, you've, no doubt, heard it all. Who stood up and said what. Who counted and where they learned to count. The marshals did... ya-ya-ya. The organizers didn't do... ya-ya-ya. And what it all means. So I'll save the pontification for when the Vatican actually sends up white smoke with my name on it, and only bore my closest personal friends at upcoming dinner parties with that stuff.

It's just that we all — those who trekked, trucked, bused, or flew into the Capitol — each of us, well, went to a different march. There were two hundred ninety sanctioned events. There were, from Thursday night through Monday afternoon, up to a dozen dining opportunities. Every hotel and motel room for 25 miles around was booked by us, and you do remember that we are called homo-sexuals, after all. And what did heaven invent hotel rooms for anyway? Especially away from home with all those gorgeous partners and delicious strangers! Then there were the differences in when or whether your particular contingent actually got into the streets and onto the Mall before sundown. So multiply the possible encounters available, and you'll understand why everyone who attended went to a different March.

Naturally, mine was the best. And since the two of us haven't had a chance to talk yet... well, my dear. Here are some of my high points and highlights:

▾ Given our numbers, and our nostalgia for the seventies, many people took to calling it *Queerstock*. Given the number of visible Lesbians (not even including the shirtless ones — but that kind of visibility is for another column), I

personally think we should have called it *Birkenstock*.

▾ The most appropriate tee shirt I saw was on Kate, who, from the stage, called herself the President's sister. Her shirt read: **Hilarity Clinton**.

▾ The best tee shirt I saw at the march — okay, so I'm perverse, and I could have chosen some march-appropriate 50% cotton/50% polyester message like *Pride Prude* or *I Can't Even March Straight*, but I didn't — was: **Nobody Knows I'm Elvis**.

▾ I've been a Lesbian forever now, and I should know better. Her speech was brilliant, and fiery, and inspired. But I don't expect ever in my lifetime to know for certain how *correctly* to pronounce Urvashi Vaid.

▾ It may only have been me, but I thought at the time of his speech that Jessie Jackson had the wrong march. His was a while ago. And Martin had it, Sorry, Jess. (Don't send letters. It's my opinion.)

▾ Nearly everybody of my generation did the entire weekend as an out-of-feet experience.

▾ C-span never showed any of the actual march. But that's okay. Most of the marchers never actually saw any of the C-span coverage. So there.

▾ Three way tie for the very best state chant: 1) Ohio — entering the mall at ten-minutes to seven, "**We're Here — We're Queer — We're Bringing Up The Rear!**" 2) Indiana — The last state delegation (entering the mall behind Ohio), "**We're Here — We're Queer — We Really Need A Beer!**" 3) Florida — in front of the White House, "**F-L-O-R-I-D-AAY! Drinking Orange Juice Makes You Gay!**"

▾ Most compelling rallying cry: Phil Donahue on the Morning Kick-off stage, to Colon Powell, Sam Numb, and the The Religious Wrong et al: "...and we say, *in one voice...* Get Over It!"

▾ Chris Williamson, Holly Near, Robin Tyler, and I all grew into the same body.

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the kiss referred to came in the context of a humorous discussion about teacher-student sex.

UWM's Office of Equal Opportunity has not yet concluded its investigation of the complaint.

## Suspect Held in Gay-Related Slaying

**Milwaukee** — Milwaukee police have apprehended a 25 year old man on suspicion of murder in the stabbing death of Michael Sneed, 49, on the East Side April 29. Sneed's throat had been cut and he had been stabbed multiple times.

Police found Sneed's body in his Maryland Avenue apartment after the assailant told them he had done "something terrible." The suspect claims that Sneed picked him up on the North Side and invited him to his apartment to share drugs with him. Once at his home, Sneed allegedly made a sexual advance on the suspect, who panicked and used a knife and razor to defend himself. The suspect then fled in Sneed's car, which he later abandoned.

— Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

## Milwaukee To Remember, Support PWA's 10th AIDS Candlelight Memorial May 23

**Milwaukee** — Together, the People Living with AIDS Coalition, the Milwaukee AIDS Project, the Metropolitan Community Church, Dignity Milwaukee and SET Ministries will sponsor a service and rally to provide remembrance, support and

hope for people affected by HIV disease on Sunday, May 23, 1993. Part of the 10th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization, the service will begin at 7pm at the War Memorial Center at Milwaukee's Downtown lakefront, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive.

The event will begin with a memorial service, dedicated to those who have died as a result of HIV and to support those who are living with the virus. A short candlelight march to Fleet Park, located just north of the War Memorial, will be followed by a rally featuring several guest speakers.

The rally is designed to increase AIDS/HIV awareness in the community and address how people can become involved in putting a stop to this deadly epidemic.

Those scheduled to appear include Jerry Smith, Chairman of People Living with AIDS Coalition; Chris Fons, ACT UP Milwaukee; State Representative Timothy Carpenter; State Representative Barbara Notestein; Lori Weiselberg, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; and Doug Nelson, executive director, AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.

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## Wisconsin LesBiGay Pride Parade & Festival June 12-13

### Celebration expands to two days

**Milwaukee** — The Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC) lays out the welcome mat and invites the Midwest's LesBiGay community and friends to the beautiful downtown Milwaukee lakefront for a two day celebration of Pride. Previously, the celebration was held only on Sunday, but this year MLGPC decided to expand to Saturday evening with a "Sing Out and Dance With Pride" concert and candlelight ceremony. The Pride Parade will be held at noon on Sunday.

(The festivities mark the 24th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, which began June 27, 1969 in New York City. The rebellion occurred when police raided The Stonewall Inn, a Lesbian/Gay bar frequented mostly by hustlers, Lesbians and drag queens. The Gay bars had been raided for years in NYC because Gay bars could not legally get licenses. Gays and Lesbians were frequent subjects of verbal and physical harassment by the police.)

(Then, on June 27, as the Greenwich Village bar customers were being shoved into police paddywagons, anger erupted amongst largely Gay neighborhood residents who responded by throwing cans and bottles at windows, and hurled coins, stones and parking meters at police. Back-up police in riot gear arrived, striking the crowd with nightsticks. The raid and rebellion lasted 45 minutes and sparked week-long demonstrations.)

(The national Gay Rights Movement was born. The raids continued, but Stonewall signaled the ability to say, "Enough!", and created a collective defiance against official repression. Gays and Lesbians began to organize, politicize and fight for civil rights around the country.)

#### SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

A free concert, "Sing Out and Dance With Pride" begins at 6:45pm under the stars in Juneau Park, the weekend celebration site. MLGPC will have the official merchandise booth, open as well as food and beverage booths to make the

evening more enjoyable.

The evening actually begins at 5:30pm with a **Country Western Dance** featuring line and square dancing. **Opening Ceremonies** are slated for 6:30pm. The special **Concert** will follow the opening ceremonies.

The PrideFest Committee urges those attending to bring candles to *Light Up The Park for Pride* "for those who can't be with us, and those who have gone before us."

The Candlelight Concert line-up includes:

- ▾ **Fest City Singers** — Musical comedy in an original Gay and Lesbian style.
- ▾ **Josie Santiago** — A high energy club music performer with dance troupe.
- ▾ **David Figueroa** — One of Milwaukee's best professional dancers/performance artists presents an interpretive monologue.

- ▾ **Seers & Rowbuck** — A new Lesbian duo that recently won the preliminaries of the Summerfest music competition. They'll perform all originals including a special song written exclusively for PrideFest.

- ▾ **Smart Answer** — A satirical folk music group with a humorous outlook, from Chicago in their Milwaukee debut.

- ▾ **Jill Clarke** — An outstanding vocalist from Appleton makes a return engagement to PrideFest.

- ▾ **Womonsong** — An excellent women's chorus from Madison which attempts to give an audience a full range of emotions from comedy to love.

- ▾ **Garret James** — One of Milwaukee's top male vocalists known for his show-stopping solos in a wide vocal range.

- ▾ **Wisconsin Cream City Chorus** — One of Milwaukee's best choral ensembles.

The evening's entertainment will be under the guidance of the musical director of the Cream City Chorus' Scott Stewart. The PrideFest Committee is looking for a big crowd. "This is the first time anyone has tried this," said Fest chair Bill Meunier, "We are anxious to see how people react. We are hoping to attract a crowd of over 1,000." A crowd like that would insure a repeat at future PrideFests.

The three hour extravaganza will



Alvin won the title of Wisconsin's L/L Daddy's Boy.



The '93 Wisconsin L/L Daddy winner, Paul (Horse) from Madison.

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Seven contestants vied for the title of Wisconsin L/L Daddy's Boy at the Wreck Room during the recent Daddy's weekend.



Five men vied for the title of Wisconsin L/L Daddy during the contest weekend at 1100 Club.

display a broad overview of what Gay and Lesbian music is all about. "We wanted to get a wide variety of music to fit the diversity of the Lesbian Gay community," commented Meunier. "From club music to choral, this concert will have a little of everything. If people went to see these acts individually, it would be quite costly. We are presenting them free of charge."

All the performers have agreed to donate their time, and should be commended for their community spirit.

In between acts, vignettes of Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian history will be presented. These historical briefs are intended to give the audience a sense of where we have been and where we are going.

PrideFest reminds concertgoers that it is against the law to bring alcoholic beverages into the park without an individual permit.

#### SUNDAY PARADE AND FESTIVAL

Two stages, the Pride Parade, merchandise booths, greatly expanded food and beverage stands, organizational booths, a sports area, youth tent and a huge rummage sale await the anticipated

10,000 celebrants on Sunday from 10am to 8pm.

The Juneau Park PrideFest site Sunday opens at 10am with an **Interfaith Service**. Last years service was attended by over 300 people of varying faiths. Organizers are hoping to see even larger crowds this year thanks to the continued cooperation of the various Gay and Lesbian religious organizations in the area.

At 11am, the **Al Martin Band** will take the main stage to begin warming up the crowd for the Parade with its club music style covers. Also by 11, all the booths & stands will be open for business.

The **Pre-Parade Rally** begins at 11:30am with short speeches, followed by the **noon step-off of the Parade**. A new route this year will wind the parade through more of the lower east side neighborhoods — heavily populated by our community and friends — than previous years. The parade will only travel for two blocks on Wisconsin Avenue before winding back onto neighborhood-friendly streets. (In previous years, the route mostly followed Wisconsin Avenue, then north on Water past City Hall. Wisconsin Avenue is not busy and City Hall is vacant on Sundays. The new route should find a larger crowd along the streets



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where "our" people live.)

The theme for this year's parade is "Forward In Pride" and units will be judged on best presentation of theme, most creative, and committee's choice.

Grand Marshals are all of America's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Veterans.

### SUNDAY MAIN STAGE

The afternoon's entertainment on the Main Stage, in order of appearance, include:

▾ **David Robinson & Road Damage** — One of the top three acts of the afternoon presents reggae music, led by Jamaican David Robinson. The band was formerly known as the X-Cleavers and have a huge local following.

▾ **The Shoreliners** — Milwaukee's popular and energetic Gay/Lesbian line dance group will strut their stuff.

▾ **Smart Answer** — These five Chicagoans are so good, they're returning again Sunday after the Saturday night concert.

▾ **Mixolydian** — A forty member Lesbian chorus from Madison make their Milwaukee debut.

▾ **The John Schneider Orchestra** — The second of the three headline acts is a great swing/jazz band guaranteed to make you swoon.

▾ **Dance Factory** — A high energy dance troupe with some amazing moves.

▾ **The Bay City Chorus** — This fine choral group is the Pride of Green Bay, making their Milwaukee debut.

▾ **The Iberian Dancers** — A colorful Hispanic dance troupe performs authentic Hispanic dances and song.

▾ **The Cream City Squares** — A well polished Milwaukee Gay square dance group.

▾ **THE QUEER NATION WEDDING** — A commitment ceremony for Gay and Lesbian couples, quickly becoming a tradition at PrideFest.

