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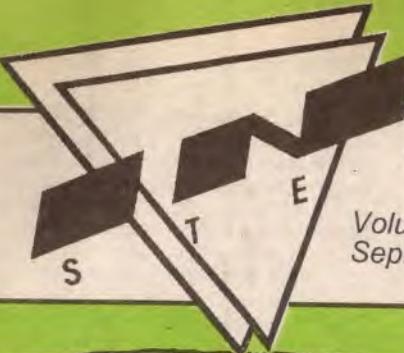
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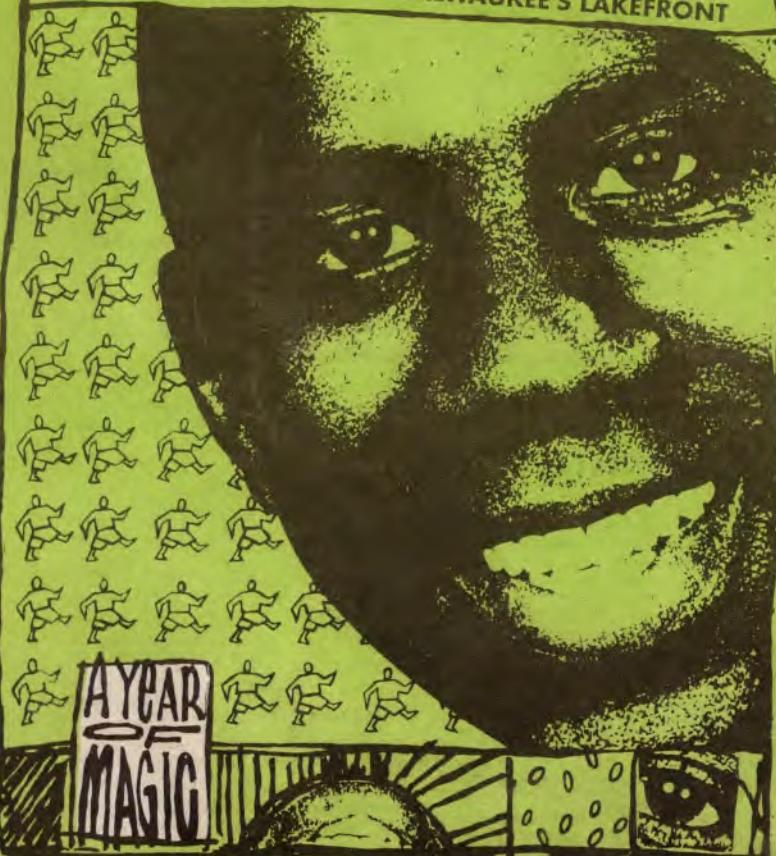


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Cover Story

The '93 Wisconsin AIDS Walk set for Sunday, September 26 will be co-hosted by Erwin (MAGIC) Johnson and Milwaukee Bucks Coach Mike Dunleavy. Under the theme of "A Year Of Magic" the walk along Milwaukee's Lakefront hopes to raise a half million dollars to fund various AIDS groups across the state. March step-off and closing ceremonies will both be held in South Urban Park, immediately north of the Summerfest grounds and south of the War Memorial Center/Arm Museum.

Read all about it in the News section of this issue.

Note

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boozing, biking, camping...
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EYES FOR A MATURE GENTLEMAN.

GWM 21, Bl/Grn, 5'11", 155#, no
smoke/drugs/bars, sks
someone with similar
interests. Love walks,
running, roller-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.

GWM 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

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do things. I'm 25, like horses
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ROMANCE.** GM 36,
5'10", 150#, Bl/Brn,
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cuddling. You be at least 35,
Bl/graying hair, somewhat
handsome, and at least my
height. Your call gets my
number. #2273

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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

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/Grn, 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!**
Transsexual 24, 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.

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intelligent guy, artistic or
creative A+, for friendship or
poss. love rel. —give me a
call. #3615

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

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MEN WANTED: 6'2,
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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!
Gdkg GWM 23, 5'10",
170#, sk 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: gdkg,
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/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,
lp, 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

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 him
number. Call anytime.
#3186

DIE-HARD C & W FAN.
GWM 36, 5'8", 135#,
gdkg, 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
number. #4255

A REAL NICE GUY!
Looking for interesting people
to meet. For those who are

lonely, and are dom. I'm
looking to be a btm. 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

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
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Senate Adopts Stricter Military Policy on Gays

Gay Leaders Call Nunn's Policy "Lie & Hide"

By Jamakaya

Washington, D.C. — The United States Senate has adopted the 1994 appropriations bill for the Department of Defense which contains language drafted by Sen. Sam Nunn that is more restrictive than President Clinton's proposed policy on Gays in the military.

The appropriations bill was passed September 14 on a 92-7 vote. Wisconsin's Sen. Herb Kohl voted with the majority, but maverick Sen. Russ Feingold, expressing solidarity with the Gay community, voted no.

The House of Representatives was expected to pass a similar measure as In Step went to press. The House and Senate will then hold a conference committee to iron out any differences and agree to the final resolution.

The bill contains language, drafted by Sam Nunn, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, which essentially calls Gays and Lesbians an "unacceptable risk" to the military services. Clinton's proposal had done away with the long-standing language that homosexuality was "incompatible" with military service, but Nunn's measure reinforces that statement.

The Nunn language reads: "Persons who demonstrate a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts would create an unacceptable risk to the high standards of morale, good order and discipline."

Unlike Clinton's proposal, Nunn's measure makes no reference to sexual orientation, an omission of grave concern to Gay leaders who have contended all along that the Pentagon ban discriminates against a class of people.

Unlike Clinton's proposal, Nunn's measure makes no reference to the "witch hunts" often used to ferret out Gay service members and does not say that special efforts to investigate homosexuals, in the absence of evidence of misconduct, should be abandoned.

Clinton's proposal called for the equal enforcement of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which prohibits both homosexual

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and heterosexual sodomy. Nunn's proposal says nothing about equal enforcement.

Nunn's measure also allows any future Secretary of Defense to reinstate the question about homosexuality asked of all recruits on their induction forms. Clinton's proposal had ended that practice.

Nunn and conservative colleagues worded their measure carefully to blunt the impact of Clinton's modest changes and to withstand the legal challenges that are expected.

BOXER AMENDMENT

The defense appropriations bill was passed after a last ditch effort by Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-CO) to delete Nunn's restrictive language. The Boxer amendment, as it was dubbed, called for leaving the details of military personnel policy up to the President and the Defense Department rather than the legislature.

The Boxer amendment was defeated by a vote of 63-33 but not before some passionate debate on the floor of the Senate.

"This code isn't 'Don't ask, don't tell,'" said Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). "This code is 'Don't be.'"

Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-OH) said Nunn's measure was "a gratuitous slap in the face to courageous men and women who have served this country."

"If we do not end discrimination, whenever and wherever it exists in society, then America is not America," said Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA).

But Nunn insisted: "The country expects us to take responsibility on this important matter and not leave this solely to the President."

Once again, Wisconsin Sen. Herb Kohl voted for the Nunn measure, while Sen. Russ Feingold supported the Boxer amendment.

In conceding defeat, Gay and Lesbian leaders tried to find a silver lining.

"The vote was disappointing but the courage shown by a full third of the Senate to support our efforts was very gratifying," said Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, which labeled the new policy "Lie and Hide."

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

Appleton **CREATIVE & FUN? GWM:** 30s, 5'8, 170lbs, muscl build, enjoy travelling, looking for creative person / friend 21-35 (long hair A+) #2879

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

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Walashaw **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

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

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

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

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

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, muscl build, seeks casual rel/w/local guy, no strings. #5921

Madison **PROFESSIONAL 30s:** Mid 30s man 6'1, 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 him number.** #3908

Milwaukee **FRUSTRATED husky GWM 28, seeks btm for 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 CDRESSNG, looking for other guys to dom.** #5297

South East Wisconsin **VERSATILE WM seeks younger athletic guys for get togethers, cal 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**

SHANO **HEALTHY EARTHY VEGGIE** 30 yr old, w/strange & somewhat

Kenosha **HEAD-BANGER BALLS:** 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 **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, 57, 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', 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 intel. & good looker.** #2467

APPLETON **INDEPENDENT:** I'm 44, look 34, feel 24, have a med. build, seeking a friendship with an attrac. guy my age or less. #3375

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 him #. #5216

MILWAUKEE **INTIMATE TIMES/CONVERSATION:** 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 op 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, (blond & smooth a plus).** #5711

MILWAUKEE **LONELY at the TOP:** lp guys seek 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/Y/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

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WANTED:** 24, GWM,
beginner, seeking straight
acting men. Let be friends
and see what happens from
there. #2104

Milwaukee **SEEKING A
LOVER:** GWM, 35, 6'1".
Blonde moustache, hairy.
Love to read and cook, I am
a professional. #2782

Milwaukee **LIVE FOR THE
WEEKENDS:** GBM 32,
6'1" 185, Seeking guy to go
out with and travel. Love to
roller blade, I am a educated
professional. #2886

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AND GO TO PARTIES:**
22 GWM seeking a
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tall good looking men to play
with. Leave me a phone
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"Codification is not sanctification. This
is not the end of this debate. . . Ultimately,
we will prevail," said McFeeley.

Tanya Domi of the National Gay and
Lesbian Task Force said that the margin of
loss on the Boxer amendment was actually
"encouraging for future battles. . . The fact
that 33 Senators rejected government-sanctioned discrimination
indicates to us that, with strong leadership,
the struggle for civil rights for Gay men and
Lesbians can eventually be won in
Congress."

STEFFAN CASE BACK IN COURT

Meanwhile, a three judge panel of the
Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
on September 13 heard arguments in the
case of Joseph C. Steffan, the top-ranked
midshipman at Annapolis who was forced to
leave the Navy just days shy of his
graduation from the academy.

Despite all his previous statements
against the military ban, President Clinton
had his Justice Department attorneys
appear before the appeals court to defend
the ban which resulted in Steffan's ouster.
Steffan was not charged with any offense.
He was ordered to resign for simply
acknowledging that he is Gay.

The government's attorney trotted out
all the arguments used previously by the
Reagan and Bush administrations to defend
the Pentagon ban. But the New York
Times reported that that panel of judges "in
its questioning, strongly suggested that it
would hand the Gay rights movement a
significant victory."

Members of the court expressed
skepticism that there was any rational basis
for the exclusion of homosexual service
members. They also voiced concern about
the government's restrictions on Gay
soldiers merely talking about their
orientation or engaging in private,
consensual sexual relations while off base
and off duty.

The panel is comprised of three liberal
members of the appeals court. Should
Steffan win his appeal, the government is
likely to appeal that decision either to the
full Appeals Court, which has many
conservative members, or to the U.S.
Supreme Court.

Chief White House Health Care Reform Coordinator Meets with AIDS Action Council

Ira Magaziner, senior advisor to the
president for policy development, told
members of AIDS Action Council board of
directors September 11 that he looked
forward to working closely with the council to
shape a reform package that protects the
interests of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Magaziner, the chief White House
coordinator on health care reform, told AIDS
Action that he wants the council to review
the draft health care reform proposal prior to
its release and offer specific
recommendations to assure that the
interests of people living with HIV/AIDS are
addressed and protected. Meeting
participants discussed in detail issues set
forward in the council's Health Care Reform
Statement of Principles for People Living
with HIV/AIDS.

"AIDS Action has worked intensively to
forward suggestions to the framers of
President Clinton's plan since November
1992, and we are pleased to see many of
our issues given serious consideration," said
Daniel T. Bross, AIDS Action's executive
director. "Magaziner's detailed and heartfelt
comments gave us a sense of real
commitment by President Clinton to try to
address the many problems of health care
delivery faced by people living with
HIV/AIDS. The administration has made
many key decisions in recent weeks that
give us increased confidence about its
proposals. We are hopeful that many of the
commitments expressed by Mr. Magaziner
will be realized in concrete policies that will
save and enrich lives."

Magaziner said that as a leading voice
of the AIDS communities, AIDS Action will
have the opportunity to provide specific
comments on the plan the week before the
final plan was to be announced by the
president on September 22. AIDS Action
experts are currently making a point-by-point
review of the draft proposal.

AIDS Action discussed with Magaziner
a variety of specific concerns, including:

- The confidentiality of medical
records and assurances for the
protection of the civil rights of
people with HIV/AIDS;
- The coverage of prescription
and off-label drugs;

4th Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk

Sept. 26 Event expects over 6,000 Walkers to Raise \$500,000

Milwaukee — Twenty agencies that provide AIDS-related services throughout Wisconsin will benefit from more than \$500,000 expected to be raised at the 4th Annual Wisconsin AIDS Walk on Sunday, September 26, for "A Year of Magic."

Six agencies will co-sponsor the 1993 Walk and the proceeds will be disbursed among them and 14 additional agencies. The sponsoring agencies are the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project-Kenosha, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project-Eau Claire, Madison AIDS Support Network, The Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium, and Center Project, Inc. in Green Bay.

MAGIC JOHNSON CO-CHAIR

6,000 walkers are expected to converge on Milwaukee's lakefront with honorary co-chairs Magic Johnson and Milwaukee Bucks Coach Mike Dunleavy to make clear their unanimous support for comprehensive AIDS care and education in Wisconsin.

"Each agency chosen to receive funds has shown a commitment to addressing the challenges brought on by the HIV epidemic," said Doug Nelson, ARCW's executive director. "Each has realized the necessity in our state for support of people affected by this devastating epidemic and education to prevent the further spread of the virus. And, each has acted on those needs with commitment and compassion."

Health Plan & AIDS

- ▼ Provisions for long-term care and substance abuse treatment;
- ▼ The incorporation of people who are uninsured or who are clients of Medicaid into the new plan; and
- ▼ The establishment of a mechanism to acknowledge and augment special health services for special populations, with program adjustments for people with low incomes and people with chronic illnesses.

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OTHER AIDS WALK BENEFICIARIES

The Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation-Milwaukee will use funding to assist in the development and expansion of its HIV care services, particularly in the areas of emotional support, behavioral change and programming for teens and women.

The Visiting Nurses Association (VNA)-Milwaukee plans to use Walk funding to help educate nursing personnel and provide services to people living with AIDS/HIV. VNA believes expert home nursing management contributes significantly to the quality of life of people living with HIV disease.

Opportunities Industrialization Center of Racine County, Inc. (OIC) will use the disbursement of augment minority AIDS/HIV education programming. OIC will also use funds to provide AIDS/HIV awareness sessions to parents and teens.

STD Specialties Clinic, Inc. and Brady East STD Clinic, Inc. provide anonymous HIV counseling and testing in the Milwaukee area. Walk funding will be used by these two agencies for HIV education and early intervention programs for people diagnosed with HIV.

Wisconsin's chapter of the Midwest Hispanic AIDS Coalition (MHAC) addresses AIDS/HIV prevention and education in the Hispanic community. Walk funding will allow MHAC to increase the number of HIV prevention workshops for Hispanic women and to purchase culturally-specific HIV prevention material to better serve the community.

