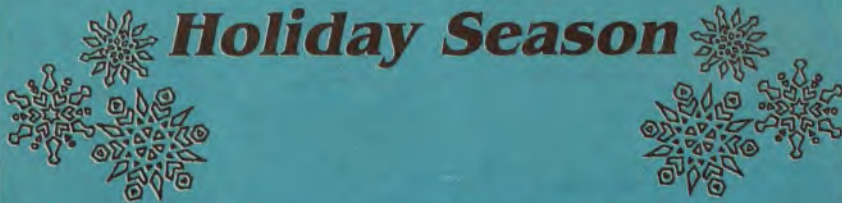


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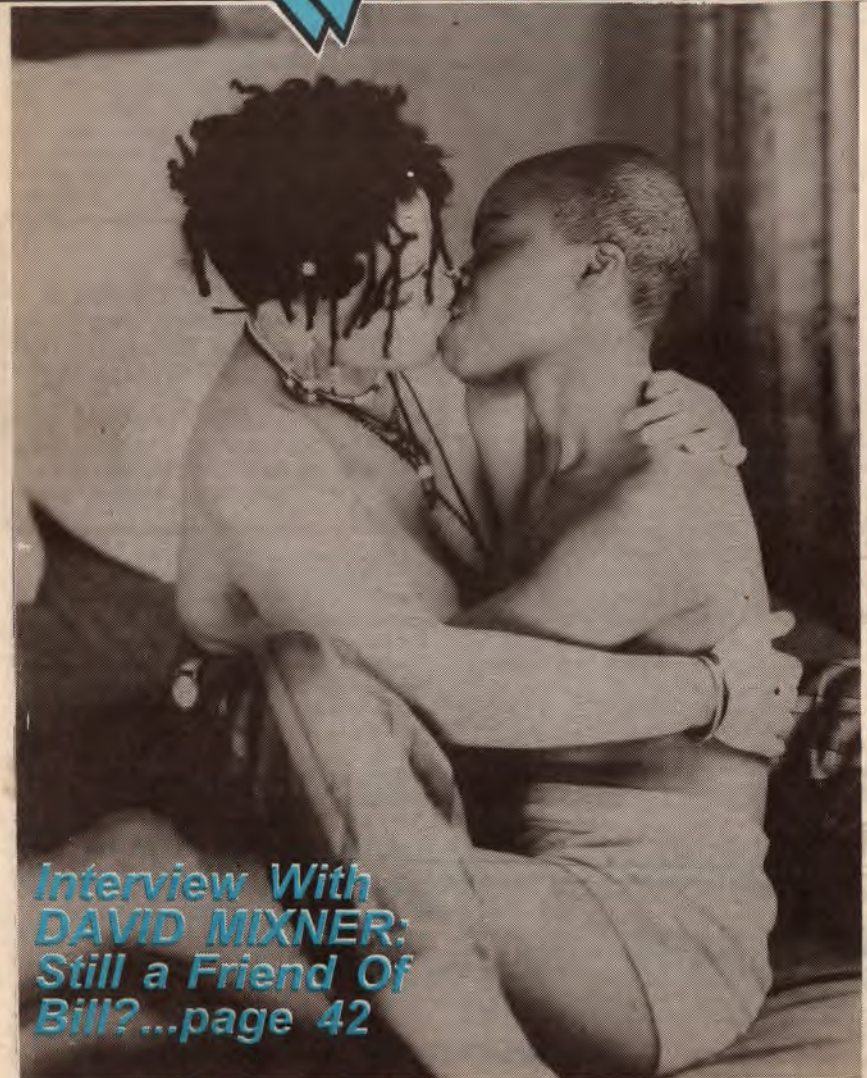
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## Cover Story

With males on the cover the last three issues, it was time for a woman cover, and thanks to Greenwood/Cooper Homevideo, we've got a superb one. In the Video Feature last issue, we mentioned the homevideo company was releasing a safer sex video for Lesbians: *Well Sexy Women: The Lesbian Woman's Guide to Safer Sex*. Featured on our cover this issue is this erotic vignette from the new release.

The homevideo company just released the film, after it was an unqualified hit at two Deneuve film festivals. The 60 minute video features clear, straightforward, up-to-date information on safer sex practices and AIDS. The informative documentary also addresses issues ranging from coming out and sex myths, sexually transmitted diseases, foreplay, fetishes and fantasies.

## Note

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

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

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

Milwaukee **MUSCLED GUY** seeks **CASUAL REL:** WM, 33, 5'8, 165lbs, muscl build, seeks casual rel./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 hm number. #3908

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kenasha **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

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

Madison **LET'S GETAWAY:** 34, 6', muscled, masc, ading, thick moustache, enjoy traveling to other cities, looking for poss. rel./buddy. #5567

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

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

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

SHANO **HEALTHY EARTHY VEGGIE** 30 yr

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

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

MILWAUKEE **INTIMATE TIMES/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. pre-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:** tp guy seeks btm right away. Let's slow down & make nice music together. #5717

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

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

GREENBAY/APPLETON **GRAB YOUR...** jogging shoes: I'm 5'9, 175lbs, enjoy biking & outdoorsy stuff, looking for guys 25-35 to hang out with, poss. rel. —give me a buzz. #2467

APPLETON **INDEPENDENT:** I'm 44, look 34, feel 24, have a med. build, seeking a

friendship with an attrac. guy my age or less. #3375

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

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

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

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

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

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

OSHKOSH, **I'M REALLY FUN AND OUT-GOING!** Gdkg GWM 23, 5'10", 170#, sks other guys 20-30yrs, with dark hair and hairy bodies in the area. If interested call me. #2445

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

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Milwaukee, **WILD THING 25 YR OLD:** 6'1, blond, green eyes, like to dance, love to talk on phone. #7187

N. Milwaukee, **EZ TO GET ALONG WITH:** 20s, masc., seeks simlr. dwn to earth, laid back type to start something special with. #2922

Milwaukee, **OLDER EXPERIENCED SOUGHT:** 27, new to this, just looking for exper. older guy who likes to have fun, (call also for my writing address). Looking for partnership are you? #5910

Wisconsin, **LIKE RAVES OR GRUNGE?** 5'6, 135lbs, brw hair & eyes, looking for smooth, clean shaven, short haired, looking to meet like minded indiv. #7295

Wisconsin, **CREATIVE SPIRITUAL SOULMATE WNTD:** 36 y/o, 175lb, 5'11, brwn long curly hair, seeks Soulmate to enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, and setting by the lake & talking. #4797

Milwaukee, **AVID OUTDOORSMAN:** prof., married, bi-white, 40, educated, avid reader, I feel just as awkward placing this ad as you may responding to it, but don't let that stop you, please leave msg. #5977

Milwaukee, **TO DATE, PERHAPS TO MATE:** I'm looking for someone 20-27, good personality, clean cut, with his own unique personality, call my machine & leave a msg. #7339

Kenosha, **FUN STUFF:** 35 y/o bi-WM into camping, concerts, down hill skiing, looking for 21-37 y/o guy to share the above. #4687

715 Area Code **STAR GAZER:** sensitive 25 yr old

WM, 6'1, 195lbs, new to area, looking for solid friendship based on trust, #5690

Milwaukee **POSITIVE** seeking positive man 35-45, I'm into TV, walking & crafts. #5906

S.E. Wisconsin **MANSIZED MAN:** 6'2, 180lbs, vers. mansized man, smooth tanned bodies a plus. #3700

Milwaukee **BUDDIES 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

Racine **LOVE TO DANCE AND GO TO PARTIES:** 22 GWM seeking a charming nice man. call me and lets talk it over. #3542

Milwaukee **LETS PARTY: BiWM 5'8" 150,** great body and tan, love to have a great time, anything goes. Seeking a bitm to have a few beers and party with. #4237

Milwaukee **NEW TO THIS:** 39, male seeking a sensitive man who can teach me the ropes. Lets share our thoughts. #1816

Milwaukee **LOVE TO DRESS UP:** love to collect. I would like to meet other collectors. I am 31. 5'11" and well built. #3836

Milwaukee **ARE YOU TIRED OF BARS AND GAMES?:** I am! I am a tall, good looking man seeking tall good looking men to play

with. Leave me a phone number. #3840

Green bay **FRIENDS:** I need some!! Please call and leave your name and number. All calls returned. #3708

Walkashaw **ALWAYS ROOM FOR NEW FRIENDSHIP:** 24, looking to meet good friends 24-30 masc. acting a plus. #4375

Milwaukee **RETIRED PROFESSIONAL:** 6', 175lbs, 60, prefer yngnr men who like older guys #4477

Green Bay **IS ANYONE OUT THERE?** 25 GWM, interested in simlir aged guy to connect with. #5630

Milwaukee **LOVE WRESTLING:** early 30s, 155lbs, nice tight body, love wrestling, horse back riding, looking for person 25-33, goodlkg & musclr. #5816

Kenosha **MASTERFUL MAN GWM,** 41, (look & feel 25) looking for subm. 25-35, hairy chested WM into dom.. #6800

Wisconsin **BLOND,** 6', 160lbs, interested in movies, dinners, new friends in area. #6094

Wisconsin **SUPERCUTS!! NEED A HAIRCUT?** Free buzz cuts for anyone who wants me to be their personal barber, call for details. #7010

Milwaukee **PRE-OP OR CD WANTED:** 28, 6', 180lbs, let's get together you wanna? #7202

Appleton **EZ GOIN:** 22, 6'1, 200lbs, dark hair/eyes, not into bars/fems, seeks other GWM 25-35. #5869

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

Green bay **ROOMMATE NEEDED:** Looking for a

lover, 36 and alder, for poss. roommate situation #6368

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

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

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

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

Appleton **CREATIVE & FUN? GWM,** 30s, 5'8, 170lbs, musclr 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

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

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414 Area Code **YOUNG 20 YR OLD:** w/ dark hair brw eyes, in need of companionship, all calls get mine. ☎8518

Milwaukee **BI-WHITE X-DRESSER:** seeks 35-45 y/o bi-wm to share tender moments together,—call soon. ☎8544

Wisconsin **SLOW TALKIN:** wm, 6'5, 210lbs, 43, would like to meet guy my age or older for back rubs. ☎4637

Milwaukee **CUTE 18 YR OLD:** w/ wavy short brw hair/eyes, 150lbs, like hiking, biking, walking, swimming, wrestling, seeking guy 18-24+ for good times/maybe more. ☎5646

Cent. Wisconsin **HANDSOME ITALIAN:** 38, 5'10, 155lbs, (feeling a bit alone on weekends) seeking soulmate to share & grow with, if you enjoy opera, ethnic foods. Call & let's connect. ☎6026

Wisconsin **CUTE 19 y/o,** college student, 5'10, 150lbs, coll. ☎6374

Milwaukee **MEET YOUR MATCH: HARD CORE** body builder seeks simlr for relationship. ☎7181

Milwaukee **COUNTRY MUSIC FAN:** 34, also into sports, prefer someone for friendship first building toward relationship. ☎7649

Milwaukee **GOODLKG:** gwm, 32, into feet & socks would like to meet simlr up to 38. ☎7851

Milwaukee **BLUE EYED BLOND:** 24 y/o, 5'10, 160lbs, into classical music seeking guys my age. ☎1912

Milwaukee **YOUNG VERSATILE:** 5'10, 145lb, 29, seriously into school seeking fun times w/stable 25-35 y/o. ☎1937

Milwaukee **30 YR OLD BLACK MALE:** 5'11, 140lbs, looking to meet wisc. men, for candle light dinners & fun. ☎4062

Milwaukee **GOOD-LOOKING: BLUE EYED BLOND** 5'11, 145lbs, seeks goodlkg white or latino male, to enjoy music, travel & just hanging out together. ☎2106

Green Bay **NEW TO GREENBAY:** 31, enjoy outdoors, hiking, biking, travelling, powerboating, old convertibles, interested in politics, current events, and meeting new friends. ☎6283

Green Bay **FUN FUN FUN 20 YR OLD:** w/ dark hair & eyes, 5'8, 125lbs, looking to make friends my age, enjoy dancing, alternative music, art. ☎6687

Milwaukee **EXPAND YOUR LIMITS:** 6', 190lbs, dark hair & eyes, short trimmed beard, tp, seeking 25-35 y/o, dark hair & stached, under 6' tall and willing to expand limits & interests A+) ☎7904

Janesville **LOVE LEVIS & LEATHR:** 37, 5'8, 160lbs, long brw hair, work 2nd shift so you can call early or later in evenings. ☎3511

Milwaukee **SIMPLE PLEASURES:** gwm, 30 like music, movies, sports, outdoors, if interested call my box. ☎5278

Milwaukee **BLACK MALE:** 5'9, 145lbs, seeks gay or bi male, for nature walks & good clean fun. ☎6540

Superior **19 YR OLD GWM:** 6'2, 165lbs, college student, enjoy working out alot, good conversation, running, would like to meet black male for trusting rel. ☎6879

Milwaukee **HOMEBOY TYPE WANTED** for friendship, ME: goodlkg,

honest caring, looking for v. discreet person, bi-, or divorced loving males. ☎7466

Green Bay **18 YR OLD** seeking simlr or older for fun times! hope to hear from you all soon. ☎3902

Milwaukee **LARGE BODYBUILDER:** 6'3, 205lbs is looking for other smooth, athletic goodlkg Bbuilders in the area, for fun get togethers. ☎4403

Green bay **YOUNG 21 YR OLD:** 5'11, 155lbs seeks, older gentleman for long term rel. ☎1551

Walkshaw **BLOND/BLUE EYED:** 27 y/o, 170lbs, is looking for someone to workout with, hangout with, (prefer masculine) ☎4252

Wisconsin **MAN 2 MAN MUTUAL ENJOYM'T:** 22 y/o, 5'10, 155lbs, shoulder length bland hair, green eyes, seeking 25-35 y/o for dining, dancing & 1/1 fun. ☎3159

Milwaukee **LONG BROWN HAIR:** medium built, 26, 5'9, 150lbs, masc., enjoy working out, music & seeking tall masc. man, (muscles A+). You: surprise me. ☎6608

Madison **21 YR OLD WM:** 5'8, 155lbs, brw hair/blue eyes, smooth body, seeking men 18-35 (muscles A+) leave your name & number & best time to get back to you. ☎1340

Rust river **V. CUTE:** 26 y/o, 5'10, dark brw hair, waiter, enjoys cooking dinner, watching movies, seeks masc. goodlkg tp. ☎1342

Wisconsin **THOUGHTFUL:** 35 y/o, gwm, 6'1, dark hair, stached, caring, & understanding, seeks LTR w/simlr monogamous guy (preferably bearded & tall) ☎4315

Manatawuk **FARM RAISED:** 35 y/o, (lock 25) into country, enjoy rare plants/animals. ☎5246

Appleton **SENIOR GWM,** romantic, gentle & affectionate, 5'9, 165lbs, wavy gray hair, seeking ynger bi or gwm for occasional get togethers—hoping to hear from you. ☎1331

Wisconsin **SKS BIG GUY FOR REL.** 5'9, 145lbs, 25 y/o, 5'9, looking for sensitive, sensuous person, call soon. ☎1675

Madison **COLLEGE GUY:** 5'10, 150lbs, sandy brwn hair, enjoy back packing, hanging out. ☎2174

Appleton **35, 175LBS,** 5'9, enjoy biking, lookin for friends 25-35, poss. rle. ☎2417

**31, 5'6, 150LBS,** brw hair/eyes, seeking guys 18-25 for interesting times. ☎6824

Milwaukee, **LIKES RAVES SCENES?** 19 YR OLD, brw hair/eyes, 130lbs, seeking guy 18-30 for fun times. ☎3918

Manahaukin, **MASC. ACTING,** 36, GWM, enjoys cooking & discreet times w/other masc. guys, looking for serious, down to earth type, ☎4859

Milwaukee, **HEY COOL DUDE!** 24 y/o, BM, like movies, sports, dining out, reading, looking for any race, if interested leave name & Number. ☎7116

Milwaukee, **NICE WHEELS:** v. Vers. 45, 5'9, 175lbs, cute, like to work out, enjoy quiet evenings, have great legs, take a chance, I did. ☎7556

Wisconsin, **RUNNER'S BODY:** looking to pursue a physical rel. with somebody, I like to run, and stay fit. ☎4429

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Milwaukee **ENERGETIC, HONEST ROMANTIC:** gwm, 26, 5'9, med build, enjoy movies, C & W dancing, looking for someone 18-30 for quality times. #7654

Milwaukee **HEY NINETEEN:** 19 y/o, 180lbs, Builder, enjoy having good times getting to know people & just staying home cuddling. #7868

Milwaukee **EITHER WAY:** black bi-male, seeking tp, for casual or long term rel. #8231

Green Bay **ACTIVE:** 5'9, blond, blue, positive, 150lbs, med. build, good person to know, call me sometime. #4051

Wisconsin **V.GOODLKG:** 30, 5'11, 160lbs, btm, blond, blue eyes, seeks agres tp, (prefer blond, blue & under 30). #8281

Kenosha **ASIANS WANTED:** goodlkg bi-wm, 35, looking for asian guys for fun /etc., #1329

Milwaukee **TOP FLIGHT:** looking for tp guys, 5'10, 160lbs, light brw hair, enjoy movies, outdoors, leave msg. #5441

Milwaukee **SHOW ME THE ROPES:** 24 y/o, brw hair & eyes, stacked, 5'11, 190lbs,

someone in my age & area. #4630

Kenosha **DOUBLE DARE:** 2 bi-men in their 40s seeks other fun guys. Call if you dare! #6858

Madison **TENNIS**

enjoy theatre, seeking active adult w/strong personality for relationship. #8434

Fox Valley **21 YR OLD:** 6'2, 170lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, seeking gwm 18-30 for friendship maybe more, I like movies & social get togethers. #8435

Milwaukee **LOVE MALE CLOTHING:** ht btm, N2 boots, straps, get the picture, call for more info. #6423

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** gwm, 25, 5'10, 160lbs, enjoy dining out, water sports, seeking tp man, leave msg in my box to get together. #1991

Milwaukee **AMATEUR KICK BOXER:** 5'8, 165lbs, great shape, love latin or white cross dressers that look good for intimate private encounters, if this is you, leave me a msg, I will call you. #4038

Milwaukee **SINCERE:** brw hair 22, 6'2, 145lbs, green eyes, enjoy movies & music seeking smlr aged for rel. #4699

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** 25 y/o, 5'10, blond, blue eyed, 160lbs, like outdoors, reading, movies, dinner, dancing, looking for simlr attrac. tp man under 40, hope to hear from you soon. #5441

Milwaukee **VERSATILE GBM:** 6'2, hazel eyes, golden skin, enjoy anything, call me day or nite. #7911

Milwaukee **VERY AFFECTIONATE:** 38, 5'9, real cute, would like to meet someone real soon to date, call for hm number if interested. #7978

WI **COLLEGE DUDE: 20 YRS OLD:** 6'1, 200lbs, very romantic, seeks smlr for off campus fun times. #8037



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Milwaukee **COACH ME:** I enjoy leather & water sports, looking for tall, musclr, builder or leather tp man for discreet calls. #2077

414 Area Code **FASHION FRENZY:** 35 y/o, x-dresser seeks simlr. #2716

**FRESHMAN: 18 YR OLD:** 5'9, brw hair/eyes, interested in hiking, biking, nature trail walks, horseback riding, canoeing seeking any guy 18-25 for rel. #2792

**WILD IN WISCONSIN:** 24 y/o, blond, green eyes, 5'10, 120lbs, seeking

**ANYONE?** 38, 5'8, 150lbs, med. build, clean cut, masc. new to area, enjoy tennis looking for athletic ynger guy, call if you fit the bill. #8897

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"This country was founded through revolution on the basis that a nation of people should not be taxed, without representation. What we would like to do is, we want to create a nation *where we do not have representation, without representation!*"

"While the times are frightening, the times are incredibly enlightening, as well. We're seeing, in our work [in schools and with youth] a quantum leap change taking place in America. What the far right wants from us is to have fire fights, to make us tired. We can't become tired, we are on the right side of these issues. We must remember that at all times. When we feel like giving up, we must remember that we are 100% American citizens who want that promise. We stood up in those classrooms as students our selves and said -liberty and justice for ALL'. We want that promise to be fulfilled. We will not be excluded from that promise."