▾ **Loey Nelson and the Carnival Strippers** — The third headlining group is fronted by Mayor Norquist's sister, but their fame has come from their nationwide hit recordings.

▾ **Singsational** — A highly polished, popular foursome that performs a wide variety of vocal stylings.

▾ **The Ladies Of The Valley** — Five talented Lesbians from the Fox River Valley do vocals, lip sync, comedy and more.

▾ **The BJ Daniels Revue** — A bevy of talented performers and female impersonators brought together by BJ will wrap up the Main Stage entertainment. One of last year's most popular segments.

### SUNDAY STONEWALL STAGE

In addition to the Main Stage, a second "Stonewall" stage will be set up in a tent, located near the Organizational Booths, and will present a variety of activities starting at 1pm. The line up includes:

- ▾ 1pm Square Dance Lessons
- ▾ 1:45pm Lecture on Breast Cancer
- ▾ 2:15pm Line Dance Lessons
- ▾ 3pm Lecture on Menopause
- ▾ 3:30pm Lesbian Herstory/Gay History
- ▾ 4pm Song Writing Workshop
- ▾ 5pm Dance Factory Lessons
- ▾ 6pm Poetry Corner

For information on Parade participation and registration of groups, or for information on booth rental space, contact the MLGPC at (414)342-2330.

**Directions to Juneau Park:** Interstate 94 to the 794 Downtown Milwaukee freeway spur. Stay on 794, get in left lane & take the VanBuren North exit. Follow Van Buren north 2 blocks to Wisconsin Avenue, make a right & head east on Wisconsin. Within 2 blocks, Wisconsin Ave. curves to the left (north) & turns into Prospect Avenue. The Juneau Park site is just several blocks north on your right, at the top of the bluffs overlooking Lake Michigan.

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Relaxing at The Boot Camp as the Wisconsin L/L Daddy Weekend comes to a close.



Some of the antics conducted at the 1100 Club for the "leatherworks" show included demonstrations and merchandise displays.

# Leather Worlds

By Tony Terry

## IML, The Granddaddy Of Them All

Every year the International Leather Community gathers in Chicago on Memorial Day Weekend to enjoy unity, camaraderie and the simple pleasures of renewing old acquaintances and forging new ones. We celebrate our lifestyles, catch up on news from around the world, exchange ideas, discuss solutions to problems, and network with community leaders from far and wide. We also have an obscenely good time.

The reason for this gathering? The naming of a new spokesperson for the Leather community. **International Mister Leather.**

This year IML (my, but we Gay people love abbreviations and acronyms) celebrates its 15th anniversary. The size of the event has continued to skyrocket throughout its history, to the extent that all four of the official hotels (the Congress, the Blackstone, the Executive House and the Oxford House) were all filled over a month ago (additional rooms may open due to cancellations, so it pays to check). Attendance at this years event is expected to top 3,000, up from 2,500 last year.

The weekend's festivities run from Thursday, May 27th through Monday, May 31st. Thursday features registration (which continues through Saturday afternoon) and the opening of The Leather Market, both at the Congress Hotel, the Leather Market, which runs through Monday afternoon, includes about 100 merchants displaying and selling everything from whips to t-shirts to video tapes, and of course tons and tons of leather. The Leather Market has become the social hub of IML, with hundreds of people browsing, shopping, mingling, chatting and cruising every afternoon.

Friday night is the Contestant Reception, where contestants and judges are first introduced to the audience. Saturday night features the new Hometown



Mr. IML '92 Len Broberg, was in town for the Daddy's weekend.

Party, hosted by businesses from the hometown of the previous year's winner. This year's party has a San Francisco theme in honor of Len Broberg, International Mister Leather 1992.

Sunday is the night of nights, with the new IML being selected from a field of over fifty contestants representing at least 6 countries. The contest is held at the Aragon Ballroom with the Post-Contest Party to be announced.

Monday includes the new IML leading Chicago's Memorial Day candle light vigil for the victims of AIDS. Then Monday night we say farewell with the infamous Black and Blue Ball. In addition to these official events, countless businesses, clubs and individuals will be hosting parties and receptions throughout the weekend.

With all of this, it's easy to see why IML has become the annual Leather Family Reunion; the excitement is positively addictive.

For more information, contact the IML office at 1(800) 545-6753 or write IML, 5015 North Clark St. Chicago, IL 60640. Weekend packages which include tickets to all official events and a booklet of discount coupons are available for \$95.

everyone involved. We are especially proud of the contributions made by everyone involved. We are especially proud of those groups and businesses who have lent substantial financial support to PrideFest 93."

"Without any of these organizations it would not have been possible to produce this year's Pride celebration. Their community spirit, sense of pride and caring are to be commended by everyone in our community."

"Special thanks goes to The Cream City Foundation which has given us a grant of \$5,000. We sincerely hope that those who come to this year's celebration will remember the Foundation during this fall's annual giving campaigns. Anyone who sees our celebration as worthwhile owes a debt of gratitude to CCF."

"Gay Peoples Union has also made a substantial donation to PrideFest. Throughout the years, GPU has maintained an attitude of working to serve the entire community. Through its hot line and other activities, GPU has served Lesbian and Gay Milwaukee for 24 years."

"In Step Magazine through its sponsorship of Mardi Gras, its donations of ad space and its complete advance coverage of PrideFest activities has given us an opportunity to reach thousands of people and raise badly needed funds."

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"Wisconsin Light through its sponsorship of our annual Mardi Gras, the Pride Plant sale, and the PrideFest Rummage sale deserves the thanks of everyone associated with PrideFest. Like In Step, the Light made sure that its readers are fully informed about PrideFest. And like In Step, Wisconsin Light works tirelessly throughout the year to provide badly needed funds to ensure that PrideFest will go on."

"We also wish to thank the Shoreliners and 3B's Bar for agreeing to hold a PrideFest fund raiser on Friday June 4th, and we wish to thank the Boot Camp Saloon for holding a fund raiser on Friday May 15th."

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is It Bar for its continuing ongoing support."

"All of the above organizations have sought out ways to help make sure that our community is fully able to display its Pride. They stand as one more reason to celebrate our Pride on June 12th and 13th."

## NABWMT holds 13th Convention

In Chicago July 13-17

Chicago — The National Association of Black & White Men Together (NABWMT), a 13-year-old national Gay inter-racial and multi-cultural organization that is committed to fighting Racism, Sexism and Homophobia, will convene it's 13th Annual convention in Chicago, from July 13-17. This year's convention theme, "Rainbow '93, NABWMT — Making A World Of Difference", will continue NABWMT's work of sensitizing NABWMT members & local community activists about racism, sexism and homophobia, and how these "ism's" effect our lives and to identify, fight and survive the internalized and societal oppression that we must live under.

The confirmed convention keynote speaker is Dr. Manning Marable, Professor of Political Science and Sociology at the Center for Studies of Ethnicity and Race In America, at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Dr. Marable is a widely published African American scholar who writes the syndicated column, *Along The Color Line*. Additionally he is a regular consultant to the Congressional Black Caucus. Dr. Marable will lead a plenary session during the convention entitled *Racism, Sexism, Homophobia: Obstacles to Progress*. Other presenters during this plenary will include Jeffrey Elliott of the Coalition Against Bashing; Earnest Hite of Image Plus; and Diana Rodriguez of Stop AIDS Chicago. Dr. Marable will also address the convention at the concluding banquet on Saturday July 17.

Current registration costs are \$150 for the week of activities (excluding hotel costs). Costs for attendance to individual workshops, plenary sessions, social events and registration can be received by contacting our Convention office at 1(800)NA4-BWMT. (outside Illinois) (312) 907-0400 (within Illinois).

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## Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

### Activism — Is It For You?

*(As you read this, I'll be celebrating, the second anniversary of my being diagnosed with AIDS. According to the general statistics — which may have been updated, I'm not sure — I am now two-thirds of the way to being classified as a long term survivor. Isn't that exciting.)*

Anyway, on to the topic of the day. The one group that symbolizes activism and AIDS is ACT-UP. This organization has become synonymous with actions and demonstrations for good reason. While many people shy away from such overt activism, ACT-UP has a proven track record.

In my opinion, there are two most notable things that ACT-UP deserves credit for; the first was speeding up the approval process for new drugs. The second was to take what was a slow subtle change in health care, the idea that patients should have input into their own care, and make it the rule rather than the exception. These changes have made life better for everyone with a serious illness.

If you're wondering, I do go to ACT-UP meetings, not regularly, but when I do, I always put my two cents worth into the discussion. The nice thing about an organization like this with a loose structure is that it allows you to pick and choose your level of involvement. There have been several issues that ACT-UP has taken actions on that I didn't agree with so I sat them out. But, I feel free offering my ideas because they're always willing to listen. So, if there's an issue you feel strongly about and want some help, consider ACT-UP. Feel free to contact your local chapter. In Wisconsin the Milwaukee chapter can assist you. ACT-UP Milwaukee meets the second and fourth Mondays of the month at All Saints Cathedral, 816 E. Juneau Avenue, at 7pm. For more information call (414) 769-8708.

As I've made abundantly clear

from the tone of most of my columns I'm a strong believer in exercising my rights as a patient. I have made it clear to all involved in my health care that no decisions affecting my care are made without consulting me, even to the point of reminding my insurer that if there are questions or problems they are to call me, not just the provider. This is an area for personal activism. Most of us have problems with insurers and forget or don't know there are avenues we can take to resolve them. If your insurer is giving you a problem, file a complaint with the office of the Insurance Commissioner. here in Wisconsin the number is 1(800)236-8517.

Another route for activism is through your local AIDS Project. This could take the form used by the Milwaukee AIDS Project; a Client Advisory Panel which meets regularly and plans several client open forums each year. These forums provide clients the opportunity to air complaints and suggestions. However one must attend in order to be heard. You can't just sit home and bitch and moan about services. If you're local AIDS Project doesn't have such a forum, urge them to start one. As I said in a previous column, you have to get out there and make your voice heard and your presence felt.

Speaking of which, if ever you don't like what I say, and in the next column you won't, you can write to me or the editor at *In Step*. I'm also running out of ideas for topics, so if you have some suggestions please let me know.

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# Group Notes

## CCF Funds Pride, Milwaukee Libraries, Others

**Milwaukee** — The Cream City Foundation has awarded a grant of \$5,000 to the Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Pride Celebration. The Foundation believes that since 1988, when MGLPC put on its first pride parade and festival, it has become an extremely important instrument of social change, not only in Milwaukee, but for much of southern and eastern Wisconsin's and northern Illinois' Queer population as well. The community pride developed by MGLPC's work is crucial to the advance of our Queer community and the Cream City Foundation is proud to help fund MGLPC's continuing work.

### OTHER GRANTS

In addition to MGLPC, the Foundation also recently awarded three other grants: \$1,200 to Channel 10/36, \$570 to Wisconsin Outdoor Women, and an over \$2,000 grant to Milwaukee Libraries. The grant to 10/36 will sponsor three programs in the *POV (Point of View)* series, two of them about nationally famous Gay writers, Armistead Maupin and Larry Kramer. The third program, *Silverlake Life* the story of the life of two lovers with AIDS, won a Sundance Film Festival award.

The grant to Wisconsin Outdoor Women is to assist them in celebrating their tenth anniversary on June 26th.

### MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

CCF has also approved grants to purchase material about Gays and Lesbians for Milwaukee area public libraries.

The grant has provided money to each of the 35 public libraries in the Milwaukee County Federated Library System for the purchase of books about Gays and Lesbians. A list of suggested titles was compiled by a committee of librarians and community members and distributed to each library for their selection. The spectrum of the Gay and Lesbian lifestyle. The books will be available for the public to borrow in June.

