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Our cover subjects this week are (Left to Right) Christy Bazinski and E. Marie Broussard, one of the couples featured in photographer Carolyn Ruck's upcoming show *Lesbian Couples of South Eastern Wisconsin* opening July 10 at The Counseling Center in Milwaukee. See Carmen Murguia's feature on Ms. Ruck and her project on page 37 of the 'Arts' section, this issue.

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Quotes From The March on the U.N.

City officials said it was the biggest gathering in a decade, bigger even than the Statue of Liberty centennial celebration in 1986. Police Chief John Timoney called it "the busiest day in the Police Department's history." With thousands of extra officers called out for crowd and traffic.

Chicago Tribune 6/27

Estimates of the number varied — organizers claimed 1.1 million marchers and spectators. City Hall estimated 150,000. The police estimated 100,000 at the Central Park rally, 12,000 at the main march and 6,500 at the alternative march.

Milwaukee Journal 6/27

"It's a great celebration," said Moseh Bergsdein, 29, a student from Tel Aviv, Israel. "It's about pride. It's about being part of a family. It's about celebrating our identities and being a part of a family. It's about celebrating our identities and being a part of a huge group of Gays and Lesbians from all over the world."

Milwaukee Journal 6/27

Unlike the event being commemorated, Sunday brought no clashes between marchers and police officers, and no arrests were reported. A police spokesman said the 6,200 officers on duty made up the largest number ever assigned to a single event.

Milwaukee Journal 6/27

A remarkable aspect of the day was the loose cohesion that seemed to occur, bringing together Gay Republicans and drag queens and all the diverse elements of the Gay rights movement. That diversity, many say, is both a mark of the movement's success and an impediment to achieving the single minded focus needed to force social change.

New York Times 6/27

Along the route there were a handful of hecklers and counter-demonstrations, but they barely ruffled the sea of Gay and Lesbian marchers.

The Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kan., sent 19 people to confront the marchers as they passed the corner of 51st Street at First Avenue. The protesters held up signs with messages like "Sodomy Is No Human Right," "Turn or Burn" and "Fear God, Not Fags."

The Rev. Fred Phelps, 64, called the parade "a threat to the moral fabric of our society" and added that "the Bible clearly denounces this life-style."

New York Times 6/27

Stonewall 1994



The Celebration Of A Revolution

By Bob Kent, Em P. Stoltz, C. Lichtenstein, Laura Felice and R. Michael

New York (GAYWIRE) — Sunday, June 25, 1994 represents a unique anniversary in Gay and Lesbian history. By now, all of us have heard the background of what proved to be the police raid to end all police raids on a Gay establishment. We have read the books and articles, watched the television tributes and the literary re-enactments. But nothing could prepare us for what took place in New York City on the anniversary Sunday twenty-five years later. Many words could be used to describe the feelings that day — euphoria, pride, joy, spirituality, anger, sadness, comradeship and hope, are but a few, but that only scratches the surface.

1969

Maybe it was the death of Judy Garland, maybe it was being hassled at 2 in the morning when you've had a few too many, maybe it was the full moon that night, or perhaps it was being humiliated and sneered at for far too many years... Anyway, something snapped that June 25 years ago on Christopher Street in Greenwich Village at the Stonewall Inn and the effects are still being analyzed and felt today.

It all started when six police officers pushed into the Stonewall Inn and began to roughly shove the 200 or so patrons out to the sidewalk. The patrons were a mixed bag of transvestites, teenage male hookers, dykes and some local Gays who hung out at this black walled, mafia owned bar and dance hall. The cops were used to a docile but verbal group when they raided Gay bars. Not that night. Size 11 Fuck Me pumps and coins began flying through the air and before they knew it, the cops were surrounded by 200 or so Gays and Lesbians. Passersby joined the action and the cops barricaded themselves in the bar as an increasingly confident and rebellious band formed outside.

Bar windows, which were painted black on the inside and backed with plywood, were smashed and someone found a broken parking meter and smashed it through the door. Someone else squirted lighter fluid into the bar and tossed in a lit match. Luckily for the cops, the flames were quickly put out. The siege was broken when two bus loads of police reinforcements arrived with their helmets and tear gas. Thirteen Gays were arrested that night including all five men dressed as women. No one was killed that night but lots of high heels were ruined.

For the next few days sporadic disturbances occurred and the myth was born. The Stonewall rebellion became the dividing line in the history of the liberation movement. The Gay Liberation Front (GLF) was born that night and became the outspoken organization for change in the Gay community. Things would never be the same again.

Soon after the rioting, **The Daily News** recognized the event with an article headlined "Homo Nest Raided, Queen Bees Are Stinging Mad." The article said, "New York City experienced its first homosexual riot." There is a question whether that statement is true but one thing is certain, the riot was the largest Gay and Lesbian rebellion anyone had ever seen. Those participating in the disturbances didn't realize they were at the beginning of a legend. This is probably true in most watershed events, particularly spontaneous riots.

Stonewall was not the actual beginning of the Gay liberation movement (there were about 50 Gay and Lesbian organizations in the country at that time) but it was the beginning of "Pink Power." It was certainly the empowering moment of the movement and gave people the courage to demand their rights, just like the anti-war and feminist groups had been doing for years.

1994 - SOMETHING QUEER IS IN THE AIR

Stonewall is now a symbol, an icon, the rallying cry. It's also a drink. The aperitif company Campari is advertising in magazines such as **OUT** the Campari Stone Wall (Campari, grapefruit juice and soda) and the Campari Stone Wall Riot (all the other stuff plus vodka and a garnish). Is nothing sacred? Well, maybe nothing should be. "Bartender, I'll have one Riot, please."

Full equality is still an ideal and not a reality but much has improved in 25 years. Millions of us are Out and living our lives in a way not possible in 1969. There are thousands of Gay owned and operated businesses. Right now there are over 700 Gay and Lesbian publications alone in the USA. You can take a Gay cruise (not Tom), stay at Gay resorts or even come out as a Gay cop in NYC — 350 already did. As a matter of fact, there are several openly Gay members of the White House staff. Were these things possible in 1969? I don't think so.

It's not all Bellinis and cream, though. There's still large homophobic and religious right groups out there that would like nothing better than to see us go away quietly. Sorry, Jerry, we're in your face to stay. One very nervous syndicated writer, Ray Kerrison, titled his recent *New York Post* column, *Gay Fest A Sick Game To Promote Perversion*. He said of the economic benefit the Gay Games would bring to the city, "what price degradation?" Lighten up, honey. Get a life of your own and stay out of other people's lives.

Another big change from 1969 is AIDS. It's a subject that doesn't come up as much as it should during celebrations but it's always there and the pain and suffering this plague inflicts touches us all. At the Hudson River end of Christopher Street, about five blocks from the Stonewall Inn, stands the Bailey Holt House, a 44 room residence for those with full-blown AIDS. They recently started a video project to document and preserve the thoughts and recollections of those who pass through. It's a valuable effort to preserve part of our vanishing history.

THE MARCH, THE U.N. AND CENTRAL PARK

For the past few weeks, articles in NYC newspapers were forecasting a variety of dire things; marchers clashing with police on Fifth Avenue, confusion and infighting from the organizers, a plot by the city, the mayor and the Catholic Church to re-route any parade to by-pass St. Patrick's Cathedral, that the motorcycle clubs would not be allowed to participate in the march — just about everything except an invasion of locusts and a flood. Guess what; the day was beautiful, the onlookers cheered, the hundreds of thousands of marchers beamed and the police were polite. Hardly the armageddon some predicted. There were no arrests.

The main march began promptly at 11am and was led by the Gay Activists Alliance. Following the Alliance were six baton twirlers and the 42 piece Lesbian and Gay Big Apple Corps marching band which played everything from *New York, New York* to *Les Miserables* to *It's a Grand Old Flag*. The Rainbow Flag was next. This is the largest flag ever created, stretching 20 city blocks or about one mile. It's thirty feet wide and, as the flag passed by, spectators were encouraged to toss coins on it. All proceeds go to the AIDS community. The flag will eventually be cut up into strips for contributors of \$50 or more and parts will also be donated to Gay and Lesbian community centers and AIDS organizations. It took 10,000 people just to carry the flag.

The day got hotter and, by 1pm, the temperature hit 90 degrees. The thousands of free sodas handed out by the Schweppes Company were very much appreciated. The heat started taking a toll. One middle-aged man was overheard to have said, "We're getting too old for this," and his friend replied, "Who told you to stay up until 4am?"

The U.N. March lasted over five hours and was different from the previous NYC Gay Pride marches. The only word that describes the traditional NYC parade is outrageous — lots of men in stiletto heels and garter belts, masses of tough-looking tattooed Lesbian bikers, go go boys dancing on floats, topless women and a lot of pierced skin. Sunday's march was aimed at Main Street and tried to portray a community less threatening and less challenging. Outside of the 5,000 or so on Fifth Avenue at an unauthorized march, the organizers succeeded. (See sidebar article "Separate Spirit of Stonewall March")

It took over an hour for the combined international contingent to pass by, representing nearly every country in the world.

Several people who have been to the last two Marches on Washington said the New York March wasn't quite as large as the '93 MOW, but that the NY March was much more festive.

(The Wisconsin contingent lined up with about 150 people, but as the March proceeded, hundreds more joined in from the sidelines. Most Badgers agreed there were close to 500 in the contingent when it entered Central Park. Many other Wisconsinites marched with other groups, too. When Wisconsin reached Central Park, the police detoured them and all the groups behind Wisconsin onto 7th Avenue. Wisconsin then led the March through Central Park to the Great Lawn Rally site. A Team Wisconsin member standing on the sidelines during the March holding a four foot inflatable plastic cow, was convinced to join the Wisconsin contingent after the group started chanting "We Want The Cow!" Numerous people from throughout the country were heard to comment about the exuberance & festive mood of The Wisconsin Marchers.)

"I invited a few guests and we're going to the park. What else do you do with a million people?" This comment was made by one of the lead marchers as we entered Central Park. I hope he brought enough blankets. The crowd slowly made its way to the Great Lawn in the east side of the park near 81st Street and were presented with a long list of speakers and entertainers. A few of the illuminati who appeared were: Harvey Fierstein, Charles Busch, Gregory Hines, Tony Kushner, Liza Minelli, Cheer Dallas, Ru Paul, Sir Ian McKellen and about 70 others.

Many speakers stressed the political agenda that lies ahead for us on the local, federal and global level in the struggle for human and civil rights. There are still many of us murdered, tortured and victimized by bias-related violence, which in some countries is government sanctioned. Part of the purpose of the March to The U.N.

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Separate "Spirit of Stonewall" March

Activists March On 5th Avenue

New York (In Step) — Thousands of marchers joined the "Spirit of Stonewall" unauthorized march from Sheridan Square in Greenwich Village up Fifth Avenue past St. Patrick's Cathedral before merging with the authorized U.N. march at 57th Avenue and entering Central Park together to join in the celebration of the Stonewall Anniversary.

The SOS March — organized by ACT UP, Gay and Lesbian Americans and dozens of other activist groups — was a protest march to make the point that the most urgent problem facing Gay people is AIDS. SOS was also organized to protest the blacklisting of groups, such as NAMBLA (The North American Man Boy Love Association) in the official U.N. March.

A federal judge on June 24 had refused to allow the SOS march up Fifth Avenue, setting the stage for a major confrontation. The idea of marching up Fifth Avenue into upcoming traffic would have been ludicrous and there was no guarantee that the police would not interfere. Organizers were worried that the situation could erupt into Stonewall II.

Organizers sued the city arguing that the First Amendment guaranteed them the right to stage the separate march. In his ruling, the judge provided some flexibility when he ordered the city to cooperate with the group to arrive at a resolution. Ultimately, the group was successful in pressuring the police to close Fifth Avenue to traffic and allowing the march to proceed. This decision seemingly was made just minutes before the march began at 11am, Sunday, June 26.

The SOS group wanted to march from the Stonewall Inn (across the street from Sheridan Square) but the city rejected the plan saying ambulances and fire trucks would not be able to reach people if there was a parallel parade. Observers suggested that the Fifth Avenue route was disallowed because it would pass by St. Patrick's Cathedral, home of homophobic Cardinal O'Connor, a target of past protests.

Police roadblocks greeted marchers as they gathered at Sheridan Square Sunday morning. At 10am, police moved away the barricades to allow marchers passage to the street leading to Washington Square Park and Fifth

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included a demand for the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights to include "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, drag, transgender and people with HIV and AIDS of all colors in all countries of the world."

Although there was an underlying seriousness of purpose, the March and Central Park Rally had an atmosphere of jubilation and happiness. Hundreds of thousands of people filled the Lawn to see the show, party with their friends and make new friends. The numbers may never be known — organizers, police and news media all estimate different levels. One thing is clear — there were many, many members of the tribe.

The tens of thousands that went home to different cities and countries will be bringing home with them more than souvenirs, a few phone numbers and high credit card bills. Hopefully, the sensory and emotional overload of the last few days will slowly be absorbed into their psyches to give them the strength to deal with and improve their personal situations and take the community forward. We gather strength when we know we are not alone. These past few days showed the world there are many of us, we are organized and we are an economic and political force to be dealt with. It is magical and intoxicating to realize our strength and potential when we work together.

As Leslie Feinberg, the well known transgender activist and author of **Stone Butch Blues**, said, "You can only push people against the wall so far or so long before they come out fighting. That's the spirit of Stonewall."

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SOS March...

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Avenue. Human barricades of ACT UP marshals formed against the police line.

A red convertible with a sign on it saying Stonewall Vets, joined the group as onlookers cheered. John Paul Ranieri from Milwaukee, one of the passengers in the car, told the **New York Times** he was on his first return visit to New York since the Stonewall clash, during which, he said, he was beaten two nights in a row and had to receive five stitches after a police officer hit him with a flashlight. "The only way I can describe this experience is that it is like a Vietnam vet going back to Saigon for a reunion."

Asked how he felt to see police officers lining the route, he said, "I still cringe. But what I find amazing is that they're protecting us today."

An ACT UP member led the parade, urging people to "Join us behind the banner!" Thousands more joined the SOS march by the time it reached St. Patrick's where the volume increased and the marchers began chanting, "Tell the Cardinal we're here", and participated in a mass die-in on the street in front of the Cathedral.



Forty six of forty seven seats were filled on the Wisconsin Stonewall 25 bus to New York. This photo was taken prior to their Milwaukee departure, when everyone was still in good spirits.
Photo by Ron Geiman

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International Dyke March Takes Over Fifth Avenue

"We're Dykes, Don't Touch Us, We'll Hurt You!"

New York, NY — More than 10,000 Lesbians, marching without a permit, took over Manhattan's posh Fifth Avenue in a boisterous, provocative International Dyke March on Saturday, June 25. The event was sponsored by the Lesbian Avengers and was the place to be for dykes of all varieties and stripes.

"It was incredible," said Milwaukeean Stephanie Hume. "There was everything from lipstick Lesbians to dykes in heavy boots to women with pink and green hair to women with babies in strollers."

"I don't know if it was the spirit of Stonewall or it was just me but, my, my, there were some beautiful women there," said Cindy Van Vreede. "It was a babe-fest!"

DYKE MARCH



The march began in Bryant Park in midtown Manhattan and proceeded down Fifth Avenue to Washington Square where a rally was held. Along the way, more and more women joined in, and thousands more lined the streets watching and cheering.

Chants included "Ten Percent is not enough! Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!" "We're dykes, don't touch us, we'll hurt you!" and "We want your mothers! We want your daughters! We want your sisters! We want your wife!"

Outstanding features of the march were Dykes on Bikes, a large contingent of loud and proud drummers, and the Lesbian Avengers eating fire. Wisconsin dykes report other highlights included several women on stilts costumed as large vulvas and the sight of comic Kate Clinton and her lover, politico Urvashi Vaid, lip-locking on the steps of the New York Public Library.



The International Dyke March on the Saturday prior to the UN March was organized by the Lesbian Avengers. Thousands of women took over New York City's 5th Avenue, cheered on by very supportive crowds lining the street.
Photos by Stephanie Hume and Carmen Murguia



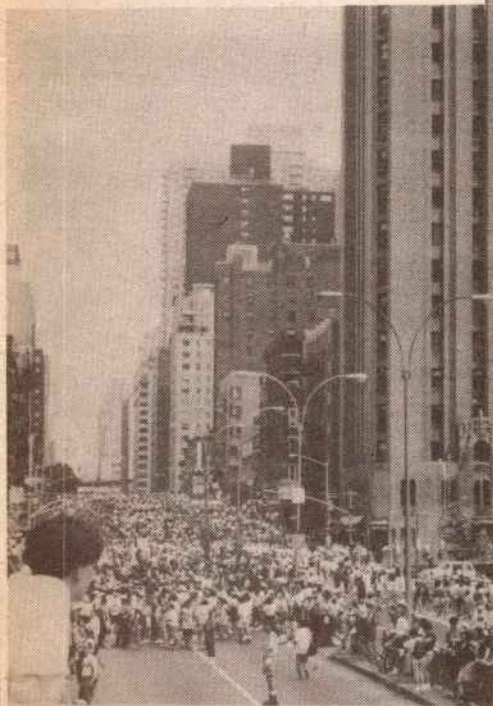


The Stonewall 25 International March on the United Nations for Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Rights and Liberation drew hundreds of thousands to the streets of New York City June 26. Wisconsin marched along with the rest of the USA and over 70 other countries.



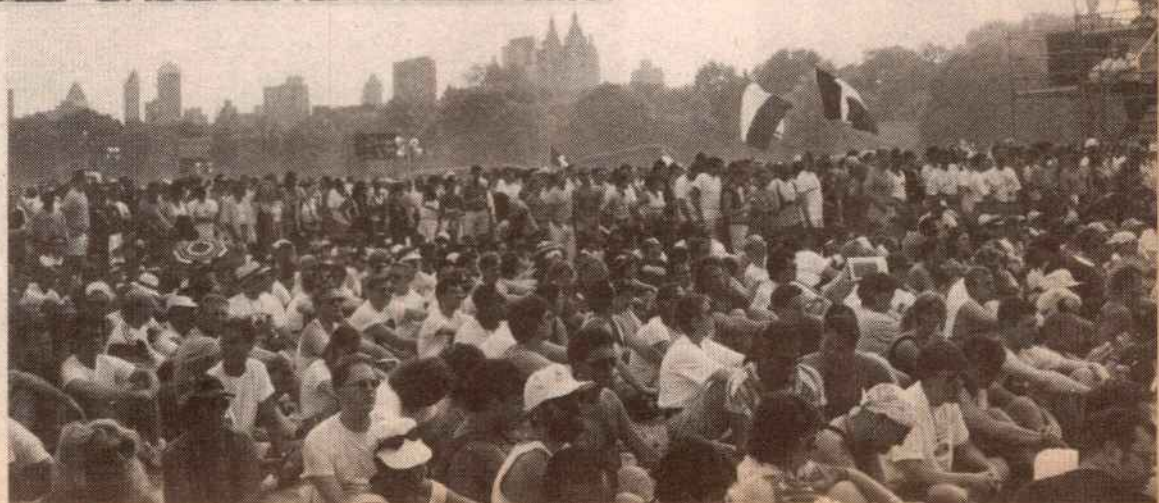
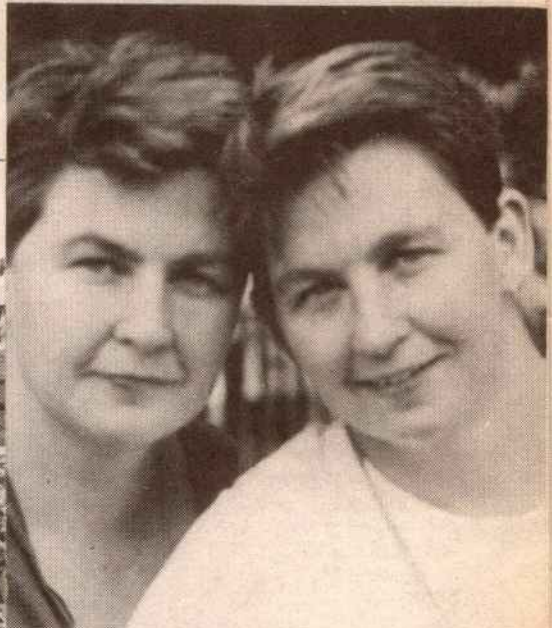
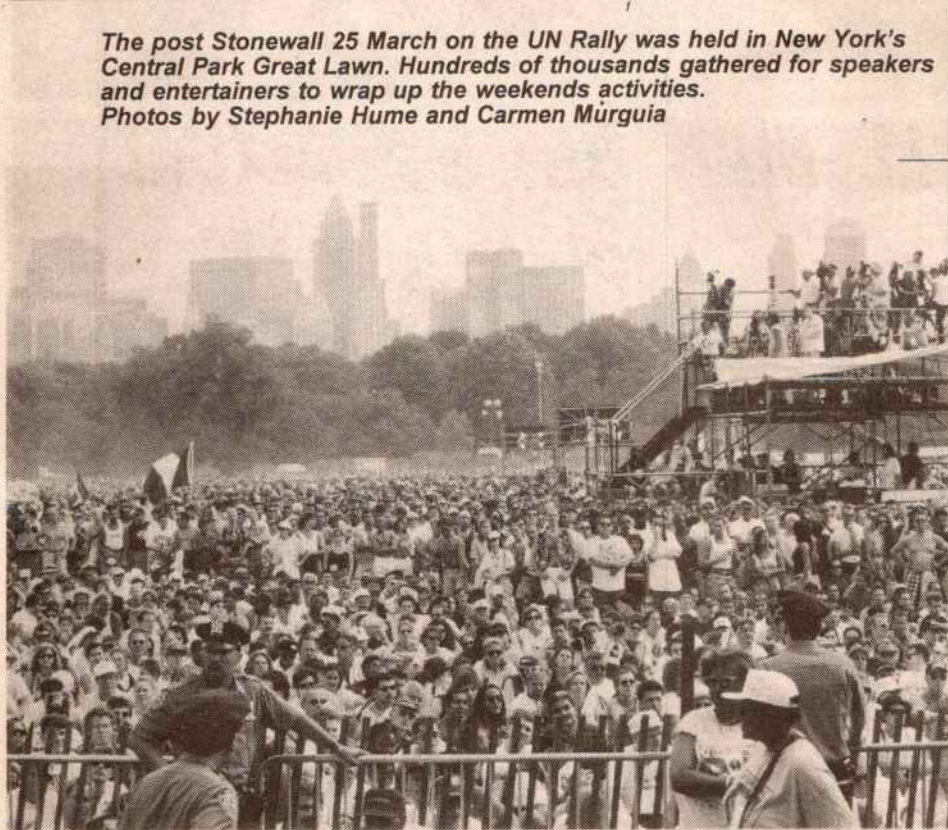


Photos by Stephanie Hume and Carmen Murguia





The post Stonewall 25 March on the UN Rally was held in New York's Central Park Great Lawn. Hundreds of thousands gathered for speakers and entertainers to wrap up the weekends activities. Photos by Stephanie Hume and Carmen Murguia



STONEWALL



Send Us Your Personal Stories of Stonewall/Gay Games

Deadline July 13

In Step had planned to print your personal stories about Stonewall 25 and the Gay Games in this issue, but as of deadline, we had received only two. **We want more!**

With all the extensive coverage we have in this issue on the Gay Games and Stonewall 25, we decided to hold those two personal observations and ask more of you to submit letters/articles for the next issue, with a cover date of July 21. Deadline is Wednesday, July 13.

There was so much going on in New York that weekend, that we know we weren't able to do it all justice in this issue, and hope that your individual articles will help fill in our coverage. We recommend you write it while it's still fresh in your mind, so you can capture your true experiences.

Type, or clearly print, your articles and mail to: In Step, 225 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204; or fax (414) 278-5868.

Profile: AIDS Fundraising

Raise The Rainbow Flag

Where do you display a mile long flag in Manhattan? The answer is obvious — from 37th to 57th Streets at the head of the largest Pride Parade ever in the world.

this Rainbow Flag Project, called *Raise The Rainbow*, is a fundraising effort of the Stadtlanders Foundation that will benefit people living with AIDS throughout the U.S.

Volunteers worked since January under the direction of Gilbert Baker (the Gay Betsy Ross) who created the first rainbow flag in San Francisco in 1978.

Karen Jacobi, spokesperson for the

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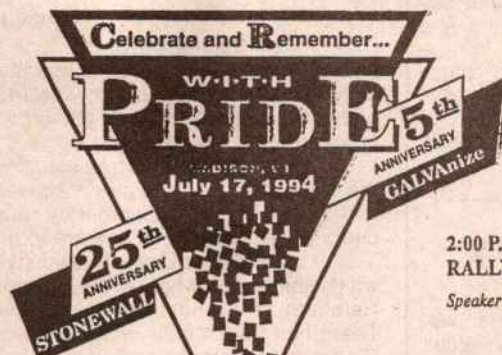
International March on the United Nations

Stadtlanders Foundation said, "We look forward to the dramatic one time only display of Raise The Rainbow as a moving and empowering experience in the ongoing fight against AIDS."

Flag Facts: 1 mile long; 7,000 lbs. in weight, 3.5 tons; 3 times the height of

Empire State Building; 52.8 football fields; 121 days to build; Required 10,000 people to carry it.

MADISON'S 1994 MARCH FOR LESBIAN, GAY & BISEXUAL RIGHTS



JULY 17th
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Gay Games Other Information

▼ According to Marlin Collingwood, Director of Communications Gay Games, the entire budget for Gay Games IV was \$6.5 million dollars — "one-eighth of one percent of the budget for the Olympics held in Barcelona."

▼ Collingwood estimates that over 2,000 people received host housing in New York and over 600 scholarships have been distributed in various forms and degrees — waiver of fees, coverage of transportation and lodging costs, food vouchers. Scholarships were based on three criteria — financial need, health status related to financial need and representation by country, city and discipline to achieve diversity.

▼ Five to six percent of the athletes enrolled have self-identified themselves as heterosexuals. Many of them have expressed that they participated for solidarity reasons; for friends, brothers, sisters, children and, in some cases, as a memorial for someone close who has died of AIDS.

▼ All uniforms for the dancers in the opening ceremonies were donated by Levi Strauss. Some teams were able to get local Gap sponsorship of in-kind services, such as shorts and shirts. Team Wisconsin was outfitted by Miller Brewing Co.

▼ New sports at Gay Games IV included figure skating (with same sex pairs competition), in line skating and sports climbing.

▼ Flag football replaced touch football and women's divisions were added to wrestling.

▼ Discontinued sports include croquet, darts and equestrian.