Rod Jackson-Paris then took over the microphone. "The Victory Fund is very much a part of the work that needs to be done. There are so many other pieces."

"Everyone in this room is a survivor. If you are sitting here today, and are Gay or Lesbian and over 18, you are a survivor. We have to start looking deep inside and pulling out that generational responsibility that we have to Gay and Lesbian youth of today and of tomorrow. The spirituality for the Gay and Lesbian movement must become the Gay and Lesbian youth of today and tomorrow."

"The Victory Fund helps in that. Youth need to see openly Gay and Lesbian candidates in front on them fighting for their rights because other Americans don't understand that these youth are not being looked after. If we don't take care of them, nobody will. It is our responsibility to put open Gay and Lesbian people in office because they will know how to take care of those youth, they will know how to take care of us, and they will know how to teach America. Gay and Lesbian youth are out there alone, and we have all been there, and that's why I say we are survivors. As we put these people in office, it gives those youth something to look up to, knowing these people will fight for our rights, and gives the youth hope."

## TAMMY BALDWIN

Wisconsin's Victory Fund "poster child", Wisconsin State Assembly person, Tammy Baldwin, who won election as an out Lesbian, was greeted with a standing ovation. Baldwin had just returned from the 9th annual International Conference of Openly Gay and Lesbian Elected and Appointed Officials in Chicago. (See related articles elsewhere in News.) She related that it was her eighth conference, and that at her first one, she met with 14 other officials. "This year we sent invitations out to over 500 openly Gay and Lesbian Elected and Appointed Officials and had a tremendous turnout in Chicago. I observed, that concurrent with the creation and development of the Victory Fund our numbers have increased dramatically. It's certainly not a coincidence."

"During the conference, I heard from my colleagues all over this country, and Canada. These are the folks that are leading the battles in their communities to include Gay and Lesbian issues in the educational curriculum. They are the ones that are fighting the Right on anti-Gay referenda. They are working in many states still for sodomy repeal. They are working for passage of Gay and Lesbian civil rights



Bob & Rod Jackson-Paris speaking during the Victory Fund event.

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Assembly members Tammy Baldwin (D-Madison) & Tim Carpenter (D-Milwaukee) captured during the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund event in Milwaukee.

statutes or local ordinances. They are trying to achieve domestic partnership protection in cities all around the country and it is tremendously exciting to share strategy and learn from one another."

"This group would not be as large as it is if it weren't for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. The Victory Fund played a crucial role in getting many of them elected. In my own race, I can't measure the influence of the Victory Fund, but they were there, and they were there early, and they were giving me advice. People from across the country participated in my race."

"It's the presence of the Victory Fund that is presenting an option to officials at the local level, to think about entering races that they've never thought about entering before. They're analyzing their chances for Congress. They're analyzing their chances for State Senate, and they know that the Victory Fund is an ally there for them."

**WILLIAM WAYBOURN**

The Victory Fund's executive director, William Waybourn, started off his comments with references to the battle Wisconsin Light was fighting to stay on the shelf at the Hales Corners Library. "If those people are allowed to keep the Light out of the library,

I guarantee we will lose in our community efforts. And just to give equal time, I want to make sure that we know and that we show that those people will never be In Step with the people who are this government." He then emphasized that Milwaukee and Wisconsin "have certainly got our attention. When we first looked at Tammy's race here we didn't have a lot of support from Wisconsin because it's always difficult to build support where you already have out elected officials. I've very proud to be able to report that Milwaukee and Wisconsin has joined our top ten cities in the number of members."

"Mobilizing our community is very very important, but so is money, they are what get us elected to office."

Waybourn continued, "We are here tonight is to encourage you to invest in our future." He explained members join by paying \$100, and then agree to make at least two \$100 donations to recommended candidates in a twelve month period. The Victory Fund regularly send out profiles on their recommended candidates and members decide when and to whom they want to support. Checks are made payable to the campaign of the donors choice, and then mailed to the Victory Fund

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"I can only do this in Milwaukee," Waybourn continued, "but I can tell you that we have a much easier way of explaining how the Victory Fund works in just eight words — Wisconsin State Representative Tammy Baldwin and Judge Shelly Gaylord." Waybourn concluded before showing a short video about the Victory Fund, saying, "When we made this film seven months ago, we had 55 openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials, and tonight we have 133. Another 'little' correction in the film I need to make, is Jerry Falwell attacks us in the film for our \$250,000 in contributions we have made. You should know that if we made the film today, that would say over a half million dollars."

**DAVID MIXNER**

The final speaker before the crowd enjoyed champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts, was political strategist David Mixner, who often sounded like a baptist preacher in his delivery. He reflected how when he looked out over the crowd at the Chicago Gay Lesbian Officials Convention, and in their faces "I saw Shirley Chisholm, and Barbara Jordan. I saw Tom Bradley and Henry Gonzalez, and Andrew Young. I saw all our communities leaders that would inspire a new generation of young people to service, who will carry on a message that we are, indeed, not only capable to serve, but willing to serve our country. That we have made choices, to work real hard with organizations like the Victory Fund because I have a dream."

"My dreams are very simple. I want to see a Lesbian as head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and, I want to see a Gay man as the senior Senator from the state of Georgia," Mixer related to the delighted crowd.

"Because that is what it's about," Mixer continued. "We are on the verge of a great battle that has only just begun. It's going to require more from us than we ever thought we could give. Each of us, in the next several years, will have to reach down deep inside of us to find courage, to find strength, because we can't pass this pain onto the next generation."

"Freedom and a cure must come now. We are the ones who must accept the responsibility for being the pioneers — for providing inspiration, for providing the energy this country will see in our



Photo by Ron Gelman

Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund executive director William Waybourn at the Milwaukee Victory Fund event.

community. Our community of vital, talented people, willing to bring their gifts to the society as a whole."

"There are times when we will become weary, and I will tell you what I do when I become tired. I remember. I remember, and that gives me strength."

"From those memories, I become determined that not another Gay or Lesbian person will never, ever have to feel fear, or shame to want to be a part of this society and contribute their gifts to this country. We have come to far, we have done too much to go back. Many have given their lives."

Mixner reflected on the horrible waste of young minds and talent, but then realized, "they (PWAs) gave us the gift that we can take forever. They taught us how to take care of the sick and the needy. They taught us how we leave our jobs at noon to go home and feed those who are unable to feed themselves. They taught us compassion, and how to give in our anger. they taught us how to fight militantly for our rights. They taught us that we do not have to die in shame, that there is nobility in who we are. And they taught us how to come together as a community and take care of our own and nurture our own, and to be a

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## Gay & Lesbian Elected & Appointed Officials Convene In Chicago

### A Conference Overview

By Kimberly Griffin

As Gay and Lesbian elected and appointed officials know all too well, politics is a game of compromise. The key is to strive for the best possible compromise — one that moves you closest to your goals with the least amount of sacrifice; Human

### Victory Fund...

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loving, kind and giving people."

"And if there is one lesson to be learned is that we don't want to become like our oppressors. I don't want to be like Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson or Phyllis Schlafly — that's not being equal to me. Those are people who are filled with hate, who are filled with anger. I want to be a person who brings our gift to the table of power."

"I want to be with the people who have worked day and night not only to fight an illness but to fight for our liberty. That's the people I want to be with, that's the equality that I understand. That is the gift that I think we bring to this nation as we move forward."

Reed thanked many in the community who helped put the event together and helped underwrite the costs, enabling all the money raised that night to go to the Victory Fund. Reed specifically thanked his partner Jon Martin, and his business, ACME Communications, printing and publicity; Miller Brewing Co., food and beer; Mattachine Marketing Ltd. of Chicago, wine and champagne; the Flower Studio; Bottom Line Travel who underwrote expenses so several students could attend; Tony Rhodes and Ross Draeger of the Cream City Foundation; Karen Gotzler and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee; Doug Nelson of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin; Human Rights League; UW Madison 10% Society; and Wisconsin Light and In Step Magazine.

For more information, or to join The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, write 1012 14th Street N.W., Suite 707, Washington, DC 20005.

Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley told a group at the annual International Conference of Openly Gay and Lesbian Elected & Appointed Officials conference held Nov. 18-21 in Chicago.

The problem for the Gay and Lesbian community of late, he said, is agreeing on what goals are valued the most.

"We're very confused as a community about what's important," McFeeley said. "By putting 57 or 82 or however many demands on the March on Washington... when you value everything, you value nothing."

The one thing that everyone can agree on, however, is the goal of equality for Gays and Lesbians, he said. To achieve that, Gays and Lesbians need to talk about who they are, what they want, and why the closet is so bad.

"I think the people in this room really need to lead in that respect," McFeeley said, "because, after all, you represent so clearly, by who you are and what you do, why that's important... You embody the hope that the community has to have to move forward."

In terms of achieving the community's goals, both McFeeley and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Executive Director Peri Jude Radevic spoke to the need for better communication between the existing national groups.

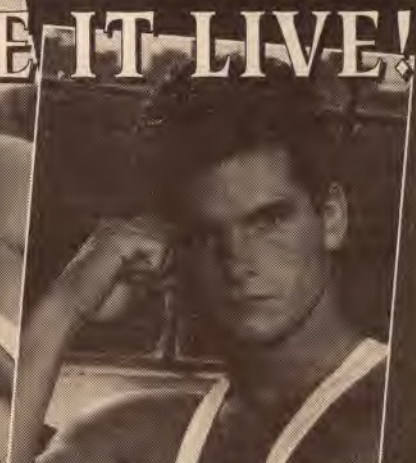
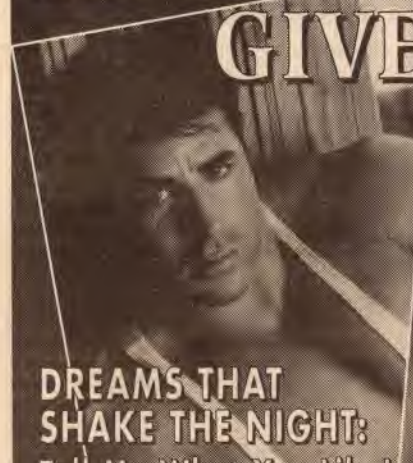
"We don't coordinate enough," Radevic said. "That's going to change. I'm committed, and so is Tim... There's less tension now between the two organizations."

A recurring theme throughout the conference, attended by elected and appointed officials from around North America, was the need for a solid political infrastructure at the local and state levels. Such an infrastructure would better equip the Gay and Lesbian community at the grassroots level to counter the attack of the religious right as well as to forge ahead with pro-active measures like municipal and state human rights protections.

"The exact state of our political muscle is that we cannot win or come anywhere close to winning through the legislative process... we have to create that kind of political machine," said Melinda Paras, San Francisco Department of Health Commissioner.

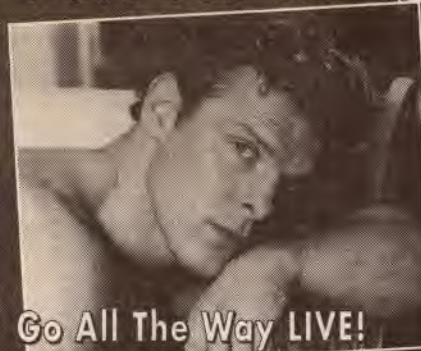
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## Wisconsin Has Strong Presence at Officials Confab

By John Cain

In 1989, Madison and Dane County were home to 50% of all openly Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual elected and appointed officials in the country. In 1993, the area accounts for just 3%. This is not because any great number of offices have been lost in the area; it's because in the intervening years the number of officials has increased from 14 to over 130. Almost a full contingent of Wisconsin's elected officials attended the recent Ninth International Conference of Openly Lesbian and Gay Elected and Appointed Officials in Chicago.

State Assemblywoman Tammy Baldwin has been to all but the first conference. "As a repeat attendee, I look forward every year to sharing with other elected officials and the support from other people playing similar roles in other states," she said.

At the conference, Baldwin presented at two workshops. The first was titled "Deciding to Run: The Plan." She shared the stage with a Chicago political consultant and a city council person. "It's interesting how closely our advice paralleled, despite coming from three different perspectives," she said.

At her other workshop, "Domestic Partnership Initiatives," she was joined by another city council person and a grassroots activist. Together, they discussed domestic partnership strategies on the local and state level, with Baldwin outlining her plans to introduce legislation in the State Assembly.

Baldwin summed up her reactions to the conference in one word: "Delightful."

Baldwin's legislative aide, Mark Verveer, concurred. "The conference was very helpful. It was a wonderful opportunity to network and strategize on issues we're all fighting for in our own home towns."

Chicago was Dane County Supervisor Mark Pocan's third conference. He noted that Wisconsin's delegation was larger than California's, adding, "Every time we go we're reminded how very fortunate we are in Dane County. We've elected some very good people and set a very good example (for the rest of the country)."

In addition to attending workshops on such issues as proactive strategies against hate crimes, partnership laws and fundraising, members of the Wisconsin contingent, which also included Dane County Supervisor Richard Wagner and Municipal Court Judge Shelly Gaylord, hosted a hospitality suite. Hot pink invites urged other attendees to "Join the Dairy Queens" for a selection of Wisconsin cheeses, beers, wines and other treats, all presided over by an inflatable cow decked out in freedom rings.

Portsmouth underscored the urgency of creating an infrastructure and becoming a stronger force against the attack of the right.

"The referenda and other types of popular vote in regard to minority rights need to be addressed through skilful public education campaigns rather than simply being fought one by one in the courts," said William Kelley, chair of the Cook County Human Rights Commission in Illinois. "Particularly if we are a part of human rights agencies as I am the repeal effort has a direct impact on our effectiveness."

Dale McCormick, who is serving her second term as state senator in Maine, saw firsthand the loss in Lewiston, which is not far from her legislative district.

Part of the solution, she said, will be to increase the self-esteem of Gays and Lesbians in an effort to bring more people out of the closet and continue to break down stereotypes.

"The lesson I gain from Lewiston is that

we have to organize, organize, organize in the Gay community and help people come out, help people learn to stand up on their hind legs and write a letter, and make sure everybody knows who's getting hurt when they vote like that," McCormick said. "People don't know it — not in Lewiston, Maine. That's why we lost it. Gay people weren't out enough."

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, in addition to turning more attention to the state and local levels, will be addressing work place issues, with the goal of creating work environments where Gays and Lesbians feel safe coming out, without the fear of losing their jobs, Radecic said.

"All these are issues are interconnected," she said, "You've got to give people media training to get better at passing state and civil rights bills, and then try to provide them with safe work environments... All this stuff has got to work together."

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## Appeals Court Orders Joe Steffan Reinstated to Navy

*Three Judge Panel Declares  
Pentagon Ban Unconstitutional*

By Jamakaya

Washington, D.C. — On November 16, a panel of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia declared the Pentagon's ban on homosexuals unconstitutional and ordered that former midshipman Joseph C. Steffan be granted his diploma from the Naval Academy and be commissioned as an officer.

Steffan, 29, was forced to resign from Annapolis just six weeks short of graduation in 1987 after he admitted to his commandant that he was Gay. Until then, Steffan had an impeccable record. He was one of the top ten students in his class and, in his junior year, had been named Battalion Commander, supervising almost 800 fellow midshipmen.

Steffan had repeatedly gained outstanding academic and performance evaluations at the naval academy. He was cited for "excellent leadership" and "constant dedication to superior performance." But when he revealed he was Gay, academy leaders immediately changed his overall performance grade from an "A" to an "F" and recommended his discharge.

Echoing recent rulings by federal courts, the three judge panel of the Court of Appeals said the Academy's actions against Steffan "solely because he admitted his homosexual orientation are not rationally related to any legitimate goal."

### "FUNDAMENTALLY UNJUST"

"America's hallmark has been to judge people by what they do, and not by who they are," Chief Judge Abner Mikva wrote. "It is fundamentally unjust to abort a most promising military career solely because of a truthful confession of a sexual preference different from that of the majority, a preference untarnished by even a scintilla of misconduct."

The ruling compared the rationale used to exclude homosexuals with the rationale used to exclude and segregate African

Americans in the military before 1948.

"A cardinal principle of equal protection law holds that the government cannot discriminate against a certain class in order to give effect to the prejudice of others. Even if the Government does not itself act out of prejudice, it cannot discriminate in an effort to avoid the effects of others' prejudice. Such discrimination plays directly into the hands of the bigots; it ratifies and encourages their prejudice."

"Constitutional principles mandate that Government may not disadvantage a person on the basis of his status or his views solely for fear that others may be offended or angered by them. That is precisely the substance of the [Navy] Secretary's argument in this case: that heterosexual service members and potential recruits will be offended by the presence of homosexuals, and this will affect their morale, discipline and enlistment. The Constitution does not allow Government to subordinate a class of persons simply because others do not like them."

The judges also rejected the Pentagon's contention that the courts should not interfere in military affairs. "A court need not close its eyes to the dictates of the Constitution whenever the military is involved — not even when it professes a national security interest in its conduct. There is no 'military exception' to the Constitution."

### REACTION TO THE RULING

Steffan was thrilled with the ruling: "It feels great to have such a powerful vindication from one of the most important courts in the United States. I still want to serve my country. . . I believe the military is a fundamentally sound institution. It just needs to get over this kind of bigotry."

"Today, I have the opportunity to have retained both my honor as an individual and as a midshipman, and to have my diploma," he said. Steffan is currently in his third year of law school at the University of Connecticut. He hopes to be commissioned as an officer and assigned to active duty.