The Waukesha County Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Abuse works to ensure that the residents of Waukesha County receive the best AIDS/HIV service available. Proceeds from the Walk will fund HIV training seminars for outreach workers and the purchase of HIV risk-reduction materials.

The Central Wisconsin AIDS Network (CWAN), located in Wausau, provides education and support services for persons with HIV infection, their families and significant others. CWAN plans to use their portion of the funding toward increasing community education, case management and support services.

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AIDS Walk

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The Milwaukee Indian Health Board, Inc. (MIHB) provides sensitive and accessible care to American Indians. MIHB plans to use funding to support HIV education and outreach programs in its community.

Wisconsin Conference of Churches-AIDS/HIV Ministry Task Force will use its Walk funding to help implement community care projects for people and families with HIV disease throughout Wisconsin.

Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, Inc. plans to use funding to assist its AIDS outreach which is designed to help women at high risk to change their lifestyle and habits.

ACT UP-Milwaukee plans to use funding to assist in its AIDS/HIV education.

BREAKFAST KICK-OFF

A special Wisconsin AIDS Walk Breakfast precedes the Walk at the Italian Community Center. The Walk begins and ends a few blocks away at South Urban Park (just north of the Summerfest Grounds). Walker registration begins at 10:30am, Opening Ceremonies begin at noon, the Walk begins at 12:30, and the closing celebrations, again at South Urban Park, will begin at approximately 3:30pm. The closing ceremonies are a grand celebration with music, entertainment & food.

Pledge forms are still available at all Kohls Food Stores. Ask your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers—everyone to sponsor your efforts! Suggest a minimum donation of \$1 per kilometer, which is a \$10 pledge. Ask your sponsors to pay when they pledge. This saves you time and us administrative costs. Bring your pledges to the registration area at the WALK site on Sunday.

Individuals can double their contribution to the Walk by asking their employers to match their donations or collected pledges. Matching gifts do count toward the special gift incentive, excluding the Grand Prize, 1st Prize and 2nd Prize.

PRIZES

Norwegian CruiseLine and American Airlines have donated the individual grand prize of a seven-day trip for two aboard the M/S Dreamward and round trip airfare to Miami. Funways Holidays Funjet has donated the first prize — two round-trip

tickets to Montego Bay, Jamaica. Second prize, courtesy of American Airlines, will allow the winner and a guest to fly roundtrip to any destination in the continental United States that American Airlines flies.

First Bank Milwaukee has donated tickets in the Bradley Center Skybox, parking passes, snacks and beverages for one Admirals Hockey game of the 93-94 season. Each member of the Top Five Teams will take home a Wisconsin AIDS Walk mug. In addition, walkers are eligible for individual prizes such as AM/FM Walkmans, Cordless phones and color stereo TVs donated by American TV.

SPONSORS

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Many other area businesses helping to make the Walk a success are Ace Chemical Products, Inc., Paul M. Cesarc Pharmacist S.C., Firststar Bank-Mayfair, HME, Inc., Herbert H. Kohl Charities, JCPenney Company, Karl's Rental Center, Klein Metal Finishing, Inc., Milwaukee County Labor Council AFL-CIO, Mortagage Guarantee Insurance Corporation, National Association of Theatre Owners of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, North Avenue Pharmacy, park Banks, Presto Foundation, Salon Systems-Aveda Products Distributor, St. Mary's Hospital, Sybron Corporation, von Briesen and Purtell S.C., Waukesha Memorial Hospital, Wisconsin Gas Company, Wisconsin Bell, and the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Care Professionals.

New to the Walk this year is a special dog registration. Canines who collect pledge money for their participation will also be eligible for prizes including a free physical from Silver Spring Animal Wellness Center for each dog that registers. A \$25 gift certificate from Pet Mart and a \$100 gift certificate from Silver Spring Animal Wellness Center will be awarded to the highest pledged dogs.

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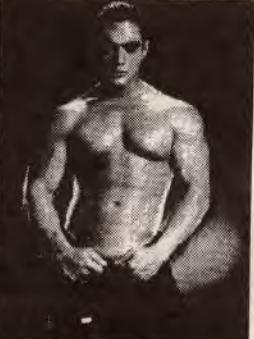
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ACT UP Milwaukee marched on Milwaukee's City Hall and into Mayor John Norquist's office demanding an increase in city AIDS funding.

Photos by Jamakaya

ACT UP Milwaukee Storms City Hall for Increased AIDS Funds

MAP Requests \$190,000 More for AIDS Services

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — True to its threat to "Target City Hall" to obtain more funding for AIDS services and education, ACT UP/Milwaukee on September 14 held a march which traveled from the Riverwalk on Wisconsin Avenue to City Hall and directly into the reception area of Mayor John Norquist's office.

About 25 demonstrators joined the protest, which included a lively picket line with shouts of "What do we want? Money for AIDS! When do we want it? Now!"

ACT UP member Yuri Keegstra made a speech outside City Hall in which he attacked "the refusal of a blind, complacent, and uncaring city government to effectively use its resources to fight AIDS."

Keegstra decried the city's failure to develop any plan or coordinated strategy for

fighting AIDS. He also enumerated what he called the "scandalously paltry" sums of municipal funds that have been expended in the fight against AIDS.

As reported in the last issue of In Step, the city has set aside just \$69,200 on an annual basis since 1986 for AIDS education and services. All of this has been given as a grant to the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP). Except for two special \$43,000 grants in 1991 and 1992, which have not been extended, municipal funding for AIDS has not increased since 1986. This is despite the growing number of Milwaukeeans (about 900 now) infected with HIV.

When the protesters moved into City Hall and the Mayor's office, they were met by Mayoral spokesman Jeff Bentoff who listened to Keegstra present ACT UP's demands.

"ACT UP demands that the City of Milwaukee increase its annual AIDS spending by \$250,000," Keegstra told

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19 The Other Place (3pm-Close) 117 E. Greenfield 53204 672-3987
The Silver Plum (Lunch, dinner) 1457 N Farwell Ave 53202 273-1457

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Gay People's Union Hotline 562-7010
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Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123
Wisconsin AIDS Info Line 273-AIDS

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ACT UP Milwaukee marched demanding an increase in city AIDS funding.

ACT UP

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Bentoff. "These funds would be divided up between AIDS service organizations and community-based groups, with the City retaining \$50,000 to finance an education program and provide assistance to local AIDS organizations in seeking federal, state and private grant moneys."

"ACT UP also demands that the City of Milwaukee quickly and efficiently facilitate the drawing up of an AIDS Strategic Plan to fight AIDS in Milwaukee."

ACT UP wants the city to use its resources to set up meetings with AIDS and other community-based groups to identify deficiencies in the fight against AIDS and to determine how those gaps can be filled. ACT UP also wants a commitment by the city to follow through on such a strategic plan.

Bentoff, literally backed into a corner, listened to Keegstra, promised to present the information to Mayor Norquist, and said he would get back to the group. The protesters then filed out of the reception area in an orderly manner. There were no arrests.

MAP PRESENTS FUNDING REQUEST

Just days after the ACT UP demonstration, Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP, attended a meeting with Mayor Norquist and City Health Commissioner Paul Nannis in which MAP's request for an additional \$190,000 for AIDS services in the 1994 city budget was discussed.

MAP had sent its request in a letter to the Mayor dated September 1. MAP is asking for \$60,000 for its own AIDS services, \$30,000 each for the Milwaukee Indian Health Board, the United Migrant Opportunities Services, the Institute for Child and Family Development and Planned Parenthood in Milwaukee, and \$10,000 for the STD Specialties Clinic.

Commissioner Nannis told In Step the meeting was a "good discussion" in which Norquist expressed his support for people with AIDS and the individuals and groups working to prevent AIDS. Nelson was asked to compile a list of the "highest priority needs" of AIDS service groups which were "most appropriate" for city funding and that they would be considered for inclusion in the Mayor's budget proposal which will be submitted to the Common Council September 28. contd. on page ▶ 14

MADISON (608)

Lesbian Parents Network PO Box 572, 53701	255-8582	Gay/Les/Bi Veterans of American (S.E., WI chapter) c/o 3036 N. Booth, 53212	562-4191
Madison Volleyball Group Madison Wrestling Club P. O. Box 8234, 53708	Jeff, 251-8716 244-8675	Gay People's Union P. O. Box 208, 53201 P. O. Box 09441, 53209	562-7010 265-8500
New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation) P. O. Box 1786, 53701	241-2500	Gay Men's Discussion Group (Bill) Gay Men's Support Group (Bill)	271-2565 271-2565
Nothing to Hide (Gay cable) Parents & Friends of Gays & Lesbians P. O. Box 1722, 53701	262-7365	Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862 Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc. (GMMA) (Boating, sports/social) PO Box 1768, 53201	871-4839 259-0500
10% Society (student organization) Box 614, UW Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706	255-8582-	Holiday Invitational Tournament (G/L bowling event) P. O. Box 899, 53201	672-8960
Unicorns of Madison (L/L club) PO Box 536, 53701	246-2681	Lambda Rights Network (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203	871-4839
The United (Education, Counseling, Advocacy) 14 W. Mifflin St., Ste 103	255-8582-	LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee) P. O. Box 93232, 53204	264-2600
Womonsong (Women's Choral Group)	246-2681	LOC/Women of Color MACT (Men of All Colors Together)	873-4942

RELIGIOUS

Integrity/Dignity Box 730, 53701	836-8886	MGALA (MU Graduates) P. O. Box 92722, 53202	256-1347
Affirmation (L/G United Methodists) University Church, 1127 University Ave, 53705	256-2353	Milwaukee Bondage Club (SM/BD) 3109 W National #805, 53215	669-BDSM
		Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.) People Living With AIDS Coalition	543-4850
		315 W. Court, 53212	273-1991
		Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207	
		Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) (Support group meets monthly, call Sandy)	962-9320
		PrideFest (Pride Committee) PO Box 93852, 53203	272-FEST
		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) P. O. Box 371, Elm Grove 53122	271-2565
		S.O.S. (Alcohol/Addiction Recovery) Ujima (African Am. Support/Social, Call Eric)	442-1132
		P. O. Box 92183, Milwaukee 53202	277-7671

MILWAUKEE (414)**ORGANIZATIONS**

ACT UP Milwaukee P. O. Box 1707, 53201	769-5708	Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ) 1821 N. 16th St.	344-1746
Alcoholics Anonymous (req. Gay meetings)	272-3081	Dignity (G/L Catholic Church) P. O. Box 597, 53102	444-7177
Beer Town Badgers (L/L social club)	272-3021	Lutherans Concerned P. O. Box 11864, 53211	481-9663
Paul Bunyon Society (Social group for Big & Bear Men) PO Box 1252, 53201 (Rob)	933-4761	MAP Spiritual Care P. O. Box 92505, 53202	273-1991
Black & White Men Together	265-8500	Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (UMFCC) P. O. Box 1421, 53201-1421	332-9995
P. O. Box 12292, 53212	933-2136	Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming) 2717 E. Hampshire	964-1513
Black Gay Consciousness Raising	265-8500	The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, non-denominational) 1636 W. National	647-9199
Black Lesbians United Emergence (BLUE) (Support/Social Group) PO Box 92146, 53202	933-8746	St. James Episcopal Church 833 W. Wisconsin Ave	271-1340
Brand New Queer Cable TV Show	272-3020	UCC/LGC (United Church of Christ) c/o New Hope UCC	645-9174
P. O. Box 93951, 53203		First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church) 1342 N Astor	273-5257
Brothers Loving Brothers (Gay male support)		Village Church (Reconciled in Christ) 130 E. Juneau Ave	273-7617
1330 N. 22nd St., 53205		New Hope United Church of Christ 1424 W Greenfield Ave, 53204	645-9174
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)	873-2895		
PO Box 93421, 53203			
Cream City Foundation (CCF)			
2821 N. 4th St. #217B, or, Box 204, 53201	265-0880		
Cream City Squares			
(G/L Squares 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 Chumess, 2705 N. Shepard 53211			
GAMMA (sports/social)			
P. O. Box 1900, 53201	963-9833		
Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UWM			
Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201	229-6555		

MEDICAL

Dr. Kelly Balliet (Internal/Infectious Diseases)	
Medical Center Specialists Clinic	
945 N 12, 53233	283-7837
Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) (VD, HIV testing, hepatitis screening)	1240 E. Brady 53202
	272-2144

The Guide

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Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome
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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	
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)	
1125 Main St. 54305	432-3917
1 Napalese 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	
P.O. Box 731, 53701 (303 Lathrop St.)	238-MASN
Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)	
1552 University Avenue 53705	262-7330

BARS

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

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 (Women's Cultural Center/Hall Rental)	849 E Washington
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 cycling 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 (Brripatch & Picada Sponsored)	251-1126/246-7606

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Nannis cautioned that Nelson was one of dozens of community leaders and heads of city departments, including himself, who were meeting with the Mayor regarding increased budget requests. He said the Mayor would have to make some "tough decisions," especially since he has pledged not to raise city taxes.

Doug Nelson declined to comment on the meeting with the Mayor and Health Commissioner.

ACT UP was talking, however. At the September 14 protest, Keegstra told the crowd: "Just the word of this demonstration getting around has sent the corridors of power in this city shaking. Mayor Norquist has agreed to meet with Doug Nelson from MAP to discuss an increase in the 1994 AIDS budget."

After noting MAP's request for \$190,000, Keegstra said: "While we applaud MAP's efforts, they don't go far enough.

MAP is playing catch-up in the budgetary process while we feel that we must strive to move forward. Thus, our demands surpass those of MAP's both in funding amounts and in the demand for the creation of an AIDS Strategic Plan and City guarantees to implement it."

When asked about the coincidence of ACT UP's demonstration coming at approximately the same time as MAP's budget request, Tim Kennedy, spokesman for MAP, said "I'm not aware of any connection between the ACT UP protest and MAP's efforts with the city."

ACT UP members responded to Kennedy's comment with skepticism and what can only be characterized as amusement.

Nannis referred to his own years as a community activist and commented: "ACT UP has its role. It has its place. I don't always agree with its tactics, but it definitely has a role to play. If they've pushed the agenda forward a little, they've accomplished something."

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Milwaukee — The Eighth Annual MAPFEST held Sunday, Sept. 5 at the Performing Arts Center's Peck Pavilion and Riverfront Grounds was the most successful ever with an attendance of more than 3,500 Gays, Lesbians and their friends and supporters.

The record \$43,000 raised will directly benefit support services for people affected by AIDS and HIV disease, HIV prevention and educational programming, and clinical research into effective drug therapies for people with HIV infection.

The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. produces MAPFEST each year to benefit the programs of its service agencies — The Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project-Kenosha, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project-Eau Claire and the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium.