Gay Games History

The idea for the games was originally conceived by Dr. Tom Waddell, himself a decathlon participant in the 1968 Mexico City Olympics.

The first Gay Games was held in San Francisco in 1982. There were more than 1,300 athletes from 179 cities and 12 nations for participation in 14 sports. There has been phenomenal growth since then:

Gay Games II in San Francisco 1986 — 3,500 athletes from 259 cities and 16 nations for 17 sports.

Gay Games III in Vancouver 1990 — 7,300 athletes, 1,500 Cultural participants and 31 sporting events.

Gay Games IV in New York 1994 — 10,879 athletes from 2,900 cities and 44 countries competing in 31 sporting events.

Dr. Waddell died of AIDS in 1987. His dream, however, lives on; "Doing one's personal best should be the paramount goal in any athletic endeavor."

"So Many Gaymes, So Little Time"

Gay Games IV &
Cultural Festival



Gay Games IV In New York City

By Bob Kent, Em P. Stoltz, C. Lichtenstein, Laura Felice and R. Michael

New York (GayWire)— Take 10,879 Gay and Lesbian athletes from the four corners of the world, add Liza Minelli, Billy Strich, Bill T. Jones and the Arnie Zane Dance Company, Eartha Kitt, Steven Hayes, Kate Clinton, Ian McKellen, Quentin Crisp, Andre De Shields, Sandra Bernhard, Nancy Sondag, Hearts and Voices, Holly Near, Terrance Mc Nally, Langston Hughes, Willa Taylor, Rudolph Giuliani, Mario Cuomo, 350 Gay and Lesbian police officers, a few straights and countless numbers of other performers, politicians and sundry folk. Fold gently into The Ballroom, Symphony Space, Roseland, Yankee Stadium, Lyceum Theater, Lehman College, NYU, Hunter College, Hotel Pennsylvania, Coney Island, Tavern on the Green, Orchard Beach. Blend into one Big Apple and Voila! What do you have? "The biggest, most spectacular celebration of diversity the world has ever seen."

THE EVENTS

Unity '94's Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival was held from June 18-25 in stadiums, gyms, swimming pools, mountains and fields and performance spaces around the metropolitan area. In all, there were 31 sporting events with participants ranging from international Olympic medalists to thousands of home grown athletes. The choice of events was staggering and no one person could attend them all, though one may try.

Some consider Gay-specific sporting venues to be totally unnecessary or overly commercialized. Others, like Bruce Hayes, the 1984 Olympic Gold medalist said, "Hopefully we'll shatter some of those stereotypes that Gay people aren't athletes, because we are." Martina Navratilova commented "Gay Games IV... is a powerful vehicle for attacking homophobia and for displaying our power and pride... (it) will change the way the world thinks of us."

OPENING CEREMONIES

On Saturday evening, June 18, the Games officially opened at Wien Stadium, part of Columbia University's sports complex on the northern tip of Manhattan. The night and the crowd were hot. The 14,000 seat stadium was filled to near capacity with enthusiastic spectators who gathered to greet the nearly 11,000 athletes who marched in from the soccer field next door.

In true Olympic tradition, the founding city of the Games, San Francisco, led the procession followed by Vancouver (the previous host city). The rest of the athletes marched in alphabetical order by country, by state and by province. New York, as the current host, was the final team to arrive on the field.

Each team had its own style. Team Dallas, for example, wore black levis, white shirts and white straw cowboy hats; Team Hawaii wore double leis; Team Hamburg, sailor shirts; Team Australia wore khaki uniforms and straw hats. The Florida Team had beach balls while Amsterdam carried umbrellas with balloons on the tip. (Team Wisconsin showed off their white nylon warmup jackets emblazoned with Team Wisconsin.)

The Urban Prairie Dogs warmed up the crowd with the largest Gay country line dance ever, filling up the entire field. New York Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani greeted the crowd. Kate Clinton, "the Clinton who is not in the White House" emceed the event and thanked all of us for Coming Out. The Rainbow Flag was unfurled, oaths were taken, the flame was lit and fireworks painted the sky. As a reporter, one is supposed to be somewhat removed, but I felt such a strong feeling of pride and unity that tears came to my eyes. As Judith Light said that night, "Seeking inclusion means not seeking special rights, but seeking human rights. We see each other for who we are."

POWERLIFTING

The Powerlifting competition began at 10am on Sunday, June 19th. Although the temperature soared to 98 degrees and the gym was not air conditioned, it was standing room only for the adoring and cheering spectators. The athletes grunted and grimaced their way through the competition, lifting seemingly impossibly heavy weights. Would you believe that a 105 lb woman could lift 290 lbs.? I didn't, but it happened.

In total there were 61 athletes — 36 women and 25 men. Tom Tedesco, a double medal veteran from Gay Games III, co-chair of the event and Gold medal winner in the 100kg category this year, stated that the majority of powerlifters were 30 to 40 years old. He said, "the average age is a little older than you might think because it takes several years of training to reach this level of competition." He expressed disappointment that there weren't more men competing, but Linda Belsito, co-chair of

the event, said she believed that "it must mean that women are the stronger sex."

The three areas of competition were The Squat, The Bench and The Lift with performances rated as 1(top) to 4. Madison Powerlifter Geri Steele earned a Silver Medal in the event, and the affectionate nickname "The Woman of Steel" from her Wisconsin team-mates.

BASKETBALL

Basketball preliminaries were played on Lehman College campus in the Bronx. The enthusiasm from the crowd was overwhelming. Twenty-five squads participated in Sunday's events, from France, Germany, Holland and even some from the U.S. One of the highlights was when New York Governor Mario Cuomo came out dribbling a ball and warming up with the players. Although the visiting international press wondered if our governor was Gay, the New York crew realized that it was simply an election year. And guess what — the governor scored!

WRESTLING

The wrestling finals, held on Wednesday night, June 22 at NYU's Coles Sports complex, were a feast for the eyes. Female and male wrestlers grappled on the mats, two matches at a time. Linda Avitabile, the co-chair of the event gave an impassioned speech at the onset. "Once in everyone's life, it is wonderful to go into a stadium and hear everybody cheer." Her team, The New York Knights, got their share of cheers. They grabbed the gold in the female division, winning four top places out of six as well as two silver. Avitabile herself received the gold in the 180.5 lb weight class. No one team had a majority of the winners in the men's division, but Ed Unger, co-chair of the event, received a silver medal in the 180.5 lb weight class.

The crowd gave a tremendous ovation for Juanita Harvey, the 38 year old grandmother in spandex who was profiled in *Out* magazine. Her match was perhaps the most exciting because the competition was especially fierce. Her gold medal win in the 198 weight class was all the more savored because at the last minute she moved up a weight class.

PHYSIQUE

The Paramount Theater at Madison Square Garden, the sense of rock concerts and karate matches, has probably never had a show or an audience like the Physique Finals for Gay Games IV. The capacity crowd was sitting in the aisles for a glimpse of the tanned and oiled hard bodies that graced the stage. I pulled in my gut and had a good long look myself. The event began one hour late and seemed a little disorganized. The athletes, however, did not disappoint. John Burke (the host of cable tv's *Stonewall Place*) and Judy "I look like a pinata for the Joeffrey Ballet" Tenuta were the feuding emcees.

The eight judges had their work cut out for them as each class of athletes, the Men's Masters over age 60 and age 50 to 60, the Women's Elite over age 50, the Bantam weights, the Light weights, the Middle weights, the Heavy weights and the Mixed Pairs, each took the stage to display their talents. At least 118 individuals were whittled down to 27 finalists. There were crowd pleasers such as Duane O'Conner who flexed to a Puccini aria, Lisa Schoenberg and Marta Selvi who had the audience cheering and leering and the mixed pair who demonstrated their abilities to *Rhapsody In Blue*.

As they were giving out the medals and after an evening filled with mishaps, delays and Tenuta schtick, John Burke declared, "This is like doing a physique contest on the Titanic." 'Nuff said, John.

As with the powerlifting, drug tests are performed on all the winning athletes. The committee is using the same company that conducted drug tests for the Olympics in L.A. Final results and medals are pending the results of these tests. A bit of controversy concerning the use of steroids by HIV+ athletes erupted. Marlin Collingwood stated that such use is permitted on an individual basis but that all athletes had to sign a form indicating that this would "be a drug tested event by urinalysis. Any athlete testing positive will forfeit medal." Note: Steroids are not a standard treatment in HIV+ individuals.

VOLLEYBALL

The volleyball competition was hot and aggressive. The gold medal results of the events were as follows: Womens Division A - Team Berkeley; Women's Division B - Santa Cruz Quakes; Men's Division AA - NYC Power Authority; Men's Division A - After Shock Hamburger Mary; Men's Division BB - Houston Gentry; Men's Division B - NYC Godivas; Men's Division C - Germany Puabaspitzla.

The Wisconsin Men's Volleyball Team, **Madison Volleyball Group**, took a Bronze Medal in Volleyball while the Madison Women's Volleyball Team, **Madison Network**, (which included State Rep. Tammy Baldwin) finished in fourth place.

OTHER WISCONSIN WINNERS

Madison's Dan Lippett won a Gold Medal for in-line skating, and tennis player Mark Miller won a Silver Medal in Tennis competition. Wisconsin's Womens Soccer

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Gay Games Quotelines

During the games, "we are treated phenomenally well and with a lot of respect," said Gene Kearon, who came from Washington, DC, to swim. "Strangers wish us good luck on the bus to the competitions. It's nice to see people from all over the world — loving, hard working professional athletes — and oh, by the way, they're Gay."

Chicago Sun Times 6/26

At the Asphalt Green AquaCenter on the upper East Side, all activities stopped one day while the names of HIV positive athletes who had died or were unable to come to the games were read aloud.

The swimmer who read the list then announced that he, too, was HIV positive.

"I want to thank everyone for their love and support," he said.

Chicago Sun Times 6/26

"This is exactly what I was hoping for; it's one big Gay world," said Caitly Mahoney, a 21 year old Lesbian student who arrived from Baltimore, as she took snapshots of friends in front of the Stonewall Inn, the shrine of the Gay-rights movement on Sheridan Square.

As the Gay Games IV and Cultural Festival wrapped up, organizers and city officials said none of their worst fears had come to pass. No bias attacks against Gay men and Lesbians were reported and few logistical problems occurred. The city quietly absorbed the large influx of Gay men and Lesbians without missing a beat.

New York Times 6/26

In the nation's media capital, the coverage of the athletic events also brought some strikingly normal images of homosexuals to a wider audience than in the three previous Gay Games, which were held in San Francisco in 1982 and 1986, and in Vancouver, British Columbia, in 1990.

"We dealt with a lot of different people that hadn't had dealings with Gays and Lesbians before," said Jay Hill, the executive director of the Gay Games. "I think the image of our community has changed."

New York Times 6/26

Along Christopher Street in the village and at the finish for the marathon in Central Park, homosexuals spoke of the relief of being engulfed in people who shared their sexual orientation.

"In the Village, it's like family," said Larry Dark, of South Bend, Ind. "I'm from middle America, where you know, where you really can't come out. It's hard to be Gay there. You come to New York and you feel at home."

New York Times 6/26



*The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee slow-pitch softball team took fourth place at the Gay Games IV.
Photo by Stephanie Hume*



Photos by Stephanie Hume and Carmen Murguia



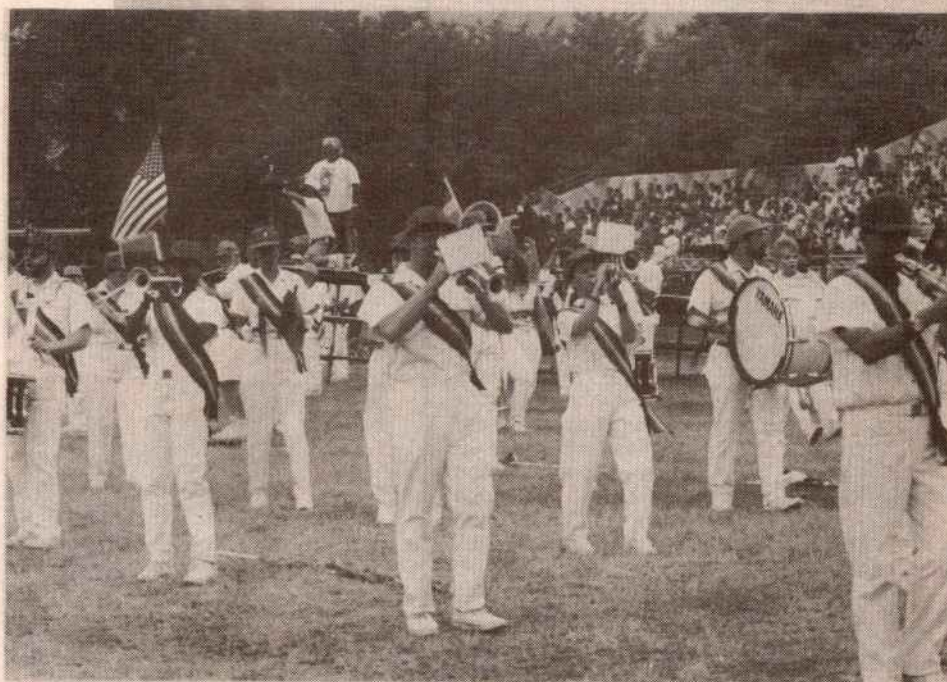
The Men's Volleyball team consisted of Jeff Pintor, John Fernsler, Kurt Janka, Bob Lingle, Bill Hoernke and Ed Hall. Congratulations! Photos by Kim Trameri

(Right) the Madison Women's Soccer Team, the Bovine Babes, captured the Silver Medal at the Gay Games. The Bovine Babes (wearing vests over white tops) are shown here battling the Colorado Beaver Trappers. The Colorado team won the gold. Photo by Kim Trameri

(Left) Madison's Mens Volleyball Team, the Madison Volleyball Group, took a Bronze Medal in the Gay Games competition.

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Photos by Stephanie Hume and Carmen Murguia



So Many Gaymes...

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Team, The Bovine Babes, captured the Silver Medal in Womens Soccer.

Milwaukee's LAMM Softball team captured fourth place, just missing out on the medal round.

CLOSING CEREMONIES

It was a hot summer night on June 25, but it was a night that we'll always remember and the world will never forget. On that night a near sellout crowd of 57,000 piled into Yankee Stadium in the Bronx to celebrate the closing of Gay Games IV.

The ceremonies began with Harvey Fierstein exclaiming, "Welcome to Yankee Stadium, these are our athletes." With that, there was a tremendous fanfare and nearly 11,000 athletes marched onto the field. It's hard not to feel a sense of pride when you gaze into the eyes of those who fulfilled their dreams and played in the games.

The hour and twenty minute procession was heightened by Judy Gold, Julia "Pat" Sweeney and Harvey Fierstein who said "Look! Lesbians who bowl! It's new! It's exciting! It's got balls!"

The festivities continued for the next three hours starting with Aprille Millo leading the stadium in the National Anthem; Barbara Cook and the Unity Chorus singing *Jack & Jill*; comedienne Suzanne Westenhoeffer, Marga Gomez and Kathy Najimy, Cindy Lauper, Cheer Dallas, Crystal Waters with her 20 Lesbian motorcycle escorts, Dianne Reeves, Lavendar Light, Armistead Maupin, Ian McKellen, Lisa Lisa, Phylis Hyman and finally Patti La Belle and the fireworks.

The whole thing was summed up when Roberta Actenberg asked the question, "Why do we do this?" She quoted Sappho of Lesbos, "Someone in some future time will think of us." The Games and the Stonewall celebration have proven to us that we do have the power to change the world.

EPILOGUE

The lotions and tapes are now packed and thousands of athletes have headed home; some with honors, but all with pride in participating in his ever growing movement.

The events brought us a little closer. Maybe we'll get there in Amsterdam for Gay Games V. Remember, we have a date in '98.

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The Gay Games were a kind of jock fantasy theme park. Professor Joan Gondola of Baruch College/CUNY, founder and chair of the first International Gay Games Congress of Athletes, Arts and Sciences, began to cry during the opening ceremonies. "There were so many of us," she said, "and we looked so good and so happy and relaxed, and you know, if you didn't know it was the Gay Games, there was no reason to believe that almost everyone there was Gay or Lesbian."

New York Times 6/26

"History has been made in New York this week," Games executive director Jay Hill says. "In addition to being the world's largest sporting event in the world's busiest city, Gay Games IV has made tremendous strides in increasing the positive visibility of Gay men and Lesbians."

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WHERE MILWAUKEE BOOGIES

Wisconsinites Win Medals at Gay Games

Badgers Bring Home Gold, Silver and Bronze

By John Cain and Jamakaya

Gay and Lesbian athletes from Wisconsin battled stiff competition along with high temperatures and humidity to bring gold, silver and bronze medals back to the Badger State. Several teams just missed a medal by placing fourth at Gay Games IV, but everyone agreed that the athletic event and cultural festival was a high point of their lives.

Madison's Dan Lippitt won a gold medal in his age division (40- 49) for in-line skating. Lippitt, who began the sport when his children bought him skates a few Christmases ago, only started training in earnest last November. But he managed to finish the 10K race with a time of 22:22, just a couple minutes shy of the fastest skaters in the elite division.

"It was really intense," Lippitt told **IN Step**. "I'd never done a 10K race before so I was concerned about pacing myself properly. But I'm really pleased with my time and what I was able to accomplish."

Lippitt said another high point for him was carrying the Wisconsin pennant for the Badger contingent as it marched into Wien Stadium for the Opening Ceremonies June 18.

WOMAN OF STEEL

Madison's Geri Steele lived up to her reputation as the "Woman of Steel" by taking a silver medal in her weight division in women's powerlifting. Steele bench-pressed 209.2 lbs., dead-lifted 374 and squat-lifted 336 lbs. Her silver from Gay Games will go alongside her first place medallion from last year's Badger State Games and a host of other honors in a little "shrine" that Steele says she has set up in her room at home.

"I'm happy with my silver," Steele said, "but I'm going to go for the gold in Amsterdam in 1998 [the site of Gay Games V]."

Steele expressed thanks for all the Badgers, especially members of the Bovine Babes soccer team, who came to cheer her on. "When I got up to lift, it sounded like I hit a home run," she said of the cheers of encouragement. "I chill went up my spine and it made me lift even harder."

The only down side, she said, was that the gym in which the powerlifting competition took place was not air-conditioned. Power-lifters struggled in 96 degree heat and, later, even water supplies ran out.

Several others criticized some of the organizing of Gay Games. The Bovine Babes, for instance, had to play their

games on a field that was more gravel than grass, leading to some otherwise avoidable injuries. Despite the rough surface and the heat, which everyone in New York had to deal with, the Babes managed to capture a silver medal in their division.

FRIENDSHIP-BUILDING

Mark Miller, also of Madison, won a silver medal in tennis. "I went there with the goal of winning one match and playing as well as I could," said Miller. Winning the silver medal "was more than I ever expected."

The tennis matches were held at the same venue as the US Open in Flushing Meadows. "It was like going to the US Open six days in a row," Miller said, and it was exciting to have access to the players' lounge usually reserved for US Open participants.

Miller learned about networks of LesBiGay tournaments around the country and made arrangements with people he met from Dallas and Los Angeles to play doubles. He met players from Japan, Canada and Denmark. "It was an incredible friendship-building experience."

"The Games are one of the highlights of my life. I put them on a par with the March on Washington last year." Miller especially liked that so many things around the city were happening in a "non-bar environment."

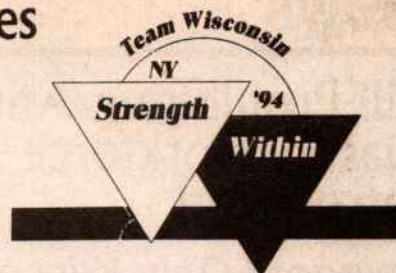
The Madison Volleyball Group, a Gay men's team, captured a bronze medal in their division which included 40 teams. "It was a really intense tournament," said Curt Janka, but "we really showed our collective experience. We were mentally a solid team."

UDDERLY BOVINE

The Volleyball Group took an inflatable cow to the Games as their mascot. The team stood on the courts during matches and "Moo-ed" and chanted things like "Milk it" and Cream them." At times the whole stadium moo-ed along with them, said Janka. "If there had been a Miss Congeniality Award, we would have won it."

Of the Games overall, Janka said: "It was an incredible experience. All the rumors about New York being unfriendly are totally untrue." Of the Closing Ceremonies June 25, he said: "I was a little disappointed not to see Barbra [Steisand], but Patti LaBelle was outstanding." Indeed, many Badgers said they were reduced to tears by LaBelle's powerful version of "Over the Rainbow" at the very end of the ceremonies.

Two Wisconsin teams just missed winning medals. The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee's softball team came in fourth in their division as did the Madison women's volleyball team.



Said LAMM coach Mary Thoreson: "I'm so proud of this team. We played 10 games, some in 100 degree weather. It was a grueling six days. But we played really hard and I think we succeeded beyond anyone's wildest expectations of what we would do in these Games."

"We came up against teams that were awesome — some really fantastic teams — and almost every team we played, it was a pleasure. It was really fun. It was a wonderful, incredible experience. Now we just have to figure out how to raise enough money to get us to Amsterdam in 1998."

Gay Games IV Events

- Aerobics
- Aquatics:
 - Swimming*
 - Diving
 - Water Polo
- Badminton
- Basketball
- Billiards*
- Bowling
- Cycling
- Figure Skating
- Flag Football
- Golf*
- Ice Hockey
- In-line Skating*
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- Marathon*
- Martial Arts
- Physique*
- Powerlifting*
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- Soccer*
- Softball Fast Pitch
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- Sport Climbing
- Squash
- Table Tennis
- Tennis*
- Track & Field
- Triathlon*
- Volleyball*
- Wrestling*

* Team Wisconsin members participated in these sports.

News

Bill Prohibiting Anti-Gay Bias in Workforce Introduced

Feingold Only Wisconsin Co-Sponsor So Far

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — New civil rights legislation which forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation in the workplace was introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives June 23. The measure already has a record number of sponsors — 112 in the House and 30 in the Senate, including Wisconsin's Sen. Russ Feingold.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) was introduced into Congress after a press conference in which Coretta Scott King and other civil rights leaders joined the bill's principle sponsors in a show of support. Principle sponsor in the Senate is Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA). Principle House sponsors are Reps. Gerry Studds and Barney Frank, both Massachusetts Democrats who are openly Gay.

Studds paid tribute to the 40-year history of civil rights progress in the U.S. but noted that "millions still have no legal protection from discrimination at all. Each year, Gay and Lesbian Americans, and others who are perceived to be Lesbian or Gay, suffer job discrimination for which they have no recourse under federal law."

ENDA, said Studds, "is simple, clear and direct. It confers no 'special' rights or privileges. Rather, it affirms that workers are entitled to be judged on the strength of the work they do, and should not be deprived of their livelihood because of the prejudice of others."

Kennedy said: "This bill is not about granting special rights. It is about righting senseless wrongs."

WHAT "ENDA" DOES

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights prepared a statement summarizing the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, including what it *will* and *will not* do. Here are the main points:

- ▼ ENDA prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of sexual orientation, extending fair employment practices — not special rights — to Lesbians, Gay men, Bisexuals and heterosexuals.

- ▼ ENDA prohibits employers, employment agencies and labor unions from using a person's sexual orientation as the basis for decisions on hiring, firing, promotion or compensation.

- ▼ Under ENDA, employers cannot subject a person to different standards of treatment based on that person's sexual orientation (real or perceived) or the sexual orientation of those with whom the person associates.

- ▼ ENDA incorporates the remedies of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 — injunctive relief and damages.

- ▼ ENDA exempts all religious organizations and small businesses with less than 15 employees.

- ▼ ENDA prohibits preferential treatment, including quotas, based on sexual orientation, and does not require employers to provide benefits to the unmarried domestic partners of employees.

- ▼ ENDA does not apply to personnel in the armed forces of the U.S.

- ▼ ENDA is not retroactive.

Many liberals and Democrats are supporting the measure as a proactive method of attaining Gay rights. But the Log Cabin Republican Clubs, Gay GOP groups, are also

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supporting ENDA. Their lobbying stresses the fairness of the bill but also emphasizes the exemptions for small employers and religious groups and its prohibition on mandated quotas.

WHY A JOBS BILL?

The introduction of ENDA into Congress marks a significant shift in strategy for Gay and Lesbian rights advocates. For almost 20 years, a federal bill guaranteeing non-discrimination in the multiple areas of employment, housing and public accommodations has made virtually no progress. Gay activists, along with pro-Gay politicians, felt that drafting a bill with a more narrow focus might be more effective.

Aware of the fact that many recent polls indicate a majority of Americans believe Gays and Lesbians should not be denied a job or be dismissed from a job because of their sexual orientation, Gay lobbyists decided to concentrate on job bias.

Workers at the Human Rights Campaign Fund conducted some important groundwork in the months before ENDA was introduced. They polled senators and members of Congress and asked each one to sign a pledge agreeing not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in the employment of their own staff members.

Seventy-one senators and 234 representatives have signed the pledge so far. The hope is that their own commitments to non-discrimination will make it much harder for them to oppose ENDA.

HRCF is also gathering documentation from around the country which dramatizes the real stories of people who have lost their jobs unjustly because of prejudice against their sexual orientation. These compelling testimonies are expected to come in handy when the House and Senate hold hearings on the bill.

In addition, the exemptions for religious groups and small businesses and the disavowal of domestic partners benefits were compromises placed in the language of ENDA to ward off attacks by right wing politicians. While some Gay activists are disappointed at giving up so much ground, others say it is a necessity if Gays and Lesbians are to see any movement by Congress at all. They believe progress is a step-by-step process.

Chai Feldblum, a Gay legal scholar who helped draft the language of ENDA, told the **Washington Blade**: "We are following in the footsteps of a traditional civil rights struggle by beginning in the workplace and moving on to other sections later."

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS!

Politicians need to be contacted and urged to support ENDA.

In Wisconsin, only Sen. Russ Feingold (D) has signed on as a sponsor. Mark Agrast, an aide to Rep. Studds, told **In Step** that Democratic Sen. Herb Kohl and Reps. David Obey and Tom Barrett, along with Republican Rep. Steve Gunderson are likely co-sponsors as well. But Agrast said that *all* members of the state delegation should be lobbied.

When calling or writing your representative, be aware that ENDA is known as HR-4636 in the House and S-2238 in the Senate. Here is the list of Wisconsin representatives along with their Washington and local phone numbers:

Sen. Herb Kohl: (202) 224-5653, (608) 264-5338, (414) 297-4451.

Sen. Russ Feingold: (202) 224-5323, (608) 828-1200, (414) 276-7282.