A second grant places several well known and respected publications in the Central Milwaukee Public Library: *Advocate*; *BLK*; *Common Lives*, *Lesbian Lives*, *Gay Community News*; *Lambda Rising Book Report*; *Off Our Backs*; and *Out/Look*. Current and back issues will be available in the downtown library's periodical room. The magazines will be held by the library indefinitely. To facilitate research, the Milwaukee Public Library has reinstated the **Alternative press index**, a publication which indexes the contents of these and many other Gay and Lesbian publications.

The CCF is the only grant making, community based foundation in the state of Wisconsin whose sole purpose is to support the needs of the Gay and Lesbian community. Financial donations to CCF are welcome. One way to overcome fear and public misconceptions of the Lesbian and Gay lifestyle is to ensure that good resource publications are available to the public. Contributions to that end will help make it possible to place more publications in more libraries where more people can have access to them.

Contact CCF at (414) 265-0880, or you may write them at CCF, Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

## ACT UP Townhall Meeting May 24, 7pm

ACT UP Milwaukee is hosting an important Townhall Meeting on Monday, May 24 at All Saints Cathedral, 816 E. Juneau Ave., at 7pm. New members are especially welcome.

The goal of this meeting is to harness the energy brought home from the March On Washington and direct it towards AIDS issues in the city of Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin.

The first hour of the meeting will be set aside to explain what the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power is and what it does. Explanations of current issues, such as the HIV/AIDS immigration ban, needle exchange, youth sex education, etc.; as well as what ACT UP is doing on these issues will be included in this discussion. A question and answer session will conclude the first hour of the meeting. During the second hour, a condensed version of an

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## New Location for Webster's Milwaukee's Only Bookstore/Cafe moves to Prospect

Webster's Books & Cafe, currently enjoying an excellent reputation as Milwaukee's only Bookstore/Cafe is moving to a new location on Kenilworth at Prospect Avenue. Timed with the traditional start of summer in Milwaukee, Webster's at Prospect will have a Grand Re-Opening Celebration on Thursday, May 27th.

Only a few blocks from its current neighborhood, Webster's in its new location at 1932 E. Kenilworth Ave. will join many other East-side institutions in the exciting Prospect and North Ave. area. Owners William Domer and Timothy Wagner wish to express their appreciation for the continued support and patronage of Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian community. Webster's at Prospect hopes to continue this commitment. There are plans for many special events this June to help celebrate Pride Month.

In addition, Domer and Wagner are committed to continuing Webster's direction as the choice before and after theatre or movie destination. New and enlarged kitchen and baking facilities will enable Webster's to offer an expanded menu and to continue to freshly bake increasing varieties of specialty breads, cookies, and muffins. Webster's also

expects to be able to offer dining patrons a selection of wine and beer to compliment its already great assortment of cappuccino, espresso and specialty coffees.

In the Bookstore, it will be business as usual for Webster's at Prospect. Webster's will continue to be Milwaukee's independent bookselling option with its traditional fine selection of fiction, non-fiction, mysteries, British imports as well as continuing to offer the best and newest in Gay and Lesbian literature. In addition, customers will continue to enjoy Webster's high standards of customer service and be able to browse from a large selection of international and specialty periodicals plus a wide choice of greeting cards.

All are welcomed to the fun and surprises in store at Webster's Grand Re-opening at 7pm on Thursday, May 27th. For further information about Webster's new location or any Webster's events or services, please contact Carl M. Szatmary at (414) 332-9560.

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Paying as big a debt to MTV as to Hollywood's "Buddy" films, Baker follows his Gay, very un-politically correct narrator Tim through a single nightmarish day through post-Rodney King Los Angeles. Even a year after breaking up with Pete, Tim still resists any entanglements. Alone and bored on a beautiful Memorial Day holiday, Tim reluctantly agrees to a beach date that goes very wrong. With no wallet and wearing only a pair of shorts, a "Butthole Surfers" T-shirt, Tim finds himself stranded far from home. A chance(?) encounter with former lover Pete sets the stage for a harrowing yet laugh filled picaresque adventure which includes confrontations with a hypocritical, Dannemeyer-esque congressman, a demented Southern drag queen, a recovering Manson girl, a gang of anarchistic Gay terrorists, and a rollercoaster ride through riot-torn L.A. streets with two bickering ex-lover Lesbians.

Baker's literary landscape of L.A. virtually explodes before the reader with a rarefied atmosphere that would perhaps seem to better suit a MTV video. *Tim And Pete* sets a tone that will leave no aspect of mainstream pop culture unscathed. But if Baker is irreverent to the core, this irreverence embraces protagonists Tim and Pete as they chart the road to home and happiness in this day of AIDS.

With a cast of characters seemingly drawn from the current issue of *National Enquirer* and episodes that bare more than a little resemblance to cartoon situations, *Tim And Pete* often teeters precariously close to going over the top, leaving its readers behind. Yet Baker carries off all this madness by creating two fully realized characters, Tim and Pete, who continue to grow and evolve throughout the course of the novel.

*Tim And Pete* is a further example that mainstream American publishers have increasingly recognized

and embraced books with particular appeal to Gay and Lesbian readers. What sets *Tim And Pete* apart is its blatant marketing to Gay and Lesbian readers. Gone is bland cover art and coy text that gives virtually no indication of its Gay subject matter. The oft true cliché "you can't tell a book by its cover" has invariably been the practice of publishers seeking to sneak worthy Gay or Lesbian themed books into general bookstore and perhaps into the hands of unsuspecting heterosexuals. With Baker's *Tim And Pete* one can refreshingly say, "You can tell this book by its cover!"

## Gerda Lerner To Appear At Schwartz Books

*Women's history expert*

Brookfield — University of Wisconsin History Professor Gerda Lerner, who is considered the nation's foremost expert on women's history, will give a short talk and sign her new book, *The Creation of Feminist Consciousness*, at the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop in Brookfield May 25.

*The Creation of Feminist Consciousness* is the sequel to Lerner's award-winning book *The Creation of Patriarchy*. Taken together, they constitute what critics call one of the most comprehensive and analytical histories of women ever put in print. They are already considered classics in the historical profession.

Lerner will begin her talk at 7 p.m. at the Schwartz Bookshop at 17145 W. Bluemound Road.



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ACT UP meeting will be held to illustrate how one is run and how decisions are made.

A new member's packet will also be available at this meeting. This in-depth packet on ACT UP includes a history, operational procedures, and a handy HIV/AIDS dictionary.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information, call ACT UP at (414) 769-8708.

## Internalized Homophobia

*Gay men's discussion topic  
May 23*

**Milwaukee**—Homophobia is the irrational fear of Gay people or of homosexuality in general. Being Gay doesn't exempt one from having this fear: most of us are homophobic to some degree. Identifying these fears is crucial for us in our process of "coming out of the closet." Many of us break out of two closets. One is the closet that hides us from our families, friends or co-workers. The other is the closet that contains the messages from parents, from our religious leaders or educators that we heard and internalized as children.

Please join the **Gay Men's Discussion Group** as we discuss internalized homophobia and help one another become more aware of the ways in which it keeps us hidden from view in dark places. Facilitating discussion will be Harlan Bergum, a counselor for substance abusers and the chronically mentally ill for over 10 years. The evening is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 from 6-8pm and will be held at **The Counseling Center of Milwaukee**, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave.

Offered through the **Men's Support Group Program**, the GMDG's goal is to provide information, ideas, and support to all men on a variety of issues that are of interest or concern to the Gay community. 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.



David Wilshire, Mr. Windy City will appear at The New Bar May 23.

## Frontiers Gives Awards *Four recipients*

**Madison**—Frontiers, Madison's Gay/Bi men's outreach group recently celebrated its 12th Anniversary combined with their 4th Annual Community Service Awards Banquet. The May 8 event was held in a space at the White Horse Inn, located in downtown Madison.

Over 30 members and supporters gathered for the elegant hors d'oeuvres and full-course dinner which preceded the awards presentation. Dick Wagner was Master of Ceremonies, and introduced the award presenters, who, in turn, introduced the recipients.

The 1993 award for **Volunteer Service** was presented by Peter Hoff to **Jim Green** "For devoted and committed work within the religious community with an aim of helping men and women resolve conflicts between their sexuality and traditional belief systems."

**In Step** publisher Ron Geiman presented the **Professional Service**

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# SPAGHETTI WESTERN COUNTRY DANCE

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# Books

## Queer In America

Reviewed by Carl M. Sztatmary

**Queer In America: Sex, the Media, and the Closets of Power**  
by Michelangelo Signorile  
Random House Hardcover, \$23

The tremendous pre-publication publicity for Michelangelo Signorile's **Queer In America**, including an extraordinary **Advocate** cover story and two-part excerpt, has made this sure-to-be controversial book one of the most eagerly awaited Gay books in recent memory. Coming right on the heels of the Gays in the military controversy as well as the sensational March on Washington D.C., Signorile will find a receptive audience for this "Queer Manifesto."

At the center of Signorile's argument is that heterosexual America has brilliantly crafted a subtle but effective conspiracy to keep Gay men and Lesbians hopelessly powerless and locked in a closet not of their own making. Orchestrating this conspiracy, Signorile names a "Trinity of the Closet": the Media Industry in New York, the Political System centered in Washington D.C., and the Entertainment Industry based in Hollywood. Organized religion, for example the Catholic Church and the variety of extremist fundamentalist groups, according to Signorile can only perpetuate their anti-Gay messages through the effective manipulation of these three power structures.

However, what makes Signorile's arguments so persuasive and so frightening is his position that not only do sympathetic straight liberals help enforce the closets in America but that closeted Gay men and Lesbians are often the most influential people helping to orchestrate this closet conspiracy. Throughout the main body of **Queer In America**, Signorile finds example after example in New York, in Washington, and in Hollywood where influential, closeted Gay men and Lesbians perpetuate the heterosexual status quo. Why they do this is a difficult and complex issue. Signorile suggests that for many, the perceived need to stay in the closet due to job or family or any number of reasons often force these

individuals to take anti-Gay stands in order to maintain their closeted existence.

Although there is a disjointedness to the writing that is often distracting, Signorile offers a fascinating behind-the-scenes look into how journalists work to get stories in print and how hypocrisy and double standards often shape (and distort) the news that reaches America, particularly in reference to Gay men and Lesbians. Virtually any subject, from rape to abortion, is fair game to today's journalists. In example after example, Signorile proves that homosexuality remains the one final taboo. When Emory, a character in the infamous **Boys In The Band** refers to his own homosexuality as a dirty little secret, we all are meant to pity him, but in the 20 plus years since that film's release, Signorile proves that not very much has really changed.

Michelangelo Signorile prides himself as being an in-your-face Gay activist, and his writing style follows suit. Throughout the Washington section, Signorile resorts to a simplistic, didactic style that often seems condescending. When discussing "outing" for example, Signorile's repeated defense of his actions come off as annoyingly self-serving. Nevertheless the issues discussed in **Queer In America** make this an important book. And if Signorile has given Gay men and Lesbians any insights or ideas into being able to use and manipulate the power structures behind the Trinity of the Closet, then perhaps the closets of power might finally be dismantled.

## On The Road With Tim And Pete

Reviewed by Carl Sztatmary

**Tim and Pete** by James Robert Baker, \$20 (hardcover) Published by Simon & Schuster

From its raw cover art of two men kissing to the cryptic "Tim and Pete" nestled within the archetypal heterosexual carved heart, James Robert Baker's **Tim And Pete** literally screams "Gay" from even the most sedate bookshelf. The potential reader is forewarned that a shocking and gloriously Gay story awaits them and no one will be disappointed.

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**Award to Wisconsin Light publisher and editor Jerry Johnson and Dr. Terry Boughner** "For their skillful and resolute efforts to provide the Gay community with a professional and reliable news source focusing on relevant issues for Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals."

**The Lifetime Achievement Award** was presented by James Steakley to Univeristy of Wisconsin professor **George Mosse** "For a lifetime of distinguished scholarship within the academic community resulting in the research and development of a revealing and respected history of Gay life in the western world."

