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Cover Story

Artist Sherry Szombathely came through for us again with this pencil piece. She's one of the few artists we've worked with who does her pencil work with enough contrast that it reproduces properly.

Note:

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I WORK BY NIGHTS, BUT... by day, I'm a Wild & Crazy Renaissance Man looking for someone to share life with. If you like to live in the daylight, give me a call! #2180

LAWKISHAW A MIX AND MATCH? Cross-dresser would like to meet other cross-dressers. Call me, we can swap good times. #2488

MILWAUKEE NEEDED: SUGAR DADDY. GWM, TV, 34, 6', 200#, Bl/Bl, dev. breasts. Shy and somewhat subm., love to dress up and perform. Prefer Darker men but open to anyone 28-50, in-shape, stable, and fin. secure. I am serious and for real! #1098

I'M A KICK BOXER. So I'm in very good shape. I'm 5'8", 160#, into conditioning, into men about the same as me, but I'm not pick! Very discreet, like to be very creative. Let's put our bodies to the test. #2235

A SWEETHEART FOR LIFELONG ADVENTURE. Gdlkg. GWM 21, 5'9", 135#, Brn/Hzl, seeking LTR with intelligent, stable, humorous GWM 18-25. Like Madonna, Eroture, classic movies, art & conversation. No drugs or one-nighters. #2546

SEEKING SONNY ROMANCE. Cher impersonator seeks handsome man to escort her to events. Seeking person spiritually connected, intelligent, creative, good body, hairy chest, enjoys boating, biking, camping... no wise cracks! #1761

APPLETON AN OPERA FAN WAITING IN THE WINGS. GM 55, I enjoy going out to dinner, drinking, theatre, travel. Especially like the opera! Would enjoy hearing from those who like the same. #4004

MILWAUKEE BIG, BLONDE & BEAUTIFUL! Transsexual 24, looking for GBM for something special. Believe me, you will not be disappointed. Why don't you give me a call? Sultry is my middle name! #4035

APPLETON NEW TO THE AREA. So I don't know too much. But I'm a nice guy, 5'10", Bl/Bl, 165#, eager to become familiar. How about you? If interested, leave a message. I'll get back. #4175

MILWAUKEE TELL ME WHAT YOUR INTERESTS ARE. Inexperienced WM, 32yrs, would like to meet older White males, 50 on up for one-on-one relationship. Be clean, discreet, disease free, 'cause I am too! #2036

MILWAUKEE ARE YOU THE OUTDOORSY TYPE? Looking for a friend who likes outdoors, has own home. Looking for new people. I'm 26, 5'9", well-built, call me. #4339

ROCK VALLEY SEEKING OLDER AND WISER.

GWM 21, 5'11", 155#, Bl/Gm, looking for masc., daddy-type, dark, graying hair a plus! Only requirement is that you be intelligent! Stimulate me with your thoughts! #4608

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE ADONIS! GM looking for semi-spiritual man. Interested in having LTR. Someone muscular, not necessarily something from the gods, but not heavy-set. #4713

GREEN BAY REALLY LIKE BACK-RUBS! GM 19, Dk. brn/hzl, looking for other GM for friendship or more if the conditions are right. I'm not fem or fat, hope you aren't either. Into alter. music, computer art, some what spiritual. Call me. #2159

KENOSHA A PAL TO LIGHTEN MY DAYS! GWM 29, 6'3", 190#, Bl/Bl, looking for friends in area to pal around with during the day. Let's get together! #4781

MILWAUKEE SHARE SIMPLE PLEASURES. GM 39, Br/Br, moust., 6'1", 210#, just looking to meet some people and have fun. A nice guy who likes to get some pleasure out of life. Maybe we can have some moments! #4799

Milwaukee A CHANCE MEETING WITH YOU. GWM 31, Br/Bl, 165#, just looking for masc. guys 18-45 for occasional get-togethers. Let's set up some time together. #1601

APPLETON TO KNOW ME IS TO LOVE ME.

GWM 24, 5'11", Bl/Bl, looking for a good friendship. Give me a call, all you friendly types! #2256

Kimberly MATURE FOX VALLEY MAN. GM 5'9", 150#, not into bars/drugs, not a sugar-daddy, but prefer men 18-25. I'm athletic, like music, outdoors, roller-blading, dancing. Looking for a positive, caring relationship. #2310

MILWAUKEE YOUTHFUL LOVE DESIRED. Prof. GWM 35, stable, Dk Brn/Hzl, 6', 185#, muscular, in excel. phys. cond., seeks younger GM 20-26 who's looking for an older brother or father type with all the time, attention & care that goes with it! #4891

SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO. GM 22, 5'6", Lt. Brn hair, blu/Grn eyes, 133#. Like taller guys 6'-6'5", between 22-38yrs. Long hair A+. Please call! #1795

Milwaukee A COMMITTED KINDA GUY. GWM 23, looking to meet other young GWM's for good times, friendship and poss. LTR. I'll be waiting for your call! #2021

AU CLAIRE LOVE THE OUTDOORS, QUIET EVENINGS. GWM 28, 185#. Like to get to know special person and settle down. Basically that's it. Many possibilities. #2049

MILWAUKEE HURRY LET'S GET TOGETHER: 27 yr old, 5'10, 130lbs, interested in reliable man under 30, #1331

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APPLETON, HAVE FUN, MAYBE EVEN GET SERIOUS. GWM 5'9", 165#, Br/Br, just out looking for someone to talk to, get to know. Call and get his number. Call anytime. #3186

DIE-HARD C & W FAN. GWM 36, 5'8", 135#, gdlkg, into country music, song writing, very good artist, hairy chest. Give me a call, we'll get together. #4144

GREENBAY, NOT LONELY, BUT LOOKING. GWM 25, 5'10", 165#, Blk/Blu. You can call me and get my hm number. #4255

MILWAUKEE, CASTING CALL! NEEDED: one serious but fun-loving caring man to inter-act oppos. similar "role player", who's attrac, 30-something, 5'11", 160#, Br/Blu, likes tennis, reading, movie buff, romance. Part will remain open until filled. #4957

MILWAUKEE, I AIM TO PLEASE! GWM 38, looking for companionship. I go out of my way to be a pleasing person. Give me a call. #5178

WISCONSIN SOMETHING IN COMMON. Bi male into outdoors, physical activities, biking, hunting fishing, looking for someone to share the same interests. #2178

PLEASE ME. GM 45, 5'11", Brn/Grn, 185#, gdlkg, trim beard, sk younger guys 18-25. Like outdoors and having a good time. #5338

MAN IN SUIT A TURN-ONI GWM 37, Br/Hzl, heavy, very domestic, like walks, quiet nights, antiques. Seek GWM hunk, in-shape who isn't afraid to say "I care", be supportive, honest, clean, disease-free, disc, for lasting relation. #1312

LAKE GENEVA, TIRED OF GROWING ALONE. GWM 40, 5'7", 148#, good sense of humor, attrac. prof. looking to expand my friendships & experiences. I like sci-fi, intell. conversation, fine arts, travel, honesty & romance. #2012

FOX RIVER VALLEY, PAIRING UP WITH A PEER. GWM 24, 5'11", Bl/Bl, very masc. looking to meet other guys in the area around my age bracket. Talk to you soon! #2256

A REAL NICE GUY! Looking for interesting people to meet. For those who are lonely, and are dom. I'm looking to be a bitm. I really enjoy a good time. #4974

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND? I'm clean & creative and would love some good conversation. Give me a call. #4990

DORA COUNTY, FOR THE SERIOUS AT HEART. GWM 48, 165#, brown hair, moustache, 5'11", in very good shape I'm told. Looking for someone interested in a serious relationship. If interested in following through, give a call. #1609

S.E. WISCONSIN, LET'S GIVE IT A TRY! GM 30ish, looking for a companion, soulmate. I'm into old-fashioned

things: movies, music, getting to know people one-on-one, and truth & honesty. Maybe we can get together sometime! #1713

LA CROSSE, PADDLE THRU THE RIVER OF MY HEART. GWM 33, 6'2", 220#, looking to meet guys into canoeing, camping, fishing. I like a masc. outdoorsey type of guy. Be within the area only. Let nature take its course! #1894

UPDATE YOUR LITTLE BLACK BOOK

MILWAUKEE, ACT HOW YOU FEEL, NOT YOUR AGE! GWM 28, (look & act 24) 6', Br/Bl, 160#, looking for friendship, possible relationship, also a roommate with someone close to my age or younger (18+). Call and get my pager number. #1395

MILWAUKEE, WHAT'S IN STORE IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS? GBM 23, very good-looking, 6', 155#, looking to do outdoor things & have fun. So give me a call. #1903

HELP CLEAN UP MY LOVE LIFE! GWM 33, 6', 185#, green eyes, btm, janitorial bus. owner sks guys 18-21 for pos. relationship and good times. Someone similar, masc, tp, to live with, help with business. Let's talk & meet first. #2309

FOX VALLEY, PLAY RECORDS & TALK ABOUT GUYS! Mature man 5'9", 150#, no smoke/drugs/bars, sks someone with similar interests. Love walks, running, raller-blading,

collecting records & CD's. Looking for pos. rel. with men 18-30. #2453

APPLETON, PUMP THOSE LEGS. Looking for a friend to spend time with. I'm new around here, not into bars. Looking for someone to do bicycling with, road or cross-country. So, why don't you pull on your bike shorts & leave a number? #2467

LAKE GENEVA, IT'S NO WONDER WHY I'M A HOMEBODY! GWM 30-something, attrac., 6', 190#, homeowner, looking for some friends in the area, same age bracket. Not into bars. Enjoy being a homebody, cooking meals, enjoying the lake front. #2609

MILWAUKEE, INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS. GBM 28, 5'6", 140#, student enjoys dancing, going out, good times, literature, politics, hanging out in cafes, conversation. Sks someone my age, funny, interesting, pos. White, for pos. relationship. #2823

YOUNG AND RESTLESS! Looking for someone to take road trips, or just go out and do things. I'm 25, like horses and like to travel. Give me a call, we can take a ride. Giddy-up! #2166

MILWAUKEE NO BARS, NO GAMES, JUST ROMANCE. GM 36, 5'10", 150#, Brn/Brn, interested in finding someone for serious relationship. Want someone who's affectionate and romantic. I'm both those and more! Talk to you soon. #2262

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News

Milwaukee Holds Initial Stonewall 25 Organizing Meeting

Gears up for statewide outreach effort

Milwaukee — Over a dozen Milwaukee area activists, representing groups such as LAMM, ACT UP to GPU as well as some that were unaffiliated attended the initial Milwaukee organizing meeting to make plans for the Stonewall 25 celebration scheduled for New York City June 26, 1994. The August 29 meeting was hosted by the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee at their offices in the Milwaukee Enterprise Center.

A letter will soon be mailed to LesBiGay organizations throughout the state of Wisconsin, asking them to help organize their local communities and work together with the ad hoc Milwaukee committee to make sure Wisconsin is well organized for the '94 events in New York.

LAMM member and Black Lesbian activist Lori Coleman along with LAMM spokesperson Kitty Barber were chosen as interim Midwest delegates at the Stonewall 25 National Conference held in Milwaukee July 31-August 1. Wisconsin will eventually have to choose just one permanent delegate to represent the state in the Midwest Region. Indiana will also have one representative. Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois will each have 2 representatives for a total of 8 for the region. The number of delegates from each state was decided by population. Of those eight, half must be women and 25% must be people of color according to National Committee rules.

Because Coleman is both a woman and a person of color, those attending the Milwaukee meeting came to a consensus she was our favored candidate for the position, and will lobby for her selection in the letter going to the statewide groups.

However, other candidates for the lone Wisconsin delegate slot will also be considered at the upcoming statewide meeting.

CONTACT NUMBERS

The Milwaukee meeting also consented that the LAMM and In Step offices would serve as temporary contact numbers for the statewide organizing effort. LAMM's number is (414) 264-2600; In Step's number is (414)278-7840. Since Lori is also employed half time at the LAMM office, she should be easy for people to reach. The In Step line is manned during normal business hours and some evening hours.

Guidelines were also adopted by the Milwaukee Stonewall working group:

▼ Function according to the guidelines of the National Stonewall Steering Committee except as it affects decision making which will be by consensus;

▼ No one will communicate or make any decisions without the knowledge and approval of an (as yet to be established) Wisconsin Executive Committee;

▼ The Wisconsin Executive Committee (once selected after meeting with Statewide groups) will meet monthly or as necessary;

▼ The lone Wisconsin delegate (hopefully Lori) will host these meetings;

▼ Establishment of a confidential state-wide mailing list and database;

▼ Minutes will be recorded at each meeting;

▼ Copies of those minutes, an agenda, time and location of the next meeting will be forwarded approximately 2 weeks prior to each monthly meeting.

STATEWIDE MEETING SEPT. 20

The Milwaukee group selected Monday, September 20, 5:30pm as the date and time of the next meeting. By then, all the letters will have gone out to all the organizations throughout the state, and it is hoped many of them will send representatives. All interested community individuals are also encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th St, Milwaukee. Any questions, please call one of the contact numbers above.

MAPFEST BOOTH

"We can't wait any longer to get the ball rolling. We HAVE to have a booth at MAPFEST to reach the thousands expected to attend. The next LesBiGay event in the state that draws that many people isn't until next Spring, and that will be too late!" said In Step Publisher Ron Geiman. The Milwaukee group agreed and Geiman then offered to pay for the booth rental and to

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Milwaukee YOUNG STUDENT GWM 6'2, 175lbs, looking for guys my age for intimate times. #6258

Kenosha LOVE TO EXPERIMENT: GWM, 31, looking for LTR, looking forward to hearing from you. Take a chance. #1164

Milwaukee P-WAUKEE: NIGHTMOVES: I'M looking for young men 23-26 for good times, I can't wait, leave me a msg with your likes & dislikes. #3440

Kenosha HAVE THING FOR CROSS DRESSERS: BEARDED 45, 5'7, 190lbs, looking for similar age for fun times, CDressors a plus. #5158

Madison LET'S GETAWAY: 34, 6', muscled, masc. acting, thick moustache, enjoy going out on the town, & traveling to other cities, looking for poss. rel./buddy. #5567

MILWAUKEE VERY FRIENDLY GBM, 34, 6'2, 220lbs, interests include, good music, bike riding, would like to meet tall discreet man. #3568

LA CROSS TWO-EYED TEN TOED all Male: 6', very athletic, Bi-male, very masculine, 55, variety of interests, seeks rel. /companionship. #4241

MADISON CULTURED GWM, 39, 180lbs, 5'11, blond/blue eyed, educated & prof., seeking LTR w/guy 25-35 should be good intell. & good looker. #5160

SHANO HEALTHY EARTHY VEGGIE 30 yr

old, w/strange & somewhat goofy sense of humor, into great outdoors & ready to rough it. #5173

GREEN BAY, NORTHEAST area: MAN FOR ALL SEASONS: 35, 6', 190lbs, bearded, looking for friends, 30-40, call for hm #. #5216

MILWAUKEE INTIMATE TIMES/CONVINATION: GWM, 31, 5'9, 170lbs, seeking guy any race to have fun times with, into dining out, theatre, & word games, — hey big guy you won't be disappointed. #5590

MILWAUKEE SOMETHING DIFFERENT: Very dom. prep TS looking for guy to play with. (no calls after 9pm thanks) #5642

ROCKFORD YOUNG LOOKING WM, 5'10, brw hair, looking to meet madison guys, (bland & smooth a plus). #5711

MILWAUKEE LONELY at the TOP: tp guy seeks btm right away. Let's slow down & make nice music together. #5717

MILWAUKEE SIMILAR SITUATION SOUGHT: LTR wanted by 6', brw hair, clean shaven, committed husband & father of 3, call if in similar situation. #5718

MILWAUKEE EAST SIDE: AIM 2 PLEASE: 5'9, 160lbs, btm, w/dark features, short hair, blue eyes, new to area, looking to please. (call before 11pm.) #3285

GREENBAY/APPLETON GRAB YOUR... jogging shoes: I'm 5'9, 175lbs, enjoy biking & outdoorsy stuff, looking for guys 25-35

to hang out with, poss. rel. —give me a buzz. #2467

APPLETON INDEPENDENT: I'm 44, look 34, feel 24, have a med. build, work at home & would like to build a friendship with an attrac. guy my age or less. #3375

RACINE FITNESS FASCIST wants SERIOUS WORKOUTS: versatile man-sized man is seeking a couple of athletic dudes for some serious workouts. (could get v. sweaty) #3412

MILWAUKEE ARTIST: 21 yr old, 5'6, 135lbs, dark brw hair, very blue eyes, seeking intelligent guy, artistic or creative +, for friendship or pass. love rel. —give me a call. #3615

MILWAUKEE GWM, BTM, 50, 6'2, 230lbs, into movies, walks, reading & bowling, looking for young tp guy 18-25 for good time get togethers. #3689

EAU CLAIRE MASCULINE MEN WANTED: 6'2, 185lbs, 42, masc. very good btm who likes his men masculine #2341

SOUTH EAST 145LB ATHLETE: 25 yr old, 5'8, 145lbs, inexpler. discreet, masc. top, looking for smooth young btm who's interested in sports & the outdoors, leave a message. (all races welcm) #2385

WAUKASHAW FATHER FIGURE: GWM, 63, brw hair, 180lbs, 5'6, seeks younger guy 18-25 for good harmonious rel. #2468

OSHKOSH, I'M REALLY FUN AND OUT-GOING!