Rep. Peter Barca: (202) 225-3031, (414) 632-4446.

Rep. Scott Klug: (202) 225-2906, (608) 257-9200.

Rep. Steve Gunderson: (202) 225-5506, (715) 284-7431.

Rep. Gerald Klezcka: (202) 225-4572, (414) 297-1140.

Rep. Tom Barrett: (202) 225-3571, (414) 297-1331.

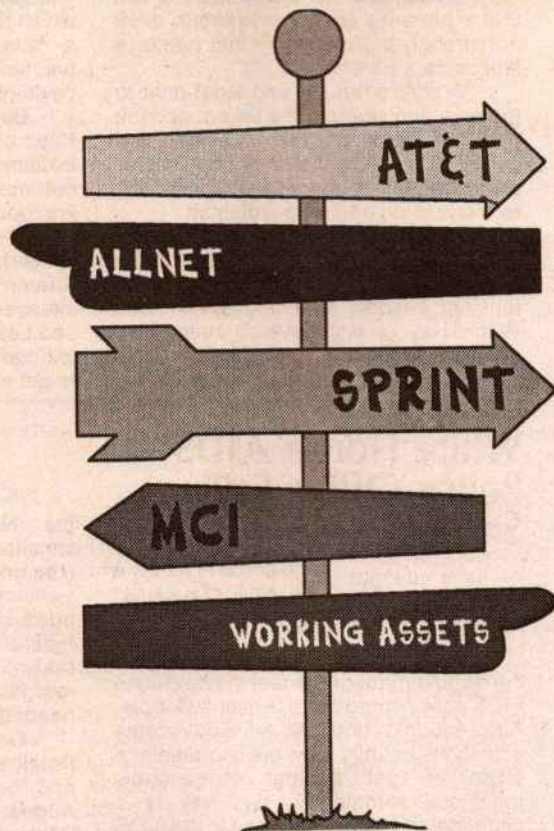
Rep. Thomas Petri: (202) 225-2476, (414) 922-1180.

Rep. David Obey: (202) 225-3365, (715) 842-5606.

Rep. Toby Roth: (202) 225-5665, (414) 739-4167.

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Lesbian Wins Custody But Child is Taken, Pending Appeal

Lambda Lawyer Calls Situation "Horrifying"

Richmond, VA — Just days after an appeals court in Virginia unanimously ruled that a lesbian mother was unfairly denied custody of her son, Sharon Bottoms was informed that an appeal of the latest decision to the Virginia Supreme Court could mean that she may not regain custody of 3-year-old Tyler for more than a year.

The reversal of fortune was stunning. Gay rights advocates praised the June 21 decision of the Virginia Court of Appeals to give custody back to Bottoms as a "breakthrough," and "a victory for Gay and Lesbian families." Bottoms had told Tyler that he could "come home and live with Mummy and April," a reference to her lover, April Wade.

But on June 24, the attorney for Tyler's grandmother, Kay Bottoms, announced her intention to appeal to Virginia's Supreme Court. Pending that appeal, which could take anywhere between six months and two years, Kay Bottoms, who has contended all along that her daughter's lesbianism will damage the child, can retain custody of Tyler.

"What we have here amounts to the kidnapping of a child solely because of anti-Gay prejudice," Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund told the *New York Times*. "The thought that the mother will have to wait, when a court has said she is a fit parent, is horrifying."

Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union, which represents Sharon Bottoms, say they will ask the court for temporary custody of Tyler while the appeals process drags on.

Richard Ryder, attorney for Kay Bottoms, told the *Times* he would oppose a custody shift. "He is a beautiful little boy," Ryder said of Tyler, "and I think the kid's going to be psychologically and physically messed up if he lives with these women."

THE RULING

The unanimous decision of the appeals court June 21 reversed the ruling of a lower court judge who stripped custody from Sharon Bottoms last September. Judge Buford Parsons had said that Bottoms' sexuality was "illegal and immoral and renders her an unfit parent."

The appeals court repudiated that

claim in a strongly worded decision that had Gay rights advocates cheering.

"The fact that a parent is homosexual does not per se render a parent unfit to have custody of his or her child," said Judge Sam W. Coleman III. "The social science evidence showed that a person's sexual orientation does not strongly correlate with that person's fitness as a parent.

"A child's natural and legal right to the care and support of a parent and the parent's right to the custody and companionship of the child should only be disrupted if there are compelling reasons to do so," said Coleman.

"In this case, the evidence fails to prove that Sharon Bottoms, the child's mother, abused or neglected her son, that her lesbian relationship with April Wade has or will have a deleterious effect on her son, or that she is an unfit parent. On the contrary, the evidence

showed that Sharon Bottoms is and has been a fit and nurturing parent who has adequately provided and cared for her son."

Parsons had based his ruling against Sharon Bottoms in part on a 1985 Virginia Supreme Court decision in which the court took custody rights from a father who had begun living with another man and gave the child to the boy's mother.

But the appeals court said the Bottoms case was different in that Kay Bottoms was not Tyler's natural parent but merely a "third party" staking an improper claim on the child.

Throughout the legal ordeal, which is now likely to span many more months, Sharon Bottoms has said she never intended to become a symbol for Gay and Lesbian rights. "I'm not a hero," she told the *Times*. "I'm just a mother trying to get her son back."

White House AIDS Policy Office Falls Short

Activists Zero In On Gebbie

Washington, DC — One year after the appointment of the first White House AIDS policy coordinator, Kristine Gebbie, AIDS Action Council and AIDS advocates across the country view the coordinator's office as yet another bureaucratic roadblock standing in the way of a coordinated federal response to the AIDS epidemic.

"The AIDS epidemic is growing more complex and intransigent. We need a White House coordinator that keeps AIDS in the center of the president's radar screen, not a public relations spokesperson who spends time giving speeches and making public appearances," says Daniel T. Bross, AIDS Action executive director. "The Office of National AIDS Policy, headed by Gebbie, is not meeting the mission hoped for by thousands of AIDS advocates. Although we continue to share our concerns with members of the Clinton administration, no action has been taken to date. Unfortunately, AIDS is still an issue that the White House prefers to dance around instead of embracing as a top domestic priority."

Among other things, the office has failed to:

- ▼ effectively advocate within the administration and on Capitol Hill for increased federal funding for HIV/AIDS programs;

- ▼ collaborate with federal departments and agencies to develop a comprehensive federal AIDS plan; and

- ▼ work with the president to promote public leadership in fighting the AIDS epidemic.

"We would like to see the Office of

the National AIDS Policy function simultaneously as a SWAT team and as a shuttle diplomacy group — responding swiftly to AIDS policy crises as well as building wider consensus within the federal bureaucracy on steps to be taken. Serious evaluation and reorganization of this office is badly needed."

Gebbie was formally appointed by President Bill Clinton on June 25, 1993, and began work in Washington on August 1, 1993. The appointment of a White House AIDS policy coordinator was seen by the AIDS communities as the fulfillment of a Clinton campaign promise and one of many steps needed to bring urgent attention to the AIDS crisis. Over 20 federal agencies and departments maintain AIDS programs, but there is little coordination among them.

In assessing the contribution of the AIDS policy office, AIDS Action recalled the recommendations of two coalitions — National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA) and Federal HIV/AIDS Agenda '93. Both coalitions made specific recommendations during the presidential transition about how the office might work. Their Agenda was developed following 25 Regional Meetings throughout the country.

AIDS Action welcomed the appointment of an experienced public health official with expertise in HIV/AIDS Prevention. But the organization's disappointment and disaffection with the office are growing. The group charged that Gebbie's office has been plagued by miscues and an ill-defined sense of mission. AIDS Action and many fellow advocates now feel that the office has actually become a stumbling block to the development and implementation of better policies.

NATIONAL News Briefs

Reno Okays Political Asylum for Persecuted Gays

Washington, DC — On June 16, Attorney General Janet Reno signed an order that allows Gays and Lesbians to apply for political asylum in the U.S. if they can prove they were the victims of persecution based on sexual orientation. The order affects a few pending applications but could have greater impact in the future as it becomes known the option is available to Gay refugees from other lands.

Julie Dorf of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission told the **Washington Blade**: "There are people who are murdered, incarcerated, forced to undergo psychiatric treatment and other forms of torture because of their sexual orientation. This step by Attorney General Reno is incredibly important to the lives of those individuals who are in serious need of refuge in the U.S."

Reno's action ratified the decision of an immigration panel which agreed four years ago to grant asylum to a Cuban, Fidel Armando Toboso-Alfonso, who claimed to have been persecuted for being Gay. Reno's order said that the decision in the Toboso-Alfonso case should be used as a guideline in assessing similar claims in the future.

Hawaii Adopts Law Banning Same Sex Marriage

Honolulu, HI — In a move that could be a serious blow to prospects for legalizing same sex marriage in the state of Hawaii, Democratic Gov. John Waihee on June 23 signed a bill forbidding the practice. The State Senate had approved the measure 21-4, the House, 34-17.

The legislation was passed in an effort to clarify the current marriage statutes and as a means of strengthening the hand of Hawaii's Attorney General, Robert Marks, who must soon go to court to prove that the state has a "compelling interest" in limiting marriage to opposite sex partners. The Hawaii Supreme Court ruled last year that the refusal of a marriage license to a same sex couple may violate guarantees against sex discrimination in the state constitution.

The judgment may ultimately be with the courts. Attorney Dan Foley, representing three Gay and Lesbian couples challenging the same sex marriage ban, told the **Washington Blade**: "We never expected to win in the legislature, and we've always expected to win in the courts."

Vermont Extends Benefits to Partners of State Workers

Montpelier, VT — Vermont has become the first state in the union to extend health and dental coverage to the unmarried partners of state employees. The legislation covers both Gay and straight couples.

The action came in mid-June when the union representing state workers signed an agreement with the state allowing the benefits for any workers who sign an affidavit saying they are in "an exclusive, enduring domestic relationship of at least six months." The agreement was reached after one worker had filed a complaint last year regarding the denial of coverage to his partner. In 1992, Vermont had outlawed discrimination based on sexual orientation.

There are 6,500 members of the Vermont State Employees Association but it is impossible at this point to gauge how many might take advantage of the coverage.

Thomas Torti, the state's Commissioner of Personnel, told the **New York Times**: "Vermont, traditionally, is a state which since the days of the abolitionist movement has supported individual rights and fought discrimination. I don't think this is going to rub a lot of Vermonters the wrong way."

Clinton Appeals Decision Re-Instating Cammermeyer

Washington, DC — Gay and Lesbian activists are furious with the Clinton administration for announcing on June 14 that it would appeal the recent ruling of a Seattle judge who ordered the reinstatement into the Army of Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer.

Cammermeyer, a 26-year veteran with an exemplary service record, was drummed out of the service in 1992 after she honestly told a panel interviewing her for a security clearance that she is a Lesbian. On June 1, Federal Judge Thomas S. Zilly said the Pentagon lacked a "rational basis" for its discriminatory policy and ordered that Cammermeyer be reinstated.

But the Clinton administration appealed the decision as it has previous rulings in favor of Midshipman Joe Steffan and Petty Officer Keith Meinhold, also ousted because of their homosexuality. Many Gay activists find this a complete turn-around from Clinton's campaign pledge to lift the ban on Gays in the military.

In their appeal of the Cammermeyer decision, government attorneys asked for an immediate hearing, saying Cammermeyer's reinstatement would "irrevocably harm" the morale and effectiveness of the military, in this case, the Washington State Army National Guard.



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NEA Budget Cut Again as Dornan Blasts "Porno Freaks"

Washington, DC — The National Endowment for the Arts has once again become a political football in Congress. The NEA faces renewed budget cuts after conservative representatives cited a tiny grant to a controversial performance artist as evidence that the NEA funds pornography.

The House of Representatives voted for a 2% reduction in NEA funding (down to \$170.2 million), while a proposal in the Senate calls for a 5% cut. Leading the anti-NEA forces were Reps. Bob Dornan and Cliff Stearns, both Republicans, and Sen. Robert Byrd (D) and Sen. Don Nickles (R).

Critics cited a \$125 grant to the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis which sponsored a performance by HIV-positive actor Ron Athey. In part of his show, Athey drew blood from his skull, soaked the blood up with paper towels and then hung the towels on a clothesline. Rep. Dornan thundered: "I can't comprehend the mystery of how these porno freaks keep getting this money."

NEA Chairwoman Jane Alexander has defended the grant in the name of artistic freedom. Rep. Norman Dicks (D) said: "We've had over 100,000 grants, and only about 50 have been controversial. Anyone who knows anything about art knows that with the arts you will always have controversy."

Plan for Lesbian and Gay History Month Gains Momentum

Chicago, IL — A growing number of academics, archives and educational institutions are endorsing a national effort to proclaim October Lesbian and Gay History Month across the U.S.

The purposes of Lesbian and Gay History Month, according to a release from the Gerber/Hart Gay & Lesbian Archives in Chicago, are: to educate society about the contributions made by Lesbians, Bisexuals and Gay men to history; to reclaim out heroes and heroines whose contributions have been ignored or erased; to identify role models for the nation's Gay and Lesbian youth; to accomplish this during an academic calendar month and focus on the schools to best impact young people and reduce fear and hatred toward Gays among future generations.

Those endorsing the Lesbian and Gay History Month effort so far include historians Martin Duberman, Jonathan Ned Katz and George Chauncey. Groups include the International Gay and Lesbian Archives in Los Angeles, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation and the Gay and Lesbian Committee of the American Historical Association.

Groups wanting to endorse the effort should contact: Lesbian and Gay

History Month, c/o Gerber/Hart Gay & Lesbian Library and Archives, 3352 N. Paulina, Chicago, IL 60657, or call Rodney Wilson at (314) 352-6011.

Also on the Newswire...

Washington, DC — A group of 78 GOP senators has called on President Clinton to dismiss Dr. Joycelyn Elders from her position as Surgeon General. The latest furor occurred after Elders spoke at the National Gay and Lesbian Health Conference and attacked the "un-Christian religious right." "We've got to take on those people who are selling our children out in the name of religion," she said.

New York, NY — The Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation has bestowed grants totaling \$1.3 million on Gay and Lesbian groups, the largest single donations to Gay groups ever undertaken. Beneficiaries include the National Center for Lesbian Rights, the Hetrick-Martin Institute (which works on Gay youth issues), the Astrea National Lesbian Action Foundation, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Hays fellowship Program at New York University Law School, which funds civil rights litigation.

San Diego, CA — The City Council of San Diego has voted 5-4 to extend health insurance and other benefits to the unmarried domestic partners of Gay and straight municipal employees. The vote came within the context of contract negotiations with unions that represent city workers.

New York, NY — Gay choreographer Bill T. Jones and Lesbian poet Adrienne Rich were among ten artists who recently received huge grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. There are no strings attached to the grants which range from \$235,000 to \$375,000.

Washington, DC — Luke Sissyfag, the AIDS activist best known for disrupting speeches by President Clinton and other officials, is running for Mayor of Washington DC. With 20,000 HIV-positive people in the District, Sissyfag says "AIDS is the number one life-and-death issue facing the people of Washington."

New York, NY — Bruce Mailman, who owned several theaters as well as the New St. Mark's Baths and the Gay disco The Saint, died of AIDS complications on June 9. He was 55. Mailman owned the Astor Place Theater and the Truck and Warehouse Theater, which houses the New York Theater Workshop. He produced off-Broadway plays in the 1970's. The New York City Health Department closed the St. Mark's bathhouse in 1985, citing health concerns about unsafe sex.

Corvallis, OR — Beginning July 1, all Oregon State students and their unmarried domestic partners became eligible for on-campus family housing that previously had only been available to married couples and their children. A spokeswoman for the university said the new policy recognized the diversity of the student body and was "part of a national movement on college campuses."

Seattle, WA — Seventy-six percent of the members of the University Fellowship Church, a liberal congregation affiliated with the United Church of Christ, have voted to hire a Gay couple to share ministerial duties for the church. Peter Ilgenfritz and David Shull were greeted by their congregation with cheers.

Washington, DC — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has moved its offices to an expanded and more accessible location. The new address is 2320 17th Street, N.W. The telephone and FAX numbers remain the same: (202) 332-6483, (202) 332-6219 TTY, and (202) 332-0207 for faxing.

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New Location To Double Space For AIDS Project Services

MAP to Move Downtown in September

Milwaukee — On September 1, the **AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Milwaukee AIDS Project and Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium** will move to a new location at 820 N. Plankinton Ave. in downtown Milwaukee that will nearly double usable space for program expansion and service delivery.

"Our decision to move is based solely on our determination to keep pace with a worsening AIDS epidemic over the next decade," ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson explained. "Our bottom line is that we need more space to deliver more services to more people who come to us for care and support." Through the first five months in 1994, 1,000 people with HIV and AIDS have been served by the agency.

The four story, 26,000 square foot Plankinton Street building will increase capacity by 75 percent over the current Court Street facility. The building is completely handicapped accessible and offers convenient free parking across the street and special designated handicapped street parking in front of the building for consumers. The centralized downtown location is also convenient to many bus lines. ARCW will rent the new space and occupy the entire building.

"This move allows us to immediately expand services," Nelson said. "We are investing heavily in state-of-the-art services for the AIDS community."

Nelson said the new location would provide the following improvements:

- ▼ Expansion of the MAP Food Pantry to twice its current size;
- ▼ A children's play area;
- ▼ Three dedicated, private support group rooms;
- ▼ Eight confidential, sound-proof client counseling rooms;
- ▼ New clinic space for the Early Intervention Program;
- ▼ Private rooms for cooperative therapy sessions;
- ▼ A large client lounge;
- ▼ Increased space for legal, housing and support services for clients;
- ▼ Improved conditions for confidentiality and safety in and around the facility;
- ▼ A large dedicated Training Center;
- ▼ Expansion of the Wisconsin AIDS Library to three times its current size.

WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM?

Because the ARCW entered into a ten year lease, the landlord assumed much of the renovation cost for the new facility. The majority of renovations are being done in client service areas.

To finance the move, ARCW received substantial foundation support from the Milwaukee Foundation, AmFAR, and WEPCO (WI. Electric Power Co.).

For 1994, ARCW's occupancy cost at Court Street (rent, utilities, maintenance, insurance) is approximately 4.5 percent of the total budget. In 1995, ARCW projects an occupancy cost at the new Plankinton Ave. location of 5 percent of the total budget. (These are considered very low percentages.)

ARCW reviewed and considered over 30 properties in the area. Their goal was to not spend a lot on the facility or renovation to maximize resources for direct services.

The last major renovation of the

Court Street building was in Sept. 1992 when warehouse space was converted to offices. Since then, clientele has increased by one-third and major service expansion occurred in the housing, legal and food programs as well as a major new program — early intervention. ARCW was forced to move because of continuous increases in client numbers.

"The new building will provide for substantial expansion of physical space over the next ten years. Hopefully, at that time, there will be no need for ARCW and we can pack our bags and go home!"

ARCW's largest service agency, the Milwaukee AIDS Project, is continually challenged to expand and increase HIV services in the Milwaukee metropolitan area, which has one-half of the state's AIDS caseload. Its current Court Street location has no more room for service expansion.

More information on the move will be reported in the coming months.

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Baldwin Cleared of Alleged Ethics Violation

Madison — The State Ethics Board has cleared State Rep. Tammy Baldwin of allegations lodged by a self-described Christian conservative that she improperly used her office phone as a contact number for the Gay/Lesbian advocacy group Action Wisconsin: A Congress for Human Rights.

Eau Claire resident Charles Lee filed a complaint charging that Baldwin was guilty of ethics violations because the phone number at her Capitol office was listed in an America Online bulletin board as Action Wisconsin's number.

The Board interviewed Judy Trampf, who posted the bulletin and confirmed that she included Baldwin's number without Baldwin's knowledge. The Board also interviewed Terry Boughner, editor of **Wisconsin Light**, who said that he had used Baldwin's number without her knowledge as well. A Baldwin aide, Mike Verveer, told the Board that the situation with the **Light** had been corrected.

In a June 30 letter to Baldwin, the Ethics Board said: "The Ethics Board recognizes that legislators often become involved in building coalitions and support networks on policy issues that may come before the legislature and may provide information to constituents and others about existing special interest organizations. Your activities in this regard appear no different, for example, than those of a legislator who encourages individuals interested in environmental issues to contact his or her office for information on environmental organizations..."

"Based on our investigation," wrote R. Roth Judd, Executive Director of the Ethics Board, "the Ethics Board staff has not found a sufficient basis to believe that you violated the Ethics Code or to recommend that the Board proceed further with this matter."

"Dahmer Cop" Gabrish Quits the Milwaukee Police Force

Milwaukee — Joseph Gabrish, one of two Milwaukee police officers fired for dereliction of duty in the Jeffrey Dahmer case and later ordered reinstated by a judge, has decided to leave the Milwaukee Police Department permanently.

"I just didn't feel that I could be an effective officer in the city as a result of the way things played out," Gabrish told the **Milwaukee Journal**.

Gabrish's resignation came just four days after returning to work with the MPD after Reserve Judge Robert Parins ordered that he and his partner, John Balcerzak, were improperly dismissed. In the almost three years since his firing, **IN STEP** ▾ July 7-20, 1994 ▾ Page 24

Gabrish had found employment as a police officer in the town of Grafton, where he said he plans on staying. Balcerzak has operated a tavern, Fuzzy's, on Milwaukee's south side. He will apparently continue with the MPD.

Gabrish and Balcerzak were fired by Police Chief Philip Arreola after it was learned they had had contact with serial killer Dahmer several months before he was finally apprehended. They returned 14-year-old Konerak Sinthasomphone, who was fleeing Dahmer, back into Dahmer's custody. Dahmer killed the boy and four other men before being arrested in July, 1991.

The Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission sustained their firing and found them guilty of numerous failures of duty, including failure to confirm the identity of a minor in distress and failure to listen or take the names of witnesses who pleaded with them that Dahmer was up to no good. The officers appealed that decision and were ordered reinstated in April.

Balcerzak was assigned late last week to work the night duty in the communications operated division which handles 911 calls.

ARCW Lobbies for More Equitable Federal Funds

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin has stepped up its lobbying as Congress acts on the 1995 federal budget. A House sub-committee recently reduced President Clinton's budget request for Ryan White CARE Act funding from \$672 to \$626 million.

The sub-committee increased prevention funding by \$63 million, however, far above what Clinton had proposed. As a whole, the Ryan White CARE Act is slated to receive a \$47 million, 8% increase. Title II of the CARE Act, which funds Wisconsin, received the smallest increase of all the Titles at only \$12 million, a 6.5% increase.

"Although we are especially pleased by the sub-committee's commitment to HIV prevention funding, we are greatly concerned with the small increase in Title II funds of only \$12 million," said ARCW's Mike Gifford. "This would provide only a \$75,000 increase in CARE Act funding for Wisconsin next year, far below the funding that is needed to keep pace with the AIDS epidemic."

ARCW is shifting focus to the Senate Appropriations Committee on which Wisconsin Sen. Herb Kohl is a member. Gifford urges people to contact Sen. Kohl and ask him to work to restore the \$18 million the House cut from Title II funding. Kohl can be reached at (202) 224-5653 or at 330 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Madison Lesbian Sent Home From Foreign Exchange Program

Madison — The Associated Press reports that a Lesbian teenager from Madison says she was sent back home from her foreign exchange visit to Brazil because of anti-Gay prejudice.

Rotary International, sponsor of the exchange program, ordered 17-year-old Jamie Melchert back to the U.S. after just 45 days abroad, after she allegedly engaged in inappropriate behavior. Melchert reportedly kissed a girl in a school hallway. Melchert says she was the victim of "close-minded people" who had learned that she is a Lesbian.

"It hurt me a lot because I was having such a good time and I was doing something I really wanted to be doing," Melchert told AP. "Then just instantly [they said]: 'Jamie, you're going home.'"

Melchert has asked for the chance to travel to another country, but a Rotary official said that was unlikely: "If she was sent out for disciplinary reasons, why would we reassign her someplace else?"

Convicted Killer Charged in Death of Professor Jones

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Milwaukee — Milwaukee police have charged Chicagoan Kennedy Spencer, 28, with the stabbing murder of UW-Milwaukee Professor Robert B. Jones last November at Jones's Juneau Village apartment. Spencer is a convicted killer currently awaiting sentencing in Chicago after which time he will be arraigned on charges in Milwaukee.

Jones's body, riddled with multiple stab wounds, was discovered November 15. The complaint says Spencer went up to Jones's apartment on November 13. He told an acquaintance who waited outside that he needed to collect some money. Spencer emerged from the building driving Jones's car and explained to his friend he had taken the car in lieu of cash. They then drove to Chicago where they sold Jones's car. Spencer allegedly told the other man, "The sucker ain't going to be able to testify against anybody again."

Several sources informed **In Step** that Jones was a closeted Gay man. Shortly after his murder, detectives went to local Gay bars seeking information about Jones or his assailant. But police say now that the crime did not appear to be Gay-related.

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INTERNATIONAL News Briefs

Sweden, Greenland Okay Partners Laws

Stockholm — On June 7, the Swedish parliament voted 171-141 to adopt the Registered Partnership Law which gives Gay and Lesbian couples many of the rights and responsibilities of heterosexual married couples.

The law goes into effect in January, 1995 at which time same sex couples will be allowed to marry in civil ceremonies. They will be entitled to the same inheritance, health, pension and other benefits that straight married couples have always taken for granted. The law prohibits same sex couples from adopting children, however, and also forbids them from utilizing artificial insemination.

During debate on the measure in the Swedish Riksdag, Elisabeth Persson of the Leftist Party said same sex marriage "protects a personal relation. It is a small but important contribution to love."

Sweden now joins Denmark and Norway as countries where same sex couples can partake in civil marriage ceremonies. Greenland, a territory of Denmark, also approved Gay marriages earlier this year.

Mexico Promises New Probe of Gay Murders

Tuxtla-Gutierrez — The governor of the southern Mexican state of Chiapas, scene of an ongoing peasant uprising, has ordered a new investigation into the murders of as many as 25 transvestites and Gay men between 1991 and 1993. Jorge Gamboa Borraz, a private attorney, was appointed to conduct an independent probe.

The action follows months of lobbying by Mexican human rights activists with support from the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. They claim that local police failed to adequately investigate the killings or draw any connections between them. Most of the victims were found shot with high caliber weapons of the type the police themselves use. Some had been tortured.

The Commission is skeptical that the new probe will uncover the truth because harassment and arrests of transvestites continue and the state prosecutor has insisted that Gamboa Borraz work only through its offices. Letters of protest can be sent to: Javier Lopez Moreno, Gobernador Interino del Estado de Chiapas, Palacio de Gobierno, Tuxtla-Gutierrez, Chiapas, Mexico.

