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In Step Staff Photographer James Taylor captured this photo of Madison's July 17 GALVAnize March as Mr. Gay Madison and Miss Gay Capital City drove west on State Street with the capitol dome in the background.

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Only Two of Ten Targeted States Face Anti-Gay Initiatives

Barry Goldwater Denounces Homophobic Efforts

By Jamakaya
Washington, DC — Gay and
Lesbian leaders are breathing a little
easier, at least for the moment, after
right wing forces failed to have anti-Gay
initiatives qualify for the ballot in eight out
of ten targeted states. As it now stands,
only Idaho and possibly Oregon will face
anti-Gay referenda in this November's

"We are relieved," said Sue Hyde of the Fight the Right Project of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "But we are not relaxed."

"The failure of the radical right to qualify for the ballot in eight states is positive, but it does not send the all-clear signal," said Hyde. "The radical right will continue to practice its anti-Gay agenda to legalize discrimination against Gay and Lesbian people. In the coming months, we will confront them in local elections, at school board meetings, and in state and federal legislative bodies."

Radical right wing groups in Arizona, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada and Washington failed to gather the required number of signatures by deadlines ranging from January 31 to July 11. One activist reports that the Nevada Citizens Alliance "shot themselves in the foot" by circulating an inflammatory 16-page newspaper insert which included vicious stereotypes of Gays.

An initiative in Florida was ruled invalid by that state's Supreme Court in March, and a proposed initiative effort in Ohio never materialized.

"Our job now is to support local communities as they come together to counter the discriminatory agenda of national radical right wing organizations," said Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

"We will work in close cooperation with local communities in Oregon, Idaho and wherever radical right groups try to institutionalize discrimination. We must reach people with information about the problem of anti-Gay discrimination and pass a federal bill to protect people from losing their jobs."

IDAHO AND OREGON

Nicole LeFavour, an official with the Idaho Campaign for Human Dignity, a group opposing that state's anti-Gay measure, noted that the Idaho initiative

barely qualified.

"The Idaho anti-Gay group fell far short of its goal of 100,000 signatures and squeaked past with only a few thousand to spare," said likeFavour. "Unfortunately, this gives the national right wing organizations an opportunity to take their disinformation campaign all over our state. Local communities in Idaho must come together to stop the radical right groups from institutionalizing censorship and discrimination in Idaho."

According to an analysis published in the Washington Blade, the Idaho initiative "repeals and blocks laws and policies prohibiting discrimination against Gays and Bisexuals and specifically prohibits same-sex marriage and domestic partnerships, discussing homosexuality in schools, and use of public funds to express acceptance of homosexuality." It also "allows employers to make personnel decisions based on sexual orientation."

In addition to the grass-roots coalition-building needed to defeat the measure, one of Idaho's two Congressmen, Rep. Larry LaRocco (D) has announced his opposition to the

referendum.

"If candidates for public office can't decide what to think about the initiative, I suggest they see the movie Schindler's List and then speak out on the issues of hate and discrimination,' said LaRocco.

Meanwhile in Oregon, that state's ballot measure was struck down as unconstitutional by Marion County Circuit

Judge Rodney Miller in April.

Judge Miller ruled that the referendum cannot appear on the November ballot because it violates the state constitution, which requires that an initiative deal with a single issue. The proposal contains all the provisions of the Idaho initiative cited above. Judge Miller's decision is currently being appealed to a higher court.

"The courts continue to tell us that citizens cannot vote Lesbians and Gay men out of constitutions," said Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund. "Still, the radical right continues to promote these unconstitutional assaults, and we will continue to battle against them in court."

GOLDWATER SPEAKS OUT

Former Senator and conservative icon Barry Goldwater is once again speaking out against anti-Gay discrimination just as he did last year during the debate over Gays in the military.

Goldwater, along with Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts (D) are honorary co-chairs of Americans Against Discrimination, a project of the Human Rights Campaign Fund that is providing money and political advice to states and communities fighting anti-Gay referenda

On July 13, the Washington Post published an opinion piece by Goldwater in which the elder statesman of the GOP endorsed a Congressional bill prohibiting job bias based on sexual orientation and attacked right wing efforts to legitimize anti- Gay bias through state initiatives.

"Job discrimination excludes qualified individuals, lowers work- force productivity and eventually hurts us all."

Goldwater wrote.

"The conservative movement is founded on the simple tenet that people have the right to live life as they please, as long as they don't hurt anyone else in the process," according to Goldwater. "No one has ever shown me how being Gay or Lesbian harms anyone else."

"No matter the outcomes in Idaho and Oregon on November 8," said Sue Hyde of NGLTF, "Gay and Lesbian people will not be driven back into the

silence of the closet."

Club 3054 Up For 90 Day Suspension

Council Still Must Vote

By John Cain

Madison — Club 3054 will close its doors for 90 days if an agreement with the City of Madison is approved later this month. Owner Cheri Becker and her attorney, Richard Jacobson, had negotiated a 60-day suspension of the club's liquor license with Assistant City Attorney Rick Petri, but the city's Alcohol License Review Committee (ALRC) voted 4-2 July 8 to reject any settlement that did not include a 90-day closure.

The ALRC will meet July 27 to vote on whether to accept the revised stipulation. If approved, the stipulation will go before Madison's Common

Council for final approval.

13 PROVISIONS

Other provisions of the 13-point stipulation include: permanent closure of Wings, the downstairs bar where alleged illegal sexual activities allegedly occurred; an end to Underwear Night parties; that Club 3054 remain available as an AIDS and HIV education and testing site; and a forfeiture of \$1,611. Club 3054 will close the day after Labor Day is the stipulation is approved.

Becker said at the meeting that the bar could probably survive a 60-day suspension, but she expressed reservations about her ability to stay in business after a 90-day closure. She noted that her business had fallen between 50 and 65% since the charges

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Madison Celebrates With Busy Weekend

MAGIC Picnic: GALVAnize Rally & March

By John Cain

Madison — Madison's LesBiGay community had a busy weekend, with the 21 Annual MAGIC Picnic held July 16 and the 3rd GALVAnize March on the 17th. Visitors from throughout the Midwest descended on Wisconsin's capital for both events.

About 500 partiers turned out for the MAGIC Picnic to eat, drink, shop and dance at Brittingham Park. Even an hour of rain during the peak of the afternoon, only the second rain day in the Picnic's history, couldn't dampen their spirits. "Even in the rain, we come out in ever larger numbers," said Tammy Baldwin.

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were filed in May. Both Petri and Jacobson expressed their concerns that a 90-day suspension could amount to a "death penalty" for the Club.

LONG HISTORY OF GOOD CONDUCT

A number of ALRC members stated their belief that the 90-day penalty was more in line with those given recently to other area bars. However, Petri noted that the other bars mentioned, which included the Horseshoe, the Black Bear and the Underground and cater primarily to a heterosexual clientele, had long histories of trouble with the ALRC. Becker, he said, has had no prior problems which required police intervention. "She has a long history of good conduct," he said.

Ald. Tim Bruer made the motion to increase the suspension to 90 days. He said at the meeting that "the health risks [of such conduct] to the [Madison] community are extreme." He stated after the vote that public health and safety were his only concerns. However, Petri stated at the meeting that there was no proof that anyone had been infected with HIV as a result of the alleged sexual activity. He also noted that Madison's Public Health Department did not believe the alleged conduct warranted using the department's "extraordinary powers" to close the bar. Public Health Director Patricia Gadow did not appear at the July 8 meeting, but had earlier stated that the department saw no need to close the bar. The Madison AIDS Support Network has issued a statement stressing the importance of keeping the bar available as an AIDS education and outreach site.

"I always look forward to the Picnic. she continued. "We sometimes spend too much time strategizing and not enough time celebrating what we have accomplished.

Dane County Supervisor Mark Pocan concurred. "It's been a good turnout, another good event. The Picnic is a good way for people to celebrate who they are.

The Picnic served as a fundraiser as well as party, with revenues being divided among 14 community organizations. Over the past two decades, more than \$60,000 has been

raised and distributed.

5TH ANNIVERSARY OF GALVANIZE

The weather was much more cooperative for Sunday's March, proving. once again, the adage that it never rains on Gay Pride Day. It may snow - like it. did for GALVAnize's first march in 1989 - but it never rains

A pre-March rally just off Capitol Square featured three speakers. including Baldwin. She spoke of her pride in being a part of a community which has elected over 150 openly LesBiGay people to office, and called on the crowd of about 400 to work harder to turn back anti-Gay initiatives and homophobia in general.

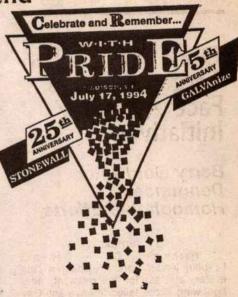
The March stepped off at about 2:30pm, led by Baldwin and Grand Marshals Chris Boyd and Stacy Seibert. Boyd and Seibert were co-coordinators of Team Wisconsin, which won a number of medals at the recent Gay Games IV. The March down State Street included contingents from a number of groups including Bi? Shy? Why?, The United, Madison AIDS Support Network, and Team Wisconsin. Two men also marched under a banner proclaiming them to be "Stonewall Veterans", participants at the original New York riots in 1969. The numbers of marchers swelled as it travelled down State to the University.