Gd/kg GWM 23, 5'10", 170#, sks other guys 20-30yrs, with dark hair and hairy bodies in the area. If interested call me. #2445

GAY FATHER OF ONE. LOOKING FOR ANOTHER GAY FATHER. You: late 30's, trim and tall a big plus. Me: gd/kg, Brn/Grn, 175#, 5'10", absolutely love theatre, dancing and monogamy with the right man. Maybe you are the right man! #2928

MILWAUKEE, LOOKING FOR ALL YOU GUYS OUT THERE. For fun & good times. I like going out, shooting darts, water/jet skiing, outdoors, hiking, playing pool. If you're in the area leave a message. #2940

CENTRAL WISCONSIN. SERIOUSLY SEEKING GUY 18-47YR OLD, I'm blond, 195lbs, w/big chest & arms., seeking guy into sincere rel. ...I enjoy camping, fishing and quiet evenings at home. #4765

MILWAUKEE, NEW TO MILWAUKEE, GWM, 175lbs, 6'2, enjoy great outdoors, bike riding, long walks, meeting new people. #4971

MILWAUKEE, I LOVE THE OUTDOORS: Ex-jock, tp, very sensual, mid 40s, seeking younger male to hang out with. Let's explore. #5411

MILWAUKEE, REALLY INTO LONG HAIR. GWM 28, looking people interested in biking, tennis, swimming, also who have longer hair, blonds A+! who really wants to have a good time. #2829



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Milwaukee **VARIETY OF INTERESTS:** 54 Yr old, active & anxious, looking forward to hearing from you. #5734

Green bay **ROOMMATE NEEDS:** Looking for a lover, friend and older, for poss. roommate situation #6368

Fox Valley **PERSONALS VIRGIN:** 33, 6', 185lbs, black hair, like tennis, golf, cross country skiing, first time call. #6424

Madison **WEEKEND FUN: HAIRY** 42, seeks slim, smooth guys under 25 for weekend fun, leave name, number & description. #6488

Racine **BLUE EYED 22 YR OLD:** brw hair, 6'1, good shape, loves outdoors, likes dancing but not into bars, call for hm #. #2251

Appleton **COUNTRY TYPE:** conserv. 45 (look 35) hairy, looking for discreet times w/secure/exec. type who enjoy talking and getting to know someone first. #1949

Appleton **CREATIVE & FUN? GWM,** 30s, 58, 170lbs, musclr build, enjoy travelling, looking for creative person/friend 21-35 (long hair A+) #2879

29, **GOODLOOKING,** 5'11, 170lbs, prof., GWM, would like to meet guys 18-30, drop me a line. #5447

175lbs, prof., looking for similar type ages 30-40 for after the office fun times. All interested call. #5923

Monroe **COUNTRY GUY WANTED:** by fin. secure, goodlooking, 48, GWM, younger types encouraged. #3100

Milwaukee **ATTRAC. GBM,** LOOKING FOR real good time, if interested call for hm number. #3908

Milwaukee **FRUSTRATED** husky GWM 28, seeks btm for safe fun, are you available? #3953

Milwaukee **31, PROF, GWM,** 5'11, med built, like biking, music, dining, seeks quality time w/25-35 guy who's caring open minded, & likes to explore. Open to other alternatives too. #4005

Milwaukee **50 SOMETHING GUY,** into having dinner, country home in Lake Geneva #5136

Wisconsin **35, INTO CDRESSING.,** looking for other guys to dom. #5297

South East Wisconsin **VERSATILE WM** seeks younger athletic guys for get togethers, call soon. #6079

Milwaukee mid 30s, **LONG BLOND HAIR,** 155lbs, looking for rel., & good times, leave name & #. #6105

Green bay **MR. BUSY:** 31, very busy, successful, if you can handle a very busy man call. #6136

Kenosha **HEAD-BANGER BALL:** TWO Bi-white males 40 & 21, are seeking other gay men for evening drinks at our place and to enjoy heavy metal music. #6239

Milwaukee 27, **VERY GOODLUK, WELL BUILT,** looking for a good time, call fast for hm number. #5495

Milwaukee **GWM, 28,** heavy set, hairy, seeks smooth slim, tp, (visiting NYC soon). #5515

Appleton **MARRIED BI-MALE,** 5'9, 30, looking for clean cut male, call for my address & drop me a line. #5914

Milwaukee **MUSCLED GUY** seeks **CASUAL REL:** WM, 33, 5'8, 165lbs, musclr build, seeks casual rel.w/local guy, no strings. #5921

Madison **PROFESSIONAL 30s:** Mid 30s man 6'1,



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Green bay **GREAT TIMES:** GWM, early 40s, 165lbs, brw hair, hazel eyes, nice looking ISO good friend and someone seeking serious rel. #4412

Milwaukee **SIMPLE THINGS:** 30, GWM, 6', into quiet times, going out to movies. #5278

Walshaw **I LIKE SHORT GUYS:** 6'2, fit, seeks Hairy guys if under 5'10, give a holler. #3784

Madison **19 YR OLD:** student, 6', 180lbs, dark hair, brw eyes, into beach walks, dancing, seeks guy up to 30. If interested leave a msg. #3870

have a professionally-done sign made reading "Wisconsin Organizes for Stonewall 25, New York City, June 26 '94." Geiman also offered to front the money to order Official Stonewall merchandise — T-Shirts, buttons, wristbands and stickers to sell at the booth.

"Because this group has no money to work with yet," Geiman said, "The only way to make some money for the group is to obtain some of the official merchandise and I'll be glad to let the committee keep all of the profits over the wholesale cost." Part of the effort behind the Wisconsin organizing campaign is to raise money for both the Wisconsin group and for the

National Committee. The Wisconsin Committee should help provide the eventual Wisconsin delegate with funding to travel to the National Committee Meetings; and money is also needed for mailings and other committee efforts.

(Wouldn't a caravan of buses, or a couple of rail cars filled with a bunch of LesBiGay Wisconsinites off to March on the UN to meet over a million other international "family" members in New York's Central Park sound like fun to you? This promises to be as big as, if not bigger than, the '93 March on Washington!)

ACT UP Milwaukee to Press City Hall on AIDS Budget

Demonstration Planned for September 14

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee chapter of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) is putting pressure on Mayor John Norquist and the Common Council to increase municipal funding for AIDS and to develop a strategic plan for fighting AIDS in Milwaukee.

ACT UP is sponsoring a demonstration on Tuesday, September 14 to dramatize its demands. Participants are asked to gather at the Riverwalk by Marshall Field's in downtown Milwaukee at 11:30 that morning. The demonstration will then proceed to City Hall.

The demonstration is timed to coincide with current deliberations over the 1994 city budget. Mayor Norquist is preparing the budget which must be submitted to the Common Council for its consideration by September 28.

"Our main concern about how the city is failing to address AIDS is in the areas of education and strategic planning," ACT UP's Yuri Keegstra told In Step.

"We don't expect the city to go into primary care," said Keegstra. "What we do want is for the city to mount an effective educational campaign to prevent the transmission of HIV and to educate people on what AIDS is. The city also needs to

meet with AIDS groups to identify gaps in services and to draw up a coordinated plan to fight AIDS."

ACT UP's demands were forged after a meeting with City Health Commissioner Paul Nannis in August. Nannis attended a meeting of ACT UP's City Budget Committee to help explain the budget process and to answer questions regarding municipal spending and services around HIV/AIDS.

"It was good that he took the initiative to meet with ACT UP, but there is obviously a lack of understanding in the Norquist administration concerning the urgency of AIDS and its issues, particularly funding," Keegstra commented.

At the meeting and in documents provided by Nannis, ACT UP learned that the City of Milwaukee has budgeted just \$69,200 for AIDS services each year since 1987. The amount has never increased, and the entire grant goes directly to the Milwaukee AIDS Project to help cover personnel and education costs.

The city did allocate additional grants of \$43,000 to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in 1991 and 1992 for an outreach program in taverns to reduce the spread of HIV. But these funds have not been renewed since. Meanwhile, the number of people in Milwaukee diagnosed with AIDS is 900 and rising.

Nannis told ACT UP that the Milwaukee Health Department, like other city agencies, is operating under strict

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limitations imposed by Mayor Norquist, who has pledged not to raise city taxes.

Nannis also explained that he had little say in the actual budget for his department. He is essentially "handed a number" and must make do with that amount. He did say that he had the freedom to allocate the funding into different areas of need.

Nannis said he had consistently asked for more money for AIDS, tuberculosis, lead poisoning and "a number of unmet needs the city should step forward and meet." He admitted to being "depressed" over his department's inadequate funding levels.

The Norquist administration is also adamant, however, that it is not the role of the city to fill any shortfalls in current state and federal HIV/AIDS programs. For any new allocations of city money to be approved, advocates must present convincing evidence indicating precisely how that money will bring about the desired effects or changes.

ACT UP members were frustrated at Commissioner Nannis's inability to put a dollar figure on other AIDS-related services conducted by the city — services apart from the grant to MAP, like HIV counseling and testing, home visits to people with HIV/AIDS by city nurses, and educational materials and in-service trainings that include information on AIDS.

MANY SERVICES UNACCOUNTED FOR

Nannis provided a detailed list of these many services. Because they are not accounted for as separate line items related to AIDS but incorporated in the city's overall health services, Nannis could not provide a true figure for the city's expenditures on HIV/AIDS. He said the figure is certainly much higher than the \$69,200 grant to MAP, but accounting procedures make it impossible to arrive at a total figure. So on the books, Milwaukee allocates just \$69,200.

The \$69,200 figure contrasts unfavorably with AIDS expenditures by cities similar in size and population to Milwaukee. Columbus, Ohio, for instance, allocates \$327,000, with 33% going to preventive education and 67% to direct services. Seattle allocates \$435,000, with 20% earmarked for education and 80% for direct services.

"When there is such an inadequate

response to an issue like this, you are basically telling people there is nothing to worry about," said Keegstra. "The City of Milwaukee has the responsibility to its citizens to treat the AIDS crisis with the urgency it demands."

Accordingly, ACT UP has drawn up these two central demands:

▼ "We demand that the City of Milwaukee increase its annual AIDS spending by \$250,000. These funds would be divided between AIDS service organizations (ASOs) and community-based groups (CBOs), with the city retaining an amount to finance an education campaign...A committee consisting of ASOs and CBOs — the Milwaukee AIDS Project, United Migrant Opportunity Services, the Milwaukee Indian Health Board, the Institute for Child and Family Development, Isaac Coggs Health Center and ACT UP would decide how and where these funds should be divided up and spent."

▼ "We demand that the City of Milwaukee quickly and efficiently facilitate the drawing up of an AIDS Strategic Plan to fight AIDS in Milwaukee. This involves two things: 1) using city monies and resources to set up meetings with ASOs and CBOs, including ACT UP, that would target what deficiencies exist in the fight against AIDS and what needs to be done; and 2) a commitment from the city to agree to implement the AIDS Strategic Plan once finished."

These are the central demands of ACT UP's demonstration on September 14. If the Mayor's budget proposal does not incorporate these demands, ACT UP plans to move into the second phase of what it calls its "Target City Hall" campaign. Members will lobby Common Council members to gain their support for an increase in AIDS funding.

For further information on ACT UP or the September 14 demonstration, call (414) 769-8708.

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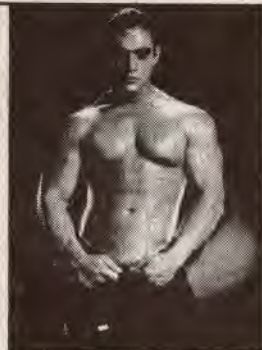
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Second Judge Strikes Down Military Ban on Gays

Sacramento, CA — In the second such ruling this year, a federal judge in California has declared the Pentagon's ban on Gays and Lesbians unconstitutional and ordered the reinstatement of a sailor who was discharged because of his homosexuality in 1982.

Like a similar ruling in January, Federal District Judge Milton Schwartz said that the Defense Department's policy against homosexuals was rooted in prejudice and that it deprived Gay service members of their constitutional rights.

"Apparently, as long as heterosexual service members or recruits know only that some service members might be homosexual, but do not know exactly who is homosexual, they do not object to working, showering and living with homosexuals," said Judge Schwartz.

The ruling deals with the policy in effect in the 1980's, before President Clinton's recent policy change. But the sailor in the case, Mel Dahl, who has since his discharge become a lawyer who represented himself in the case, told the Associated Press: "I think the court order can be fairly read that any policy that excludes on the basis of sexual orientation is unconstitutional."

It was not immediately known whether the Navy would appeal Judge Schwartz's ruling. In the January case involving Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, the order for his reinstatement has been appealed by the Clinton administration. Meinhold and other Gay rights advocates are disgusted that Clinton, who once pledged to lift the ban completely, is now actually defending his predecessors' exclusionary policy.

Judge Terry Hatter Jr., who issued the Meinhold decision, used some of the strongest language on record in a federal court ruling to attack the Pentagon policy:

"The Department of Defense is permanently enjoined from discharging or denying enlistment to any person based on sexual orientation in the absence of sexual conduct which interferes with the military mission of the armed forces of the U.S."

"Gays and Lesbians have served, and continue to serve, the U.S. military with

honor, pride, dignity and loyalty. The Department of Defense's justification for its policy banning Gays and Lesbians from military service are based on cultural myths and false stereotypes. These justifications are baseless and very similar to the reason offered to keep the military racially segregated in the 1940's."

Federal injunctions prohibiting further discharges are only applicable in the federal district the judge represents. Since the Clinton administration has appealed the Meinhold decision, it is also likely to challenge the ruling in Dahl's favor. Suits filed against the previous guidelines can still move forward, and some court observers say the decisions rendered in those cases may provide legal ammunition for challenging the revised policy as well.

The Pentagon releases the Rand Report. See National News Briefs.

ILGA Wins Official Status at the United Nations

Gay Group "Elated" About Consultative Status

New York, NY — The Economic and Social Council of the United Nations has voted to approve the International Lesbian and Gay Association's (ILGA) application for consultative status as an official non-governmental organization.

The official recognition, which had been sought for almost a decade, means that ILGA will be able to submit reports on Gay and Lesbian issues and human rights abuses to United Nations' committees.

"We are elated," said Hans Hjerpejkon, Secretary-General of ILGA. "The world community has recognized — and rightly so — that Lesbian and Gay rights are human rights, and that our movement has a valuable contribution to make in global human rights work."

The vote by the Economic and Social Council took place July 30 in Geneva. ILGA's application was approved on a 22-4 vote with 17 abstentions. Many of the countries abstaining indicated their abstention was meant to protest a change in regular decision-making procedures. The Council usually passes measures through consensus decision-making. Because of

ILGA at the UN

several countries' strong objections to the Gay group's application, the vote by majority rule was held.

Among the countries favoring ILGA were the U.S., France, Brazil, Canada, Cuba, Denmark, Germany, Mexico, Japan, Russia, Ukraine and Great Britain. Cuba's vote was most surprising, given that country's history of anti-Gay policies. But the Cuban representative said his country had "learned from its mistakes."

The four countries opposing ILGA were Malaysia, Togo, Syria and Swaziland. Malaysia said it opposed recognition of ILGA because of the "ethical and moral values which this organization represents."

ILGA members were thrilled and a little surprised with the outcome of the vote. In March, the U.N.'s Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had given preliminary approval to the application by a 9-4 vote. At that time, three Islamic countries — Iraq, Oman and Sudan — registered the strongest opposition, threatening to organize a bloc of votes against ILGA at the meeting in Geneva. ILGA worked to gain additional support and ultimately triumphed.

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

The July 30 vote gives ILGA "roster status," or entry level status at the global agency. ILGA will be able to submit written reports to U.N. agencies. The next rung is Category II status, which will enable ILGA to request hearings on Gay issues. Category I status allows groups to propose agenda items for discussion and action. ILGA will continue working for these higher levels of recognition.

ILGA has sought official non-governmental status at the U.N. to forge direct links with the U.N.'s Human Rights Commission and other international agencies. In that position, ILGA hopes to oversee and advocate more effectively for Gay and Lesbian rights worldwide.

ILGA also hopes the prestige of affiliation with the United Nations will encourage governments to take Gay and lesbian concerns more seriously.

Georgia County Becomes Center of Anti-Gay Campaign

Homosexuality Condemned and Arts Funding Cut Off

Marietta, GA — In the month of August, Cobb County, Georgia emerged as a dramatic symbol of the bitter controversy over Gay rights in America. The Board of Commissioners there passed a resolution condemning homosexuality and then decided to cut off all funding to local arts groups lest any of it be spent on any project with Gay-related content.

Cobb County is an overwhelmingly white, middle class and conservative area just north and east of Atlanta. The residents are represented in Congress by Republican Newt Gingrich and many moved to Cobb County to escape the increasing racial, ethnic and sexual diversity of the city of Atlanta.

"Atlanta is sort of the New York of the South," Cobb County businessman Matt Sander told the **New York Times**.

"This was a way to say we want to live by the standards set by the parents, not some of the things they allow in big cities," he said of the Board's anti-Gay resolutions. "It's an effort to keep Cobb County the way it was 20 years ago."

The controversy seems to have been ignited by a number of factors which made conservative residents launch their backlash.

In early August, the City Council of Atlanta passed legislation establishing a domestic partners' registry and extending workplace benefits to the domestic partners of city employees. (See *National News Briefs*.) Some residents, alarmed over the recent March on Washington for Gay Rights and the debate about Gays in the military, felt that Cobb County needed to draw the proverbial line in the sand, to say, essentially, that "this sort of thing won't be allowed here."

A local twist was added to the ongoing debate on Gay rights when several residents lodged complaints with the Theatre in the Square over its production of *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*, which

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discusses homosexuality and AIDS. A few people called on the county to withhold any future arts grants from the award-winning theatre company.

On August 10, before a packed room full of members of church groups wearing buttons reading "Support Community Standards," the Cobb County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution declaring that "lifestyles advocated by the Gay community are incompatible with the standards to which this community subscribes."

Only one commissioner, William A. Cooper, voted against the resolution. He said, "I have no intention of using my elective office as a bully pulpit to chastize any single group."

The resolution is largely symbolic because it does not mandate any specific action to be taken, but it has angered local Gays and Lesbians who have called for an economic boycott of the county's new convention center.

Then, on August 24, during debate over county arts funding, the Board decided that rather than trying to determine which projects did and did not reflect "traditional family values," it would stop funding arts groups altogether. The Board's action eliminated a total of \$110,000 slated to support groups such as the local symphony and children's theatre troupes as well as the Theatre in the Square.

"It was an act of desperation by

leaders who are unwilling to deal with the difficult issues of free speech and intolerance in this community," said Jon Greaves of the vote. Greaves is a member of the Cobb Citizen's Coalition, which lobbied against both resolutions.

Cherry Spencer-Stark, Director of Theatre in the Square, offered this analysis to the *New York Times*: "We no longer have to fear the Communists, we no longer have to fear Russia, but there's always got to be somebody to generate negative emotions toward. There's always got to be the low man on the totem pole. And right now, in this country, it happens to be Lesbians and Gays."

Excitement Builds for Wisconsin, Chicago AIDS Walks

If participants do their part, AIDS Walks scheduled for Chicago and Milwaukee this month could bring in as much as \$2 million to AIDS service organizations in the Windy City and the state of Wisconsin.

CHICAGO'S WALK FOR LIFE

Chicago's 4th annual Walk for Life is set for Sunday, September 12 along Lake Michigan. At least 25,000 people are expected to join the pledge walk, which has the goal of raising at least \$1.2 million. The money will be shared by 13 AIDS service groups in the Windy City.

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For pledge forms or last minute information on Chicago's Walk for Life, call (312) 935-WALK.

WISCONSIN AIDS WALK

The 4th annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk is scheduled for Sunday, September 26 along Milwaukee's lakefront. This year's walk is called "A Year of Magic," in part, because the honorary co-chair of the walk is basketball superstar Magic Johnson. Milwaukee Bucks coach Mike Dunleavy is another co-chair.

The goal of the Wisconsin AIDS Walk is to raise at least \$500,000 to be shared by 20 community-based organizations involved in the struggle against AIDS. These diverse groups include the Madison AIDS Support Network, the Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation, Green Bay's Center Project, Inc., the Wisconsin chapter of the Midwest

Hispanic AIDS Coalition, Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, and even ACT UP/Milwaukee.

Registration for the walk begins Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. in South Urban Park (just north of the Summerfest grounds). Participants should bring their pledge sheets and pledge money at that time. Opening ceremonies will be held at noon, and the walk begins at 12:30. The 6.2 mile pledge walk will move north along Lincoln Memorial Drive to Lake Drive and then south back to Urban Park for a Closing Celebration at about 3:30.

Pledges totaling at least \$100 will entitle walkers to a free AIDS Walk t-shirt. Pledges totaling \$500 will entitle walkers to receive an AM/FM/Cassette Walkman from American TV. Pledges of \$2,000 will yield a color television from American TV.

The three walkers who turn in the highest amount of money on the day of the event will receive a 7-day cruise for two aboard Norwegian Cruise Lines, two round-trip tickets to Montego Bay in Jamaica, or two round trip airline tickets to any destination in the continental U.S.

Walkers can participate as individuals or compete for prizes as teams. In addition,



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AIDS Walk

a special AIDS Walk Breakfast featuring Magic Johnson, Coach Dunleavy and other celebrity movers and shakers is being held at the Italian Community Center at 9:30 the morning of the Walk.

Registration forms for the Wisconsin AIDS Walk are available at Kohl's foodstores statewide, at all AIDS service organizations and dozens of other offices and retailers. To obtain a registration form or further information on the Breakfast or the Walk, call (800) 359-9272 in Milwaukee, (800) 486-6276 in Madison, (800) 750-2437 in Eau Claire, (800) 924-6601 in Racine/Kenosha, and (800) 675-9400 in Green Bay.

STATE News Briefs

Supreme Court Schedules Lesbian Adoption Case

Green Bay — The State Supreme Court is scheduled to hear oral arguments October 13 in the case of a Lesbian who is seeking to adopt her partner's daughter.