British Gays Seek Royal Pardon for Oscar Wilde

London — The Gay group OutRage has petitioned Queen Elizabeth asking that she issue a royal pardon for writer Oscar Wilde, the wit and satirist whose career was ended when he was found guilty of "indecent acts" with another man and jailed in 1895.

"His victimless behavior," wrote OutRage spokesman Peter Tatchell to the Queen, "was made criminal by laws which are now recognized by all democratic countries and civilised peoples as being a violation of human rights."

Activists hope the pardon will come by next year, the 100th anniversary of Wilde's conviction on sodomy charges. The acclaimed author of *The Picture of Dorian Gray* and *The Importance of Being Earnest* served two years in prison and then moved to Paris, where he died in poverty in 1900. *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*, a poem about his prison ordeal, is also considered a classic.

Gay Sex Denounced in New Catholic Catechism

Vatican City — The Vatican recently unveiled a new English language version of the official catechism of the Roman Catholic Church and, to no one's surprise, the document once again condemns homosexual sex as "intrinsically disordered."

"Basing itself on sacred scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity," says the document, "tradition has always declared that homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered... Under no circumstances can they be approved."

The document goes on to say that the number of people "with deep-seated

homosexual tendencies is not negligible. They do not choose their homosexual condition; for most of them it is a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

The new catechism also calls divorce "a grave offense against natural law" and birth control "morally unacceptable." Abortion is termed a "moral evil," and the ordination of women "is not possible."

Meanwhile, the official Vatican newspaper took a swipe at Lesbian mothers in its June 22 edition. The commentary said: "No child loves being known as the child of an unmarried mother, even less so of a Lesbian mother. Every child has the right to be born into a regular family made up of a man and a woman."

Orthodox Jews Disrupt Gay Holocaust Ceremony

Jerusalem — The first-ever memorial service for Gay victims of the Nazi Holocaust, held at the Yad Vashem Memorial May 30, was disrupted by a handful of Orthodox Jews shouting "AIDS!" and "Homos! May God save you!" Police apprehended four protesters who refused to stop their disruption.

Nineteen rabbis took out a full page ad in the *Jerusalem Post* prior to the event calling the Gay Holocaust ceremony an "abomination" and "a defilement of God's name." They encouraged people to protest.

The event drew over 100 people from 12 different countries who toured the memorial's exhibits and said special prayers of remembrance for homosexual victims of the Holocaust.

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July 16-17 Weekend in Madison Celebrates Pride

MAGIC Picnic, GALVANize March

Madison — The 21st annual **MAGIC Picnic** will be held on Saturday, July 16 from Noon to 6pm at Madison's Brittingham Park (located at corner of West Washington and Park Street, on the shores of Lake Monona just west of Highway 151). The day long event draws thousands from throughout the Midwest for a day of food, drink, sun, games, water sports and music. Vendors will return again this year offering their wares at tables along the waterfront. It is "The" Madison LesBiGay social event of the year.

Proceeds from the picnic will be divided up between 14 LesBiGay and AIDS community groups. Profits donated to participating organizations over the last 20 years exceeds \$60,000.

There are three options available for participants: \$8 for food, beer and soda; \$5 for food only; \$5 for beer or soda only. Payment is made at the pavilion at the center of the site.

GALVANIZE MARCH & CELEBRATION

On Sunday, July 17, The Gay and Lesbian Visibility Alliance (**GALVANize**) is sponsoring a Rally/March/Celebration in downtown Madison. The Rally on the Square will begin at 2pm on the corner of State Street and N. Carroll Street, the western steps of the State Capitol building. State Representative Tammy Baldwin will speak and charge up the crowd for the March down State Street.

The March steps off at 2:30pm and will travel west on State Street to the University Library Mall. Groups and individuals are encouraged to march. There is no advance registration or fee involved. The March will Celebrate and Remember with Pride the 25th Anniversary of Stonewall and the 5th Anniversary of GALVANize.

To wrap up the celebration, there will be entertainment at the Library Mall with emcee Linda Lenzke. Entertainers include *Her Face with Mary Waitrovich*, *Melody Miller*, *Ann Lucus*, *Dairyland Cowboys*, *Tops 'N Bottoms* and *WE*.

For more information, call (608) 256-4289.

Twin Ports Pride Events

Superior — Since 1986 there have been events in the Twin Ports to celebrate LesBiGay pride. This year there are even more events planned. There will be two Quilt panel making workshops on Wed. July 13th & 27th. For more information contact the Northern Gay Mens Center (218) 722-8585. There will be two Film Festivals in July also. On the 15th & 16th there will be a film festival at the DeWitz Marketplace, 3rd floor, 394 Lake Ave., S. Duluth. There will also be a second on the 29th & 30th, same place. For more information call the Gay Mens Center.

In August there will be a picnic at Billings Park in Superior starting at 1pm. Bring your own food to grill and a dish to share. Also feel free to bring swimming suits, canoes, and children. On Friday, August 12th there will be an AIDS vigil in Duluth starting at 6:30 at the Lake Place Park. Bring a quilt panel, memorabilia, and yourself. The rain site for this event is at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 219 N. 6th Ave. E., Duluth.

Action Wisconsin Meets In Northwoods

Action Wisconsin has been invited by the **10% Society of UW Stout** to hold it's July meeting in Menomonie. Action Wisconsin is a newly formed statewide network for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, & Transgenders. It is Action Wisconsin's goal to build a statewide network of support in order to obtain and maintain LGBT's civil and human rights.

The meeting is scheduled for July 9th at 1pm. The location is the Menomonie Public Library; Meeting Room. For additional information pertaining to the Menomonie meeting please call the UW-Stout 10% Society at (715) 232-1765.

For information about Action Wisconsin: P.O. Box 342, Madison, WI 53701; (608) 255-2078.

Final 3 WI-USA Preliminaries

We're down to the final 3 **Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA Preliminaries: Miss City of Festivals**, Wed. July 13, 219; **Miss Gay Kenosha**, Sat. July 30, Club 94, and **Miss Gay Green Bay**, Sat. Aug. 6 Za's.

A reminder to all the procrastinators that you must be the winner or first runner-up of a preliminary to compete in the **Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA** Pageant this September.

LAMM Raises Over \$1300 For Women's Center

Milwaukee — A team of **LAMM (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)** members participated in the first annual *Walk Against Family Violence* on June 18, to benefit the Milwaukee Women's Center. The LAMM team raised over \$1300, the highest amount collected of all 45 teams entered including corporate teams. Overall, the Walk raised approximately \$50,000. First prize for the top team was a behind the scenes tour of the Milwaukee County Zoo which LAMM has donated to the Women's Shelter.

The Milwaukee Women's Center plans to hold a second annual Walk on Father's Day weekend in 1995 and LAMM challenges all organizations to help raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Sherman Park Assn. Celebrates Anniversary

July 15

Milwaukee — The **Sherman Park Rainbow Association** will mark its one year anniversary with a cookout on Friday, July 15th at Loose Ends, 4322 W. Fond du Lac Ave. beginning at 6:30pm.

Those attending are encouraged to bring either something to throw on the grill or a side dish to share. The association will be recognizing those members who have helped to make this past year such a success.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring a non-perishable food or personal care item to kick off a food drive for MAP being sponsored by Loose Ends.

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MAPFest to be Held September 4

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's (ARCW) 9th annual MAPFest a benefit for AIDS care, prevention and research, will be held on Sunday, September 4, noon to 10:30pm at the Performing Arts Center's Peck Pavilion and riverfront grounds. Held annually as a celebration of pride and caring, MAPFest honors the Gay and Lesbian community and friends for years of loyal support throughout the AIDS epidemic.

This year, festgoers can look forward to winning wacky and wonderful prizes in the game alley, finding unique items in the Marketplace, choosing their favorites in the dog show and laughing and dancing to some of the best entertainment around.

Throughout the day, people will have the opportunity to purchase a balloon and dedicate it by attaching the name of a loved one. At dusk, the balloons will be released in a colorful tribute to our family members and loved ones who have died of AIDS.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Enjoy a \$1 admission discount with a donation of 3 non-perishable food or personal hygiene items at the gate for the Milwaukee AIDS Project Food Pantry.

A pre-Fest raffle will offer a variety of prizes including round trip tickets for two to Florida compliments of Bottom Line Travel and a cocktail cruise for two on the Edelweiss.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dozens of energetic, outgoing volunteers are needed to help make

MAPFest '94 a success. Those interested are encouraged to contact MAP at (414) 273-1991 or (800) 359-9272 for more information.

MAPFest is produced by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. as a benefit for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project - Kenosha, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project - Eau Claire, and the Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium.

Volunteers Top 1,000 at AIDS Resource Center

Milwaukee — Eighteen months ago, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) had 526 volunteers, ironically, the agency was providing case management and social services to 526 people with HIV disease and AIDS as well. In June 1994, ARCW welcomed its 1,000th volunteer, at a time when it was expecting its 1,000th consumer to walk through the doors.

The volunteer program has kept pace with AIDS as the epidemic continues to escalate. For every paid staff member, there are now ten volunteers.

"The volunteers in this agency all share a deep commitment to conquering AIDS," said Cheryl Lucas, ARCW's recently hired director of volunteer resources. "They come to the agency with the desire to do what needs to be done and they have the diverse skills that are needed to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve."

The volunteer program has evolved into a network of caring individuals with a variety of skills, abilities and interests that help make the services provided by the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Southeast

Wisconsin AIDS Project, Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project and Wisconsin Community-Based Research Consortium possible.

Growth in community education, Gay outreach, housing services, companion care, food services, transportation and case management assistance as well as an increased reliance on fundraising activities have all contributed to the growth of the volunteer program.

The ethnic diversity of volunteers has also changed. Recruitment efforts in the African-American and Hispanic/Latino communities have increased as the diversity of the consumers utilizing agency programs continues to evolve.

"For example," said Lucas, "we match consumers as closely as possible with volunteer buddies with whom they can relate and feel comfortable."

The volunteer program also seeks to meet the needs of the volunteers themselves. Some may be seeking professional experience before they enter the work force. Others want to try utilizing new skills. For many volunteers, their time spent volunteering fulfills a personal desire to make a difference. "But," said Lucas, "recognition is also important. We want our volunteers to realize on a daily basis how crucial their work is. We literally could not provide the comprehensive services we do without their generosity and dedication."



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"Miss M" To Be Honored July 18

At Wisconsin Continental Pageant

Milwaukee — "Miss M" — a dedicated and tireless worker on behalf of The Pageant, MAPFest and other causes in the HIV+ arena, will be honored posthumously with the 1994 Wisconsin Continental Gingie award at the **Miss Wisconsin Continental Pageant** on Monday, July 18, 10pm at Club 219+.

The Gingie is the original, hand-sculptured statue of the Miss Wisconsin Continental system, and was created last year in conjunction with the first Wisconsin Continental Pageant presented by Top H.A.T. Productions, the event management arm of Havlicek & Associates.

The Gingie was the brainchild of Annabelle Havlicek, owner of Top H.A.T. Productions. "I wanted to give an award that was totally different from the usual trophies and plaques. A piece of original artwork came to me when I was watching an awards show." Bill Darling, the sculptor who created the Gingie, has a studio in downtown Milwaukee, and sculpts, fires and glazes each annual series of awards.

"I decided to award a special Gingie award to an outstanding female impersonator from the state of Wisconsin each year. Last year I awarded Miss Ginger Spice the first annual special Gingie award. Ginger owned the Wisconsin Continental system prior to Top H.A.T. Productions, and Miss M owned it previously to Ginger."



Miss Continental USA Monica Munro will be the featured guest at the Miss Continental Wisconsin Pageant July 18 at Club 219.

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"I hope that next year's annual special Gingie award will be awarded to someone we have not lost to AIDS or AIDS related illnesses."

Gingies are also awarded to the Winner, First and Second Runner-Ups. Contestants interested in competing can call (414) 271-5819 (10am-6pm) or (414) 271-0322 for applications and additional information.

Scheduled to perform at the July 18 pageant are Miss Monica Munro (Miss Continental USA); Erika Cartier (Miss Continental WI); DuWanna Moore (Miss Gay WI-USA); Shannon DuPree (Miss Gay WI-USA At Large); and Vanessa Alexandre.

Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Tables seating four will be \$45 each and will be the only reserved seating available. Tickets are available at Club 219+ and the offices of **In Step Magazine**.

SAGE Hosts "Picnic in the Park"

July 10

Milwaukee — on Sunday, July 10 at 1pm., **SAGE/Milwaukee** will host a *Picnic in the Park* in Estabrook Park, picnic area #8 (the first picnic area north of Capitol Drive).

Please bring your own food basket with the food and beverage you particularly like. SAGE will provide ice, charcoal and a grill. Board games and cards will be available.

Kilbourn House, just north of our picnic site will be open for tours from 1-5pm at no charge (but they request a donation). The house features furnishings and decorations from the mid-1800s.

While SAGE/Milwaukee is a group of people of all ages, with emphasis on older Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals, everyone is welcome to attend this picnic.

Boat Crossing to Saugatuck/Douglas

Maritime Association plans July 28 Weekend Trip

Milwaukee — **Greater Milwaukee Maritime Association** is preparing a fleet to cross Lake Michigan from Milwaukee to Saugatuck/Douglas Michigan July 28-August 1. Boats and vans will be departing Milwaukee for a weekend at the fabulously gay Douglas Dunes Resort.

Those interested in the trip are requested to contact GMMA as soon as possible so departure arrangements can

be made. They also need to know if you'll be captaining your own craft or if you wish to be a guest on board someone else's boat. Transient slips have been reserved in Saugatuck.

For more information, call (414) 475-6800 now. It's a great way to enjoy a great lake!

Foundation Forms to Bridge the Gap Between Corporate America and LesBiGays

Unity Expo Launches National Tour

Unity Foundation, a nonprofit organization, has formed to support other organizations that provide programs and services that are beneficial to the Gay & Lesbian community.

Unity Foundation will bridge the gap between Corporate America and the Gay and Lesbian community by opening corporate doors to previously untapped resources and by creating a more accurate awareness of the Gay and Lesbian culture through education.

The *Unity Expo* is a national tour that provides and expositional forum for both Corporate America and the Gay and Lesbian community to come together in mutual support. A portion of *Unity Expo* proceeds will be donated to Unity Foundation. Unity Foundation distributes donations and grants to over fifty organizations nationwide.

During 1994, four *Unity Expos*, will present hundreds of exhibits in a marketplace showcasing a diverse blend of products and services. Vendors will be national and local corporations as well as Gay-owned businesses.

The '94 schedule includes: San Francisco, Aug. 13-14; Los Angeles, Sept. 10-11; Chicago Hyatt Regency, Oct. 1-2, call (213) 486-4293; and New York, Nov. 12-13.

Emphasizing the need for education, *Unity Expo* will also provide a series of hourly seminars featuring prominent speakers from around the country who will address contemporary issues that affect, not only the Gay and Lesbian community, but the population at-large.

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AIDS Briefs

FDA Panel Gives Final Okay to d4T

Washington, DC — On June 27, the Food and Drug Administration, as part of its accelerated approval process for drugs which fight HIV, approved the marketing of the fourth major drug against HIV infection. Stavudine, or d4T, made by Bristol-Meyers Squibb, will be available as early as mid-July. Its brand name will be Zerit.

The new drug now joins AZT, ddI and ddC as the only formally approved anti-HIV medications. d4T works in a similar manner as the other drugs, in blocking a key enzyme called reverse transcriptase which causes the human immunodeficiency virus to replicate.

In limited tests, Bristol-Meyers Squibb compared the effect of d4T with AZT and says that after 12 weeks, the CD4 cell counts of patients taking d4T increased by an average of 22 cells per milliliter while those taking AZT showed an actual decline in CD4 cells. CD4 cells, also called T-helper cells, are cells which fight disease. A reduction in T-cells usually indicates the advancement of HIV.

Bristol-Meyers Squibb also claims that d4T has less severe side effects than the other anti-HIV drugs. But major side effects of d4T include pain, tingling and numbness in the hands and feet.

Some AIDS activists, who have urged quicker approval of drugs to combat HIV, are concerned about d4T, saying the limited trials offer no indication of its long-term effects. It is also unclear how d4T, taken in tandem with one or another of the already approved drugs, will affect patients. It is expected to be prescribed to those who have no tolerance for the other three drugs.

Gay Clinics Oppose HIV Home Testing Kits

Gaithersburg, MD — A Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee heard testimony June 22 about the pros and cons of making available to the public a home testing kit to determine the presence of HIV antibodies. Former Surgeon General C. Everett Koop and other health and government officials testified in support of the new kit, but representatives of Gay and Lesbian health clinics argued against home testing.

Koop, who was speaking as a consultant for a company attempting to market the home testing kits, said it was imperative to identify all people with HIV and that if more people would be comfortable taking the test at home, it should be encouraged. He said the best

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way to stop the spread of HIV was identifying those affected and getting them into counseling and treatment.

But Lisa Silverberg, speaking on behalf of the National Alliance of Lesbian and Gay Health Clinics, said that home testing could create a whole new set of problems. The kit is designed so a person can draw blood at home and put it on blotting paper, which is then sent to a lab for analysis. People would then get their test results over the telephone in about a week.

Silverberg cited several concerns, including the possibility of increased suicides among people who got positive results over the phone and a false sense of security among those who test negative. Nothing substitutes for face-to-face counseling both at the time the test is taken and when the result is given, said Silverberg. She also said that employers or parents might try to circumvent federal laws on the confidentiality of HIV tests through the more informal process of home testing.

ACLU Wins Landmark Verdict in AIDS Bias Case

Toledo, OH — On June 14, a federal jury found that a doctor and a hospital in Freemont, Ohio discriminated against a man with AIDS who sought emergency medical care for a non-AIDS related allergic reaction, awarding \$512,000 to the estate of Fred L. Charon.

Charon was driving through Ohio on a vacation trip to Wisconsin in 1992 when he suffered a severe allergic reaction to medication, unrelated to his HIV status. He was rushed to the emergency room at Memorial Hospital in Freemont, where medical staff began to treat him. When the admitting doctor learned of Charon's HIV diagnosis, he refused to admit him to the hospital, stating: "Once you get an AIDS patient in the hospital, you will never get him out." Charon was then sent a long distance away by ambulance to another hospital.

The jury found that Dr. Charles Hull and Freemont Memorial Hospital were liable for discrimination under the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and assessed \$62,000 compensatory damages for pain and suffering against the hospital and Dr. Hull. The jury also imposed \$150,000 in punitive damages against Dr. Hull and \$300,000 in punitive damages against the hospital.

"The jury has sent a strong message to doctors and hospitals around the country: AIDS discrimination is illegal and will not be tolerated," said Marc E. Elovitz of the AIDS Project of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Charon died in March 1993, but his companion, who is executor of his estate, followed through with the litigation.

Also on the AIDS Front...

Washington, DC — Scientists at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases say they have found early evidence that gamma interferon, a naturally occurring protein, helps fight MAC (*Mycobacterium avium* complex), an infection that affects about 40% of people with AIDS. Gamma interferon, when administered with two other standard drugs against MAC, reportedly caused "dramatic" improvements in the seven patients who participated in the drug trial.

San Francisco, CA — Statistics indicate that in 1992, AIDS overcame heart disease as the leading cause of death among men in San Francisco. AIDS had been the number one killer of men aged 25-44 for several years, but 1992 was the first year it was the leading cause of death among men in all age groups. In 1992, 1,195 San Francisco men died of AIDS and 1,094 died of various forms of heart disease.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

Forum Provides Ideas for HIV Prevention

Milwaukee — Twenty-one people brought their ideas to the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) forum on HIV in the Gay community on June 7. The discussion centered on how to best reach the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community with effective AIDS prevention information that will slow the spread of the disease.

Most participants agreed that it is time to address the "burnout" associated with AIDS and to take a fresh approach to getting prevention information to the Gay and Lesbian community. They felt that in order for messages to be effective, they should acknowledge the challenge and reality of AIDS, be accurate, sensitive, non-judgmental, culturally appropriate, and be serious yet fun. Scary messages, they felt, are ineffective.

How the messages are delivered, and by whom, was also important. Personal contact was considered vital and attendees felt messages would be most effective if they were presented by peers.

Rod Johnson, MAP's prevention specialist for the Gay community said that the forum was a wonderful opportunity to gain valuable insight about how AIDS needs to be addressed. "This disease has been affecting people for well over a decade," said Johnson. "It is very important that we continue to adapt our messages so they are effective. Things that may have worked well in the past may not have the same impact anymore."

It was agreed that one-on-one

contact is an excellent way to communicate HIV prevention information. Empowering people to make their own choices was also important. Several people suggested that messages concentrate more often on what people can and can't do.

"This is all valuable information," said Johnson. "Now we can take what we have learned and develop a strategy to effectively communicate prevention information to the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual communities."

Symposium On Nutrition And HIV/AIDS

Chicago — Philadelphia will be the host city for the 1994 International Symposium on Nutrition and HIV/AIDS which is scheduled for October 13 and 14, 1994. The symposium features five plenary and thirty breakout sessions, and is expected to attract more than 1,000 physicians, nurses, dietitians, other healthcare professionals, and government employees from 14 countries.

The agenda for the Philadelphia symposium is dramatically different from the agendas of the previous Amsterdam and Berlin meetings. In addition to presentations on the diverse clinical aspects of nutrition and malnutrition, this year's symposium will provide in-depth programs on some of the newer breakthrough therapies such as growth hormones and anabolic steroids that have had significant success in controlling wasting and the loss of muscle tissue.

Clinical research is a central topic of the Philadelphia symposium. One of the plenary sessions will explore some of the new dimensions in nutrition/malnutrition research, and Dr. Donald Kotler of St. Luke's Roosevelt Medical Center will present a comprehensive national plan for nutrition research and HIV/AIDS.

Some of the special breakout sessions in this year's program include a discussion on the role of exercise as a component of a nutrition regimen, and update on vitamin and mineral supplementation, several sessions on food-based strategies and a review of some of the cultural and economic considerations in developing effective nutritional plans.

Another series of presentations will explore the healthcare costs directly related to malnutrition which is a major complication of AIDS, and effective strategies in working with third-party payers (insurance companies, HMOs and governmental agencies) to reimburse for nutritional supplements.

For more details on the symposium, contact Physicians Association for AIDS Care, 101 West Grand Avenue, Suite 200, Chicago, IL 60610.

Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

Merrily We Roll Along

It's amazing to me how easily we become complacent when things are going relatively well, as I will attest. It's been two years since I switched to foscarnet to control my CMV Retinitis. Every month I see the retina doctor and every month my retinitis remained inactive. In what might best be described as a form of denial I just assumed it would stay that way for several more years.

Then on a recent visit to the retina doctor he discovered a small patch of retinitis in what had been my good eye. He and I talked to my AIDS specialist who determined that I needed to reinduce (twice a day for two weeks) foscarnet. So here I am in my first week of double doses, each one with almost a quart of saline. Help — help I'm drowning. So now I have several weeks to wait and see what happens, because the treatment options are so limited. It does do away with complacency. I'll keep you posted. However if you have fewer than 100 T-cells you might want to ask your doctor if he/she thinks you should see a retina specialist.

I've found that when we get into a routine it's really easy to think we have reached this plateau and will simply stay there. This is denial too. Every once and awhile I think about all the possible infections I could get and haven't, then consider myself lucky and go back to my complacent view of living with AIDS. I've noticed a lot of guys do the same thing. It's a great coping method that allows one to occasionally live with the concept that you don't have to think about AIDS today. However this does not apply to those of us who must do a daily infusion. We can never set AIDS aside.

GWM — YES

I'm one of the dreaded middle class, educated, active Gay white men. I'm politically incorrect and plan to stay that way and I'm tired of being put down because of it. What follows is sort of a salute to Gay white guys.

Because of AIDS, and the lack of support from the general community for our needs, we were forced to take control of our lives and health care. We became — God forbid — aggressive. We became a source to reckon with by our own doing. Without us there would be no AIDS Service Organizations, no foundations to provide money, beyond

the government, to use for research in the treatment of AIDS. There would be no celebrity support to raise funds for all of these causes.

There would be no ACT-UP. ACT-UP was founded by middle class, educated white guys. Before you start thinking about the negatives you associate with ACT-UP, consider their contributions. The entire drug approval process has been quickened because of their actions. This has not only benefitted those of us with AIDS, but just about everyone in the country waiting for new drugs for cancer and many rare diseases. They have forced drug

companies to lower prices and make drugs available to those who can't pay. They have shown people how to take charge of their own health care. They reminded us that doctors and hospitals aren't always right and they need to be reminded of it. Again, this is a policy that has proved a benefit for all sick people in the country.

Yes, sometimes ACT-UP can be loud and obnoxious, but then aren't we all. Finally, even if you are politically correct you should still recognize our contributions to the greater good.

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Westenhofer Headlines Her Own Comedy Special on HBO

Los Angeles, CA — Comedian Suzanne Westenhofer, who packed 'em in at performances in Milwaukee and Madison earlier this year, is starring in her own HBO comedy special, airing Thursday, July 14 at 11pm and again on Tuesday, July 19 at 10pm. She is the first openly Lesbian comedian to have her own comedy special on HBO.

Over the last three years, Westenhofer has performed for every type of audience, playing major comedy clubs and concert halls throughout the U.S. With her upcoming TV special on HBO, Westenhofer steps into the living rooms of this country with the kind of out Lesbian comedy that challenges stereotypes and breaks down barriers for all people.

"I didn't choose to be a Lesbian," Westenhofer jokes, "I was chosen! Scratched off my ticket and I won!"

Her previous TV credits include ABC's *Day One*, *Evening at the Improv*, *Out There* on Comedy Central, and a host of other network and cable appearances. She recently won New York City's Outstanding Achievement Award for Comedy and her ongoing national tour is getting rave reviews.

"She's a center stage diva who bursts out of her closet with little explosions of outspoken bemusement that could make even Bette Midler blush," says Michael Musto of the *New York Daily News*.

"In a New Light" AIDS Show Airs July 9

New York, NY — *In a New Light*, the third annual AIDS outreach and entertainment special, will air on ABC Saturday, July 9 from 7-9pm (check your local listings).

Hosted by Barbara Walters, *In a New Light '94* features appearances by

President Clinton and many leading performers and celebrities: Bill Cosby, Rosie Perez, Gloria Estefan, Rosie O'Donnell, Kathy Mattea, Lou Reed, Liza Minelli, Michael Feinstein, Dr. Ruth Westheimer and others.

In addition to musical performances and interview segments which offer education on AIDS issues, the show will encourage viewers to call a hotline number set up by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Last year, over 100,000 viewers called the number to seek more information and advice about HIV/AIDS.