### Bar Events Raise Nearly \$3,000 For Milwaukee AIDS Project

**Milwaukee** — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., received nearly \$3,000 in the first three months of 1993 from some exciting benefits held by local bars and other organizations

to support the AIDS care and prevention programming of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

The events included:

#### An Old Fashioned Drag Show

— The performances of Roxy Divine, Aura Gasm, Emma Star & Lady Amada (Live) Barrinton, The Empress of Dark helped Club 219 raise over \$140 for MAP at this January event.

**Show of the Decade** — Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin organized this event to feature some of the top Gay talent in our state at La Cage and raised over \$300.

**I Remember You, II; Ginger Spice Benefit Show** — Some of the best talent from around the state and Chicago returned to honor the late Ginger Spice for this second annual benefit at Club 219. Produced by Jim Noffke, this production was dedicated to one of the all-time Greats, Miss Ginger Spice. The proceeds, \$2,400, will benefit the Milwaukee AIDS Project Ginger Spice Memorial Art Therapy Fund.



Madison's Frontiers recently bestowed awards on (L to R) Jerry Johnson, Publisher of Wisconsin Light; former UW History professor George Mosse (Lifetime Achievement); Terry Boughner, editor of Wisconsin Light; and Jim Green (Volunteer Service). Johnson and Boughner won the Professional Service Award.

### Volleyball In Madison New players sought

The Madison Volleyball Group is looking for new members to play volleyball. Any individual who has competed at the men's "A" division level or who has experience at the "BB" level, or any level would be welcome to join us.

We are a nationally ranked team that competes in local city leagues and at national tournaments.

Madison Volleyball Group is in the process of organizing a social and a women's team. For any information on any of the teams please call Jeff Pintor at (608) 251-7877 or (608) 251-8716. An alternate person to contact would be Carl Anderson at (608) 233-6150.

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# Jock Shorts

## SSBL Update

By Tom Salzsieder

### SSBL STANDINGS AS OF MAY 8th

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Club 219       | 6 - 0 |
| Triangle       | 5 - 1 |
| 1100 Club      | 4 - 2 |
| Muse Passion   | 4 - 2 |
| 3B's           | 3 - 3 |
| BallGame       | 3 - 3 |
| Partners       | 3 - 3 |
| M&M            | 1 - 5 |
| Rick's Rangers | 1 - 5 |
| Vuk's Place    | 0 - 6 |

Club 219 is the only undefeated team in the Saturday Softball Beer League after 3 weeks, with Triangle right behind with one loss. 1100 Club and Muse Passion are two games back at 4 and 2. Three teams, 3B's, BallGame and Partners have split their first six games. M&M and Rick's Rangers have each won a game, while Vuk's Place is still searching for its first win.

On May 22nd, the league will have its first of 3 scheduled Power Weeks whereby each team will play 3 games. The idea is to get the teams ready for the Memorial Day Weekend Tournaments. Let's hope no one drops from exhaustion.

Speaking of Memorial Day Tournaments, this will be only the third year since 1977 that Milwaukee will not host the Milwaukee Classic tournament.

In 1979 and 1985, Milwaukee had the Gay Softball World Series, so no Memorial Day tournament was held. This year, the league will not have a tournament because of an agreement with Chicago to alternate years of hosting the Memorial Day Tournament. Three or four teams from Milwaukee will be participating in the Chicago Tournament, the Windy City Blowout.

**VUK'S**  
*Place*

**GRAND  
OPENING OF  
BEER GARDEN  
Memorial Day Weekend**

The BallGame softball team will host a Brewer tailgate party on Sunday June 27th as the Brewers take on Paul Molitor and the world Champion Toronto Blue Jays. The BallGame will open at 10:30am and a bus will leave the BallGame at 11:15 for a tailgate party at County Stadium.

Brats with the Brewers famous stadium sauce, potato chips, relishes and other goodies will be served. Drinks including Screw Drivers, Bloody Mary's, Beer and Soda will be served with the meal. The bus will return to the BallGame following the baseball game.

A limited number of tickets are available at the BallGame and from BallGame softball players. Tickets are \$25 for the tailgate, and include reserved upper grandstand seats at the game, bus to and from the Stadium, and a complementary "Eye Opener" before the game and "One For The Road" after the game at the BallGame. Get your tickets while they last.

### SSBL Schedule

#### MAY 22

##### UPPER FIELD

- 9am: Ball Game vs Vuk's Place
- 10am: Vuk's Place vs Partners
- 11am: 3B's vs Triangle
- 12pm: Partners vs Muse Passion
- 1pm: Ball Game vs 1100 Club
- 2pm: Muse Passion vs Ball Game
- 3pm: Triangle vs Rick's Rangers
- 4pm: Muse Passion vs 3 B's

##### LOWER FIELD

- 9am: Club 219 vs M&M
- 10am: Rick's Rangers vs 1100 Club
- 11am: Club 219 vs Rick's Rangers
- 12pm: Vuk's Place vs M&M
- 1pm: Triangle vs M&M
- 2pm: 3 B's vs 1100 Club
- 3pm: Partners vs Club 219

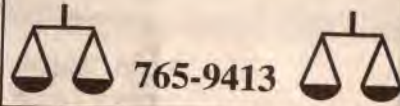
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## MACT Chapter Forming In Milwaukee

### Men of All Colors Together

A chapter of Men of All Colors Together (MACT) is forming in Milwaukee. MACT is an organization that supports Gay and Bisexual men of all ethnic backgrounds. The organization promotes discussion groups, social activities and political advocacy. It is an opportunity to bridge some of the gaps that exist in the Gay and Bisexual community.

An organizational meeting is being held May 22, from 1-3pm. The meeting will be held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, 310 West Locust. For additional information, call Veral at (414) 962-6429 or Dave at (414) 527-4296.

## Rafting Trip Planned for Saturday, June 5

Milwaukee — Join the brave and bold whitewater rafters for a one-day trip to Crivitz, WI on Saturday, June 5. Car pools will leave Milwaukee at 9am. Raft down the wild and beautiful Peshtigo River beginning at 3pm, and return home by 9pm. Cost is only \$15 plus meals, beverages, and transportation.

This winter's great snowfalls give hope for plenty of excitement on the longest stretch of white water in the entire midwest. KOSIR will provide helmets, life vests, paddles, and rafts. Call GAMMA at (414) 963-9833 as soon as possible. Deadline — when our reservations are full!

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## Cream City Chorus Welcomes New Officers

In recent elections, the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd. elected four of its members to positions on the executive board. At the annual business meeting, Bob Fiebelkorn, one of the founding members of the chorus, was chosen as vice-president. Ken Weske, another long-standing member of the chorus, was retained in the position of treasurer. Likewise, Ron Thate was reconfirmed in the board position of founding father. Ebbie Duggins continues to serve her term on the board as chorus secretary.

In a special vote necessitated by the resignation of Bill Schumacher, Scott Sowles was elected president of the Cream City Chorus. Scott is no stranger to the executive board. Previous a brief hiatus, he served the chorus as treasurer.

The Cream City Chorus and its new executive board applaud Bill Schumacher for his devotion to the role of president, and wishes him the best of luck as he pursues a musical career in the U.K.

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# Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

## TV Guide

In the wonderful world of television, May is sweeps month. The time of year the major networks bring out their most sex-packed sensational programs, nostalgic series finales and controversial made-for-TV movies in an attempt to boost viewership and lucrative advertising rates. While most of these shows are typically hetero-centric, there are a few with at least marginal appeal for Gays and Lesbians. Here's a partial listing of upcoming programs of interest to the queer crowd.

### CHEERS

The series finale goes seriously awry after **Cliff Claven** loses another promotion down at the Post Office, buys a gun and goes on a shooting rampage at Cheers, killing everyone except for quick thinking **Woody**, who offers **Demi Moore** a million dollars to act as a human shield. Oh, wait... maybe I've got things a little mixed up here.

### UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

**Robert Stack** gets an eyeful and more, when the crew sets goes undercover with new *Pantie-Cam* to discover where drag queens stuff their privates when they're wearing really tight leather skirts.

### LATE NIGHT WITH DAVID LETTERMAN

Bitter NBC chieftains foam at the mouth to give **Dave** a surprise going away present (ala *Old Yeller*) when they unveil a new Late Night segment titled, *Rabid Pet Tricks*.

### BEVERLY HILLS 90210

First kid, **Chelsea Clinton** makes her television acting debut, delivering the commencement address at high school graduation where she announces that she hates **Brenda** too. Meanwhile, **Brandon** finally comes out and invites **Dylan** to the prom. Later, while **Tori Spelling** and **Chelsea** are busy giving **Brenda** a make-over using a voodoo doll, **Dylan** raids colossal closet for an appropriate prom dress.

### OPRAH

Today's panel: Cross-dressing male prostitutes who've cheated on their lovers with their own fathers who've just recently came out of the closet while serving in the military. **Senator Sam Nunn** appears as the token homophobe.

### SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

**Pope John Paul II** appears as musical guest, sings a couple of hymns and shreds a picture of **Sinead O'Connor**.

### TWIN PEAKS

**Dolly Parton** resurrects the quirky **David Lynch** drama and converts the frustrating series into a sitcom. In the first episode, **Dolly** and her *Playtex Living Bra* reminiscence while on a rollicking trip through *Silicon Valley*. Later, she makes plans to star in a new **Stephen King** miniseries called *Dolly's Knockers*.

### MURDER SHE WROTE

**Raymond Burr** appears as **Perry Mason** and charges **Jessica Fletcher** with being a serial killer when he finally uncovers the obvious pattern and realizes that every Sunday at least one acquaintance of the nosy sleuth is murdered. She is defended by **Matlock**, who claims she committed the murders under pressure from Network bosses to keep ratings high.

*Well, there you hate it. Don't forget to set your VCRs... but first, take out that Rex Chandler video.* ▾  
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# Legal

By Arlene Zarembka

## Marching Forward

The Gay and Lesbian rights movement has made significant gains in the five and one-half years between the 1987 and the 1993 Marches on Washington. The 1987 March gave a vision of freedom to Gays and Lesbians in every nook and cranny of the United States, galvanizing grassroots action that has resulted in major gains all over the country.

**Sodomy Repeal.** Repeal of state sodomy laws, stalled after the 1986 **Hardwick** decision, is starting to gain momentum. Courts in Wisconsin (trial court, 1990), Texas (appeals courts, 1992), and Kentucky (Kentucky Supreme Court, 1992), have found their state sodomy laws unconstitutional. While only the Kentucky case was a state supreme court decision, the fact that lower courts are finding such laws unconstitutional. While only the Kentucky case was a state supreme court decision, the fact that lower courts are finding such laws unconstitutional is a hopeful sign. Legislative support for repeal also is growing. For example, backing for repeal of Missouri's sexual misconduct law (which criminalizes same-sex sexual behavior) has grown from one sponsor (and no co-sponsors) in 1990, to one sponsor and thirteen co-sponsors in 1993, with dozens of other legislators indicating that they plan to vote for repeal when it reaches the floor.

**Civil Rights Protections.** Congressional support for Gay and Lesbian rights is building. The first federal law to include sexual orientation in a civil rights-type law was the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics law, passed in April 1990. Six months later, Congress repealed the anti-Gay immigration exclusion. While the fight to overturn the military ban is a cliff-hanger, it might well be won this year. The national teach-in about Gays and Lesbians occurring as a result of the military debate is likely to increase support for the federal Gay and Lesbian civil rights bill. That bill, which had only eight Senate co-sponsors in 1987, had sixteen Senate and one-hundred-eight House co-sponsors in 1992, with more likely this year.