The father of the child (who is an adoptive, not biological father) has voluntarily relinquished his parental rights and is not opposing the women. In 1992, Brown County Judge Richard Dietz agreed that the adoption was in the best interests of the child but ruled against it nonetheless, arguing that the two women were not legally married, a requirement of Wisconsin law.

In her appeal, the Lesbian partner, identified only as Annette, argues that her rights to due process and equal protection of the laws have been violated. The American Civil Liberties Union, the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund and the National Center for Lesbian Rights have each filed amicus briefs in support of the appeal.

The Supreme Court in the state of Vermont recently granted such an adoption and commented that it was past time that legislators revise family law statutes to reflect the greater diversity of modern family life.

Man Found Guilty in Gay-Related Slaying

Milwaukee — Christopher Walker, 25, has been found guilty by a jury of first

degree intentional homicide in the strangulation and stabbing death of Michael Sneed, 49, on Milwaukee's East Side April 29. The conviction carries a mandatory penalty of life imprisonment.

The jury did not accept Walker's claim of self defense. The two met on a North Side street and came to Sneed's Maryland Avenue apartment. Walker claimed that Sneed tried to rape him and that he fended off the attack with a razor. Sneed had deep stab wounds to his neck, heart and kidneys but the official cause of death was strangulation.

Assistant District Attorney Carol White called Walker's defense "absolutely amazing." She pointed out that after the murder, Walker left the scene of the crime with the victim's credit cards, telephones, a radio and other personal possessions.

Wisconsin Light a Target of Censorship

Hales Corners — The Library Board of Hales Corners has voted to form a committee to review a citizen's complaint and decide whether the Gay biweekly **Wisconsin Light** should be removed from the library's display rack.

Jeffrey Baas, a teacher, says that **Light** should be removed from public display because of "pictures and graphic ads that are beyond what should be displayed in a public library." Baas seemed to find the phone sex ads, which are published with increasing frequency in mainstream newspapers and magazines, particularly objectionable.

The committee will be made up of two librarians and three residents of the village. They will present their recommendation to the Library Board by December 1.

Patricia Laughlin, the Library's Director, said the **Light** had been available there for several years and that she had heard a number of positive comments from from patrons. Terry Boughner, editor of **Light**, called the attempted censorship "outrageous and disgusting. Where will this stop?"

The OFFICE 815/965-0344

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MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

MGALA (MU Graduates)	256-1347
P. O. Box 92722, 53202	
Milwaukee Bondage Club (SM/BD)	669-BDSM
3109 W National #805, 53215	
Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.)	543-4850
People Living With AIDS Coalition	273-1991
315 W. Court, 53212	
Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423,	53207
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG)	962-9320
(Support group meets monthly, call Sandy)	
PrideFest (Pride Committee)	272-FEST
PO Box 93852, 53203	
Queer Nation (Queer Action)	
P. O. Box 93951, 53203	
Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL)	P. O. Box 92605, 53202
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA)	276-6936
Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians)	271-2665
P. O. Box 371, Elm Grove 53122	
Ujima (African Am. Support/Social, Call Eric)	277-7671
P. O. Box 92183, Milwaukee 53202	

RELIGIOUS

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)	344-1746
1821 N. 16th St.	
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)	444-7177
P. O. Box 597, 53102	
Lutherans Concerned	481-9663
P. O. Box 11864, 53211	
MAP Spiritual Care	273-1991
P. O. Box 92505, 53202	
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (UMCC)	332-9995
P. O. Box 1421, 53201-1421	
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)	964-1513
2717 E. Hampshire	
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, non-denominational)	647-9199
1636 W. National	
St. James Episcopal Church	271-1340
833 W. Wisconsin Ave	
UCCL/GC (United Church of Christ)	645-9174
c/o New Hope UCC	
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)	273-5257
1342 N. Astor	
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)	273-7617
130 E. Juneau Ave	
New Hope United Church of Christ	645-9174
1424 W. Greenfield Ave, 53204	

MEDICAL

Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) (VD, HIV testing, hepatitis screening)	1240 E. Brady 53202 272-2144
Gay Men's HIV+ Support Group BESTD Clinic	272-2144
Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) HIV/AIDS Service Organization	315 W. Court St 53202
Office/Staff 273-1991	AIDS Information 273-2437
Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium (Experimental HIV/AIDS Drug Program)	315 W. Court St., 53212 273-1991
Women's Alternative Health Clinic	1240 E. Brady 53202 272-2144
Women's Downtown Health Center	735 N. Water, Suite 600 53202 277-9278

COMPUTER BULLETIN BOARDS

Alternate Lifestyles BBS (Gay listings, messages)	933-7572
Back Door BBS (GayCom messages, chat, news, games IBM file transfers, netmail)	744-9336

Crossroads BBS (4 lines, chat, matchmaking, files, netmail)	672-8885
Dr. Pervitis DYM-BBS (e-mail, matching, sub boards)	873-2838
Dr. Pervitis Wildcat BBS (e-mail, graphics, sub-boards)	873-1680
GLINN Multi-Board Super System (news, personals guides, files, on-line games, graphics)	289-0145
Starcom BBS (user descrp., files, echo mail)	873-6969

HELP LINES

Gay Information Svcs. (referrals)	444-7331
Gay People's Union Hotline	562-7010
Gay Bash Hotline (confidential)	444-7331
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	271-3123
Wisconsin AIDS Info Line	273-AIDS

SERVICES

Able Amazon Handywork (Home Repair)	263-2889
Alternative Connections (G/L matchmaking)	765-1233
Bottom Line Travel (Travel Agency, member IGTA)	444-7331
3610 N. Oakland Ave 53211	964-6199
Buds By Brenda (Flowers/FTD)	
Bay Shore Mall	BRE-NDAS
The Experience (2 1/2 Day Workshop)	792-1691
"Family" Realtor Sandy, Spanbauer Realty	774-2168
Financial Planning Services	445-5552
Forest Home Crematory/Michael Koszuta	
2405 W. Forest Home 53215	645-2632
Theodore I. Friedman, PhD (Psychotherapist)	272-2427
2256 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202	
Gay/Lesbian International News Network (GLINN)	289-7777
P. O. Box 93625, 53203 (Fax 289-0789)	
Jill S. Gilbert (Attorney)	
5810 W. Oklahoma Ave. Ste. 204 53219	321-9733
Havlicek & Assoc. (Advertising, P.R.)	
1749 N. Prospect 53202	271-5819
Horizon Travel (Member IGTA)	
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men Falls 53051	255-0704
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5665 S. 108, Hales Corners 53130	529-2129
Hurricane Womyn's Productions	
P. O. Box 71268, 53211	
Danis Jackson, PhD. (Relational training, hypnotherapist,	
HIV & Vocational Counseling)	342-4003
J.R.K. Services (Handyman)	383-0650
Klark Group (Hairdressing)	
773 N. Jefferson	224-1783
Klaus & Meyers (attorneys)	
5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners 53130	529-2800
Lohman Funeral Service	
804 W. Greenfield Ave, 53204	645-1575
Mailroom (Box Rentals)	
3109 W National Ave, 53215	643-7002
Thomas E. Martin (trial & general law)	
161 W. Wisconsin, Suite 3189 53203	765-9413
Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)	
P. O. Box 92505, 53202	273-1991
Milwaukee Financial Planning Service (money management, retirement planning)	
175 N. Corporate Dr. #110 Brookfield 53045	792-1690
North Shore Realty / David Chester Residential/Commercial Real Estate	
4855 N. Marlboro, Whitefish Bay 53217	964-1902
R.L.P. Contractors (Roofing, Gutters)	871-5117
(Soap Suds Kid (cleaning)	265-1105
Jeanie Simpkins, (MS), (counseling)	282-6160
SoulMates (G/L matchmaking)	
8626 B W. Greenfield	771-MATE
VCR Express (Repair) 2243 S Muskego	645-9250
Wells Ink (Advertising, PR)	272-2116

MADISON (608)

BARS

2 Club 3054 (WM, DJ, V)	
3054 E. Washington 53714	241-4977
1 Rod's (Mw, L/L, D)	
636 W. Washington (rear) 53703	255-0609
1 The New Bar (MW, DJ, V)	
636 W. Washington (upstairs) 53703	256-8765
3 Phaze II (GS, MW, F, D)	
117 W. Main St. 53703	255-5029
4 Ray's Bar & Grill (MW, F)	
2415 Winnebago 53704	246-3949
2 Wings 3054 (MW, L/L)	
3054 E. Washington 53714	244-8870

BULLETIN BOARDS

The Party BBS (msgs, files, echo mail) (608) 258-9555

ORGANIZATIONS

ACT UP Madison P. O. Box 2023, 53701	251-7985
AASPIN Foundation (Goal or Wish Assistance for PWAs) 2828 Marshall Ct, Ste 210, 53705	273-4501
Apple Island (Womens Cultural Center/Hall Rental) 849 E Washington	258-9777
Bette Davis Bowlers (G/L Bowling League) PO Box 321, 53701	
BI? Shy? Why? (Bisexual Support) P. O. Box 321, 53701	Susan, 251-3886
Campus Women's Center 710 University Ave, #202, 53715	262-8093
Different Spokes (G/L/B bicycling club)	241-8184
18-21 Yr Old Social Group for LesBiGays	256-2667
Frontiers Gay Men's Outreach (Gay/Bi Men's Organization) 14 W Mifflin, Ste 103, 53703	251-7424
Gay/Lesbian Phone Line	255-4297
Gay/Lesbian Information Recording (ask for tape #3333)	263-3100
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center P. O. Box 1722, 53701	
G/L Educational Employees c/o The United	255-8582
Gay Fathers c/o United	255-8582
Gay Men's Video Club PO Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
GALVANize (Increasing G/L awareness) PO Box 1403, 53701	
Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events) PO Box 6091, 53716	
Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group)	255-7447
LesBiGay Campus Center (Office, Lounge, Resource Center) 336 W Dayton 53703	265-3344
LesGayBi Teen Support Group (Briarpatch & Picada Sponsored)	251-1126/246-7606
Lesbian Parents Network PO Box 572, 53701	255-8582
Madison Volleyball Group Jeff, 251-8716	
Madison Wrestling Club P. O. Box 8234, 53708	244-8675
New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation) P. O. Box 1786, 53701	
Nothing to Hide (Gay cable)	241-2500
Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians P. O. Box 1722, 53701	
10% Society (student organization) Box 614, UW Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706	262-7365
Unicorns of Madison (L/L club) PO Box 536, 53701	
The United (Education, Counseling, Advocacy) 14 W. Mifflin St., Ste 103	255-8582
Womonsong (Women's Choral Group)	246-2681

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity Box 730, 53701	836-8886
Affirmation (L/G United Methodists) University Church, 1127 University Ave, 53705	256-2353

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

ACT UP Milwaukee P. O. Box 1707, 53201	769-8708
Alcoholics Anonymous (req. Gay meetings) 272-3081	
Paul Bunyon Society (Social group for Big & Bear Men) PO Box 1252, 53201 (Rob)	933-4761
Black & White Men Together P. O. Box 12292, 53212	265-8500
Black Gay Consciousness Raising	933-2136
Black Lesbians United Emergence (BLUE) (Support/Social Group) PO Box 92146, 53202	933-8746
Brand New Queer Cable TV Show P. O. Box 93951, 53203	
Brothers Loving Brothers (Gay male support) 1330 N. 22nd St., 53205	
By Any Means Necessary (Health Care Needs for LesBiGay African-Americans) Veral 347-0580	Rodney 277-7671
Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club) P. O. Box 1697, 53202-1697	
Counseling Center (Gay & Lesbian Support & discussion Groups) 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202	271-2565
Cream City Chorus P. O. Box 1488, 53201	344-9222
Cream City Cummers (Gay J/O Club) PO Box 93421, 53203	873-2895
Cream City Foundation (CCF) 2821 N. 4th St. #217B, or, Box 204, 53201	265-0880
Cream City Squares (G/L Square Dancing Club)	963-1436
DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression) PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201	
Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L Theatre Co) P. O. Box 92756, 53202	347-0673
DUOS (G/L Couples Social Group) P. O. Box 21651, 53221	679-5446
Fest City Singers (Gay choral group) P. O. Box 11428, 53211	263-SING
Front Runners/Walkers (G/L Runners/Walkers)	774-2668
Galano Club (chemical free recovery club) 2408 N. Farwell	276-6936
Gaylaxians (G/L sci-fi group) c/o Emory Churness, 2705 N. Shepard 53211	
GAMMA (sports/social) P. O. Box 1900, 53201	963-9833
Gay/Lesbian Community at UWM Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201	229-6555
Gay People's Union P. O. Box 208, 53201	562-7010
Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings) P. O. Box 09441, 53209	265-8500
Gay Men's Discussion Group (Bill)	271-2565
Gay Men's Support Group (Bill)	271-2565
Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862	
Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc. (GMMA) (Boating, sports/social) PO Box 1768, 53201	259-0500
Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event) P. O. Box 899, 53201	672-8960
Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203	871-4839
LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee) P. O. Box 93323, 53204	264-2600
LOG/Women of Color	873-4942
Log Cabin Club (G/L Republicans)	332-4549
MACT (Men of All Colors Together) Dave 527-4296	Veral 347-0580

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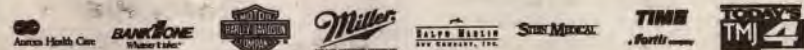
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Sussex Library to Hold Public Hearing on "Daddy's Roommate"

Sussex — A public hearing will be held September 16 before the Library Board in Sussex to hear testimony as to whether the children's book *Daddy's Roommate* should be removed from the shelves.

Responding to the objections of one patron about the book's Gay-related content, Library Director Joy Botts, in consultation with her staff, decided to switch the book from the children's picture book collection where kids have easy access to it to the non-fiction section of the library, where parents would be more likely to browse with their children.

Peter Meissner, who filed the complaint, was not satisfied however, and will air his objections at the public hearing. "I am not a Gay basher," he told the *Milwaukee Journal*. "I have no problem with homosexuals. I just don't like their behavior and I don't want it presented to children in a positive light."

Daddy's Roommate, published by Alyson Wonderland, is the story of a child whose father lives with a male partner. It is told simply, from the child's perspective, and is not in any way sexually explicit.

Lesbian Charged in Slaying of Man

Manitowoc — Theresa Radl, 24, has been ordered to stand trial on charges of first degree intentional homicide for the murder of 48-year-old John Hauke on August 13. Radl is also charged with burglary, armed burglary and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Testifying at her arraignment, Detective Larry Conrad said that Radl had confessed to the murder. Radl reportedly told Conrad that she was frustrated over failed business dealings and a failed lesbian relationship and thought she'd be better off in prison where she would be in an all-female environment.

"She was generally upset with life and wanted to go to prison," Detective Conrad testified. "She was going to shoot someone that day, and he [Hauke] was convenient."

Radl remains in the Manitowoc County Jail.

Madison Woman Helped Bring About AIDS Postage Stamp

Madison — On September 2, U.S. Postage officials unveiled the design of a new stamp whose purpose is to raise awareness about AIDS. Jean Anne Hlavacek, a nurse in Madison, played a significant role in lobbying for the stamp's creation.

Hlavacek has been lobbying aggressively since 1987 for the Postal Service to design such a stamp. Her suggestion had been for the symbol of an international stop sign — a red circle with a slash through it — over the letters AIDS, with the words "prevention," "research," "education" and "compassion" around it.

The stamp unveiled in Washington is different but equally distinctive and instantly recognizable. The stamp features the simple image of a large red ribbon, symbolizing AIDS awareness. Hlavacek expressed satisfaction that her lobbying efforts had paid off and said she hoped the stamp would indeed get people to think more about AIDS and get involved in the fight against it.

Red Ribbon Affair to Benefit MASN

Madison — Jeff Gillan, co-anchor of WKOW-TV's newscasts, will be the Master of Ceremonies at a September 10 benefit for the Madison AIDS Support Network. The black tie optional gala will begin at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn and Conference Center. The event will also draw attention to the completion of the most dramatic phase of the hotel's extensive renovation.

The gala will feature a special performance by entertainer Marie Osmond. There will be a champagne and hors d'oeuvres reception in the lobby and a formal five course dinner in the newly renovated grand Ballroom. All of the proceeds will benefit MASN.

For tickets or further information, call MASN at (608) 238-MASN, or (800) 486-6276.

Grant Will Create HIV/AIDS Project for Native Americans

Milwaukee — A \$55,000 grant from the National Native American AIDS Prevention Project will be used by the Milwaukee Indian Health Board to establish services for Native Americans with HIV/AIDS.

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Graffiti

Jen (Station): k.d. lang won't like this moving business one bit!
The Eyes Have It

Yo, Cowboy Ken: My main line dancer, wanna lasso me a cow puncher to walk me and play with?

Bored Christy (It's a dog's life)

Tammy: The indefatigable artist in me says, let me realistically paint you. Monet says, No.

Sybil 3

Readers: Sorry, but we can't take the time to take your Graffiti messages over the phone. They must be mailed in, faxed, or dropped off. Remember, they are FREE, but you have to limit them to less than 25 words, no phone numbers & no last names.

Editor

Keith: Perfect 10 on belly flop to bed; for Moosie. **T&J Helen of Troy:** Let it fall!

Torn & Joe

Club 219 Softball Team: Congratulations on a great series. We had a ball watching you.

Joe & Tom

Mike C. (94): Sorry I couldn't make it to the awards, heard you won "Helen of the Year!" Congratulations! **Tommy Mike C. (Spike):** Congratulations on winning "Helen of the Year." You deserve it!

R.S.

Jesus' Classmate: Happy 50th Birthday!

Love, Your Family

Tony: No, 3 times a day is not enough.

Dave

Chip: People do crazy things when they're in pain — how true. I understand, but I'm never going to forgive you.

Babe

James: We never said our love was evergreen, or as unchanging as the sea. But if you can still remember, stop and think of me. It has been three years; I still miss you.

Oshkosh

Lawrence Univ./Gay, Lesbian, BI Group
(Lawrence University InfoDesk)
Box 599, Appleton 54912 (Jessica)

832-7563

GREEN BAY (414)

BARS

3 Brandy's II (Mw, L/L)
1126 Main St. 54305 432-3917
1 Napolese Lounge (Mw, DJ)
515 S. Broadway 54301 432-9646
2 Java's (Mw, V) 1106 Main 54305 435-5476
2 Za's (Mw, DJ, V) 1106 Main 54305 435-5476
4 Sass (Wm) 840 S. Broadway 54301 437-7277

ORGANIZATIONS

Angel of Hope (MCC Church)
P. O. Box 672, 54305 496-8688
Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)
P. O. Box 22096, 54305
Gay AA (Meeting Weekly) 494-9904
Bay City Chorus P. O. Box 1901
Green Bay 54305 494-5029
Center Project, Inc. [CPI] (HIV Test/Counsel)
824 S. Broadway, 54305 437-7400 or (800)675-9400
Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-BG 465-2343
HIV/AA (weekly meetings) Todd 435-5639
Northern Womyn, Inc. (Lesbian Support/social Group)
Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102
Parents & Friends of G/L 499-7080
Positive Voice P. O. Box 1381, 54305

MADISON (608)

MEDICAL

Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)
HIV/AIDS Service Organization
PO Box 731, 53701 (303 Lathrop St.) 238-MASN
Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)
1552 University Avenue 53705 262-7330

The Guide

MW	1/2 Men, 1/2 Women
M	Prefer Men Only
Mw	Mostly Men, Women Welcome
W	Prefer Women Only
Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome
G/S	Gay & Straight Mixed
L/L	Levi/Leather
D	Dancing
DJ	Disk Jockey, Dancing
V	Video
F	Food Service

FOX VALLEY (414)

BARS

6 Pivot Club (Mw, DJ, V) 4815 W. Prospect (Hwy BB)
Appleton 54915 730-0440
7 Rascals Bar & Grill (Mw, F)
702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton 54911 954-9262

ORGANIZATIONS

ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)
725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985 (414)235-5100
PFLAG Fox Cities
Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 749-1629
Fox Valley AIDS Project
120 N Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911 733-2068
UW-Oshkosh 10% Society
207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901
G.W.E.E.D.A. (Greater Wis. Education & Economic Development Alliance) P. O. Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
Gay/Lesbian Support Group
UW-O Counseling Center 424-2061
Synergy (AIDS Support Network)
P. O. Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935 235-6100
Fox Valley G/L Parents 727-1975

People Men/Men

Point/Wausau — Attractive educated male couple 25 & 32 seeks similar committed male couples for friendship only. Interests include outdoors, old houses, gardening, arts, and movies. Write: Box 2062, Wausau, WI 54402-2062.