Producers are also encouraging local schools and AIDS service organizations to set up viewing parties, especially of young people, who will watch the show together and discuss the issues it raises. In addition, ABC is donating all advertising revenues from *In a New Light* to DIFFA, the Design Industries Foundation for AIDS. DIFFA will, in turn, disburse the money to local AIDS organizations.

"Tales of the City" Sequel May be Made Yet!

New York, NY — *Guide* reports that producers are slowly gathering the money necessary to produce the sequel to Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City*, the Gay-positive miniseries about a group of friends in San Francisco in the 1970's that was a ratings winner and critical success on PBS earlier this year.

The search for funding a sequel began when PBS announced it would not support or televise a follow-up show, also to be based on Maupin's series of books. Maupin has accused PBS leaders of homophobia, but PBS insists their decision not to fund a sequel was purely based on financial concerns.

TV Guide reports that producer Alan Poul has located \$5 million of the \$8 million necessary to underwrite the sequel. One million has been pledged by a Canadian production company, and Britain's Channel 4, which produces much alternative-type programming, has committed \$4 million.

The Showtime cable channel is

most likely to run the show once it's filmed. Says Maupin: "We're determined to keep it alive."

Anti-Right Wing Statists Featured on AIDS Activist TV July 20

Milwaukee — Representatives from PREPARE, or People for Responsible Education Promoting Accuracy, Respect and Equity, will be the featured guests on the Wednesday, July 20 edition of *AIDS Activist TV*. It will be broadcast on Milwaukee's cable channel 47 at 8:30pm.

PREPARE is a group of parents and others who fought off an "abstinence only" sex and health curricula put forward by the religious right in northeastern Wisconsin. Discussion will focus on ways to counter the efforts of fundamentalists trying to impose their views on the public education system.

WTSO's "Sunday Night OUT" Expands to 2 Hours

Madison — Due to the overwhelmingly positive response to the new radio show *Sunday Night OUT* with the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual communities, News/Talk 10-7-0, WTSO, Madison's Talk Station, has extended the program to two hours after just two weeks on the air.

The show, which features Gay/Lesbian news, commentary and interviews, now runs from 6-8pm every Sunday night.

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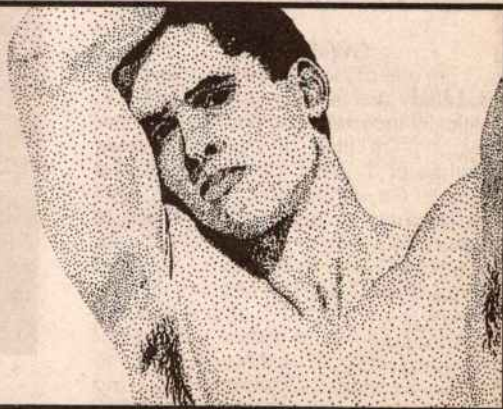
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Legal

By Arlene Zarembka

State-Sponsored Stereotyping:

A Violation Of The Equal Protection Clause?

The Supreme Court's April decision in *J.E.B. v Alabama ex rel T.B.* was a crucial victory for sex discrimination litigation under the Equal Protection Clause. For the first time, a clear majority of the Supreme Court (6-3) treated sex discrimination by the government with almost the same disdain it accords to race discrimination by the government. But this bellwether decision may prove a mixed blessing for litigation challenging government supported discrimination based on sexual orientation.

The Court ruled in *J.E.B.* that sex discrimination by government attorneys in jury selection is a violation of the Equal Protection Clause. In a paternity action, the State used virtually all of its preemptory challenges to strike 9 out of 10 men from the jury pool. (*Preemptory challenges allow attorneys to strike prospective jurors without having to give any reason.*) The defendant objected, arguing that the State's strikes against the men were based solely on sex, and therefore violated the Equal Protection Clause. The trial judge overruled the defendant's objections, an all-female jury found him to be the father of the child, and the judge ordered him to pay child support.

The prospects for winning the *J.E.B.*

case had not been especially bright. Two of the last three Court decisions concerning government-authorized sex discrimination had found no violation of the Equal Protection Clause. While the Court had, in 1982, struck down a Mississippi statute that excluded men from a state-supported nursing school as violating the Equal Protection Clause, it had upheld government policies that clearly discriminated based on sex in two other cases in 1981. In one of these cases, the Court had upheld a statutory rape law that made only males criminally liable when an unmarried male and an unmarried female, both under the age of 18, had sexual intercourse. In the other

case, the Court had upheld the draft registration law requiring only males to register for the draft.

The tradition of allowing preemptory challenges in jury selection is at least as well-entrenched as the all-male draft. Moreover, attorneys commonly use stereotypes in jury selection (the great Clarence Darrow regularly used stereotypes about all sorts of groups in deciding who to strike from a jury). Thus, the Court easily could have used the *J.E.B.* case to carve out yet another exception to the Equal Protection principle. But it did not.

Instead, the Court harshly condemned the use of sex-based

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stereotypes by government agents. It followed previous rulings holding that use of racial stereotypes to strike jurors violates the Equal Protection Clause. It referred to state-sponsored gender discrimination that perpetuates "invidious, archaic, and overbroad stereotypes about the relative abilities of men and women" as especially violating the Equal Protection clause. It wrote that it was "axiomatic" that "intentional discrimination on the basis of gender by state actors violates the Equal Protection Clause."

Justice Blackmun's majority opinion condemning sex-role stereotyping was so strong that it should lead the Court to strike down virtually all sex-based discrimination by the government. Joined in the opinion by Justices Stevens, O'Connor, Souter, and Ginsburg (Justice Kennedy wrote an opinion concurring in the judgment), Justice Blackmun wrote eloquently about the harm that "the State's participation in the perpetuation of invidious group stereotypes" causes:

"Discrimination in jury selection, whether based on race or on gender, causes harm to the litigants, the community, and the individual jurors who are wrongfully excluded from participating in the judicial process..."

"Equal opportunity to participate in the fair administration of justice is fundamental to our democratic system... It reaffirms the promise of equality under the law — that all citizens, regardless of race, ethnicity, or gender, have the chance to take part directly in our democracy... When persons are excluded from participation in our democratic processes solely because of race or gender, this promise of equality dims..."

Justice Blackmun's condemnation of government perpetuation of group stereotypes seems to auger well for challenges to anti-Gay laws. So does his inspiring language about the Equal Protection problems with excluding people from participation in the democratic process. The legal challenges against Colorado's Amendment 2 and Cincinnati's Issue 3 come quickly to mind.

The difficulty, however, is that Justice Blackmun went out of his way to state that the J.E.B. decision does not apply to those characteristics that are not subject to heightened or strict scrutiny by the Court. He wrote that lawyers may continue to use peremptory challenges to remove "any group or class of individuals normally subject to 'rational basis' review." Government discrimination based on sexual orientation has not yet been subjected to heightened scrutiny by the Supreme Court. Thus, Justice Blackmun's language implicitly approving bias in the exercise of peremptory

challenges against any groups that are not included in higher levels of scrutiny could haunt future challenges to anti-Gay laws. Indeed, the Court might find that government discrimination based on group stereotypes is acceptable, so long as it is not the type of discrimination that is subjected to higher scrutiny by the Court, and is not, in the Court's thinking, totally irrational.

If, in the future, the Supreme Court limits its interpretation of the J.E.B.

decision to the question of peremptory challenges in jury selection, then the J.E.B. case probably will not hurt challenges to anti-Gay laws. But if the Court treats J.E.B. as justifying government laws or actions that are based on stereotypes, so long as the stereotypes do not concern characteristics subjected to higher scrutiny, then J.E.B. will be a serious blow to the quest for equal protection for all.

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Milwaukee Now Has A New AIDS Legal Hotline

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc., and the State Bar of Wisconsin Young Lawyers Division announced June 20 a new AIDS Legal Hotline, now in operation in the Milwaukee area.

The hotline, the first of its kind in the country, provides free, easy-to-understand information on such common AIDS related legal topics as future planning and wills, social security and disability, HIV antibody testing, insurance, Title 19 and recent legal developments. It also provides referral information (in both English and Spanish) regarding HIV/AIDS legal and social service organizations throughout the State of Wisconsin.

David Bourne, President of the Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association, says "while other organizations have staffed phone lines with volunteers, the AIDS legal hotline is unique in that callers can choose pre-recorded topics of interest to them and may listen to as many selections as they wish during a given call." Callers do not identify themselves and cannot leave messages because the recordings are automated. "As such," Bourne says, "the Hotline is completely confidential."

Attorneys throughout the State of Wisconsin volunteered time to prepare the basic scripts used for the Hotline, and individuals such as Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, Dave Edwards of WUWM, musician Connie Grauer, media

consultant Todd Robert Murphy, and Sara O'Connor of the Milwaukee Repertory Theatre recorded the messages, which run approximately five minutes.

Organizers are hoping after several months of operation, funds can be raised to provide the Hotline on a toll-free basis throughout the state. Currently, the Hotline is toll-free only in the metro Milwaukee area, but callers throughout the State can access the line.

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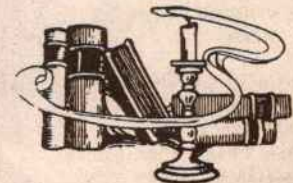
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The Arts

Interview With Photographer Carolyn Ruck

*Lesbian Couples Photo
Show Opens July 10*

By Carmen Murguia

Ironically, I met **Carolyn Ruck** at La Guardia airport Gate 42 while waiting for our flight back to Milwaukee. Of course, neither one of us was thinking "Let's talk business," so I called her later and found her to be enthusiastic about her latest project, *Lesbian Couples of Southeastern Wisconsin, 1993-94*, even though she was also recuperating from her trip to Stonewall 25.

Carolyn Ruck's interest in photography began 15 years ago as an undergraduate student in communications and business management at Alverno College. Her interest led her to taking photography classes at Alverno, and going on to Milwaukee Area Technical College and the Milwaukee Center for Photography where she studied more of the technical aspects.

Her part time interest as a nature

and landscape photographer has led her to exhibiting work at Milwaukee's Pride Festival and other showings around the city. *Lesbian Couples of Southeastern Wisconsin, 1993-94*, is Ruck's first venture into working with people. "My roots are with women. I am so strongly involved with feminists and lesbians, and I knew I wanted to work with women on this project. It is something that has evolved from my private work," Ruck said.

Ruck is a psychotherapist in private practice and is also employed as a social worker at Milwaukee Aids Project. She envisioned this project after seeing lesbian couples in therapy struggle with establishing a sense of individual and couple identity. She found that often times, couples felt isolated with relationship challenges. Since lesbians generally have little sense of herstorical grounding and few visible role models, the idea of enlarged visual images and stories, may for the viewer, build a sense of normalcy and validation for relationships.

"This was a long process, and I learned so much about myself as well. I used my social work skills interviewing them, getting to know how to be with them, so the shots became more natural. Some couples I feel when I look at the photograph like, "I got it!" And in some, I didn't capture the spirit of the relationship, and that's ok." Ruck feels the most important part of this project is

to present something to present the diversity of the community, the different ways to be together, validating the stories they weathered.

Lesbian Couples of Southeastern Wisconsin, 1993-94, will make its debut at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Avenue, on July 10 at 6pm. The showing, which is open to lesbians and lesbian friendly women, will be part of the *Our Space Sunday Series for Lesbian Women*. Ruck will introduce all the couples who will share a bit about themselves. There is a \$2 donation. The exhibit will travel to Afterwords Book Store in August, and a 1995 calendar featuring selected prints from the exhibit will be available this fall at a variety of gay-friendly locations. "Having just come back from seeing the Stonewall exhibit, a piece of history, here and now I am capturing a point in time where 20 or 30 years from now these stories and visual images are a snapshot in time that, a part of community that is a part of Herstory."

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Jo Lindoo and Jenny Arthur are one of the Lesbian couples featured in photographer Carolyn Ruck's "Lesbian Couples of South Eastern Wisconsin '93-94" show opening July 10 at The Counseling Center in Milwaukee.

Arts Update

By Carmen A. Murguia

Arts? Did someone say Arts? Up until yesterday, I was under the impression that this issue would be one less column because of the recuperation time needed from an extraordinary weekend in New York City. Ron Geiman corrected me as soon as I walked thru the doors of *In Step*. So please, won't you pardon me if I neglect a period here, fall asleep in the middle of a sentence there and run on and on and on.

Ooh La La — It's Bastille Days!

"C'est la Fete!" That's the French way of saying, "It's a party!" And like every LesBiGay in the know, Bastille Days in Milwaukee is the next best thing to April in Paris! Bastille Days takes place Thursday, July 14 to Sunday, July 17, in the streets of East Town.

Now in its 13th year, La Kermesse de la Bastille, inspires a blend of French and American cultures that translates into an extravaganza par excellence! The event begins with the traditional **Storm the Bastille 5K/2M Run/Walk** at 9:30pm on Thursday and goes on to the ever-popular **Waiters'/Waitresses' Race** at 5pm on Sunday.

From French wines and beignets to can-can dancers and French-costumed characters, Bastille Days, is truly magnifique! Festival hours are 11am-Midnight, Thursday-Saturday, and Sunday from 9am-10:30pm, and is located on Jefferson Street between Jackson & Wells at Cathedral Square... "landmarks" include **Elsa's On The Park** and **This Is It**. For more information call the East Town Association 271-1416 or Festival Events, Inc. 223-7500.

A MidSummer's Gallery Night

A summer evening of art in the city begins at 5:45pm at the **Milwaukee Art Museum Vogel/Helfaer Galleries** with a brief lecture by **Russell Bowman**, MAM director, on the featured exhibition of Chicago Imagist, **Jim Nutt**.

Following the lecture, catch the Gallery Night Express Bus to selected art museums and galleries that include the **Eye Tattooed America** exhibit inside the **Frederick Layton Gallery of the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design** (for you adorners of body art), and **The Architecture of Memory** exhibit at **Internos Gallery** (formerly the **Kohler-Clark Gallery**).

Cost for Gallery Night Express is \$9/person, which includes stops at selected galleries and a light snack. Bus reservations must be made by July 20. Admission to Summer Gallery Night is

free. For a complete listing of participating galleries and museums, please call MAM special events at 224-3200.

Danceworks Milwaukee/Madison Exchange

Choreographers from Milwaukee and Madison join together for a shared program of dance on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9, at 8pm in the **Danceworks** studio theater, 727 N. Milwaukee Street. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$8 students and seniors. The show will travel to the **Kanopy Space** in Madison on July 10.

With the Milwaukee/Madison Exchange, **Danceworks** takes the first step toward establishing a small-venue touring network. In addition, **Donna Peckett**, associate artistic director of **TAP-IT Dancing and Theatrical Co.** in Madison will offer a Tap Technique and Contemporary Tap Choreography Workshop at **Danceworks** on Saturday, July 9, from 1-3pm. Admission is \$12, and advanced registration is suggested. For information and reservation, call **Danceworks** at 276-3191.

Womyn, Mark Your Festival Calendars!

1994 marks the fifth year of the Northern Lights Womyn's Music Festival. The womyn only, chemical-free gathering takes place on Saturday, September 10 on a private island north of Duluth, Minnesota.

Camping will be better than ever this year on womyn-owned land complete with sauna, fishing, bonfires, more womyn, laughter and sharing at the

politically correct fundraiser to benefit **Aurora**, a non-profit womyn's organization. Tickets after July 1 are \$20, and \$25 at the gate, womyn 55 and over and children \$15.

To reserve your ticket or to volunteer call (218) 722-4903.

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The **Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA)** is marking its tenth anniversary with a bold new name and face. The name change is a reflection of DIFFA's aggressive decade-long response to the AIDS crisis and its renewed sense of urgency in conquering present and future challenges posed by HIV/AIDS.

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Fabien Baron, one of the world's most accomplished designer of books, music videos, product packaging, architectural displays, and magazines (including *Italian Vogue*, *Interview*, and *Harper's Bazaar*), gladly consented to contribute his talent to create the design.

DIFFA, the oldest and one of the largest national funders of HIV/AIDS services in the country, raises money through the generous support of design industries, corporations and caring individuals, in addition to, producing spectacular fund-raising events that are among the most celebrated and successful in AIDS philanthropy. For chapter information contact DIFFA at (212) 727-3100.


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Film Feature

Go Fish, Go Girl!

By Dale Reynolds

Naming five quality, funny, Lesbian films is a rough Trivial Pursuit question. Go ahead, try it: *Desert Hearts?* (not funny); *Three of Hearts?* (not healthy); *Claire Of The Moon?* (boring). Give up? You can't name even one, I'll bet. Not, that is, until Rose Troche and Guinevere Turner made their delicious little black-and-white, 90-minute Lesbian comedy, *Go Fish* (Samuel Goldwyn Releasing). Now in a national release, this unpretentious, made on a shoe-string (well under \$100,000), supremely silly and meaningful (all at the same time) film is worth a visit from Gaymen and straight people as well as its targeted audience, young "queer" females.

Troche [an accent over the 'e'], a 30 year old New Yorker of Puerto Rican and French descent, and Turner, 26, "your basic American mutt: German, English, Irish ancestry", got 65% of the way through their film when they ran out of money, in August of 1992. Using Lesbian friends in the acting roles, and with Lesbian and Gaymen volunteers doing the unpaid grunt work of crew ("we did have two heterosexuals who reminded us of that whenever we'd get too sweepingly general in our gender and sexual role comments"), they were temporarily stymied. Enter Christine Vachon, the Lesbian producer of *Swoon* and *Poison*, and Tom Kalin, the Gay director of *Swoon*, and their KVPI Productions, who came up with the necessary finishing monies.

Troche: "Guen and I had both originally financed it with our own paychecks; we didn't have a Ma-and Pa bankroll. Then I saw an article in [the British cinema magazine] *Sight And Sound* about New Queer Cinema and called a bunch of people who were mentioned in it, and they all said to call Christine. We did, and said, 'we're making this movie,' and Christine, as she says a hundred times a day, asked us to send a tape and a script. She called us two days after and said, 'I believe this is going to be great, I'll find your money.' It was a labor of love in the truest sense of the word. I don't know what motivated certain people to work on the film, except that they really wanted to see a Lesbian film like this out there. We said to these unpaid actresses, these poor women, 'Do you want to make a movie with us?' and they're saying, 'sure, what fun!', and we're making it clear that once they're on the film, they can't back out. Little did they know that it would be a year and a



The Girl is Out There. Max (Guinevere Turner, left, co writer of the film) gets some advice from director Rose Troche in "Go Fish", recently released by the Samuel Goldwyn Company. The film is playing in Milwaukee now, and heads to Madison later this month. Jamakaya reviewed the film last issue, and we are pleased to present writer Dale Reynolds's feature interview this issue.
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half before we ever got done. And we had to ask them to not change the way they looked; they just couldn't! Some really wanted to cut their hair off, and we said, 'No crew cuts! And no drastic weight gain or loss! The body-blemish continuity was a problem. But fortunately since it was shot in black and white, the only makeup we had to use was powder and lipstick.'

These two non-lovers but good friends interrupt each other constantly, completing sentences adding onto the jumbled information coming out, as they ate their lunch of granola and fruit bowl ("crunchy Lesbian food").

Turner: "We could choose to market *Go Fish* on how little it cost, but we didn't want to do that. The budget, in terms of an aesthetic, works for what we were trying to do."

But does it have a *queer sensibility* to it; does, indeed, "QS" exist in Lesbian films?

Troche: "Yes, it does, although I think the word 'queer' is problematic here — I use it for a lack of a better one — we need a better all-inclusive word instead of Queer, which so many older Gaymen and women dislike."

Gay sensibility generally refers to that which is pro-homosexual, pro-woman, or caught up exclusively in anger, usually displayed with great humor and flourish. In *Go Fish*, *sensibility* transcends that part of the Lesbian experience which is so furious with the world that it colors everything they do.

Troche: "It's not that we can't be

humorless Lesbians — we could if we wanted to, but who wants that? Like so many of us who in the '90s were involved in ACT-UP and the PC circles, Guen and I both have seen how much time you can lose in 'processing,' and that's something we didn't want to do any more. We started out with that sense of political correctness: using only an all-woman crew which could be politically justified to exclude men completely. But eventually we realized that we wanted to make a movie, and whoever wanted to work on it for free was welcomed: come on down! The people with the least amount of motivation to work on the film were the Gaymen: we loved them for that. And the two hets we had on crew kept their straightness to a minimum on the set. Really, how many times do queers get the upper hand?"

There is a genuine *joie-de-vivre* about these two vibrant women. Troche, born and raised in Chicago, and Turner, from New York State, are college-educated, bright and talented. Troche graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in film, video, and photography. Turner, the cutup of the two, had apparently a more exotic education: "I matriculated at the Concord School for Young Wayward Boys, and then Sarah Lawrence, majoring in cable-access video." Although they act like it, they're not actually in a love-relationship.

Turner: "More like a love-hate relationship. We started the press-tour (9 cities in two weeks) sharing a room; after the third city, it was clear we had to have separate room." (Turner, on a pretty woman, is the only one actually in a committed relationship at this time.) "My girlfriend is always saying, 'Tell them you're a single!' I don't understand her."

Troche: I'm not permanently single. I just haven't met anybody who I want to stay with for more than a couple of nights." (In that, she reminds you of the character of Daria in the film, a young, comely woman who changes sex partners as if she were a '70s Gayman.) "I wish I got that much play."

What is surprising — although it shouldn't be — is how well the film works. Far too much of contemporary Lesbian video work is ham-handed and murky. *Go Fish*, while raw in its technical look, is quite professional in its content: happy Lesbians making hay while the sun is shining. And, unlike just about every Gay male film ever made, it makes a point of allowing a homely central character to get her woman. V.S. Brodie plays Ely, a woman in flight from a failed love-relationship, who meets Max (Turner) who can't, at first, see what anybody would want in Ely. Naturally, the film is about the two of them falling in love. It's accomplished, is funny, and has a sensitivity to it which is delightful, as well as telling, mainly because it isn't polemical in the least; just a good story, imaginatively told, with dollops of humor. Certainly, with more money, they could have been more expansive with it, and made it somewhat less claustrophobic by doing more of it outside.

Troche: "If we could have afforded more shooting days, or re-shooting days, we would've been happier."

Turner: "In a way, I love that we didn't have that much money. When you try to make a mountain out of a molehill, sometimes it actually works."

Troche: "I was so pushed for directing and editing time, that I had to problem-solve in ways that was a constant challenge. And to some degree, I wouldn't want to change that experience."

Turner: "Nah, it would've been more conventional."

There's a running gag in the film where an overhead shot frames four women's heads, forming a square. They become a Greek chorus of sorts, commenting on who's sleeping with whom — a dyke dishing of sorts — that

is both funny and charming. Since most straight people, or Gay men for that matter, haven't a clue about Lesbian sex, it takes such a film to educate us.

Turner: "That brings us to why we made it: most of us have a sense of humor, and there were a number of things we were trying to do with *Go Fish*. It's a little bit of a coming out film, but we didn't want to make a film that in any way got caught up in the sadness of being queer — we get that on a daily basis."

Turner: "Neither did we want to make a film in which the sex scene becomes the climax of the movie: will they get together in bed or won't they? Or when the only sex you see is a fetishized moment. The way it is now, everyone's talking about sex throughout the whole movie and someone has sex before the main couple finally do it, which is more how it is in our own lives."

Troche: "What I see in the film now, and really like, is something we really didn't intend to show, but it evolved: just how freely people touch each other, so naturally. Sometimes directors block people in such a way that they forget to tell them to touch in a realistic manner. These women became friends and because they're Lesbians, they touch; it's so different when dealing with heterosexual women friends. In fact, I don't usually touch them because they're just so nervous, which maybe is really just me imposing my own censorship."

Go Fish is a tough marketing call for the distributors, but it should do well in the markets where there are large Lesbian and Gay populations, and Goldwyn expects it do well in the video market when it comes out next year. For now, Troche and Turner are basking in the small glory they're receiving, and

because of their success, Troche has a feature film-deal with a small British film company, developing an idea she pitched to them.

Troche: "It's a 1940's queer-Hollywood piece, a time which was one of the most decadent times, I think. I'm very excited about doing it. It follows [the late, Lesbian film director] Dorothy Arzner's life, but it's not biographical. I want to speak through her. Too many young people get caught up in the idea that they're the only queers who ever lived, but we've been here forever, since the beginning of time. Hollywood has had so many queers! And the way they kept each other's secrets from those who wanted to out them; like Hedda Hopper and the other gossip columnists. They had a tit for tat hold on each other — a balancing of secrets. It was a very interesting underground they must have had."

"We want Gay people connected, but truly we're going to see more and more straight people cashing in on doing queer work."

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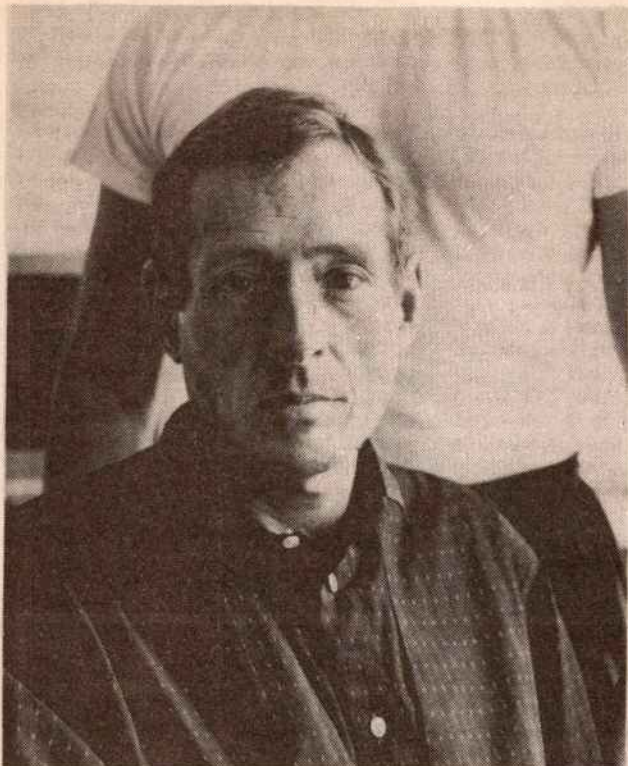
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The cast of the show "A Mother of a Show for Father's Day", hosted by Rhonda Moore and Ashley Michaels (bottom right), was held recently at La Cage as a benefit for the Brady East STD Clinic. Photo by Jeff Butler



Paul Monette is the author of "Last Watch of the Night". The new collection of essays is reviewed in this issue and writer Owen Keehnen interviews Mr. Monette.