An apres-March rally was held at the University Library Mall at the western end of State Street. The Rally included singers, stand up comedy, and a number of other acts, including a Lesbian clog dancing troupe. (In Step deadline prevented photo coverage of events held after the March.)

Both March and rally were refreshingly free of "Christian" anti-Gay demonstrators.

"I was pleasantly surprised by the diversity of the crowd," said rally-goer Brian Smith. "I'd expected a bunch of middle class college kids, but there were people from all walks of life."

The experience was perhaps best summed up by Tanya, another marcher and a United volunteer. "It's been a great day." she said. "The March was awesome. It's the most fun I've had in a



long time."

"It's great just being out," she added. "It's great having all these people see me and know I'm not going anywhere."



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AIDS Groups Applaud Resignation of Gebbie

Urge Appointment of Lowell Weicker as AIDS Czar

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — AIDS activist groups, which have long complained of her ineffectiveness, are pleased at the recent resignation of Kristine Gebbie as AIDS National Policy Coordinator. They are once again floating the name of Connecticut Gov. Lowell Weicker to replace Gebbie as President Clinton's AIDS "Czar."

Gebbie, a former health commissioner for the state of Washington, submitted her resignation July 8 after a turbulent tenure of just 11 months.

In an interview with the New York Times, Gebbie said: "A little less than a year ago I moved into a vacuum here, with enormous and conflicting expectations. I think we have done things this year, and I feel good about it, but it is time for someone else to try.

"This was a new job with almost nothing written down about what it should be, and expectations were too high. Some people will never be happy about this position unless it is the job of a real czar who can command viruses, money and jobs."

Gebbie said she urged Clinton Chief of Staff Leon Panetta to more clearly define the job of AIDS Policy Coordinator and invest the position with the authority to coordinate policy between different government agencies.

Gebbie also defended her tenure by saying her many trips throughout the country "had been one of the most important things we did this past year, opening up a wider dialogue with mainstream groups, such as Campfire boys and girls, and with mainstream religious groups that had never been brought into the issue before."

AIDS activist groups had a much less flattering assessment of Gebbie's tenure.

FAILURES OF LEADERSHIP

ACT UP/Washington said: "The National Office of AIDS Policy has proven to be little more than a White House public relations wing on AIDS. For a year now, Gebbie has been attending luncheons, meeting with anyone and everyone, stating that the administration was doing everything it could. When activists would bring up a specific issue or criticism, Gebbie would give the same stock answer, "We're looking into that' or 'There's so much that has to be done."

ACT UP dismissed as meaningless Gebbie's recent issuance of an "HIV Action Agenda," purportedly a national plan to combat HIV/AIDS, saying, "[It] proved to be little more than a rehash of the same reports and recommendations that form a mountain of paperwork in Washington, DC, still gathering layers of dust."

While joining ACT UP and the National Association of People with AIDS in calling for Gebbie's resignation, Gay and Lesbian Americans put the ultimate blame for AIDS gridlock on President Clinton.

Said GLA: "Clinton has failed to provide the leadership necessary to create a rational and effectively coordinated national AIDS research effort. As a candidate, Clinton's pledge on AIDS included two major points: the mounting of a 'Manhattan Project' on AIDS research and the establishment of a Cabinet- level AIDS czar to coordinate the federal government's response to the epidemic.

"With Gebbie's resignation, GLA renews its call to President Clinton to reformulate the White House AIDS Policy Office providing it with direct access to him and the authority to coordinate the work of the various federal agencies involved in the fight on AIDS. In addition, the White House must throw its support behind the AIDS Cure Act. Passage of this bill is a critical first step in mounting the large scale research effort needed to find a cure."

"Another year has passed. Thousands more have died. The epidemic rages on while the administration concerns itself with the appearance of leadership rather than substance. No one with the necessary qualifications for leadership on AIDS would take this job the way it's currently defined. If the White House is not willing to give it the access and power it needs to really make a difference, then all their

talk is just posturing."

WEICKER TOUTED

ACT UP is once again proposing that Connecticut Gov. Lowell Weicker be appointed AIDS czar.

ACT UP's Steve Michael said: "As a member of the Watergate Committee, Weicker proved that he was willing to stand up to the establishment for what is right. As governor, he was willing to stand up to the money interests and push a state income tax. He was a Senate AIDS champion during the early years of the pandemic. He organized the Nixon war on cancer. He understands AIDS. He has the power. He has the connections. He has the knowledge."

Michael added: "No bureaucrats, no policy wonks. We need an AIDS czar with the political will and skill to win the war on AIDS. We demand a five-star general, not a corporal."

Weicker was reportedly approached about the job last year but, in rejecting the offer, cited his duties as governor and his doubts about whether the position had any real authority. It was not immediately clear whether he might reconsider at this time.

Meanwhile, the Times reported that two other people are under consideration for the post of AIDS czar. Timothy Westmoreland works on AIDS and health issues for the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment. Dr. Margaret Hamburg is the New York City Health Commissioner. Hamburg turned down the job last year, citing a pregnancy at the time.

Whoever is named to the post is likely to be under even greater scrutiny than Gebbie. Continuing failures of leadership in the war against AIDS will further discredit President Clinton and result in ever greater death tolls.

Daughter of Cobb County Commissioner Says She's a Lesbian

Greg Louganis Lobbies Against Olympics in Cobb

Atlanta, GE — In the latest turn of events in the saga of Cobb County, Georgia, whose commission voted last year to condemn homosexuality, the daughter of the commission's chairman has announced that she is a Lesbian. Meanwhile, Olympic diver Greg Louganis has urged the U.S. Olympic Committee to withdraw volleyball competition from

venues in Cobb County during the 1996

The controversy involves a resolution passed last August by a 3-1 vote of the Cobb County Commission. The resolution states that homosexuality is in opposition to "traditional family values" and that "the life style advocated by the Gay community should not be endorsed by government policy makers because they are incompatible with the standards to which this community subscribes."

The Commission also passed a

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measure canceling all arts funding for local groups after a resident lodged a complaint about the Gay content in a play that was partially funded by the

On June 22, in a dramatic news conference which got extensive media coverage, 24-year-old Shannon Byrne came out as a Lesbian and declared her opposition to the Commission's anti-Gay resolution. She is the daughter of Commission chairman Bill Byrne.

The resolution serves no positive purpose. It sends a message of intolerance," said the younger Byrne, who is a photographer. "I am not a threat. I am a peaceful, loving, productive

member of society.

"I have taken this resolution very personally. It has hit me in every way possible: as an artist, as a volleyball player, as a Lesbian and as Bill Byrne's daughter. Because of this anti-Gav resolution. I now feel saddened, I now feel unwelcome, I now feel afraid to enter the county which was my home.

Byrne went on to question the idea that the resolution defends "family

values."

"This resolution is not bringing the families of Cobb County together. It has divided the people, it has divided the businesses, and it has divided my family. It has produced an unhealthy environment filled with fears, tension and hatred."

Byrne explained her decision to go public with the Gay paper, Southern Voice: "I'm sorry for what my dad has done. That's one of the reasons I'm coming out. I want to do what I can. I just wasn't at peace with keeping quiet. I felt like I needed to tell these Christian people that they are dead wrong. I don't think they have any idea about how to be

Byrne said she sees "more family values in the Gay community than I do in

any other community."

Byrne's father responded that he would not "damn" his daughter or "shut her out of my life," but he has refused to budge from his position in support of the anti-Gay measure.

"As a father and as a political figure, taking the stand that I have on this knowing full well the impact it's going to have within my own family should identify very clearly how strongly I feel about the issue."

LOUGANIS SPEAKS OUT

Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis, fresh from his appearance at Gay Games IV where he publicly acknowledged his homosexuality to the cheers of crowds, has also entered the fray against Cobb County's homophobic stance.

On July 7, Louganis was presented

with an award by the U.S. Olympic Committee (which he dedicated to Gay Games founder Tom Waddell) and took the opportunity to urge that the 1996 volleyball competition be withdrawn from Cobb County.

"Last year," said Louganis, "Cobb County adopted a resolution condemning

Gay people. So now, in addition to the normal pressures of competition, Gay athletes who are participating in the preliminaries will have the added pressure of knowing that they are not welcome in Cobb County.

"People have a right to pass any

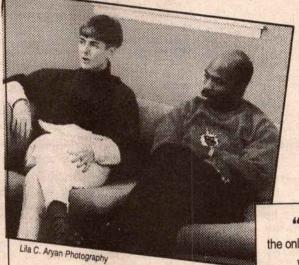
resolution they like," said the diving champ, "but they made it clear that the athletes were not welcome. The U.S. Olympic Committee has already sent a strong message to all Olympic athletes by giving the Robert J. Kane Award to an openly Gay athlete. Now they should reinforce that message by encouraging the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games to move the volleyball preliminaries to a venue that is open to all athletes, including Gay and Lesbian

"It's not an issue of politics," said Louganis. "but fairness."

Harvey Schiller, Executive Director of the U.S. Olympic Committee,

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responded this way to Louganis's concerns: "If the U.S. Olympic Committee knew or felt that any athlete would be affected in their right to compete, we'd take a strong stand against that yenue."