Pleasure Seekers hedonist sought. Clean/disease free GWM 28, 5'11" 170. Workout body, attractive, seeks straight, Bi, Gay, M, 18-26 to pleasure, no reciprocation necessary. Satisfaction, discretion guaranteed. Adam, PO 332, East Troy, WI 53120.

Coming Out of Closet —GWM 39, 5'8", 150 lbs. Good looking, stable. Dark hair, beard, mustache. Shy needs time. Wanting muscular, self confident man. Nice butt, handsome, curly hair all A+. Needs monogamous relationship. P.O. Box 165, Newton, WI 53063.

GWM 33, HIV-Neg. 6'6", 240 lbs. Somewhat husky, who loves the outdoors & photography, fishing, camping, XCnty Skiing. Have place in Northern WI. to spend time with the right man. Looking for new friends & the right guy to spend tim with, work to a relationship, must be easy going & honest. One on one. You GWM 21 to 48 some of the above, Black OK. BC, P.O. Box 194, Green Bay, WI 54305.

Man Wanted — Wheelchair Bound GWM, 61 would like to pleasure slender Black or White male. Call anytime till 3am. Very oral (Racine) (414) 633-2521, Frank - (Casey Call Frank).

Gay Male, looking for Bi & Gay Males 25-60, for friends, relationship. Must be discreet. Appleton and other areas. Send photo and phone number. Will answer all. Send to: Box 2831, Appleton, WI 54913-2831.

GBM 19, 5'7" Cute. Looking for an attractive GMB or GWM 19+. Must be hard working and looking for relationship. Send photo and name to R.H.H., 330 East Kilbourn Ave., Milw., WI 53202-3179. Attn: Lester Harris.

December Skiing? GWM hunting a companion to go "out west" with him for 4-5 days the first weekend in December. Flexible on location and timing. Prefer an avid advanced-intermediate skier. Call Bob at (414) 963-9833 to discuss.

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NATIONAL News Briefs

Defense Department Finally Releases Rand Report

Washington, D.C. — The Pentagon in late August finally made available to the public the findings of the taxpayer sponsored Rand Report, an independent study that supports the integration of Gays and Lesbians in the military. Supporters of lifting the ban on Gays were furious that the Defense Department was once again suppressing a report which advocated lifting the ban.

The report was completed in early July, prior to President Clinton announcing his policy change, but the Pentagon kept a tight lid on the report. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force accused the Pentagon of deliberately delaying the report to deprive pro-Gay forces of information and evidence that might have been useful in their side of the debate. The report systematically refutes all the arguments that have been used to keep Gays out of the service.

A Pentagon spokeswoman denied any intentional delay in releasing the report,

The program will begin this fall and include primary health care, case management and support groups in an attempt to provide consistent care to Indian people who often migrate back and forth from urban centers to reservations around the state.

The project will be run in cooperation with 11 different tribes in Wisconsin and will be sensitive to the cultural practices of American Indians by incorporating traditional tribal teachings and even the use of medicine men.

The Indian Health Board has also received a substantial grant to conduct the first-ever HIV prevention and needs assessment in the Native American community.

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Rand Report

saying that the findings were not available in hard copy form until recently. Copies of the 518-page report have been delivered to all members of Congress. Congress was set to debate codification of Clinton's new policy, which contains only minor changes from the all-out ban, when Congress came back into session after Labor Day.

State Department Forbids Anti-Gay Discrimination

Washington, D.C. — The State Department has joined the Departments of Agriculture, Transportation and Housing and Urban Development in prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation. The anti-bias statement clears the way for Gays and Lesbians to serve openly in the foreign service.

Frank Kameny, a longtime Gay activist with expertise on government employment and security clearance issues, said: "As a reading of government documents from the 1960's shows, this new policy represents a very welcome and long-overdue 180 degree reversal from the policy of those benighted days." He referred to the days when Gays were harassed and hounded out of the foreign service.

An affinity group called Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies is encouraging Gays and Lesbians to sign up for the Foreign Service Officer Exam, a requirement for anyone seeking employment with the State Department. Registrants must be U.S. citizens at least 20 years old. Write to: Foreign Service Officer Examination, U.S. Department of State, P.O. Box 12226, Arlington, VA 22219.

Atlanta Domestic Partnership Battle Continues

Atlanta, GA — The seesaw battle over domestic partners legislation in the city of Atlanta is continuing, with right wing groups suing to block implementation of the latest measure.

In late June, the Atlanta City Council passed resolutions establishing a domestic partners registry and extending benefits to the partners of city employees. Mayor Maynard Jackson stunned the Gay community by vetoing the benefits

provision, and the Council fell short of the votes to override his veto. After angry protests and hectic consultations, a new benefits resolution was passed on August 2 which the Mayor signed.

Within days, state legislators threatened to pass a law prohibiting localities from adopting domestic partnership laws. A group called Family Concerns, Inc. filed suit challenging the new laws, seeking an injunction to prohibit their implementation and calling for the reversal of Atlanta's civil rights ordinance protecting Gays and Lesbians.

"Paris Is Burning" Star Dorian Corey Dead of AIDS

New York, NY — Longtime female impersonator Dorian Corey, who became known to millions through his appearance in the drag film *Paris is Burning*, died of AIDS complications August 29. He was 56.

Corey's philosophical musings about drag culture and the people who compete in drag balls were highlights of the documentary film. Corey had toured the U.S. in the 1960's in the Pearl Box Revue, a popular drag act. He performed regularly at Manhattan clubs and operated a clothing business, Corey Design.

Corey is the fourth person featured in *Paris is Burning* to have died since its filming. In April, Corey had comforted mourners at the funeral of Angie Xtravaganza, the "Mother" of the House of Xtravaganza. Angie's favorite daughter, Venus Xtravaganza, was found murdered in a hotel even before filming was completed. In addition, Kim Pendavis, seen sewing costumes in the film, reportedly died of a heart attack.

San Francisco Mayor Ousts Homophobic Minister

San Francisco, CA — Mayor Frank Jordan has dismissed the Rev. Eugene Lumpkin, a Baptist minister, from the city's Human Rights Commission after Lumpkin made a series of homophobic remarks. The Commission oversees San Francisco's civil rights laws.

In June, Lumpkin told a newspaper that homosexuality was an "abomination" and that AIDS might be God's retribution against homosexuals. Later, when asked whether he believed the Bible's edict that

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The city's strong Gay and Lesbian community demanded Lumpkin's ouster, but Mayor Jordan hesitated for fear of alienating the African American community. Lumpkin is black. After he seemed to endorse the murder of Gays, Jordan fired him. The controversy has increased the rift between the city's Gay groups, many of whose leaders are white, and the black community.

Transsexuals Expelled From Michigan Music Festival

Walhalla, MI — Four post-operative male-to-female transsexuals were expelled from the grounds of the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival in August despite the fact that two of them were slated to facilitate workshops during the annual event.

The four transsexual women were allowed to enter the festival grounds without incident but encountered opposition after they set up a table from which they distributed literature and discussed their sexuality with women in attendance. The festival's security chief told the women they were in violation of the festival's "womyn-born womyn only" policy, that their safety could not be guaranteed, and that they would have to leave.

The transsexuals left but set up camp across from the festival grounds under a banner that read "Too Out to Be In." Many festivalgoers brought them food and words of encouragement and attended their workshop, "21 Things You Don't Say to a Transsexual," which was held outside the festival's gate.

Also on the Newswire...

Washington, D.C. — Two openly Gay doctors have been appointed to important positions in federal AIDS programs. Dr. Anthony Fauci has named Dr. Jack Killen to be Acting Director of the Division of AIDS in the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Dr. Peggy Johnston, a Lesbian, was named Deputy Director.

New York, NY — James Owles, a founder of the Gay Activists Alliance in 1969 and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation in the 1980's, has died

of AIDS complications. He was 46. Owles was also the first openly Gay person to run for public office in New York City in 1974. His bid for the City Council was unsuccessful.

Orlando, FL — Florida is set to become the first state to open a separate prison facility to house inmates in the final stages of AIDS. The American Civil Liberties Union has condemned the plan. The prison is expected to open next summer.

Hollywood, CA — Warner Bros. has joined the growing list of movie studios and entertainment companies which provide insurance benefits for the domestic partners of their employees. Warners joins Universal, HBO and Viacom International (owner of MTV and Showtime) in extending such benefits. Disney, Fox and Columbia are studying similar proposals.

New York, NY — A dentist who denied treatment to a person with AIDS has been ordered by the New York City Commission on Human Rights to pay the man's estate \$7,500. "This decision makes it absolutely clear that private health care providers in New York cannot refuse services to people with AIDS," said Human Rights Commission chair Dennis DeLeon.

Boston, MA — Boston has become the fourth major city in the U.S. to launch a recruitment drive for Gays and Lesbians who want to become police officers. Recruiters are being sent to Gay bars and community meetings. Boston's Police Department joins New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles in actively recruiting Gays and Lesbians.

Los Angeles, CA — The National Endowment for the Arts, under threat of a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union, has agreed to pay three Gay Film Festivals for grants which were earlier denied to them by the Bush administration. The Los Angeles, New York and Pittsburgh festivals will have grants totaling \$17,500 reinstated.

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Group Notes

Cream City Squares

Breaking new ground

Milwaukee — The Cream City Squares, the only LesBiGay square dance club in the state of Wisconsin, continues to break new ground. According to member Donald J. Dilges, "We have moved rapidly to introduce the fun of square dancing to our local community, with performances for Q-TV, PrideFest and several fund raisers."

The Squares also represented the state at the International Association of Gay Square Dance Club's 10th annual convention this summer in Seattle, where they received many compliments from the other clubs who enjoyed their enthusiasm and dancing style. Dilges commented, "We found the experience of dancing with 1,137 other Gays and Lesbians thrilling!"

Ten members of the Squares (9 men and 1 woman) decided to attend Wisconsin's 34th annual Square and Round Dance Convention held in August at the MECCA complex. Some club members felt they might be shunned by the other groups, or even asked to leave. However, the ten who attended felt, as a square dance club, they belonged there. It turns out they came to be accepted as just another Wisconsin club.

Because of traditional male/female couples (usually 4) per square, usually every 'female' gets to dance with every other 'male' in the group. Members of the Cream City Squares started off with 4 couples, too... but they were all male!

Dilges reports that "Many at first stared in disbelief, then they got others to come and look. They never saw anything like THAT before! Some of the other squares near us broke down and couldn't follow the calls, because they were trying to watch what we were doing! We love dancing and it showed!"

"Where are you from?" "How did you get so good?" "It's about time men learn to dance the woman's part!" "Would you dance with women?" "We do and we did," Dilges commented about dancing with opposite sex partners.

Dilges said other groups gathered on

the side of the dance floor to watchig, and some commented the Squares should do exhibition dancing because "they liked our styling. The only complaint we heard was when we quit to eat lunch... they didn't want us to stop because some had just arrived to watch us."

Because there were 10 Gay and Lesbian dancers, several of them joined other (non-Gay) squares who needed extras. "Some of these men may never have put their arms around another man before to swing and promenade (or for anything else!)." Dilges continued, "Square Dancers are known for their polite and friendly natures. They found if they didn't worry about gender, the square moved smoothly and we all had fun. Many people said they hoped to see us at next year's convention in Stevens Point. It was an educational experience for those attending the convention. Something new had happened. They had just enough exposure to the idea of same sex dancing of men, to find it wasn't so threatening or unusual as they may have thought."

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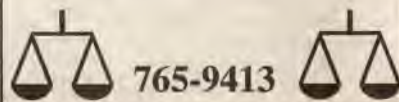
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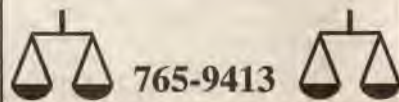
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MACT's Sept. Meeting

Milwaukee — Men of All Colors Together (MACT) has arranged their September meeting schedule. The next two meetings will be September 12, and September 26, with both meetings held at 4pm at the Milwaukee Women's Center, 611 North Broadway.

MACT participated in a community picnic with Ujima and B.L.U.E. on August 22. The "Midsummer Jam Picnic" was a great success with seventy-five people participating. A community forum on racism in the Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community is being planned for October of this year.

For more information about MACT contact Veral at 347-0580 or Dave at 527-4296.

Lesbian Support Group

To meet 1st and 3rd Mondays

Cudahy — A support group for Lesbians begins this month on the first and third Mondays from 6:30 to 8pm. Dawn D'Amico, in addition to doing individual counseling and case management, decided to offer the support group "because few support services are directed towards the Lesbian community."

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phase. So is money. Other people's resources can be yours if you pull the right strings. Complete negotiations soon, then set a date to sign on the dotted line."

Usually I don't write like a normal, boring astrologer, but I thought it best if I did now. Instead of calling too much attention to myself, I'd rather let you hog all the glory during this week of electrifying turning points.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 19): No better time than now to pop the big question or drop the huge bomb or stop the whole world. People are not only as receptive as they'll

ever be; they're also more likely to realize your true worth. Second honeymoons? First elopements? YES! Letters of inquiry to potential employers and donors? Phone calls to everyone who's been holding out on you? YES! YES! Experiencing the third of your nine lives? Consulting with a naked Buddhist? Inviting yourself to a sumptuous banquet, complete with pageantry, ceremonial trumpet fanfare, bright banners, merry minstrels and 15 delicious dishes? YES! YES! YES! A THOUSAND TIMES YES!

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Sagittarius

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demonstrated recently when you dispatched the longest-running lie in your life. And I can hardly believe the way you've outgrown your old heroes.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 21-JAN. 19): Sometimes I act dumb around you Capricorns. You make me feel clueless and disheveled and overexposed. I start to wonder what assistance a chaotic poet like myself can possibly give to a

super-organized maestro like you. Fortunately, a great Capricorn appeared to me in a dream last night and offered me some advice about offering you advice. Martin Luther King told me that some of his best friends and greatest helpers needed his constant reminders of how valuable they were to him. He couldn't afford to let them feel overwhelmed around him.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): What would a normal, boring horoscope column tell you this week? Probably something prosaic like, "Love is in its hottest, heaviest

The Gay Side

By Tom Rezza



Helenfest '93

The Helens will host their annual Outdoor Festival, HelenFest, at Lakewood Forest Preserve in Wauconda, Illinois from noon until sunset Saturday, September 18.

A \$5 donation is requested to benefit the South Eastern Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP) and Northern Illinois AIDS Project (NIAP).

Festivities will include food, beer, music, softball, dancing, raffles, games and activities. All proceeds will benefit the two AIDS groups.

The Helens are a social/fundraising group from North Eastern Illinois and South East Wisconsin. The festival will be held in Shelter A of the Preserve located at Route 178 and Fairfield Road in Wauconda.

Spike Lee's controversial film about interracial relationships. A limited discussion with light refreshments will follow the movie. For more information about Ujima and its other events, please contact Rod at 277-7671.

GREAT PICNIC!

The steering committee's of Ujima, Men of All Colors Together (MACT) & Black Lesbians United Emergence (BLUE) would like to thank all those individuals who made our 'MidSummer Jam Picnic' a success on August 22, at Kern Park.

Over 75 individuals interacted and learned about each respective organization.

If anyone would like further information about either Ujima or MACT, please contact Veral at 347-0580. For further information about BLUE, call 933-8746.

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The bad news is that due to tremendous surges in the strength of your willpower recently, you're temporarily exempt from astrology's influence. Fate has less hold on you than ever. You have a tough and imposing responsibility to reprogram the patterns that will shape your life for months to come.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): Filming begins soon for your new fall season. Believe it or not, the scripts still haven't been decided. I guess you'd better make your choice soon — like by tomorrow. Personally, I'd rather you skipped that show about the hero who gets stuck in a time warp while attending rubber stamp classes. Ditto the one about the socialite turned crocodile-wrestler and late-night TV salesperson. The best script, in my opinion, is the one in which the seven-foot-tall, 400-pound cyborgs fight for truth and justice using no other weapons besides verbal grace, artful timing and a sixth sense for beauty.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): Please don't be bored by all the good news I've been reporting lately. Just because nothing's going wrong doesn't mean you're stagnating. I suppose I could just make up some stupid problem for you to worry about, but that would be irresponsible. The fact is that your resume continues to grow under its own power. Your network has all the good qualities of a spider web and few of the bad ones. Emotional terrorists have reformed, and peace is breaking out all over. I'm sorry to be so dull. I'll try to come up with a legitimate crack in the facade by next week.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 20): I'm always glad to help you outwit your problems, but sometimes I just like to stop concentrating on what's wrong and tell you how much I appreciate you. So if you don't mind, I'll fill the rest of this horoscope with gushing flattery.

I admire your talent for maintaining your center of gravity, like a gyroscope, in the midst of whirling changes. I love the way you keep transforming what you love (although I guess you have no choice). I'm in awe of the courage and clarity you



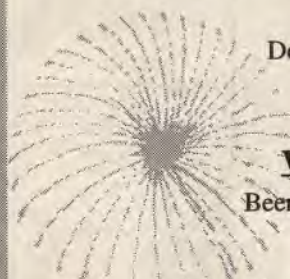
Members and friends of Men of All Colors Together (MACT), Ujima, and Black Lesbians United Emergence (BLUE) enjoyed the sun in Kern Park during their recent Mid Summer Jam Picnic.

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By Robert Breznsny

For the Week starting
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ARIES (MAR. 20-APR. 19): Who owns your future? You, I hope. If not, you might be interested in the business I visited during my Pilgrimage to the Sacred Shopping Sites of North America. It's called Buy Yourself Back, located in beautiful Boulder, Colorado. The proprietors, Jolinda and Barry, say they deal with far more than mere financial debt. Piece by piece, their amazing 333-step formula helps you reacquire full rights to your own body and soul and cash flow. Buy Yourself Back guarantees you'll own yourself free and clear four years from the day you begin. I highly recommend this or any similar program for you.

TAURUS (APR. 20-MAY 20): Your inner child's doing fine. It's your inner bull I'm concerned about. That temperamental but intelligent beast does not take well to anything even remotely resembling the bull-fighting ritual. And it becomes downright monstrous when the only place it ever gets to show off its elemental power is in a china shop. Please don't even think of messing with your inner bull's mind an hour longer. Treat it to a marathon romp in the garden of earthly delights.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Lots of people might offer you free lunches this week, but only Sagittarians will offer you a good free lunch. An earth sign may have a secret 3000-year-old prescription for perfect skin, but wouldn't you really rather know a water

sign's secret 3000-year-old recipe for soothing a restless heart?

If you're more interested in the gospel truth than free lunches and restless hearts, consult a Capricorn. While the average person lies 13 times a week, many Capricorns lie less than four times.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): In Canada's far north, temperatures soared above 90 this summer, as mosquitoes grew to the size of pterodactyls. The east coast broiled while the Mississippi Valley drowned, and the Carolinas suffered a brutal California-style draught. Was the proximity of all these natural freak-outs simply a coincidence? Or were they signs of God's judgment on the sinful ways of all those North Americans who hate homosexuals, curse the poor, and try to deny women control of their own bodies?