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Interview

Literary Hero: A Talk With Paul Monette

By Owen Keehnen

Paul Monette stands at the forefront of influential Gay writers. His ground breaking AIDS memoir, *Borrowed Time*, is unsurpassed in the genre and since its publication Mr. Monette has produced a volume of poetry, *Love Alone*, as well as two novels *Afterlife* and *Halfway Home*. In 1993 he was awarded The National Book Award for his honest, painful, and ultimately triumphant coming out memoir, *Becoming a Man*. Recently, Harcourt Brace released his twelfth book, a wonderful and necessary new volume of diverse essays called *Last Watch of the Night*. Recently I had a chance to catch up a bit with Paul about his new book, the *Newsweek* fiasco, AIDS phobia, and life in the trenches.

Owen: Hi Paul, how are you feeling?

Paul: A little bit better. I was in bed for two months. What laid me low was a bronchial infection. They tried one antibiotic after another and after thirty-one days I'd lost 25 pounds and was still coughing like crazy. They finally tried an IV and it conquered the infection. Since then I've gained back five pounds. I'm still on thirteen hours a day IV, but I hope to drop that to three by next week.

I'm glad to hear you're feeling better. It's good to hear your voice. We haven't talked since you won The National Book Award, congratulations.

Oh thanks. It was a great surprise, like an out of the body experience.

Last Watch of the Night is a great collection of essays. Do you have a favorite?

I think probably the last one, 'Mortal Things.' It was an essay I never would have been able to write until I wrote the rest of the book. *Last Watch of the Night* was, after *Borrowed Time* and *Becoming a Man* anyway, such a breeze to write, so pleasurable. Doing these essays was like being paid to eat cake and sandwiches.

Is there a reason why you chose the short essay format this time out?

In a way my readers have convinced me that what is most important for me to write is non-fiction prose. I had thought about writing a novel, then I got sick in the spring. I thought, I don't want to be in the middle of a novel and get sick. The nice thing about the essays is I could put them down and come back to them in a few days.

Going back to reader input, do you get a great deal of fan mail?

I do. It's gratifying to know I'm touching people's lives. Some of the mail is bothersome because some people feel after reading those books that they're closer to me than they are or that I am my books. But don't expect me to be as wise as *Becoming a Man*.

Over the course of writing the essays was there an unexpected element that arose which you didn't plan on when you began the collection?

Well, I wanted to keep having AIDS as the subtext. I wanted the main text to be about what filled me with life and what mattered. In some ways the subtext made a deeper rut as it goes along than I realized.

But the notion of great love is still predominant, not only

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for community but on a lover level with Roger, Stephen, and now Winston. Love is so rare to find and you've found it three times. Is there a reason?

I was in the closet 27 years! I never dreamed that I could ever find someone to love. I assumed that was such a closed issue, such a closed world. Perhaps because of that in the twenty years since I've been more willing to risk, to let down my guard. It's really been other people loving me that have allowed me to love myself. Clearly trying to become involved with someone after twelve years with Roger and after the assault of that grief was not easy. But, when you're dying what you're going to care about is how much you've loved and how much you've given back to your community. That's what will matter. As they say in Hollywood, nobody ever wanted to read one more script on his deathbed.

You've referred to yourself as an AIDS monument or AIDS poster boy. Do you really feel that way, and if so what insights have you gleaned from that position?

I think I was more a poster boy in my seropositive years. I'm not so aware of being taken that way in my full blown years. The reason I took on the position was there was so much ignorance about AIDS and mostly it involved not understanding how people with AIDS want to live as much of our lives as we can. AIDS is separating enough. I felt an urgency to explain to people that I had this disease and I was still alive.

Did the somewhat backseat status of AIDS during last year's March on Washington offend you?

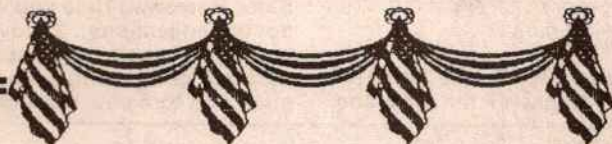
It did. I have avoided thinking that there's a kind of AIDS apartheid within the Gay and Lesbian community. It may not be as strong, but there's a sense of some younger people declaring there are many more issues besides AIDS, and it's such a downer. There's a tendency to turn everything over to the dwindling band of AIDS activists and the people who are sick. I think it's just thoughtlessness on the part of people running things like The March. I was told when Torie Osborne dragged Larry Kramer on the stage she was threatened with arrest! They did not want him to speak or be part of the ceremony period.

Last year Newsweek insinuated some slanderous things about you concerning the validity of an eleven year old PWA named Tony, author of A Rock and a Hard Place. They repeatedly hinted that Tony didn't exist and that you were the ghostwriter using the boy as a ploy to increase AIDS awareness and sympathy in the mainstream. What do you think was their motivation for tossing all those lies around?

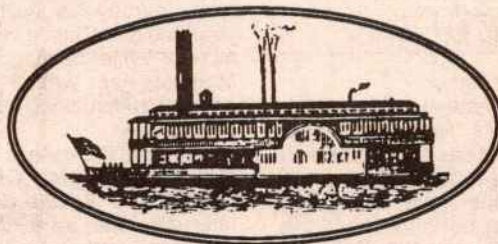
I don't understand it any more now than I did then. I certainly understand that the reporter and the magazine were being deeply AIDS phobic. I think there's a terrible truth there also about not wanting to hear a child talk about being sexually and physically abused. What astonished me was the thought that I'd write under a pseudonym. I've got too much to write under my own name! And I think my work reaches the public just fine. The rumor was started by a crazy Christian fundamentalist who was convinced this lie was being perpetrated on the American people. Tony is still alive, sometimes barely, he's become very adept at E-mail and does a weekly

column for an AIDS newsletter in Hawaii. Every now and then I feel like sending a batch of those to the woman at Newsweek and saying, "Do you think I wrote all these too?" I watched Newsweek start the story acting like they had broken the next Watergate and I watched their case crumble over a period of weeks. Finally, one of the editors said in 'The Washington Post' that they no longer believed I wrote the book, but they never printed a formal retraction. I wanted to make sure one of the essays told the story right.

Speaking of being busy, I've heard you're also coming out with a new



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Monette...

poetry collection this fall.

Yes, from St. Martin's Press. It's called **West of Yesterday, East of Summer: New and Selected Poems**. I worked on it for a couple of months after finishing the essays in January. It proved to be just the right thing to do.

Is your self perception as a writer overall more artist, activist or chronicler?

Well I got a very big arty education, so I have a big artistic overview of it all, but I also believe that ivory tower art is not a reasonable response to a world that is disintegrating like ours is.

What do you think is the greatest threat to the future of the Gay and

Lesbian community?

The biggest threat to the world is fundamentalism in all forms — Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Muslim. It wants to kill off anyone who's different and create a world run by a theocracy and not a democracy. Our country is very naive in not understanding that the killing of the doctor in Florida outside the abortion clinic, the World Trade Center bombing, and the Waco incident are all parts of the same fundamentalist thing. Independent thinking and freedom are what's at risk in the fundamentalist nightmare. They would love for all of us to be the first casualties.

Since *Borrowed Time* you've written 2 poetry collections, 2 novels and 2 books in essay format. All have received astounding praise. Did AIDS push you to a new level of emotional

honesty in your writing?

That's probably true. It's also pushed me to a sense of urgency about capturing what it meant to be a Gay man at this time. There are so many lies and misconceptions which even nice people have about who we are. We have to tell the truth and we have to tell it straight. I've had the drive to do that in several forms over the past several years. It's so unbelievable to me that Roger died seven and a half years ago. It's like an eternity and yet like yesterday.

In *Last Watch of the Night* you mention that as a novice writer you wanted to emulate Noel Coward, do you have a current object of emulation?

No question. Primo Levi is my greatest hero.

Books

Monette's Collection of Personal Essays

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

Last Watch Of The Night by Paul Monette Harcourt, Brace HC \$21.95

Do Not Go Gently...

It seems somehow very appropriate that Paul Monette's final book, **Last Watch Of The Night** has been published to coincide with the recent *Stonewall 25* celebration. Perhaps there is no Gay writer whose career not only spans this vital 25 year period in the Gay and Lesbian rights movement but which also reflects its drastic evolution from pleasure-seeking, sexually charged 70's thru to AIDS shadowed 1990's.

Paul Monette's early novels, **Taking Care Of Mrs. Carroll**, **The Gold Diggers** and **The Long Shot** are lightweight works of fiction filled with shimmering, if ultimately shallow characters and situations. Even when published these books were often easily dismissed from even the Gay presses, a fact that Mr. Monette has not quite forgotten or forgiven.

With **Borrowed Time: An AIDS Memoir and Love Alone: 18 Elegies for Rog**, both autobiographical and deeply personal works, Paul Monette found his voice. While he attributes his development as a writer to his coming out and his love for Roger, his first partner, Monette's real power as a writer emerges in his writing about the very human face the AIDS crisis has taken on for him and for Gay men across the country.

The Last Watch Of The Night is the third and concluding volume in

Monette's autobiographical writing begun with **Borrowed Time** and which continued with his 1992 National Book Award winning, **Becoming A Man: Half a Life Story**. In **Becoming A Man**, Monette willingly submits his life to a remarkably candid examination, occasionally appearing to enjoy the anticipated discomfort of his reader. Aptly subtitled this volume, **Essays Too Personal And Otherwise**, Monette here continues to explore the often rough and rocky journey his life has taken. In the year and a half since winning this award, all the while battling full-blown AIDS, Monette has written a collection of essays, ruminations on AIDS, America and his life.

Two of the essays particularly stand out in **Last Watch Of The Night**, **My Priests** and **A One-Way Fare**. In the later, Monette, an avid traveller reflects on his many journeys to faraway places. For Monette, travel has taken on greater symbolic meaning. Before coming out, he sees himself a collector of places, compulsively places pins on a giant map to show all the places that he has been. Yet all of the many exotic locations that he experienced are empty and meaningless in light of the trips he shared first with Roger, then Stevie, and finally Winston. With the onset of full-blown AIDS, Monette's travels are curtailed, his ever so fragile mortality emerging, "The road doesn't go any further, the bridges are all washed out, or maybe I've just gone overboard in a squall. So I gather all my memories of all the places barely glimpsed, the stamps that litter my passport, and wonder if all together they proved that I went the distance." Clearly at the end of Monette's "one-way journey" is Death but he fiercely continues, "But the road isn't done till it's done, and so you go on till death catches up."

One characteristic in Monette's recent writing is his anger towards organized religion, particularly the Catholic Church. Yet always hiding

behind this anger has been Monette's own confusion and conflicting emotions. In **My Priests**, Monette has finally come to terms. Through the notoriety of **Borrowed Time** and **Becoming A Man**, Monette's views of the Catholic Church brought responses from a number of priests, many Gay themselves and going through the inherent conflicts being a Gay priest in the Catholic Church. Through their all too human stories including that of a Brother Toby who cared for babies with AIDS, Monette saw the goodness in many of these people of God and the commitment that many had in serving the needs of their Gay and Lesbian brethren.

In **Last Watch of The Night**, Monette perhaps sought to set the record straight on the many issues he has seen as still vitally important, not only to himself but the Gay and Lesbian community as a whole. In some of the essays, there appears a quality akin to mellowness, particularly in **My Priests** but Monette's anger remains clear and sharp on a new enemy, "a particularly nasty subspecies of Neo-con dissent," those Gay men and Lesbians who seek accommodation with the heterosexual mainstream. With them, "with nary a sequin to betray them," Monette wishes no association. But Paul Monette will continue to watch because that is, and has been his goal and purpose. Ever to the end of the road, Paul Monette will not go gently... *Very highly recommended!*

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Back on June 11, **Club 94** hosted the return Wisconsin engagement of *Denise and Willie*, two very entertaining Southern women who dance, lip sync and perform comedy geared towards both Lesbians and Gay men. Last summer, they appeared at Club 219 to an enthusiastic crowd. The Kenosha/Racine crowd gave them a great reception this year. Both women are school teachers, and spend their Summer's off touring the country as Denise and Willie. They probably won't be back this way again until next year, but remember their names when they do return and add them to your social calendar.

Of course the highlight of the June 11-12 weekend was **Wisconsin PrideFest** at the Milwaukee Lakefront. Over 15,000 LesBiGays and their friends, families and supporters filled the Art Museum's grounds. The five brief rain storms that swept through on Saturday didn't seem to dampen anyone's spirits. Sunday was perfect all day and the crowds were huge. The Pride Parade crew the biggest crowd ever, assuring its return to the PrideFest weekend next year.

I haven't heard *one* complaint from anyone about PrideFest... it's been all positive feedback and the PrideFest Committee and its co-chairs, Bill Meunier and Roberta Niggemeier deserve medals!

Two of the final five Wisconsin-USA preliminaries were held over the last three weeks. The **New Bar** hosted the *Miss Gay Capitol City WI-USA Pageant* on Sunday, June 12; and Katrina Kaye hosted the *Miss Central Gay WI-USA*



Vocalist/guitarist Bill Brickle performs every other Thursday evening at the Wreck Room. Photo by James Taylor

Pageant at Wausau's **Madhatter** on June 25. Winners and first runners up: the new Miss Gay Capitol City WI-USA is Trisha Reese, with Felicia taking first runner up. The new Miss Central Gay WI-USA is Madison's Felicia Melton Smythe, and first runner up was Loretta. All you procrastinators can see the list of the final 3 contests in the 'Group Notes' section of this issue.

The **Wreck Room** kicked off their weekly Wednesday night *Treasure Hunt* on June 15. That lucky deal happens every Wednesday from 6-9pm. The WR brought back live entertainment every other Thursday starting June 23 during the Summer with Bill Brickle.

The weekend of June 17-19 saw the **Oberons** hosting their annual run weekend, *Acorn VII*. The run was headquartered at the Hotel Wisconsin, with the **Wreck Room** as the home bar. The **Wisconsin Leather Men's Association Inc.** that same weekend hosted a bar night at the **Boot Camp**.

The **New Bar** hosted a "Cave Rave" on June 18 with a *Flintstones* theme. Lots of Bam Bam's running around that night... The next night, Excalibur Productions presented Round II of its third annual talent search. Lots of glitz, glamour, and gams! That Big Talent, Simply Divine, and several of her friends graced the NB stage on June 26 for a

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"I'm back in town, Boys" show.

La Cage hosted a rare show at the bar on Sunday, June 19, Father's Day. It was "A Mother of a Father's Day Show" and was a benefit for the **Brady East STD Clinic**. Ashley Michaels and Rhonda Moore hosted the event.

Grant Dixon's *Victim's of Desire* male dance troupe from Ohio made several tour stops in Wisconsin. The guys danced at **Club 219** on June 24, and at **Club 94** on June 25. **Runway 51** hosted a *Anything Goes Talent Show* on June 25, and it was so successful, another has been slated for July. **3B's** hosted their monthly Country Dance Give-Away with country dancing and prizes all night long on the 25th.

Of course, thousands of Wisconsinites travelled to the Big Apple for the **Gay Games** and **Stonewall 25**. We've got extensive coverage of both events in this issue's 'News' section, so bring yourself up to date. I am asking that anyone who was at either event, and has even the slightest writing skills, to write up a letter/article for us to publish in the next **In Step** (deadline July 13). We'd like to print as many different perspectives and personal observations as we possibly can...

Zipper's held their quarterly Grand Prize Drawing on June 29 for a \$400 cash grand prize. Congratulations to the lucky winner, Richard Liegler.

Late breaking club news flash... The **Pivot Club** has decided that **Jody Watley's** Saturday, July 9th show will be **FREE!** Jennifer from the Pivot told me they decided to do Jody's show at no cover to assuage people who were upset over the Taylor Dayne appearance at the Pivot on May 21.

Jennifer commended the bar



Dan and George of Zippers draw the winning number at the bars recent Grand Prize Drawing. (Right) \$400 cash winner Richard Liegler grasps the cash handed over by Dan.

Photos by James Taylor

decided its customers needed a demonstration of what a true club show experience is like. Traditionally, club show are taped soundtracks (track shows), 25-40 minutes in length, with the artist usually singing live. It's not supposed to be a regular concert style show. At a regular concert you'd pay a lot more, and get a longer show. But you wouldn't get the intimacy that you do in a club show.

"We've got to educate people as to what a club show is all about so they won't be disappointed in the future," and that's why the Watley show is free.

Doors open at 7pm July 9. Watley is scheduled to perform at 11:30pm. There will be only one show, and only 342 people (The Pivot's legal capacity) will be allowed into the club. Anyone who

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It was a leather weekend in Milwaukee when the Oberons hosted Acorn VII, their annual run. The Wreck Room was the home bar.
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Calendar

WED., JULY 6

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

MAP Education Series: Introductory AIDS Education Program, 6:30pm, MAP, 315 W. Court St., Milw. FMI call MAP, (414) 273-1991, ext. 257. Registration is recommended.

Zippers: Premiere of weekly Wednesday night "Never Ending Cocktail Party" with \$1 rail & \$2 call. All day & night long.

THURS., JULY 7

Rod's: 15th Anniversary. Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres on the Patio at 7pm; drink specials; later, a special performance by National Recording Artist/ Porn Star David Burrill.

FRI., JULY 8

Club 3054 (Madison): No cover! Beer bash & DJ 9-close.

SAT., JULY 9

M&M Club: Singational.

Maritime Association: Summerfest excursion. Call (414) 475-6800 FMI.

Za's (Green Bay): Miss Gay WI-USA At Large Pageant, 10:30pm. A King Production!

Club 219 Plus: Softball Team Fundraiser & Show.

Pivot Club (Appleton): Jody Watley, live, 11:30pm showtime, no cover. First 342 people get in free. Doors open 7pm. 1 show only.

Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.

Club 3054 (Madison): Beer bust 3-8; no cover DJ & shot specials 9-close.

Giant rummage sale on the Patio 3-9, proceeds to 3054 Legal Fund.

Action Wisconsin Meeting: Network for GLBT's open to all. 10% Society at UW Stout hosts at Menomonie Public Library Meeting Room, 1pm. FMI call (715) 232-1765.

GAMMA & Frontiers: Wisconsin River Canoe & Camp Out, through the 10th. FMI call (608) 241-2500 or (414) 963-9833.

SUN., JULY 10

Club 3054 (Madison): Beer bust 3-8; no cover DJ & shot specials 9-close. Giant rummage sale on the Patio 3-9, proceeds to 3054 Legal Fund.

Triangle: 6th Anniversary Celebration, 5pm-? Celebrate with drink specials & BBQ on the Patio.

Maritime Assoc.: Great America trip, meet at noon. FMI call (414) 475-6800.

SAGE/Milw. Picnic: 1pm, Estabrook Park, Area 8. BYO Food & Beverage. See Group Notes for details.

WED., JULY 13

Club 219 Plus: Miss City of Festivals Pageant, a WI-USA preliminary, 10:30pm.

FRI., JULY 15


Club 3054 (Madison): MAGIC Weekend, beer & shot specials.
Runway 51 (Janesville): July Birthday Buffet for everyone; free beer bash for those born in July.

Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc: 1 year Anniversary & cookout at Loose Ends (4322 N. Fond du Lac). See Group Note for details.

Rod's (Madison): MAGIC Welcoming Party, 10pm-close.

Club 219: Body Sweat, 2 male dancers in an early show at 10pm. No cover.

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SAT., JULY 16

MAGIC Picnic (Madison): Noon-6, Brittingham Park. Food, fun, soda, beer, games, vendors. \$8 (food, beer & soda); \$5 (food only); \$5 (beer, soda only).

Club 219 Plus: Recording Artist Porn Star David Burrill.

LAMM 3rd Annual Picnic & Softball Tournament: Greenfield Park, Site #8. Advance tickets \$10 includes admission, food, beverage. Call (414) 264-2600 FMI & tickets.

Ballgame: Mr. SSBL Contest, 5pm. Support your favorite jock.

Club 3054 (Madison): MAGIC Weekend Beer & Shot specials.

Runway 51 (Janesville): "Shoot for the Stars" anything goes talent search, prizes.

Maritime Assn.: Madison overnight trip/party on Lake Mendota. FMI call (414) 475-6800.

CrossRoads Bar (Lake Mills): D&K's wedding, 7pm.

Rod's/New Bar (Madison): Post-MAGIC party.

SUN., JULY 17

Madison GALVANize Rally, March & Celebration: 2pm Rally at Capitol Square (State & Carroll), 2:30 March down State St., 3:30-5 Celebration at Library Mall.

Club 3054 (Madison): Huge Benefit show for Cheri & 3054 Legal Fund. MAGIC Weekend Beer & Shot specials.



Todd from the Platwood Club in Stevens Point presents a check to the Newman University Center AIDS Relief Fund representative. Photo compliments The Platwood Club

MON., JULY 18

Miss Wisconsin Continental Pageant: 10pm, Club 219 featuring Miss Monica Munro, the current Miss Continental USA & Erika Cartier, Miss Wisconsin Continental '93; Nearly \$1,500 in cash & prizes awarded. See 'Group Notes' for details.

WED., JULY 20

AIDS Activist TV: Milw. Warner Cable Channel 47, 8:30pm. Featuring Prepare a Wisconsin parents group that stopped the Religious Right when it tried to install fundamentalist teachings in public health education. Live call-in segment.

THURS., JULY 21

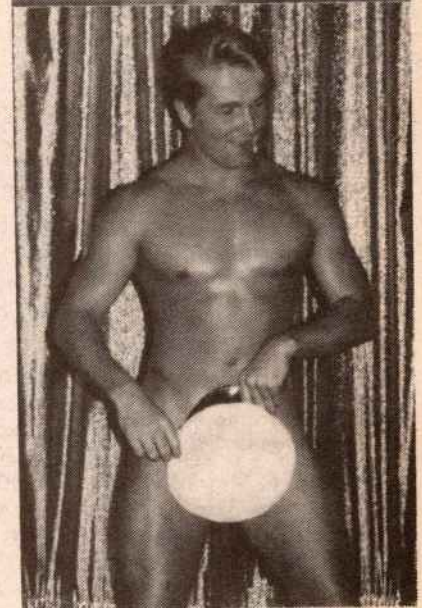
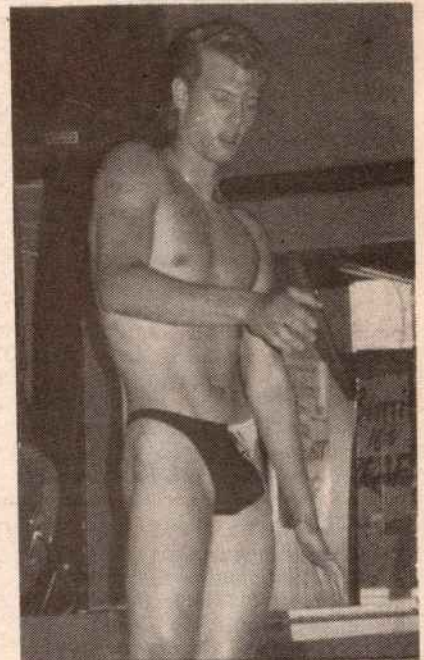
Pivot Club (Appleton): Great America Trip from the Pivot, if interest is there we may take a bus. Stop in for details.

FRI., JULY 22

Pivot Club (Appleton): Katrina & Coven in a show at 10:30pm.
Douglas Dunes Resort (Douglas, MI): Annual Christmas in July weekend. Cabaret entertainment by Muzzillo & Morrison.
Club 219 Plus: Body Sweat, 4 male dancers, 11pm showtime.

SAT., JULY 23

M&M Club: Singational.
Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.
Runway 51 (Janesville): Katrina's "Triangle of Friends" showtime 10:30pm.
Maritime Assoc.: Boating at Lake Geneva. FMI call (414) 475-6800.
Douglas Dunes Resort (Douglas, MI): Annual Christmas in July Weekend. Cabaret entertainment by Muzzillo & Morrison.



The Victims of Desire Male Dance Troupe performed recently at Club 219 and Club 94. Photos by James Taylor

Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

Queer Highlights from Stonewall, Hollywood and Beyond

More late breaking news and steamy celebrity gossip that everyone everywhere needs to know.

In an astonishing plea bargain worked out with the Los Angeles District Attorney, high-profile inmate **O.J. Simpson** was released from jail and taped a public service message from the passenger seat of his white Ford Bronco, promoting ride sharing to help ease congestion on Los Angeles freeways. In related news, the L.A. District Attorney's office announced they would prosecute anyone who tells that stupid joke about O.J. standing for *Orange Jumpsuit*.

Falcon Studios announced plans to produce the first all Gay James Bond adventure. While an actor to play 007 has yet to be cast, supporting roles have already been filled. New York drag-thing **Lypsinka** will portray *Miss Money Penny*, **Harvey Fierstein** steps in as gadget

guru **Q**, and **Jeff Stryker** will play superendowed, super-villain, *Goldweiner*.

Noticeably absent from the recent Stonewall celebration in New York City were representatives of *The Size Queens of America*. A spokesman for the group stated many members instead eagerly attended the recent soccer matches in New York mistakenly believing the World Cup was a gigantic groin protector. In other Stonewall news, paramedics were rushed to help scores of Gay men suffering from herniated salivary glands induced by uncontrollable drooling over all the gorgeous men in town for the celebration.

Revlon denied their new TV spokesmodel **Melanie Griffith** recently underwent a tummy tuck and received special injections to enlarge her lips. When asked directly to comment on the controversy Griffith stated, "I'ba hab no comment." Reporters on the scene stated she sounded a lot like that kid on the old **Fat Albert** cartoons.

The National Council on Cruising announced it is easing restrictions and will now allow persons to smack any dense guy who cruises you by coming over and saying, *smile*.

In New York City, **The Jolly Green Giant** was arrested following the March on the UN when he attempted to steal the mile long Rainbow Flag and use it as a scarf. While being sentenced for the theft, the giant asked the judge to legally

change his name to *The Nellie Green Giant* and revealed to reporters that he and **Paul Bunyan** are lovers and have been living together down in the valley with the giant Blue Ox for the last six years.

A spokesman for **Barbra Streisand** announced pop music's Queen-B will charge female impersonators a \$175 licensing fee for each Babs number performed in their act. In other Streisand news, *SNL's Linda Richmond* was arrested at a New York *Barbra Boutique* when she attempted to shoplift a stick of *Barbra Butter*. A spokesman for Richmond said she could afford the hefty \$12.99 price tag for a stick of butter shaped like Barbra's nose.

A case of mistaken identity interrupted the parade of celebrities to visit the *Today Show's* new on-the-street studio, when morning show cabbage patch doll, **Katie Couric** misidentified a person she thought was talk radio's right-wing windbag, **Rush Limbaugh** but was later discovered to actually be *Good Morning America's* co-host, **Joan Lunden** who was mooning **Bryant Gumbel** through the glass.