Gay and Lesbian activists praised the decision, saying it appears likely the courts will be the final arbiters of the Pentagon ban and other issues of Gay rights. "It's only a matter of time before we have a Supreme Court that sees the rightness of the argument," said Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

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 2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481 (715) 345-6500  
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Gay/Lesbian Support Group  
 Box 247A, 1411 Ellis Ave, Ashland 54806  
 Northern AIDS Network (HIV/AIDS Service Organ.)  
 June Peters, Courthouse Rhinelander, 54501 369-6228  
 Northland House (bed & breakfast inn)  
 609 Highway 77, Pence 54550 (715) 561-3120  
 Northern WI. Lambda Society  
 PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 (715) 362-4242  
 SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents,  
 Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/BI's (715) 359-7432

## SHEBOYGAN AREA (414)

Sherlock's Home (Mw, G/S, F)  
 733 Pennsylvania (No phone)  
 Olde Bricke House (Bed & Breakfast)  
 303 Niagara, 53081 451-9779  
 Blue Lite (Mw)  
 1029 N. 8th, 53081 457-1636

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The Defense Department did not immediately say whether it would appeal the decision. The panel of judges consisted of three very liberal members of the D.C. Court of Appeals: Mikva, Patricia M. Wald and Harry T. Edwards. An appeal could be made to the full Appeals Court, which has many more conservative members, or could be lodged directly with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Just a week before Steffan's victory, U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin ordered the Pentagon not to discharge or take any disciplinary action against Sgt. Justin C. Elzie, an 11 year veteran challenging his ouster from the Marine Corps. Judge Sporkin said the Pentagon ban serves "no legitimate government purpose" and that Elzie "did not become any less of a Marine

on the day he announced his sexual orientation."

Meanwhile, in California, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is scheduled to hear arguments in December in the Clinton administration's appeal of the federal court ruling which reinstated Petty Officer Keith Meinhold. The government was ordered to provide evidence proving a "rational basis" for the Pentagon ban. A ruling in Meinhold's case is expected early next year.

The results of the Steffan and Meinhold cases could be in further legal limbo however, because both cases challenged the Pentagon ban as it existed prior to modification by Congress this fall. It's conceivable that once reinstated, both men could be ousted under the new Congressional directives.

## 1,400 Gather for "Creating Change" Conference

### Fighting the Right, Diversity Major Topics

Durham, NC — More than 1,400 people from 48 states and several foreign lands gathered in Durham, North Carolina November 10-14 for the 6th annual *Creating Change* conference. Sponsored by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, *Creating Change* is the largest annual political conference of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual activists.

The conference featured dozens of skills-building workshops on every conceivable aspect of political organizing, from fundraising to media management to computer networking to building coalitions with supportive groups. Day-long seminars on youth issues, fighting the right wing, racism, health care reform and anti-Gay violence drew hundreds of participants who listened and learned and contributed their own hard-won knowledge.

Conference plenary speakers included Mab Segrest, a North Carolina activist who welcomed conferees to the South, "with its peculiar blend of hospitality and repression." Segrest discussed the importance of rural organizing, and advocated a "queer socialism," in which diverse elements of the LesBiGay community support each others' aspirations, rather than a "queer nationalism" with a more narrow and self-serving agenda.

Frank Kameny, a founder of the Mattachine Society and the NGLTF, outlined

the many Gay rights victories of the past 30 years. Kameny said the true "Gay agenda" is "parity: not more, but not one whit less. . . . Momentary defeats notwithstanding, the tide is with us."

Dr. Marjorie Hill, former head of New York City's Mayor's Office for the Lesbian and Gay Community, urged activists to move beyond the usual organizing methods. She said: "Too often, there is no distinction between how we organize and how we throw dinner parties," inviting only those who eat the same foods, know the same culture and have similar backgrounds. She encouraged the broadening of outreach and the diversification of the movement.

### "FIGHT THE RIGHT"

The "Fight the Right" organizing intensive was spread over two days and was probably the most well-attended of all the programs. The room overflowed with activists from around the country who discussed and debated strategies for defeating the increasing number of anti-Gay initiatives faced by cities and states.

The seminar began with an overview of the right wing's broad agenda in attacking reproductive freedom, public education, environmental protection, as well as Gay rights. Representatives from states targeted by right wing groups then discussed their successes and failures in meeting the challenge.

Conferees watched the anti-Gay video *Gay Rights, Special Rights*, which is being used to spread fear about the so called "Gay agenda." They discussed the main

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themes of the film and suggested ways to counter them.

The second day of the "Fight the Right" program focussed on grassroots organizing and campaigning. Establishing a broad base of support, forging coalitions with other progressive groups and developing a popular education strategy to accompany organizing efforts was discussed. A training session for people who will become campaign managers and strategists in their hometowns and states was also conducted.

#### YOUTH SPEAK OUT

Youth activists met at *Creating Change* and adopted a set of demands for NGLTF and the Gay rights movement as a whole. Demands include two slots for youth representatives on the NGLTF Board, greater action toward combating youth suicide, additional funding for youth-oriented programs, and special outreach to youth in under-represented sectors, such as in rural areas, in foster care or juvenile detention.

NGLTF Executive Director Peri Jude Radecic met with youth organizers and agreed to a conference call before the end of 1993 to discuss their demands and NGLTF implementation. She also agreed to target funds raised during the closing

plenary to youth and campus projects.

Radecic also responded to the concerns of the Older Lesbian Organizing Committee and other older activists on the issue of ageism and greater inclusion of elderly Gays. She agreed to sponsor an NGLTF staff training on ageism and is considering the production of publications about ageism for use within the LesBiGay community.

A ceremony in honor of Gay and Lesbian veterans was also held during the conference and coincided with Veteran's Day. The North Carolina Pride Band played and a color guard marched. Sgt. Justin Elzie, a Gay Marine recently reinstated in the Corps, addressed the crowd.

#### NGLTF'S PRIORITIES

In her remarks opening the conference, Radecic noted that "1993 has been a very difficult year for our movement." But she said the good news "far outweighs the bad," and the unprecedented visibility Gays achieved this year must be built on and used to best advantage in the future.

Radecic said NGLTF is committed to a "multi-pronged strategy" of achieving justice for Gay men and Lesbians based on strong

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*Tanya Domi, former director of NGLTF's Military Freedom Initiative, presently NGLTF's Legislative Director, and former Army Veteran, spoke during a Veteran's Day Tribute "Honoring Our Own" during the Creating Change Conference in Durham. Those wearing black masks are current military members playing "Lie and Hide".*

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 Office/Staff 273-1991 AIDS Information 273-2437  
**Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium** (Experimental HIV/AIDS Drug Program) 315 W. Court St. 53212 273-1991  
**Women's Alternative Health Clinic** 1240 E. Brady 53202 272-2144

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

- 1 Ballgame** (Mw, V, D, F) 196 S. 2nd 53204 273-7474  
**3 Boot Camp** (M, L/L) 209 E. National 53204 643-6900  
**14 BoysTown** (Mw, DJ, V) 2022 W. National 53204 645-1830  
**4 C'est La Vie** (Mw, D) 231 S. 2nd 53204 291-9600  
**5 Club 219** (MW, DJ, V) 219 S. 2nd 53204 271-3732  
**7 Dance, Dance, Dance** (Mw, DJ) 801 S. 2nd 53204 383-8330  
**16 DeJa-Vu** (M, D) 235 S. 2nd St. 271-4368  
**6 1100 Club** (Mw, L/L, DJ, F) 1100 S. 1st Street 53204 647-9950  
**2 Fannie's** (Wm, D, F) 200 E. Washington 53204 643-9633  
**7 Grubb's Pub** (MW, F) 807 S 2nd St 53204 384-8330  
**22 Kathy's Nut Hut** (WM, G/S, F, D) 1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673  
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**17 Loose Ends** (GS, MW, F) 4332 W. Fond du Lac 442-8469  
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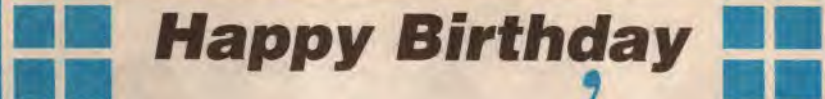
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**Gay People's Union Hotline** 562-7010  
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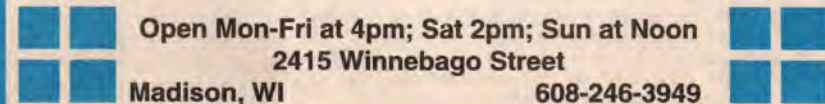
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Six Wisconsin women who attended the NGLTF's Creating Change Conference in North Carolina.

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organizations at the state and local levels. NGLTF will work proactively to see that more states and localities pass Gay rights laws and that more private businesses adopt guidelines prohibiting anti-Gay bias. NGLTF will continue working toward passage of the federal Gay rights bill and for an end to the Pentagon ban.

NGLTF will continue to work against anti-Gay violence and will demand that Gays and Lesbians have a say in the debate over health care reform and the fight against AIDS. It will continue to channel money and expertise to states which face anti-Gay initiatives. It will continue to combat racism both inside and outside the Gay community and will help build coalitions with other progressive groups. It will also continue to look to the courts where "our most significant victories are going to come."

While 1994 is going to be "a tough year," it is also going to be "a year for hope," said Radecic.

## Rhodes Named President Of Cream City Foundation

**Milwaukee** — Tony Rhodes of Milwaukee has been named president of the Cream City Foundation at the annual meeting of the board of directors. Rhodes, a member of the board for five years, served in the past as chair of both the Nominations and Grants committees. He becomes the first person of color to lead the foundation.

Re-elected as vice president was Ross Draeger who will continue to serve as the foundation's liaison with ACHOICE. Nelvin Johnson, multiple recipient of the foundation's "Volunteer of the Year" award, was re-elected as secretary.

*The Cream City Foundation, founded in 1982, is the only grant making, community-based foundation in the state of Wisconsin whose sole purpose is to support the needs of the Gay and lesbian community. Offices are located at 2821 North 4th Street in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The office phone number is (414) 265-0880.*

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<b>LesGayBi Teen Support Group</b> (Briarpatch & Picada Sponsored)	251-1126/246-7606
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<b>Parents &amp; Friends of Gays &amp; Lesbians</b> PO Box 1722, 53701	
<b>10% Society</b> (student organization) Box 614, UW Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706	262-7355
<b>Unicorns of Madison</b> (L/L club) PO Box 536, 53701	
<b>The United</b> (Education, Counseling, Advocacy) 14 W. Mifflin St., Ste 103	255-8582
<b>Womansong</b> (Woman's Choral Group)	246-2681

### RELIGIOUS

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

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<b>Beer Town Badgers</b> (L/L social club) PO Box 840, 53201	
<b>Paul Bunyon Society</b> (Social group for Big & Bear Men) PO Box 1252, 53201	
<b>Black Gay Consciousness Raising</b>	933-2136
<b>Black Lesbians United Emergence</b> (BLUE) (Support/Social Group) PO Box 92146, 53202	
<b>Brand New Queer Cable TV Show</b> PO Box 93951, 53203	
<b>Brothers Loving Brothers</b> (Gay male support) 1330 N. 22nd St., 53205	
<b>By Any Means Necessary</b> Community Development Coalition Rodney 277-7671	
<b>Castaways M.C.</b> (Levi/Leather club) PO Box 1697, 53202-1697	
<b>Counseling Center</b> (Gay & Lesbian Support & discussion Groups) 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202	271-2565
<b>Cream City Chorus</b> P. O. Box 1488, 53201	344-9222
<b>Cream City Foundation</b> (CCF) 2821 N. 4th St. #217B, or, Box 204, 53201	265-0880
<b>Cream City Squares</b> (G/L Square Dancing Club)	542-6717963-1436
<b>DAMES</b> (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression) PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201	
<b>Different Drummer Theatre Alliance</b> (G/L TheatreCo) PO Box 92756, 53202	347-0673
<b>Fest City Singers</b> (Gay choral group)	
PO Box 11428, 53211	263-SING
<b>Front Runners/Walkers</b>	774-2668
<b>Galano Club</b> (chemical free recovery club) 2408 N. Farwell	276-6936
<b>Gaylaxians</b> (G/L sci-fi group) c/o Emory Churness, 2705 N. Shepard 53211	
<b>GAMMA</b> (sports/social) PO Box 1900, 53201	963-9833

<b>Gay/Lesbian/Bi Community at UW</b> Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201	229-8555
<b>Gay/Les/Bi Veterans of American</b> (S.E., WI chapter) c/o 3036 N. Booth, 53212	562-4191
<b>Gay People's Union</b> PO Box 208, 53201	562-7010
<b>Gay Youth Milwaukee</b> (regular peer group meetings) PO Box 09441, 53209	265-8500
<b>Gay Men's Discussion Group</b> (Bill)	271-2565
<b>Gay Men's Support Group</b> (Bill)	271-2565
<b>Girth &amp; Mirth/Milwaukee</b> P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862	
<b>Great Lakes Harley Riders</b> PO Box 341611, 53234-1611	
<b>Greater Milw. Maritime Assoc. (GMMMA)</b> (Boating/social) PO Box 1768, 53201	259-0500
<b>Holiday Invitational Tournament</b> (G/L bowling event) PO Box 899, 53201	672-8960
<b>Lambda Rights Network</b> (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203	871-4839
<b>LAMM</b> (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee) PO Box 93323, 53203	264-2600
<b>LOC/Women of Color</b>	873-4942
<b>MACT</b> (Men of All Colors Together) PO Box 12292, 53212	
Dave 527-4296	Veral 347-0580
<b>MGALA</b> (MU Graduates) PO Box 92722, 53202	256-1347
<b>Milwaukee Bondage Club</b> (SM/BD) 3109 W National #805, 53215	669-BDSM
<b>Narcotics Anonymous</b> (request Gay mtgs.)	543-4850
<b>People Living With AIDS Coalition</b> 315 W. Court, 53212	273-1991
<b>Oberons</b> (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207	
<b>Parents &amp; Friends of Lesbians &amp; Gays</b> (PFLAG) (Support, meets monthly, call Sandy)	962-9320
<b>PrideFest</b> (Pride Committee) PO Box 93852, 53203	272-FEST
<b>Queer Nation</b> (Queer Action) PO Box 93951, 53203	
<b>Saturday Softball Beer League</b> (SSBL) PO Box 92605, 53202	
<b>Sexual Compulsives Anonymous</b> (SCA)	276-6936
<b>Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc.</b> PO Box 76115, 53216	
<b>Silver Space</b> (Group for Older Lesbians) PO Box 371, Elm Grove 53122	271-2565
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<b>Ujima</b> (African Am. Support/Social, Call Eric) PO Box 92183, Milwaukee 53202	277-7671

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<b>Dignity</b> (G/L Catholic Church) PO Box 597, 53102	444-7177
<b>Lutherans Concerned</b> PO Box 11864, 53211	481-9663
<b>MAP Spiritual Care</b> PO Box 92505, 53202	273-1991
<b>Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church</b> (UFMCC) PO Box 1421, 53201-1421	332-9995
<b>Plymouth Church-UCC</b> (Open & Affirming) 2717 E. Hampshire	964-1513
<b>The Sanctuary</b> (Ecumenical, non-denominational) 1636 W. National	647-9199
<b>St. James Episcopal Church</b> 833 W. Wisconsin Ave	271-1340
<b>First Unitarian Society</b> (Unitarian Universalist Church) 1342 N. Astor	273-5257
<b>Village Church</b> (Reconciled in Christ) 130 E. Juneau Ave	273-7617

### MEDICAL

<b>Dr. Kelly Balliet</b> (Internal/Infectious Diseases) Medical Center Specialties Clinic 945 N 12, 53233	283-7837
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# The Guide

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

## FOX VALLEY (414)

### BARS

6 Pivot Club (MW, DJ, V)	4815 W. Prospect (Hwy 88)	
Appleton 54915		730-0440
7 Rascals Bar & Grill (MW, F)		
702 E. Wisconsin, Appleton 54911		954-9262

### ORGANIZATIONS

<b>ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)</b>		
725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985	(414)235-5100	
<b>PFLAG Fox Cities</b>		
Box 75, Little Chute, 54140		749-1629
<b>Fox Valley AIDS Project</b>		
120 N Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911		733-2068
<b>UW-Oshkosh 10% Society</b>		
207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901		
<b>Gay AA/Anon</b>		494-9904
<b>G.W.E.E.D.A. (Greater Wis. Education &amp; Economic Development Alliance) PO Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903</b>		
<b>Gay/Lesbian Support Group</b>		
UW-O Counseling Center		424-2061
<b>Synergy (AIDS Support Network)</b>		
PO Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935		235-6100
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# HRCF Releases Plan Of Action in the Wake of Political Losses in '93

## Report Reflects Major Reexamination Of National Group's Strategies And Programs

Washington, DC — After a thorough examination of every program and strategy it currently pursues, the Human Rights Campaign Fund has released a 4,000 word Plan of Action for the next six months which includes the creation of a major new national constituent mobilization program, the first major research and message development program in the history of the Lesbian and Gay community, and a commitment to become actively involved in anti-Lesbian and Gay ballot fights on the state level in 1994.

"The Plan of Action is a work in progress," notes Executive Director Tim McFeeley. "It is the result of an unprecedented internal and external review of the Campaign Fund's work and the community's needs. It reflects the input of hundreds of activists, HRCF members, non-Lesbian and Gay allies, columnists and our staff and boards. It clarifies the issues that we will work on, the strategies we will use to move our issues, and the programs we will create to move forward in the struggle for Lesbian and Gay equality."

In the wake of two significant political losses during the past year: the passage of an anti-Lesbian and Gay initiative in Colorado and the failure of Congress to support an end to discrimination against Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual service personnel; the Campaign Fund began a process of examining its programs and strategies. The Plan of Action lays out the needs of the Lesbian and Gay community and indicates how the Campaign Fund will address those needs.

The introduction of the Plan of Action notes: "We need a political and lobbying operation that rivals that of the radical right. We need a responsible constituency that is ready, willing and able to take political action. We need money, brain power and

political alliances from other progressive forces. We need cooperation and coordination among national and local groups. We need a massive "coming out." We need positive images of Lesbian and Gay people. We need to move beyond shame and blame, and as leaders, organizations and individuals assume responsibility for meeting the challenge of change."

The campaign Fund's Plan of Action sets three concrete goals:

- ▾ to build a large membership organization from the relatively small 80,000 member organization that currently exists;
- ▾ to create and train an effective grassroots infrastructure in every Congressional District in the country;
- ▾ and to facilitate positive images of Lesbian and Gay Americans.

"To the extent we achieve these goals," McFeeley noted, "we will then be able to move Congress and the President to pass legislation to secure the safety, health and civil rights of Lesbian and Gay Americans."

### NEW INITIATIVES

- ▾ **Federal Advocacy Network.** The creation of a Federal Advocacy Network (FAN), a constituent mobilization program, consisting of State Coordinators, Congressional District Coordinators, and Citizen Advocates organized in a pyramid structure conducive to growth. The FAN will be a pro-active base of people nationwide dedicated to ensuring equal rights for Lesbians and Gays. Working within a coordinated national strategy, FAN volunteers will lobby Members of Congress in their district offices, work to elect candidates and to affect the outcome of state and local ballot initiatives.