A Milwaukee premier concert by the Flirtations in the PAC's Vogel Hall headlined MAPFEST '93. The concert goers enjoyed the poignant and satirical vocals of this premier a capella quartet in their first Milwaukee appearance. Milwaukee's own

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Fox Valley GWM 30's — Seeking friend. Me 5'8", 170 lbs. Blond/Blue. Great shape, youthful looking. Varied interests. You, 21-35, slender build, long hair a plus. Race unimportant. Looking for an honest, intelligent, stable, fun person. P.O. Box 231, Menasha, WI 54952.

GWM Active Top, 42 — Bearded, average looks, thin, 5'7" 120 lbs. Seeks passive/submissive bottom for relationship. I seek someone loving, open-minded, experimental, into B/D and willing to commit to building a special relationship. Respond to: Gordonne, Box 3166, Oshkosh, WI 54903. Photo appreciated, serious relationship orientated only.

GWM, single, 31 yrs., 5'10", 162. Looking for someone the age of 20 to 50, who has to be honest, friendly and willing. Friendship first, then more later. Go to bars only on weekends. Meet first, and then whatever. Send photo and phone number. I'll do the same. I need someone badly. Call (715) 223-2639, or write: Alan, 406 W. Spruce St., Abbotsford, WI 54405.

GWM 5'9", 145 lbs., 40. Super body condition. HIV neg., safe sex only. College graduate - Vegetarian. Seeks very slender or super conditioned same or younger for monogamous relationship. Photo returned. P.O. Box 806, Green Bay, WI 54305-0806.

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Graffiti

Lyle (Madison): It was the BEST "30 minutes." Can't wait for the next 30. **Jim (Milw.)**

Tammy: I can't paint you - But - if you were a drum - I could beat you. **Sybil 4 Honey**

Nuts: I'm about you, do want some of my... **Brown Deer**

Kenosha: I hope you're happy with your relocation. If not, please let me know if there's anything I can do!

John (Madison): Milwaukee is not that long of a distance when the heart is strong. I care and miss you. **Troy XOXO**

Jen: Nothing wrong with more than one admirer, however, sometimes we know when to admire from afar. P.S. I agree, writer should sign name, everyone has eyes. **Nelson**

Kim & Ron: Happy 10 years of the best friendship anyone could have. **8/5/85, Troy**

Rick: Two and a half years, Damn! Still love you baby. **Scott**

Rosie: Happy 23. It's been 10 long years. Hope for 10 more. **Scott**

Gail: You're the best thing that ever happened to me. Thank you for loving me again. You're the best! **Dave**

Debbie (La Cage): It's been a wonderful year, thanks for putting up with me. Love you lots. **Rosie**

Tony: I've been working so hard on you I need a vacation - take me away. **Dave**

Me: After all this time, could this really be you? I pray it is so. I was moved by your message and would love to see you again! I miss you. Please call, I'm newly listed. **Love, Gail**

Casey (Racine): Call me! **Frank (Racine)**

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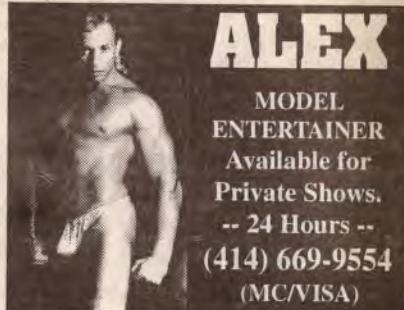
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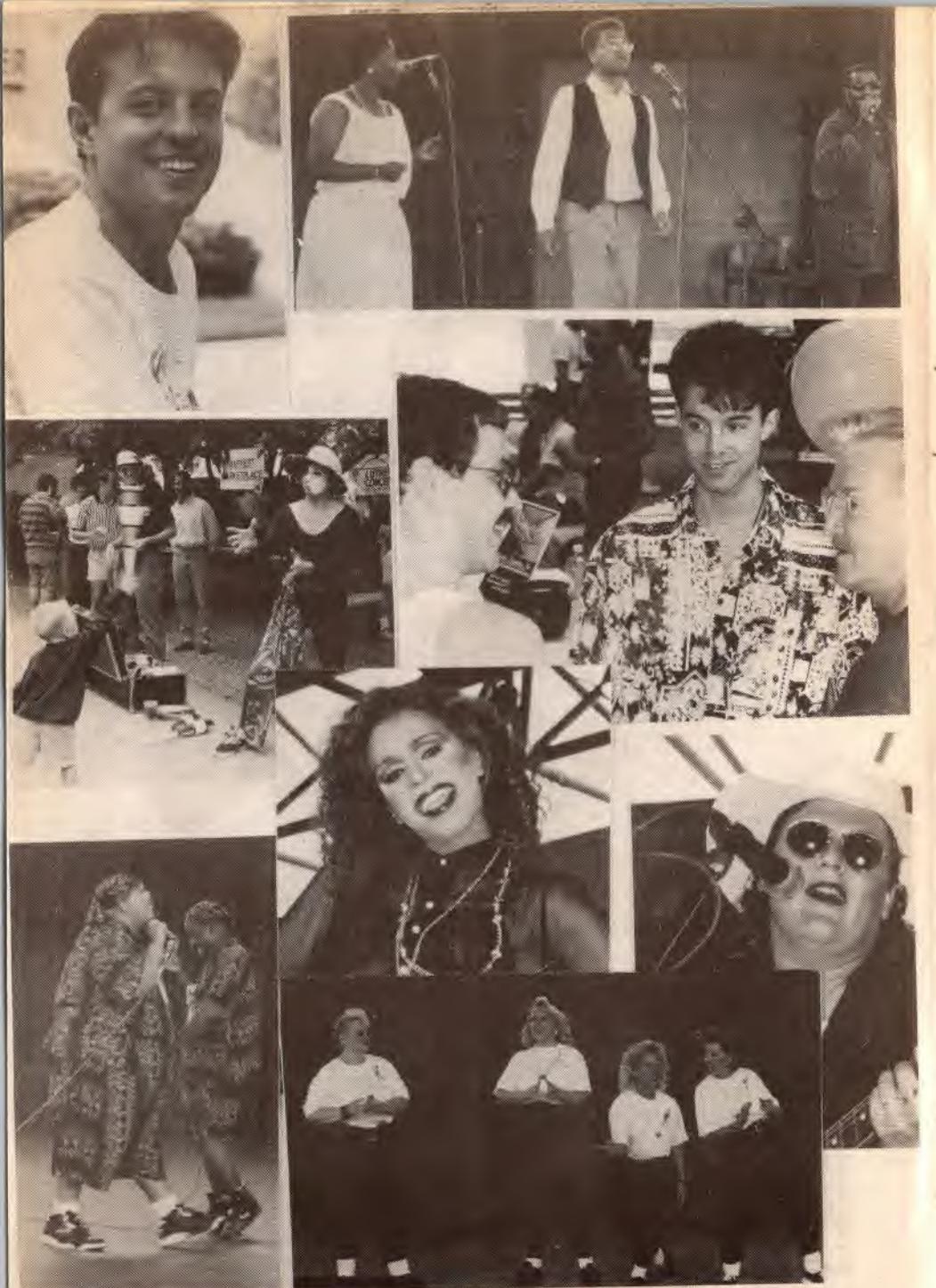
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National Spotlight Focuses on Lesbian Custody and Adoption Cases

Loss in Virginia, Victory in Massachusetts, Wisconsin Case in the Wings

Analysis by Jamakaya

The recent media frenzy that followed a Virginia judge's decision to strip custody of a two-year-old child from his Lesbian mother has put Lesbian custody and adoption cases into the national spotlight.

Just days after the loss in Virginia, a judge in Boston granted adoptive status to the Lesbian partner of the mother of a five-year-old, and a case soon to be argued in the Wisconsin Supreme Court will determine the future prospects of such cases here.

VIRGINIA'S CUSTODY RULING

Petitions for custody, for visitation rights and for the adoption of children by Lesbians and Gay men have been in the courts for many years. Each case has involved different circumstances, with results both favorable and unfavorable. But the intense media focus on the case of 23-year old Sharon Bottoms in Virginia has brought the issue widespread public attention.

On September 7, Henrico County Circuit Judge Buford Parsons upheld a lower court's decision stripping Bottoms of custody of her two-year-old son, Tyler, and granting custody to the boy's grandmother.

Referring to Sharon Bottoms' Lesbianism, Judge Parsons said: "The mother's conduct is illegal and immoral and renders her an unfit parent."

Judge Parsons cited a 1985 decision

by the Virginia Supreme Court which stated that homosexuality alone could be used as grounds to deny custody to a parent. Because Bottoms admitted she engaged in oral sex with her lover, April Wade, the judge also invoked the state's strict sodomy law, saying that Bottoms was engaging in felonious behavior.

He allowed Bottoms to visit her son just two days per week, but the meetings can never take place in her own home or in the presence of her partner, Wade.

Kay Bottoms had charged that her daughter's Lesbianism made her an unfit parent and that the child would grow up not knowing the difference between men and women. Sharon Bottoms' attorneys argued that there was no evidence she was an unfit mother. They also cited studies indicating that children raised by homosexual parents are no more likely to be Gay than children raised by heterosexuals and are no more likely to be in any way maladjusted.

Lesbian and Gay leaders called the judge's ruling "outrageous" and "bigoted." When CBS newswoman Connie Chung asked the couple what advice they had for other Lesbians in Virginia who might find themselves in the same situation, April Wade simply said: "Move." An appeal is planned.

There have been at least two other cases recently in which a Lesbian mother has been denied custody of her child — one in North Dakota and one in Alabama. In each case, the mother's "lifestyle" has been cited as inappropriate for her children.

But there was also a victory for a Lesbian mother in Iowa, where a judge rejected her ex-husband's claim that the woman's Lesbianism made her an unfit mother.

None of these cases were exploited by the media the way the Virginia case was.

ADOPTION CASES

While the national media focused on the Virginia case, another ruling, this one a

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I GUESS THIS IS HOW POOR PEOPLE FEEL, HUH?

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To The Community:

Oh well, here we go again . . . Recently, the collection canister for the Sanctuary that was at the Wreck Room was removed from the back of the front bar because of supposed complaints by customers who felt it was not proper that it was there. Although these remarks to the bartenders were made by a few drunken customers, Bill, the owner, honored the request when it was brought up at a recent employee meeting. I fully understand that he has a bar to run, and that he (Bill) doesn't want to offend or alienate any of his patrons, but a number of questions arise concerning this action.

It was out of the goodness of Bill's heart that the canister was there in the first place, since he understood the plight of the Outreach Center here on the South Side. Aside from the recent robbery, where all of the food was taken, the clothing destroyed by being pissed and shit on, a ten speed bike and two functional stereo speakers were taken, we have had very little trouble here in the 17 years the Sanctuary existed. Milwaukee police still have no leads, although they know it was drug motivated since cases of Similac (powdered) were also stolen. (It's used to cut coke on the streets.)

It's not easy to run a Outreach Center in the Inner City, and it certainly isn't cheap. Food costs have jumped over 800% in less than five years, while donations have only risen 13-1/4%. Why the poor donation rate? The economy for one, and mainstream religious bigotry for another.

Originally, the Sanctuary was a Roman Catholic Outreach Center, that relied in part on the Third Order of Saint Francis for rent. In 17 years, this rate has gone from \$3,000 to \$12,000. Although private donations still show up from the Archdiocese, and the Archbishop blesses our work, nothing has been available on an official basis, since I quit the Church over discriminatory actions toward Jeff and myself over our Gay relationship.

The Episcopal Church was not much better. Although they publically claim that they are not discriminatory toward the Gay community they are acutely Homophobic internally. In three years of broken promises, and potentially shady financial proposals from some of the Elders, they managed to put us in debt to the tune of over \$9,000. We nearly went bankrupt through their "generosity." Meanwhile, people in the community were still in desperate need for the basics of life and the demand on us increased to astronomical proportions. Jeff and I could not keep up with the demands from both the Gay as well as the Straight communities, from our personal finances. In March of this year, I finally resigned from the Episcopal Church, again over subversive Gay bashing, and the lack of any concrete social concerns toward either community.

The Institutional Churches, for the most part talk a good game, and are very adept at manipulating very innocent people with fear and guilt to line their pockets with money, but when asked to put their promises into financial action all we got was a lot of rhetoric and hot air. Some very caring individuals from both sects help with the coal fund since we do not have central heating around here, which roughly amounts to \$1,200. We turn down most donations, since they come with ulterior motives, and are not based on pur charity.

The Sanctuary is "Christian" orientated, but not in a traditional way. I personally am a life member of the Ecumenical Order of Charity, which operates on the ideals of Jesus, the corporal works of Mercy and not the materialistic value system of the Organized Paulist Cult. Unlike most bleeding heart liberals who talk about the plight of the poor over their Surf and Turf dinners, but live in the suburbs away from the "clement," we have chosen to do what we can right here in the inner city. Not only do we feed, clothe, and find emergency shelter for the poor (without ulterior motives) we subsidize rent; utility payments; medicine for the elderly as well as HIV+; pay medical bills all or in part for those who have no insurance; sponsor individuals who want to get drug or alcohol rehabilitation; buy bus or train tickets to get people home; work with run-a-ways both Gay and straight; and oh yes occasionally pay to bury the dead both GAY & STRAIGHT. All of this is done on a purely voluntary basis from our own funds.

Last year over \$18,000 went out of this house to alleviate some of the inhumanity toward others. People that are helped here run the social gamut from War Vets (Vietnam, Korea, and the Gulf War) who are either emotionally or physically handicapped) The V.A. Center at Woods has abandoned them. Yes for the most part they are alcoholics. Native Americans, Hispanics, Blacks, Hungry, system, or are too proud to accept handouts from the government. Letting them die is to create social genocide of the minorities. This also applies to the HIV+ community of which at last count we are helping 147 who are in desperate need of emotional and sometimes financial help.

Here at the Sanctuary, we fight not only discrimination toward the Gay community, but also environmental racism as well, toward the minorities who live in squalor within the inner city. The Sanctuary does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, National origin or sexual orientation. All of this is done on a first name basis only. Totally confidential, and all done on our limited abilities. If people truly acted upon their supposed "Christian" values, instead of babbling about it for one hour at services on Sunday there would be no need for the Sanctuary to exist, but unfortunately this is not the case. As long as the ramifications of greed in this city exist, and the exploitation of the poor continues, the Sanctuary will continue to do it's thing. I despise drunken hypocrites who about anyone else who chooses to do so.

Now where does the money to fund the Sanctuary come from? Since we are not Tax exempt (By choice, since Jesus supposedly paid taxes and commanded us to do so also.) Aside from small donations and gifts from Bikers and the Wisconsin truckers, that we know of we get some cash donations from anonymous donors. Jeff, my other half, who works at the Rep here in town put in last year \$14,000. Between the sale of my art, and my Dad's inheritance (\$300 per month) the difference is somehow made up via creative financing. Many times when things really get tight we borrow to get food. All of our expenditures for the past ten years have been duly recorded, and we have been audited two times by the IRS. The news media too has investigated us fully and found that no "air conditioned doghouse syndrome exists around here."