A gala Hollywood drag show to benefit AIDS research nearly ended in tragedy after two female illusionists angrily "high-heeled" each other nearly to death. Luckily, **Saint Elizabeth Taylor** was able to break up the fight by running the queens over with her wheelchair.

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Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

A Stand Out Performance.

It is just me, or have the '90s become the Decade of the Penis?

Oh. Good. You noticed it too. Phew, for a minute there I thought I was becoming obsessed with them. Which would, as I'm sure you could understand, be kind of disconcerting, not to mention politically incorrect, for a professional Lesbian such as myself to admit. (Unless, of course, you're a Gay man, in which case, you would probably think of this kind of fixation as perfectly normal.)

It's just that driving home recently, my radio airwaves filled with them again. It seems to be the word of the week on every station you turn to. Ever since the FCC said it was okay to say wee-wee in no uncertain terms, all my favorite broadcasters have been having a field day waving it in our faces, so to speak. Or at least, in radio terms, sticking it in our ears.

It all started, it seems to me, with the Anita Hill tale of "Long Dong" Thomas. An outrageous prelude that was probably the benchmark for our current prickly preoccupation. For a week, we watched and waited breathlessly, only to reach a disappointing climax. One that proved conclusively that in the case of supreme injustice, in spite of what a woman might say happened, the evidence just wouldn't stand up in court.

And, of course, let us not forget when our own involvement on the subject sprang up: Gays in the Military. (Translation: Boys Club members on parade.) Remember how fast those frightened straight, white men rushed to cover each others respective behinds on that one? CYA at its finest.

Then everything took an upward turn with Lorena, the patron saint of black and blue home makers everywhere. Radio talk jocks in every corner of Christendom had a field day playing with the handful of bob-it jokes thrust on us for the occasion. (All of which I will refrain from repeating in this limited space, you're welcome.) But which no doubt will soon be a collection, complete with color cartoons and illustrations, available at your local Barnes & Noble (49.95).

Why, this country has never seen such an uprising.

Even I had to rise to the occasion, when a radio program director thought (brilliantly) that interviewing a Lesbian about a case of whacking off might make some amusing air time. I hesitated for

about thirty seconds before deciding to do it, because the host, a Limbaugh Neverbee, was a world-class schmuck if ever there was one. I knew that he was panting at the opportunity to sit across a hot console from me, screaming in public about how happy I, *and my kind*, would

have to be that somebody female had gotten away with slicing off a piece. (okay, so I couldn't resist just one. Oh, all right, two.) I went, of course, because I wanted the public opportunity to say that, although in his case, I might be willing to make an exception, he *and his kind*, ought to be asking people who gave a damn at all about he subject in the first place... real man haters... like, oh, say, uh... maybe... whattayathink... wives? (Ah, another blow struck for truth in Lesbianism. No, no, don't thank me. Somebody had to say it.) I did see several women tossing high fives on the freeway at the exact instant of the not-guilty announcement, and the cars of none of those cheerful were sporting anything remotely triangular.

Now Lorena was an interesting test case for Lesbians in polite society. Trying not to laugh at all those squirming straight men with their suddenly crossed legs. And their entirely screwed up concepts of life in the three-legged race. ("No, I'm sorry, this case isn't about abstract inter-genderal relationship concepts. It's about the farmer's wife. She cut off his tail with a carving knife. And we all know that if one of them can do it, why can't all of them? And if all of them know that they can do that, then why wouldn't they? (Good Question)... We'll be right back after these words from our sponsors.") Collective guilt is such a complicated defense mechanism. But it does make for real good radio. And it gave boy broadcasters license to say the Pee word on the air.

Then the next big dongos to ring loud the newsroom bell were all the copycut cases and attachment immolations that might've given the movie *The Burning Bed* an even more penetrating plot.

And hey, how about The Michael. What would verbaligo tattoo incriminatingly in the way of evidence? Distinguishing marks? Wow! Talk about paying for it! It was worth an alleged couple of mill just for a looksee! And, com'on, admit it. Didn't you think secretly to yourself, just for a second, that maybe, just maybe MJ had, at last, stretched plastic surgery to its ultimate end?

And now I hear, another newsworthy item on the tube. No, not news from any ordinary gallop pole. This is about one prestigious post. The highest in the land. Billy's willy. We're talking about the presidential staff here. Which has been accused of being up to no-good. And to prove it, a woman in Washington says that, given a proper line up, she can positively identify the true policy wank. Kind of gives new meaning to the term "Slick Willie," doesn't it?

So there they are again. Penises. All over my radio and my TV. Geez. Give a girl a break. Can't we find something more interesting to talk about? This is definitely not a Lesbian's idea of a good news year.

Maybe I forgot to wind my Chinese calendar. I could have sworn that this was the Year Of The Monkey. Or was that The Rabbit? Or The Dog? Doesn't sound like it if you judge by my TV and radio. Because, if you listened to the news this morning, thanks to Paula Jones, one more time, it's The Year Of The Cock. So what else is new?

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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

It's All Relative

If you and your own true love remain an item for a big hunk of time, eventually, you are going to have to interact with The Relatives. How *much* you interact with them depends, of course, on where the weight of your boon companion's love/hate relationship with them falls. With my girlfriend, most times I wouldn't want to take bets on that call. Actually, in spite of the fact that Kathy's kith and kin frequently raises her blood pressure to dangerous levels, she is genuinely fond of her family — who lives about 4 or 5 miles down the road from us. We see them a lot.

This is not, however, a hardship for me because I *like* her family: they're funny, bright, and normal — in that dysfunctional sort of way we Americans are so accustomed to. As for their feelings toward me: I am the daughter-in-law they never expected. Oh yeah: we're great pals. I'm there for all the holidays, major and minor; if I answer the phone when Kathy's mom calls, she actually chats with me for seconds at a time; and some of her cousins, remarkably, even know my last name. Even more notable is that I get big ol' kisses *on the lips* from Kathy's siblings and numerous members of her extended family.

This last has been a major adjustment for a gal like me, whose own family doesn't even hug each other comfortably. Heretofore, my lips had always been reserved for popsicles, the tops of babies' fuzzy little heads, and my girlfriend. But, for the sake of advancing the cause of the acceptance of Lesbian relationships, I am learning to deal with smooches from all manner of in-law types. For instance, I'm pretty sure you can't even see me wince anymore.

Things haven't always been this cozy, though. It has, in fact, taken us nearly six years to get to this point of near-familial bliss. And yet, as lovely as life in the bosom of the family is now, I can't help feeling that there is room for improvement. For instance, I know I will truly have arrived as a full-fledged member of the family when:

▼ During a phone conversation with Kathy's mom or sister Carrie, I say, "Do you want to talk to Kath?" And they answer, "No, I just called to talk to you."

▼ I drop by their house, sans Kath, for a visit and stay for dinner, peeling potatoes with Kathy's mom while we share more "girl talk" over the garbage disposal in the sink.

▼ Carrie asks me to be one of her bride's maids. This would be great: then I'd have two dresses I could never hope to wear, having done these honors once

already for my own sister. Then I would truly feel that I'm not missing out on anything by being a Lesbian — well, except for having a big hairy guy to sit around the house all day Saturday watching sports and belching.

▼ Her brother John names his first child after me and picks, for a middle name, "Stonewall" in honor of the anniversary of that pivotal date for homosexuals, which he will just recently have heard of.

▼ John and Kathy's dad start referring to our place as "Yvonne's house" and drop by to have a few beers with me while we watch the game on TV.

▼ Her grandparents mention me in the will.

▼ Kathy's mother says to me, "Why don't you just call me 'Mom'?" and gives me a big heartfelt hug — and, of course, a kiss.

▼ "Mom" says to me, "I hate your hair that way — when are you getting it cut?"

▼ Her cousin Donna asks me to be godparent to one of her children, not deterred by the fact that the last time I, a Protestant girl, was in a Catholic Church I wasn't even familiar with — okay: was confused by — that handshake thing they do, which my girlfriend tells me is called "the kiss of peace." No wonder I'm confused.

▼ We all go on *Oprah* together, with the label under Kathy's parents reading: "Glad their daughter's a Lesbian so they could get another daughter."

▼ I go for an excursion to the lake cottage with everyone except Kathy, who has to work that week, and help Uncle Charlie hack down a few more trees with the chainsaw.

▼ Kathy's dad takes me golfing with him and bores me to tears with his stories about his trips to Ireland. (Oh wait — he already does that last.)

▼ Kathy's mom and I share details about our sex lives. (Shudder.)

On second thought, being a "true" member of the family isn't *everything*. In fact, given that I am still having trouble getting used to the whole kissing thing and all maybe it's best if this process goes slowly. Very slowly. The thing of it is, I've already got one family that I'm trying to get used to: my own. I've been working on that for 40 years now. With any luck, by the time Kathy's mom and I get around to talking about our sex lives, we won't remember having had any...

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Soul to Soul

By Melloney Nelson

Make The Most of Life

Life is so precious. All life is precious.

Just the other evening, I was looking outside my window at three little squirrels playing. It looked to me that they were playing hide and go seek. They were running back and forth across the street, and I thought to myself that one of them may get hit by a car if they didn't stop playing in the street. About three minutes after that thought, one of the squirrels was plotting to run across the street. I guess his timing was off because when he decided to go, a car was coming. The car struck the little squirrel, and without going into graphic detail, the squirrel was killed instantly.

I'm writing about this because I've never watched anything or anyone die. Not only did the incident make me cry, it made me think. We spend so much time on things that really don't matter. We waste too much time hating each other, too much time fighting about things like sexual preference when it's no one else's business. We take too many things for granted.

No matter who we are or what we have, everything can be taken away from us. I watch people and it seems that people are not living their lives to the fullest. We get so weighed down with work and making a living, taking care of children, and trying to gain material possessions that we tend to forget why we're here. Our lives should not be a storm of stress and confusion. We must learn to find some balance in our lives so that we don't feel like robots — all work and no play.

The group of people that I choose to surround myself with are older people because they seem to be past the rushing through life. They've been through the games and realize that there's no point in them. I admire them because they seem to be able to make the most out of a day.

I believe we should all learn to stop sometimes and appreciate the things around us. We need to make quality time for our mates and our children. We need to make quality time for ourselves. Whether it be a walk, a candlelight bath, a long drive or whatever, we need that time to center our personal worlds. Life is a one time performance — you don't get another chance, so make the most of it.



(Top) Hostess Katrina Kaye entertains at her recent MISS Central Gay WI-USA pageant at Wausau's Madhatter. (Center) Six contestants vied for the Miss Central title. (Bottom) 2nd runner up Rhonda Moore, the new Miss Central Gay Wisconsin-USA Felicia Melton-Smythe, Miss Gay WI-USA DuWanna Moore, and 1st runner up Loretta.
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Ballgame	7 - 5
Triangle	7 - 5
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Marble Arcade	4 - 8
Rick's Rangers	2 - 10
Club Muse	0 - 12

Schedule

JULY 9	
DIAMOND 2	
11am	Triangle vs Marble Arcade
12:15pm	Rick's Rangers vs Triangle
1:30pm	Club 219 vs Ballgame
2:45pm	Your Place vs Ballgame
DIAMOND 3	
1:30pm	M&M vs Your Place
2:45pm	M&M vs Club 219

JULY 16	
DIAMOND 2	
12:15pm	Triangle vs Club 219
1:30pm	Marble Arcade vs Ballgame

DIAMOND 3	
11am	Rick's Rangers vs Your Place
12:15pm	M&M vs Marble Arcade
1:30pm	Your Place vs Triangle
2:45pm	M&M vs Rick's Rangers

Club 219 remains undefeated in the Saturday Softball Beer League as the season approaches the one-half mark. M&M is one game back, setting up a rematch of fun two teams on July 9th.

Club 219 will be Milwaukee's lone representative at the Gay Softball World Series in Nashville in August. No other team elected to participate in the World Series.

MR. SSBL CONTEST

The Mr. SSBL contest, one of the leagues most popular and most successful fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, July 16th at 5pm at the Ballgame. Each team is encouraged to have a candidate. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun for the contest, and support your favorite player.

OZABOOBOO GOLF TOURNEY

31 golfers from Milwaukee, Minneapolis and Detroit "teed up their balls" on Saturday, June 11th. The event was the Ozabooboo Memorial Golf Tournament which was held at Scenic View Golf Course in Slinger.

The foursome of former possum queen Dee Dee, SSBL Commissioner

Joe Appleman, Bob Crout of Detroit and Wayne Kaehler of Minneapolis took first place by one stroke. Individual honors went to best putters Jim G. for the longest putt on the 9th hole, best driver to Greg C. for the longest drive on the 10th hole, and Ironman Flo for the closest shot to the pin on the 17th green.

Following golf, the players were treated to a steak dinner prepared by Flo and Swanee at the Ballgame.

Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club

The Milwaukee Tennis Club is well underway in it's second season, and what a success it is! There are 34 players this year, almost double the amount we had last year. With 3 divisions, there's a better opportunity to have matches with players of equal skill levels.

Of course the emphasis is on fun and that's what the players are having. The season started May 1st at Hart Park, the June matches were played at McCarty Park, and the July matches are being played at Lake Park starting at noon.

The standing of each division are based on a point system totaling the games, sets and matches won. The results of the top 3 players of each division are listed below.

Good luck to all players and we'll keep you updated on the rankings. See you at the courts!

TENNIS STANDINGS - JUNE 29

A DIVISION		
NAME	GAMES WON	TOTAL
1. Scott L.	66	151
2. Ed L.	60	145
3. Gary O.	63	137

B DIVISION		
1. Mark J.	77	173
2. Dion H.	66	151
3. Patty T.	49	117

C DIVISION		
1. Elaine S.	70	155
2. Mark M.	36	87
3. Davina W.	24	58

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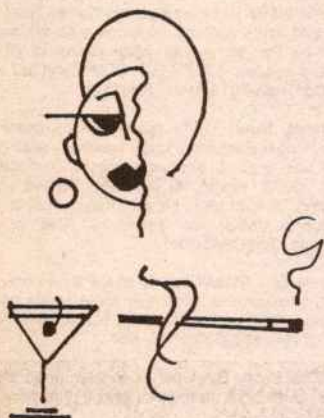
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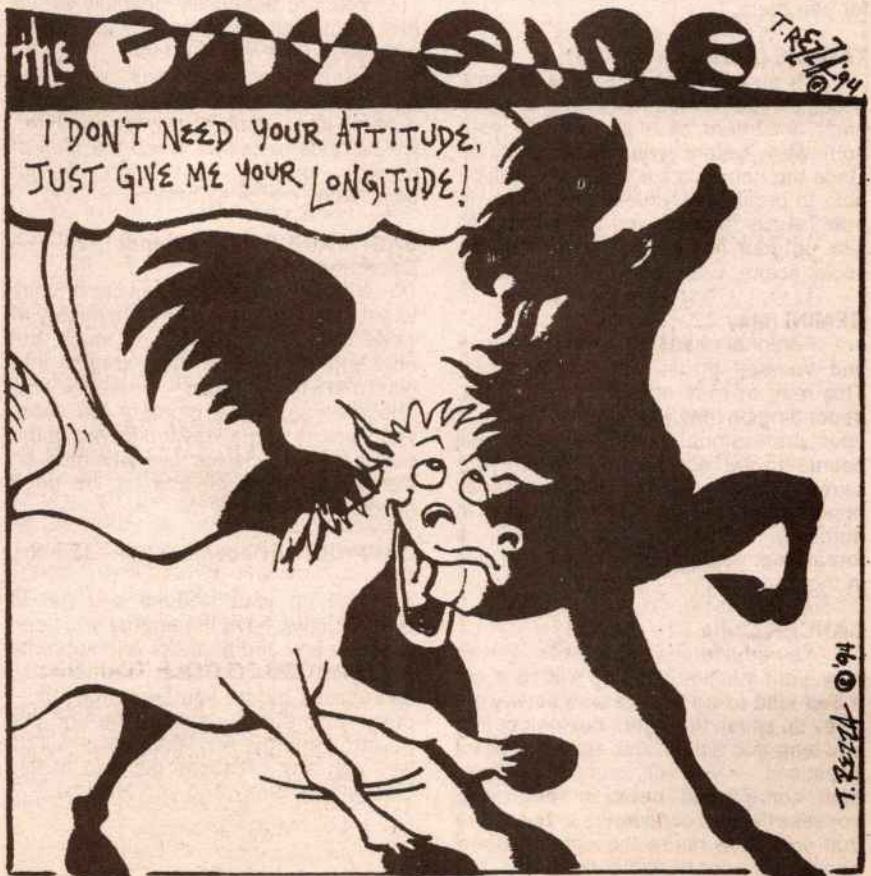
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Zodiacscope

By Charlene Lichtenstein

Astrological Forecast For July 1994

How hot and steamy can July get? I guess it depends upon the planets. This month may seem less of a passionate play and more of an intellectual firestorm in many areas of our lives. This is thanks to the travels of Mars into intellectual and cool Gemini. Fine. So be it. This simply means that we can still enjoy the bods on the beach but should continue to keep our eye on the prize — true equality and dignity on both a personal level and for the entire community.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

The lines of communication are open for business. You will have no trouble making your opinions known, but be sure that you have all the facts before you shoot off your mouth. On the bright side, you will be able to enjoy a victory or two at work — People actually like you and try to smooth over the rough edges for you there.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

It's an excellent time to take some action on your investment portfolio. Read each document carefully and do your homework before you make a move. Once the homework is done, you will be able to profit from your efforts. Then, in true Taurus fashion, you will be able to kick up your heels and plunge into the social scene. Everybody into the pool!

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Personal charisma soars! You may find yourself thrust into center stage. This may or may not be a good thing, depending on how you handle yourself in your professional pursuits. There still seems to be some struggles in your career and your "in-your-face" opportunity to shine may chaff those in authority. Although forewarned is forearmed, you still must have your day in the sun.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Powerful forces are at work — even now, your intuition is going wild. It is not a bad idea to go with your "little voices" (they do speak the truth), but look before you leap into action. Ask some pertinent questions — you will, more than likely, hear some good news in return you possess the self confidence to recognize that you have made the right personal choice. Be your personal best.

LEO (July 24 — August 23)

Friends are there when you need them and you are there for them in return. Social obligations build to a frenzy, so be careful of overbooking your personal time. You may (finally) hear a spot of good news about investments. It's about time! Home projects continue apace — no sooner do you finish one stinking project, than another rears its ugly head.

VIRGO (August 24 — September 23)

Your hard work is beginning to pay off in your career. The efforts you put into specific projects now seem to be the engine that drives your success. The planets are also nicely placed so that, even in your success, you can appear to others to be kind, warm, personable and gracious, even if you are not so inclined! Grab for the gusto and the promotion.

LIBRA (September 24 — October 23)

Pack your bags and take a trip (or two or three). You are absolutely energized and raring to go. You even seem to have the funds to do what you please with whom you please. A rare gift is available through any type of volunteer work for our community. Try to allot some time to give something to others, whether it's time, money or expertise.

SCORPIO (October 24 — November 22)

You are especially sexually active this month but try to be a little choosy with your time and partners. There is also an indication that parties and arenas of fun and frolic may not be all they are cracked up to be right now; too much fun will have its penalties. Keep the fires of passion burning, but dish it out selectively, match by match.

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 — December 22)

You are finally getting an opportunity to get away from all the frantic misery at work. It's all been much too much, but now you will direct your energies into partnerships and one-on-one relationships. Not a moment too soon; you were getting a little too frayed at the edges and a little too overwhelmed on the job. Relax a bit and let the good news dribble in.

CAPRICORN (December 23 — January 20)

Roll up your sleeves and get to work. You will have the energy you need to tackle any and all tasks with supreme efficiency. Ask for clear and concise instructions before you begin the job — there is no sense wasting time and this powerful energy. Any legal issue will go well and any vacations planned at this time will be lovely and very enjoyable.

AQUARIUS (January 21 — January 20)

Party animal! There is no stopping you this month as the energy compels you to dance, perform, paint, play or gamble with reckless abandon. Spend only what you can well afford to spend — finances are still a source of trouble and concern. Don't be foolish here. Thank goodness there are people around you who care about your future.

PISCES (February 20 — March 20)

This is a wonderful time to hang around your home and fully enjoy your surroundings. Puttering is not a bad idea this month — you may be able to finish many little around-the-home projects that you have been putting off. You may also hear some good news about relationships; That which has been given up for lost may be found again.

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WI NEW PASSAGES: Matthew, 18, 6'3", muscular seeks a TP who can show me a good time on this my first experience. #31417

Milwaukee NEW TO THE AREA: Single GWM looking for someone to show me good times and my way around the area. I love the outdoors in general. #31497

WI TALKIN' 'BOUT TALKIN': 28 yr. old, 6'4", CDer into talking with people who know what they want to talk about. #31559

Marshfield SLIM INTERESTS: 26 yr. old GWM, 6', non drinker, seeks slim guys 21-29 yrs. old for friendship. I like walks and movies and you should too. #27563

Green Bay TAKE IT LIKE A MAN: Gary, looking for 18-25 yr. olds who are very honest and kind. Bln/Blu guys a big plus. #31662

Milwaukee A FINE HOW DO YOU DO IT: Bi white male, 28, 6', Brn/Brn, new to this, looking for a body builder, 25-40 yrs. old. Hope to hear from you. #31620

Green Bay IN AND OUT...OUT AND IN: Looking for an athletic guy, 21-30 yrs. old, who is active both indoors and outdoors. I am 6'1", in good shape and healthy. #31777

Green Bay HEAD HUNTING: Bi white male, 5'11", 25, Blk/Blu, seeks other males 18-35 yrs. old for fun times. #31747

Eau Claire HAND ON THE CONTROLS: Looking for a man 40-60 yrs. old who likes to take control. I like hiking, camping, and the movies. #31856

Green Bay THIS IS THE HARD PART: 5'10", work out and enjoy dining out looking for someone who is sincere, honest, 25-35 yrs. old. #31859

Milwaukee /!_ + (#)= FUN: 18 yr. old, 6'3", GM looking for someone 18-35 yrs. old, attractive Hispanic or white honest and sincere for a relationship. #31914

WI STOCKS AND BONDAGE: 51 yr. old, 5'10", sub, into being stripped naked and strip searched. I've been very bad. #31931

Green Bay RICK IS READY: 20, 5'8", looking for any one in the area who is looking for a good time. You are 18-25 yrs. old. #32024

Milwaukee HANDLE WITH GLEE: Looking for a single black male 25-32 yrs. old for a friendship and possible relationship. No head games. #32084

Madison HUNK HUNT: GWM, 28, 5'10", looking for other men in the area 24-32 yrs. old who are attractive and level headed. #32260

Madison GOING THE DISTANCE: College student, 21, 5'6", seeks a well built white runner for companionship. #32308

Appleton CLOTHES ON/CLOTHES OFF: Dress for you. Bi white male, CD looking for people who enjoy sexy clothes. I am into just about anything. #14774

Milwaukee SAVE ME: Throw out the rope and rescue me. I'm looking for an experienced GWM to help this inexperienced man. #29761

Milwaukee NEW ON THE MARKET: GWM, 23 yrs. old, recently out, seeking GWM of similar age for friendship and more. #29896

honest and sweet natured to spend some quality time with. #30646

Madison LEATHER CUB: 6', seeking leather daddy. You are someone I can trust, respect and learn from. Hairy a plus. #30763

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Eau Claire DON'T LET ME BE: 5'9", GWM seeks someone 21-40 yrs. old with any kind of hair color. I'm kind of lonely. #30862

WI JUST GOTTA DO IT: 20 yr. old, bi male, mature for my age, looking for TV's, TS's, CD's to explore my bi-ness. #30873

WI ALWAYS OPEN: 27 yr old, 5'9", tan and in great shape. Always open to new things. #28991

Green Bay YOUR SERVE: 5'9", 155, drk hair. I love tennis, walking, swimming, reading, movies, music, time in, time out. Seeking guys around here with similar interests. #28728

Milwaukee LEATHER BTMs: Seeking sub BTM boys who need a little control. I get into anything. Call if you are kinky and 18-27. #28747

WI BOY OH BOY: 5'9", 160, seeking yng smoothies, 18-25. I like bikes, the lake, movies and quiet times at home. #28955

Milwaukee EAST SIDE: I am seeking a buddy for good times. Let's give and receive massages. Long hair A+. #28957

Eau Claire TV OR NOT TV: GWM very discrete who wants to meet a TV but not necessary #11250

West Bend BEGINNING TO SEE DAYLIGHT: 20 yr. old 6'; Not out completely; looking for someone of similar age who is into the outdoors and who will be patient with me. #29166

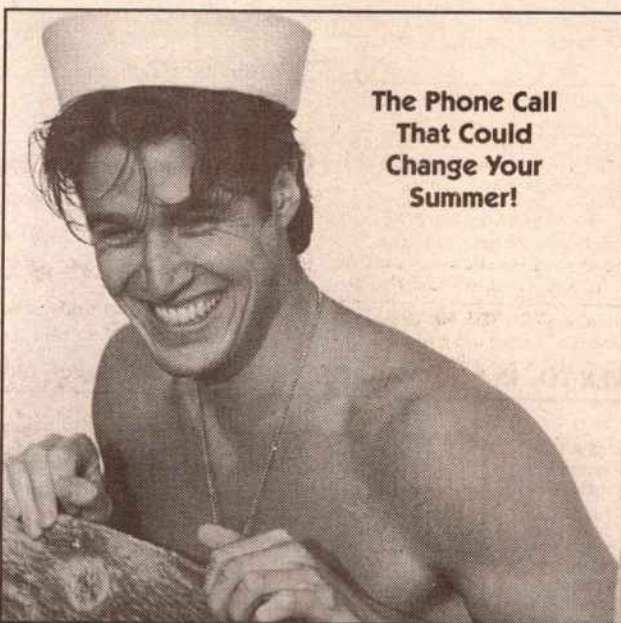
Madison BEAR-LY ABLE: ...to contain myself. Looking for men 25-35 yrs. I am bearish 6'2" BTM looking for fun. #29224

Milwaukee BRING ME ALONG: GWM, inexperienced handsome looking for men and TV's for mutual benefits. #28457

Madison IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME THING: I'm sick of the dating game. Are you also? If so, call me. #29431

Madison FEEL SAFE WITH ME: Seeking a 19-35 yr old to get to know. I am 6'4", 280, shy and a nice guy. #26879

Milwaukee SOUTH SIDE: Gwm seeks GWMs for movies and quiet times at home. #26291



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Wausau SOCIAL ANIMAL: 19 yr. old, 5'8", GM into just talking and socializing looking for friendship and possibly more later. #13075