The Atlanta Host Committee initially said that because all other sports venues are booked, the Cobb County site — the Galleria Convention Center — is absolutely necessary for the volleyball games. But, embarrassed by increasingly negative publicity, the committee has been negotiating with politicians and leaders of the Gay community to resolve the dispute

On July 13, Bill Payne, chair of the Atlanta Committee, announced that an undisclosed site was being investigated for "affordability, accessibility and acceptability as a substitute venue."

Pressure is also coming from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force whose leader, Peri Jude Radecic, recently said: "If the Olympic Committee does not act responsibly and move the games, activists from across the country will descend on Atlanta during 1996 to tie the city into an Olympic knot."

Meanwhile, the Cobb County Commission has adamantly refused to repeal its resolution. A compromise measure, intended to soften the wording of the offending resolution, was defeated by a 3-2 vote on June 28.

Community Spirit Victory

Pride Network/TNC Must Send Notice to Customers

By John Cain

In what one side is calling a "David over Goliath victory" and the other characterizes as a "minor, factual, technical ruling," U.S. District Court Judge Nancy Gertner has ruled that TransNational Communications (TNC) infringed the trademarks of Overlooked Opinions and Community Spirit earlier this year and enjoined TNC from using Overlooked's name or trademark. TNC and Overlooked are locked in a legal battle over some 20,000 LesBiGay long distance customers each company is claiming as their own.

According to Overlooked's Jeff Vitale, the court order additionally requires TNC to send a court-supervised notice to the customer database explaining the infringement and to replace any calling cards TNC issued with the Overlooked or Community Spirit trademarks.

"The courts have given us relief," said Vitale. "Now we have a level playing field again." He said that the ruling will bolster Overlooked's legal action. Overlooked is suing TNC for breach of contract and defamation. Vitale estimated

the Overlooked will ask for damages anywhere from \$10-100 million for "the damage done to our name."

TNC "wasn't surprised" by the ruling, said TNC's Michele Frost. Frost coordinates TNC's Pride Network, a long distance program which TNC set up to service the disputed customers. She acknowledged that TNC did use Overlooked's name and trademark last spring, but only to "give our customers the whole story." She said that TNC stopped using the name or trademark several months ago.

TNC has filed suit against Overlooked for breach of contract, saying that Overlooked improperly severed the relationship between the companies

earlier this spring.

ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD ABOUND

A number of the customers caught between the companies have complained about fraud on the part of TNC. According to Vitale, most of the allegations have stemmed from customers having difficulty getting switched away from TNC when they originally signed up for Community Spirit. He said that attorneys general in Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, California and Montana are looking into TNC's business practices in those states. The Consumer Protection Division of the Wisconsin Attorney General's office confirmed that at least one complaint has been filed against TNC, but was unable to elaborate.

Frost acknowledged that some customers were receiving bills from TNC after believing they have chosen another long distance carrier, but denied any fraudulent activity. She said that Federal CommunicationsCommissionregulations prohibit any long distance carrier from discontinuing service to a customer until that customer has chosen another carrier verbally or in writing. "Customers were not giving us time to explain that," she said.

TNC has also accused Overlooked of fraud in paying donations to the organizations selected by its customers. Overlooked and TNC both state that they distribute 2% of long distance revenues to L/G/B and AIDS organizations. Each company has said it has sent the proper payments, including checks to The United, Madison's Gay and Lesbian social service agency. United Treasurer Sande Janagold was unable immediately to confirm receiving money from either company.



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ILGA Votes to Expel Man/Boy Love Association

NAMBLA's Membership Threatened U.N. Status

New York, NY - The International Lesbian and Gay Association, meeting in its 16th annual conference in New York in late June, voted overwhelmingly to expel the North American Man/ Boy Love Association as a member group. The decision, which required an 80% majority vote, garnered an 88% majority. The vote of delegates was 214-30

The move to oust NAMBLA grew after the U.S. Congress voted to cut off funding to the United Nations if any U.N. "grants official status, agency accreditation or recognition to any organization which promotes, condones or seeks the legalization of pedophilia, or which includes as a subsidiary or member any such organization.

NAMBLA, a member group of ILGA for ten years, seeks the abolition of all age of consent laws which prohibit sexual relations between adults and minors, NAMBLA's policy statement says it is opposed to sexual exploitation of children.

NAMBLA's membership in ILGA had become problematic because ILGA itself was threatened with expulsion from its official consultative status with the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council by countries concerned with the potential loss of revenue from the U.S.

ILGA's leaders had lobbied for many years to be recognized as a non-governmental agency within the Economic and Social Council and finally won that consultative status last summer. The recognition means that, although ILGA cannot actually cast votes, it is able to submit reports on Gay and Lesbian issues and human rights abuses to U.N. committees.

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

Concerned with the possible loss of their hard-won entry level status at the U.N., members of ILGA's governing Secretariat lobbied aggressively for NAMBLA's ouster. Four of the group's six top officers threatened to resign or withdraw their re-election bids NAMBLA was not expelled.

ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE

At the New York conference, debate over the proposal to oust NAMBLA grew acrimonious. While some delegates focussed on the potential loss of ILGA's U.N. status, others addressed the broader issue of whether the Gay and

Lesbian movement should allow itself to be aligned with pedophile groups.

"Abuse is abuse, no matter which way we put it," said a South African delegate. "And we oppose NAMBLA using our culture to further its cause. Our children are our future, not toys for the pleasure of older men."

Lisa Powers, a former co-chair of ILGA, said it was more important to maintain ILGA's U.N. status than to cater to the desires of one fringe group. "This is a decision of whether we go back into the ghetto or stay in the real world," she said

But Cormac Brissett, a 20-year-old Minnesotan who was brought out by an older man when he was just 13, said: "We must talk about the panic of issues around childhood and sexuality. The presence of this panic is so great that many in this room will not be able to vote their consciences today.

NAMBLA delegate Bill Andriette agreed: "The panic around the issues of childhood and adolescent sexuality has so demonized the issue that a fair airing of our place within this organization has become impossible."

"We are pleased to have contributed over the years to many positive discussions and resolutions within ILGA on the rights of children," said Andriette. With us among you, we had even begun to arrive at a consensus about the role of sexuality for adolescents and children, about ways to empower children and youth against exploitation."

Such appeals did not change the minds of the vast majority of delegates, however. The resolution that passed expelled NAMBLA and two other pedophile groups: Project Inform/Free Will of the U.S. and the Dutch group Vereneging Martjin. It stated that groups whose primary interest is supporting pedophilia are "incompatible" with the goals of ILGA.

"The question of pedophilia membership in ILGA is closed," declared ILGA co-chair Rebecca Sevilla.

But Andrietti disagreed.

"The expulsions compromise ILGA's autonomy and long-standing commitment to diversity and tolerance," he said.
"They signify an end to ILGA's democratic structure. And they fail to secure their stated goal...ILGA still contains member groups, such as Germany's BVH and the Dutch COC that support man/boy lovers or have pedophile or pederast subgroups. ILGA's capitulation to U.S. pressure does not change the fact that its U.N. status is in jeopardy.

Some independent observers agree. They say Sen. Helms exploited the pedophile issue because it was the most obvious area to attack ILGA's credibility. But few believe the attack on ILGA, whether from right wing American politicians or the representatives of Islamic states within the U.N., has ended.

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New Survey Draws Clearer Portrait of Gay Consumers

Yankelovich Poll **Holds Some** Surprises

New York, NY - For the first time in more than 20 years, the annual Yankelovich Monitor survey, which tracks the attitudes and values of consumers, included a question about sexual orientation in its polling. The results of the survey both confirm and rebut some of the most commonly held assumptions about Gays and Lesbians and are likely to influence businesses in their marketing decisions toward Gay and Lesbian consumers.

The Yankelovich Monitor survey is significant because its 2,503 respondents this year were carefully chosen to be nationally representative. Respondents filled out a questionaire and their identities remained confidential. This differs from the methodologies employed in many previous surveys about Gays and is believed to have produced more accurate results, capable of being projected with little variance to the wider Gay and Lesbian population...

Of the 2,503 people surveyed, when asked their sexual identity, 143, or 5.7%, marked the category "Gay/Homosexual/Lesbian."Controversy has shadowed previous studies on sexual orientation, with the percentage of people identifying as Gay or Lesbian ranging from a high of 10% to a low of

"That almost 6% of the people say they're Gay is incredibly important, Michael Goff, editor of Out magazine told the New York Times. Goff touted the Yankelovich survey as "the first real hard study done by a gold standard research

A MYTH CRUMBLES

The most startling finding of the Yankelovich survey concerned the alleged disparity in incomes between homosexuals and heterosexuals.

It has been assumed by many for some time that Gay men, especially, have much higher disposable incomes than straight men. The results of polls conducted by Gay magazines and businesses of their readerships and patrons have reinforced this assumption. The Yankelovich study says it isn't necessarily so.

Among the Gay male respondents, the mean household income was \$37,400 compared with \$39,300 for heterosexual men. The mean household income of Lesbian respondents was \$34,800, that of straight women was \$34,400.