To all of you who have criticized us, the challenge has always been offered to you. Come look, check us out. For the most part none of you have ever taken us up on our offer. Frequently I have asked you to help us out with Saturday morning breakfast for the poor but you refused. Fine. Then don't make accusations, about us or our finances until you're ready to back them up. With the financial contributions Jeff and I have made to this City, its suburbs (Yes Virginia there are working poor in Whitefish Bay) and the Gay community, we have earned the right in 17 years to come to you for a meager donation. That canister that you so complained about netted out exactly \$37.40 in the past six months. Never once has anyone demanded individuals contribute to it. It is purely a voluntary action motivated by compassion. I don't think that with that poultry sum, we are getting rich off the Gay community and flying off to Jamaica for the weekend.

Finally, to those who have complained that Jeff and I eat too frequently at the M&M and that the monies we collect go to feeding ourselves at that establishment. Firstly, the M&M certainly is not the Pfeifer or Maders. Secondly, because of my severe food allergies, it is one of the still safe places to eat a Caesar salad or a grilled cheese sandwich. I highly doubt that many of you do 1/8 as much in service to the community, as Jeff, myself, or the Sanctuary do. Before you complain again to that bartender about that Poor box at your local watering hole, remember, YOU may one day be in need of the funding or the services of the Sanctuary. I remember your own words overheard at one of the Bars... "Go to the Sanctuary or J.P. if you need something. They'll give to anybody."

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Custody/Adoption

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victory in a somewhat different case in Massachusetts, got little attention at all.

On September 10, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in a 4-3 ruling granted joint adoption rights of a 5 year old girl to the girl's biological mother and her Lesbian partner. The mother is noted breast cancer expert Dr. Susan Love, her partner is also a physician, Dr. Helen Cooksey. The child was conceived through artificial insemination.

Normally, when someone adopts a child, the rights of the previous parent are rescinded. That is why Love and Cooksey filed for a joint adoption, so that both women would have full legal rights as co-parents. No one was challenging the women's petition for joint adoption.

The majority on the court ruled that there was nothing in state law to prevent joint adoptions by homosexual couples and that the joint adoption in this case was in the best interests of the child, Tammy.

The dissenting justices said they believed state law allowed adoptions only by married people. One justice objected to the women's homosexuality.

The couple, both surgeons formerly employed at the Harvard Medical School, had impeccable credentials and character references. Their attorney said of them: "They are like the perfect parents, and all-American, except for being Lesbian."

"It is an absolutely extraordinary, wonderful decision," she added. It will also enable other such joint adoptions by same sex couples in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts case follows by just three months a similar decision by the Supreme Court in the state of Vermont. On June 18, that court ruled unanimously in support of joint adoption by a Lesbian couple without either woman sacrificing her parental rights.

Deborah Lashman had gone to court seeking adoption of her partner's two sons so that they would be eligible for insurance under her workplace health plan. A lower court denied the petition, saying state law required that adoptive couples be legally married.

The Supreme Court said the lower court judge had interpreted the statute correctly but had failed to consider how

families had changed in the 40 years since it was written.

"In interpreting Vermont's adoption statutes, we are mindful that the state's primary concern is to promote the welfare of children," said the court. In this case, the court ruled, the welfare of the children was best served by recognizing Lashman as a co-equal parent.

Vermont now joins Massachusetts, California, Alaska, Oregon, New York and New Jersey as states where joint adoptions by same sex partners have passed constitutional muster. Such joint adoptions can also take place in the District of Columbia.

THE WISCONSIN CASE

The Supreme Court of Wisconsin is likely to hear oral arguments this fall in the appeal of a Lesbian from Brown County whose petition to adopt her partner's daughter was denied by a lower court. The case was scheduled to be heard in Green Bay on October 13, but attorneys in the case were recently informed that the case would be re-scheduled and probably held in Madison.

In this case, titled "In the Interest of Angel Lace M." the mother's partner, Annette, sought to adopt Angel Lace. Angel Lace was herself adopted by her mother, Georgina, and her ex-husband years ago. Georgina has since divorced her husband, who surrendered his parental rights at the time and who is not contesting Annette's petition for adoption.

Barbara Becker, an attorney with the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union which has filed an amicus brief with the Supreme Court in support of Annette's adoption bid, helped explain the case to *In Step*.

A court-appointed guardian ad litem as well as a social worker who investigated the Lesbian couple's home agreed that Angel Lace is a "happy, very well-adjusted child in a stable, loving family unit."

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AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): This week's vocabulary word is "walfbrud." Choose the correct meaning from the definitions below.

1) "Walfbrud" is the art of turning waste plastic into statues of saints. 2) "Walfbrud" is a delicious gourmet food made by the Basques from cattails and grasshoppers. 3) "Walfbrud" is the last word ever uttered by Albert Einstein. 4) "Walfbrud" is a psychological technique used to forcibly cultivate happiness in people who normally enjoy being depressed. 5) "Walfbrud" is the most famous brand of fur handcuffs. 6) "Walfbrud" is a champagne picnic in early autumn. "Walfbrud" is a nonce word that refers to the one-of-a-kind explorations on the frontier that Aquarians should do in late September and early October of 1993.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 19): Fall TV preview of famous Pisceans: On "The Simpsons," Piscean Vanna White will test Homer's fidelity. MTV's Beavis and Butt-Head, both Pisceans, will fall in love with a girl skateboarder champ who just happens to be an A-student. On "Star Trek," the Piscean android Data will perform in the Starship Enterprise's bar as a male exotic dancer named Mr. Delirious. And the main Piscean character on "As the World Turns" is scheduled to try plunging into a whirlpool of love without drowning, opening her heart as far as it'll go without ripping it apart, and — in the words of her therapist — creating a juicy relationship with a worthy lover without destroying her relationship with herself.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): I repudiate all insensitive comments I might have made about you recently. If I insinuated you were less than a fount of glittering charisma and primordial intelligence, it's because I was suffering from a toxic bout with PMS (Pathological Macho Stress, a.k.a. testosterone poisoning). I know you can probably never forget my affronts to your divine honor. I only hope you'll eventually forgive me.

In my own defense, I must say I was merely reflecting your own behavior. You should, by rights, also forgive yourself for all the mean and nasty things you said and did to yourself recently.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): In case you've never noticed, I'd like to call your attention to the fact that the word "stressed" is "desserts" spelled backwards. What that says to me, with my mystical turn of mind, is that the cure for being stressed is to eat desserts. This is especially true at a time like this, when your salty and tangy spirit, which usually serves you so well, is in danger of turning sour and bitter. Lots of sweet stuff is my prescription for keeping your disposition balanced and your taste good.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 20): Do you feel an itch to be better certified, licensed or accredited? Would you benefit from greater legitimacy, a more official title, or a recommendation from a recognized pro? Do you ever wonder if you've hung on a little too long to your adolescence, your innocence or your amateur status? If you answered yes to any of those questions, this week's events will conspire to remedy the situation. Start preparing your acceptance speech right now.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 21-JAN. 19): Here are a few recommended books (plus mini-reviews) for the upcoming marketing and self-promotion season. *Swim With the Sharks Without Being Eaten Alive*, by Harvey Mackay. Learn to out-hustle, outsell and outmaneuver anyone alive. *Liberation Management: Necessary Disorganization for the Nanosecond Nineties*, by Tom Peters. Learn why a little bit of chaos keeps you fresh and honest. *How to Work a Room*, by Susan RoAne. Learn to network not just with efficiency but with flair. *Fuzzy Logic*, by Daniel McNeill and Paul

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Real Astrology

By Robert Brezsny

ARIES (MAR. 20-APR. 19): Any minute now you'll arrive at a crossroads in your psychosexual history. To the left will loom the prospect of a dream date with a real live figment of your imagination. To the right will lurk the likelihood of somebody living out your fantasies for you. If you keep going straight, a fairy tale will probably come true, though not without a major assist from technology. And from behind you, if you stand there stalling too long, will waddle something like a hog wearing men's cologne or a mule wearing lipstick.

TAURUS (APR. 20-MAY 20): Time to make the transition from dumb luck to true grit, from coasting to moonlighting, from killing time peacefully to beating the clock mercilessly. You've had a nice, sweet break from the dog-eat-dog, but now you've got to get back in the mood to scratch the backs of all the topdogs. I'm not saying that life won't be wonderful. I'm just saying you'll have to work harder to keep it wonderful.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Your body is so healthy and fresh you're probably suspicious. Your brain is working at such peak efficiency you're in danger of scaring yourself. Love makes so much sense you might be afraid you're missing some crucial fact. But the cosmic joke is on you. These gifts are yours absolutely free and without obligation. No salesman will call later. No karmic scourge will exact a terrible price. So tell that big bad critic in your superego to shut the hell up.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): While on the whole I think your time in the Magic

Theater will be well spent, you do have to be alert for deceivers and imposters who'll contribute nothing to the dramatic entertainment. Likewise, the vast majority of the reflections you see in the Hall of Mirrors will be instructive, but two or three of them will subtly distort your image in ways you can't afford to believe in.

So enjoy your adventures in virtual reality. Just keep in mind that a small proportion of the fantasies you encounter there will not be in the service of beauty and truth.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Here's what I saw in my designer crystal ball. Your brand new Barney lunch box and notebooks were lying resplendent on your desk. Your pencils were sharpened and your Powerbook was packed. Off in the distance, your classroom was ready and waiting. There was just one hitch. Your teacher was calling roll, and you weren't here. Did you oversleep or something? Did you forget it was the first day of school?

By the next time I check my crystal ball, I want to see you ensconced in your new seat of higher learning.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): I'm in Vancouver, concluding my Pilgrimage to the Sacred Shopping Sites of North America. Here on September 24, in an Advertising-Free Zone near the offices of the fabulous *Adbusters* magazine, I'll be celebrating the second annual BUY NOTHING DAY. This exciting new holiday is a 24-hour moratorium on consumer spending, a feisty declaration of independence from our buyological urges. On BUY NOTHING DAY, I'll be swearing a triumphant oath that I'll never try building my personal identity around the consumer fetishes I own. And I hope you'll join me by making a similar vow. This would, by my reckoning, be the best possible way for you to cooperate with current astrological influences.

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Custody/Adoption

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ruled in 1992 that while the adoption would be in the best interests of the child, state law did not recognize as legally binding a marriage ceremony the women participated in several years ago. Saying the statute that allows adoption by step-parents requires those parents to be legally married, Dietz ruled that Annette could not be considered a legal step-parent.

Annette went to the appeals court, which pushed the case up to the state Supreme Court because of the unique legal issues involved.

Annette's attorneys will argue, as in the Vermont case, that the best interests of the child override other statutory concerns and that the denial of the petition for adoption violates the due process and equal protection rights of both Annette and the child, who is now 7 years old.

No one is sure how the court will rule

in this case. The state's high court has seven members, three very conservative, three moderate to liberal, and one big, unknown quantity: the newest justice, former Milwaukee Circuit Court Judge Janine Geske. Geske is filling the remaining term of retiring Justice Louis Ceci and will be up for election to a full ten-year term next spring.

If the court grants Annette's petition for adoption, it may open the way for other same-sex couples to seek joint adoption of each others' children. The court could also deny the petition outright or throw the question to the legislature, which would be asked to clarify the state's adoption statutes. This is an option most Gay rights supporters do not want to see happen at this time because of the current reactionary climate and the make-up of the state legislature.

In Step will keep readers informed on the progress of the Wisconsin case and other such cases around the country.

Joycelyn Elders OK'd as Surgeon General

Elders Hangs Tough; Conservative Foes Lose

Washington, D.C. — Arkansas pediatrician Dr. Joycelyn Elders overcame a concerted attempt by conservative forces to derail her nomination and won Senate approval as Surgeon General of the United States. The Senate vote on September 7 was 65-34, an unexpectedly favorable margin.

Dr. Elders joked about her grueling confirmation process with the New York Times: "I came to Washington as prime steak, and after being there a little while I feel like low-grade hamburger."

Dr. Elders was targeted for defeat by many of the country's most conservative groups because she believes in expanded sex education and AIDS prevention programs, the distribution of condoms through high school clinics and the right of women to choose abortion. A longtime confidante of President Clinton, Elders served as Director of the Arkansas Health Department when he was Governor.

The Christian Coalition, the Traditional Values Coalition, the Family Research Council and Concerned Women of America,

all in the forefront of anti-Gay campaigns, conducted an aggressive lobbying effort against Elders. They were joined by conservative Republican Senators.

Gay groups and AIDS service organizations lined up behind Dr. Elders, encouraged by her outspokenness about AIDS and sex education. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the AIDS Action Council and the National Association of People with AIDS all lobbied for her confirmation.

"This country desperately needs Dr. Elders' determination and forthrightness as we finally emerge from an extended period in which we have lacked any national voice on the important role of AIDS prevention," said Daniel Gross of the AIDS Action Council.

Dr. Elders had presented her agenda to the Senate hearing: "What I want more than anything else as your Surgeon General is to really be able to reduce or eradicate AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases, and to make every child a planned, wanted child."

Her victory in the Senate was due to several factors. President Clinton never wavered in his support for Dr. Elders and indicated he was prepared to do whatever

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Christian Coalition leaders mapped out a strategy for the coming year in which they plan to become more active on a wider range of issues than just abortion and homosexuality. They plan to work more on health care and education reform, term limits, tax relief and electing more Christians to office.

Report on HIV-Positive Lesbians Clarified

Washington, D.C. — The sensational reports that recently appeared in the mainstream media regarding two Lesbians in Texas who may have contracted HIV through Lesbian sex need clarification, according to experts. But that clarification may do little to ease Lesbians' minds.

Dr. David Wright, an Austin, Texas physician, mentioned in passing at a health forum that he was treating two women who may have contracted HIV through sex with women. He later claimed the media distorted his comments, that he never claimed these women were the first Lesbians to have gotten HIV from other women, and that the women were separate patients, not lovers.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says that HIV can be transmitted through vaginal secretions, especially if one woman has any broken skin in her vulvo-vaginal area. But vaginal secretions are considered much less effective transmitters of HIV than semen or blood. It is possible, say experts, but rare.

AIDS service groups say they have seen anecdotal evidence of woman-to-woman transmission for years. The problem is that AIDS statistics do not include a separate breakdown for Lesbians, who are lumped into the "other" category.

Meanwhile, adding to the frustration and confusion of Lesbians, the Texas Department of Health is not investigating Dr. Wright's report because it says it has not been asked to. And the CDC is not following up on the report because they first need authorization from the Texas health department.



Thinner Plastic Condoms on Market Next Year

Sarasota, FL — The Food and Drug Administration has approved for distribution a new thinner, polyurethane condom which is impervious to oily lubricants that break down latex condoms and is said to allow for greater physical sensation. Schmid Laboratories, which produces Sheik and Ramses brand condoms, will begin marketing the new condom in 1994.