- ▾ **Ballot Measure Project.** After consulting with other national and local groups, the Campaign Fund has decided to increase its involvement in state ballot measure campaigns, bringing the organization's campaign expertise to battles which pose an unprecedented threat to the civil rights and political progress of the Lesbian and Gay community. The Campaign Fund's Ballot Measure Project will complement the training work done by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. We will work directly to support local ballot campaign efforts by developing an effective message to motivate voters and conducting research on the radical right so that the public can be educated about the threat it

## HRCF Plans...

poses to the Lesbian and Gay community. HRCF also plans to raise funds to provide fundraising and political consulting services to help local groups with their campaigns.

▾ **Polling And Research.** HRCF will retain top-notch polling and communications firms to undertake survey and focus group research to develop effective messages to persuade the public to support our efforts to secure a federal Lesbian and Gay civil rights bill and defeat anti-Lesbian and Gay ballot measures.

### CONTINUING STRATEGIES AND ISSUES

HRCF will continue to build support for legislation by continuing its programs of lobbying, campaign work, coalition building, and communications programs. The Campaign Fund will expand its "National Coming Out Day" programs, encouraging additional Lesbian and Gay Americans to come out. In addition, HRCF will continue its Speak Out program, sending overnight, personalized mailgrams to the President, Members of Congress and other federal officials from their constituents. The Campaign Fund will work in the following issue areas in terms of Federal legislation:

▾ **Civil Rights Bill:** Between now and July, 1994 HRCF will employ several strategies in order to draft, introduce, secure support for and hold congressional hearings on the need for a federal civil rights bill.

▾ **Hate Crimes:** The Campaign Fund will work to pass the Hate Crimes Sentencing Act this year (the bill has been passed in different forms by both the House and Senate in recent weeks). In addition, the Campaign Fund will lay the groundwork for the re-authorization of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act; explore educational programs to expose and reduce hate crimes; and encourage Congress to adopt the exclusion of any person guilty of committing war crimes against Gays, Lesbians, or Bisexuals as part of its war crimes policy.

▾ **Health Care:** HRCF will focus on Health Care Reform, research on Lesbian health and AIDS, and Congressional appropriations for FY '95. The Campaign Fund will track every member of Congress, build and participate in coalitions, and be a constant visible presence on the Hill. HRCF will work with the executive branch and the National Health Care Campaign to ensure that the concerns of the Lesbian, Gay and people with AIDS communities are reflected

in the health care reform program. A Lesbian Health Policy Summit in January will bring together people who are the service, research, and education providers of Lesbian health to develop an action plan of what is needed from Congress and the Administration to meet the health needs of Lesbians.

▾ **Negative Amendments:** HRCF will anticipate and defend against negative amendments in Congress, such as those regularly proposed by Senator Jesse Helms, which seek to target Lesbian, Gay and HIV positive Americans for discriminatory treatment in a broad range of legislation.

▾ **Military Discrimination:** HRCF will keep this issue alive. We will lay the groundwork to implement an appropriations strategy to limit money spent on witch hunts; prepare for another vote in the future by documenting how this version of the ban is no more acceptable than the last version.

▾ **Non-Discrimination For Federal Employees:** The Campaign Fund will conduct the needed legal research, develop a draft of the Executive Orders, assemble supporting documentation and build a coalition to support executive orders barring discrimination against Lesbian and Gay federal employees in hiring, promotions and in the handling of security clearances.

*"To Meet the Challenges of Change," the Campaign Fund's Plan of Action, is available from the Campaign Fund's Communications Department, free of charge. Please write to HRCF Communications Department, 1012 14th Street, N.W., Suite 607, Washington, DC 20005.*

## LAMM Elects Terri Coughlin as Chair

*Out-going Chair Karen Gotzler Honored*

Milwaukee — The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) held its annual meeting on November 18th at Klemmers Williamsburg Inn. The after-dinner program included a review of LAMM's accomplishments of the past year, adoption of the 1994 budget and plans, and the election of the Board of Managers. The following will serve on the LAMM board for the upcoming year:

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**New Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) chair, Terri Coughlin.**

**Chairperson** Terri Coughlin  
**Spokeswoman** Kitty Barber  
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**Recorder** Gale Davy  
**Finance Mgr.** Nannette Smith  
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**Advocacy Mgr.** Chris Korsmo  
**Member Services Mgr.** Karen Gotzler  
**Public Information Mgr.** Terri Gabriel

In addition, nearly one hundred volunteers were presented with certificates of appreciation in recognition of their hard work and dedicated service to the organization during the past year. Among those given special recognition were: Fundraising Committee chairperson, Shelli Marquardt; former Community Education chairperson, Anita B.; former recorder, Debra Procknow; and former newsletter editor, Luellen Lougee. Recognition was also given to Karen Gotzler who ended her term as chairperson.

### KAREN GOTZLER HONORED

After the meeting's formalities LAMM proceeded to give special recognition to its most dedicated member, Karen Gotzler. At this meeting Ms. Gotzler concluded her term as chairperson. Gale Davy, outgoing political/legislative manager, gave an inspiring and heartwarming tribute to Gotzler

who made countless personal and financial sacrifices to build LAMM into the political and social force that it is today.

Ms. Davy remarked on her difficulty in finding the precise words to express LAMM's gratitude for Ms. Gotzler's leadership. Nevertheless, Davy eloquently reminded those present of Gotzler's contribution to LAMM and to the Lesbian/Gay community in Milwaukee. Though no longer chairperson, Gotzler will remain on the board as manager of member services.

As a true leader, Gotzler recognized the need to encourage others to lead. "In order to maintain the health of an organization, it is necessary to change its leadership," she stated earlier that evening. To facilitate that change term limits had been set for all board members positions (but to maintain continuity all terms are not set to expire in the same year). Elected to succeed Gotzler is Terri Coughlin who served as vice-chair during the past year.

Coughlin has worked closely with Gotzler and stands ready to assume her duties as LAMM's chairperson. She brings to LAMM her own style of leadership and will undoubtedly maintain the high standard of political activism set forth by her predecessor.

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## ACT UP Madison Folds

### Too Few Core Members

By John Cain

**Madison** — Echoing the moves made by several other ACT UP chapters around the country in recent months, the Madison chapter of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power has dissolved. Its assets have been transferred to ACT UP Milwaukee. Although a number of ACT UP chapters across the country have split or folded in recent months, one long-time member sees Madison's circumstances as unique and unrelated to the troubles of other chapters.

ACT UP Madison was formed in October 1989. At its height, it had a core membership of about 15 people, with the ability to turn out as many as 50 for demonstrations. ACT UP found a focus for much of its activity in the actions of the state's Department of Corrections (DOC), specifically those actions surrounding the deaths of two prisoners with AIDS, Donald Woods and Ricardo Thomas.

Donald Woods was a prisoner at Waupun who died at the hands of prison guards when they smothered him with a towel and sat on his chest while transferring him from his cell. On the anniversary of Woods' death, ACT UP held a demonstration at the DOC to call attention to the policies which led to his death. Ricardo Thomas was also at Waupun. He died because he was denied adequate nutrition. "After the prison was told he needed nutritional supplements, they gave him an extra peanut butter sandwich a day," said ACT UP member Drew Boileau. "We sent a peanut butter sandwich to Tommy Thompson's office every day in response."

As a result of ACT UP's work on prison issues, the DOC has re-evaluated many of its AIDS-related policies and has worked to maintain the confidentiality of prisoners with AIDS. The DOC no longer does single-cell isolation of prisoners with AIDS, does not restrict their work details and does not require the presence of a guard during medical consultations.

ACT UP's last action was a demonstration at the recent meeting, held in Madison, of scientists and others attempting to create an AIDS "Manhattan Project." (The Madison meeting is now being called "The Madison Project", with AIDS Activist/Author

Larry Kramer calling it, the most important thing happening in AIDS today).

Other ACT UP actions included a demonstration at Rainbow's End Christian Daycare, which had refused to admit a child because the child's mother had AIDS, an investigation into the practices of area dentist, and a vocal presence at a speech by noted anti-feminist Phyllis Schlafly. "We were engaged in fighting egregious stupidity," Boileau said.

Boileau attributes the dissolution of ACT UP Madison to a number of factors, notably the loss of several key participants. "We were down to about three core members, and two of them have moved away recently," he said. Additionally, he believes that area residents have some misconceptions about both ACT UP and the reality of the AIDS crisis in Madison.

"There is a misperception that it takes a lot of time to do a group like this," he said. "It really only requires a commitment of few hours a month." He also believes that "a great deal of Madison is in denial. Not a lot of people are known to have AIDS in Madison. As that number grows, I think more people will become activist."

A number of other ACT UP chapters splintered or folded recently in larger cities. Analysts cite in-fighting and a loss of focus as reasons. Some members of the group would want to maintain a very tight focus on AIDS issues; others wanted to address what they saw as broader issues, such as racism and sexism, that were less concretely related to AIDS. A classic example was ACT UP Against the New World Order, which formed in New York City around the Gulf War.

"Our group was very careful to avoid that," said Boileau. "Every action had to have an AIDS or AIDS-related focus."

Boileau also disputes the idea that ACT UP tactics are no longer effective. "When we (sent) out press releases (for an action), the media (showed) up, because they knew we (were) going to do something. We need to find new and more shocking ways of bringing these issues up."

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*Although the current incarnation of ACT UP Madison is no more, Boileau and others are interested in either reviving it or forming a Queer Nation-type organization. Anyone who is willing to commit to such a group is encouraged to contact Boileau at (608) 251-7985.*

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**Further Delay in Adoption Case Before Supreme Court**

Madison — The appeal of a Green Bay area Lesbian who is seeking to adopt her partner's child will not be heard by the State Supreme Court until some time early next year. The court was originally set to hear oral arguments in October.

Judith Sperling-Newton, attorney for the woman, told In Step the Supreme Court has appointed counsel to represent the District Court Judge who denied the petition for adoption. No one actually contested the woman's right to adopt, but justices on the state's high court expressed concern that both sides of the case needed to be heard for them to arrive at a fair judgment. New briefs are currently being filed, and the appeal could be heard next February or March.

In the case, the Lesbian partner, Annette, seeks to adopt her partner's child without the mother losing parental rights. The child was herself adopted by her mother, Georgina, and her ex-husband years ago. When the couple divorced, the husband surrendered his parental rights. He is not contesting the adoption.

In 1992, Brown County Judge Richard Dietz ruled that while the joint adoption would be in the best interests of the child, the Wisconsin statute allowing adoption by step-parents requires them to be legally married.

**Joint Adoption by Lesbians OK'd in Milwaukee**

Milwaukee — On November 23, a judge in Milwaukee granted adoption and equal parental rights to the Lesbian partner of mother who conceived her child through artificial insemination. No one contested the petition for adoption, which the judge ruled was in the best interests of the child.

News of the successful adoption came from the woman's attorney, Judith Sperling-Newton. Sperling-Newton told In Step she was unable to divulge more details because the adoption was granted in a closed juvenile court proceeding in which the identities of the parents and child are shielded from the public. The parents may also wish to protect their family and their legal victory by avoiding publicity.

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## Manitowoc Woman Pleads Guilty to Murder

Manitowoc — Theresa Radl, 24, has pleaded guilty to first degree intentional homicide in the shooting death of John Hauke last August. Additional charges of burglary, armed burglary and firearms possession by a convicted felon were dropped in the plea agreement. Radl is likely to be sentenced to life in prison.

Radl was reportedly angry that Hauke had not fully paid her for a roofing job she had done at his Town of Newton home. But Radl also told police she was frustrated by the failure of her business and of a Lesbian relationship. She reportedly told Detective Larry Conrad that if she went to prison she could be around other women.

Manitowoc County Circuit Judge Allan Deehr ordered a pre-sentence evaluation, revoked Radl's cash bail and ordered her back to jail.

## Judge Weakens Case Against Cops in Dahmer Incident

Milwaukee — Federal Judge Terence Evans has thrown out of court several allegations that Milwaukee police officers violated the civil rights of 14-year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone when they left the youth in the custody of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer on May 27, 1991.

Attorneys for the Sinthasomphone family sued officers John Balcerzak, Joseph Gabrish and Richard Porubcan for failing to protect Konerak when they came upon him that night, dazed and fleeing Dahmer's apartment. Dahmer convinced the cops Konerak was his lover and over age 18, so the cops left the boy there. Dahmer killed Konerak just moments after they left.

Judge Evans dismissed the charge that officers had the constitutional obligation to protect Konerak. Evans noted that while the police work that night was clearly flawed, the officers had not intentionally violated Konerak's rights to due process.

The sole remaining basis for litigation is whether the officers called to Dahmer's apartment discriminated against Konerak because he was Laotian or because they thought he was Gay. Attorneys for the police and the city said this allegation would be very difficult to prove.

## Library Urged to Keep Light Available

Hales Corners — A five-member committee has unanimously recommended that the Hales Corners Library Board continue to carry the Gay newspaper *Wisconsin Light* on the library's display racks. The committee did suggest that the paper be kept on the higher shelves as a deterrent to browsing by little children.

The Library Board, scheduled to meet as *In Step* went to press, can either accept the committee's recommendation or schedule another public hearing and modify or reverse the recommendation.

The controversy began when one patron objected to the content of some of the ads in the paper. He asked that it be removed as a bad influence on children. One hundred people attended a hearing November 10. Most spoke in favor of censoring *Light*.

## UWM Newspaper Retracts Libelous Story on Gays

Milwaukee — The student newspaper *UWM Times*, which recently published an article containing inaccurate information that libeled members of UW-Milwaukee's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community, has published a retraction.

On November 8, the *UWM Times* published an article calling the Gay student group an "Illegal Organization." The article quoted a section of the Wisconsin statutes regarding prostitution, claimed it outlawed sodomy, and declared that members of the GLB Community were in violation of this law and ought to be arrested. In fact, Wisconsin's sodomy statute was repealed 14 years ago.

The GLB Community retained an attorney who informed the authors of the article they had "committed an actionable libel against the membership of GLBC" and demanded a retraction. That retraction was published in the November 15 edition of the *Times* on the front page. It acknowledged the "incorrect" nature of the story and asserted that the "GLBC is a legal organization on campus."

Members of the GLB Community are not entirely satisfied. Citing the continuing publication by the *Times* of homophobic and AIDS-phobic comments, GLBC is urging advertisers to withdraw their support for the paper.

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**Milwaukee —** Mayor John Norquist has not vetoed the \$190,000 grant for AIDS education included in Milwaukee's 1994 city budget. It is the largest increase in city funding for AIDS since 1986 and will be shared among six different community groups. The Milwaukee AIDS Project suggests readers call the Mayor's office at (414) 286-2200 to thank him for his support.

**Madison —** The next meeting of the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Issues Network, a coalition of faculty, staff and students in the University of Wisconsin System, will take place February 11, 1994 at UW-Stevens Point. To get on the mailing list or for more information, call Ellen Taylor, UW-Oshkosh, at (414) 424-2061 or Jan Sheppard, UW-Madison, at (608) 265-2407.

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## NATIONAL News Briefs

### ILGA's U.N. Status Threatened by Pedophiles

**New York, NY —** The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) has asked two pedophile groups to withdraw from the organization after delegates to the United Nations threatened to revoke ILGA's consultative status because of its connection to the groups.

The Executive Board of ILGA is urging the annual ILGA World Conference to expel the North American Man/Boy Love Association (NAMBLA) and a Dutch pedophile group if they do not voluntarily resign. The World Conference does not meet until next June. The Log Cabin Republican Clubs and the Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays also called for the groups' ouster.

Both pedophile groups advocate sex between men and boys and the repeal of all age of consent laws. National Gay organizations have long tried to distance themselves from NAMBLA.

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## ILGA & NAMBLA...

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When a right wing publication ran a story about NAMBLA's membership in ILGA in September, pressure was exerted on U.N. diplomats to revoke ILGA's hard-won consultative status. After years of lobbying, ILGA won consultative status on the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council earlier this year.

## Misconduct Charges Against AIDS Researcher Dropped

Washington, D.C. — The Office of Research Integrity in the Public Health Service has dismissed all charges of misconduct against Dr. Robert Gallo, an American scientist who is widely known as the co-discoverer of HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS.

In 1984, Gallo and colleagues at the National Cancer Institute published in the journal *Science* results of their lab research which isolated the virus responsible for AIDS. But shortly afterward, French scientists at the Pasteur Institute charged that Gallo had illegally obtained samples of the virus the French were working on and replicated their work in his own lab.

The alleged scientific chicanery nearly led to a diplomatic rift between the U.S. and France. In 1987, Presidents Reagan and Mitterand agreed that both nations would share credit for discovering HIV and split patent royalties from the HIV blood test 50-50.

"I have been completely vindicated," Gallo said after the charges were dropped. A statement by the Office of Research Integrity said the charges were dismissed because the standards of evidence in such misconduct proceedings had become much more stringent and it was unsure it could prove its case.

## Lesbians Included in Government Health Study

Washington, D.C. — After an intensive organizing and letter-writing campaign by Lesbians, the National Institutes of Health has decided to include questions about Lesbians in its landmark \$600 million study of women's health set to begin next year. The coordinator of the Women's Health Institute initially said inclusion of Lesbian-specific questions was unnecessary.

"This is a tremendous victory for Lesbians, both because it will establish a model for inclusion of Lesbians in future health research and because it has such far-reaching implications for addressing Lesbian health needs in the future," said Paula Ettelbrick of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, which led the lobbying effort to include Lesbians.

"The health concerns of Lesbians, such as breast cancer, have been ignored too long," said Ettelbrick. "This victory proves that when we organize we can impact on national policy and demand that our tax dollars be used to address our health needs as women and as Lesbians."

The massive study will track 160,000 women, aged 50-79, over nine years. The study is expected to provide new information on various cancers, heart disease and osteoporosis in women. For further information on the study, call the National Center for Lesbian Rights at (212) 343-9589.

## Cracker Barrel Investors Nix Anti-Bias Policy

Lebanon, TN — On November 23, shareholders of Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores defeated a proposal that would have forbidden discrimination based on sexual orientation. Seventy-seven percent of those in attendance at the annual meeting voted against the measure.

A second policy change, which would have required that the business's board of directors be expanded to "reflect the varied races, genders and sexual orientations of shareholders" was defeated by 87% of those in attendance.

Despite the lopsided margins of defeat, dissident stockholders saw the votes as a victory. Cracker Barrel originally refused to allow the proposals to be introduced, but a ruling by the Securities and Exchange Commission forced the discussion and vote.

The proposals to Cracker Barrel shareholders are part of a continuing campaign of pressure against the 163-restaurant chain, which in 1991 declared that it would only hire heterosexuals and which subsequently fired at least 11 of its Gay or Lesbian employees.