Whatever the cause, you Cancerians have little to worry about. Of all the signs, you've angered God the least this summer. And you've learned more about survival than you have since the first year of your life.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Feeling the strain of having to be so damn beautiful and interesting all the time? Hating the onerous responsibility of being the only artful egomaniac amidst a swarm of amateur egomaniacs? Well then take a placebo, any placebo, and try to hold on until tomorrow. That's the day Dare to Be Boring Week starts this year — for Leos, at least. It's a holiday that not only allows you but encourages you to be as dull as you can imagine.

There is, as usual, a hidden agenda. As everyone yawns and turns away from you absent-mindedly, you'll be working furiously on boring behind-the-scenes details that'll get you way ahead of the game.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): The good news is that due to tremendous surges in the strength of your willpower recently,



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Gay & Lesbian Educational Employees (GLEE) to Meet at WEAC Convention

The Madison-based **Gay and Lesbian Educational Employees (GLEE) Organization** will hold a sectional at the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC) convention on Thursday, October 28. This annual sectional will be held from 10am to 12 noon at Franklin Elementary School, 305 West Lakeside Street, Madison. This is about one-half mile from the Sheraton Hotel. (Take John toward Capitol/downtown and then left on Lakeside at first light.)

Interested educators from all areas of the state (including Milwaukee) are invited to attend. Speakers will discuss current Gay/Lesbian educational issues. Opportunities will be provided for participants to share experiences. Interested persons may join the group to attend lunch together immediately following the meeting at a nearby restaurant. A social will be held at the Cardinal Bar, 418 East Wilson Street, from 5:30pm until 8pm.

GLEE serves educational employees by providing education, support, and social opportunities. The organization usually meets the third Thursday of each month. For meeting information, contact Jack at (608) 231-3064 or Mary at 241-0212.

Milwaukee AIDS Project Benefits From Murder Mysteries

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) will be the beneficiary of murder mystery theater productions staged by Scene of the Crime Productions. The murder mystery company, which stages its shows at restaurants and other locations throughout southeastern Wisconsin, will donate ten percent of all profits from private parties to MAP or one of three other area charities (the MACC Fund, the Elmbrook Humane Society, and Guest House, which provides services to Milwaukee's homeless).

"Many companies, organizations, or individuals are booking private parties with us now for the holiday season," said Vickie Katschke, managing director of Scene of the

Crime Productions. "We know that many of these groups would also like to help the Milwaukee AIDS Project. By scheduling their private party with us, these groups can identify MAP to receive a portion of the profits earned."

"We at Scene of the Crime Productions have a special interest in supporting the Milwaukee AIDS Project," Katschke said. "The theater community has been especially hard hit by the AIDS epidemic; all of our cast members have lost friends to this terrible disease."

Katschke stressed that the theater company's support program for MAP will be year-round, not just during the holidays.

For private parties, Scene of the Crime Productions adapts its five different audience-participation comedies to include company or organizational references. Props and some costume pieces are also provided.

In addition, public performances are staged on Friday and Saturday evenings at Alioto's in Wauwatosa, D'Jay's Supper Club in New Berlin, JJ's in Menomonee Falls, the Venice Club in Brookfield, Clifford's Supper Club in Hales Corners, Infusino's in Racine and the Manchester East Hotel in Glendale.

For reservations or additional information, call Scene of the Crime Productions at 529-5786.

Sherman Park Rainbow Association

Picnic Sept. 12

The recently formed **Sherman Park Rainbow Association** will hold a picnic Sunday, September 12 in Area 2 at Sherman Park. The picnic begins at 1pm. Rain date is Sunday, September 19. Bring something to throw on the grill and a dish to pass. Buns, basic condiments and paper plates will be provided.

There are several purposes behind the new group. We want to encourage Lesbians & Gays who live in the Sherman Park area to become involved in existing neighborhood and civil right programs. We want to provide opportunities for Gays and Lesbians to socialize and network. We also hope to encourage more of us to move into the neighborhood.

To learn more about the organization write: Sherman Park Rainbow Association; c/o Loose Ends, 4322 West Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53216.



Cowles Volleyball League

Gets Set For Fall Season

Milwaukee — Saturday afternoon competitive volleyball, the **Cowles League**, is currently recruiting teams and players for the fall and winter season. This league, organized by Milwaukee GAMMA and directed by an independent committee, will begin play in mid-October and continue through March, 1994. Games are played at UWM's Engelmann Gym, 2033 E. Hartford Ave., Milwaukee.

This is the ninth year of competitive Gay league volleyball — and all Gay and Lesbian people in the greater Milwaukee area are welcome to participate. There will be two sections: the one for hot-shot spikers, the other for more social play. Play in both sections will be governed by sanctioned referees.

Teams are sponsored by various bars and organizations throughout the Gay community. Now is the time to get a team together and search for a sponsor. Each team should consist of seven to nine players. Set teams should register with Pat Callen at 271-8264, individuals hunting teams should contact either Mr. Callen or GAMMA at 963-9833.

Although the 1993-94 budget has not yet been adopted, both players and sponsors will share in the cost of gym rental, referee's salaries, and equipment costs. For more information, please call Mr. Callen or GAMMA.

The Cowles League is named for the late Mr. John M. Cowles, a former president of GAMMA and the founder and organizer of Gay volleyball in Milwaukee.

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Outdoor Volleyball By The Lake on Sept. 19

GAMMA's final Sunday outdoor volleyball of the season will be held at 1:30pm on September 19, on the east side of Lincoln Memorial Drive — just north of the sand at Bradford Beach. Rain, snow, or sleet — cancels. All are welcome; no charge; social rules; bring your own beverages.

Other September outdoor activities for members of the greater Milwaukee Gay and Lesbian community that GAMMA will sponsor include a **Bike Ride** on September 11th beginning at 1pm from the Lake Park Pavilion; a team for **Al's Run** on Saturday, September 18th; and a **camp-out** near Iron Mountain, MI the weekend of September 24th through 26th. For information about outdoor volleyball or other GAMMA activities, call 963-9833.

Life's a Drag

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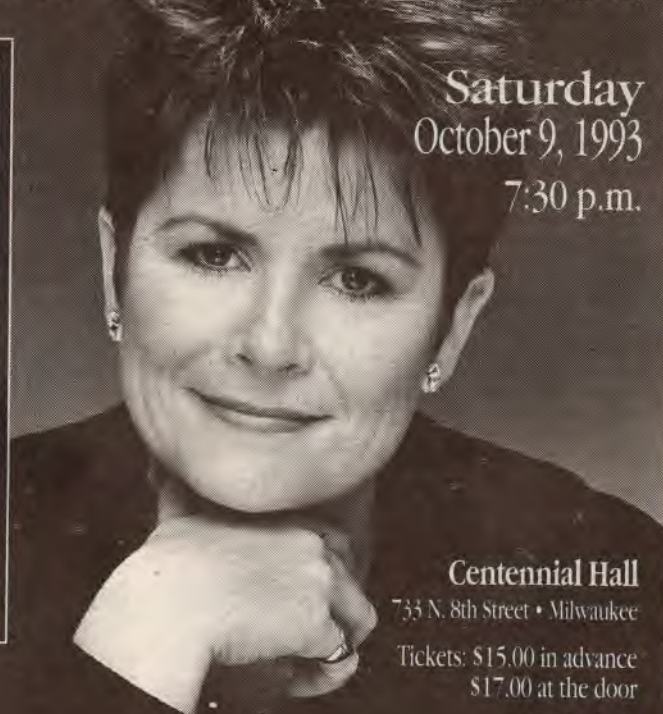


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Letters

Dear Editor:

I believe it was last Sunday's **New York Times** magazine that had a very provocative picture of a reclining young man in it. The young man was shown totally naked from just above the pubic hair region. The picture was far more sensuous than anything that has ever appeared in the **Gay/Lesbian papers**, **Wisconsin Light** and **In Step**. If you want to see the picture, I'm sure it is available on the shelves in any public library, for any library worthy of the name carries the **New York Times**.

"Naughty Gals Talk Dirty, 1-900-Hot-Duck"... That is advertising from Milwaukee's "alternative" newspaper, **The Shepherd Express**. That is frequently found on library shelves.

Both the **Milwaukee Sentinel** and the **Milwaukee Journal** carry numerous personal ads from people wishing to meet each other for sex veiled as "friendship." Surely all libraries provide those papers to their users without restrictions.

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MAC! Uninhibited one-on-one chat and party lines with exciting hostesses. Sensuous color, publication-quality images..." "Where Adults Come to Play!... Hot Chat Live W/Thousands of Ladies & Gents in Groups and Private...Matchmaking...Straight and Gay sections..." Those are a small sample of ads found in a recent issue of **PC Magazine**. Any quality library must keep **PC Magazine** on its shelves and not restrict its circulation.

So what's the point of this letter? I find it very hard to believe that the objection raised by Mr. Jeffery Baas (**Milwaukee Sentinel**, 2 Sep. 93) to the Hales Corners Library keeping the **Wisconsin Light** on its shelves is motivated by anything other than homophobia. If otherwise, let Mr. Baas raise objections to other publications on the grounds he uses to complain about **Wisconsin Light**. At this stage it appears that Mr. Baas has singled out **Gay/Lesbian Wisconsin Light** for special attack while ignoring "straight" publications.

Yours,

Al Geiersbach, Milw.

(This letter was also sent to the Hales Corners Library Board.)

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The first place Club 219 softball team representatives accept the SSBL trophy.



The second place SSBL team, from the Triangle gathered with their trophy.

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Jock Shorts

Softball Update

Norfolk, Seattle and San Francisco are the champions of the 1993 Gay Softball World Series held in Philadelphia from August 17-21.

Milwaukee's representative, Club 219, finished in the top half of the "B Division" with a 2 win, 2 loss record.

Norfolk Outlaws captured the championship in the 17 team "A Division" by defeating the defending champions, Fritz of Boston. The Twin City Devils came in third. In the 16 team "Division B," The Elite of Seattle defeated Dallas' Hidden Door. To take the title. Wild Oats of Washington, D.C. took third place. The San Francisco Golden Bears defeated Chicago Wrecks to take the 20 team "C Division." Nashville Numbers came in third.

Club 219 began the tournament on Tuesday by defeating Birmingham 11-10. On Wednesday, they lost to San Diego 11-7. The team rebounded on Thursday to knock out Fritz Falcons of Boston 4-1, but were eliminated on Friday by the Thunder of Toronto, 6-4. Milwaukee was well represented by the 11-man Club 219 Team.

The World Series moves South to Nashville in 1994, and Seattle was awarded the tournament in 1995.

SSBL AWARDS/PICNIC

1100 Club Colts won the SSBL Mini-Tournament on Fan Appreciation Day, August 28th. Several hundred players and fans enjoyed a warm summer day with free beer, soda, and food served by the Club 219 softball team, and some exciting softball.

First round play in the tournament saw Triangle over M&M, 3B's over Muse Passion, 1100 Club over Ball Game and Your Place defeating Rick's Rangers. Triangle and 1100 Club rallied to defeat Your Place and 3B's and set the stage for the final game. 1100 Club jumped off to an early lead and never looked back as they defeated Triangle.

Following the tournament, assistant commissioner Todd Murma presented tournament trophies to 1100 Club and Triangle. Commissioner Joe Appleman then presented regular season league trophies to 4th place Your Place, 3rd place 1100 Club,

2nd place Triangle and champions, Club 219. First and second place team members also received medals.

Special thanks to Steve B. of 3B's and Miller Brewing for their donations and to the Club 219 softball team for a wonderful job of preparing and serving the food. The league also thanks the players and the many fans who attended the games this year and supported the teams. We're looking for a bigger and better league next year. We'll also have our Memorial Day tournament next year, so get ready for that.

Several teams from The Saturday Softball Beer League are still planning on attending Fall tournaments. Triangle and 3B's will be going to Nashville in September and the Ball Game will go West to San Diego in October. Your Place will be going to Palm Springs in January. Let's hope a few trophies come back to Milwaukee!

LAMM Softball Team Fundraiser

Milwaukee — The LAMM Softball Team is raising funds to finance the teams' participation in the Stonewall 1994/Gay Games competition. Come shop at our huge Rummage/Bake Sale and enjoy the great home-made refreshments on September 10th from 9-5 and September 11th from 8-5pm at 2217 N. 53rd St. in Milwaukee. You are welcome to make donations of items for the sale on or before Thursday Sept. 9th. Please call Karen at 546-0236.

Bette Davis & Honeymoon Bowling Leagues

Madison — The Bette Davis Bowlers and the Honeymooners Bowling League have conducted their respective fall organizational meetings. The Honeymooners League will begin bowling its season on Wednesday, September 15, at 9:15pm and the Bette Davis League will begin its season on Sunday, September 19 at 3pm.

Bowlers are asked to be present approximately 1 hour before the start of bowling on the first day of bowling for each league. There is still room for teams to be added and room for single bowlers to be placed on a team.

For more informational about either of the leagues please call Joe Feigley at (608) 271-8889.

Dear Editor:

Not surprisingly, our expectations for a fully integrated armed forces has fallen short. To have anticipated such a fully realized ambition where my lover and I might have on-base housing and the non-serving member of our couple have medical and PX privileges was probably not realistic... for today.

To wish for full participation in the military as a viable member, open and respected and not feared for my differences, was not too much to expect. Frankly, I applaud President Clinton's efforts considering the amount of energy he and his administration did expend for what they perceive as a partial victory. The real world of politics, however, would not go away.

Regrettably, what was accomplished for Gay/Lesbians in the military was a need to plug the thousand chinks of light in their military closets. The regulations have not been changed significantly, and, the militancy of the conservatives has compelled people who might not otherwise give a rat's behind to take sides... with all of the hard feelings that implies. Regardless that this may be setting the door ajar for a more open future in the military, it is woefully

inadequate now.

It stands to reason that men and women who are active contributing citizens of a nation and derive the tangible and intangible benefits that accrue from that citizenship would need and want to be able to contribute equally to that nation's defense and well being. God knows our taxes are good enough. Still, orientation has as much a place as a qualification for service as does skin color or religion.

With that in mind I find myself compelled to make some action that will, at least, mean something to me. I resigned my commission in 1985, so that is out. So, I will box up my ribbons, badges, etc., and send them to my senator urging him to tell the president and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. With them I will include the following note:

Dear Senator:

Please inform the President and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff that I am one of many veterans returning my decorations to an ungrateful nation.

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Health

Women And HIV

(NIAD, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases recently issued this "Background" & we've excerpted parts of it here.)

A decade into the epidemic, AIDS ranks as sixth leading cause of death for American women. The disease so severely affects women in New York City that it is the primary cause of death in women aged 25 to 44.

The number of women infected by HIV is steadily increasing. As of March 1993, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that more than 32,000 American women are reported to have AIDS. Epidemiologists believe the actual number of women with AIDS is greater because many women whose immune systems are severely compromised by HIV infection remain undiagnosed and unreported. The CDC revised the definition of AIDS in January 1993 to add three new conditions, one of which is specific to women — invasive cervical cancer.

The majority of HIV infected women are Black or Hispanic. Many also are affected by poverty and injection drug use, which place them and their children at greater risk for HIV infection. Although such conditions are pervasive in cities, trends suggest that HIV infection is increasing more rapidly in non-metropolitan areas than in urban areas.

MORE INFORMATION NEEDED

The increasing number of women with HIV infection underscores the need for targeted studies of women. Recognizing this need, CDC and NIAID are working together to establish a large-scale natural history study of women and HIV infection. The CDC sites opened in 1992, and the NIAID sites will be funded in 1993. The study, called the Women's Interagency HIV Study (WIHS), will identify clinical signs of HIV infection in women, describe the pattern and rate of immune system decline and examine potential co-factors that can affect disease progression. The study investigators will seek further information on the length of survival and quality of life for HIV infected women.

The risk of becoming infected, or infecting others, with HIV is substantially increased if one has an STD. Sexually Transmitted Disease control is also very important in HIV infected persons because they can develop severe symptoms, which in turn may enhance the infectivity of HIV. Controlling STDs is, therefore, crucial to preventing the spread of HIV infection. Additionally, NIAID is supporting basic research that will lead to the development of topical antimicrobial drugs. Projects are under way to identify compounds that might be used safely and effectively in the vagina to kill viruses. The Institute also supports studies assessing the ability of nonoxynol-9, an agent found in many spermicides, to destroy the bacteria that cause gonorrhea and chlamydia.

SYMPTOMS AND DIAGNOSIS

Because many women do not perceive themselves at risk for HIV infection, symptoms that could serve as warning signals of infection may go unheeded. Recurrent vaginal candidiasis often occurs in the early stages of HIV infection in women. Pelvic inflammatory disease, cervical dysplasia (abnormal changes in tissue that precede cancer), genital ulcers, genital warts and severe mucosal herpes infections may also occur among HIV infected women. These symptoms should signal doctors to offer women HIV testing accompanied by counseling.

Limited access to health care contributes to the late diagnosis of HIV infection in women and reports of their consequential higher death rates. Women whose infection is detected early survive as long as men, according to preliminary findings from one NIAID supported study. That study indicates that they also receive HIV related therapies at similar rates and show no differences in the number of HIV related illnesses.

A committee has evaluated other possible barriers that may prevent women

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Building and maintaining a successful Power Exchange requires effort from everyone involved. Whether you're embarking on a new relationship, trying to keep the homefires burning or add a little spice to the life of a long standing partnership, there are a few things to keep in mind:

1) Trust is the life and death of the Power Exchange. If your partner has done something or is doing something that negatively affects your ability to trust them, bring it out in the open. Ignoring a problem does not make it go away, it only allows it to fester. Your partner also deserves to know if there is a problem.

2) Don't be afraid to express your desires. It's not reasonable to expect your partner to satisfy your wants if they don't know what those are.

3) Be aware of how much power you're willing to give or take. If you feel the need to constantly be "in control," being the bottom in a bondage scene is probably not something you're likely to enjoy. If too much responsibility makes you apprehensive, being the top in an S/M scene may not be to your liking. It is not very wise to put yourself into a situation you're uncomfortable with

just to try to satisfy someone else.

4) Understand the effects drugs and alcohol can have on both you and your partner. Remember, Leathersex is built on pleasure. There is no pleasure in doing something you can't handle or neglecting to play safely because you've "had a few too many."

Leather United Chicago

Leather United-Chicago, Inc. is proud to announce that we will be moving our club nights and events to The Chicago Eagle, 5015 N. Clark St., in Chicago. We invite everyone to join us for our first club night at this location on Friday, September 24th, from 10:30pm to 3:30am. Please come and help us celebrate as we hang our colors during the evening.

The event will be held in the downstairs bar of the Eagle (The Pit), and prizes will be raffled off throughout the evening. Tickets will be on sale throughout the bar at 6 tickets for \$5 or \$1 each, and raffle winners can pick up their prizes at the door to the Pit.

Starting with October you can find us at The Chicago Eagle every 2nd Friday of the month.



The Knights of Leather women's leather group from Minneapolis is hosted for a guest club night by the Oberons at the Wreck Room.

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Women & HIV

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from participating in clinical trials. They found that many HIV infected women lack access to health care and have few options to support themselves and their children. The Women, Children and People of Color Interest Group of CPCRA (Community Program for Clinical Research on AIDS) also have explored this issue. Researchers in both networks work closely with church groups, social workers and others at the grassroots level to find solutions to these problems. Additionally, funds are available to clinical trials sites for ancillary services to do gynecological assessments and to help provide child care, transportation and linkage to social services when needed.

Gynecologic conditions under consideration for future ACTG clinical trials include genital ulcer disease, fungal infections and pelvic inflammatory disease. NIAID funded sites have been provided with resources and training for clinical staff to conduct routine gynecological exams. Plans to include nested studies, as a component of

a larger study, are under way to allow investigators to collect additional information on participants' gynecological conditions.

CPCRA recently began a trial specifically for women. This protocol will determine if fluconazole can prevent yeast infections of the mouth, throat and vagina of HIV infected women. Candida infections of the mucous membranes may represent the earliest recognized and most common opportunistic infections afflicting HIV infected women. These infections, common and easily treatable in most women, can be severe in women with HIV infection.