The company claims lab tests revealed that the polyurethane condom blocks sperm, HIV and other microbes as well as the best latex condoms. Despite being made of thinner material, breakage rates of 1-2% were similar to those for other condoms. The company says that 5,000 men who tried the new condom preferred it to latex because it provided greater physical sensation.

Life's a Drag

By Bob Arnold



NATIONAL News Briefs

Violence Against Gay Youth is Mostly by Families

New York, NY — A new report issued by the American Psychological Association includes evidence that the majority of young people who are physically assaulted because of their sexual orientation are victimized by members of their own families.

The report summarizes the findings of the APA's Commission on Violence and Youth. It cites a 1990 report which revealed that 46% of teenagers who were physically assaulted were attacked because of their sexual orientation. Sixty-one percent of that group said the violence was instigated by family members.

The report cited other studies which revealed that 40-76% of Gays on college campuses had been verbally harassed, while up to 20% had been threatened with violence.

"Gay and Lesbian youth," the APA report states, "risk falling victim to harassment and hate violence if they reveal their sexual identity, but are at increased risk of self-directed violence [including suicide] if they do not."

The APA report recommends greater sensitivity education to "dispel stereotypes, encourage broader intercultural understanding... and reduce the incidence of hate violence." The report also calls for a review of federal anti-discrimination laws and improved documentation of hate crimes.

LesBiGay Youth Confab in Pittsburgh Oct. 30

Pittsburgh, PA — The Forum on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Youth will hold its 5th annual conference, "What Can I Do? Developing Skills and Building Alliances for Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth," on October 30 at the University of Pittsburgh.

David LaFontaine of the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth in Massachusetts will be the keynote speaker. The Commission's report, *Making Schools Safe for Gay and Lesbian Youth: Breaking the Silence in Schools and in Families* has been endorsed by Massachusetts Gov. William Weld.

The conference will consist of four modules designed for educators, religious and counseling professionals, and

LesBiGay youth. The cost of the conference, including lunch, is \$45, \$10 for students. Continuing education credits are available for professionals attending the daylong conference.

To register for the conference or for further information, call (412) 441-9786. The address for the Forum is 5150 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224-1627.

Minneapolis Workers Get Full Partner Benefits

Minneapolis, MN — On August 27, the Minneapolis City Council voted 10-3 in favor of extending health insurance coverage to the domestic partners of city employees. The provision will go into effect on January 1, 1994.

The resolution also asked the state of Minnesota to include domestic partners in legislation on health care benefits, according to Equal Time.

The insurance benefits are the latest stage of a campaign for domestic partners' recognition that began several years ago. In 1991, the City Council approved a domestic partners registry and allowed sick and bereavement leave for city workers who had registered domestic partners.

Equal Time reported that one factor influencing the favorable vote was an agreement by the city's health care provider not to add a surcharge on premiums for domestic partners.

Christian Coalition Meets, Cheers "Superior" Culture

Washington, D.C. — Former Presidential candidate Pat Buchanan brought 2,000 Christian conservatives to their feet on September 11 when he told a conference of the Christian Coalition that "Our culture is superior."

"Our culture is superior," Buchanan bellowed, "because our religion is Christianity and that is the truth that makes men free." He received roars of approval when he said "We cannot raise a white flag in the cultural war because that war is who we are."

A small number of conferees criticized Buchanan's rhetoric, with one telling the *New York Times*: "It cost us the election." But when Democratic Party chairman David Wilhelm said "God and faith are not and can not be the province of one political party or movement," he was nearly booted off the stage.



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Group Notes

The Worried Well

Milwaukee — In the second decade of the AIDS epidemic we as Gay men are all affected. Fear has kept some men from engaging in any sexual activity. Others have guilt or fear over past or present behaviors that may not have been safe. Many have lost friends or lovers to AIDS and struggle with survivor guilt.

Join us at the next Gay Men's Discussion Group, scheduled for Sunday, September 26 from 6 to 8pm as we discuss the toll of AIDS on the uninfected Gay man. Our discussion will take place at The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Ave.

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

CCF Announces Grants

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation announced that four grants will be given out to the following Lesbian/Gay recipients:

▼ The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee will receive a Community Leadership Development grant to send two participants to the NGLTF Policy Institute to be held in North Carolina in November;

▼ Men of All Colors Together (MACT) will receive funds for start-up costs and to hold a conference on racism in Milwaukee;

▼ Gay Youth Milwaukee will receive funds to begin a counseling project for Gay/Lesbian teens;

▼ Eldon Murray also will receive a Community Leadership development grant to attend a SAGE (Senior Action in a Gay Environment) conference on how to start local chapters of SAGE.

The Cream City Foundation exists to fund progress in the Gay/Lesbian community and acceptance of Lesbian/Gay life everywhere. The next deadline for grant applications is December 1, 1993. For more information or a grant application, please call (414) 265-0880, or write to: P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

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Officials at the Milwaukee Health Department have downplayed the deadly effect of the tainted water supply, saying definitive conclusions about the causes of death of people with AIDS can only be reached through autopsies and physicians' reports. Several doctors who work with AIDS patients are said to be furious with the city for washing its hands of responsibility. They are including cryptosporidiosis as a contributing cause of death on their patients' death certificates.

Hate Crimes Appeal Nixed by Supreme Court

Madison — The final appeal challenging the constitutionality of Wisconsin's hate crimes law has been rejected by the State Supreme Court, giving the green light to police departments and prosecutors to enforce the statute.

The law provides additional penalties for those found guilty of a crime in which the victim was "intentionally selected" because of his or her "race, religion, color, disability, sexual orientation, national origin or ancestry."

The state court had found the statute an unconstitutional infringement of free speech rights in 1992, but Attorney General Jim Doyle appealed the case to the U.S. Supreme Court which rejected that ruling and unanimously upheld the law's constitutionality.

Lawyers for Todd Mitchell, convicted of aggravated battery and given an additional sentence because the crime was motivated by racial prejudice, had one last chance to seek a different ruling from the state court. The September 10 decision formally ends the case.

Wisconsin Light a Hit at Hales Corners Library

Hales Corners — Despite the request of one patron that the *Wisconsin Light* be removed from the shelves and despite the lonely picketing of Christian activist Robert Braun, the *Light* has become a hot item at the Hales Corners Library.

Editor Terry Bougner reports that since news of the would-be censorship appeared in the media, the library has called twice to request up to 80 more copies of the paper. They can't keep enough copies in stock. "There's an obvious lesson

in this, but nobody ever seems to learn it," said Bougner.

The library has appointed a committee to review the citizen's complaint and decide whether *Light* should be removed. They will present their recommendation to the Library Board by December 1.

Victims' Families Decry Dahmer Video

Milwaukee — Families of the victims of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer are outraged that a movie about Dahmer and their sons is being pitched to video stores and are appealing to store managers not to carry it.

The Secret Life: Jeffrey Dahmer, a low budget, independent feature, was filmed last year at the time of Dahmer's trial but was never released to theaters. The producers hope to make their money back through video sales and rentals.

The families' aggressive protests succeeded in stopping the distribution of a comic book about the murders. Video store owners seemed to respond favorably to the families' concerns because no store in Milwaukee has as yet purchased the film.

Supreme Court Re-Schedules Lesbian Adoption Case

Madison — Last issue, In Step reported that the State Supreme Court had scheduled arguments in the case of a Lesbian seeking to adopt her partner's child on October 13 in Green Bay.

However, attorneys in the case were recently informed of a change of plans by the court. The case has been taken off the docket for that day and will be re-scheduled. In Step will keep readers informed of when and where the case is re-scheduled. Please see the related story about Lesbian adoption/custody cases in this issue.

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Groups In Brief...

CCF Seeks Applicants for Scholarships

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation is calling for applications for the two \$500 John M. Cowles Memorial college scholarships available for the fall and spring semesters of 1993-94. To be eligible, an applicant must: Be enrolled in an accredited college as a Junior or Senior; Have at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average overall and in his/her major; have a demonstrated interest in the Lesbian/Gay community; and Be a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Wisconsin.

Persons pursuing degrees in the natural sciences may be given preference.

For more information or an application form, please call or write the Cream City Foundation, (414) 265-0880, P.O. Box 204, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

West Side Dykes

West Side Dykes — Those neighborly womyn are meeting on Sun., Oct. 3, from 4 to 6pm, which is a little earlier than usual (because a bunch of them are going to the Pridefest womyn's theater bash at 7:30).

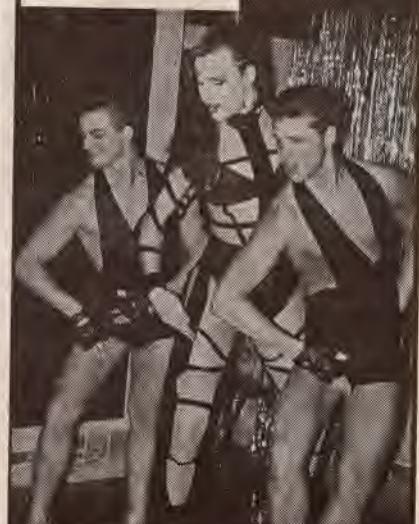
After noting the colorful events about to fall from the Milwaukee Tree of Lesbian Activities (translation: what's happening?), there will be games (bring your favorite), and/or a revival of the lost arts of conversation and discussion (not to mention listening.) This all will take place at 2020 N. 49th and is open to womyn living between Lake Michigan and Madison.

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BESTD Clinic To Elect New Directors

Milwaukee — The Brady East STD Clinic will hold elections in November, for three positions on its Board of Directors. The Board develops policies for the operation of the Clinic and its outreach operations. Candidates from the general community and the clinic volunteer staff are invited to apply for these positions.

Interested persons must submit a statement to the Nominating Committee detailing relevant experience, background, interests and reasons and objectives in seeking a Board position by October 15. The statement should be accompanied by a brief biography of the candidate.

All candidates will meet with the Nominating Committee and the clinic executive board prior to November 1. The election will be by ballot cast by all of the clinic's current volunteer staff.

Interested persons should submit the statement of interest and brief biography to the following: Brady East STD Clinic, Attn: Nominating Committee, 1240 East Brady Street, Milwaukee, WI 53202. For further information contact the Nominating Committee at 272-2144.

S.O.S. — Alternative For Alcoholics

Milwaukee — An alternative grassroots support group for recovering alcoholics is meeting each week. Secular Organizations for Sobriety/Save Our Selves is dedicated to providing a path to sobriety that is an alternative to those paths depending upon religious or spiritual beliefs.

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Women, Sex & Love Addicts

Milwaukee — Women, Sex & Love Addicts Anonymous meets Wednesdays at 7:30pm at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church at Knaap & Ogden.

New NGLTF Exec

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from \$3.2 million to \$4.3 million and the staff has expanded from 15 to more than 25 people. At the September meeting, the Board approved five new positions, including a Health Policy Director, a State and Civil Rights Organizing Director, a Fight the Right Campaign Director, a Campus Organizing Director and a Workplace Organizing Director.

In the mid-1980's, NGLTF was led for a time by co-Executive Directors as a means of reducing the pressure on just one individual. But that arrangement was also problematic, and the group reverted back to having one primary leader.

The success of the new Executive Director may depend on whether Radecic can balance the heavy duties of management and the demands of the media along with the expectations of the country's often contentious and faction-ridden LesBiGay community.

STATE News Briefs

Cryptosporidium a Factor in 42 AIDS Deaths

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project reports that 42 of its clients who have died have now been diagnosed with cryptosporidium infection. The patients most likely contracted the parasite from Milwaukee's tainted water supply last spring.

MAP reports that 60 additional clients have confirmed cases of cryptosporidiosis and another 75, who are just now being tested, also have the symptoms. MAP has called the epidemic a "continuing disaster for the AIDS community" and is assisting its clients in filing "Notice of Injury" claims with the city.

Most people with healthy immune systems can fight the parasite and recover within a week to ten days. But people with compromised immune systems, like those with HIV/AIDS, are unable to shake the infection and suffer recurrent bouts of diarrhea and vomiting.



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Juicy Bits

Philadelphia: Despite an earring and a purple-toned vest, The Mattel Corporation continued to reject charges that it's new Ken doll is Gay and insisted that it's new Barbie doll is not designed to capitalize on the Lesbian market. The new "feminist" Barbie sports an angry expression, short hair, Timberland boots, a miniature k.d. lang album and weekly appointments with her therapist. The Therapist Doll will be available separately, by appointment, at a rate of \$75 per hour. In other toy news, despite a video tape which shows a fellow soldier stroking his life-like beard, G.I. Joe denied charges that he was in anyway involved in the marine porno-sex ring in California.

Fort Lauderdale: The first university exclusively for Gays and Lesbians opened its doors for the fall semester this week. The Truman Capote University has introduced several teaching innovations which has sent the world of academics buzzing. The new college has named Ru Paul as its team mascot, J. Edgar Hoover as its Homecoming Queen and announced Madonna would teach a course on Religion and Ethics. It was also announced the teacher's lounge would have a real cute bartender with a tattoo and a pierced nipple.

Detroit: A spokesman for First Lady Hillary Clinton vehemently denied reports the first draft of her proposed health care reform package includes a plan to appoint suicide doctor, Jack Kevorkian as head of a task force to determine methods of keeping costs down for patients requiring long-term medical care.

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Call For Submissions to Women & Recovery

Women & Recovery: surviving, thriving & reclaiming your body, mind & spirit is a 48 page quarterly magazine that encourages, supports, and informs women who are confronting physical, emotional or spiritual challenges such as heart disease, cancer, bipolar disease, lupus, prescription drug abuse, alcoholism, spinal cord injury, eating disorders, rape, incest and chronic fatigue syndrome.

Women & Recovery is seeking manuscripts (essays, exposés, humor, inspirational, self-help, product or treatment profiles and reviews, opinions, personal experience, etc.) related to women's recovery issues.

Query by mail only, with published clips. Manuscripts 1,000-2,000 words pays \$35-\$100 B/w Photos \$15-50. poems, Cartoons and B/W illustrations \$25-50. Women & Recovery, \$24/4 issues, \$5 for a sample issue. Send materials to Need To Know Press, P.O. Box 161775, Cupertino, CA 95016.

Newsletter for Lesbian & Gay Parents

First Issue Now Out

Oakland, CA — The first issue of a national newsletter — *The Family Next Door* — to help Lesbian and Gay parents and their friends celebrate the joys and conquer the challenges of parenting, is hot off the press. The August-September issue includes articles about sending children back to school, coming out to their teachers, and selections and reviews of books for children from two to ten. The subjects of fertility and sperm bank selection are discussed in other

articles, and the profile of a typical family — a dad, a boy, two moms, and a dog — shows just how diverse are those creating families. Parents, relatives, and friends also will enjoy the issue's first person account "On Being Godmothers."