"To think they're all affluent is a marketing mistake," Watts Wacker of Yankelovich Partners commented about the financial standing of Gays and Lesbians. Watts told the Times the new statistics might make some companies think twice about promoting higher priced goods among Gays and Lesbians. But mass marketers who formerly ignored the Gay market, assuming it was too specialized, might focus more advertising

Other findings of the Yankelovich. survey point more clearly to why Gays and Lesbians are a demographically desirable market.

Confirming the results of many previous studies, Gays and Lesbians are twice as likely as their straight counterparts to have attended graduate school. The 1990 U.S. Census, the first to ask about the sexual identities of those sharing a household, found that 34.7% of the Gay men and a whopping 38.1% of Lesbians had college degrees. Among married heterosexuals, only 18.3% had graduated from college.

OTHER FINDINGS

The Yankelovich survey found that Gays and Lesbians are highly concentrated in the nation's top 25

metropolitan areas.

Gays and Lesbians showed more concern than their straight counterparts with physical fitness, well-being and selfenhancement, suggesting that sports and fitness products, self- help books and programs, and cosmetics and clothes are areas marketers could focus their advertising on.

Gays and Lesbians are self-employed at a rate almost two thirds higher than that of heterosexuals, which makes them likely consumers of everything from banking and accounting services to products like computers, fax machines and cellular phones. Gays and Lesbians also expressed greater comfort with the new technology, making them ideal consumers of other new high tech and digital products.

The study found that Gays and Lesbians experience more stress than straights, which makes them desirable targets for everything from home security systems to resort vacations to counseling

services.

Gays and Lesbians also spend more time in their homes and spend more money on home improvements than heterosexuals. Furniture companies, landscapers, hardware stores and contractors could clearly benefit from tapping the Gay market in these areas.

Some of the large companies which have aimed ad campaigns at Gays and Lesbians in recent years include AT&T, Miller Brands, Anheuser-Busch, Apple

Computer, Absolut Vodka, Benetton, Phillip Morris, Seagram and Sony.

Most business observers believe that the inclusion of Gay and Lesbian opinions in the Yankelovich survey alone will focus greater attention on the Gay and Lesbian market and encourage more targeted advertising by a greater variety of companies.

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Baldwin Announces Re-Election Bid for This Fall

Madison — State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, a Madison Democrat who is the first openly Lesbian member of the state legislature, has filed nomination papers to run for a second term this November. Baldwin, an attorney, previously served four terms on the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

"It is such a privilege to represent the people of the 78th Assembly District," Baldwin said. "I believe I represent one of the most politically active and aware

constituencies in the state."

"I am proud of the leadership role I played on crime and corrections issues, said Baldwin, who is Chair of the Assembly Elections, Constitutional Law and Corrections Committee. "I will continue to fight for single-payer universal health coverage, for meaningful welfare reform that truly reduces poverty, for jobs, for respect of the civil rights of all citizens, for social policy aimed at preventing crime, and for serious reform of campaign finance laws."

Baldwin was named Legislator of the Year by the United Council of Student Governments and received AFSCME's Friend of the Public Sector Award for her support of public employees. The Milwaukee Sentinel named her runner-up as Best Freshman

Legislator.

Milwaukee Wants Crypto Damage Suits Dismissed

Milwaukee - While lawyers for . Milwaukeeans sickened by cyrptosporidiosis from last year's tainted water sought to combine their cases in a massive class action suit, attorneys for the City argued in Circuit Court July 1 that all the cases be dismissed. Judge William D. Gardner delayed his decision until at least July 22.

Deputy City Attorney Rudolph M. Konrad told the Milwaukee Sentinel, "The city is not interested in settling this case. In fact, we intend to ask for summary judgment," which amounts to

dismissal.

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Attorneys for crypto victims who filed complaints with the city are also trying to incorporate into their lawsuit every Milwaukeean felled by the parasite, even those who did not formally complain. The impact of such a massive class action suit could be devastating for the city, since up to 400,000 became ill from the municipal water supply. About 100 people, many of them people with HIV/AIDS or otherwise suppressed immune systems, have died of complications from the infection.

The lawsuit accuses the City of Milwaukee, the City's Water Works, Health Department and other agencies of negligence in failing to detect and respond quickly to the parasitic infestation of the public water supply.

Also Around the State ...

Madison — The AIDS/HIV Program of the State Division of Health reports that 18 Wisconsin residents died of AIDS complications and 23 new cases were reported in the month of June. The number of confirmed AIDS cases since reporting began in 1982 is 2,414. The death toll stands at 1,334.

Mondovi — Edward Krempel has sued the owners of the Treasure Island Casino in Red Wing, Minnesota, claiming that a female supervisor sexually harassed him and then fired him after learning he is Gay. The suit was filed in Minnesota which, like Wisconsin, has a law forbidding job bias based on sexual orientation.

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NATIONAL News Briefs

Vast Majority of Child Molesters are Heterosexual

Denver, CO — A new study published in the July issue of Pediatrics found that a child is 100 times more likely to be sexually abused by a heterosexual partner of a relative rather than a homosexual. The study was carried out in Colorado after an anti-Gay group there, Colorado for Family Values, claimed that more than 50% of all child molesters are Gay.

Researchers analyzed the records of 269 children who were treated at Denver Children's Hospital for sexual abuse in the period of one year. All the children were abused by adults. In only two of the 269 cases, or 0.7%, was the perpetrator identified as homosexual. Only one girl was molested by a Lesbian.

In the vast majority of cases, 80% of the girls molested were victimized by a man who had been in a heterosexual

relationship with the girl's mother or another relative. Of the abused boys, 75% had been molested by men also in heterosexual relationships with the mother or other relative.

The findings "show it's very unfair to lump the term 'pedophile' with Gay or Lesbian," Dr. Carole Jenny of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center told **USA Today**. And Beatrice Dohrn of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund said the results "will be tremendously valuable in our efforts to battle myths about Gay people."

Verdict Expected Soon in Cincinnati Gay Rights Case Cincinnati OH — The federal trial challenging the constitutionality of an amendment which forbids Cincinnati to include sexual orientation in its human rights ordinance took place in June. Federal Judge Arthur Spiegel is expected to rule on the case as early as August. Whichever way he rules, the case is likely to go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Cincinnati City Council added sexual orientation to its human rights ordinance in 1992. But conservative groups, banded together as Equal Rights, Not Special Rights, forced a public referendum on the issue. By a 62% to 38% vote, Cincinnatians repealed the sexual orientation provision and forbade the city from giving Gays, Lesbians or Bisexuals "minority or contd. on page > 14

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protected status, quota preference or any

other preferential treatment."

Judge Spiegel, a liberal Carter appointee who once served as chairman of Cincinnati's Human Rights Commission, immediately issued an injunction halting implementation of the measure until the courts rule on its

constitutionality.

In the June trial, proponents attempted to depict homosexuals as a wealthy and politically powerful community that, unlike racial minorities, is not in need of "special protections." Opponents presented voluminous data on bias against Gays, emphasized First Amendment rights to free speech and expression, and claimed the measure denies homosexuals "full political participation in the community."

Barney Frank Holds Hearings in Ovett, Mississippi

Jackson, MS — On July 6, Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) convened a special Congressional hearing into allegations that citizens and law enforcement officials in tiny Ovett, Mississippi have engaged in a campaign of harassment against a Lesbian couple who recently

brought property there.

Brenda and Wanda Henson related various incidents of harassment they have endured since purchasing property near Ovett for development as a feminist retreat called Camp Sister Spirit. "We do not seek tolerance and acceptance," said Wanda Henson. "We seek equality under the law and freedom from oppression, intimidation and harassment. We seek justice and a legal system that is capable and willing to defend our rights."

James Hendry of Mississippi for Family Values said he, too, had suffered harassment. Contrary to previous statements in which he vowed to drive the women from their land, Hendry said he merely opposed their "commercial" development of the property. Rev. John Allen voiced his opposition to "the Gay and Lesbian agenda" and said the Hensons ought to "experience the life-changing redemption found in a genuine faith surrender to Jesus Christ."

At one point, an exasperated Rep. Frank said, "You seem to blur the distinction between disagreeing with people's positions and feeling that they should leave town. I hope you find a country to live in, because it's not the United States...You just confirmed to me that you think people's rights depend on your tolerance."

Robin Kane of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force asked that the Justice Department include disputes over sexual orientation as a category worthy of federal mediation, like race or religion. "Local and state officials have fueled the flames of bigotry in Ovett. The federal government has the responsibility to help extinguish that fire. Someone must represent and protect the Hensons."

Col. Cammermeyer Reinstated in Washington

Guard

Seattle, WA — On July 7, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a motion by the Clinton administration to block the reinstatement of Colonel Margarethe Cammermeyer into the Washington State National Guard. The highly decorated Lesbian nurse, a 26-year Army veteran, returned to her job as chief of nursing two days later.

Federal Judge Thomas S. Zilly ordered Cammermeyer's reinstatement on June 1, saying the Pentagon lacked a "rational basis" for its exclusion of homosexuals. The Clinton administration has infuriated Gay and Lesbian activists by appealing that ruling and sought to keep Cammermeyer out of the Guard

until a final decision is made.

Col. Cammermeyer, 52, won the Bronze Star during her service in Vietnam. She was discharged in 1992 after she told a panel interviewing her for a security clearance that she is a Lesbian. On July 9, Cammermeyer returned to her job as chief of nursing for the Washington Guard at Camp Murray near Tacoma.