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In 1987, there was only one state (Wisconsin, since 1982) that had a statewide civil rights law covering sexual orientation. Now there are eight — Wisconsin, Massachusetts (1989), Hawaii (1991), Connecticut (1991), New Jersey (1992), Vermont (1992), California (1992), and, most recently, Minnesota (1993). The momentum for adoption of such laws is increasing, as six of the laws were passed in just the last two years. As of 1987, nine governors had issued Executive Orders banning sexual orientation discrimination in state employment. At least fourteen states now have such orders, including Louisiana.

In the mid-1980s, only forty-four cities had any sort of Gay rights laws, and most laws did not cover private employment. Now, at least seventy-two cities have comprehensive civil rights laws that include sexual orientation. The notion that Gays and Lesbians should be included in civil rights protections is becoming commonplace. St. Louis, Missouri, for example, included sexual orientation in its comprehensive revision of the city's civil rights ordinance this past fall, without any debate occurring on the matter. Over forty other cities and counties have issued proclamations prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation in public employment.

**Family Issues.** While the "family values" crowd has attacked the idea that Lesbians and Gay men can create legitimate families, significant progress in recognition of families with Lesbian and Gay members has been made. Domestic partnerships have been given some level of recognition by about twenty-five cities and by one state (Massachusetts). A number of private companies recognize domestic partnerships for benefits purposes, and many unions have negotiated contracts providing some domestic partner benefits.

Second-parent adoptions (i.e. adoption of a child by the Gay or Lesbian partner of the biological parent, without terminating the biological parent's rights) have been approved by lower-court judges in a number of states, including Alaska, California, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, and Vermont, as well as in D.C.

While two states (Florida and New Hampshire) have laws explicitly prohibiting Gay men and Lesbians from adopting children, a Florida trial court recently held Florida's law unconstitutional.

Several state court judges have approved adoptions of children by Gay men or Lesbians, in California, Florida, New York, and Ohio.

Even in the volatile area of custody battles involving a heterosexual spouse or ex-spouse, in which many courts continue to restrict the custody rights of Lesbian and Gay parents, there have been some successes. Most notably, the Iowa Supreme Court in 1990 not only overturned visitation restrictions imposed on a Gay father by a trial court, which had prohibited the father from visiting his children when any "unrelated" adults were present, but also increased the father's temporary custody rights. A Pennsylvania Superior Court in 1992 not only overturned a trial judge who had taken custody away from a Lesbian mother, but said, in essence, that a family headed by a Lesbian mother is a legitimate, albeit alternative, family.

**Anti-Gay Violence.** While the statistics on hate violence against Gays and Lesbians are dismal, there is increasing acknowledgment by legislators and judges that anti-Gay violence is not acceptable. Not only does the Federal Hate Crimes Statistics law include sexual orientation, but over two dozen states, cities, and counties have adopted hate crimes laws that include sexual orientation. While some are statistics laws only, others involve criminal or civil penalties for hate crimes.

(The Constitutionality of Wisconsin's law is currently in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court.)

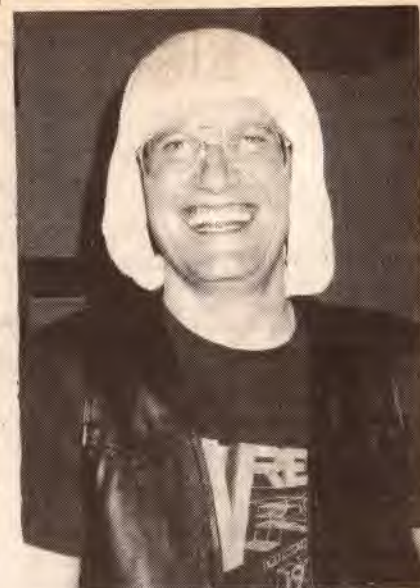
In prosecutions for murders of Gays or Lesbians, judges increasingly have rejected the "homosexual panic" defense.

We need to applaud our progress since 1987, even as we gear up for battles against the anti-Gay initiatives that are popping up around the country. If everyone who went to the 1993 March returned home determined to end the tyranny of homophobia, the 1993 March may be the last national March needed for Gay and Lesbian rights.

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Editor's Note: This is Arlene's first column for In Step & we'd like to welcome her aboard. Look for her column every other issue. Ms. Zarmebka is a Nationally known openly Lesbian lawyer. She's served on numerous boards & committees, and is a cooperating Attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund (LLDEF).



Comic impressionist C.C. Rae in one of his many characters while performing at The Napalese Lounge.



The BEST Damn Underwear party and contest at the Wreck Room was a benefit for the Brady East STD Clinic.



Andy Weber's birthday was celebrated with a show at Partners (before the name change back to Your Place).



Napalese Lounge staffers and friends pose for our photographer during C.C. Rae's show.



Partners celebrated the YP's 28th anniversary May 4 and officially renamed the bar Your Place. A bit of redecorating and a new name has brought in new faces.

# Letters

To The Editor:

Milwaukee's water crisis was a health threat and a hardship for everyone in the community. For people with severely compromised immune systems such as advanced HIV disease, Milwaukee's Cryptosporidia contaminated water caused severe life threatening illnesses.

We would like to publicly thank the Miller Brewing Company for its compassionate and quick action to supply the Milwaukee AIDS Project food pantry with thousands of bottles of clean water. Immediately after the water advisory was

announced, Miller Brewing Company called the Milwaukee AIDS Project and offered its help to dispense clean water to our 700 clients who are men, women and children living with HIV disease and AIDS.

Miller Brewing Company's understanding of the serious threat of contaminated water to people with HIV and AIDS and its immediate response helped to prevent severe illness and untimely deaths for many of our clients.

The continuing support of Miller Brewing Company, especially during times of crisis, lifts our spirits as we confront the difficult and relentless challenges that lie ahead with the HIV epidemic.

Sincerely,  
**Doug Nelson**  
 Executive Director, MAP

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The Pivot Club's annual Turnabout Show was a benefit for the Fox Valley AIDS Project. The lovely vision at left is owner "Lady Gordon".



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# SASS ZA's

**To Every One Who Cares About Life:**

In my church we sing a song about Soul's *Highland Journey Home* (to God).

I made another kind of Journey Home: to participate in the Gay, Lesbian and BiSexual March in Washington DC. I went there partly to show others that 95% of us look, act and feel like every one else.

I also went there to overcome my past fears and paranoia.

Married 20 years with 3 children. 4-bedroom home with 2-car garage in the suburbs. Executive position with top Fortune 100 corporation. Strong Italian-Catholic family.

Get the picture? A classic case of man-in-the-closet — The story of my life until very recent years.

I owe a debt of gratitude for the bravery of Gays and Lesbians during the past 20 years who opened their private lives to public examination. They paved the way for people like me to (finally) achieve a measure of guiltless self-respect.

Going to Washington for the March changed my life for ever. Sharing the rituals with hundreds of thousands of men and women in similar circumstances blew me away.

The time has come to beat the drums and let the world know that I will no longer be deterred by their judgments, cruel jokes, insults and discrimination.

The more honest I become, the more holy and connected I feel with all of life. Truth leads to understanding, tolerance, compassion; and then to acceptance.

Finally, LOVE gathers all of us around the same table. Petty differences simply don't matter when our light is shining.

I am eternally grateful for this important Journey Home.

Tony Schwarz, Chicago

**Dear Editor:**

Recently, I was interviewed for a series of articles for **The Milwaukee Journal** written to increase awareness and sensitivity to the Gay and Lesbian community. I consented to have my name and picture published in a state-wide newspaper to advocate for issues I feel are important to the Gay community.

However, one issue a lack of print space prohibited me from vocalizing is

my own individual support of the Gay community — specifically my volunteer work for the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

AIDS is a disease that continues to impact the Gay community. AIDS is not a disease that, as a community, we can ignore or observe with apathy. As a community, we need to rally.

In May, 1992, I became an emotional support volunteer for the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Since then, I have enjoyed a wonderful friendship with a person with HIV disease. My friendship with \_\_\_\_\_, who is a client of MAP, includes going to the movies, out to dinner, or just simple telephone conversation, just like many other friendships. But we know ours goes beyond that. \_\_\_\_\_ knows I'm here for him for whatever he might need, whenever he might need it.

My role is to diminish the isolation that my friend feels and offer him my hand as a friend. At times, the commitment has been painful, but the loss and pain is far exceeded by the reward. I have not found a cure for AIDS, and I have not been able to save anyone, but I have made a difference.

When this disease is over, let us be recognized as a community that provided compassion, support, and understanding from the beginning of the epidemic until the end. For those who have provided services and support to people with HIV, or provided preventive education to hinder the spread of the disease, I applaud your efforts. And, while sometimes it may seem otherwise, I am not clapping alone.

Sincerely,  
Edward Carr

**Dear Editor:**

On behalf of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund, I would like to thank you for helping make **Claire of the Moon** such a huge success. As you know, the movie was shown for a sold out audience.

It is obvious that the Lesbian community is willing to attend performances that support our lives and relationships. We look forward to working with you to create future entertainment and fundraising opportunities.

Proceeds from **Claire of the Moon** will be used to support and expand our efforts to eliminate discrimination and prejudice against Lesbians and Gays.

Sincerely, Shelli Marquardt  
Fundraising Manager, LAMM



The "Ladies of the Valley" performed recently at the Pivot Club and Milwaukee's Nitengales.



The "Sunset Dames" with Sabrina Delight and guests entertained recently at Runway 51



(L to R)The New Bar recently hosted the Gay Madison pageant with (L to R) Kathy O'Leary winning the Ms. crown, Anthony Erevia the Mr. title, and Cass Marie Domino crowned Miss. Congratulations all!



The Mil-Ma-lds bowling tournament, held in Milwaukee this year, raised big money for the Milwaukee AIDS Project... 300 bowlers raised over \$5,000!

## The Arts

### "Angels In America" Opens To Rave Reviews

*Time* calls Broadway the "Gay White Way"

By Jamakaya

New York, NY — *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches*, by Gay playwright Tony Kushner, has taken Broadway by storm.

The play, subtitled "A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama just days before its Broadway opening, has garnered a record number of Tony Award nominations and was named Best Play by the New York Drama Critics Circle.

*Newsweek* called *Angels in America: Millennium Approaches* "the biggest, most intelligent, most passionate American play in recent memory." Frank Rich, the hard-to-please critic at the *New York Times* called it "the most thrilling American play in years."

*Millennium Approaches*, which runs three and a half hours, is actually just the first part of the epic production that is *Angels in America*. The second part, due to open this fall, is called *Perestroika*. The two parts are then scheduled to run in repertory.

#### AMERICAN CULTURE ASSAILED

*Millennium Approaches* focuses on five central characters, a Gay couple torn by betrayal when one is diagnosed with AIDS, a seemingly strait-laced Mormon couple whose relationship is undermined when the husband begins to recognize his own homosexual feelings, and the villain of

the piece who presides over it all: the right wing, homophobic Gay attorney Roy Cohn, who denied he had AIDS right until the day he died of it.

In the play, Cohn is the symbol of everything that was evil and hypocritical about American culture in the 1980's, and AIDS is used as a metaphor for the breakdown of intimate relationships, politics, values and social institutions in America today.

*Time* hailed *Angels* as "Broadway's biggest and boldest Gay play ever." And noting the predominance of quality Gay-themed productions currently on the boards, *Time* declared Broadway to be "The Great Gay Way." *Theatre Week* editor John Harris agreed, saying: "All the hot properties seem to be Gay."

#### MUSICAL "SPIDER WOMAN"

In addition to *Angels*, a musical version of Gay novelist Manuel Puig's *Kiss of the Spider Woman* just opened to positive reviews. The story examines the relationship between two men imprisoned together. One is a Gay window dresser, the other an angry revolutionary. The Gay man, Molina, survives the rigors of prison

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life by fantasizing about a B-movie queen, the Spider Woman, played by 60 year old Broadway veteran Chita Rivera.