PERINATAL TRANSMISSION

NIAID supported studies have shown that, in the United States, HIV is transmitted from mothers to infants about 24 percent of the time. Researchers base their findings on blood samples taken from babies through six months of age. Other studies have documented rates of transmission ranging from 13 to 40 percent. Rates in developing nations are higher.

How perinatal transmission occurs is still unclear. Studies indicate that infection can occur during pregnancy, during birth and postpartum.

Leather Worlds

By Tony Terry

The Power Exchange

In every relationship, no matter how casual or intimate, there is an exchange of personal control or "power." No one is ever completely in control of their own life. We allow those people who are close to us a wide range of power over us.

In our work lives, we frequently allow employers, co-workers and clients to make use of our time and talents. The same is true of family and friends, except we usually invest more emotional energy in these relationships. This gives them an even greater ability to exert control over our lives.

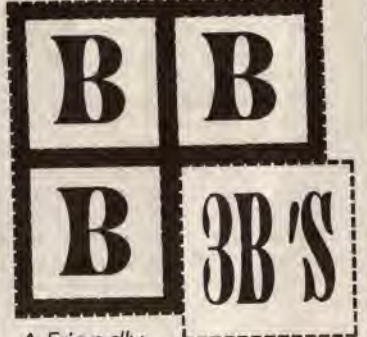
All of these relationships (if managed properly) are consensual and reciprocal. In return for the time and energy we give to our work lives we expect to be compensated financially, and usually emotionally. We like to feel appreciated and valued. We also enjoy the satisfaction of having done a good job.

With our friends and family members we are willing to give our time and emotional commitment. We do this because we love these people, we enjoy their company, and also because we expect them to be there for us when we need them.

All of these relationships share certain factors: we give our time and energy, we open ourselves to the approval or disapproval of others, and we expect certain things in return. In more intimate relationships the Power Exchange is more complicated and can easily become confused or misunderstood. A successful Power Exchange is built on trust. Dishonesty, jealousy, or failure to meet expectations can all poison that trust and block the exchange.

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to assume the diaz, we forget the proprieties.

So I should like to hold up a hand and call a temporary truce. To say the "Thanks" we too often forget, for services rendered. To sprinkle laurels where too often, merely, we sow thorns.

If you made a decision on our behalf, whether it proved you a perfect hindsight fool or victor, thank you. Decisions are the very thing we are most currently in need of, and the very thing for which we are suffering a drought.

If you said, "No" or "Stop!" or "Not anymore!" along the way, for yourself or someone else, to what should not have been, we're in your debt.

If you kept on when no one else arrived, or offered you any relief, you've earned our thanks. No one said it would be easy. And she was right.

If you've pasted, or stapled, or colored, or carried. If you've copied or carted, or collated, or simply showed up, I hope that "Thank you" is enough to say.

If you edited, or wrote, or just kept printing when there wasn't any more. Money, or backing, or energy or gratitude. But still you sent out one more thought that there might somehow be, together, another side to get to, we should have said we're grateful sooner.

Thank you if you called a thousand people. Or eleven. For any reason that put us face-to-face. Seeing who we are is what is letting us see who we can become. And if you called a million, thanks again. You sure know how to throw a swell party. We'll be talking of it for years. And it's so easy to forget to give you our appreciation.

If you sung your song when only dozens paid for the performance, and still you sang again, we owe you much.

If you paid for the performance when the audience was small. Or stretched a budget to contribute, you have our so-far unexpressed acknowledgement. And thanks. We needed you then. And now is no exception. Or if you just wrote a check because you had it. Anyone who says that money is not a contribution is a liar. Or a fool. Or poor. So, thank you, if we haven't mentioned it yet.

If you prayed for us and not upon us, we are truly blessed.

If you let go of your humility and

modeled roles that made others possible, no matter the dimensions, our hat is off.

If you signed up a voter or voted yourself in a race you either won or did not, we are much obliged.

If you threw a parade and everyone came and complained, we didn't mean it. We meant to tell you how much it meant to us.

If you convinced a Kiwanis member or your neighbor or a talk show audience or the PTA that we have something of value to say, we say, "Thank you."

If you told your mother so she could come out and fight for you and for us, your bravery is commendable. And so is hers.

If your best was merely waiting in the wings till you could join us with honor, we honor you.

And if your outrage or your circumstance gave you no choice but to staff the barricades till we could join you, we are very much obliged.

Sometimes we get caught up in the immediacies of our own lives, the petty details of our communal tasks, and we never stop to find the step-back place from which to see how far we've come, just how much we've done, and how very much we owe each other.

So, as long as I was in the neighborhood, I thought I'd stop for a moment and say what for too long has gone without saying...

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Other questions regarding women who have HIV and are pregnant, include the effect of anti-HIV drugs on both the mother and the fetus, the influence of HIV on pregnancy and the effects of pregnancy on the course of HIV infection. Researchers are hopeful that current NIAID studies such as the Women and Infants Transmission Study (WITS) will answer many of these questions.

BESTD Clinic to host Researcher On Cable

Negotiation Skills & Safer Sex

Milwaukee — On September 23rd, BESTD Clinic will feature a special guest from the Medical College of Wisconsin. Ken Multauf, an MCW Research Representative will join co-hosts Bob Ambelang and Jeff Buckles in a special program discussing negotiation skills as they pertain to practicing safer sex.

Ken has been active at the Medical College in programs that teach Gay men how to talk about sexual issues with partners prior to entering into a sexual relationship, as well as in on-going relationships. Bob Ambelang, Clinic Administrator said that "science has so far failed to find a cure for HIV transmission. So, it is up to the individual, you and me, to halt HIV. The only way to do that is prior to transmission, by practicing safer sex.

"Many Gay Men, Lesbians and Bisexuals have been brought up and lived a life of feeling inferior to their heterosexual counterparts. They are frequently seeking love, acceptance and validation from sexual partners. They fear that by insisting upon practicing safer sex they may potentially lose the partner that will give them the acceptance they seek. We hope that this special programming will assist our viewers in working through these feelings and help them in protecting themselves and their loved ones."

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Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

Doctors And Hospitals — Part Deux

While it's been a year since I was last in the hospital I have had various friends and acquaintances who have not been so lucky. One of my first articles was on doctors and hospitals, and it's time to re-review them again. Once again we'll look at some of the silly things done by doctors and strange things done in hospitals. We will also have a contest for the best doctor story and the best hospital story, details later.

As I mentioned in my last article I went through another period of weight loss, which has since been corrected. However, during that time my doctor wanted me to consume 1-2 cans of Ensure, a dietary supplement, per day. It occurred to me that it was easy for him to tell me that because he didn't have to drink the stuff. I've noticed that healthcare people do a lot of this kind of thing, they want you to do stuff, but it's stuff they never have to do themselves. I can't place all of the blame elsewhere since having written about diet and nutrition I managed to ignore my own advice.

Anyway, what brought all of this doctor and hospital stuff up was the fact that I haven't been an inpatient for an entire year now, and a friend of mine just spent nine days as an inpatient. There are some ironies here. People forget that those of us with HIV/AIDS still get sick with things unrelated to HIV/AIDS. My friend who among other things has been battling with crypto for 4 1/2 months, was hospitalized with appendicitis. However after they removed his appendix, they kept him a few extra days to make sure he healed properly.

Of course having HIV/AIDS along with some sort of ordinary human illness creates an interesting situation. In addition to all the surgical people checking on the healing from the appendix removal, there were the infectious disease doctors watching for potential problems related to HIV/AIDS. It was hard to know which doctors were making which decisions, and who to talk to about medications, diet and food. And if doctors are working in teams and making decisions why don't they do it at the same time of day and do it in the presence of the patient.

His hospital stay became a kind of version of too many cooks spoil the broth. And speaking of broth, my friend was given a wide variety of food during his healing. But mostly he never knew what it was going to be until it arrived. Some days it was just water, sometimes it was a gray broth of indeterminate flavor along with a side of Jell-O and finally the last couple of days it was actually food.

In spite of the progress we've made, doctors still seem to forget that we are the *raison d'etre* for their employment. We should remind them that they need to talk with us and listen to what we say. It becomes frustrating when the doctor suggests you do something that you've already been doing for months and he already knew about it. I mean is it really difficult to understand why I'd rather have my daily infusion of foscarnet take only 2 hours instead of 2 1/2 hours? Portable pump or not, time is still valuable and is better spent without a backpack with an IV pump in it.

Well I know I'm not the only one with an interesting doctor or hospital story, so here is your chance. Through the great generosity of In Step publisher Ron Geiman, I am prepared to offer a \$25 prize for the funniest doctor story and a \$25 prize for the funniest hospital story. Send your entries, postmarked by September 30, 1993 to me c/o In Step, 225 S. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53204. Names of doctors and hospitals will not be printed, but winners names will

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Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

Thanks For Everything

It occurs to me as we move to the next step, that what we have become is about a competition. Now that we are a "discovered society", instead of a "hidden one"; now that our books, images, and very lives are haggled over by the vast commercial entertainment enterprises as bartered fodder, that we run the enormous hazard of losing our camaraderie, and our reality, in the newest rivalry for dominance.

Now we are the cover of *Newsweek*.

Now we are best-sellers, and box-office and the six o'clock news. We are this week's Sunday supplements.

We are the stuff of open Senate investigations, not into the immorality of our lives, but of its ordinariness. And even as the ogres roar and bellow, their smoke and

stench are about old stories dying in the telling. Mythologies crashing in to pieces on the ground. And out of the fuzzy definitions will soon emerge in flesh and flaw, our banner carriers.

And we find ourselves engaged in a headlong tumble for loudest and freshest and first with the lemonade details of our lives. Perhaps as precursor to the granting of the freedom in which to live them. Perhaps only for the prestige and pleasure to be the prominent authors of the tales. Heras will be borne this year. And Heroes. And Devils Incarnate who months ago were merely companion felons in the fracas-quest for yet-undelineated triumphs.

Fist fights happen on the way, in the headlong ego rush for property rights, to claim the center. And on the way, the combatants learn the blood realities that whosoever of us owns the NOW will be the stuff and property of the decade's faint historians. The long-fighters toil to keep the late usurpers without a valid ticket, from the stage. And an equally opposing force of sudden bloomers, determines directly to force the inefficient and the ineffectual from seats too long gathering dust on old accomplishments. Harsh words and judgements clatter, and in the din and clash

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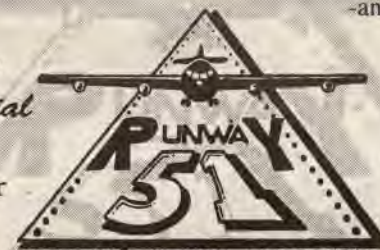
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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

Great Events in Gay History, Part XVIII

It's back-to-school time again. And while your seventh grade history teacher could lecture endlessly about The Renaissance she probably never got around to telling you the Leonardo Di Vinci and Michelangelo were probably Gay. Well, education is a lifetime journey, and your adventure in the world of Gay history begins here!

70,000 B.C. Straight neanderthals first use stone tools and fire, while their Gay counterparts have already perfected the use of styling gel and the VCR for viewing pornography.

776 B.C. First Olympics are held in ancient Greece. Winning athletes receive a gold medal along with lucrative product endorsement offers from Nike and Reebok to promote a new line of athletic sandals.

170 B.C. While sunbathing at a nude beach, Ahaz, Prince of Judah invents the sundial when he becomes aroused by the cute guy laying next to him and quickly determines (by the shadow cast in the sand by his upright privates) that it is exactly two o'clock.

981 A.D. Viking Conqueror, Eric the Red, begins the settlement of Greenland. Meanwhile, rival Bruce the Flaming Pink establishes a colony in San Francisco and opens a styling salon on Castro Street because he doesn't want to wear those silly Viking helmets with the horns.

1507 A.D. First world map showing America is produced by Bob Damron. The map also reveals the most popular Gay bars around the globe and denotes the cruisiest spots in each city. The map is said to be invaluable by Gay explorers looking to unwind after a long day of exploitation and pillaging.

1776 A.D. Thomas Jefferson writes "The Declaration of Independence," Adam Smith writes "Wealth of Nations" and Benjamin Franklin pens a personal for a "young, GWM with a washboard stomach and peccs to die for."

1783 A.D. The Montgolfier brothers introduce the passenger balloon after they

develop a system of capturing hot air emitted by pick up lines used in Paris Gay bars.

1812 A.D. Bryan Donkin develops the canned-food process and is later convicted for crimes against humanity when he introduces the now popular psuedo-food, Spam.

1819 A.D. Florida is ceded by Spain to Walt Disney.

1885 A.D. Gottlieb Danier builds the first gasoline powered automobile and immediately begins cruising the town, using his brake lights to signal cute guys he's interested in sex.

1877 A.D. Thomas Edison develops the world's first working phonograph and fires his Gay assistant when the aide invents house music and sampling and plays the music way too loud.

1939 A.D. In China, the first recorded attempt to surgically separate Siamese twins is abruptly canceled after doctors discover the couple first thought to be joined at the hips and lips were actually very co-dependent Gay lovers.

1920 A.D. The United States begins prohibition. Thousands of drag queens immediately retire from the business because they are unable to perform without several stiff drinks prior to show time.

1939 A.D. Sigmund Freud first uses the word "compulsive" to describe the obsessive behavior of a Gay man who claimed to have 17 serious boyfriends in a one month period, had his hair professionally styled once a week and had memorized the lyrics to every Broadway musical ever produced. The patient denied that he was compulsive and claimed his behavior was perfectly normal for most Gay men.

1921 A.D. Karel Capek introduces the concept of robots after he invents Al Gore.

1959 A.D. Pop star Madonna is born in Bay City, Michigan and immediately attempts to seduce the baby in the next crib.

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In Memoriam

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Terry Wiegand, 39, died on August 14th of complications due to AIDS. Terry was in La Crosse where he had grown up and went to school and was being cared for by his loving family.

Funeral services and burial were in La Crosse on August 16th.

Terry was employed at the Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex and had previously served at the Brown County Mental Health Center. In Milwaukee, he as a regular volunteer at the STD Clinic of BESTD and also helped provide HIV antibody testing, both at the clinic and in outreach sites.

Terry graduated from UW-Green Bay in 1977 with a BA in Urban Analysis and received a BFA from UWM in '83. He also earned an Associate Degree in Nursing in '87 as part of his widely diversified life of professional activity and service.

Giving thanks for Terry's life and memory are his parents, Lloyd and Janice Wiegand; his siblings, Laurie Beseler, Lynne Michelle and Jim Wiegand, all of La Crosse and his colleagues and friends at both the Mental Health Complex and the BESTD Clinic. Terry was preceded in death by his dear and good friend Rick Poplawski.

Gift's in Terry Wiegand's memory may be sent to Brady East STD Clinic at 1240 E. Brady, Milwaukee 53202.

Jonathon Timothy Miller

Jonathon Timothy Miller died August 4, 1993 in Houston, Texas, of AIDS related illness at the age of 37. Tim, originally from Wausau, Wisconsin, graduated from the UW-Madison in 1977 with a degree in Communication Arts-Cinematography.

He moved to Seattle, Washington, where he was involved with a film making cooperative and in the renovation and sales of buildings which financed film production. He learned many skills which he later used in set development and construction as well as special effects. Tim relocated to Alaska,

and later to Houston, Texas, where he worked on stage sets for the Houston Opera Company and the Alley Theater, among other projects.

His interest in film making bore fruit when he joined special effects crews with the making of such films as *Eight Men Out* and *Robo Cop 3*.

He declined a move to Los Angeles and instead became a vital member of the Houston Gay community, where in addition to his work on such entertainments as the AA Roundups, he was well-known figure at local gyms, maintaining and developing an already fine physique.

Most recently, his bent for building things brought him to furniture making based off his own unique designs and constructions which often incorporated many Texan and western symbols. His chairs, tables, desks and credenzas, made of rare and intriguing woods have been featured in several Houston galleries and have been part of many national furniture exhibitions. His gift with wood enabled him to share his ability, as people sought him out to learn such skills as wood carving.

Tim is survived by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. W.C. Miller, his sisters Kay, Sue and Angela, his brother Christopher Todd and many nieces and nephews, loving friends and associates, and former lovers. Memorials may be made to the Jonathon Timothy Miller Memorial Fund-Focus, c/o South Main Baptist Church, 4100 S. Main, Houston, Texas, 77002.

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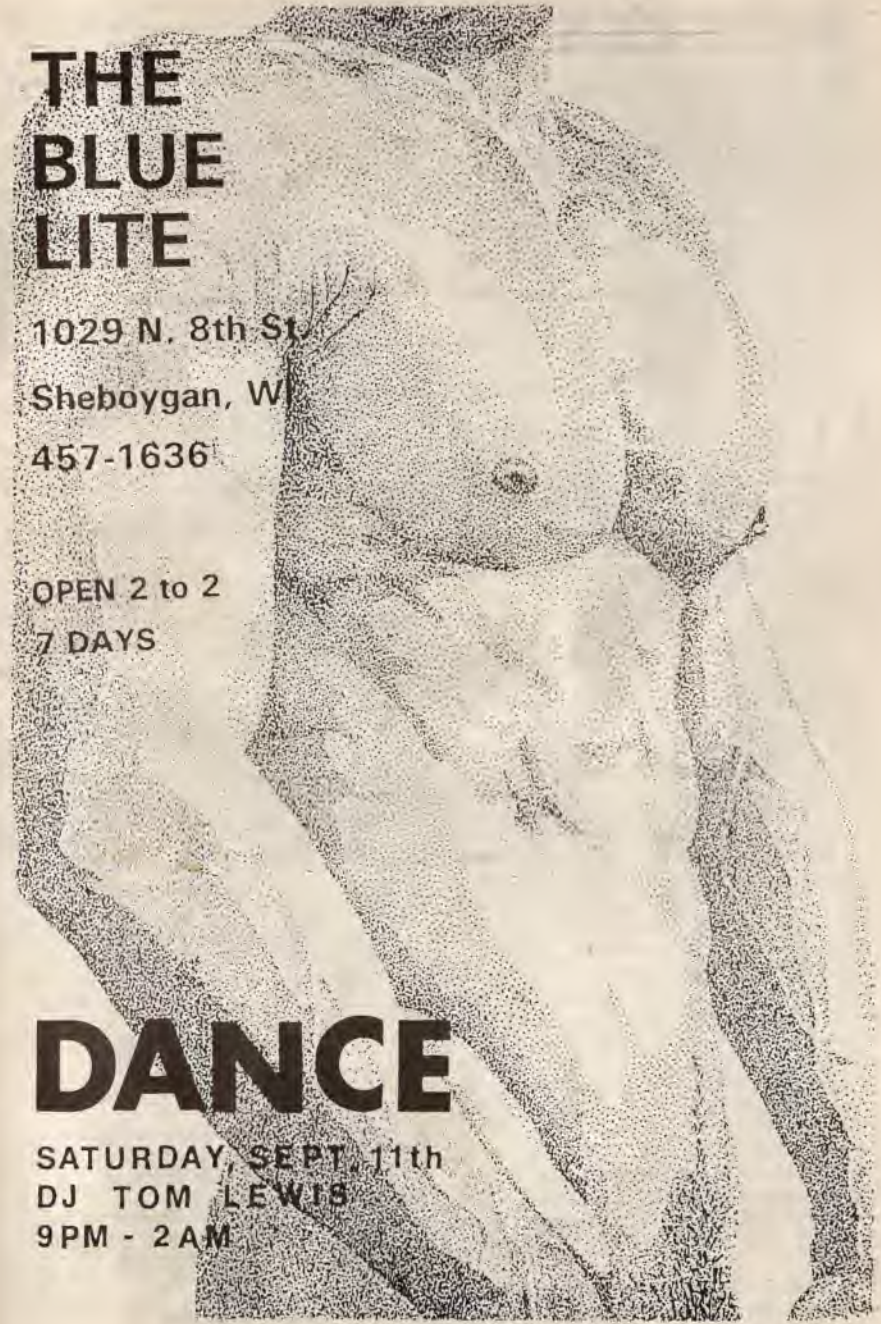
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Romantic Comedy and Gritty Western are Must-Sees

By Jamakaya

The Wedding Banquet and *The Ballad of Little Jo* are two very different films. But the Gay-friendly romantic comedy and the gritty saga of a courageous cross-dressing woman in the wild west should have great appeal to Gay and Lesbian viewers.