Navy Orders Discharge of Three Gay Sailors

Washington, DC — In mid-July, Naval authorities ordered that three service members who publicly acknowledged their homosexuality should be honorably discharged from the Navy.

In Washington, a Navy Board of Inquiry ruled that Lieutenant Tracy Thorne's failure to rebut the presumption that he engaged in homosexual conduct was sufficient grounds for his discharge.

Thorne had come out as a Gay man on the ABC program Nightline in 1992. In doing so, he relied on Bill Clinton's pledge to lift the ban on Gays in the military. But in an ironic twist, Thorne fell victim to one of the provisions of the supposedly reformed Clinton policy: that service members suspected of homosexuality must rebut the presumption that they will engage in illegal sexual acts.

In Norfolk, Virginia, another board of inquiry recommended the discharge of Lieutenant j.g. Richard Selland. Selland admitted his sexual orientation to the captain of his ship to seek protection from his shipmates' harassment. Selland has filed a federal lawsuit appealing his imminent ouster.

Finally, in Bangor, Washington, another Navy board recommended the discharge of Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Mark A. Philips.

House Again Refuses to Fund D.C.'s Partners Ordinance

Washington — For the third year in a row, the United State House of Representatives has voted to prohibit the use of funds to implement the District of Columbia's domestic partnership ordinance. The measure, an amendment to the District's appropriations bill, will go to the Senate as poart of the bill, where passage is virtually assured. The amendment was approved on a vote of 251-176, breaking basically along party lines.

The author of the amendment, Joe Barton (R-TX), represents a district which includes the city of Austin. Voters in that city recently overturned a local domestic partnership ordinance. Democrat Eleanor Holmes Norton, D.C's non-voting representative, accused Barton of "running for re-election on homosexual manaiage."

The U.S. Constitution grants Congress governing power over the District. Congress has prohibited funding of the domestic partnership registry every

year since it was passed.

Poet Assotto Saint Succumbs to AIDS

New York, NY — Assotto Saint, an African American poet and playwright who published his own work and two anthologies of Black Gay poets, died of AIDS complications at his New York City

home June 29. He was 36.

Saint was born in Haiti but came to New York in 1970. He attended a pre-med program at Queens College but left to join the Martha Graham Dance Company and to get involved in writing and the theater. His first play, Risin' to the Love We Need, won second place in the Jane Chambers Gay and Lesbian Playwrighting competition in 1980. He was a founding member of the Black writers collective Other Countries, and edited its collection, Other Countries: Black Gay Voices.

Black Gay Voices.
Saint published his first book of poetry, Stations, in 1989. A second book, Wishing for Wings, is soon to be published. His work appears in several major anthologies like Gay and Lesbian Poetry in Our Time and In the Life: A Black Gay Anthology. He edited the anthologies Here to Dare: 10 Gay Black Poets and The Road Before Us: 100 Gay Black Poets, the latter of which won a Lambda Literary Award in 1991.

Saint was also featured in his friend Marlon Riggs's film about AIDS, No Regrets.

Actor Dick Sargent Dies of Prostate Cancer

Los Angeles, CA — Actor Dick Sargent, who is best known for playing the second Darrin Stephens to Elizabeth Montgomery's Samantha on the old TV series Bewitched, died of prostate cancer on July 8. Sargent, a Gay man, was 64. Sargent came out to the public as a

Gay man on National Coming Out Day in 1991. At the time, he made numerous media appearances, including on Entertainment Tonight and Geraldo, in which he talked about his life in Hollywood as a closeted Gay man.

Sargent told Entertainment Tonight about coming out: "It's a relief. You know, we've been second and third class citizens. For all my life I've been hiding somewhere and lying. It's just dumb. There's a better way to live and I'm doing it now. I'm very happy being Gay and I hope that maybe my appearance will make some people who are possibly in the closet think a little better about being Gay. I hope so."

Sargent's Bewitched co-star, Montgomery, joined him on several occasions to express her support of him. Sargent and Montgomery served as Grand Marshals for the 1992 Pride

Parade in Los Angeles.

Gay Journalists to Meet in Minneapolis

Minneapolis, MN — More than 500 Gay and Lesbian journalists from across the U.S. will gather in Minneapolis September 22-25 for the third annual convention of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association.

Featured speakers will include Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders, who is expected to address AIDS and other health issues, Sen. Paul Wellstone (D-MN) and Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA).

Convention sessions will focus on major ongoing news stories like Gays in the military, the religious right and HIV/AIDS. Coverage of Gays and Lesbians in sports, cartooning for the mainstream press, Gays and Lesbians in public radio and TV, freelancing, the new HIV magazines and a Gay lowan's success story with the Federal Communications Commission will all be discussed.

The Lesbian and Gay Journalists conference will be held at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel. For registration information, contact George Wooley, NLGJA Membership, 8528 Bradford Blvd., Silver Spring, MD 20901. (301) 588-8378.

Also on the Newswire ...

Portland, OR — On June 8, the Portland City Council voted unanimously to extend health benefits to the domestic partners of Gay and straight municipal employees. To qualify, individuals must sign an affidavit stating they have been in a relationship for at least a year. Unions representing city workers were the strongest supporters of the measure.

Washington, DC — Tim McFeeley, who has served as Executive Director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund for

the past five years, plans to leave HRCF after the November elections. McFeeley is credited with the rapid expansion of the Gay and Lesbian lobbying group. The budget increased from \$1.5 million in 1989 to \$8.5 million today. Membership mushroomed from 12,000 to 85,000.

Trenton, NJ — Republican Governor Christine Todd Whitman signed a proclamation declaring June 1994 "Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Pride Month" in New Jersey.

Asheville, NC — Just weeks after the Asheville City Council voted to include sexual orientation among the protected categories in the city's anti-bias ordinance, an anti-Gay backlash led by a

Baptist minister forced the council to reverse its vote. The council deleted all specific categories in favor of wording that bans discrimination "for any other reason that is not related to bona fide occupational qualifications."

Springfield, IL — Republican lawmakers in Illinois have once again killed a bill which would have guaranteed non-discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations based on sexual orientation. The bill never made it out of the Senate Rules Committee.

New York, NY — Two Lesbians are suing Popular Photography for \$17 million in damages after that magazine



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ran a photo of the couple without their permission. The photo showed them in the back seat of a limo on the way to their commitment ceremony. The women say they are from conservative families and the publicity caused both them and their families great distress.

Evanston, IL - Ignoring the recommendations of various student and faculty groups, the President and Board of Trustees of Northwestern University have refused to extend benefits to the domestic partners of university employees and students. The student government took out a full page ad in the school newspaper asking, "Do you support equal rights? Northwestern does

Los Angeles, CA — Touchstone Pictures, a division of Walt Disney Studios, has bought the film rights to the Gay-positive Broadway musical Falsettos. Producer Craig Zadan has vowed not to water down the story or disguise its themes of homosexuality and AIDS. Filming is likely to begin this winter.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

Dutch May Get National Domestic Partners Law

Amsterdam - Reuters News Service reports that the government of the Netherlands has proposed a national domestic partners registry for same-sex and unmarried heterosexual couples. Friends and family members living together could also be classified as partners and receive most of the benefits married couples now receive.

A spokesman for the government explained that the law addresses "the legal consequences in areas like tax and social security, allowing people to declare a common

obligation of care."

The very suggestion that living together is connected only with sexuality is not relevant," said the spokesman. "It is possible for the same duty of care to exist between two brothers, or a grandparent or a grandchild, as between

married couples."

The Netherlands has long been considered a haven for Gays and Lesbians in Europe. Job and housing bias based on sexual orientation are against the law, the Dutch Army openly recruits Gays and Lesbians, and the Dutch government has allocated \$27 million to promote Gay Games V, scheduled for Amsterdam in 1998.

INTERNATIONAL Briefs

Mandatory HIV Testing Bill Likely in Russia

Moscow - The Russian Parliament has voted in favor of a new law which requires that all foreigners and Russians in "high risk" groups be tested for HIV under penalty of deportation or criminal

The law states that all foreigners visiting Russia for more than one month must be tested. All Russians considered to be in high risk groups must be tested once every five years. The term "high risk groups" is not clearly defined in the statute but is thought to include Gay men and injection drug users. Police and physicians will have the authority to order the tests.

Human rights groups in Russia are concerned that mandatory testing will be used in such a way as to violate individuals' civil rights. The law does not include any provisions protecting the confidentiality of test results either. opening the way for misuse by police and government authorities.

A spokeswoman for a major AIDS service group in Russia said of the law: "It will simply drive people away who should be getting educated on the subject."

Benetton Raises Hackles Again With Reagan Ad

Rome - The Italian clothing manufacturer Benetton, which has become infamous for its controversial advertising, has done it again. A new ad features a retouched photo of former President Ronald Reagan with his face dotted with Kaposi's Sarcoma lesions, a frequent manifestation of AIDS

The picture appeared in the latest issue of Colors, Benetton's company magazine. Along with Reagan's distorted image is a fake obituary attacking the former President for his administration's

failure to address AIDS.