In *The Sisters* Rosenzweig, a new comedy by Wendy Wasserstein, a man who romances one of the Rosenzweig sisters ultimately leaves her for another man. He is treated with sympathy and good humor. Wasserstein's play will compete with *Angels* for the Tony Award as Best Play.

Lynn Redgrave's one woman salute to her father, the late Michael Redgrave, patriarch of the acting family, candidly discusses Sir Michael's bisexuality.

Last year's popular *Falsettos*, a musical about Gay family life, is still playing to full houses as is Larry Kramer's autobiographical off-Broadway play *The Destiny of Me*. And Paul Rudnick's comedy *Jeffrey*, about a Gay man negotiating sex in the age of AIDS, is also packing 'em in off-Broadway.

#### WHY GAY THEMES NOW?

Time offered several reasons for the current plethora of Gay-themed shows, crediting first of all the growing movement

for Gay and Lesbian rights, which has created an atmosphere in which Gay writers are no longer afraid to discuss and write about their lives.

"The theatre has always been home to a disproportionate share of Gay artists because the environment was tolerant and, perhaps," suggested Time, "because their lives already involved illusion, role playing and disguise."

The AIDS epidemic has also given Gay writers a "clarity and tenacity of vision" that comes from dealing daily with life-and- death issues.

*Angels* author Tony Kushner offered this analysis: "We're at a historic juncture. In a pluralist democracy, there's a moment when a minority obtains legitimacy and its rights are taken seriously by the other minorities that together make up the majority. That's happening now for Gays and Lesbians. We're winning, and that gives things a certain electricity."

The Tony Awards will be presented on Sunday evening, June 6 at the George Gershwin Theatre in New York. The ceremony will be televised live on CBS.

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One of the few pictures we can publish from Wing's recent Mazo Beach party.





The newly crowned Miss Emerald City WI-USA, Lisa Spencer. Za's hosted the annual pageant.



The newly crowned Mr. Emerald City WI-USA, Dan (Dance) during the contest at Za's.



Naomi LaParish is crowned Miss Ebony USA at a recent pageant at Club 219.



"The Country Duo" Devin J. Michaels and Carmella Marcella Garcia made a recent trip to Wisconsin for shows at Club 94 and Club 219.

*Approaches* will be up for nine awards, the most ever for a play since the Tonys were first established in 1947. *Spider Woman* has been nominated for eleven awards in the musical category. *The Sisters Rosenzweig* is up for five Tonys.

## Over \$5,000 Raised For MAP

From Arts Action Committee

**Milwaukee** — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. received over \$5,000 in the first three months of 1993 from some exciting benefits held by the Arts Action Committee to support the AIDS care and prevention programming of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). The events included:

**Duke's Place** — This story of 1930's jazz artist Duke Ellington, written, produced and adapted by his daughter, Mercedes Ellington, was performed at the Stackner Cabaret and produced by the Milwaukee Repertory Theater. *Duke's Place* raised \$600 for MAP.

**Milwaukee Ballet Poster Signing Reception** — The Milwaukee Ballet, which declared February AIDS Awareness Month, held a poster signing and sale at the Central Bar and Grill on February 5 and raised over \$2,000. Ballet dancers were on hand to sign a powerful four-color poster designed and produced by artist, Barbara Caprile. Special thanks to Barbara Caprile the Milwaukee Ballet Barre Association, and the Milwaukee Ballet.

**The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas** — This event brought over 200 people to the Stiemke theater to raise over \$1,250 for MAP. *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas* was produced by Dale Gutzman Productions and BIM Productions.

**Waiting For Vern** — Written and performed by James DeVita and produced by Collision Theater Ensemble, *Waiting For Vern* was a hit and raised more than \$300. 100 people gathered at Marquette's Helfaer Theater for this event.

**Irish Reunion** — This sold out show, featuring cabaret-style Irish folklore and music took place on St. Patrick's Day at the Stackner Cabaret in The Milwaukee Repertory Powerhouse Theater Complex. The show was produced by the Milwaukee Repertory Theater and raised more than \$1,400.

## ENCORE PERFORMANCE

Jane Chambers'  
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## Last Summer At Bluefish Cove

### Encore Performance Announced

**Milwaukee** — Life, cancer, friendship, and Lesbian love are molded in a touching and at times, quite humorous play; Jane Chambers' *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove*. The **Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund** has announced three performances the weekend of June 18, 19 and 20th.

Under enormous controversy, the theater department of Marquette University performed *Last Summer at Bluefish Cove* in March of this year. When approached by the **Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee**, they generously agreed to a command performance.

The original cast is enthusiastic about the community education and outreach possibility. As one LAMM member stated, "Theatre is a safe location for out and non-out individuals alike. You can be there just because you love the performing arts."

A talk back after the Friday performance is scheduled for anyone who would like to discuss the play's contents or talk to the director, Debra Krajec.

Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. As this publication goes to press, the location is still in process of being confirmed. Proceeds will benefit the **Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund** and future L/G theatre productions.

Tickets will be available at the **Pride Festival** or by sending a self addressed stamped envelope with your check to **LAMMEF**, P.O. Box 93323, Milwaukee, WI 53203. For more information, contact the **LAMM** office at (414) 264-2600.

This performance is co-sponsored by **Wisconsin Light** and **In Step Magazine**.

## Cream City Chorus to Sing at AIDS Memorial Candlelight Service

In commemoration of friends and loved ones no longer with us, the **Wisconsin Cream City Chorus, Ltd.** will be joining other local groups in providing a musical expression of the evening's sentiments. The chorus will perform Kirby Shaw's *Brothers and Sisters*, a song of affirmation, unity, and "working together to make things right."

The chorus will also be performing at the **Pride Weekend** festivities and, one week later, at their annual Spring concert *We, the People*.

## Show to feature Mr. Windy City May 23 at the New Bar

**Madison** — On Sunday May 23rd at 10:30pm the **New Bar** will welcome **David Wilshire, Mr. Windy City**.

That evening, **Simply Divine**, a popular entertainer at the club, will present some of the communities finest cabaret performers. The door cover of \$3, at **Mr. Wilshire's** request will be donated to the **Illinois Federation for Human Rights** and the **Chicago Lesbian and Gay Community Center**.

Along with quality drag performances there will be live singing, comic routines, and a special version of the **Dating Game** which **Wilshire** himself will take part in.

The show is actually a pre **Memorial Day Show**. The **Holiday** shows handled by **Divine** usually benefit different organizations both within and outside the **Gay community**. The **Easter Gospel Hour Show** held recently benefitted the **Drop-in Shelter for Men** at **Grace Church**, and the **Dane County Advocates for Battered Women**.

# HIV AND HEALTHY!

**PATH, or Positive Approaches To Health, is an early intervention program for people who are HIV positive. PATH can help you delay illness and maintain your good health.**

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Thursday, 11<sup>pm</sup>-1<sup>am</sup>  
\$5 All the Rail You Can Drink  
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**Frontiers (Madison):** Cooking Chinese, Vietnam style, (demo), 5pm, call (608) 251-7424.

**Pivot Club (Appleton):** Miss Gay-Fox Valley Pageant, a WI-USA preliminary.

**BJ's:** Memorial weekend, 2 for 1 from 6-10.  
**M&M Club:** Carl & Tami perform.

**Rod's (Madison):** Memorial Weekend Party, DJ from 2-10pm on The Patio, \$3 beer bash 2-8; cookout at 6pm.

**Station II:** Kristie K. & Jeff, 7-11pm.

**Runway 5 (Janesville):** Cookout 3-8, volleyball, free beer while it lasts. Then at 10pm, Ethel & Ruby all-comedy show (\$2 cover).

**Maritime Association:** Horseback riding, some good Spring in the country fun. New members welcome. RSVP by 11am weather permitting, (414) 259-0500.

**Club 219 Plus:** Special Memorial Day show with 219 Girls.

**Club 3054 (Madison):** Patio beer bust \$4, 3-8, BBQ cookout at 6; DJ at 4, volleyball.

**Fannie's:** Memorial Weekend "Tiffany Fund" Benefit. Beer & soda bust, \$3 buy-in plus 25 cents per cup from 6-10pm. All proceeds to the "Tiffany Fund."

**Vuk's Place:** Grand opening of Beer Garden, cookout.

### MONDAY, MAY 31 MEMORIAL DAY

**ZA's (Green Bay):** Closed today.

**BJ's:** Memorial Day specials; \$1.50 Screwdrivers & Bloody Marys 2-6; 2 for 1, 6-10pm.

**Club 219 Plus:** Memorial Day Tap Beer Bust, \$3 from 3-close!

**Club 3054 (Madison):** Memorial Day on The Patio, \$4 Beer Bust from 3-8pm; BBQ Cookout 6pm; DJ at 4pm; volleyball.

**Rod's (Madison):** Memorial Day Patio party, \$3 Beer Bash 2-8pm; DJ 2-10pm, BBQ Cookout at 6.

**Station II:** Open 1pm with 25 cent tap beer & \$1.50 Bloody Mary's.

**Fannies:** Open 3pm with cookout, specials & patio games.

**Vuk's Place:** Grand opening of Beer Garden, cookout.

**Pivot Club (Appleton):** Grand opening of The Deck. Bar Bust: \$6 from 2-8pm; \$8 with food from 4-6.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 3

**Club 3054 (Madison):** Karaoke at 8:30pm.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 4

**Fest City Singers Cabaret:** "Boyfriends," Skylight Opera Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson, 8pm, \$10 at the door.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 5

**Queer of The Year (Madison):** Awards dinner & dance to celebrate The United's 15th year of service to our community. 7pm-12:30am, The Concourse Hotel.

**Fest City Singers Cabaret:** "Boyfriends," Skylight Opera Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson, 8pm, \$10 at the door.

**3B's Bar:** Join Midge in celebrating Kathy's 50th Birthday, 7pm-?

### SUNDAY, JUNE 6

**Fest City Singers Cabaret:** "Boyfriends," Skylight Opera Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson. Two shows 2 & 7:30pm.

**Video Night (Milw.):** GMDG's movie *The Times of Harvey Milk*, The Counseling Center, 6-8pm, \$2 donation. FMI call Bill 271-2565.

### MILWAUKEE PRIDE WEEKEND June 12 & 13



**EVERY  
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**BOOZE  
BUST** *VUK'S  
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Thursday, 11<sup>pm</sup>-1<sup>am</sup>  
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# MEMORIAL WEEKEND

## MAY 28 - 31

### FRIDAY, 10:30<sup>pm</sup>

**Talent Shop with Deb & Jill**  
50¢ Tappers All Night Long

### SATURDAY

**Party & Dance with DJ Lex**

### SUNDAY, 9<sup>pm</sup>

**Miss Gay Fox Valley USA Pageant**  
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# Viewpoint

## The March On D.C.

### A Gay-Christian perspective

By Rev. Lew Broyles, Milw.-MCC

Perhaps the title "From A Sunburned Perspective" would be more accurate, as I sit here with a peeling face, but a happy heart.

Having arrived on one of the Milwaukee buses at 6am on Sunday morning, April 25, there was just enough time to run to Micky D's, and then to the Lincoln Memorial, to see the goings on.

Rev. Troy Perry, Founder of **The Universal Fellowship Of Metropolitan Community Churches (U.F.M.C.C.)**, and Author of **The Lord Is My Shepherd And He Knows I'm Gay** (which argued convincingly that someone could be both Gay and Christian back in the early '70s), and **Don't be Afraid Anymore** (the story of Troy Perry and the Metropolitan Community Churches), was conducting a Communion service across from the Lincoln Memorial.

I arrived to find *Today Show* cameras filming some of our best singers (Marsha Stevens, Author of *For Those Tears I Died*) and the Rev. Delores Berry, along with the Dallas Church's *Group Heartsong*. I saw many of my friends and fellow clergy, some of whom I hadn't seen in three years or more.