## Judge Bans Military Recruiters from New York Schools

Albany, NY — In the first decision of its kind anywhere in the country, a state

## Real Astrology...

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fluorescent spandex. Even Rush Limbaugh could be useful, though I can't stretch my imagination enough to foresee how.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22):** My job requires me to be a fount of feedback and advice. I'm not complaining. I love it. But sometimes I need advice too. And what better place to turn than to my Libran readers, who're now overflowing with sage advice. Each of you Libras, purveyors of the most high-minded gossip in the zodiac, has piercing insight into the human condition. So give it to me straight, you gorgeous people-watchers. What are my blind spots? What do I need to change? Be honest. Send advice to Work in Progress, Box 150247, San Rafael, CA 94915.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21):** The standard rap against Scorpios is that they're selfish and greedy. But I've got to say that the Scorpios in my life have given me more than any other sign. Maybe it's because I love intricate mysteries and strong feelings and true dreams and smart eros, and Scorpios have so much of that stuff to offer.

Who else but Scorpios could have taught me what to do if I ever fall into quicksand, or when's the best time to buy municipal bonds, or how to use secrets to gain personal power, or what the best brand of paper-shredder is? Scorpios, I think you need more people like me in your life: people who know how to take all you have to give.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 20):** The government has criminalized all the chemical compounds of peyote. Unfortunately, one of those compounds, dopamine, is a primary neurotransmitter in all healthy brains. In other words, your brain is literally illegal. To make matters worse, 70 percent of all currency in circulation contains traces of cocaine. In all likelihood, you're carrying drug-tainted money right now.

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**CAPRICORN (DEC. 21-JAN. 19):** Forget about the Seven Deadly Sins. We've got to get you worried about the Seven Deadly Virtues. We've got to intercept you before you become a prisoner of your own drive for perfection. Beginning ten minutes from now, your new mission is to taste good, not to be a slave of good taste.

Let's start with your lips, shall we? To spice up the flavor of your lips and make them irresistible to gourmet kissers, stop letting them utter words that make so much sense. Give them lots of practice in creating exotic sounds, like, say, doves making love in mid-air or dishes being thrown against a wall.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18):** Here's your mini-dream dictionary. Dreams of pregnancy mean you're close to hatching a plot that could keep you busy for years. Dreams that frog populations are declining all over the world mean the primitive sides of your personality are shrinking. Dreams of heart pacemakers, laser surgery and insulin implants mean that your heart needs more sweetness and light. Dreams that there's a volcano to your right and a hurricane to your left mean you're safe as long as you remain poised halfway between two extremes.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MAR. 19):** An open letter to Pisceans from Rob Breznsky's mother: I want you to know that I had a lot to do with my son becoming the sensitive, creative, intelligent, crazed madman he is today. I tolerantly nurtured his idiosyncracies. I made him feel well-loved and secure. This freed him to try all sorts of kooky experiments and wild ideas.

As you read Rob's advice, remember that there's a little bit of me inside him. And that little bit of me is nurturing you the way I nurtured him. I'm slowly but surely making you feel more secure than you've ever felt before. I'm loving you for who you are, not who I think you should be. In return, I expect you to feel freer to be your most sensitive, creative, intelligent, crazed self.

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Supreme Court judge has ruled that military recruiters must be banned from the State University of New York at Buffalo (SUNY-Buffalo) because a 1983 executive order by Gov. Mario Cuomo prohibits state agencies from discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation.

The November 18 ruling by Justice Diane A. Lebedeff overturned an earlier decision by the State Division of Human Rights that said Cuomo's executive order did not cover military recruiters. The decision could have far-reaching consequences, prohibiting military recruiters from entering state universities and public high schools as well. The ruling could also threaten ROTC programs and Defense Department research contracts with state universities.

The SUNY-Buffalo is likely to appeal.

### American Airlines Condemned for Cruelty to PWA

New York, NY — The Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project of New York City is calling for a boycott of American Airlines after an incident in which a traveler with AIDS was dragged off a plane and arrested because he refused to cover his Kaposi Sarcoma lesions.

American apologized to the man though it denied any wrongdoing. But members of the Anti-Violence Project point out that it was also American which ordered all the pillows and linens replaced on a plane which carried many Gays and Lesbians home to Texas from the March on Washington last April.

Accusing American Airlines of "AIDS-phobia" and violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Anti-Violence Project is demanding a federal civil rights investigation, disciplinary action against the airline personnel responsible, and mandatory AIDS training for all American Airlines staff and management.

### Aspen's Annual Gay Ski Week Set for January Despite Boycott

Aspen, CO — The Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community is moving ahead with plans to host the 17th annual Aspen Gay Ski Week in January. The opening party will take place January 23 at the Hotel Jerome.

With many groups continuing their boycott of Colorado because of that state's passage of an anti-Gay referendum

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(currently being challenged in the courts), the Aspen Gay and Lesbian Community (AGLC) was under considerable pressure to cancel the event.

A press release issued by AGLC said group members had "mixed feelings" about the boycott. They defended Aspen as the first city in Colorado to pass a Gay rights law, and noted that Aspen was a plaintiff in the court case challenging Amendment 2. In addition, last January's Gay Ski Week raised \$40,000 for the fight against Amendment 2 and other pro-Gay causes.

For further information on Aspen's Gay Ski Week, call (303) 925-9249.

### Also on the Newswire...

**Cincinnati, OH** — A federal judge has blocked implementation of a referendum passed last month which would repeal Cincinnati's Gay rights ordinance. Saying the referendum infringes on the rights of homosexuals, Judge S. Arthur Spiegel issued an injunction halting its implementation until the constitutional issues can be fully argued in court.

**Atlanta, GA** — AIDS has become the leading cause of death among American men aged 25-44 and the fourth leading killer of women in the same age group, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 340,000 Americans have been stricken with AIDS and more than 205,000 have died.

**New Orleans, LA** — Three men have been arrested for the beating and stabbing of two men November 11 in the French Quarter. The assailants reportedly shouted anti-Gay slurs during the attack. One of the victims died while the other was seriously injured. The suspects, all in their early 20's, were charged with murder and jailed without bond.

**Los Angeles, CA** — Choreographer and film director Emile Ardolino, 50, died of AIDS complications November 20. Ardolino directed *Dirty Dancing*, *Sister Act*, and the recent movie with MacCauley Culkin, *The Nutcracker*. Ardolino is survived by his companion, Luis Rodriguez-Dilla, and three sisters.

**New York, NY** — Gore Vidal's latest book, *United States: Essays, 1950-1992* has won the National Book Award for Nonfiction. Vidal, considered one of America's leading intellectuals, is a Gay man who lives as an expatriate in Italy.

**Richmond, VA** — The American Civil Liberties Union has filed an appeal in the case of the Virginia Lesbian who was denied custody of her son because a judge said her Lesbianism made her "an unfit parent." Said an ACLU spokesman: "The ACLU is representing Sharon Bottoms because her case raises a critical principle — that parents be judged according to their parenting ability, not their sexual orientation."

**Atlanta, GA** — The Cable News Network is presenting a special report on Sunday, December 5 at 8 p.m. CST called *True Stories: Blood, Sweat and Fear*. One segment called *Blood Money* will explore whether an American firm, Miles Pharmaceuticals, knowingly exported tainted blood supplies to Costa Rica. Another segment, called *A Policy of Prejudice?* will explore whether Wisconsin's largest insurance company, American Family Mutual Insurance, intentionally excluded African Americans from its policies.

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## INTERNATIONAL News Briefs

### New Zealand Adopts Federal Gay Rights Bill

**Auckland** — The Parliament of New Zealand recently passed a sweeping law, the Human Rights Act of 1993, which prohibits discrimination against Gays, Lesbians and people with HIV.

The government decided to reform its civil rights laws in 1992 and originally planned to add only the categories of disability and age. But Associate Health Minister Katherine O'Regan, a supporter of Gay rights, announced her intention to add sexual orientation and disease status to the protected categories. The bill passed by a comfortable margin and will go into effect on February 1, 1994.

In addition to the language covering sexual orientation and people with "organisms in the body capable of causing disease," the bill also prohibits discrimination based on marital status which it defines as including people "living in a relationship in the nature of marriage."

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## Life's a Drag

By Bob Arnold



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# Real Astrology

By Robert Brezsky

Week beginning Dec. 2

**ARIES (MAR. 20-APR. 19):** If a no-bullshit spiritual teacher advised you to go on a four-day retreat in a remote cave, would you instead go right out and drink and carouse till dawn? If a good friend confessed a secret she had hidden from everyone for many years, would you guffaw with embarrassment and change the subject? If a horoscope in a newspaper asked you to spend one week cultivating reverence, respect, devotion, innocence, gratitude and awe, would you blank it immediately out of your mind and turn to the personals?

**TAURUS (APR. 20-MAY 20):** Don't leave me hanging, Taurus. What the hell happens next? How could you even imagine you've wrapped the whole thing up? Baby, you've got one more fish to fry, one more gift to deliver, one more scar to wish upon. (Yes, that says "scar," not "star.") To stop now would be a crime against nature and a whole chapter short of a bestseller. The so-called "climax" you're calling The End was just the final foreplay before the real climax. So come on, now. Get out there and bring this story home.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20):** I see strong women, spidery intimacy and fertility symbols in your future. (If they're not, make them be.) I see your aura surrounded with triangles, crescents and spirals. I see cups filled to overflowing. I see you having the most mystical and inspirational menstrual period ever. (Use your imaginations, men.)

When you're really, really ripe — not before — stare into the fire and ask your Big Self these questions: "What is it I've spent my entire life loving? And what is it I want to spend the rest of my life loving?"

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22):** Allergies, bugaboos, itches, hypersensitivities: Sometimes you can make them work in your behalf. My allergy to freshly-cut grass, for instance, meant I never had to waste my Saturday afternoons mowing the lawn when I was a teenager. And that strange itching I always felt whenever I got around my sister's first fiance: If I would have paid attention to it, I would never have lent him the money he never paid back.

Yes, my itchy friend, be thankful for the twitch and the prickle and the pinch. They have gifts to give you this week.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22):** I have nothing against you trying to access your inner child. It might be just what the soul doctor ordered. But please don't access your inner child with a 12-step book or a workshop with a John Bradshaw wannabe. Skip that heady stuff and get right down to the raw experience. Actually go to a playground and hang upside-down from the monkey-bars. Actually climb a tree. Smear Play-Doh on the wall. Take your favorite toy or doll to bed with you, and fall asleep drinking warm milk out of a baby bottle while humming nursery rhymes your mommy used to sing.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22):** The planet Jupiter's doing curious things to your House of Communications. For a limited time only, talk shows could actually give you something you really need. For all I know, Sally Jesse Raphael's guests could help you recover a memory you've suppressed for years. The wisdom of Oprah might convince you it's dangerous to continue ignoring your big unmet need. Larry King's guest may tune you in to your undiagnosed learning disability. Montel Williams might inspire you to realize the value of wearing more

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### South Africa's Draft Constitution Protects Gays

**Johannesburg** — Freedom from discrimination based on sexual orientation is just one of many radical reforms contained in the draft of South Africa's new constitution which abolishes all vestiges of the apartheid system.

The draft document, signed by President F.W. de Klerk, African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela and the leaders of other political parties and tribes November 18, will serve as South Africa's constitution until elections next April, when the new multi-racial Parliament adopts a permanent charter.

The protections for sexual orientation are part of broader civil rights guarantees for all people, including the rights to privacy, to one-person/one vote, to freedom of religion, speech, thought and assembly. Citizens now have the right to join any political party or cause and will be protected from searches and seizures of their property. The constitution also abolishes the separate homelands black South Africans were assigned to and provides for complete freedom of movement.

### German Firm Charged With Selling Tainted Blood

**Berlin** — A blood scare has gripped Germany after it was revealed that a company supplying plasma to German hospitals had failed to screen some of the blood for HIV.

Government officials say they have evidence that at least 373 hospital patients were given blood infected with HIV. But the number of patients treated at the 65 hospitals which were supplied by the firm number into the millions.

The company responsible, UB Plasma, was shut down in October, and at least four managers have been charged with negligent manslaughter and fraud. Newspapers investigating the scandal claim that Germany's Federal Health Agency covered up knowledge of the tainted blood supplies.

The apparent reason for the untested blood was a desire by the UB Plasma to reduce costs, an excuse that caused outrage. The company reportedly paid as little as \$13 per liter for blood from donors and was able to turn around and sell it to hospitals for more than \$1000.

Many are calling for government control and testing of all blood products.

### Jamaican Society Often Hostile to Gays

**Kingston** — The Associated Press reports that Jamaica may be the most inhospitable of Caribbean islands when it comes to Gays and Lesbians. Tour agencies advise Gay travelers never to hold hands or show affection in public for fear of attacks by homophobic gangs.

Victims of Gay bashings in Jamaica rarely report the incidents to authorities because it is believed that police are likely to beat the victims as well. Jamaican "dancehall," a form of reggae-rap, often encourages violence against Gays. Jamaican Buju Banton's hit record, *Boom Boom Bye* is about killing homosexuals.

When rumors that Gays would hold a rally swept the island last June, dozens of young men with knives, axes and chains came to the rally site, Nelson Mandela Park in Kingston, to break it up. No Gays showed up for the rally. "They were testing the strength of the Jamaican people," a gang member told AP. "We were going to murder them."

### France Extends Health Benefits to Gay Partners

**Paris** — The French government has adopted a law which extends state medical coverage to the non-working partner in homosexual couples. The couple must have lived together for at least a year, and one must be employed by the state or otherwise be eligible for government health coverage. The move was welcomed by Gay rights groups who so far have made little headway in their attempts to legalize same sex marriage in France.

The law, which was passed in March and went into effect in August, has garnered little attention or opposition. The same law extended medical coverage to adult children living with parents who are not eligible for student benefits.

— Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

### CARS

By far, the best way to travel is to get behind the wheel and go. You are able to listen to your favorite music, you can set your own schedule, you can stop for food or to use the rest-room, you can take side trips, and when you arrive you can brag about what great time you made or bitch about traffic (and if you're really good, you can do both).

There are some things you need to keep in mind, such as, do you want to drive alone or with someone? If you decide to share a car trip with someone else, it's a good idea to lay down the ground-rules in

advance; for instance, when, why and where are you going to stop along the way, and for how long?

When on a long drive, I like to stop and stretch every 200 miles or when pulled over by a hot police officer, whichever comes first. Because of this, I try to make sure that any passenger I travel with has a strong bladder. You'd be amazed how many people turn into whiny wimps when they have to go to the bathroom and are informed that the next scheduled rest stop is only two and a half hours away!

Of course, the best part about traveling by car is that **YOU CAN TAKE AS MUCH LUGGAGE AS YOU WANT!!!**

## The Gay Side

By Tom Rezza

CAN'T TALK RIGHT NOW, I'M JUST BACK FROM THE HUNTING TRIP. YEAH... I GOT MYSELF A YOUNG BUCK... AH HUA, A TEN POINTER & I'M JUST ABOUT TO MOUNT HIM!



# Leather Worlds

By Tony Terry

## On The Road Again

Here we will continue to examine some of the specific challenges faced by Leatherfolk as we travel from place to place. Last time, we looked at things to remember when traveling by bus or plane; now let us examine some other forms of transportation.

### TRAINS

In this country train travel is a lot like bus travel except for the tracks. Personal experience has taught me that trains actually arrive on time about 50% of the time. This is true even in clear weather when the conductor is not under the influence of mind-altering substances.

The likelihood of a train being on time is also directly proportional to the importance of the trip and the tightness of your schedule. Simply put, if you are racing to an event, and you either really have to or really want to be there on time, the odds of your train arriving at its destination on schedule fall to about 1%. If, however, you have plenty of time to kill and are taking a leisurely train ride to relax and enjoy the scenery, you will of course arrive at your destination five minutes early.

Another thing to keep in mind when

travelling by train is seating. With few exceptions, reserved seating is unavailable. This presents both a challenge and an opportunity. If you have a seating preference (such as window or aisle), you must arrive early. On the plus side, however, if you are travelling alone and don't wish to sit next to anyone, there are a few things you can do to make this possible:

1. This is a good time to where your leather jacket, preferably with as many studs, chains, badges and pins as you can fit on it.
2. A good-sized carry on bag, strategically placed on the seat next to you will usually discourage all but the most desperate of your fellow passengers.
3. Carry with you a copy of your favorite Leather - S/M magazine — preferably one with a photo of a hot bondage scene on the cover — and keep it clearly visible while other people are boarding.
4. If all else fails and someone insists on sitting next to you, just adopt your most sinister demeanor and growl at them.

One positive thing about trains from my personal perspective, they are about the only method of mass transit that still allows smoking (yes, I know it's a filthy, disgusting habit, but even the most ardent anti-smoking fanatic doesn't want to see me after more than three hours without nicotine).

This brings me to my own favorite form of travel, the lure of the open road, the call of the highway (drum-roll please), *driving yourself*.

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# Group Notes

## Bi?Shy?Why? Meeting Schedule

**Madison** — Bi?Shy?Why? is a group of Bisexuals and allies who meet regularly to discuss issues, network, share information, organize political actions, and socialize. We are an informal group who welcome anyone interested in Bisexual, Lesbian, and Gay issues to drop in and join us. We have three different groups that meet once a month on Monday nights. The groups are: General Group meeting for networking, planning, and discussions; Bisexual Women's Support Group; and Bisexual Men's Support Group.

Monday meetings are held at: LGB Campus Center, 336 W. Dayton St., Madison from 7-9pm. For information call (608) 265-3344.

Mixed Group Meetings are held the first Monday of each month; Bi-Women's Support Group meets second Mondays; Bi-Men's Support Group meets third Mondays; and the fourth Mondays are set aside for socials, which are held at various locations & times to be announced.

## Madison Gay Video Club

The Video Club will not meet during the month of December. There are conflicts with the normal scheduled days of Dec. 11 and Dec. 25.

The Video Club will be changing to the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month in January. There will also be a major change in the meeting format.

## Sherman Park Rainbow Association

**Milwaukee** — Food, fun and conversation was had by all on November 17, when the Sherman Park Rainbow Association held its pot luck at St. Catherine's lodge. About 34 people showed up to eat, drink and be merry. Everyone got to know each other and taste all the delicious food.

The Rainbow Assc. is a group of people that live in the same area and wanted to get to know each other and get involved in a grass roots organization. The Rainbow Assc. has about 100 names on its mailing list at about 70 different addresses; and is still growing. Many of those who attended talked to each other about the neighborhoods in which we live and how to help stop crime, become identified as a part of each neighborhood and how to better socialize away from the bar scene.

The Rainbow Association has formed four sub-committees: neighborhood watch; social committee; civil rights and health; and the executive committee.

At this meeting those in attendance voted for the executive committee members: two co-chairs Jeff Snyder and Scott D. Gunkel; treasurer C.B.; and Secretary: Henrik Christianson.