A regular column authored by Dr. Tamar Gershon, founder of The Rainbow Clinic at the University of California, San Francisco, answers readers' questions about medical and psychological issues. "Daycare — Delight or Dilemma" introduces readers to strategies for making their children's daycare experience a delightful one.

The 16-page newsletter is published six times a year by Next Door Publishing, Ltd. Editors Lisa Orta and Karen Rust are Lesbian moms who are reminded daily by their two-year-old son that parenting is an all-out adventure.

To subscribe to *The Family Next Door*, call (510) 482-5778, or write to Next Door Publishing, Ltd., P.O. Box 21580, Oakland, CA 94620.

Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (C.O.L.A.G.E.)

After serving the needs of the daughters and sons of Lesbians and Gay parents for four years, the National Just For Us organization has changed its name to Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE).

"As we say in our mission statement," says Emily Gmerek, co-director from Chicago, "we exist to foster the growth of daughters and sons of Lesbian and Gay parents by providing education, support and community on local and international levels, to advocate for our rights and those of our families and to promote acceptance and awareness in society that 'Love makes a Family!' Under our new name, COLAGE, we will continue to do so."

Many local Just For Us support groups exist throughout the U.S. and in Canada. As contd. on page ▶ 32



Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

News, News and More News!

You asked for it, you got it! More incredible late breaking homo-news from the world's hottest people and coolest places!

Los Angeles: California ACT-UP members were quick to blow the whistle on a new money making scheme launched by Publisher's Clearing House and the makers of a home HIV test. The tasteless gimmick was discovered when HIV test results began arriving in the mail with a picture of Ed McMahon on the envelope.

Houston: Eccentric Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot has been hired by a New York pornography producer to supply sound effects for their naughty videos. According to the producer, Perot is tops in the porno industry for making, "a giant sucking sound."

Thailand: More bad news for scandal prone Michael Jackson as reporters for The National Enquirer revealed that

immediately following ligations of sexual misconduct by Jackson, Rob Lowe and Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss immediately flew to Bangkok to be by his side in his time of need. In other Jackson news, the Los Angeles Police Department denied it was investigating reports the accused attackers of truck driver Reginald Denny were cast members of Jackson's *Beat It* video.

Washington D.C.: Hoping to cash in on the momentum of the recent peace accord signed by the PLO and Israel, President Clinton has invited Loni Anderson and Burt Reynolds to the White House to iron out snags in their divorce settlement.

Miami: In response to the rapid rise of crimes against tourists, the Florida Board of Travel and Tourism is advising foreign travelers planning excursions in the Sunshine State to pack their own body bags to fly home in.

Colorado: During his recent trip to Denver, Pope John Paul II unveiled a new Vatican policy indicating that life now begins when a couple goes on a first date. He also chastised a progressive San Francisco priest who uses Wheat Thins and wine spritzers during communion ceremonies.



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an umbrella organization, COLAGE will continue to provide assistance in starting and running these groups. COLAGE also stages an annual three-day conference, publishes a quarterly newsletter, provides media referrals and public speakers, and distributes information on children with lesbian and Gay parents. COLAGE always respects privacy.

COLAGE is a program of the Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International (GLPCI). The next COLAGE conference will be part of the 15th Annual GLPCI conference, to be held on June 24-25, 1994 in New York City. To contact COLAGE, call (202) 583-8029, or write to: COLAGE, 3023 North Clark, Box 121, Chicago, IL 60657.

2nd Annual Latina/o Conference

"El Segundo Encuentro Nacional"

The National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO) announces its 2nd National Conference, "El Segundo Encuentro Nacional," will be held October 7-11, in San Jose, CA, at Hotel Sainte Claire. LLEGO's "Encuentro Nacional" is the largest gathering of Latino/a Lesbians and Gay men in the U.S. This historic event represents a vital step by and for Latino/a Lesbians and Gays in formulating and strategizing on the implementation of a national comprehensive Latino/a Lesbian and Gay agenda. The chosen theme is "Co-Gender Organizing — Today's Strategies...Tomorrow's Actions."

Latino/a Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual/ Transgender rights activists, AIDS activists, Latinos/as that are HIV+ or living with AIDS, students, cultural awareness mediators, health care workers and other community leaders will explore, assess, and create strategies that address issues affecting our lives. Scheduled workshops/institutes

include: Women and Men's Leadership, HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention, Youth/Young Adults, Latino Cultures/Histories, Latina/o Lesbian and Gay Health, and National Congreso (a forum for Latina/o Lesbian and Gay organizations). Conference organizers plan to provide a comprehensive, bilingual culturally competent forum for discussion.

Those attending the conference will have a chance to experience the richness of the diverse Latin American Cultures. Talented Latina/o Lesbian and Gay artists from across the country will be featured in the Latina/o Lesbian and Gay Art Exhibit, organized by LLEGO California, whose reception will be opened with a performance piece by The Writs of Morning, the only Bay Area Chicano Gay writers' group. Conference organizers will present a Latina/o Lesbian and Gay film festival, a visual exploration of sexuality, culture, gender, AIDS, as well as a variety of other topics. On Saturday evening everyone will have an opportunity to get to know one another at the Baile Del Ano '93, the 1993 Dance of the Year, dancing to a live Salsa Band and DJ.

Those interested in attending the conference can contact Juan Rodriguez at (415) 749-6700 in San Francisco or write to "El Segundo Encuentro Nacional," 1993 Annual Conference, P.O. Box 44483, Washington, DC 20026; (202) 544-0092 for registration forms.

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Thanks for the cake, Colin!

CONTESTANTS - Paul Walker, Willie Goold, Beth Kelly, Leslie Van Alstyne, Nancy Platner, Mary Meisner.

ENTERTAINERS - Vicki Smith, Michael Brea, Grant Dixon's Victims of Desire, Tony Terry.

MY WONDERFUL STAFF: Steve K, John K, Jerry, Greg, Scott F, Max, Del, Judy, Kevin, Michael B, Robert, Jenny, Willie, Paul, David, Ray, Cass Marie, Barb, John DJ, Kiro and Terry.

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And to all of you who came and supported this years contest and fundraiser for Hospice Care.

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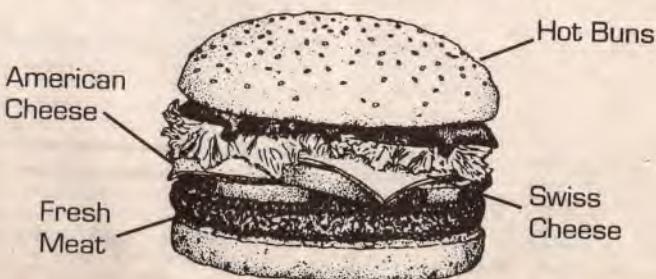
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Viewpoint

Tamping Down the Religious Right

By Paul Varnell

You had to look pretty hard to find it reported in the media, but a major political shift occurred in the last three or four months. The most prominent organization on the Religious Right acknowledged that its policy of focusing its attacks on Gays and abortion simply had not worked.

Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, the political group associated with Pat Robertson, penned a remarkable article for *Policy Review*, flagship publication of the Heritage Foundation, in which he stated: "The pro-family movement has limited its effectiveness by concentrating disproportionately on issues such as abortion and homosexuality."

Instead, he says, there is growing evidence that Protestant evangelicals and conservative Catholics are concerned about pretty much "the same issues as the broader electorate, but with a pro-family twist. Their primary interest is not to legislate against the sins of others, but to protect the health, welfare and financial security of their own families."

I could not have said it better myself, though modesty does not prevent me from noting that I did say almost exactly that—in a piece I wrote almost a year ago called "*The Religious Right as a Madisonian Faction*."

Reed probably would not have been persuaded by my largely theoretical analysis, but he has been persuaded by polls and election results. In the last election, not only was Religious Right fellow-traveller George Bush soundly defeated, but, as Reed points out, "only 12 percent of the voters indicated that abortion was a key issue in their voting decision. Even more startling, only 22 percent of self-identified, born-again evangelicals... listed abortion as an important voting issue. And only 16 percent of all voters listed family values as one of the most important issues in their voting behavior."

To Reed's surprise, most voters in the

potential pro-family constituency were concerned with: the sluggish economy, cutting waste in government and reducing the deficit. So, he concludes, the successful candidate or movement must promote not just rhetorical crusades but specific policy proposals that personally benefit voters—such as tax cuts, education vouchers, higher wages, crime control or retirement benefits.

What obviously happened was that, however most Americans feel about abortion or homosexuality, when it came time to vote, they asked themselves, "Is voting on the basis of these high-profile issues really going to benefit me or improve my life?" And they decided that it was not.

Shortly after Reed's article appeared, the Christian Coalition sponsored a leadership conference in South Carolina. There, Coalition leaders reportedly spent much of their time explaining the new strategy as designed to lure voters alienated by the earlier appeals. Pointing out that "This is not a church," National Field Director Guy Rodgers told the members they simply had to decide if they want to be a force in public policy or not.

Though Reed's article does not cite it, there is plenty of telling evidence that the Religious Right's anti-Gay rhetoric no longer has much effect, that voters care less about a politician's stand on Gays than his stand on economic policy, that an older, more tolerant Republican Party may be reasserting itself, and that a benign social tolerance is now seen as perfectly compatible with fiscal restraint.

► Republican Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts continues to streamline state government while appointing Gays to prominent posts and promoting initiatives to protect and support Gay teens in school.

► Los Angeles' new Republican mayor Richard Riordan has pledged to cut city expenditures while appointing Gays to prominent city positions.

► When the Nevada state legislature voted to repeal its sodomy law two months ago, the Republican-controlled state Senate voted for repeal by the same 2-1 margin as the Democratically-controlled House. A spokesman for Democratic Gov. Robert Miller told this columnist, "I wouldn't call this state 'conservative' as much as I would say it is 'libertarian.'"

► Republican National Committee chair Haley Barbour told a Boise, Idaho, television audience that a proposed anti-Gay initiative was unnecessary. "The first thing the

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Republican Party believes in," said Barbour, "is individual freedom and tolerance. People ought to be able to lead their personal lives any way they want to as long as they're not hurting other people." such Republican "beliefs" seemed rare under George Bush.

Conservative statesman Barry Goldwater and conservative New York Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato both prominently supported a complete overturn of the U.S. military ban on Gay personnel. Goldwater earlier had supported a Phoenix Gay-rights bill on the grounds that "Under our Constitution, you are free to live your life as you want so long as you don't harm other people."

Republican members of the Senate Judiciary committee voted unanimously to support Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg's nomination to the Supreme Court despite truly frenzied rhetoric from Phyllis Schlafly, who called Ginsburg "the most radical ideologue ever nominated to the Supreme Court." Schlafly instantly receives our nomination for "Has-Been of the Year."

This all means that for the first time since Rev. Jerry Falwell founded the Moral Majority in the late 1970s, no major national organization is trying to incite people against us. That means in turn that the emotional

tone of the discussion of Gay issues will be remarkably calmed.

That in turn gives us a chance to make our case to the public more amiably and appealingly, and in the absence of heavily-promoted misinformation. We need now to keep in mind that the people we are trying to reach are, essentially, the people who lived on our block when we were growing up, our parents' neighbors.

Second, we need to think seriously about our own tactics and rhetoric in response. Unthinking and ham-handed attacks on all conservatives or Republicans or "The Right" may be counter-productive. They may drive off, or keep us from reaching out to, potential supporters in those groups who may be open to our concerns, much as the Religious Right's previous rhetoric alienated voters earlier.

Our "battle," after all, is less one against the Religious Right than it is a kinder, gentler effort for the mildly engaged support of the 75 percent of Americans all over the political spectrum who mostly want to get on with their lives and who think other people should be allowed to do the same.

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By Arnie Malmon

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I've been doing more public speaking lately and find it a wonderful opportunity to inform people about HIV/AIDS. It's even more informative for the audiences if I'm presenting in the morning while I have my portable IV going in its backpack. As much as I complain about having to do a 2 1/2 hour drug infusion everyday, the advent of the portable pump makes all of this more bearable. Everything fits into a backpack, and I can pretty much do what I want. Of course you do have people stare at you occasionally, as they can't help noticing the clear plastic tubing running from under your shirt into the backpack. Then too, there is the sound of the pump; whir/pause, whir/pause — you get the picture. When you're in a crowd it's not very noticeable, but when you're on an elevator without music, it sounds as loud as music would be and then attracts attention as people look around trying to figure out where the noise is coming from.

I enjoy the opportunity to talk to people around the state and put a human face on AIDS. Lately I've been sharing the podium with other people who are HIV+ and/or who have AIDS. This has proven to be an education for me as well in that the problems each of us are dealing with are often different. As speakers/panelists we are usually listed as PWA's (People With AIDS), or PLWA's (People Living With AIDS). At this point I'm going to climb on my soap box (like I haven't already) and tell you I don't like those terms. We don't call Jerry's Kids PLWMD's and those with Lou Gherig's Disease PLWALS's so why call us anything but people. I don't wish to be reduced to an acronym, I am an individual first and foremost. Who I am is not defined by my having AIDS, although much of what I do and say is a result of my having AIDS. AIDS is not the be all and end all of my existence, (well it could be the end all, but that's another article).

Well, back to speaking and traveling around the state. While most of my appearances have been in front of school groups, students, and often, parents, too, I'm starting to do more with health professionals. One of the advantages I have in doing these kinds of presentations is that I had been involved with health related activities on a professional basis before I got sick. I'm used to speaking and discussing health issues. While education aimed at prevention is important to end this epidemic, education for caregivers is equally important when it comes to treating those of us who need treatment. While some doctors attend these conferences, most of those in attendance are nurses, which is good. While doctors supervise and write prescriptions, it's the nurses who do most of the hands-on care. It's to our benefit that they have the interest to learn more. My speaking and answering their questions helps them understand our needs as patients and also tells me what caregivers are feeling regarding the treatment of HIV/AIDS patients. This leads me back to an issue that I've mentioned in several articles: *make sure your health care providers know your concerns and what you're thinking about.* Remember they don't know these things if you don't tell them.

Remember too, if you like speaking and are comfortable in public, volunteer to go out and talk about the disease and how it affects your life and the lives of those around you. The more of us out there, the more we put a human face on the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Finally, remember to get your contest entries in by September 30, 1993. The funniest doctor story and the funniest hospital story win a prize. You can send them to me here at In Step. The decision of the judge, me, is final.

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DJ Head Crash and DV8 Leather held a Leather Fashion and Fantasy show at BoysTown.
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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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Legal

By Arlene Zarembka

Amendment 2

Denial of Equal Protection or Democracy In Action?

Amendment 2 may be down, but it's not out. Amendment 2 may well survive what appeared to be a knock-out blow by the Colorado Supreme Court on July 19, if the United States Supreme Court agrees to take the case. The crux of the issue is the scope of the federal Equal Protection clause, and the extent to which the majority of voters can vote "democratically" to deny minorities' rights.