It was good to see Rev. Dr. Carolyn "Dusty" Pruitt, whose lawsuit against the U.S. Army holds great promise of reaching the Supreme Court. The MCC's choice to be the first candidate as an openly Gay Chaplain, Rev. Pruitt Pastors the Long Beach, CA. Church.

There was Rev. William Schultz, President of **The Unitarian Universalist Association** who had voted in Boston to adjourn their meeting to come join us in Washington. It was the Unitarians who 31 years ago ordained an openly Gay clergy. It was the Unitarians who came under fire for renting space to many of our (MCC) Churches, and who stood their ground, openly speaking in favor of MCC being admitted into the National Council of Churches.

Then came the Rev. Paul Sherry, of **United Church Of Christ**, another group

that came to celebrate the Ministry of the U.F.M.C.C. and always a firm supporter with us to the National Council Of Churches.

Mr. David Mixner, who battled against the Briggs initiative in 1977 and '78 when the California government tried to fire every Gay and Lesbian school teacher, refusing to bail out when a poll taken showed there was no hope of defeating the bill, was there. David, who with Peter, his partner went to Ronald Reagan to get him to come out against the initiative. Pictured in *Time Magazine* recently with the Clintons, he spoke with emotion.

Sharing his own story, Mixner said "In 1976 I was going through a very painful coming out process. I had never been to a place with other Gays and Lesbians, and I walked in, for the first time, to the MCC Church in Los Angeles on Hill St. I wept through the whole service (voice cracking), because at last I had found people who I belonged with. I went up to the rail and I took my first Communion with Rev. Perry here, and I knew at last that I was on the way to *Freedom!*

Rev. Perry's oratory challenged Senator Sam Nunn to not let history pass him by. Speaking with the fire and fervor of his Pentecostal background, Troy said, "President Kennedy could have come to the 1963 March On Washington." Having been pressured by his aides to stray away. Later President Kennedy said, "I missed an opportunity, had I known the passion of the people, I would have been there." We say to President Bill Clinton, you're missing an opportunity today, we're sure you're with us, but you're missing an opportunity. This is a great moment in history. I don't think Sam Nunn realizes that this is a great moment in history. Sam — it's time for you to quit playing games with your Senate hearings, and start inviting openly Gay and Lesbian Veterans in to testify before Congress."

From this humble servant's point of view, the bus ride out and back was well worth it. I felt a tremendous sense of Pride marching with the Milwaukee and other Wisconsin people. Indeed, it was, a great moment in history. If we stand not for ourselves, then surely all too soon, we shall stand alone. I believe and preach the Gospel of Salvation and the Gospel of Community (Common-Unity), but I also preach the Gospel of Christian Social Action, as well. God's peace. ▼

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

**Rod's (Madison):** Great Gay Getaway Weekend kicks off with the official opening of The Patio.

**Pivot Club:** Memorial Weekend. Talent Shop with Deb & Jill. 50 cent tappers all night long.

## SATURDAY, MAY 29

**Maritime Assoc.:** Dock party, food & beverages, fun. Meet new people, help members get boats ready for season, become a member, FMI call (414) 259-0500.

**Rod's (Madison):** Memorial Weekend continues with free keg from 9 till it's gone.

**ZA's (Green Bay):** Karaoke returns.

**Frontiers (Madison):** Crystal River Canoeing. Make reservations with Dave (608) 241-2500.

**Madison Gay Video Club:** Gay travelog on Provincetown II; *Nude Dudes & Grand Prize*, 8pm. FMI call (608) 244-8675.

**Club 94 (Kenosha):** Miss Southeastern Gay Wisconsin pageant, a WI-USA preliminary. **Log Jam '93:** Continues through 5/30. A weekend filled with the great outdoors, relaxation, music by Mrs. Fun & Singational; Shrimp Boil & potluck, camping, volleyball, horse shoes. Co-sponsored by Knutson Log Homes & Diamond Hill Inn. All proceeds go to ARCW. Admission is 2 non-perishable food items for MAP, Food Pantry. Diamond Hill Inn,

Hwy 11, Burlington. FMI call (414) 763-4421. (See last issue for details in Group Notes.)

**BJ's:** Party Night 8-12, food, bar tabs, prizes. **Club 219 Plus:** \$1 cover, Underwear Party in downstairs lounge.

**Fannie's:** Memorial Weekend "Tiffany Fund" benefit raffle, grand prize 10 speed bike.

**Vuk's Place:** Grand opening of Beer Garden, cookout.

**Pivot Club (Appleton):** Party & dance to DJ Lex.

## SUNDAY, MAY 30

**Customer Appreciation/Memorial Picnic (Green Bay):** Green Bay & Appleton Gay bars host a picnic from noon-6pm, Green Bay's Bairds Creek Park, Triangle Sports Center. BYO Food, bars supply soda & beer. **Integrity/Dignity (Madison):** Pentecost Sunday, eucharist to celebrate ID's 16th Anniversary, followed by election of officers & social hour.

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# Calendar

## THURSDAY, MAY 20

**Club 3054 (Madison):** Karaoke at 8:30pm.  
**M&M Club:** BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & Counseling from 8pm-12.

## FRIDAY, MAY 21

**ZA's (Green Bay):** King's "Stars on Wisconsin Tour," showtime 10:30pm.

## SATURDAY, MAY 22

**Napalese Lounge (Green Bay):** Premiere of weekly Saturday Bust, 6-10pm; \$10 Premium Rail; \$6 Beer.  
**Club 219:** SSBL fundraiser & auction 6-8pm.  
**Ballgame:** Sheephead, all welcome.  
**M&M Club:** Singstational Prod. Singing Machine.

**Wings (Madison):** 3 Year Anniversary Celebration. Cocktail party on the patio at 5pm. Western Style BBQ at 6; Hot Tub all weekend. Special 9pm Underwear Party.

**Station II:** Chicago Bar Crawl, limited space left, call for details.

**ZA's (Green Bay):** Flashlight night, lights out at midnight.

**MACT Formative Meeting:** A chapter of Men of All Colors Together is forming in Milw. Interested? 1-3pm. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, 310 W. Locust. FMI call Veral (962-6429) or Dave (527-4296).

**Frontiers (Madison):** Potluck & program on gardening & landscaping. 7pm potluck, 7:30 meeting. FMI call Gary at (608) 255-1523.

**Gay Bicycling Network (Milw.):** Enjoy the '76 trail along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Meet at 1pm at the Grant Park Golf Course's southern parking lot. Easy terrain. Fair weather only. FMI, GAMMA at 963-9833.

**3B's Bar:** Spaghetti Western Country Dance, 7:30-close. Square Dance Exhibitions, Line Dance lesson, buffet, beer, prizes. \$3 donation to Cream City Squares.

**Maritime Association:** Great America day. Meet at 10am, call (414) 259-0500 for more info & car pooling by 9am.

## SUNDAY, MAY 23

**The New Bar (Madison):** Simply Divine & Mr. Windy City. David Wilshire host a show at 10:30; \$3 cover. Live vocals, comic routines & The Dating Game.

**AIDS Evensong & Prayer Service (Milw.):** All Saints Cathedral, 818 E. Juneau. Want prayers

made on behalf of a friend or loved one, in memory of someone, for a care giver? Call the Cathedral office at 271-7719.

**Gay Men's Discussion Group (Milw.):** "Internalized Homophobia" discussion with facilitator Harlan Bergum. 6-8pm, The Counseling Center. FMI call Bill at 271-2565.  
**10th Intl. AIDS Candlelight Memorial (Milw.):** Service & rally to provide, remembrance, support and hope for PWA's, 7pm, War Memorial Center.

**GAMMA (Milw.):** Hiking around Devil's lake. All are welcome. Car pooling and coffee in Whitefish Bay at 8:30am. Only cost is transportation, food and beverages. FMI, GAMMA at 963-9833.

**Your Place:** Lizzie Bourdeaux' Birthday Party. Party starts at 7:30, "Greatest show on earth" at 9pm sharp. Free food & fun.

## MONDAY, MAY 24

**ACT UP Townhall Meeting (Milw.):** ACT UP Milwaukee holds a townhall meeting at 7pm. All Saints Cathedral, 816 E. Juneau Ave. Let's keep the March spirit alive! FMI Call 769-8708.

## TUESDAY, MAY 25

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

**After-work Biking (Milw.):** Meet at 6pm at High Roller Rental in Veterans Park. We'll pick a two-hour route. Fair weather only. FMI call GAMMA at 963-9833.

**Roller Blading (Milw.):** Meet at 6pm at High Roller Rental in veterans Park, along Lake Michigan. Fair weather only. FMI, GAMMA at 963-9833.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

**In Step's "Pride Issue" Deadline:** 7pm tonight for our June 3rd Issue which covers Wisconsin LesBiGay PrideFest occurring June 12-13.  
**Club 219 Plus:** Wet Jockey Shorts with BJ Daniels, \$50 prize.

## THURSDAY, MAY 27

**Wings (Madison):** Madtown Underwear Party.  
**Club 3054 (Madison):** Benefit for Marsha Mellows to go to Miss Gay WI At-Large Pageant, 9pm, Glamour Girls & guest.  
**In The Life:** Ais in Milwaukee early Friday morning at 12:30am on Channel 10, MVS. Coverage of the March on Washington.

## FRIDAY, MAY 28

**Station II:** The Singing Machine is back.

**COCKTAIL HOUR** 2 for 1 + Free Hors d'oeuvres  
7 Days a Week, 4 till 9

## MANIC MONDAYS

- '1 Rail - 9 to Close • Free Pizza

## 2-4-TUESDAYS . . .

- 2-4-1 Rail All Night Long

## WESTERN WEDNESDAY

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- 75' Tap Beer • '1 Pigs Eye Beer. So put on your boots & step on in!

## TIME WARP THURSDAYS

- Ladies Night in the Lodge
- Take 75' off all Cocktails

## FRIDAY FEVER . . .

- Free Tap Beer 11:30-12:30  
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## SATURDAY MIDNITE MADNESS

- '1 Vodka & Rum Drinks 11:30-12:30  
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## SUNDAY "TEA"

- '1.50 Bloodies
- Long Island Ice Tea '2 all Nite

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**May 23: LIZZIE BORDEAUX' BIRTHDAY PARTY.** Come one, come all to the greatest show on earth. Party starts 7:30, showtime 9pm sharp. Free Food & Fun.

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# Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

I've got a whole lot to catch up on since we didn't have space to run this column last issue with all the March on Washington coverage. A few people had the nerve to ask me why we pulled all the columns and bar event photos from last issue. I had to explain to them that the March was the biggest and most important LesBiGay event in this country since the Stonewall Riots started off the modern "Gay Lib" movement 24 years ago.

The nerve!

By the way, my apologies for the "Calendar" section in the last issue. I forgot (due to being overwhelmed) to transcribe all the events from my calendar file into the Calendar book we use as a source for typesetting it. The only events listed in the Calendar where listings that were entered directly into my Calendar book.

Since I have to cover events from April 16 all the way through May 12, don't be upset if I highlight only the most unique ones...

**Za's Mr./Miss/Ms. Emerald City USA** pageant on April 16 was a statewide preliminary for the WI-USA pageant. Capturing the titles were Dance (Dan) (Mr.), and Milwaukee's new queen of comedy Lisa Spencer was crowned Miss. There were no entries for the Ms. title. Congratulations to you all!

The Country Duo from The South, Carmella Marcella Garcia and Devin J. Michaels hit the state with shows at Club 219 on the 16th, and Club 94 on the 17th. The two did live vocals, Devin stripped, Carmen lipped synced and together they provided some great all around entertainment.

The Mil-Ma-IDS VIII Tournament was held April 17th at Milwaukee's Red Carpet Celebrity Lanes. Mil-Ma-IDS is an annual bowling event, held alternate years in Milwaukee and Madison. Since it was held in Milwaukee this year, the Milwaukee AIDS Project was the beneficiary of the bowlers' largesse.