THE WEDDING BANQUET

The Wedding Banquet has many elements of the traditional sex farce made even funnier because the central characters are a Gay couple.

Simon (Mitchell Lichtenstein) and his

Chinese American lover Wai-Tung (Winston Chao) are a happy and stable Gay couple whose lives are turned upside down by Wai-Tung's parents, still living in Taiwan, who are pressuring him to marry. The men concoct an elaborate ruse in which Wai-Tung marries a Chinese woman friend who is desperate for a green card to remain in the U.S.

The fun begins when Wai-Tung's parents visit the U.S. to meet their son's intended. Mistaken identities and perceptions are compounded by cross-cultural and generational differences. One of the funniest scenes shows the men "de-queering" their home, replacing homoerotic art with Chinese calligraphy so Mom and Dad won't suspect they're Gay.

The low-key marriage ceremony in a city office goes hysterically awry, and the mismatched newlyweds (May Chin plays the hapless bride Wei-Wei) are compelled to participate in a traditional Chinese wedding banquet.

The extended banquet scene captures the joyful exuberance and drunken revelry of such events as well as the peculiar customs that mark heterosexual marriages. The audience I saw it with laughed non-stop. After the banquet, Mom and Dad

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are happy. But an exhausted and tipsy Wai-Tung finds himself inadvertently having sex with his new bride. Hmm, this wasn't in the plans!

The movie becomes more serious in tone when circumstances require that Wai-Tung's parents remain for an extended stay and Wei-Wei soon finds herself pregnant. Simon, understandably, becomes brooding and impatient. Shakespeare's line, "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive," comes to mind. The film effectively conveys the tragic toll that maintaining a closeted life has on all parties involved.

But *The Wedding Banquet* is a comedy with a certifiably happy ending. (God knows how rare those are in most Gay films these days!) Mom and Dad end up accepting the truth, each in their own unique ways. And the resolution of Wei-Wei's pregnancy is even more satisfying. The movie unabashedly celebrates the family in each of its forms: the traditional and the alternative.

The Wedding Banquet was written and directed by Ang Lee of Taiwan. It is the highest grossing and most popular film ever produced in that conservative land. The production values are excellent. The script is witty, the pacing is brisk, the plot is thoroughly Gay-friendly and the entire cast — even Mom and Dad — will win you over. Don't miss this one!

BALLAD OF LITTLE JO

The movie poster for *The Ballad of Little Jo*, based on a true story, says it all: "In 1866, a woman had two choices...She could be a wife or she could be a whore. Josephine Monaghan made the boldest choice of all. She chose to be a man."

The movie traces the incredible life journey of Josephine Monaghan (Suzy Amis), a well-off Easterner cast out by her family for having a baby outside of marriage. Leaving the child with her sister, Josephine heads west to start a new life.

But a woman alone on the trail is fair game for the lawless, rapacious men who dominate frontier life. After escaping a rape attempt, she dons men's garb, disregarding the warning of the store owner that "It's against the law to dress improper to your sex." Adopting the persona of "Jo" Monaghan, our heroine/hero stumbles into a grubby little mining town called Ruby City.

Jo, because of her slight build, is subjected to the Gay-bashing of the period.



Photo by Bill Foley

Suzy Amis as Jo in "The Ballad of Little Jo" opening at the Downer theater Sept. 10.

Only when she shows some drunken thugs that she is not wearing the striped socks believed to characterize effeminate men, is she let off the hook.

"Little Jo," as she becomes known, is befriended by a local named Percy (played by Gay actor Sir Ian McKellen) who turns out to be as treacherous as most of the men Jo encounters. To escape the violence of the shabby town, Jo takes a job shepherding in the hills where over one winter season she learns valuable survival skills, including how to shoot a gun.

Jo continues to shepherd for rancher Frank Badger (Bo Hopkins) until she has enough money to buy her own land. In the meantime, she guides a family of Russian immigrants to their homestead and saves a Chinese man from a hanging by the racist townsmen. She takes Tinman Wong into her home as a cook, but he quickly discovers her true identity and the two outsiders form an intimate bond.

Later, cattle barons try to run the sheep ranchers off their land. Little Jo, exhausted by years of hard work and the burdens of deception, toys with selling out and reverting back to life as a woman. But,

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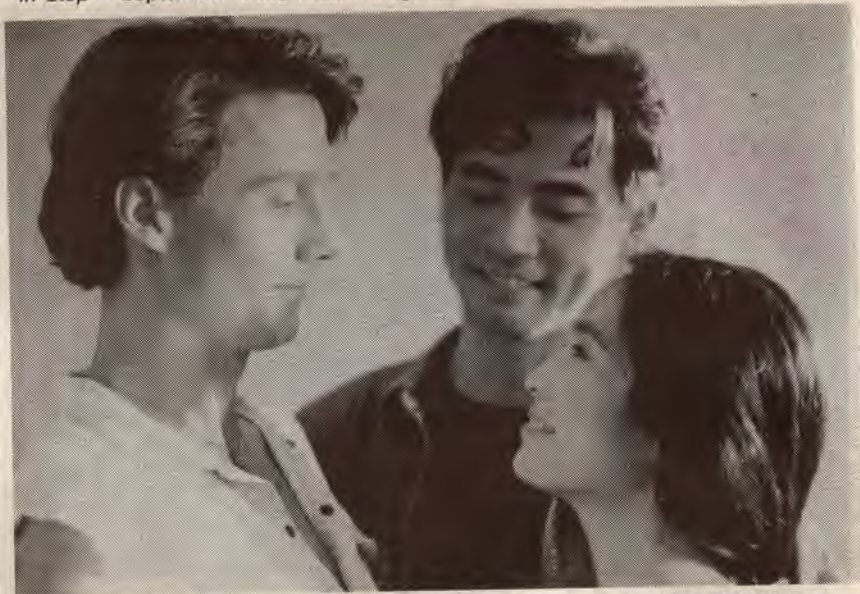
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Get ready for a little deception at the reception. The three co-stars of "The Wedding Banquet" now showing at the Oriental Theater.

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Films

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in one of the film's most wrenching moments, she realizes she has gone much too far to ever go back. She meets the cattleman's hired goons in a gunfight and is the only one left standing.

I've described major plot elements here, but be assured that there are many other twists and memorable moments in the film. Many of *Little Jo's* most fascinating moments have to do with the inner workings of the characters and the details of frontier life. The cinematography is outstanding, whether zeroing in on the townsmen's disgusting lack of hygiene or panning across the broad ranges and beautiful mountain vistas of Montana.

There is also some delightful humor in the film, like when Frank Badger says: "Little Jo, you are the unfriendliest fella I ever met and, frankly, quite peculiar." Or when a young woman in town eyes Little Jo as potential husband material. Or when the gruff townsmen discover Little Jo's true identity.

But the overall tone is stark, and its

depiction of the violence, racism and primitive conditions of frontier life, too often sanitized and mythologized by Hollywood, is truly remarkable. Clint Eastwood's *Unforgiven* was touted as a revisionist view of the West. But it has nothing on *The Ballad of Little Jo*, which gives us a completely new perspective, a woman's perspective, and breaks new ground in the western genre.

On a very personal level, I have to say how exciting it was to see such a heroic woman character on the screen. *Little Jo* is heroic not because of any macho derring-do, but because of the dignity with which she lives her life and the strength of character that allows her to survive incredible odds.

The Ballad of Little Jo was written and directed by Maggie Greenwald, who spent many years mounting this independent production. Many thanks to her for bringing *Little Jo's* story to life. While not an overtly Lesbian film, I have no doubt that Lesbians everywhere will take *Little Jo* into their hearts.

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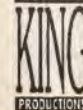


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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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Fannies: 11th Anniversary Celebration.

M&M Club: Jeff Hamann Jazz Trio performs.

Runway 51 (Janesville): Sabreena DeLite A Girl For All Seasons show & a female stripper.

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3B's: Weekly Cricket dart tourney starts at 3pm.

Travlur Lounge (Rockford): Kids Day, Noon-6pm; Train Rides, games, entertainment.

Robert Peters; A Reading: Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust; \$5 general, \$4 member, 2pm.

Outdoor Volleyball: East of Lincoln Memorial Drive, north of Bradford Beach at 1:30pm, BYO beverages, no charge, social rules. Weather permitting, 963-9833.

Helen's Annual Outdoor Festival: Lakewood Forest Preserve in Wauconda, IL. \$5 donation. Shelter A, Route 176 & Fairfield Rd. Food, beer, music, softball, dancing, raffles. All to benefit SEWAP & NIAP.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Stonewall 25 Wisconsin Organizing Meeting: In Milwaukee at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street, 5:30pm. (Check at front desk for location). Allinterested community members from across the state are encouraged to attend.

M&M Club: 17th Anniversary Celebration, special drink prices all day, cocktail hour, buffet, door prizes. Jeff Hamann Jazz Trio performs.

3rd Coast Gaylaxians: Meeting at 7pm, Adventure Games Plus, 3223 S. 92nd St., Milw. Topic is "Alternative Music: Folk, Filk & More." All those interested in SciFi, Horror, Fantasy & related genres welcome.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

M&M Club: 17th Anniversary Celebration, special drink prices all day, cocktail hour, buffet, door prizes. Jeff Hamann Jazz Trio performs.

Club 219 Plus: Miss 219 Pageant, 11pm Showtime. Application deadline Sept. 19. See Kimberly Ann or BJ.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

M&M Club: 17th Anniversary Celebration, special drink prices all day, cocktail hour, buffet, door prizes.

Nothing To Hide (Madison): Cable Channel 4, "The Historical Denial of Lesbianism from Sapho to Elenore Roosevelt.

Indoor Volleyball: GAMMA changes time to 9-11pm, UWM's Engelmenn Gym. Info call 963-9833, all welcome.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

3B's: Weekly 301 Doubles Dart Tourney starts tonight at 7pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

ZA's (Green Bay): King Production's "Mr. Gay WI-USA" Pageant. Contestants compete in interview, creative evening wear, talent & swimsuit. Over \$700 in cash plus entry fees to winners. Special guests: Mr. Gay USA-Chachi from Houston, '92 Mr. Gay WI-USA Todd Hammond & the newly crowned Miss Gay WI-USA. Info & tickets from Jason (414) 224-9483.

M&M Club: Singational Productions Singing Machine performs.

Runway 51 (Janesville): Night Flight hosted by Montana Silver.

Madison Gay Video Club: Fortune In Men's Eyes and Take Down, 8pm, (608) 244-8675.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Drag-A-Rama, 11pm, \$2 at the door to benefit SEWAP & NIAP.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Wisconsin AIDS Walk: "A Year of MAGIC," Milwaukee's Lakefront 6.2 mile walk with honorary Co-chairs Magic Johnson & Bucks coach Mike Dunleavy to benefit 19 AIDS service organizations in Wisconsin. FMI call 1-(800)-359-9272. 9:30am breakfast; 10:30am registration opens; noon -opening ceremonies; 12:30 walk begins; 3:30pm - closing celebration. South Urban Park next to War Memorial Center.

Your Place: Miss Vivian presents the premiere of Razzle Dazzle, 8:30pm.

M&M Club: Kris Francis performs.

The Arts

Theatre X Presents Theatre Women

Theatre X is dedicating the entire month of October to women with its inspiring mini-series Theatre X Presents Theatre Women, which it hopes will become an annual and nationally acclaimed event. The series will consist of contemporary and original plays, comedy, feminist theatre and performance art by and about women. All shows will be written, directed and performed by locally and nationally known women artists. The series includes five main stage shows and five Late Night shows.

MAIN STAGE

Holly Hughes, the renowned feminist Lesbian playwright, will open the event on October 1. The New York-based writer and performance artist will perform her one-woman show, *World Without End*.

World Without End, music composed by Sharon Jane Smith and Vincent Giro, changes between a casual conversation with the audience and a feminist rage. The show is a celebration of sexuality, a rumination of Hughes' ambiguous childhood in Michigan and a quirky elegy of her mother and their relationship.

Renaissance Theaterworks, a newly formed theatrical group from Milwaukee, will make their debut at Theatre X. Cast members include: Amy Hastert, Marie Kohler, Raelen McMillion and Bob Smith. Renaissance Theaterworks will perform *A Different Moon* by Ara Watson, directed by Susan Fete. The Korean War brings changes to an Arkansas family in 1951. Performances run from October 6-10.

The original and ingenious talent of Chicago's Paula Killen comes to Theatre X for the first time in *Music Kills A Memory*. Killen, Karol Kent, Chuck Larken and Shane Taylor will perform her musical theatre piece. This hilarious comedy features a Sex Addicts Anonymous meeting, scenes from a cross-country cabaret tour and endless sappy love songs. This eccentric extravaganza will run October 13-17.

The fourth main stage event is currently TBA, October 20-24. Keep your ears open and eyes alert as Theatre X announces the surprise artist.

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Theater X

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The Theatre X ensemble will also be a part of the exciting month long tribute to women in the theatre. They will perform October 27-31. Keep a watchful eye as the ensemble discloses its avant-garde production directed by Andrea Urice.

LATE NIGHT

Four Big Girls from Seattle, Washington will open the Late Night events. The group includes Heather Clark, Carolyn King and former Milwaukeean Deborah Parks-Satterfield. They will perform *Bigger Than A Bread Box* October 7-10. The funny, satirical piece is about large women; myths about them and tales of how they deal with and live in society. The serious and humorous show is very entertaining.

Various Milwaukee poets will give readings of their latest work on Sunday, October 17 at 7pm. Let your imagination run free, experience the heart of creativity, enjoy listening to and absorbing the unique use of language and the talent of Milwaukee's poets. Readings will continue throughout the 93-94 season.

Louise Smith, performance artist from New York, will perform *White Man Fever* October 20-22. Smith portrays several characters including a British traveler on safari, a sensuous hotel lounge singer and a delirious, feverish woman taking a trip into space. The playful, amusing and enchanting music by Neal Kirkwood adds to a humorous and bizarre atmosphere.

The multi-media show *Strange Fruit* will appear at Theatre X for the second time as a Late Night show. The eclectic piece is filled with parody, personal and political commentary. Cast and creators of the performance art, poetry, film and music

include Jen Benka, Cathy Cook, Bill Dempsey and Jane Dramer. Their shows will be Saturday October 23 and Sunday October 24.

Meghan Saleebey and Tina Parker will present Saleebey's performance piece *Toxic Shock*. Fragmented dialogue jumps from topic to topic concerning women's issues. She addresses what it means to be a woman in today's society and how some values are embraced while others are rejected. The show runs October 29-31.

SPECIAL SUBSCRIPTION

The times of all main stage events are as follows: Wed. and Thur. 7:30pm, Fri. 8pm, Sat. 5pm and 8pm, Sun. 2pm. Ticket prices are \$14 Wed., Thur. and Sun.; \$16 Fri. and Sat. Call 278-0555.

The Late Night productions are \$5 and follow main stage shows throughout the theatre X Presents Theatre Women series. Times of Late Night are 10pm Wednesdays thru Saturdays and at 7pm on Sundays.

Theatre X will offer a special subscription pass card for this event. Subscribers to the Theatre X Presents Theatre Women series will receive one pass card good for two main stage shows and three Late Night shows.

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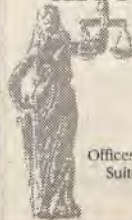


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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Club 219: The encore engagement of the Camp Country Duo. Carmella Marcella Garcia & Devin Michaels.

Commitment '93: 8th Annual Roundup sponsored by Gay & Lesbian AA groups, with Anon, N/A & other 12 step groups, through Sept. 12. Registration at Galano Club, 276-6936.

10% Society UW-Madison: Welcome back Dance for LesBiGay's & Friends. 8pm, Great Hall, Memorial Union. \$3 admission, DJ, cash bar.

ZA's (Green Bay): USA At-Large Benefit Show featuring Katrina K. & Shannon Dupree.

LAMM's Softball Team Fundraiser: Bake Sale & Rummage, 9-5pm, 2217 N. 53rd St. in Milw. Help send the team to the Gay Games!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

HBO: Premiere of the film "And The Band Played On," 7pm.

2nd Annual Bay Shore Mall Fashion Benefit: For MAP, 7pm, Bay Shore Mall. Great new fashions, light dinner, dancing & entertainment. Tickets are \$50 each, call (414) 332-8136 FMI.

M&M Club: Singsational Productions Singing Machine performs.

Madison Gay Video Club: *March On!* ('93 MOV) & *Overload*, 8pm, 244-8675.

BoysTown: DJ Head Crash & DV8 Leather present an evening of fun, fashion, fetish & fantasy, 9pm.

LAMM's Softball Team Fundraiser: Bake Sale & Rummage, 8-5, 2217 N. 53rd St. Help send the team to the Gay Games.

Jo'dee's Intl. (Racine): "Fit for a King" benefit show for Dance. Starring Jackie Roberts, the La Cage Strippers, Tippiie, Lady Di, Phyllis Anne & emcee Kelly. \$2 cover, 11pm showtime.

Runway 51 (Janesville): Live comedy with Tony Domenico.

Frontiers (Madison): *The Constitution & The Bible*, with the Director of Wisc. ACLU, Chris Ahmuty. (608) 257-5270; 8pm.

Biking: Join GAMMA at 1pm Lake Park Pavilion, west face, for 2 hour ride to Fairy Chasm Road & back. Info call 963-9833.

Blue Lite (Sheboygan): Dance with DJ Tom Lewis, 9pm-close.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

West Side Bykes: 15 mile bicycle ride for dykes, 10am, followed by a picnic. FMI call 778-1269.

Zippers: Open at noon for "Packer Sundays" video screens & free shots every T.D.

La Cage: Baby Jane's annual 29th Birthday Party, 2-9pm, with a special show at 6pm.
Runway 51 (Janesville): Dean's special party, free tap beer.

Frontiers (Madison): Sailing on Lake Mendota (2 to 4 people) at a time 2pm, (608) 241-2500.
GAMMA's 14th Annual Corn Roast: And Picnic, Lake Park Area 4; 1pm to dusk, Volleyball & other games, \$5. Info call 963-9833.

BoysTown: Sasha Mitchell's "Femme Fatales."

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Triangle: Bill Wardlow's birthday party, 9-12

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

La Cage: First Class Male dance troupe is back, 11pm.

Club 219: Miss Gay WI-USA At-Large benefit show.

3B's: Free introductory Square Dance Lesson, 7:30pm.

Nothing To Hide (Madison): Cable Channel 4, 5th Annual Intl. gathering of openly LesBiGay government officials.

Indoor Volleyball: GAMMA's weekly volleyball changes time to 9-11pm, UWM's Engelman Gym, all welcome, 963-9833.

Fannies: Wed. Night dart league starts.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Triangle: Organizational meeting for Triangle basketball team. Games every Thursday night in Chicago. FMI call 744-5658.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): 11th Anniversary Celebration. "Jeff & Zoomie", showtime 10:30pm. Free tap beer earlier, DJ & dancing, give-aways.

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

ZA's (Green Bay): Cameos After Midnight.
Fannies: 11th Anniversary Celebration.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): 11th Anniversary Celebration, Hors d'oeuvres & drink specials, DJ & dancing, give-aways.