The Colorado Supreme Court held 6-1 that U.S. Supreme Court precedents establish that the Equal Protection Clause "guarantees the fundamental right to participate equally in the political process and that any attempt to infringe on a independently identifiable group's ability to exercise that right is subject to strict scrutiny," and is valid only if there is a compelling state interest in the infringement. Accordingly, Colorado Supreme Court upheld the preliminary injunction against Amendment 2 and sent the case back to the trial court for a trial on the plaintiffs' constitutional claims.

In finding a fundamental right to participate equally in the political process, the Colorado Supreme Court relied on a variety of U.S. Supreme Court decisions having to do with voting rights, reapportionment, and ballot access for candidates from small parties. In addition, it relied on a 1969 Supreme Court decision (*Hunter v Erickson*) that struck down an Akron, Ohio initiative requiring that any open housing ordinance be approved by a majority of the voters before it became effective. No other ordinances had to be voted on by the electorate before going into effect. The U.S. Supreme Court had written:

"The State may no more disadvantage any particular group by making it more difficult to enact legislation in its behalf than it may dilute any person's vote or give any group a smaller representation than another of comparable size..."

Relying on the Hunter decision, the Colorado Supreme Court strongly hinted that it would find Amendment 2 unconstitutional if the case comes before it again after the trial court makes its final ruling on the constitutionality of Amendment 2:

"Amendment 2 alters the political process so that a targeted class (i.e. Gay men, Lesbians, and Bisexuals) is prohibited from obtaining legislative, executive, and judicial protection or redress from discrimination absent the consent of a majority of the electorate through the adoption of a constitutional amendment..No other identifiable group faces such a burden — no other group's ability to participate in the

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Calendar

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

Noting 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 Engelmann 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: 301 Doubles Dart Turney starts tonight at 7pm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

ZA's (Green Bay): King Productions, "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: Singssational 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.

Castaways Club Night: 10pm, the Wreck Room. Door prizes.

Walkers Point Marble Arcade: Sheepshead every 2nd & 4th Saturday, 1pm sharp. Bring in 2 cans of food for "Food For AIDS" & your first drink is on us.

Frontiers (Madison): Staged Illusions - behind the scenes tour, potluck at 6:30, program 8pm. (608) 241-2500.

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 (800) 359-9272, 9:30am Breakfast; 10:30am Registration Opens; Noon - Opening Ceremonies; 12:30 Walk Begins. 3:30pm - Closing Celebration. South Urban Park (north of Summerfest Grounds). Your Place: Miss Vivian presents the premiere of Razzle Dazzle, 8:30pm.

Frontiers (Madison): Biking around Lake Wingra. Meets 10am at Michaels Frozen Custard, 2531 Monroe St., (608) 241-2500.

Gay Men's Discussion Group: "The Worried Well" a group talk on the toll of AIDS on the uninfected Gay man. The Counseling Center, 2038 W. Bartlett, 6-8pm, \$2 donation.

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Legal

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political process is restricted and encumbered in a like manner."

Should the Colorado Attorney General be successful, whether now or later, in getting the United States Supreme Court to hear the case, there is a distinct possibility that the U.S. Supreme Court will rule that Amendment 2 is simply the result of democracy in action, and, accordingly, that it does not violate the Equal Protection Clause.

In a case only two years after Hunter, the Supreme Court refused to strike down a California constitutional amendment, adopted by referendum, which provided that no low-rent housing projects could be constructed by any state agency until the project was approved by a majority of the municipal voters. The District Court had struck down the low-rent housing referendum requirement, relying on Hunter. The Supreme Court reversed the District Court, finding that because the low-rent housing referendum was not based on racial distinctions, the Hunter doctrine did not apply. The Court went on to write:

"Provisions for referendums demonstrate devotion to democracy, not to bias, discrimination or prejudice...Nonetheless, appellees... suggest that the mandatory nature of Article XXXIV (the low-rent housing referendum provision) constitutes unconstitutional discrimination because it hampers persons desiring public housing from achieving their objective when no such roadblock faces other groups seeking to influence other public decisions to their advantage. But of course a lawmaking procedure that 'disadvantages' a particular group does not always deny equal protection.

Three Justices dissented from the James ruling, on the grounds that Article XXXIV singled out the class of low-income

persons to bear a burden in seeking program beneficial to them that was not placed on any other class of citizens. Of these dissenters, only Justice Blackmun remains on the Supreme Court.

A 1982 case that struck down an initiative amendment to the Washington Constitution that took away from local school boards the power to use busing to achieve school desegregation did give general support to the notion that the Equal Protection Clause prohibits placing special burdens on the ability of minority groups to achieve beneficial legislation. The Court's opinion was premised almost exclusively, however, on the fact that the initiative was racially-based; accordingly, the initiative was inherently suspect to the court (since the Court has held that all racial classifications are inherently suspect under the Equal Protection Clause). More disturbing is the fact that the decision was only 5-4, even though it was a case clearly involving a racially-based initiative. Moreover, both Justices Rehnquist and O'Connor agreed with Justice Powell's dissent that the Washington initiative was simply the result of democracy and "a reflection of the State's political process at work." Justices Rehnquist and O'Connor have continued their support for majoritarian limitations on minority participation in the political process in subsequent cases in 1983 and 1992.

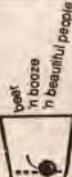
Based on the past voting records of the existing justices on the Court, only Justices Blackmun and Stevens are fairly sure votes against Amendment 2. New Justice Ginsburg also is likely to vote against Amendment 2. Justices Rehnquist, O'Connor, Scalia, and Thomas are fairly sure votes in favor of Amendment 2. Justices Kennedy and Souter are likely to be the deciding votes.

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Surgeon General

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necessary to secure her confirmation. Thirteen Republican Senators decided to vote for her after being impressed by her forthrightness during the Senate hearing.

Former Surgeons General C. Everett Koop and Antonia Novello brought prestige to the position by using it as a "bully pulpit" to educate the public on critical health issues. Dr. Elders, with her plainspoken, folksy style, was seen as a natural for this public education role.

But her powers beyond being a spokeswoman are quite limited, a fact that may have reassured some opponents. The Office of the Surgeon General has a budget of only a half million dollars and has no official policy authority.

Nevertheless, Dr. Elders has vowed to "articulate, promote and lobby" for sound public health policies. An activist throughout her medical career, she's likely to use her new "bully pulpit" to the fullest advantage.

Osborn Resigns; Peri Jude Radecic to Lead NGLTF

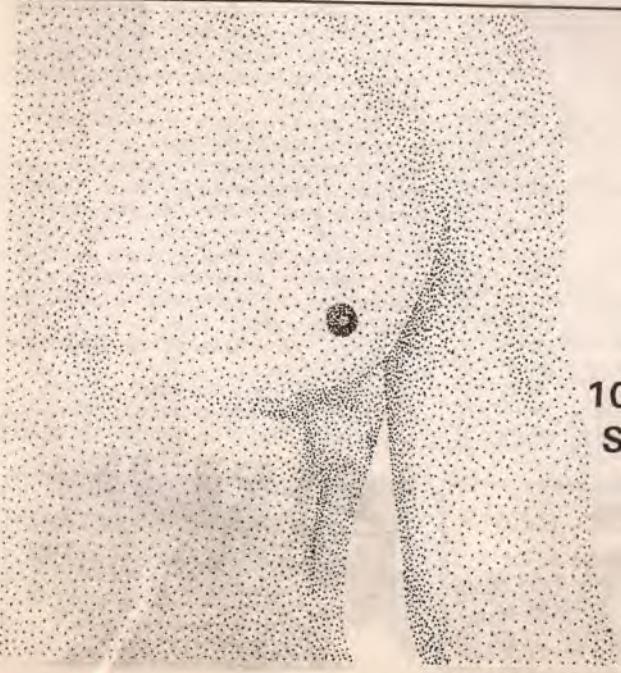
Radecic is a Veteran Organizer & Lobbyist

By Jamakaya

Washington, D.C. — Just days after Executive Director Torie Osborn submitted a letter of resignation to the Board of Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Board chose veteran NGLTF staffer Peri Jude Radecic as its new leader.

Radecic, most recently NGLTF's Deputy Director for Public Policy, is 33 years old but has had 15 years of experience in community organizing, management and lobbying. She worked for the National Organization for Women before being hired by NGLTF in 1987 to coordinate the lobby days around the Gay and Lesbian March on Washington that year.

Radecic became Legislative Director for the Task Force, and played a pivotal



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role in rounding up votes to secure passage of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. She was invited to the White House ceremony when President Bush signed the bill. As Deputy Director of Public Policy, Radecic had been managing NGLTF's programming.

"The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has never been stronger and is continuing to grow and adapt to meet the challenges that face our movement," said the new Executive Director.

"Our work will be a strategic mix of building and strengthening our movement at the state and local level, combined with a more aggressive federal lobby," said Radecic.

"New programming priorities, such as health policy with a focus on Lesbian health care and AIDS, campus and workplace organizing, state and local civil rights organizing, strengthening our response to the increasing threat of the Far Right, are at the heart of our movement," she said.

Radecic was chosen as the new Executive Director at an NGLTF Board meeting held in Detroit September 10-11. Torie Osborn, who had just begun at the Task Force in March, had submitted her resignation September 3.

RADECIC CHOSEN QUICKLY

The choice of a new leader was made swiftly to avoid the vacuum of leadership that existed between the stewardships of former Executive Director Urvashi Vaid, who reigned late last year, and Osborn, who began her tenure in March. During that gap, the Pentagon ban on Gays became a national controversy, and NGLTF was criticized for being unprepared to respond to the public clamor.

"Peri Jude is a brilliant choice," said Osborn. "I am looking forward to working with her very closely over the next month and a half to ensure a smooth transition."

In her letter to the NGLTF Board, Osborn said: "The avalanche of support for NGLTF over the past months has made it virtually impossible for me to effectively do both the external, public role that is my



Peri Jude Radecic, new head of the NGLTF.

Photo by Cliff O'Neill

passion, and also the necessary day-to-day management work required for this job."

Osborn said she planned to do writing, speaking and freelance organizing to help "re-tool the movement to match these changing times." She promised to continue to support NGLTF's work.

Some observers speculated that because Osborn came to the job during a period of crisis for the Gay and Lesbian community, she was immediately overwhelmed with the demands of the job and subject to intense criticism from elements in the Gay community itself. She had formerly been Director of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

The burdens of management at NGLTF have indeed increased dramatically in the past year. The budget has grown

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often these undercover officers engage in what I would consider entrapment techniques and it is costly (in more ways than one) to fight such arrests!

▼ ReneZ Co-Z Corner, located on 35th Street just north of Wisconsin Avenue, should be reopen by the time you read this. The bar has been closed since the end of June, but they were granted a license renewal by the Milwaukee Common Council's Utilities and Licensing Committee during their meeting on September 14. Once the full Common Council approves the committee's recommendation, Rene will be able to re-open. I would guess Rene has learned if you want to play the game, you gotta' play by the rules. Her district Alderman, Michael Murphy, appeared before the committee in support of the

renewal, saying she had "learned her lesson."

▼ Remember the vocalist Josie Santiago from Milwaukee who performed in the BJ Daniels Revue segment of PrideFest '93? She performed last Wednesday at the Apollo Theater's Amateur Night Competition in New York to a great reception.

▼ The Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant will be held November 14 this year at the Marc Plaza's Crystal Ballroom. Traditionally, The Pageant has been held the first Sunday in November, but this year the Marc is hosting a large convention that day and the Ballroom wouldn't have been available, so the 17th was selected, instead. Keep your eye on In Step for ads and more details on the states most widely attended pageant.



Carmella Marcella Garcia and Devin Michaels, the camp country duo from the South, recently performed at Club 219 and Club 94 on their swing through Wisconsin.

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Last Tuesday, Bill Wardlow celebrated his birthday at the Triangle. Earlier that day, ACT UP Milwaukee zapped City Hall to demand increased AIDS funding from the city. City AIDS funding has been at the same level for six years... meanwhile, the number of cases of AIDS has increased dramatically. Thanks to ACT UP for making us all more aware of what a poor job the city is doing and why MAP and other AIDS service groups have to be constantly holding benefits from an already beleaguered LesBiGay community. It's about time the Rest of the community digs a little deeper.

Speaking of digging deeper, the Cream City Foundation the "LesBiGay United Way" kicked off its fall giving campaign with a "Major Donor" soiree at a contributors lovely home on the upper East Side. Remember the CCF, when it comes time for this fall's United Way push at your office/job. Instead of giving to United Way, why not give to A Choice or CCF directly. A Choice is an alternative campaign of which CCF is a member. A Choice funds more grass roots and alternative agencies than the mainstream United Way would ever consider.

La Cage wrapped up things on my deadline (Sept. 15) with an encore presentation of *First Class Male* dance troupe. The self proclaimed, "Number 1 Production Male Revue in the US" warmed up the crowd that was suffering from a early burst of cool weather!

Thanks to Bob Moore (a member of the Milwaukee Safety Commission) here's a little warning that might help a few of you Not to get ticketed by the Milwaukee Police Department. Operation Driver Improvement has announced that Pedestrian violations will be targeted by the MPD in the month of October. There are more than two crashes a day in Milwaukee involving pedestrians and motorists, the most common contributing cause of these accidents is from not crossing at an intersection or crosswalk. So, during the month of October the MPD will be targeting "Jaywalking".

Moore suggested, "Since the MPD has a history of enforcing 'cross at intersection' ordinances more actively around Gay and Lesbian bars, this is a warning to be extra diligent during the coming weeks. Moore continued, "I hope that this information will reduce the arrests of In Step readers — and of course promote their safe arrival on the other side of the street!"

Another warning from an anonymous caller to our office. According to the caller, the Milwaukee County Sheriffs Department undercover officers are "working" Underwood Parkway looking for illegal public sexual activity — wearing Pridefest and other Gay-oriented T-shirts. I've never thought that public sex was a Gay issue. But, if you're one of who cruise in such locations, be forewarned! Needless to say,

Thank You, Wisconsin!
As your newly crowned Miss Gay WI-USA, I would like to thank each and every one of you for making this year a success for me. Entertaining for you is and has been an enriching time for me. I can't go without thanking some special people: Jimmy King, Club 219+, the 219 Girls, the Foreplay Dancers; Annabelle Pepper; Greg & Todd, China Mist, Simply Divine and Dan O'Leary and all the crew from Madison, Green Bay; and especially my partner, Jason Flraig. Remember to be the best that you can be and reach for the stars because that's what you all are.
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Books

Works on Film & Video

Reviewed by Carl M. Szalmary

Gay Hollywood: Film & Video Guide
by Steve Stewart
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The Lavender Screen
by Boze Hadleigh
Citadel Press, \$17.95 pb

If the various Gay and straight press predictions are true, Gay men and Lesbians are about to be presented with a film renaissance. Last year's *The Crying Game* was the sensation of the Oscars with its prominent, if not wholly positive Gay subject matter. The recent cable premiere of HBO's excellent big-budget, all-star *And The Band Played On* based on the explosive best-seller by Randy Shilts. Later this fall comes Jonathan Demme's AIDS film *Philadelphia* starring Denzel Washington and Tom Hanks. Barbara Streisand is reportedly working on Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart*. Even as the present looks to be an embarrassment of riches to Gay and Lesbian movie-goers, in the past Hollywood has not been nearly so generous.