The next main event will be held on December 18, as a social event. For time and place please call Jeff at (414) 444-5274. The civil rights and health committee will meet on December 8 at 6:30pm; for those interested in attending please call George or Kevin at (414) 873-1849.

I remember her fate correctly, she received a crew cut from my younger sister — and my sister's not even a Lesbian.) In fact, from the earliest of my Christmases to about junior high or so, there was a long parade of dolls of varying sizes and levels of maturity as I tried desperately to convince my grandmother that I truly was totally disinterested in plastic replicas of humans. And I find myself wondering how many other baby dykes fought the good fight, throughout childhood, for more adventurous and exciting playthings than wussy dolls with frilly accessories. Fortunately for the baby butches of the today, those gender-bound gift categories have relaxed a bit.

As for me, as I've grown older, my material demands of Christmas have begun to fade increasingly into the background as I appreciate more and more the other gifts of life. However, if a pair of those spring-shoes appeared under my Christmas tree this year...

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# Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

## Bounding into the Holiday Season

The month of December, in many religious traditions, is a time of celebration, a time to renew your spiritual connections and rediscover your love of humankind, both within and outside of your family. These are indeed worthy and wonderful pursuits, and though I'm not a church-going kind of gal myself, I do experience a sort of amorphous, nebulous reverence at Christmas time — not unlike what your average three-year-old experiences when they see Barney, from what I understand.

However, if you're a kid and you've been raised in a household where a prominent yearly feature has been the jolly old guy with a bad case of windburn and a flashy suit — forget it: December means only one thing to you: Christmas presents. For kids raised in a Santa Claus-positive home, Christmas is like the lotto. Although you do get kind of religious: you pray like crazy that you'll get that one thing you truly want, more than anything. And it is a magical time of year: sometimes you actually do get that very item. But not always.

I distinctly remember three things that I always wanted as a kid but never got. The first of these was a pair of stilts. Maybe it was because I was a short skinny kid — the second shortest in my sixth-grade class, in fact, next to Christine Surprise — but I wanted stilts like anything.

When I was younger still, my dream was for one of those little metal vehicles that you could kind of climb inside and pedal. The two models I coveted most, if I remember correctly, were a fire engine and something that I recall looking kind of like a big old Buick Roadmaster or something. I suspect I was looking for a get-away car. I say this because, apparently, when I was about three years old, I hopped on my little tricycle, rode through the projects where we lived and across 60th and Silver Spring Drive (a rather busy intersection in Milwaukee), and pulled off my first shop-lifting job. I would have gotten away with it, too — a woman working at the drugstore

where I staged my heist actually opened the door for me to make my escape, not suspecting, I guess, that someone with my nerdy bespectacled baby face was capable of committing a crime. It was my thoughtfulness that was my downfall; not only did I take the mini-multicolored plastic airplanes that I'd been yearning for but I also took some shoe laces for my father and some rubber curlers (called "spoolies," I remember) for my mother. When I handed over the presents, the jig was up. My mother explained that I needed to give the people money in exchange for their goods, and paddled my little butt all the way back to the store to return the stuff, just to emphasize her point, I guess. And thus went my first lesson in capitalism.

But the item I most consistently yearned for at Christmas — and all other times — was a pair of shoe-like footwear with springs on the bottom. Man, I wanted those things, and I wanted them bad. I'm not sure where I even saw them (my girlfriend Kathy tells me they were in the Sears catalog, but they sound to me more like something Wiley Coyote might have ordered from Acme). But once I laid eyes on those babies, I couldn't get them out of my mind. I daydreamed of bouncing all over the place. I suspect I thought that I'd be able to leap tall buildings with a single bound.

As I was thinking back, the other day, over these Christmas gifts that never materialized, it occurred to me that the one thing they had in common is that they are all modes of transportation. It's too damn easy to say that something in my tiny still-forming soul was longing to escape my family, but what the hell, I'll say it anyway: I wanted out of there. Either that, or I guess I wanted a shot at the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus — which I guess, in effect, amounts to the same thing. I thought this was bad — wanting to flee the bosom of my lovely family — until I heard that Kathy — now the reigning queen of nonviolence — had always coveted (and never got) a BB gun....

So what *did* I get, all those many Christmases ago, if not my beloved spring shoes? Well, I remember getting a Tressy doll one year, whose distinguishing feature was that, by pressing a button in her midsection, you could pull a long strand of hair from the middle of her head to a length of up to several inches. And then retract it all again by another touch of the button. (If

# Letters

## Flu Shot Series Successful!

On behalf of the Gay and Lesbian Nurses Association, I wish to thank BESTD Clinic, the Milwaukee Health Department, In Step, Bob Schmidt (M&M Club) and foremost the Gay and Lesbian community for making the flu shot distribution successful.

This was the third year the vaccinations were provided at the M&M Club. Each year we have run out of vaccine and each year we have ordered more than the previous year. This year was no exception. We ordered 100 doses of vaccine for Thursday October 14, and ran out after an hour and a half. We were able to get more vaccine and scheduled another night of injections for October 28th. This time administering 50 more injections.

The Gay and Lesbian Nurses Association is pleased to provide this community service and very excited by the support and utilization of the service. We are already planning for next years distribution, which will include ordering more vaccine and scheduling two nights for distribution.

— Jeffrey G. Miller, MSN, RN

## The Final Words on Mr. Gay WI-USA

I was one of many who witnessed the September Mr. Gay WI-USA contest held at Za's in Green Bay. I read Gregory James' account of the events that transpired following the contest in the October 7-20 issue of In Step, as well as Dance's rebuttal in the November 4-17 issue. I can't tell anyone what happened backstage that night, but I can tell you what I saw on stage.

All four contestants seemed well prepared, and each competed extremely well. When Dance was announced first runner up, all I can say is that if looks could have killed, I doubt anyone would have left the bar alive that night.

Dance: You talked extensively in your letter about respect, or lack thereof. It

seems to me that you are the one who lacks respect for anyone else. You didn't give Spanky, Cabron, or Gregory James the respect they deserved. If you had, no one would be in this situation.

Second, the judge you feel was unqualified to participate is, herself, a titleholder. She knows everything about this type of competition there is to know. Doesn't that give her some sort of merit and credibility? I think so.

Third, you accused Gregory James of taking a cheap shot, inferring you have a problem with Lesbians. You, Dance, are the one who is guilty of a cheap shot. The comment you made about Gregory James and his involvement with former reigning Mr. Gay WI-USA T.C. Hammond, was nothing more than an absurd last ditch effort to maintain something of the respect you had at one time. The attempt was a total failure.

Are you really that paranoid and insecure? Both T.C. Hammond and Duwanna Moore (who co-emceed the event) were nothing but supportive and complimentary to all contestants, including you. This brings us right back to the issue of respect. You obviously have none for T.C. Hammond, Gregory James, King Productions, or anyone else involved in the contest.

Gregory James and T.C. Hammond both have something you will never have — and I'm not talking about the Mr. Gay WI-USA title. They have the love, respect, admiration, loyalty, and support from everyone who knows them. And they have dignity. Enough dignity to return those feelings, and support those who they compete against.

In closing, Dance, I'd like to offer you some advice. The sun doesn't rise or set on you. You have a lot of growing up to do. I just hope, for your sake as well as the sake of the other participants, you do it before nationals.

Sincerely,  
Ann Smith, Green Bay

(Editor's Note: This is the last letter we'll consider for publication on this subject.)

# Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

## How I Got That Story

Would you believe that this column marks one year since I started writing *Positively HIV*. The best part of this year has been that I haven't had to spend anytime in the hospital — except to visit friends. Another great thing about this year has been the opportunity to write these columns, know they are read, and that I can say anything I want. Gee, I wonder if I could turn this into a living. I'll have to think about that.

Since a lot of you ask me how I get my ideas for this column, I thought I'd tell you where some specific ideas came from, and of course in the process hope to encourage you to give me more ideas.

This entire series of columns came about through the urging of friends who were getting bored by all my stories during the first year of my battle with AIDS. After some amount of pressure to tell others about my escapades with doctors and hospitals, I decided to see if there was any interest on the part of *In Step* in publishing first person observations and commentary.

Fortunately for me, and maybe fortunately for you, there was an interest. So here we are. Now you can be as bored with my stories and points of view as all of my friends.

One of my favorite story origins concerns my article on nutrition. I was having lunch with a friend at Solly's Coffee Shop (the famous death by cheeseburger), which by the way, if you need a few extra calories like I do, try these butter-drenched burgers. While we were waiting for our order, I lamented that I needed some ideas. As I took a bite of said butter-drenched burger I turned to my friend and said I should write something about nutrition. I quickly borrowed a pen, and in the great tradition of the movies and TV, wrote some notes on a napkin. The result was the article called *Eat It!*

Last Spring I had a conversation with an HIV+ acquaintance who was amazed at the number of people he was running into

who were willing to have unprotected sex with someone HIV+. This resulted in two articles about safer sex practices and the use of condoms.

Sometimes ideas come in strange places like outpatient surgery or the doctor's office. My favorite title, *Being Terminally III is Such a Bitch*, came from a conversation with my family practice doctor as I was complaining about the little things that seem to go wrong.

Occasionally something will catch my eye in a newspaper or magazine and I will feel compelled to comment on it. This happened with the article on *Guilt, Anger and Depression*. I thought people were misdirecting their energies and chose to say so. When I was without my car and started letting myself become isolated I thought I'd use my own experience to remind everyone else of the importance of avoiding isolation.

Every now and then I just come up with silly things and jot them in a file called odds and ends. This eventually resulted in my previous article called *Watch Out for that Bus*. These were things I found entertaining but didn't fit with other columns so I wrote them up separately.

Of course just living a wonderfully abnormal life provides lots of material. I still encourage people to let me know what they think or would like me to write about. So remember if you have any suggestions please pass them along and I'll do my best to present your ideas along with my own.

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I'm sorry. I didn't mean to tie on a tirade. And I know that you know that I really don't believe we owe any business a living just because they are community members, if they don't deliver the goods and services in a pleasant, businesslike manner. It's just that almost regardless, the bookstore is the single exception I am universally willing to make. It's the one going concern whose going continues to concern me. Even inefficiently run, it still delivers more, dollar for community dollar, than even the most generous buyers actually pay for.

In case you haven't glanced at your Rolex ident-a-date lately, it's that time again, when you start to scour the landscape for green-and-red or blue-and-silver wrappable trinkets and doo-dads. Could I suggest setting the mall aside, and considering a new starting place for this year's annual scavenger hunt? Your Gay and/or Lesbian bookstore. In addition to incense and harmony balls, freedom rings, and unguent oils, satin boxer shorts, and t-shirts defying all description, there are wonderful books there. Titles that tuck snugly into stockings, that fit flatly into the post office slots, and that pile impressively under a pine.

Maybe there is one place in our world, after all, for all they do for us, that we do actually own a decent living to. Tell 'em I sent you.

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# Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

## Hug Your Bookstore

*Think Of It As A Community Center That Sells Books*

How's your bookstore doing, if it's not too impertinent of me to ask?

If your hometown is anything like mine, you're lucky enough to have a pink triangle establishment run by some brave literary adventurer who firmly believes that there's actually enough money in a bookstore operation to pay rent and order from New York in the same month. Probably somebody who reads, and thinks that maybe other people do too. And so far, nothing's happened to totally disavow them of that flimsy conviction.

If your community is also anything like mine, you probably don't even think much about the bookstore. It's just there. Whenever you need it. Kind of like the living room furniture. You know exactly where everything is, but if you woke up one morning and sat down suddenly in a surprisingly empty room, you'd be in for a rather rude awaking as *derriere* made acquaintance with unoccupied space.

Now, I'm not meaning to suggest that anything's fiscally critical with your bookstore in particular at the moment, but in my neck of the woods, we've had two such lavender enterprises head for entrepreneur's heaven in the last couple of years. And, since I started writing books exclusively for our community, I've become very close to the brave local soul who took on the task of serving the literary whims of the rainbow flag. Talk about risky business! Phew! 'Bout the same odds of success that my dad had when he bought himself a Geiger counter in the late fifties, and set out into the Nevada desert in search of our weekend fortune. He didn't die from the enterprise, but we sure didn't get rich and famous for the effort either.

And as the jingle bell season freight

trains rapidly toward whatever's so far undisposed of our disposable income, it seems to me that this is a really good time to remind us exactly what our local bookstore means to the community. The stuff it does that we hardly ever pay for.

Need the pride newspapers? The local community map? A room mate service? Where ya gonna go? The bookstore.

Have an occasion for some amethyst anything? The bookstore's got it in a showcase that has little literary in its occupation. If you want a rainbow bumper sticker, or a set of values to adorn the Acura, that's right, the bookstore. When you want to know where the meeting is, what the neighborhood is like, who to trust with your trusty a. roof repairs; b. spare time; c. loose change, there's almost always an Aunt Blabby behind the counter perfectly willing to tell you where to go. Want a doctor's referral? Ask at the bookstore. Real Estate Agent? Chiropractor? Astrologist? Check out the bulletin board, or any of the local periodicals. (Usually free.) Where? You guessed it. At the bookstore.

And this is in addition to offering even the remotest editions from Naiad, Alyson, Firebrand, Paradigm, Rising Tide, Cleis, Clothespin, Spinsters, or New Victoria, not to mention either Simon or Schuster. The kind of specialty titles we want to have at any available whim, but that Books R Us never bothers to carry.

What's the reward for such community contributions? All too often, it's checkbookless folks, killing an hour mindlessly meandering the merchandise. Who'll be more than happy to tell the staff exactly how much less any given tome is at Barnes and Ignoble (who can afford to buy titles by the trailertruck-ful and who almost never carry buttons that tell anyone in your immediate vicinity what they should or shouldn't presume about your orientation.) And, of course, there are the folks who mistake the bookstore for the local lending library. Browsing is one thing, but going into the back room and drooling over everything hunky, without ever once even offering a farthing, or a phoenig for the privilege... Well, is it any wonder that most of the bookstores I've met have lately taken to stapling and Saran Wrapping the stock?

Did I mention shoplifting? How appallingly much merchandise seems to depart without benefit of cash register receipts? I mean, I understand how that could happen in your basic anono-corporate

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# In Memoriam



Michael Roberts



Miss M

## Michael D. Roberts (Miss M)

*Well known drag entertainer  
responsible for numerous MAP  
fundraisers, dies of AIDS*

Michael D. Roberts, also known as Miss M, died at 6am, Friday, November 26 from AIDS related complications including

*cryptosporidiosis*. He has spent the last two months at his home in the care of his nearly 19 year partner, Michael Schmid. Roberts had suffered a stroke the weekend prior to his death, which paralyzed nearly one half his body. He had been in a coma state the last few days before his death.

Besides Schmid, Roberts is survived by his mother Geraldine and her husband John Michalski. Michael was preceded in death by his father. He was the loving brother of Cindy and Nancy. He is survived by other family, and many friends in the Gay community in Milwaukee and around the state. Services were held Sunday evening at Walloch Funeral Home followed by private interment.

Born in March of 1955, Roberts was 38 at the time of his death.

Mr. Schmid would like to publicly thank the Milwaukee AIDS Project, saying "They were great to us, and a big help" as was Horizon Home Care services.

In the character of Miss M, Michael's last public performance was this past March at 3B's bar. Up until this year, Miss M hosted the special "Stars" show segment of the annual MAPFest celebration. As Miss M he also hosted annual MAP fundraisers titled "Stars for AIDS". He has sponsored, and performed in, too many other benefit shows over the years to list here.

The late 1970's and the decade of the 80's saw him host numerous shows at The Ballgame including "Celebrity Roast for AIDS" and holiday shows.

His purchase, remodeling and running of his Miss M's Walker's Point Cafe, the after-hours cafe on South 1st Street, became his life, until the last year. The cafe was his pride and joy, and the sale of it several months ago came as a result of his declining health.

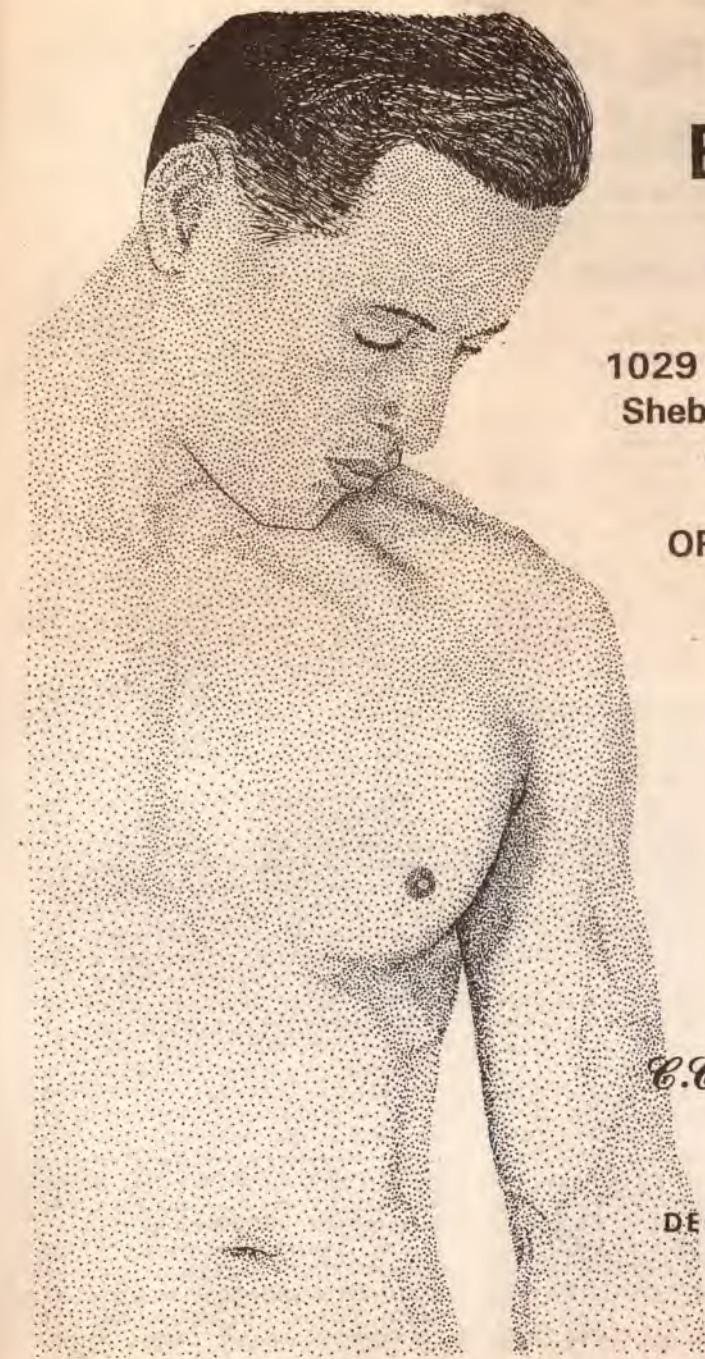
He will be missed by many who share in his memories. Memorials may be made in his name to the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

## Jeffrey Haislmaier

1963-1993

Jeffrey Haislmaier, 30, was born in Milwaukee. He died in his home in West Hollywood on November 8, after a courageous fight with AIDS.