Benetton was criticized in the past for running full page ads in glossy magazines showing a man stricken with AIDS on his deathbed surrounded by family and friends. Last year, Benetton ran ads with images of buttocks and other body parts emblazoned with tattoos reading "HIV Positive." The ads do not promote any of Benetton's products but are apparently meant to be provocative and publicize the company's name.

Some AIDS activists have criticized Benetton but others have praised the company's financial donations to AIDS causes. Most recently, Benetton donated \$40,000 for a display of the AIDS Quilt in

London's Hyde Park.

Also Around the World...

Amsterdam - Tens of thousands of Gays and Lesbians gathered here in late June for a 10-day event called the EuroPride Festival. The cultural festival coincided with the celebration of Stonewall 25 in the U.S. and had a political focus as well, urging all European nations to pass laws protecting Gay rights and to repeal remaining discriminatory laws, like sodomy statutes.

Rome - Piero Buscaroli, a member of the right wing National Alliance Party who is running for a seat in the European Parliament, said he disapproves of homosexuals and "if it were up to me, I'd send them all to live in concentration camps." Italian Gays are especially concerned because Buscaroli's neo-facsist party is part of the new

governing coalition in Italy.

Teheran — A prominent dissident writer, Ali Akbar Saidi Sirjani, has been arrested for allegedly engaging in espionage, sodomy and drug use. A spokesman for Human Rights Watch said the allegations were "trumped-up charges" intended to discredit him and silence his opposition work. The Islamic government has previously used chrges of sodomy to undermine opponents, even executing them for their alleged crimes.

Wellington - The New Zealand Defense Force has ended its ban on homosexuals in the military and issued new guidelines on behavior which is deemed unacceptable for Gay as well as straight service members. The Army's action followed a parliamentary vote last year which amended the country's Human Rights Act to prohibit bias based

on sexual orientation.

Toronto - Hundreds of Gays and Lesbians took to the streets of Toronto in protest June 9 after the provincial legislature of Ontario defeated a measure that would have recognized same sex domestic partners and extended to them inheritance, health and pension benefits. The vote was 68-59. with the Catholic Church and fundamentalist sects raising the strongest opposition.

London - Just one day after the British Broadcasting Corporation announced it was extending marriage leave to same sex couples, giving them a week of paid vacation to honeymoon, the BBC reneged. Opposition from conservative members of Parliament caused the reversal. MP Nicholas Fairbairn said: "For [BBC funds] to be used to pay buggers and Lesbians to indulge in their perversions on holiday is an outrage."

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Besides all that great food, there will be performers from throughout the state, games for the whole family, volleyball, door prize drawings all day long and a beautiful setting just next to Aztalan State Park. The Crossroads Bar, on the corner of Highway B & Q is host for the day long fundraiser for both the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN). The bar is located just 45 minutes west of Milwaukee off of Interstate 94, and a half hour east of Madison. The pig will be carved at about 4pm.

A bus will be available from Milwaukee to the Roast for \$3 round trip, sponsored by the Milwaukee bars. No matter where you are coming from, you can make a night of it. Discounts are available at some of the local motels in the Lake Mills area.

All the profits raised will be donated 50/50 to MASN and MAP to directly help PWAs. As organizers said, "This may be a party, but it's no joke!" They continued, "if you can't come to the Roast, then donate a few dollars, whatever you can afford. The more expenses we can cut, the more fighting we can do to end this horrible plague that's killing our loved ones."

Information and tickets are available in Milwaukee at In Step, The Ballgame, Marble Arcade, 1100 Club, Wreck Room, Ces't La Vie, 3B's, Trio Travel and Imports and Walker's Point Cafe. They are also available at Crossroads Bar, Friends Bar (Ft. Atkinson), Rod's (Madison), MASN offices in Madison & Janesville, and Runway 51 (Janesville).

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Sponsors include MASN, MAP, Miller Brewery, Countryside Home Improvement, Crossroads and Friends bars, and In Step. Donations of goods and supplies are also appreciated. call the Crossroads Bar at (414) 648-



The Sherman Park Rainbow Association recently celebrated its 1st Anniversary at Loose Ends. In

this photo, some of the 130 members gathered during the picnic.

Ramblin' Riverboat Cruise To Support SEWAP

Kenosha — The Lady of the Lake leaves the dock on Saturday, July 30 at 5:30pm for a three hour cruise on Geneva Lake. The annual cruise will benefit the programs of the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc.

The fourth Twilight Cruise has become a tradition of music, fun and companionship. This year's festivities include ramblin', rollicking Dixieland music by Joan Hay and the Ragtimers and lilting folk songs styled by Quarry View.

Several raffles will be drawn on the cruse. Prizes include a painting by local artist, Mark A. Sanders, and two tickets on Midwest Express airlines. Pre-cruise raffle tickets are currently available at SEWAP.

"This annual cruise is the perfect opportunity for friends to get together and enjoy a relaxing get-away on a warm summer evening," said Bill Houtz, director of SEWAP. "SEWAP and the nearly 100 consumers who use its services greatly appreciate the funds and support generated from this event."

The \$45 ticket price includes an hors d'oeuvres buffet and entertainment. Organizers encourage those who are unable to attend the cruisé to sponsor a person living with HIV disease who would otherwise be unable to attend. For tickets or more information, call 1(800)924-6601

Pornography? Erotica? Freedom?

Gay Men's Discussion Group

Milwaukee — Gay male "friction fiction" continues to spark debate in the Gay community and among its opponents and allies. Explicitly sexual print and video material are argued to be free options in a free society, sources of positive Gay identity formation, and the most contemptible form of pornography.

The choices we make regarding any form of sexual expression have consequences for us as individuals and as a community. What is our experience as individuals regarding the use of sexually explicitly print or video, and what has been their effect in our lives? How do we develop our own personal guidelines regarding what we consider healthy or appropriate in considering the use of sexually explicit materials?

A discussion is scheduled for Sunday, July 24 from 6-8pm at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue. Gary Hollander, Ph.D., a psychologist at Sinai-Samaritan Medical Center, will be facilitating our discussion.

The GMDG is designed to be a safe and supportive place for us to share with one another what our diversity of experiences as Gay men is and can be. Preregistration is not required, and the cost is a \$2 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

Family Next Door

Latest Issue Out

Oakland — The latest issue of The Family Next Door, a national publication for Lesbian and Gay parents and their friends, is just off the press. Articles include the personal story of a young woman who finds her birth mother, camping adventures for children, national resources available to Gay and Lesbian youth, and a new column on cooking for kids and adults. The regular column by Dr. Tamar Gershon, behavioral/developmental pediatrician for the Rainbow Health Clinic in San Francisco, discusses the pros and cons of books on child-rearing, and in their column "Let's Talk About It," psychotherapists Valory Mitchell, Ph.D., and Diane Wilson, Ph.D., continue their information discussion on Considering Parenthood.

The Family Next Door is for everyone involved with a family created by Lesbian or Gay parents — parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and all extended family members. It offers insights to physicians, psychotherapists, social workers, and educators who work with Lesbian and gay parents and their children.

To subscribe to The Family Next Door, call (510) 482-5778, or write to Next Door Publishing, Ltd., P.O. Box 21580, Oakland, CA 94620. Ask about the special offer commemoration of Stonewall 25!

Resource Directory Published

The Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC) is pleased to announce that the sixth edition of the Directory: A Guide to the Organizations Serving Madison's Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Communities has been published. The Directory contains descriptions of nearly 100 different local organizations which serve or support Gays, Lesbians, and/or Bisexuals (G/L/B) in our community. Descriptions include information on history, purpose, size, address, contact phone number, and/or person. accessibility

Publication costs for The Directory were underwritten by advertisements placed by over 160 businesses and professionals in Madison and surrounding communities. Thus, The Directory also functions as a guide to businesses which have demonstrated their support for the G/L/B community.

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Copies of The Directory are now available free of charge at A Room of One's Own, Four Star Video Heaven, and The United. Copies will also be available at various G/L/B social events throughout the year. Delivery of bulk copies can also be arranged by contacting MG/LRC at PO Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701. Individuals wishing to have a copy of The Directory mailed to them may do so by sending their

name and address and a check for \$2.50 per copy to defray mailing costs to MG/LRC.

Attenzione!

Italian-Descended Lesbians

& Gay Men

We are currently soliciting manuscripts for a new book tentatively entitled: Hey Paesan: Writings by Italian-Descended Lesbians and Gay Men furori d'Italia (i.e., living in Canada, the U.S. and South America).

This groundbreaking anthology, the first of its kind, will examine issues central to a Lesbian/Gay lifestyle as it is influenced by growing up as the children and the grandchildren of Italian/Sicilian

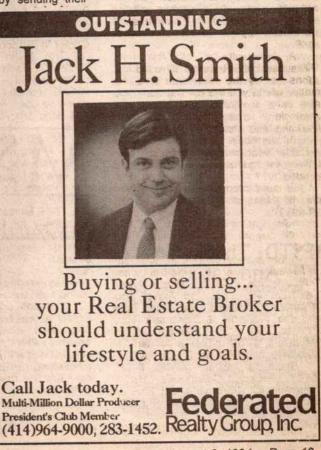
immigrants.