For those seriously interested in Hollywood's history in the portrayal of Gay men and Lesbians, by far the definitive work is the classic, now sadly out-of-print *The Celluloid Closet* by Vito Russo. This summer has brought two new titles to the genre, Boze Hadleigh's *The Lavender Screen* and Steve Stewart's *Gay Hollywood Film & Video Guide*. While neither author has sought to duplicate the scope or ambition of Russo's book, both *The Lavender Screen* and *Gay Hollywood* are entertaining, informative, and help to fill a void.

After beginning with a brief chapter focusing on the 1931 film, *Maedchen In Uniform*, Hadleigh leaps almost 30 years to the 1959 film, *Suddenly, Last Summer*, skipping over such interesting films as the very first Gay-themed film, *Anders Als Die Anderen* (1919), Jean Genet's classic erotic *Un Chant D'Amour* (1947), *Rope* (1948), and *Tea And Sympathy* (1956). What Hadleigh does include in *The Lavender*

Screen is an excellent examination of Gay and Lesbian portrayals over the past 30 years, including hundreds of black & white stills. Especially interesting is a chapter entitled, "The Class of '82." 1982 was the year when Hollywood gambled \$70 million on 5 big-screen Gay-themed films including the perfectly dreadful *Making Love*, the even more dreadful *Partners* and the delightful, if old-fashioned, *Victor/Victoria*. Hadleigh takes great pains to show how Hollywood took tremendous risks, even spending millions on "frank and honest" publicity campaigns, and then proving that these films actually were successful. Yet nowhere does Hadleigh prove that any of these films had any substantial, lasting impact either on Hollywood's willingness to take further risks or on the American movie-goers acceptance of Gay characters or Gay-themed films.

Subtitled "Over 70 Years of Male Homosexuality in the Movies," Stewart's book is glaring in its exclusion of Lesbian-themed films. Writes Stewart in the Notes to Reader: "I felt it would be a disservice to lump these two very different genres together in this book. I believe the growing Lesbian sensibility in film deserves a guide exclusively devoted to the topic - written by a woman." To the many Gay men and Lesbians equally interested and equally concerned with Hollywood's cinematic portrayals of homosexuality, both male and female, this is a disappointing and unfortunate omission.

Nevertheless there are still many pleasures and rewards in reading *Gay Hollywood*. Stewart is surprisingly comprehensive in his inclusion of TV dramas and little-known foreign films like 1977's *The Consequence* and 1990's *Life Is Like A Cucumber*. Even the most devoted fan of Gay film festivals is sure to find some interesting new titles among the 400-plus full-length and in-brief film listings. Stewart not only categorizes the films by genre but also by theme including such intriguing categories as "Boys Schools," "Closet Cases," "Drag Queens" (the largest grouping), "Heroes and Happy Homosexuals" (one of the smallest), and "Fascists and Nazis." While we may disagree with some of Stewart's ratings and commentary on particular films, *Gay Hollywood* is nevertheless exceptionally readable and entertaining and deserving a place near our VCRs.

other 12-step groups converging on Milwaukee for Commitment '93.

Za's hosted a USA At-Large benefit show to raise money to send Miss WI-USA At Large, Shannon Dupree to the national competition. The show also featured former Miss WI-USA At Large Katrina K and other guests. (Club 219 hosted another benefit for Shannon on the 15th — big girls need big money to compete in big pageants!

LAMM hosted a big two-day rummage/bake sale to help send the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee softball team to Gay Games IV in New York next year — which occurs right before the Stonewall 25 celebration.

Also on Saturday the 11th, Jo'Dee's hosted a *Fit For A King* benefit show for Dan (Dance) with lots of special guests; M&M Club provided live music by the Singsational Productions Singing Machine; BoysTown along with DJ Head Crash and DV8 Leather presented an evening of fun, leather fashion & fantasy; and Runway 51 was full of laughter when Tony Domenico hit town.

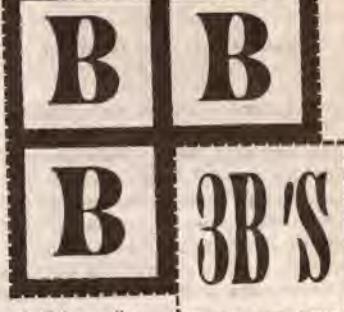
In Madison on the 12th, a dinner and cabaret to benefit the Rodney Scheel House for People With AIDS, entitled *Be Our Guest*, drew a nice crowd to the Great Hall of the UW Memorial Union for a show featuring such stars as former Continental title holders Mimi Marks & Maya Douglas, and local stars DuWanna Moore and Mary Richards. Lots of Madison's finest entertainers joined in for this special benefit show hosted by Mistress of Ceremonies Miss Caroline Klein and presented by Potential Mayhem Productions. Madison's never seen a show like this one before!

Mimi Marx gave up her Miss Continental crown at Chicago's Park West on Labor Day to the new winner, Monica Munroe. Wisconsin's Continental title holder, Erika Cartier, didn't place amongst the finalists but she was well received during all her appearances. From what I've heard, she would have done better in the overall pageant if she had stuck to the same talent number she used to win the Wisconsin Continental crown.

Here in Milwaukee, GAMMA held its 14th annual corn roast and picnic at the lakefront. A record attendance of near 70 enjoyed the corn, other food, volleyball and assorted games on a nice, warm afternoon in the sun.

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Steppin' Out

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and the reason was because of their excellent background display set-up. It ain't always what you've got, it's often how you sell it!

Entertainment on the two stages saw more diversity this year, and the HIT/MAP Pie Toss was a worthy addition. Next year, it would be nice if there was a public address system that could announce the start of various acts, so everyone on the grounds would know what was up next. The "sandwich signs" by each of the stages got lost in the crowds, and people often missed appearances they would have liked to have seen.

Congratulations to the North group entertainers who won the regional competition with a delightfully diverse selection of talent. (Kitty, you MUST do encore performances of "You Give Me Beaver" to the tune of Peggy Lee's "You Give Me Fever")

All in all, a very delightful day. I spent a little over 12 hours there (thank God the paper was done and off to the printer) and

had a great time. Because of my involvement with Stonewall 25 outreach efforts and the Flirts concert I couldn't see all the acts, or visit all the booths, but it was nice getting to see so many of you — hope you all come back next year!

By the way, any of the bar owners interested in chipping in for a shuttle service for next year's MAPFEST, should contact me to help arrange it. I think it's something that could work real well because of downtown parking costs.

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Everyone seemed to take the Tuesday-Thursday period off to recover, but by Friday the 10th, the Calendar looked busy, once again. Club 219 and Club 94 hosted Carmella Marcella Garcia (former Miss Gay USA At-Large) and co-star Devin Michaels on Friday and Saturday respectively. The camp country duo are on their final US tour prior to retirement. Carmella is retiring and getting a "Real Job" and we wish her the best of luck in the future.

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Berkeley, CA — There are over 20 million Lesbians and Gay men now living in the United States. To address the legal needs of this growing community, attorneys Hayden Curry, Denis Clifford, and Robin Leonard have written the new 7th edition of *A Legal Guide For Lesbian and Gay Couples*. This new edition helps Lesbian and Gay couples understand the laws that affect them and begin to take charge of their lives.

This timely book shows Gay and Lesbian partners, step-by-step, how to buy property together, plan for medical emergencies, and provide for each other in the case of death. New subjects covered in this edition are public and private domestic partners' benefits and the options available for starting a family — adoption, surrogacy, etc. Also included is a list of Lesbian and Gay legal organizations, national AIDS organizations, and power of attorney forms.

A Legal Guide For Lesbian And Gay Couples, 7th edition, (Nolo Press, 1993) by attorneys Hayden Curry, Denis Clifford & Robin Leonard is available for \$21.95 at bookstores, ISBN: 0-87337-199-2.

Diane Glancy/Maria Irene Fornes

A Reading

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern is pleased to announce participation in the National Literary Network Tour for the fall 1993 season. The first reading will be a joint reading by two leading women writers: Diane Glancy, a recipient of the first annual North American Indian Prose Award for her book *Claiming Breath*, and Maria Irene Fornes, one of the most distinguished playwrights in America whose work critic Susan Sontag calls, "a theatre of heartbreak." The pair will read on Saturday, October 30, at 8pm, at Woodland Pattern Book Center, 720 E. Locust, Milwaukee. Admission: \$5 General Public/\$4 Members.

Diane Glancy is of Cherokee and German/English heritage, a nationally recognized poet, fiction writer, and professor of Creative Writing and Native American Literature at Macalaster College in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has published several books

of poetry including titles: *Iron Woman, One Age in a Dream, Offering, and Lone Dog's Winter Court* and a novel titled *Firesticks*, as well as her award winning collection of prose poems titled *Claiming Breath*.

Maria Irene Fornes was born in Havana and arrived in the U.S. with her family when she was fifteen. Fornes is unmistakably a writer of bicultural inspiration. In addition to directing the INTAR Hispanic Playwrights-in-Residence Laboratory in *Tango Palace* was produced in 1963 by the San Francisco Actors Workshop at the Encore Theatre in San Francisco. Since 1968 she has directed all the first productions of her own work. Among her many plays are *Promenade, Fefu and Her Friends, Mud, The Conduct of Life, Sarita* and *Abington Square*.

October Special Events At AfterWords

Milwaukee — AfterWords has announced a series of special events to take place during the month of October at the eastside bookstore.

For their first author appearance, they invite you to a poetry reading by one of Milwaukee's most interesting poets, Jay Hanson on Thursday, October 7th at

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Labor Day Weekend has come and gone and took Summer away with it... although we should (hopefully) have a few more bursts of Summer-like weather before fall comes in full force.

Wisconsin's LesBiGay community saluted the holiday weekend with a veritable beehive of activities, so let's get right into it...

Wings/Club 3054 hosted the Mr. and Ms. Wisconsin Leather contest and leatherpeople from throughout the reason descended upon Mad-Town for the weekend of events. A contestant welcome party was held Friday night in Wings with free tap beer from 9pm on for all. Saturday was the bar owner's (Cheri Becker) and staffer Terry's 3rd annual Birthday Blowout with free tap beer, BBQ, hot tub on the patio and male and female strippers. Lots of out-of-towner's stopped in to wish the two a Happy Happy. Everyone had a great time and the hot tub was put to VERY good use.

Sunday was the Mr. and Ms. Wisconsin Leather contest, with 2 Mr. and 4 Ms. contestants. Winners were Wing's own Paul (Horse) and Leslie. I'm sure the winners will represent the Badger State well in regional and national leather events. The contest was run very smoothly thanks to having the same production crew as last year. All cover charges and raffle sales went to Hospice Care, totaling almost \$1,700. Congratulations to you all... and to the Madison police officers who had to respond to noise complaints due to the festivities on the patio. Cheri kept them happy by moving the strippers segment indoors for the later part of the evening. (Why can't Milwaukee cops be as considerate as Madison cops?)

The club wrapped things up on Monday with another BBQ, Beer Bust and Drag Queen Jello Wrestling. (Yuckkk!)

Meanwhile, west on Washington, Rod's kicked off the weekend with a "Lights Out" flashlight party on Friday, and "Underwear Alert" night on Saturday, a special patio cookout with DJ on Sunday and a Monday beer bash. The New Bar and Simply Divine presented Work, a benefit show with Miss Caroline and friends.

The Bunkhouse, the Travlur's

Lounge lower level leather bar in Rockford, IL, which celebrated its first anniversary September 4. Congratulations to owner Jack and his manager Stan (who I used to work with years ago at GayLife).

The Third Ward was busy on the 5th with M&M Club hosting a return engagement by Fallen Angels, and the Wreck Room's 21st anniversary celebration. Bill and his friendly staff treated friends and customers to a full day with lots of free food served up outside in the lot just east of the bar and live music. The band that was supposed to play had to cancel and an impromptu make-shift band was pulled together in a matter of a few hours. Nonetheless they did a fine job of providing a great mix of music ranging from 50's to current pop hits. Congratulations to Bill and his staff, and here's to many more!

The "Big Gig" on Sunday was the 8th annual MAPFEST at the PAC's grounds. The day-long festival was a huge success with over 3,000 attending, and \$43,000 raised to help the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin do its job. The first time indoor reserved seat concert with The Flirtations was a near sell-out, and it was the Flirts first time in Milwaukee. The a capella quartet was a delight and just too, too Gay for words. Milwaukee's own Blomberg and Mahaffey opened, and I'm sure, found a new audience for their monthly shows at Cafe Melange.

Can't complain about the weather, even with a few light sprinkles, and lots of clouds, it was nice enough to keep a big crowd right up to the end of the evening (about 11:15pm).

The food was better this year (and since I was the Publicity/Communications Chair, I know from our wrap-up meeting that there will be a much larger menu next year, with enough supplies to last through the evening). There were twice as many Marketplace vendors than there were last year, making the Chestnut Grove area almost too crowded at times. (Next year, the Marketplace will expand into the "fountain court" area, and quality of vendors, not quantity will be emphasized.) Some of the vendors had some complaints, and those will be addressed for next year. If you were a vendor, and sales seemed slack, take a step back and consider your sales techniques and merchandise displays. The busiest booth had to be Viktor/Viktoria's

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7:30pm. Jay has gained much recognition as a poet and has long been involved in AIDS activism.

AfterWord's October highlight will be on Monday, October 11th when they host a National Coming out Day "Coming Out" Party. Come out to AfterWords for fun, food, and many surprises plus a full array of "National Coming Out Day" items available including pins, T-shirts, postcards, and the like. Monday, October 11th will also be the launch date for new hours at AfterWords. Sundays through Thursdays hours are 11am-10pm. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays will remain the same, from 11am-11pm.

AfterWords has designated Thursday, October 14th as Mother Courage Press Day. Barbara Lindquist and Jeanne Arnold are

Mother Courage Press, publisher of feminist, humanist and Lesbian titles and located in Racine, Wisconsin. In their 12 years as publishers plus experience as booksellers and writers, Barbara and Jeanne have gained many insights in feminist and Lesbian issues. Mother Courage has 23 titles in print, including the recent *And Then I Met This Woman*. Both Barbara and Jeanne will be on hand to discuss book publishing, Mother Courage Press and perhaps to read from some of their own books. This event will begin at 7:30pm.

On Tuesday, October 19th, AfterWords welcomes another local writer, Milwaukeean Elizabeth Ridley to read, discuss and sign copies of her new novel, *Throwing Roses*. Her first book, *Throwing Roses* has recently generated many favorable reviews.

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