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# Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

## W.W.'s Holiday Wish List

Yes, it's the Holiday Season again! The time of year we focus on good will towards men, egg nog and most importantly gifts, gifts, gift? Some may say it's better to give than receive. I couldn't agree more, as long as it's other people doing the gift giving to me! Some may feel uncomfortable asking for the things they really want. Not me. So, if you feel uneasy, feel free to adapt my "Holiday Wish List" for your own personal use...

Dear Santa — or insert your favorite imaginary gift-bearing cultural icon(s) here

How are you? I am fine. I have been a very, very good boy. Well, that's enough chit-chat, shall we get down to business? Enclosed please find my Holiday Wish List. This year I'd like to see you work a little harder on getting the items on my list. Needless to say, last year I was quite disappointed. I hope there's no hard feelings about my lawsuit against you. Anyway, here's my list...

1. Once case of *Bad Hair Day in a Can*. Armed with this wonderful aerosol product, I would use guerrilla combat techniques to massacre the carefully coiffed hair of my ex-lovers, one night stands who promised to call and never did and those snooty guys in bars who have a bigger attitude than I do... on second thought, better make that two cases.

2. I'd take as many plush, stuffed dolls of repressed Gay celebrities as you can fit in Tom Cruise's closet. You could start with *Sesame Street's* longtime companions, Bert and Ernie. And how about Peppermint Patty and Marcie from *Peanuts*. I mean come on, did you ever notice how Marcie always call her, "sir"?

3. Please require all cologne heavy, fragrant-fragrant fruits who greet friends and acquaintances with Ru Paul hugs and overly affectionate smooches to wear a government cologne-advisory sticker across their too friendly lips.

4. I would like my very own video of Michael Jackson debating Woody Allen on the virtues of thirteen year old boys with

Roman Polanski acting as a moderator. This would make a good stocking stuffer.

5. Please give my new boyfriend's cat the ability to speak, so I can learn all the details about what (and who) he does when I'm not there.

6. I would like to be the world's first patient in the United States to undergo *Pec Replacement Surgery*. I'll take Mark Marky's chest, but I'll pass on his personality. I'd also like the new Superman's abdominal muscles and biceps... and how about a date with Joey Lawrence. Gee, while I'm at it I guess I'll take a subscription to *Tiger Beat Magazine* too!

7. I'll take a health club membership and a dozen pair of tight tank tops, so I can show off my transplanted pecs and my new attitude.

8. I would love to see Oprah Winfrey do a show with guests Renee Richards and knife attack victim, John Bobbit. Topic: separation anxiety. If you really want to make me drunk with giggles, make the sponsor of the show Ginsu Knives and Super Glue.

9. I would like you to find out what the hell happened to Cher! Too many trips to the McDonald's drive-thru? Is she planning on auditioning for the part of Marilyn on *Northern Exposure*? What?

10. Require all people enclose a sugery "this is what my masters did this year" note from their pets along with holiday greeting cards to wear those sparkly performance outfits worn by Olympic Figure Skaters for the duration of the season.

Well, that's about all I can think of right now. If I remember anything else, I'll be sure to let you know. And P.S., if I don't get what I asked for, I'm sure *A Current Affair* would love to see those nude Polaroids of you and Prancer fooling around behind your castle. *Merry Christmas.*

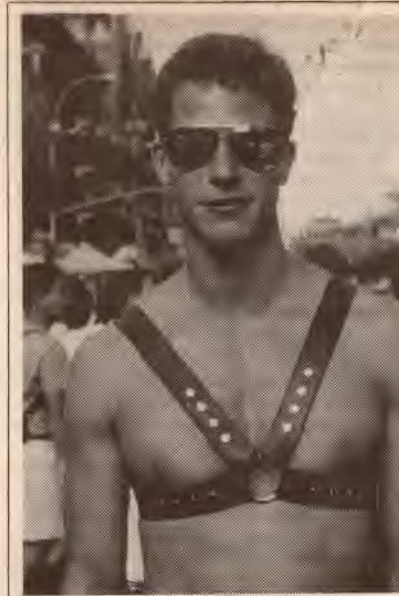
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Jeffrey Haislmaier

Kubitz of Redmond, Washington; four nieces; a nephew, and numerous friends.

In their company his ashes were scattered over the Pacific Ocean off Long Beach, California on Friday, November 12.

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# Legal

By Arlene Zarembka

## Who Is A Parent?

The seemingly simple question, "Who are the child's parents?" does not have a simple answer. Controversy over a decision by a New York Family Court judge this spring illustrates the sharp disagreements on this issue that can develop within the Gay and Lesbian community. In perhaps the first decision of its kind in a case concerning a visitation dispute between Lesbian co-parents and a known sperm donor, the judge refused to give paternity and visitation rights to the donor, who was a Gay man.

The case involved a Lesbian couple who had two daughters, each Lesbian having one by donor insemination from two separate known donors. A Gay man who, in 1981, had been the sperm donor for one of the daughters brought suit ten years later seeking a paternity order. Before he donated sperm, he and the Lesbian couple had agreed that he would have no parental rights

or responsibilities. They also agreed that he would make himself known as the biological father to the child born of the insemination, should the child ask about her origins.

After the child was born, he had no contact with her or the mothers for three years. When the daughter was about three, she began to ask about her biological origins. The donor and the Lesbian family spent several days together so that the daughter could meet her biological father. For the next six years, the donor visited with the mothers and their two daughters several times a year, and corresponded with the child that he fathered. Eventually, he asked to take both daughters to meet his biological family, but did not want the mothers to be included in the visit. The mothers refused this proposal. The sperm donor then filed suit to obtain a declaration of paternity and visitation rights.

The Family Court judge expressed no reservation about the type of family that the Lesbians had created — two Lesbians raising two daughters equally as sisters, even though the children are not related to each other biologically. The judge found that the daughter viewed the two Lesbians as

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Three contestants vied for the title of Miss Gay Racine, a Wisconsin-USA preliminary, Jo'Dee's Intl.. Sasna Mitchell, right, was the winner.

Photo by James Taylor

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### Legal...

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her parents, and that she did not view the sperm donor as a parental figure.

Although New York state law requires that a known father of a child be granted paternity rights, the judge refused to grant paternity rights to the sperm donor. He found that the two Lesbians were the daughter's parents, even though the Lesbian co-parent had not adopted the child. In a remarkable ruling for a patriarchal culture, the judge did not consider either biology to be destiny nor a male to be an essential parent for a child.

But was it the right decision? The case raises disturbing questions, as both sides used arguments, in an effort to win, that have victimized Gay men and Lesbians in custody cases in the past.

The mother's attorney stirred the kettle of AIDS-phobia, grilling the sperm donor on his HIV status, T-cell count, and general health condition. Although the judge gave other reasons for the decision, he did note the HIV status of the sperm donor in a footnote, leading one to wonder if the AIDS ploy played a role, if just a small one, in the mother's victory.

On the other hand, the donor's attorney argued that because the Lesbian co-parent of the daughter is not legally recognized as a parent, the daughter would have two parents only if the donor were granted paternity rights. Courts routinely have used such an argument to deny Lesbian co-parents custody rights, because they have no recognition in law as parents.

While a purely biological criterion for defining parents is hardly appropriate, as it excludes Lesbian co-parents, step-parents, and others who function as parents from being considered legally as parents, a purely parenting criteria (*i.e. those who act as parents are entitled to parental rights*) has its own problems. If this argument were enshrined in law, a woman living with a boyfriend who helped take care of her children from a previous relationship might, for example, find the boyfriend threatening a custody battle if she leaves, as a way to force the woman to stay with him, even though she never intended for him to be considered the children's parent.

Nancy Polikoff, of the American University law school, has developed an approach that bridges the gap between a purely biological and a purely parenting

model. She proposes that a parent be defined to include a person who has maintained a functional parental relationship with a child, if a legally recognized parent has created that relationship with the intent that it be parental in nature. This allows for recognition of the custody rights of those who are considered parents by the parties involved. At the same time, it prevents those who have a relationship with a child that is not parental from being able to use the courts to force visitation whenever a dispute between the adults affects the relationship with the child.

Polikoff's approach does not answer the question as to whether or not the New York decision was the right one — only those hearing the entire case could decide whether the original agreement between the parties (that the sperm donor was not to have any parental rights or responsibilities) was changed by the statements and conduct of the Lesbian mothers later. But the standard would be a useful one for the courts, as well as the Lesbian and Gay community, to adopt to aid in resolving visitation disputes between Lesbian co-parents and known sperm donors.

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# The Arts

## ARTS Briefs

### Apple Island Plans December Holiday Events

**Madison** — Apple Island, Madison's cultural and event space for women, is planning a full slate of events for the month of December. All events listed below take place at Apple Island, 849 E. Washington Avenue.

On Saturday and Sunday, December 4 and 5, Apple Island will host a Womyn's Arts and Crafts Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Food and refreshments will be available. The Fair will include the works of many local women just in time for the gift-giving season. The Fair is free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, December 8, there will be a Two-Stepping Country Western Partner dance from 7-9 p.m. Participants are asked to wear smooth shoes or boots. Kim Roberts will be on hand as instructor. \$4-\$6 is requested.

On Saturday, December 11, Apple Island will host a Pancake Breakfast benefit to raise money to send the Bovine Babes soccer team to the Gay Games in New York next year. The breakfast runs from 8:30 a.m. until Noon. Pancakes, sausage, coffee, juices and more will be available for just \$5.

Later that evening at 8 p.m., comic and performance artist Marcia Wilkie will present her one woman show *This Girl I Knew*. Tickets at the door are on a sliding scale basis of \$7- \$11. The show will be interpreted in American Sign Language.

On Friday, December 17, Women's Country Western Line Dancing is scheduled. From 8-9 p.m. there will be beginner's instructions with easy dances. Review and advanced instruction will take place from 9-10 p.m. There will be open dance and instruction from 10- 11 p.m. Admission is \$4-\$6, sliding scale.

On Saturday, December 18, the African dance band Shekere will play its tropical rhythms beginning at 9 p.m. Men, women and children are welcome. \$4-\$7 sliding scale.

Finally, on Friday, December 31, Apple Island will host a New Year's Eve Lesbian Prom. Formal wear is encouraged but not required. There will be a drawing for the Royal Dyke Couple and Prom Court, accompanied by a crowning, a Grand March and other surprises. A DJ will play music. The fun begins at 9 p.m. for just \$5.

For further information on any of these events, call Apple Island at (608) 258-9777.

### Julie Darrough to Perform for Cultural Center

**Milwaukee** — Folksinger Julie Darrough will perform in a benefit concert for the Womyn's Cultural Community Center in Milwaukee on Saturday, December 17. The show will begin at 8 p.m. at Centennial Hall in the Central Library, 733 N. 8th Street.

Darrough's concert will coincide with an artist's exhibit and reception, featuring works by D.K. Black and D.H. (Cass) Magnuski, among others. Food will be provided by Diamond Hill Catering.

Tickets for the concert and artist's reception are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at People's

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

**M&M Club:** An encore performance by Tommi & Nannette.

**Video Night:** At the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett in Milw. \$2 donation, popcorn & soda provided, meet in room 100, call Bill at 271-2565 FMI.

**Your Place:** Razzle Dazzle Christmas Special, 8:30 showtime.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

**M&M Club:** Singstational Productions "Singing Machine" performs live.

**Integrity/Dignity (Madison):** Annual Christmas Potluck, 6pm, RSVP to (608) 836-8886.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

**AIDS Evensong & Prayer Service:** All Saints' Cathedral, 818 East Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee. If anyone would like prayers made on behalf of a friend or loved one, for someone who has been taken by AIDS, for a caregiver, or for any concern call the Cathedral Office at 271-7719.

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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

**Cream City Chorus:** 7th Annual Holiday Concert, 3pm, *Ho Ho Ho* at PAC's Vogel Hall, \$8 advance, \$10 at the door. Tickets from chorus members, PAC Box Office & at the chorus office (414) 344-WCCC.

**M&M Club:** Jeff Hamann Jazz Trio performs.  
**AfterWords Books & Espresso Bar:** Christmas Open House, 1-4pm.

**Integrity/Dignity (Madison):** Eucharist & Social hour.

**The New Bar (Madison):** Annual Christmas & Divine's Farewell Show, 10pm sharp, 11 guests plus Miss Gay WI-USA Duwanna Moore.

**BoysTown:** Miss Gay WI, Lisa Spencer & friends, showtime 10:30pm, \$2 cover.

**Roses In December Fine Arts Fair:** 11am-5pm, Miller Pavilion, O'Donnell Park, 910 E. Michigan St., \$2 admission. See Ad this issue for details.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

**Rod's (Madison):** Christmas Party & Annual Toys for Tots drive.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Frontiers (Madison):** Dining Out at Imperial Palace, 7pm, call Dave at (608) 241-2500 for reservations.

**Station II:** Christmas Party, ornament exchange, free tap beer 7-9pm. Singing Machine 9pm-1am, Christmas Carols Sing-A-Long.

**Runway 51 (Janesville):** December Babies Birthday celebration, cake, munchies & free tap beer for Dec. birthday people w/ID.



Photos by Jeff Butler

The Savage Male Dance Troupe made appearances at Club 219, Runway 51 and Club 3054 on a recent Wisconsin road trip.

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## Books

### Whores of Lost Atlantis

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

**Whores Of Lost Atlantis**  
by Charles Busch  
Hyperion, HC, \$21.95

Charles Busch first found fame as the creator of the now classic farce, *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom*, the longest-running play in Off-Broadway history. *Psycho Beach Party* and *Red Scare on Sunset* soon followed. Now playwright and performer Busch brings his abundant writing talents to **Whores Of Lost Atlantis**, his first novel.

The many fans of *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* will be pleased to find that **Whores** possesses the same outrageously flamboyant characters, the familiar wild plot twists, and of course similarly sparkling dialogue. At the center of **Whores** is Julian Young, a Gay actor desperate to make a career in the theatre, ideally as a melodramatic leading lady à la the divine Sarah Bernhardt. Opportunity knocks for Julian in the form of a cancellation at a chic but ever so trendy East Village club called Golgotha. Julian has just two weeks to "put on a show." As Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney are unavailable, Julian is forced to enlist a group of his wacky friends to help him, including Joel, his British-afflicted friend from Indiana; Camille, the fiery wig designer Julian briefly considers having an affair with (in a moment of weakness); Buster, a voluptuous, alcoholic male stripper; and Kiko, the wonderfully wicked performance artist.

In between answering the phone at his temporary day job as a receptionist at a Wall Street firm, Julian pens **Whores Of Lost Atlantis**. Disasters seem to lurk around each and every corner but somehow the show does go on. To everyone's surprise *Whores Of Lost Atlantis* becomes a cult smash. Soon Julian and his now-dubbed Imitation of Life Players are presenting a new and ever more outrageous play every three weeks. Yet the road to Off-Broadway with its promise of legitimate recognition (and possible financial reward) has many twists and turns, giving the book a wonderful, un-put-downable quality.

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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**

**Frontiers (Madison):** Dining Out, 7pm, Fyfe Restaurant. Reservations call Dave (608) 241-2500.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**Runway 51 (Janesville):** DuWanna Moore, Miss Gay WI-USA, joins the "Prettiest Boys In Town" Revue.

**Mistletoe Dash:** LOC Women of Color holiday Womyns Dance. Lake Park Pavilion (Lake Drive & Newberry Blvd.), 8pm. Fundraiser for LOC Women of Color. \$6 donation at the door. Featuring DJ Sandra Silk, alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages.

**Frontiers (Madison):** Annual Holiday Potluck, 6:30pm, call Larry (608) 244-8690 for info location.

**Allioto's on Jackson:** Prime Rib & Breast of Duck specials. See ad for details.

**Club 94 (Kenosha):** Follies Girls' "Babes In Toyland Christmas Show," 11pm showtime. All proceeds benefit SEWAP Food Pantry. Bring in 2 non-perishable food items & receive discounted admission.



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C.J. Thomas and The Erotic Body Shop Revue performed at Your Place to a delighted crowd.

For all of Busch's wacky characters and outrageous situations, **Whores** nevertheless possesses a surprising depth. Beneath his characters comic facades breath flesh and blood people who are impossible not to care about. Wicked, occasionally blatantly sexy and often hysterically funny, **Whores** is also a surprisingly moving exploration of theatre, gender roles, the very mixed joys of poverty and the obsessive quest of one's dreams. Even if the odd coincidence seems a trifle forced or predictable, Busch's debut novel has much joy and a true celebration of life. Let **Whores Of Lost Atlantis** be the one hardcover you buy this fall, or as Busch's delightful heroine Roxie would say, "The same will be yours."

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# Feature Interview

## An Interview With Activist, Political Strategist David Mixner Interview

By Kimberly Griffin

Chicago — Take all the feelings of betrayal experienced by Gays and Lesbians who voted for President Clinton and boil it down into one person — and the results are surprising. Rather than advocating for the Gay and Lesbian community to abandon Clinton, David Mixner, the Friend of Bill who successfully rallied the community to support the Democrat in the 1992 election, is calling for the community to acknowledge the inroads that have been made as a result of Clinton's election and to hold Clinton accountable for his actions.

A political strategist for nearly 30 years, Mixner focuses his attention on the big picture. And in spite of the setbacks the Gay and Lesbian community has faced in the past year, the number of victories — most notably the appointment of openly Gay and Lesbian officials in the White House — is nothing less than significant. In Chicago for the November 19 conference of Gay and Lesbian officials (and in Milwaukee, November 21 for the Gay & Lesbian Victory Fund event), Mixner reflected on the Clinton administration, the strategies the community needs to employ and the battles that lie ahead.