A unique fundraiser combined with a consciousness raiser was held when Madison's United held a "March on the Hotel Washington" on April 17. After marching from the Capitol Square,

participants were feted with hors d'oeuvres and dancing.

The Miss Gay Ebony pageant, another of the preliminaries for the Wisconsin-USA pageant, was held April 21 at Club 219. Only two contestants entered, but they were both competitive & talented. Naomi LaParish, never-the-less, came out on top & won the title.

The later half of April also saw many of the college campus Gay and Lesbian organizations hold their annual LesBiGay awareness series. Madison's 10% Society, UW-Parkside's GLO, and UW-Oshkosh's 10% Society all held events to raise Gay awareness issues on their campus.

Chicago's infamous drag-comic Memory Lane made a one-stop Wisconsin appearance at Za's on April 23. It was her second gig at the Green Bay club. You'll probably know her better by her two videos, *Boobs and Condoms Are A Girl's Best Friend!*

**Wings Mazo Beach** party on April 24 was packed with the "bare essentials" for a salute to the infamous Mazomonee Beach which is on the Wisconsin River. My photographer, Jamie, was at a loss and could "barely" take any printable photos.

The Saturday Softball Beer League opened play at the fields behind The Mitchell Park Domes on April 24. Sunny, warm, but breezy weather greeted the teams. You can check the upcoming schedule for your favorite teams in our "Jock Shorts" section, each issue of *In Step*. The season opening party and SSBL fundraiser at Club 219 after the games was a huge success, with the MAP Food Pantry sharing the proceeds with SSBL.

It seems like everyone I've talked to who didn't make it to the March on Washington was glued to their television sets, with channels tuned to either CNN or C-Span. The problem with C-Span's coverage was they showed only the afternoon stage speakers and performances... a show none of the Wisconsin marchers had a chance to see. (We didn't arrive at the final rally area until the last performer sang the final song of the afternoon.)

Club 3054's Glamour Girls hosted a Pride Show that night, and The New Bar crowd got to see a '93 Talent Preview show hosted by Morgan LeFay and Quantasha. At Partners Andy Weber's

# MEMORIAL WEEKEND

## "Tiffany Fund" Benefit

### SATURDAY

Win a 10-Speed Bike Raffle  
(Tickets now on sale)  
& Other Raffle Prizes

### SUNDAY

Beer & Soda Bust, 6-10<sup>pm</sup>  
\$3 Buy-In + 25¢ per cup  
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### MONDAY

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throughout the Midwest attended the joint event sponsored by all the Wisconsin Levi/Leather clubs and Milwaukee's L/L oriented bars. The **Boot Camp** hosted a welcome party the evening of May 7; followed by the **Wreck Room** and **Castaways MC's** hosting of the **Daddy's Boy Contest** later that same evening.

On May 8, the **1100 Club** hosted a **Daddy Weekend** brunch for participants, and then later that evening, in cooperation with the **Argonauts**, hosted the **Daddy** contest. Intermission entertainment was provided by the **Shoreline** dancers. During the afternoon, back at the **Wreck Room**, the **Saturday Condo Association** hosted a **BEST Damn Underwear** party and wet jockey shorts contest to benefit the **Brady East STD Clinic**.

Sunday, the weekend wrapped up with the **1100 Club Daddy's Weekend Brunch**, complete with a noon visit with **International Mr. Leather**, Len Broberg and the **Boot Camp's** wind down party, when all door prizes for the weekend were drawn. By the way two Madison men — **Paul (Horse) Walker** was selected "Daddy" and **Elvin** was chosen "Daddy's Boy."

For once, the weather cooperated, and everyone had a great time at the first time event. As well as things went, with all the clubs and bars cooperation, I'm sure you'll find the weekend returning next year!

Even if they attended the **Daddy's** weekend, **Green Bay** area participants had plenty of time to head back to **Green Bay** for the **Bay City Chorus' Spring Concert** entitled, *A Celebration of Song & Season*. The evening concert at **St. Norbert's College Byron Walter Theatre** was another successful effort by the young chorus.

**Vuk's Place** held their first show **May 9** with **Vicki and Company** as a **Possum Queen** benefit. Tom still isn't over it...

That about wraps up my brief review of activities from the last 4 weeks, so now I'd like to turn your attention to the **Pridefest '93** scheduled for **June 12-13**. The **Milwaukee Lesbian Gay Pride Committee (MLGPC)** has expanded the **Pride** celebration for two days this year for the first time. The **FEST** will open **Saturday** evening with a concert at the **Juneau Park**

grounds. The **starlight concert** will be free, and the **MLGPC** will have the food and beverage facilities open for service. On **Sunday**, the **Parade** will kick things off at around noon, and then it will be a day long festival in the park. Two stages, lots of group information booths, merchandise booths, games, food, and drink. The food and drink selections will be expanded this year to try and satisfy a larger variety of appetites. **I hope to see thousands of you come from across the state!**

Now, you may have noticed a full page ad in both the last issue and this one, that says **In Step** is looking for "Marchers, baton twirlers, flag twirlers and balloon walkers".

What's this all about? In previous years, **In Step** has always won one of the three awards given out for it's entry into the parade. Last year, we rented a float from a professional float company out of Chicago. It was a waste of money.

This year, I was inspired by what I saw at the **March on Washington**. Everyone had rainbow colored flags, banners and signs. It was pageantry at its "Rainbow Best"! I want to re-create that **MOW** feeling at our **Pride Parade** this year.

I'm asking you, my readers, to march with **In Step** in a rainbow spectacle. We'll provide the flags, giant balloons, and other rainbow-colored accessories. We'll also have a sound vehicle, to provide us with a little music to march to. **WE NEED YOU** and whatever talents you have to offer. If you can twirl a baton, contact me! If you can just walk, holding one of the giant 40" balloons, contact me! If you know how to work a pom-pom, contact me. If you know how to fan dance, contact me!

I envision a blur of festive rainbow colors and people. I want to bring the **MOW** feeling back to **Milwaukee** and **Wisconsin**. I've had several responses, including a former state champion baton twirler, but I need more people. Sorry, we can't afford to pay you, but you'll be re-paid in a spirited way. I just know the people will love it!

This year the **Pride Parade** takes a different route, instead of so much time on a **Sunday** deserted **Wisconsin Avenue**, the **Parade** will snake through the "East Town" neighborhoods just north of downtown where "our people" live. Let's excite them into following the **Parade** back into **Juneau Park** to spend the rest of the day with "our Family"!

birthday celebration was a big crowd pleaser, and the audience saw the debut of the bar's **Possum Queen** candidate, **Lana St. James**.

A belated happy birthday to **Shirley Fitzpatrick**, who was feted with several birthday celebrations, one at **Station II** and another at the **Ballgame**. **Shirley**, if you don't know her, has a heart of gold, and is probably one of the biggest cheerleaders for **MAP's Food Pantry**. She's a real sweetheart and just turned 60.

If you haven't gotten "Juiced" yet this **Spring**, don't forget **dance dance dance** hosts a **Rave** dance party every other **Thursday** with a different theme. (I wish I still had half the energy **Juice** participants expend in one evening!)

The big, third annual **Turnabout** show at the **Pivot Club** on **April 30** was a big hit. **Bartenders** and other staff members perform in a show, while the regular cast members work the bar. Always confusing, yet always lots of fun. Plus it was a benefit for the **Fox Valley AIDS Project**.

**leatherworks '93** held a show and exhibition at the **1100 Club** on **May 1**. **Mr. Midwest Leather '93** hosted the evening in which models wore vendors leather goods, toys and supplies were displayed, and exhibitions of fantasies were performed. Whether and old timer or a leather novice, there was something for both leather men and women.

**Ladies of the Valley**, a group of all **REAL** women entertainers from **North East Wisconsin**, performed shows at the **Pivot** on **April 16th**, and then trekked to **Milwaukee** for a **May 1st** show at **Nitengales**. The **Milwaukee** show included our own "J.C." in the line up of talent.

The **Mr./Miss/Ms. Gay Madison** pageant was held at **The New Bar** on **May 2nd**. **Anthony**, **Cass Marie Domino**, and **Kathy O'leary** won the respective titles and will represent the **Mad-town** very well.

On **May 4** **Partners** celebrated the **YP's 28th** anniversary with a big party and officially a renaming of the bar back to **Your Place**. Owner **Jim's** new partner, **Bill**, tried to keep the name change a secret as long as he could, even surprising **Jim** who was on vacation when the sign was changed.

The **Daddy & Daddy's Boy L/L Weekend** held **Mary 7-9** in **Milwaukee** was a real treat. **Leathermen** and women from

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# TRIANGLE

Mon-Fri  
Open 5pm  
Sat/Sun  
Open 3pm

2-4-1 Cocktails  
Mon-Fri, 5-9pm

▼ The best in HOT men, HOT music, HOT times ▼

**SUNDAY**  
\$1<sup>50</sup> **Bloody Mary's**  
and  
**Morning Glories**  
Complimentary  
Food

**MONDAY**  
\$1<sup>50</sup> **Absolut**  
**Absolut Citron**  
**Absolut Kurant**

**TUESDAY**  
\$1<sup>00</sup> **Rail Cocktails**

**WEDNESDAY**  
\$3<sup>00</sup> **Super Bust**  
**Beer, Wine, Soda,**  
**Juice**

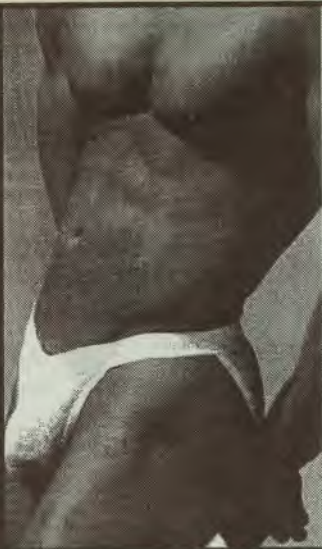
**THURSDAY**  
**Pull - Tabs**

Welcome **JUSTIN** to our staff...  
he's a hot ssssssssstud!

**NEVER A COVER CHARGE**

**WINGS  
LEATHER  
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What They  
Want!



**WINGS Madtown  
UNDERWEAR PARTY**

at 9<sup>pm</sup>

**THURS,  
MAY 27<sup>th</sup>**

**THURS.**

**JUNE 10<sup>th</sup>**

*It's the Place to be on  
Thursday.*

**WINGS 3 Year Anniversary**

**Saturday, May 22nd**

**Cocktail Party on  
the Patio at 5pm.**



**Western Style  
BBQ at 6pm**



**Hot Tub All Weekend!**

**Then go down to WINGS at 9<sup>pm</sup>  
the Boys are having a  
Special Underwear Party.**

**Everyone come celebrate with us.**



**SAT., JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>  
HENRY & KIRK'S  
ANNIVERSARY  
PARTY**

on the patio at 5<sup>pm</sup>.

Free  
Beer  
and  
Food



**THURSDAY, MAY 27<sup>th</sup>  
BENEFIT SHOW AT 9PM  
FOR MARSHA MELLOW'S  
TO GO TO MISS GAY WI  
AT LARGE**

*By the Glamour Girls  
and many  
special guests.*

**MEMORIAL DAY  
WEEKEND**

Sunday & Monday on the Patio  
Beer Bust 3-8<sup>pm</sup> \$4

BBQ Cookout  
at 6<sup>pm</sup>  
DJ at 4<sup>pm</sup>  
Volleyball



**THURS. JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>  
KARAOKE  
at 8:30**



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- Organic Garden with pond & waterfall
- Open 7 days a week;
- Volleyball Court
- Large BBQ Grill
- Great Sound System
- Many tables with newly covered umbrellas

Patio Bar  
Open Fri.  
Sat, Sun  
at 4<sup>pm</sup>



**(Watch for Upcoming Summer Events)**

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Video,  
Darts,  
Dancing,  
Food,  
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