Madison Wrestling Club: Wrestling practice & Bodybuilding. Beginners/New members welcome, 8:30pm, (608) 244-8675.

Frontiers (Madison): "Proportional Representation vs. Majority Rule," speakers; 8pm, (608) 241-2500.

Fannies: 11th Anniversary Celebration.

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Holly Hughes & Deb Parks in Pridefest Benefit

October 3 at Centennial Hall

Milwaukee — Nationally renowned performance artists Holly Hughes and Deborah Parks-Satterfield, in Milwaukee as part of Theatre X's month long tribute to *Theatre Women*, will appear in a special benefit performance for Pridefest '94 on October 3.

The special event is dubbed "A Night at the Theatre: Two Fabulous One-Woman Shows" and will take place at 7:30 p.m. at Centennial Hall, 733 N. 8th Street (in Milwaukee's Central Library building).

Tickets for the show are \$15, \$10 for students and people with low income, and can be purchased at the *In Step* office at 225 S. 2nd Street; Chris' Books (formerly People's Books) at 3512 N. Oakland Avenue; AfterWords, at 2710 N. Murray Ave.; Outpost Foods at 100 E. Capitol Drive; Station 2, at 1534 W. Grant; and Theatre X at 158 N. Broadway.

The benefit for Pridefest is sponsored by *In Step*, LOC/Women of Color, Full Moon and Hurricane Productions, West Side Dykes, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee and Theatre X.

Hughes is an award winning, critically acclaimed Lesbian playwright. She will be performing her latest one woman show, *World Without End*. Ms. Hughes won an OBIE award for writing her 1988 play *Dress Suits For Hire*. The prestigious OBIE awards are given to the best New York City off Broadway productions.

Holly mixes casual conversations with the audience and feminist rage. Often humorous, her thought provoking *World Without End* has won praise from the mainstream press as well as Lesbian and Gay papers throughout the country. She has been called "an original explorer," "provocative," and "exciting."

Deborah Parks-Satterfield is a former resident of Milwaukee who now works with Seattle's Four Big Girls. She brings a unique African American Lesbian perspective to the stage. Her zany one woman piece, *Just Desserts* has won her praise as one of the funniest women on the American stage today.

Parks-Satterfield has written short stories, plays and has appeared in a wide variety of productions in Minneapolis and Seattle.

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Applications for performers are now available and are due no later than September 27, 1993. For more information, please write to KGP, P.O. Box 6091, Madison, WI 53716. Applications will be available through the mail if you enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

1994 Womens Film and Video Festival

A Call For Entries

In March 1994, Women In the Director's Chair will present its 13th International Film and Video Festival. This non-competitive festival — the largest of its kind in the Midwest, and one of the longest-running women's media festivals in the country — gives exposure to a broad range of ideas, forms, and representations. Last year's festival received 550 entries, (a record) from around the country and the world. The 1994 festival promises to continue to grow and expand.

Films and videos directed by women since 1990 will be eligible. Preference will be given to independent projects in which the applicant has primary creative control. Public service announcements, training material, and promotional work will not be considered.

A separate entry fee and application form is required for each work. Entry fees are \$15 per entered work for WIDC members, and \$25 for non-members. (Entry fee alone does not cover membership). All

party and you can bet I would have liked to be the 'towel boy' for that event! Would the owners of the jock straps found in various corners please pick them up at the bar... otherwise they'll become part of the permanent decor!

Jimmy King took his newly crowned Miss Gay WI-USA on a state tour called 'Stars of Wisconsin' which kicked off at **The New Bar** (Aug. 30). The weekend was rounded off by the return of the infamous 'Underwear Party' at **219** and **Sasha Mitchell's Femme Fatales** at **BoysTown**. **The New Bar** kicked off the week

beginning August 30 with a special 'Classic Disco Party' featuring plenty of bad taste, polyester and bell bottoms and old la-ti-dah disco music to groove to.

Club 94 held a benefit show for Miss Continental Wisconsin '93 Erika Cartier on Sept. 1. Erika used the money to prepare for the Miss Continental Pageant held annually in Chicago over Labor Day weekend. **De Ja Vu** (the old Phoenix) opened last Friday night... great new look!

That's a wrap for this issue — short and sweet for once because I just don't feel creative!



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That night in Milwaukee, **Your Place** held their Mr. and Miss contest, with six 'girls' vying for the Miss title. The Mr. contest was not held due to lack of entrants. Entertainment was provided by the former Mr. Partners, Jason; Lizzie Bordeaux, Goldie Adams and Tony Domenico. Sasha Mitchell won the title, with Tabatha Stevens taking first runner-up.

Milwaukee's African American Gays, Lesbians and their friends gathered for a 'Midsummer Jam' picnic August 22 at Kern Park. Fine weather greeted the nearly 100 who attended the picnic sponsored by **Men of All Colors Together (MACT)**, Ujima and **Black Lesbians United Emergence (BLUE)**. The following Sunday, **Club Muse** and **LOC Women of Color** held a 'End of Summer' picnic at Dineen Park Pavilion. Thank God they had the pavilion to use, the

weather could have been a little more cooperative! Donations were gladly accepted for either the MAP Food Pantry or to the Tina Terry Foundation.

The weekend of August 28-29 saw another picnic, this one from the **Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL)** for 'Fan Appreciation & SSBL Awards'. The Fan Appreciation day featured free beer, soda and food for all players and fans and a mini-tournament between all the teams other than the undefeated first place 219 team. The 219 team did all the cooking and serving to the rest of the league, instead.

GAMMA held it's annual harbor/ river cruise on the Iroquois. This popular event is always a near sell out and the weather gave it's full cooperation.

The **Wreck Room** played host to the **Oberons** who welcomed the **Knights of Leather** from Minneapolis. The Knights are a Women's S&M Club.

Club 94 hosted **The Helens** 4th Annual bizarre awards show with the infamous northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin group handing out awards for the tackiest, sleaziest, dizziest, and butchest amongst others.

Rod's held their 'Locker Room IV'

entries must be postmarked no later than October 15, 1993.

Entries will be reviewed by a jury comprised of women with diverse backgrounds and perspectives from film, video, and related fields.

To receive a call for entry form phone (312) 281-4988.

Lips Together, Teeth Apart

Next Act Opens Milwaukee Premiere October 7

Next Act Theatre presents the Milwaukee premiere of Terrence McNally's 1991 off-Broadway hit, *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* at the Stiemke Theater, opening Thursday, October 7 and playing through October 24, 1993.

Two couples — Sally and Sam, and John and Chloe — are attempting to celebrate the Fourth of July at a Fire Island beach house. Chloe and her brother Sam have just inherited the luxurious resort from their deceased brother David, a recent victim of AIDS.

Feeling shaky in their marriages and uncomfortable amidst their Gay neighbors, they busy themselves with cook-outs, crossword puzzles and idle chat. But as the day progresses, their love-triangle history and each one's underlying insecurities and fears conspire to bring forth crises, deceptions, fights, lots of humorous predicaments and finally, revelations. In this modern paradise fraught with hidden trouble, the characters come face-to-face with their own limitations and those of their spouses, and choose to fight on for love in spite of it all.

Frank Rich writes in his **New York Times** review, "this is an evening in which people forever assail the truth as unattainable and too formless to grasp, yet inexorably zero in on it." McNally holds his very brilliant mirror up to the nature of the 90's, within which the audience catches a startling glimpse of its own reflection

Lips Together, Teeth Apart opens Thursday, October 7, and runs through October 24. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 5pm and 9pm, Sunday October 10 at 6pm, and 2pm. Sunday matinees on October 17 and 24. The matinee on October 24 will be audio-described for the visually impaired and



The Helens Annual Awards show at Club 94. This social/fundraising group is active in southeast Wisconsin and northeast Illinois.

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interpreted in American Sign Language for the hearing impaired. Next Act requests that individuals interested in either of these services notify the NAT office four weeks prior to the performance to allow preparation.

Next Act Theatre is a member organization of the Arts Action Committee (AAC), dedicated to helping the Milwaukee AIDS Project meet the challenge of AIDS in southeast Wisconsin. Throughout the entire three week run a food drive benefiting the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry will be conducted. Patrons are asked to bring none perishable food items to the performance.

Tickets are \$15 for Thursday and Sunday performances and \$17 for Fridays and Saturdays. Discounts are available for groups of ten or more. Information may be obtained by calling the NAT office at (414) 278-7780. Single tickets go on sale through the Milwaukee Repertory Box Office (414) 224-9490 on September 13.

"And the Band Played On" premieres on HBO September 11

By Ron Geiman

HBO Pictures premieres the long-awaited film adaptation of Randy Shilts' *And The Band Played On* Saturday, September 11 on the premium cable station. *Band* chronicles the beginnings of the AIDS pandemic and its horrifying progression from comfortably distant threat to ever-present danger. The book pulled no punches about Gay sexuality, the indifference of the medical-research community, and the "politicized homophobia" in the Reagan administration many believed helped fuel the pandemic.

It's been said that without one of the films major stars, Richard Gere, *Band*, because of its highly charged topic, may never have made it to the small screen.

The battle to bring it to the screen encompassed three networks over five years. ABC said thanks but no thanks. At NBC, *Band* was stuck in development for two years, then canceled. HBO optioned it in 1989 and acquired rights in March of

1992, then ran into a brick wall when actors and agents shied away, treating the project like it, itself, might be the plague. To compound problems, HBO held out for Big Names, infusing the project with even more notoriety.

HBO Pictures senior vice-president Robert Cooper was quoted in *TV Guide* saying "Whatever it takes to dazzle the public, I will do. I always believed we would get big names." Indeed they did. Besides Gere, there is Lily Tomlin, Steve Martin, Matthew Modine, Anjelica Huston, Alan Alda, Sir Ian McKellen and Phil Collins.

Co-executive producer Aaron Spelling said Gere chose to do a Gay character. "He could have had any role in the movie. He could have played a hero — one of the doctors — but he chose to play a man who gets AIDS." Gere plays a nameless choreographer, a composite of the thousands of artists in the entertainment industry who have died from AIDS.

With the exception of Modine, who plays a Center for Disease Control doctor-investigator, each performer was paid a token (by Hollywood standards) \$5,000 a week with another \$5,000 in his or her name going to charity. Spelling and co-executive producer E. Duke Vincent handed their salaries over to an AIDS community group called Hollywood Supports.

The \$7 million plus production ran into arguments over the director's cut and the final cut because of the insertion of damning documentary footage of former President Ronald Reagan. And because of a barrage of images early in the film presenting Gay men as promiscuous, drug-abusing bathhouse-goers, scenes were added earlier in the Summer at the request of Shilts. Those added scenes are intended to portray the panoply of Gay life as Shilts had done in his book.

Representatives from 17 major AIDS and Gay rights groups including the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and AmFar have seen the version of the film to be televised, and many came away impressed with the way the picture recounts how lives were shattered and an epidemic spread as the government refused to acknowledge it.

As Spelling said in *TV Guide*, "Some movies you want to do, some movies you should do. This movie you have to do."

And you, dear reader, must do what you have to do to see it.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Meteorologically, Summer is over, and I don't know where it went! You'll be reading this after Labor Day Weekend, but I'm writing it the Thursday before, so you'll have to read about activities after September 3 in the next issue. I'm hoping MAPFEST was a huge success and the Flirtations concert was a near-sell out.

To catch up since last issue, we have to travel back to August 21 and the continuation of Phaze II's 8th birthday celebration. The week-long activities wrapped up August 21 & 22 with the Miss and Mr. Phaze II Contests. The new Miss is Sofanda U. and the Mr. is Tony Montoya. Congratulations to the winners and to J.J. and his staff!

Tracy (of the old Mint on State fame) celebrated her 'half a hundred' party at Walker's Point Marble Arcade. Tracy, with the help of the Arcade's Michael and Perry showed how to put on a great party... Meanwhile at the Pivot in Appleton, over

two dozen Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA preliminary winners and first runners up kicked off the WI-USA preliminaries on the eve of the big pageant.

The Miss Gay WI-USA pageant itself was held at Appleton's Holiday Inn on August 22 when the top ten finalists were announced. All 10 then strutted their stuff in evening gown, swimsuit, talent and interview. A nice crowd for dinner swelled to bigger portions for the contest itself, which saw Duwanna Moore capture the title and Tiffeny named first runner-up. They'll both be representing the state of Wisconsin in the USA finals.

Guest entertainers included the current Miss Gay USA Sweet Savage and former Miss Gay USA Tommi Ross. Also appearing were Miss Gay USA At-Large, Jeanna Jones; Miss Gay Indiana-USA Jamie Hunter; Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA '92 Dominique Mahon and former Miss Gay WI-USA Mary Richards. After all these years running pageants, King and his crew ran it very smoothly considering the large number of contestants.

The top 10 finalists and the title they represented, were: Camille Collins, Appleton; Tiffeny Cartier, Central WI.

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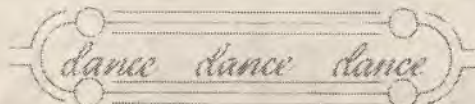
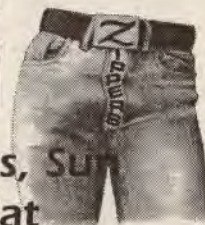
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Scissors, Paper, Rock

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

Scissors, Paper, Rock
by Fenton Johnson
Pocket Book, HC \$20

Fenton Johnson tells a not unfamiliar story in his astonishing novel **Scissors, Paper, Rock**. Many years after leaving a small rural southern town, lured by the freedom offered by San Francisco, a young Gay man returns to attempt a difficult reconciliation with his dying father. Raphael's father Tom Hardin, who disapproves of his youngest son's "chosen" lifestyle and the "friends" he has brought home on visits, finds refuge in his workshop, a place he spends increasing amounts of time while contemplating the disappointments of a lifetime. What Tom Hardin doesn't know on this last visit is that Raphael has been diagnosed with AIDS and will very likely die before his father.

What distinguishes **Scissors** is the insight and honesty which Johnson brings to the portrayal of the nature of families, both the families we inherit and also the families that we choose. Through carefully interwoven stories that illuminate not only the sorrows but the joys of Tom and Rose Ella Hardin and their children Clark, Elizabeth, and Raphael, the Hardin family as a whole emerges as the book's real protagonist. Johnson seems to suggest that families are more than simply the sum of the lives of the individual members but through the inherently complex and complicated, often messy series of relationships that characterize all families, can take on a life of their own.

Nevertheless, for Gay and Lesbian readers, Raphael cannot help but be at the center of interest and consideration. Labeled "artistic," Raphael realizes a need for a

world beyond Strang Knob, Kentucky, where he can explore his desire for men. His journey away from Strang Knob begins in a beat-up 1964 Rambler with over 115,000 miles along side a middle-aged German hitchhiker named Willy who is looking for an American Cowboy. Along the way, Raphael will have his first Gay experience and this rocky, misadventure-filled trip will come to symbolize Raphael's growth and maturity, where for every lesson learned there is always some cost. In San Francisco Raphael will find a family, one of his own choosing, to replace that which he left behind in Strang Knob and even finds love. Yet Raphael must in the end return to his home, to make whatever peace he can with his just-as-stubborn-as-he-is father.

Scissors, Paper, Rock is that rare book, one which allows for no easy villains or simple solutions to impossible problems. Johnson reveals his characters to be honest enough, if perhaps only to themselves, to accept responsibility for their own actions and their own mistakes. It is difficult not to become involved with and care for even the novel's small, secondary characters when each are so sharply and unforgivingly drawn that they manage to live on in our imaginations' long after the completion of the novel. In turns funny and heartbreaking touching, Johnson's **Scissors, Paper, Rock** takes the reader on an exploration of the infinite varieties of love and of loss and the often destructive nature of even the most nurturing of families.

"Good Boys"

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

Good Boys
by Paul Reidinger
Dutton, Hard Cover \$20

Hidden among the numerous good books that were released this past June in time for National Gay and Lesbian Book Month was Paul Reidinger's not-so-good, **Good Boys**.

Originally from Wisconsin, Reidinger's first novel **The Best Man** received wonderful notices. In **Good Boys**, Reidinger attempts to chronicle a generation through a thoughtful portrayal for three "good boys," Michael, Drew and Chris from their carefree college days into maturity. There is Chris, shy and insecure and the only Gay man of the three; Drew, tall, blond, handsome and

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Book Club Selections Available At AfterWords

Monthly Book Club selections will be available at the newly-opened **AfterWords Gay/Lesbian Bookstore and Espresso Bar** located at 2710 N. Murray. The Book Club meets the third Monday of every month at a private home; time and location information are available from GAMMA at 963-9833. **AfterWords** will make the selected book available at a special price for Book Club members. September's selection is *Spontaneous Combustion* by David Feinberg; October's will be *Everybody Loves You* by Mordden. Buy! Read! Discuss! Enjoy sharing the experience.

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the object of Chris's unrequited obsession; and Michael, short, dark and Jewish and hiding the secret of a betrayal of his best friend.

Right from the beginning, *Good Boys* is something of a muddle. None of the three protagonists are particularly compelling characters and except for their exchanging snippets of *Star Trek* dialogue, it is difficult to understand the basis for their friendship. Even the characters themselves seem puzzled by their long-standing relationship. When late in the book Drew asks Chris why they like Michael, the only response that Chris can make is an ambivalent "Because."

Perhaps an even greater fault to be found with *Good Boys* is that nothing ever seems to happen. Major events actually do occur in the lives of the characters. Dana leaves Drew. Chris's lover Carl is diagnosed with AIDS. Michael marries Merry. Yet somehow Reidinger manages to not actually include any of these key scenes in the book. Instead, Reidinger utilizes a curiously episodic story telling, complete with confusing flashbacks and flash forwards. The result is that these crucial events always seem to have just happened, or about to happen. The reader is left with just reaction, not action.

Reidinger's *Good Boys* is certainly a serious, thoughtful novel filled to overflowing with good intentions. There is clearly a "thirtysomething" feel to *Good Boys* that may add to the book's appeal. Yet in the end it is really very difficult to care what happens to any of these characters. Neither Michael nor Drew has much respect for any of the novel's female characters. Drew is particularly hostile about Lesbians and has a definite condescending attitude towards Gay men, despite his brother (and Chris, his supposed best friend) being Gay. Even Chris, the most readily accessible of the three "good boys" to Gay and Lesbian readers is so weepy and so ineffectual as to make even the remotest interest impossible. Clearly "good boys" do not necessarily a "good book" make!

Woodland Pattern Welcomes Robert Peters

Writer/Poet reflects on "same sex desires" and other issues in 1930's Wisconsin

Milwaukee — A reading celebrating the publication of *Crunching Gravel: A Wisconsin Boyhood in the Thirties*, a new work published by University of Wisconsin Press by Robert Peters, will be held Sunday, September 19 at 2pm at Woodland Pattern, 720 E. Locust Street, Milwaukee. Admission is \$5 (\$4 for members).

Few writers have written so powerfully of their childhood as Robert Peters does in this memoir. Peters vividly recollects the Depression Era on a hardscrabble farm near Eagle River, Wisconsin during the seasonal flow of his 12th year — 1936.

Crunching Gravel describes many unusual events such as Lars the Swede freezing to death on his porch, his mother's frightening and bloody miscarriage, and the tragic suicide of his illegitimate cousin. Nothing escapes Peters' clear-eyed view including his own sexual stirrings and disturbing homoerotic drives.

Peters, poet, critic, scholar, playwright, editor and actor has been a professor of English at the University of California-Irvine since 1966. His academic degrees (in Victorian literature) are from the University of Wisconsin, and since 1952 he had taught at several universities.

He began writing poetry at the age of 35. He lives a rich and private life in Huntington Beach, California, with his companion of twenty years, poet Paul Trachtenberg, who serves as his secretary, companion and as the director and manager for his plays.

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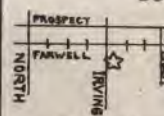
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