*I think first and foremost on everyone's mind is wanting to know what you're thinking of the Clinton Administration these days.*

I have very mixed feelings. I think what he did on the military issue was unconscionable and in violation of his promises, and I think I made very clear how strongly I feel about that. But I think that he



David Mixner

deserves a lot of recognition from our community for appointments. I know that it's not a high-agenda item for some members of our community, but it is a place at the table and it is a historical first. We not only have Gays and Lesbians working in major cabinet positions, but in the White House. It's something that I thought I'd never see — that we'd have 30 or 40 Gay and Lesbian people serving their country openly. I think that so far we have not seen the progress that we need to see on AIDS. Clearly the funding is much better than it was under the Reagan-Bush years. We need the president and Mrs. Clinton themselves to very visibly

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

**Club 3054 (Madison):** 4 year Anniversary Cocktail Party 5-9, buffet 6:30. Special entertainment at 10:30pm.  
**La Cage:** BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 10pm-1am.  
**Club 219:** Miss Gay Milw. pageant, a WI-USA preliminary, 11pm.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

**Formative Meeting for New Group:** With special emphasis on older Gay men, Lesbians, Bisexuals & Cross gender persons. M&M Club (124 N. Water St.) 2nd floor Banquet Room, 7pm.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

**Ray's Bar & Grill:** 1st Anniv. Celebration Weekend.  
**AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar:** BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 8-11pm.  
**3B's Bar:** BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling 7-10pm.  
**Sass (Green Bay):** 1 Year Anniv. Celebration, \$3 pitchers & \$1 can beer & rail drinks 7-10, DJ 10pm-close.  
**ZA's (Green Bay):** Stars of Wisconsin Show.  
**Frontiers (Madison):** Dining out, 6:30pm, Monty's Blue Plate Diner. Reservations call Dave (608) 241-2500.  
**Station II:** St. Nick's Party, 50 cent tappers 9-12.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

**Sass (Green Bay):** 1 Year Anniv. Celebration, The Madhatter Troupe, showtime 10:30, hors d'oeuvres, champagne.  
**Jodee's Intl. (Racine):** Bobbie presents "Days Gone By 60's, 70's, 80's Show" 10:30pm showtime, \$2 cover.  
**M&M Club:** Singstational Productions Singing Machine performs live.  
**Frontiers (Madison):** "Non-addictive Male Bonding." Interactive Workshop, 8pm. Call Brian at (608) 274-8553 for more info/location.  
**Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison):** 1 Year Anniversary Party, drink specials all day.  
**Runway 51 (Janesville):** Show of Shows, 10:30pm.  
**Allioto's on Jackson:** Prime Rib & Breast of Duck specials. See ad for details.



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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

**The Blue Lite (Sheboygan):** C.C. Rae show, 9pm.  
**Sass (Green Bay):** 1 Year Anniversary Celebration. Packer/Bear Brunch; open 11:30am.  
**Fest City Singers:** Annual Family Christmas Concert, 7:30pm, South Shore Park Pavilion, 2900 South Shore Drive. Admission is \$7 at the door, refreshments during intermission, children free, visit with Santa.  
**Pivot Club (Appleton):** Ms. Gay Wisc. Pageant G.M.D.G.: Part 2 of Gay Men's Health "Spirituality" discussion from 6-8pm, facilitated by Mark Roberts, 2038 N. Bartlett. (The counseling Center), \$2 donation. Call Bill 271-2565 FMI.  
**BoysTown:** Miss Gay WI, Lisa Spencer & friends, showtime 10:30pm, \$2 cover.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

**Public Issues Addressed #3:** MATA, Milw. Cable Channel 14. 6:30pm. "School Board Member Christine Sinicki & ACT UP discuss "A Resolution Against Condom Resolution." Airs every Monday in December at the same time.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Wreck Room:** Live music with guitarist/vocalist Dan Schwartz, 6-9pm.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8

**In Step 4 Week Holiday Issue Deadline:** 7pm tonight deadline for our Dec. 16-Jan. 12 4 week long issue in our New Format.  
**Modacapelli Salon (Appleton):** Final date for Massage Class, 7pm. Call 731-5252 for details & reservations.

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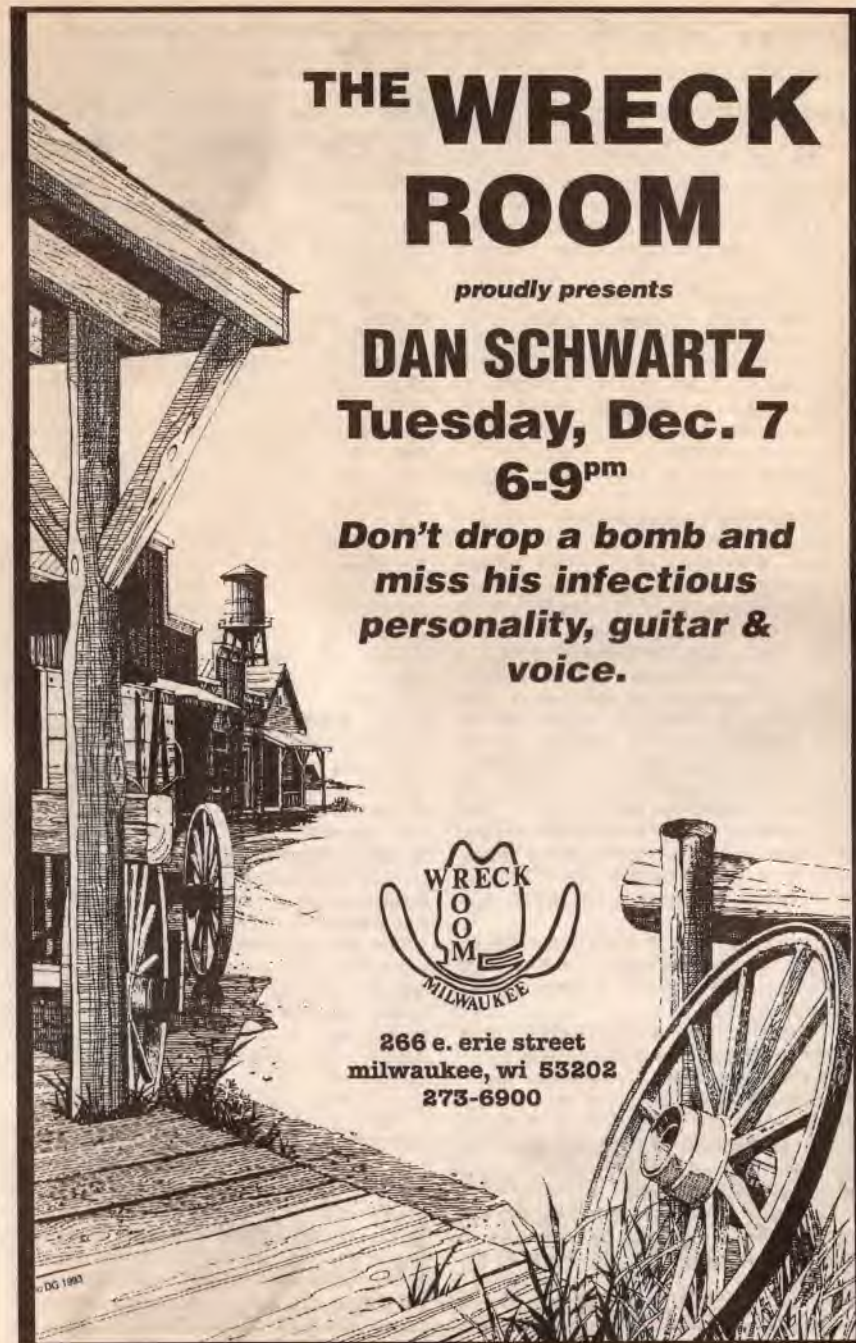
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### Mixner/INTERVIEW...

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and very forcibly display leadership on this issue, and we need a Manhattan Project.

*How do you feel about the way the administration is pursuing all of the blows the judiciary has delivered to the ban?*

It's disgraceful. I'm really hoping they won't appeal the Joe Steffan case, or that it will be a weak appeal if they do. They're not required to appeal. I don't understand it. I was extremely distressed when they appealed the Meinhold decision. I think it's disgraceful. I don't think there's any way to sugar-coat it, or any way to rationalize it. Clearly we have to just keep hammering at Clinton — at least there's someone there to listen when we hammer.

*Where does your "Friend of Bill" status stand?*

I think there's clearly tension. You can't get arrested in front of someone's home and not have them upset. But I felt a special obligation because I campaigned so hard and spoke all over the country on his behalf. I thought that if I didn't speak out, then I thought that would be immoral. It was a painful and difficult decision for me to make, but my community comes first, period. This is my family. If I get sick, these are the people who are going to take care of me. When I buried Peter (Mixner's partner who died of AIDS) four years ago, these are the people who helped me get through it. (The Clinton's weren't. And so my family is under attack, and I'm going to fight with my family. That's what family values are all about. When someone attacks your family, you fight back.

*Where do you see that Clinton stands on Gay and Lesbian issues in general — do you think it's going too far to say that he's abandoned us?*

I think it's much too far. The difference is that I would have liked our path to be an easier and simpler one. I would have liked it if he had done the right thing and exerted leadership on our behalf in a dynamic fashion. That clearly is not going to be the case. I think that on the other hand we have access to almost every person in his administration, which is the first time in history that we can say that as a community. And so now we have to make them do the right thing.

*In light of Clinton's actions, do you think that it would be wise for the Gay and*

*Lesbian community to abandon him?*

Good God, no. I mean, someone who was very upset with me came up to me and said, 'This man, how could you ask me to support this man, look what he's done.' I said, look, let me tell you something. If he does nothing more than appoint Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the Supreme Court, it will have been worth it. Because if we win in the Supreme Court, it will be because of that appointment. We have to keep a perspective on this. We have to be somewhat politically sophisticated. Now, politically sophisticated doesn't mean being passive it doesn't mean not being tough. I think being politically sophisticated is just the opposite. It's being smart. Part of being smart is playing a tough game of politics — that's what wins in politics. When someone hammers on you, you don't just turn and say please don't do that again. You respond politically in a way that they know they can never do that again. There's a difference.

*What do you think are the best strategies to use?*

I Think all of our strategies are important. One of the exciting parts to me about this community is the diversity of actions and ideas. I think a political approach is still very important. For the president, I think we have to show him there's a price to be paid for not doing the right thing and that there's a lot to gain by doing the right thing. I think we have to explore a traditional — in the best tradition of Gandhi and King — civil disobedience in very targeted cases that will help build a broader coalition, that will promote sympathy from a wider spectrum of people, that will help visualize in 12-second sound bites our impression of the hatred directed toward us. I think that we have to continue to build the institutions in our community, and continue the process that began really long before AIDS, but was accelerated with AIDS, of taking care of our own, seizing our own destiny and building our own economic institutions.

*In the face of the setbacks in the election a few weeks ago, do you feel like the political process is inherently limited?*

We have to understand we're in a long battle, a long war. This will not be over for at least three to five years of intense battles. We're not going to win them all. The key is to gain more ground with each one. Now on the military battle, I really, genuinely believe the president was going to do the right thing. I was wrong. But through the struggle, we



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for a new location and hopes to be reopening in mid-January. Tom Vuk, of Vuk's Place had to close temporarily after the 21st due to licensing and ordinance conflicts. He hopes to re-open before the end of the year...

Hope you all gobbled up lots of turkey (lot in fat, you know), and enjoyed it with friends or family. I've gotta' run and stuff my bird!

**P.S.:** In a last minute news flash on the Friday after Thanksgiving, I got a call from Michael Schmid, telling me his lover of nearly 19 years, Michael (Miss M) Roberts, had died at 6am, in their loving home. Services were to held this past Sunday evening, before this issue hits the streets.

Miss M died after a long battle with AIDS related *cryptosporidiosis*. You can read the Memoriam in this issue for full details, but I just wanted to mention "her" death here in my column. (I now have to go write her Memoriam, not the easiest thing to do when you know someone so well.) "M" raised a lot of money over the years for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, and many other causes over the years. I'll miss working with her, and my heartfelt condolences go out to her lover Michael Schmid, family and many Gay friends.

Miss M was "drag mother" to many of the queens in this city, so I think it would be appropriate if her "daughters" would start an annual MAP fundraiser show in Miss M's memory. It could be similar, but different from, the benefit show *I Remember You* held annually at Club 219 in memory of Ginger Spice. *What About It Girls?*



The Holiday Invitational Tournament's Pot of Gold party with guest bartenders was held at 3B's bar.

Photos by James Taylor

had the AFL-CIO lobbying for us on the Hill for the first time in history. We had the NAACP marching with us for the first time in our history. We had such diverse people as Mrs. King and Barry Goldwater writing columns on our behalf. We did nationwide TV spots for the first time in our history. The organizations worked together—awkwardly, sometimes hostile — but it was a first. I never can remember when all the national organizations have come together on a single issue.

*What do you think of the state of leadership of the Gay and Lesbian movement?*

You know, I think we're too hard on ourselves. There's two things I hear all the time in the Gay and Lesbian community: Why do we always attack each other, and why can't there be just one organization? Well, we would truly be unique if those were the case. What it proves is how equal we are to the rest of history. Having come out of the civil rights and anti-war movement, what I see is very similar. The number of organizations is as it probably should be because people should have vehicles available to participate in a level that they're comfortable. Some people are not comfortable with civil disobedience, but they are political. Some people are not comfortable in any sort of activism... We have come on an extraordinary journey the last couple of years. We have failed to acknowledge the progress that we've made along with the setbacks. I remember when the *New York Times* would not use the word Gay. That was 10 years ago. Now we are a front-page story almost every week in the *New York Times* about our issues, about our struggle, about our rights, about our court cases. So I think we've made great progress. I am extremely impressed as I have traveled around the country at the



David Mixner

dynamic, professional, successful young leadership emerging all over the country. Our best and brightest are surfacing.

*Where does the Gay and Lesbian community go from here?*

We have to be careful to look at the long term. We tend to hope that each short-term battle will be a solution. We are a ways from the solution. We can't stop until we have two things: freedom and a cure for AIDS. To get that, we will have many setbacks, but even in our setbacks we're making astounding progress. And the only question of whether we will succeed is our own will to persevere. If we have the will to persevere, we're going to get it.

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11 girls vied for the title of Miss, and 4 guys for the Mr. Gay Wisconsin title at The Pageant held at the Marc Plaza Hotel.



(L to R) '92 Miss Gay Wisconsin, BeBe Douglas, '93's Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Christopher Ellex and Lisa Spencer, '92 Mr. Gay Wisconsin Mark Hemmerlein.

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*Pictures for events from here on appear in this issue, everything described above, the photos appeared in the last issue.*

The Savage Male Revue from Ohio hit the Badger State during November, too, with appearances at **Runway 51, Club 219 Plus, Club 3054**. This friendly group of guys were very entertaining, good dancers, and didn't have an attitude like some of these touring acts do (especially the muscle boys, who don't even know how to dance most of the time! Must be the stuffed g-strings and steroids).

November 13 was a big day in both Madison and Milwaukee, with Madison's **New Harvest Foundation** holding its 7th annual dinner dance *A Seven Seas Soiree* with live tropical rhythms played by Shakere. The **Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)** pulled a big crowd to Serb Hall for their first *Harvest Hoe Down*, complete with country dance lessons, performances by Shoreline, Cream City Squares, Seers & Rowbuck, Tom Gray and Colleen Clark.

November 14 was the night of the annual **Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant** at the Marc Plaza Hotel. Hundreds of Wisconsin's *glitteratti* hit the hotel in full regalia for this annual evening of dining, and contestant cheering. The '92 titleholders, BeBe Douglas and Mark Hemmerlein both gave farewell performances (and Mark's went on, and on, and on...) and several special guests were introduced including Mr. and Miss Gay WI-USA, Duwanna Moore and Greg During. Former Milwaukee girl, and '92 Miss Continental USA, Mimi Marks, was featured in a guest spot, and emceed the girls fantasy segment (and oh girl, did she 'read' Baby Jane!).

11 girls vied for the title of Miss, and 4 guys for the Mr. title. Christopher Ellex captured the Mr. title, with Madison's Loel Buck taking first runner up. Dance was second runner up (I feel vindicated), and Sammy was third runner up. Lisa Spencer was the surprise winner of the Miss title, with Billie Blaze coming in as first runner up and Naomi LeParish as second runner up. Everyone did a good job and should hold their heads up high, it was tough competition.

An interesting side note: Lisa, the winner of the Miss title, has entered in the Mr. category in the past; and Christopher, winner of the Mr. title, has entered in the Miss category in the past. *Talk about gender-bending!!!*

The evening ran a little late, until 12:30am, but otherwise ran smoothly, except for Mark's elongated number with the missing video footage. I thought the food service was great, and the meal itself was really good. Kudos to the Pageant staff and the staff of the hotel... see you next year!

The **Victory Fund** reception at the new Skylight Opera Theater complex was quite the *too-doo*. *Glitteratti with money, honey!* And American's best known Gay couple, Rod and Bob Paris-Jackson are just sweethearts, not at all pretentious. Some of the attitude queens in this town should take some humbleness courses from them... You can read all about the soiree in my News section article this issue.

Your Place hosted an appearance by C.J. Thomas and the *Erotic Body Shop Male Revue* on the 23rd; and **Club 219** brought back *Grant Dixon's Victims of Desire* male dancers on Thanksgiving Eve. One of their dancers brought along a boa (NOT one made of feathers) and worked with it on stage. That boa took one look at DJ Kimberly Anne and said "buffet!" Grant's female strippers, "X-Per-Ts" appeared the same night at Kenosha's **Club 94**.

The 15th annual **Holiday Invitational Tournament (HIT)** was just getting underway at my deadline with their Thanksgiving weekend tournament here in Milwaukee, and I'm sure things went superbly well. Cindy, Dean and the rest of the HIT Committee just KNOW how to do these things right!

*A few quick notes...* The **Cream City Chorus** is once again appearing at the city's official Christmas tree lighting ceremony accompanied by the Milwaukee Police Department band at around 4pm in front of City Hall on December 4. **Miss Gay Wisconsin**, Lisa Spencer, is looking for cast members for her shows at BoysTown, an audition is being scheduled. If interested, call (414)645-1830 after 7pm for details and date/time. Wade, owner of **The Other Place** said things "didn't work out quite right with the landlord at his E. Greenfield Avenue location, so that spot is closed. He's looking

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## Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

We had to pull this column last issue, and Thanksgiving is here now, and making things very rush-rush around the office, so this is going to be a very limited column in its coverage, just to get it out of the way in between answering the phone and taking care of customers who come into the office...

Halloween photos appeared in the last issue, and what more can I say than all those photos? But it just ain't like it used to be. Very few people get really creative compared to the "old days" back in the 70's and early 80's (well what do you expect, I AM 42!). Bars used to give big cash prizes, but as the creativity dropped, so did the prizes they offered. (Forgive me while I reminisce, it must be The Holiday Mood...)

This is a brief run-down of some of the bigger goings on, so don't expect every event to be covered here...

Rufus and his singing machine started off a weekly Thursday night talent contest at

**BoysTown** back in early November. That's been going well for them with lots of vocalists vying for the \$50 cash prize. Rufus has the music, just bring your voice!

The **Club 94 Follies Girls** held their 2nd annual Country Show benefit for the **South East Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP)** with free line dance lessons by several Shoreline members during intermission.

The **Helen's** touring drag extravaganza, *Drag A Rama* is still hitting tour spots, with a November 6th date at **Runway 51**, and a November 27th date at **Club 3054**. These queens are just too too sick, and all for a worthy cause!

What was supposed to have been a Mr./Miss/Ms. Club 3054 contest on November 7th turned into a strictly Miss contest, when no "real" women or "real" men wanted to enter. Five girls competed for the title, with Jacquee Monet capturing the hotly contested crown.

**M&M Club** continues bringing some of the best in cabaret to the swanky nightspot, with November return appearances by comic/vocalist Khris Francis, Singational Productions Singing Machine and Tommie

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