In addition to text, we also want to include photos of some of the writers with their currently families and their families of origin. We will consider poetry, fiction, autobiography, essays, memoirs, personal interviews, and photographs. For more complete description of our suggested guidelines, and to send your material, please write to: Hey Paesan, c/o Avicolli Mecca, 278 States #2, SF CA 94114.

Deadline for material Nov. 30, 1994.
All manuscripts must be sent in triplicate

& include a SASE.





M.A.C.T. Changes Name

"People" Takes Place of "Men"

Milwaukee — Men of All Colors
Together Milwaukee recently voted to
change its name and aspects of it's
mission statement to People of All
Colors Together - Milwaukee.

The executive committee felt that M.A.C.T. was not inclusive of women who are dedicated to challenging the societal "isms" and homophobia.

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By changing the name it is hoped that all men and women of all colors will be encouraged to joint he organization.

PACT - Milw. hold a pot luck barbecue on Sunday, July 24 from 3-8pm. Meat and utensils will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. For further information, please call David at (414) 527-4296.

12 Step Recovery Conference

Commitment, September 9-11

Milwaukee — Each year the Gay and Lesbian 12-step recovery community in Milwaukee sponsors a round-up called Commitment. Since 1986, Commitment has served as a safe space for individuals to explore their personal recovery and growth.

This year, Commitment '94 is being held Friday-Sunday September 9-11 at Milwaukee's War Memorial Center. The event is a weekend long series of workshops, speakers, meetings, socializing and sharing of experience, strength and hope. People come back year after year because it works and they enjoy it. Last year, over 200 people attended.

For more information, call Dawn at (414) 529-4815 or Stephanie at (414) 535-9935.

BESTD: Thanks To CCF And LaCage

Milwaukee — The Brady East Sexually Transmitted Diseases (BESTD) Clinic has recently been the recipient of two significant gifts. The Cream City Foundation has awarded a leadership training grant of \$1,200 to BESTD. The grant is designated to cover the registration expense of 20 BESTD volunteers attending the Wisconsin Annual AIDS/HIV Conference on September 19th and 20th at the Hyatt Regency in Milwaukee.

This event brings together more than 600 people from all over the state to

hear speakers and attend workshops with up-to-date information on HIV and AIDS. BESTD Clinic has been invited this year to have an information table in the exhibit area during the two day event.

Ross Walker, President of BESTD, indicated that this grant was especially significant since the BESTD attendees are all volunteers and must take time off from their regular jobs to attend. Most people attending are sent by their agency and paid for their time.

The second gift was the proceeds of the Father's Day show held at La Cage to benefit BESTD. Billed Mother of a Show on Father's Day, it drew a full house for the hour and a half revue. It was produced by BESTD supporters Ashley Michaels, Rhonda Moore and Tony, the DJ and featured an appearance by Lisa Spencer, the reigning Miss Gay Wisconsin. The proceeds of the cover charge in the amount of \$470 were given to BESTD Clinic

Walker stated that both gifts are a significant help to the Clinic's limited financial base. He added that all of the Clinic's current reserve is going into the renovation project underway and these fundraisers give BESTD resources for current operations. He reported that the first floor renovation is on schedule and will be in use by late Summer, at which time work will begin on the second floor. When complete, BESTD Clinic at 1240 East Brady Street will be a up-to-date. comfortable and pleasant facility for the community it serves. The Clinic is celebrating its twentieth year of service to the Les/Bi/Trans/Gay Community and all of Milwaukee.

New Catalog

Company Offers Unique Items to Lesbian & Gay Market

San Diego — A commitment to quality, a dash of style and a little romance are the foundation of a new catalog scheduled for release this month. Called That Catalog this company's focus is to feature Lesbian and Gay artisans that have designed product lines exclusively for distribution via this new company. One such line was developed by the renowned fabric designer Richard Fischer, who has created a silk-screened calligraphy designed fabric featuring famous Lesbian and Gay signatures and finished in throws and pillows.

Jim Engebretson co-founder of That Catalog stated "We have assembled a unique collection of specialty items in a convenient mail order catalog, allowing us to display the creativity and talent

within our community."

That Catalog is based in San Diego, California with current plans to open an additional warehouse facility in Los Angeles. The premier issue is scheduled for distribution in mid-July. To receive a complimentary copy of That Catalog call 1(800)559-1200.





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Letters

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to 93QFM Radio Advertising Department. Courtesy copies were sent to the show's advertisers & to several area media outlets, including In Step.

This is an open letter of complaint to the advertising manager of 93QFM, regarding the "MC and Those Sports Guys," show aired Monday, June 27, 1994 from 7:45 to 8:00am, where Mitch invited heterosexual men who allegedly had been sexually harassed by "homosexuals" to call in and describe their experiences.

While I have been a regular drive time listener to this program for it's inventive, sometimes provocative opinions on issues no one in Milwuakee wants to talk about; this specific program was one of the best examples I've heard on the radio of irresponsible, shockschlock radio journalism. On the program, two "straight" men called in, and related "alleged" experiences of sexual harassment by Gay men who made unwanted sexual advances toward them. "Mitch," one of the announcers with a quite practiced, mocking. effeminate lisp, made quite intentional statements connecting these examples with, "homosexual recruitment" practices.

For a radio announcer to fill the airwaves with such anti-Gay/Lesbian propaganda at any time requires a response. First, Gays and Lesbians do not recruit. Second, for Mitch to ask straight men to relate their experiences in this area was asking for derogatory opinions regarding a relatively invisible, less powerful minority, protected in the state of Wisconsin at this time. Lastly, how can either of these experiences be called "proof of recruitment" done by homosexuals? There was no independent verification. There were no witnesses who would be willing to come forward and admit either harassment, or deny the situation.

I do not ask for "special rights" as some would believe — but I want the same protections in work, housing, and relationships allowed the "straight" community. Mitch created a situation as unethical, yellowed, slanted against the Lesbian and Gay community as any Geraldo or National Inquirer article.

By copy of this letter, I am registering this broadcast as "Hate Crime" in the state of Wisconsin. Also, I am notifying the major advertisers who's commercials are aired during the "MC and those Sports Guys" program. I no longer listen to 93QFM.

Sincerely, Jeff Lynch, Milwaukee I have never written a letter to the editor in this newspaper but I am now because I have something to say that I think is important and needs to be said. I am a Gay man living in Northern Wisconsin and like many other Gay men living in rural areas, suffer from culture shock when I go to a city and especially when I go to a Gay bar or event. I think that I can speak for a number of Gay and Lesbian people when I say that going from small town life and rural pace to a big city, one experiences a sense of non-belonging.

People who live in the city may not be able to understand the confusion that goes with going to the city. I, and others I know, wanted to go to the Pride Fest in Milwaukee but knew that it would be crowded and knew that the pace would be almost overwhelming for us country folk.

If anyone out there has ever gone to a foreign land and found themselves confused by the new experiences and rush of mental input, that is kind of what it's like for rural peoples going to the big city. So, the next time any of you are at a bar or social event and there is someone there from the country, be kind to them. It's not that we're all that shy or that we're never been to such a thing, but that we're trying to cope with the new sensations and experiences on a level that is from another place.

Culture is not only defined by race, ethnicity, and/or religion, but also by where one lives and how one lives. Culture shock is a real and confusing experience that is only overcome by exposure over time to the new settings. A new found friend can often expedite this process sometimes, much the same as a friendly translator in a foreign land.

Sincerely, Jeff Fairchild

Dear Community:

We would like to thank all of you that attended performances of *History*, *Herstory*, *Ourstory*. You truly created a spirit of enthusiasm that drew out the meaning of our production.

History, Herstory, Ourstory is about the struggles and pains suffered by the Gay community. But it is also about the laughter and the togetherness we share when we are united! If the production brought heterosexuals a better understanding of our existence and the Gay community a little closer, then we have given you a successful production.

During the months of preparation cast members had personal struggles, work and other obligations that took a backseat to rehearsals in order for the musical to be well presented. However, there are three people that the cast would like to extend a grand round of applause, Peggy Lozier, Musical Director, for her unselfish dedication to hours of musical rehearsal and her

baking treats; Peter Mortenson, Artistic Director and Playwright, for creating a purposeful vision with solid direction; and Robert Hoyt, Production Manager for being organized and almost brutal at times. Their dedication and loyalty gave us the direction and tender loving care the performers so often need.

Thanks to them and to you the audience, maybe we were able to bring a little more soul and spirit to a great cause. The Gay Community United!

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Thank You, Kelly Cauffman &
Cast Members of
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Stonewall Stories

A Stonewall Vet Reflects

By John Paul Ranieri

As one of the surviving Vets of the original Stonewall riot in 1969. I was proud to attend the festivities in NYC

Jeff (my lifemate) and I arrived in NY on Wednesday and "signed in" with Marc Rubin of the Stonewall 25 Committee. It was his job to ensure that the Vets were well taken of. We were told about the (GAA) Gay Activists Alliance reunion Saturday night and that the remaining Vets were invited to attend. Many hugs and emotional strokes were shared and we left for Long Island.

The following 2 days found us back and forth on the LIE for many "reunions" with old friends of 25 years ago.