WI CAN BOBBY SLEEP OVER?: 18 yr. old GHM. I live at home and am looking for versatile men to share in good times. #30037

Milwaukee HE'LL UNDERSTAND: 38 yr. old wants to meet other guys 38 and under. I have a relationship but want to meet friends. #30036

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La Crosse **WE CAN STILL HAVE FUN:** Seeking a guy, 18-29, with a swimmer's bld. No bars. BUT lots of travel and dining. #27079

Milwaukee **SOUTH SIDE:** Bi-WM, 5'5", 135. I am attractive and a workout buff. Let's show off. I have a washboard tummy. #27237

Milwaukee **BIRDS OF A FEATHER:** 27 yr old good looking guy seeks a man, 25-33 for a little travel/fun. #27340

Milwaukee **HANKERIN' FOR A HUNK:** WM, 35, 5'6", 160. I am healthy and hunky. Passionate guy needs some playful fun. I am worth the call. #27381

Milwaukee **MILLER TIME:** Seeking a litr biker top who is endowed. I love watersports and want to drink some beers, kick back and enjoy a good time. #27472

WI **WIDE RANGER:** 24 yr old GWM, 5'10", 160, blonde and blue. I am seeking guys, 24-40. Dark hair and great personalities are A+. #27486

WI **NO LIMIT:** Seeking a litr man. Test me all the way. I never fail. #27665

La Crosse **NO FUN ALONE:** 5'2", 125, brn/blu. Seeking a guy around my age (26). Please enjoy hiking, biking and a good workout. #27707

WI **HOT TALK:** 23 yr old seeks some guys for fun and talks on the phone. Call me and we'll take it from there. #27951

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Milwaukee **FEMME FATALE:** Fem GWM, 36 yrs old, seeks slim male s who believe in love, passion and romance. I love nice clothes, dining out and travel. #28000

Milwaukee **MONDO BONDAGE:** Sub TV seeks guy for wild times and B&D. I am very clean and discreet. #28100

Milwaukee **DOWNTOWN:** Seeking yng guys who are smooth, B&D, shaving, restraints used here. Safe only. #27712

Oshkosh **VERY RECEPTIVE:** 23 yr old Bi-WM seeks some guys for a good time. I am open to anything. #28279

Madison **SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO:** 26 brn/blu, 140. Seeking good times and a possible relationship with older men. Call me anytime. #28366

Milwaukee **WHERE'S THE WELCOME WAGON:** 23 yr old, new to the area. Seeking good looking guys under 25 who like to work out. #28539

Milwaukee **COLLEGE STUDENT:** Into bike riding, rollerblading and hot fun times. Seeking a guy 18-25. #23893

La Crosse **CAT-O-2 TAILS:** GWM professional couple, 40 & 27. We are attractive, into music, theater and light litr. Seeking couples or singles. #25506

WI **CLUB SCENE:** 23 yr old Hispanic male, 160. Into swimming, music and the clubs. #25601

WI **NATIVE AMERICAN:** 30 yr old, 6'4", 220, blk hair, American Indian. Into outdoors, reading art and music. Please be affectionate, honest and clean. Call for home phone. #25608

WI **WHAT'S UNDER THE DRESS, FELLA?:** Seeking attractive guys into crossdressing. I love the mystery and being with a guy who is dressed fem. #11250

Milwaukee **YOU TELL ME:** 29 yr old blk male seeks a friend who is kind and knows what he wants. Please be a blk male, 21-40. Call me at home. #23108

414 Area Code **HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF?:** Pent-up college guy seeks a cute campus dude. Call me at home. #23893

Kenosha **BLACK SABBATH, A FEW BREWS, WHO KNOWS?:** We are 40 and 21, into heavy metal, videos and social drinking at my home. #24064

Milwaukee **O SOLE MIO:** 19 yr old college student, 5'11", blonde and blue seeks guys 18-25. I am into opera and dancing. #24164

Racine **SMOKIN' GOOD TIME:** Handsome bi-WM seeks discreet guy for hot action. #24242

Milwaukee **UP AND WAITING:** 32 yr old, trimmed stache and beard. Let's have some quality times and build a good relationship. Call me at home anytime. #24326

Milwaukee **SISSY TV:** I am passable and need to be trained by a stern person into an adult baby girl. #24366

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** Seeking Native American or Hispanic guys. I am 6'4", 190 and very athletic and masculine. Call me at home. #21606

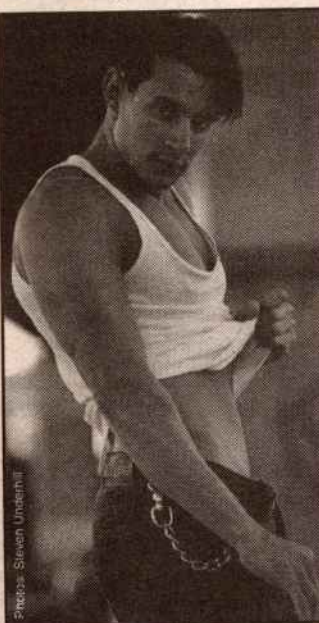
Milwaukee **HERE COMES SUMMER:** WM, 23, 6', 180. Seeking a guy around my age to date. I like movies and summersports. Just getting involved in the scene. #24503

WI **IT'S YOUR SERVE:** 20 yr old, 6'2", 190, blk/bm. I like biking, swimming and ping-pong. Kissing, snuggling big pluses. Honest guy seeks a guy of any age/race. #22880

WI **VERY ROMANTIC:** 43 yr old GWM seeks a guy 21-50 of any race for friendship. Into gardening, camping and fishing. Let's settle down and make a commitment. #24663

Milwaukee **SOUTH SIDE:** looking for GBMs. I am 32, 220. Into the movies and dining out. Tps pls call. #24718

WI **GREAT OUTDOORS:** 19 yr old seeks a guy, 18-24. Into hiking, biking and horses. Any race. #24818



WI **GWM:** 6', 165, 27 yrs old, blonde and green eyes. Into quiet times and cooking. Friends first, possible relationship. #19990

Appleton **VERY SINCERE:** 28 yr old, 6', 220. Into working out, skiing and reading. I am always willing to try new things. #22089

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** 29 yr old, short hair, stache. Into the outdoors, movies, concerts and dining out. #18745

WI **JOHN OR JOAN?:** Fem guy into hiking, biking and trail walks. Dark brn eyes, 5'7", 135, slim. Seeking masculine blk males. #24818

Milwaukee **TEACH ME TO TANGO:** Fem TV seeks a blk or Hispanic male. #22207

414 Area Code **CALL ME:** 6'1", dark hair and grn eyes. Seeking a guy 18-30. I love movies going out, dancing and phone talk. Gimme a call at home. #14232

WI **RIDE IN THE COUNTRY:** 20 yr old, 6'2", 185. Seeking a guy who likes to cuddle, drive around and listen to music. Please be 18-40 (preferably). #22880

WI **HERE COMES SUMMER:** 29 yr old blk male, 5'8", 150. Med-build. Into music, dance and the lake in the summer. #23108

Milwaukee **GOOD WITH MY HANDS:** 37 yr old seeks a relationship. I am a handy man and home owner. #23153

WI **DO YOU NEED A MAID?:** TV, very passable. Totally shaven. I will cook and clean and provide EVERY service. I can dress from sophisticated to sleazy. Great legs! Call me. #23161

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** Seeking guys under 30 for a hot, safe time. #9368

Green Bay **I WANT TO TRY:** Seeking Bi or married guys. 26 yr old is very interested and would love to hear from you. #23421

Milwaukee **YOUR CALL:** Seeking a hot blk guy. 28 yr old white male for a long or short term situation. #23515

Milwaukee **YNG AND SATISFYING:** Seeking good-looking guys under 22. I am very willing to satisfy. Just let me know. #19251

WI **FIT AS A FIDDLE:** Professional, healthy guy seeks a fit man in his 40's call me at home. #20766

WI **NORTHEAST:** Outdoor guy isn't into the bars, but is seeking more than a one nighter. 5'9", 175 mid 30's. #19239

WI **SLEEP ON IT:** 6'2", 34 YO, into men who are intelligent and fun-loving. Anything safe is OK. #20473

Milwaukee **I KNOW MY PLACE:** 34 year old 5'9", and med build. I am a definite btm. Seeking friends. #20494

Milwaukee **CREAM OF THE CROP:** 39 yr old, ready for fun. #20769

414 Area Code **DOWN TO EARTH:** Blonde and blue, 5'7", into sports, movies and all kinds of music. Seeking guys with good hearts and souls. Must be mutually respectful. #20506

608 Area Code **CARNIVAL ATMOSPHERE:** 20 yr old, 5'6", 135 seeks men 20-40's for fun and excitement. #20614

Madison **MILITARY SCENES:** Workouts, crewcuts and having fun your thing? Call me. #20744

Wassau **THRU THE UPS AND DOWNS:** 23 yr old WM Bi-guy seeks a relationship with a WM 18-25. #20758

Milwaukee **EAST SIDE:** 5'11", 165, seeking 18-26 yr olds. Must be fairly liberal and a non-smoker. #20777

Milwaukee **ALL POINTS BULLETIN:** Seeking hunky Puerto Rican or blacks. #20879

WI **WHERE DO YOU THINK?:** GWM, 21, 145, 5'10". I am seeking an honest guy who thinks with his heart. #11508

Milwaukee **GARDEN FAN:** 35 YO. Into down to earth people, rare plants and country music. Seeking 18-35 yrs. #17697

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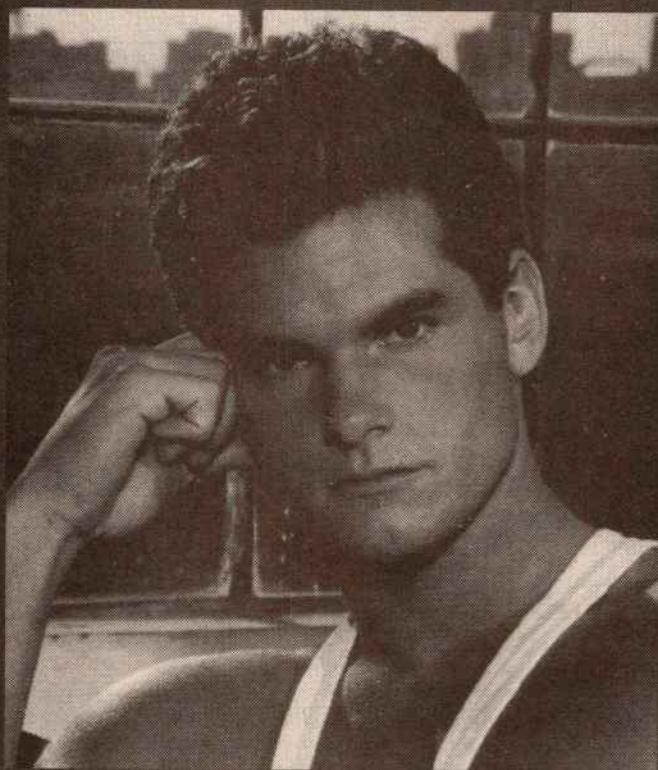
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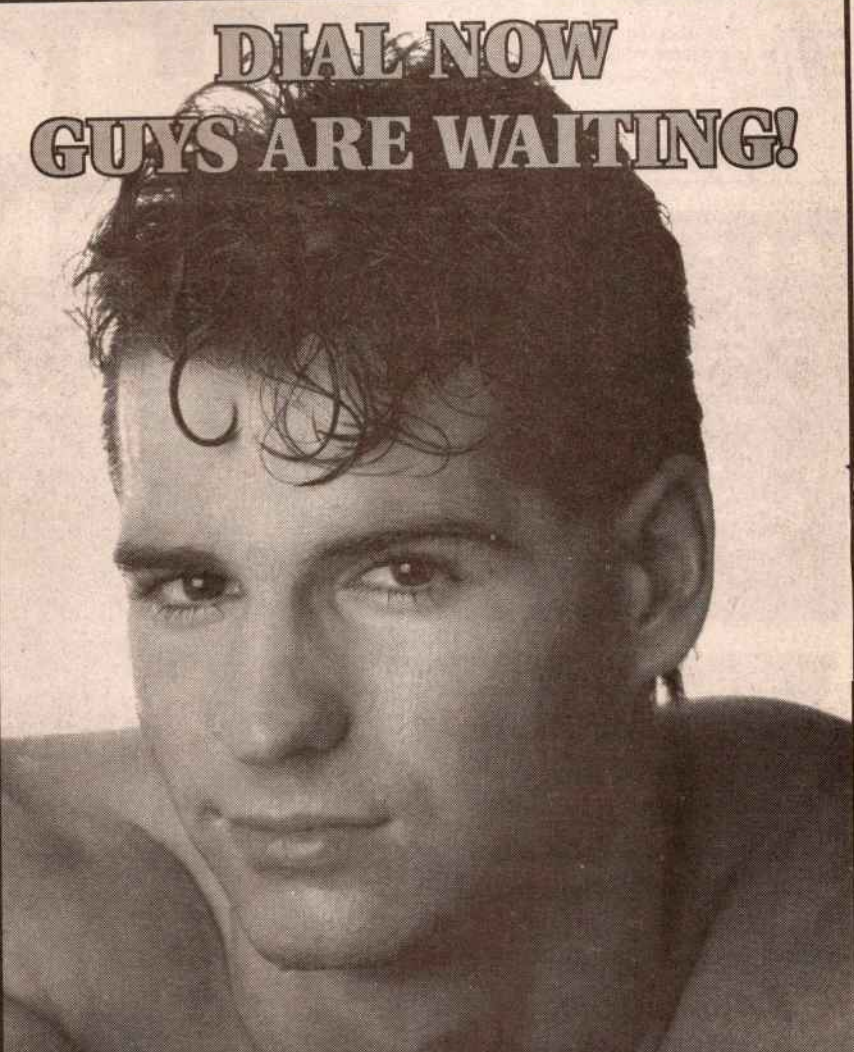
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Everyone: Please forgive me for my "growliness" during June. Those last 2 issues were the most challenging I've put out during 10 years publishing, and they put me "close to the edge." Sincere apologies to any of you I "went off on."

Ron, In Step
Mr. Ciccone: Your creativity and sense of humor justifies the "Beast Within" me. Happy Birthday on July 10th — or should I say August 16th? I will always "Cherish" you,

Ken
Brett: After all this time, I finally realize "Those who are loved the most, usually appreciate it the least." How stupid you are to let society tell you who to love.

Russell

Dear Friend: Saw you under the dance tent at PrideFest. I had sunglasses and beige baseball cap. You said Hi when passing. Lets talk!

Jon Jeff and Shawn: It's great waving Hi, but how do we create a dialogue? **Your "Kind of Shy" Neighbors K&R Kerry Scarlett (Snuggle Bunnies):** Nub Noo!

Love, Mary Scarlet (Mooches)
A Personal "Thanks!": My blisters are healing, my sunburn is fading, but the smile on my face just won't disappear! This past PrideFest celebration has indeed added many great memories to my life — and I hope yours, too. For those of you who came and celebrated, I wish to thank you for your support. For those of you who volunteered, I can't praise you enough! Having co-chaired this event for three years, I know just how difficult it is to run a festival of this size. Thousands of hours go into the planning, ordering, layout, entertainment line-up, etc... The Board members of PrideFest usually go without sleep, our lovers get irritable and our phone bills look like the National Debt, yet believe it or not, we get such a sense of pride before/during and after the Fest, that all of our effort seems trivial. To those who volunteered and worked

during the Fest, I hope you feel the same! I would like to personally thank each and everyone of the volunteers for making this Fest the best it has ever been! All of your sweat, determination, loyalty, kindness and friendship has not been overlooked! This year I had the pleasure of working with and meeting so many kind people, I can't begin to express the feelings of togetherness, unity and pride I feel in our community. To all of PrideFest Board members I would like to say, it has been one hell of a Fest! I've enjoyed working with you all — WE DID IT! Next year, PrideFest '95 is going to need much more help and I hope that those who volunteered can help out again! For those who haven't volunteered yet, being a volunteer at PrideFest is one of the best ways I know to meet new friends, get involved in the community and feel as though you've made a difference in our world. Sign up by calling 272-FEST! Thanks everyone — See you at PrideFest '95!

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 207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901
 Gay AA/Anon 494-9904
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 Development Alliance) PO Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
 Gay/Lesbian Support Group
 UW-O Counseling Center 424-2061
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 PO Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935 235-6100
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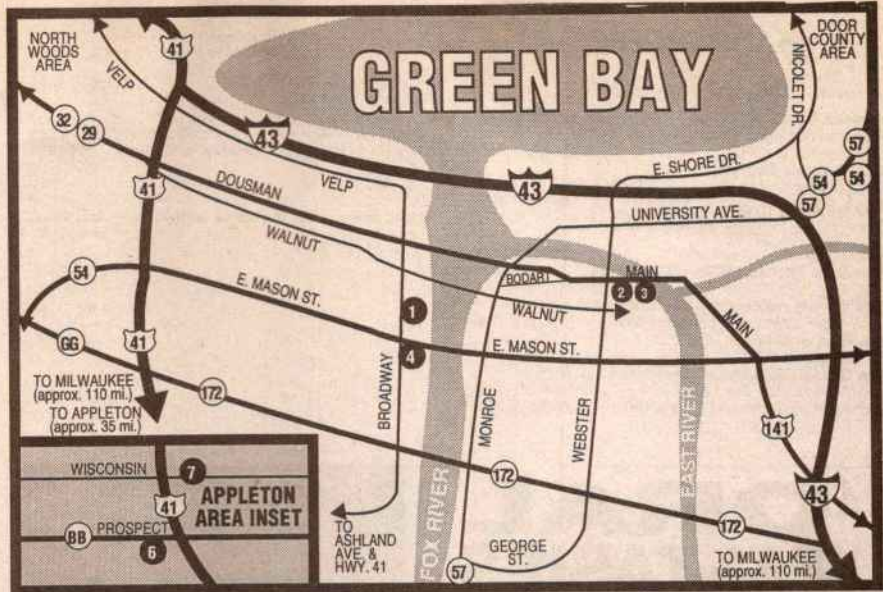
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 Gay AA/Anon (Meeting Weekly) 494-9904
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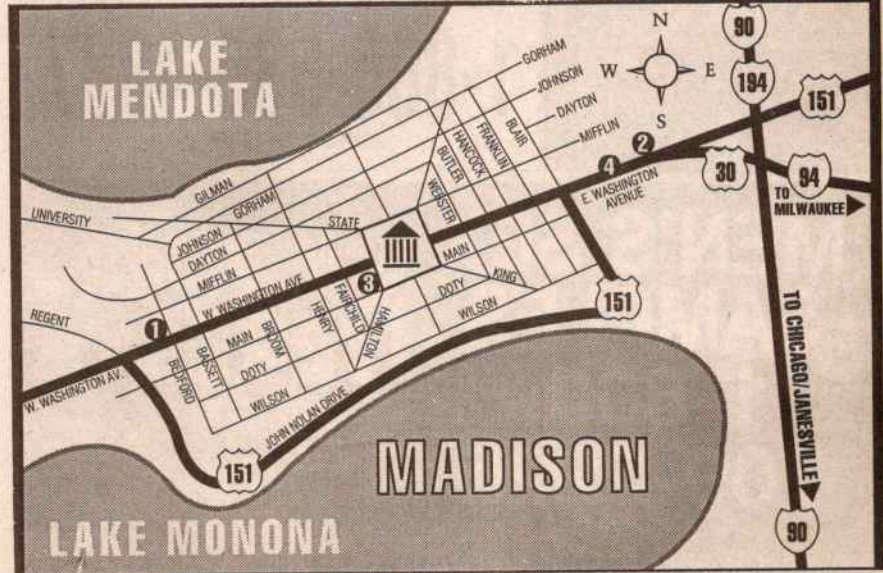
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 Gay Men's Support Group (Bill) 271-2565
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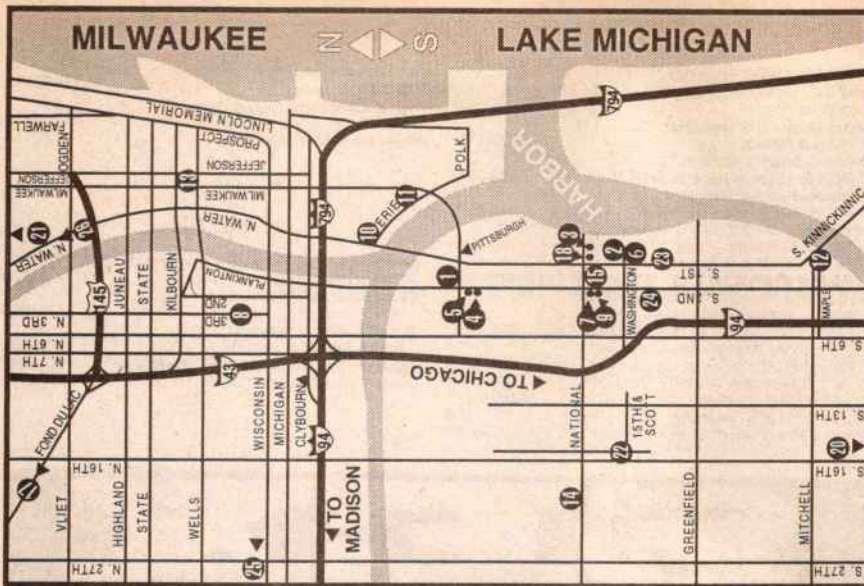
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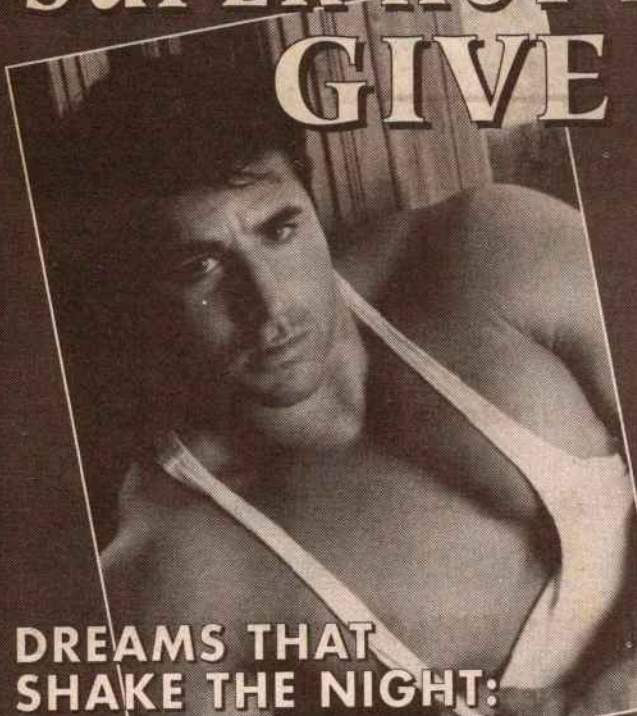
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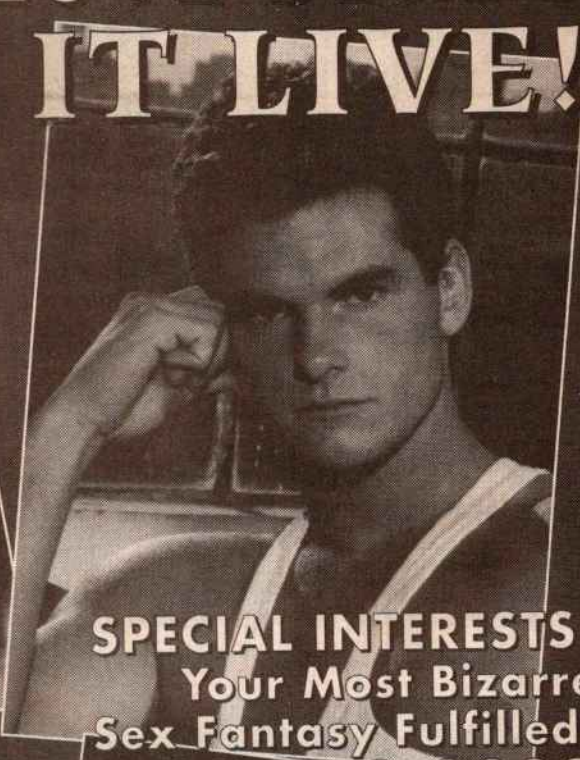
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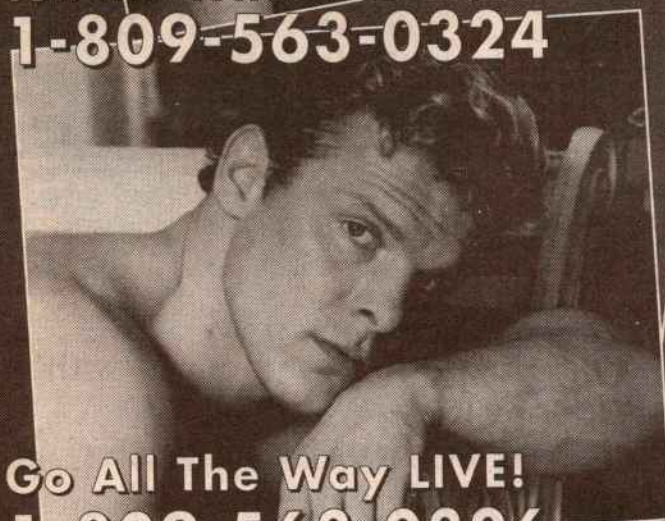
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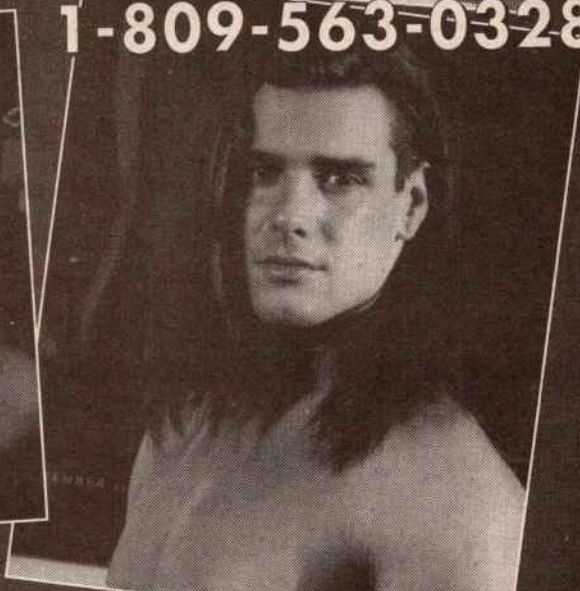
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