The Village was packed with Brothers & Sisters from the 4 corners of the globe, but the NYPD had everything pretty well under control. Christopher St. from 7th Ave. to the piers was just a wall of people, shopping, eating and cruising - the

hodies were just incredible

Although the buildings are still there, many of our old haunts such as the Silver Dollar Restaurant, were now gone or converted to other uses. Saturday night at the GAA reunion, the Vets talked among themselves about the details of the Riots. and we all shared our feelings about the inaccuracies of the "official version." and the myth perpetrated by various Gay authors. Even as late as Saturday, pretenders claimed to be there 25 years ago. After a detailed screening process by us Vets (we knew minute details no one else would) was organized to defend our credibility & integrity.

Around mid-reunion well-known Stonewall Vet Silvia Rivera showed up and we all had hugs, kisses, laughing and

crying. Time has not been too kind to any of us.

I remember agreeing to "march" with Sylvia & many other new Yorkers the following day in the illegal Spirit of Stonewall March up 5th Ave. This decision was made solely on the antics of Mayor Giuliani, who now (after causing so much grief to the Gay community) demanded to be included in the Official Stonewall 25 March from the U.N. This action was the

final insult to many Gay New Yorkers.

Sunday's illegal march started off with some minor confrontations with the NYPD but nothing much happened. The police commissioner then gave the orders to let the "parade" do its thing and joined us up 5th Ave. I was placed in the red convertible with other Vets at the front with Jeff at my side. Sylvia led the festivities in gold lame and high heels, with the Police Commissioner & a plain clothes cops surrounding her. As we approached the Library at 42nd St. Sylvia got out of the car and paid homage to the Gay History Exhibit by kissing the ground, and we were off again. St. Patricks Cathedral was one

I should add that looking South down Fifth Ave. at 37th St. almost to the Flatiron Building was a sea of people curb to curb. The official numbers of marchers has been grossly underestimated. I think there had to be 40-50 thousand by the

time we got to the park in the unofficial parade

Back at St. Pats, the NY blue had surrounded the Cathedral 8 deep, and the priests & religious were crying in fear thinking some of the more militant would storm the Cathedral. QN & ACT-UP did a "die in" for 5 minutes in front with Sylvia, and we marched on. There was NO trouble. Finally at 6th Ave. the alternate parade got into Central Park ahead of Stonewall 25 March (thanks to some subversive tactics from our Bregilian brothers & sisters) It forced the official parade to wait nearly 1 1/2 - 2 hours under the hot sun with a very angry Mayor, until we (the illegal march) were in the Park. Oh well.
Once in Central Park, the little Red Convertible

continued illegally up the Grand Drive to the foot path & into the huge crowd at the Great Lawn honking & waving with Sylvia in the lead. It was the consensus that we, as the Vets, had started this 25 years ago, and we were going to start it and finish it again. Mama Jean drove the car right up to the sound systems and parked. Quickly the Vets were hurried off to the VIP tent where we got our ID's, and within one hour were presented on stage to a standing ovation and chants of "Thank You" from the crowd. It was a rush. We Vets hugged, waved, cried, and finally left, only to be bombarded by the Gay and Straight news media. After, we all were totally exhausted and walked to Central Park West to get cabs to the Village, and reunite at a quiet restaurant

All in all, it was a wonderful time. It was worth the intense interrogations for validity, the screening processes we endured, the emotional trials, and the financial hardships we

encountered to get there.

Thanks to one financial angel here in Milwaukee, who gave us his credit card, the dream became reality, S.K., thank

you very much.

For all you hate mongering, gossip, viciousness, sanitizing, political correctness, you couldn't shut us up, or bury us with indifference. We have now taken our rightful place in Gay history despite your actions & protests after 25 years. The radical "fringe element" still survives and that's what the Vets in their uniqueness are all about.

Our Stonewall 25 Experience

By Ross Walker & Erv Uecker

While we have been politically active for many social causes over the years, we have never participated in an international Les/Bi/Trans/Gay gathering. This was the time! Our 5 days in New York were moving, motivating and much, much fun! An evening cruise (on the Hudson and East Rivers) around Manhattan brought us a spectacular view of "Miss Liberty", that first symbol of freedom and opportunity to millions. Sharing it with over 700 brothers and sisters on the cruise boat was inspiring and provided the backdrop for some of our other experiences. The Saturday morning Celebration of Human Rights at the huge Cathedral of St. John the Divine was the scene of a standing-room- only sea of people reflecting the whole spectrum of the Gay rainbow. Bea Arthur, in tears following a cheering standing ovation, reminded us that her roles are by choice, but that many of us must play roles to survive. She called on us to work for that time where NO ONE must play a role to survive! (The warm reception at the Episcopal Cathedral was in dramatic contrast to the Roman Catholic St. Patrick's, where there was no welcome, but a ring of police to effectually keep us out!)

The March began a little after 10am at 37th and 1st

Ave. and ended about 5pm, when the last groups entered Central Park at 59th Street. The "numbers game" was played by many - police, city, media and organizers - whatever the count, it was a massive gathering of those who agreed to agree that it's OK to be YOURSELF and be what you are, without apology, defense or playing a role. It seemed like Bea Arthur's dream had, at least for one day, come true. Carrying the rainbow flag was thrilling! Being a part of the ever increasing group from Wisconsin marchers was fun! The day left us more determined to be ourselves and share ourselves honestly with

the whole world!

Just before going to LaGuardia on Monday, we took in the Advocate exhibit, Long Road to Freedom at the Seagram's Building. 25 years of news and pictures from The Advocate. In a large room of people, there was a sense of almost reverent awe — something that we have not experienced since visiting The Alamo in San Antonio. The flight back was a delightful change from usual travel for it seemed like almost every seat was filled with Stonewall 25 participants. A great transition to pick up life in Milwaukee - a place we love because we can openly share our love for each other and all others!

Stonewall Stories

The Kindness of Strangers

By Julie Marie Totsch

It was raining when I awoke late morning on Thursday, June 23rd. I jumped out of bed, took a quick bath, and finished packing my '91 Dodge truck. After waiting in line to cash my much needed paycheck, I left Racine, Wisconsin at

exactly one in the afternoon.

I was leaving later than I had originally planned, but, then, my trip plans had fallen through twice by then. Two of my friends had canceled their plans to attend Stonewall 25 with me. The rest of my friends assumed that I would merely cancel my trip. No one, in their right mind, would drive to New York city all by themselves. No one ever accused me of being in my right mind

My plans to camp somewherre along the 950 mile trip were canceled, as soon as I realized that it would rain constantly. I stayed at a motel that would never find itself on Triple A's recommended list in Ohio. Friday morning, I set out for the last leg of my journey, determined not to stop until I reached New York.

Since my plans had fallen apart, I was left without a place to stay. I wasn't overly worried, however. A college friend had said that if I needed a place to stay in New York, I could always stay with him. Once I reached New Jersey, I called him to see if the offer still stood. His phone number had been changed, so I dialed the new one. Not being familiar with the area codes, I ended up calling his ex-roommate in Ohio. His exroommate didn't have his current number, but he gave me the number of someone who might. She, Jan, didn't. She did, however, offer to take me in. So, due to the kindness of two strangers, I had a place to stay.

I arrived at Jan's at 10pm our time, Friday. She gave me a subway map, a few directions, and sent me out to find Greenwich Village. If you have never ridden the New York City subway by yourself, you've missed quite an experience! I was surprised to find that the subway system was not dirty and was

not covered in graffiti.

Upon reaching the Christopher Street stop, my heart skipped in rapid anticipation. This is the place I had read about. This was the place where it all began. Here, twenty-five years ago, the drag queens decided they weren't going to take it anymore. I have often thought about them and silently thank them. I couldn't be me, if they hadn't caused the riot heard round the world.

Once I exited the subway tunnel, the skies opened and a downpour began. People were running everywhere to find a dry place to stand. Still, there must have been thousands of people on the streets, laughing, singing, and carrying on. On every street corner, New York's finest stood and watched. At first, I felt resentful that they would dare intrude on our occasion, but I took the time to speak with one and discovered that they were there for us, not against us, quite a change in

twenty-five years.

wasn't on Christopher Street for very long before I realized that I wasn't going to get into any bars. Every bar for blocks was packed with people. Since I'm not a bar person, by nature, I decided that the only bar worth standing in line for would be the Stonewall Inn. Amazingly, the bar that started it all was difficult to find. Everyone I asked pointed me in a different direction, except a New York City police officer. His directions were the most clear and I soon found myself in front of The Stonewall Inn! I stood in line patiently. The bar was not how I had pictured it. I had expected a larger sign, maybe even a statue commemorating the past event. Once inside, the bar was small and packed. It was a wonder that I could breathe, much less move. I made my way to the bar and ordered a soda. I had made it. I had seen the Stonewall. Nothing else in my trip could possibly top this. I was wrong!

Saturday, Jan and I went to the New York City Library and walked through the Stonewall exhibit. I followed, like many others, the history of Gays and Lesbians in New York City. Some things I had seen before, but most of the history was new to me.

Saturday night, Jan and I went to Christopher Street. We didn't go into any bars, but we did get to see the fireworks display. The show was spectacular and I was surprised to find out that New York City paid for it. The city that didn't want us

in 1969, was trying to woo us.

Saturday night was the night that I had an experience that I shall never forget. I met Emilo. He wasn't standing far from Jan and I during the fireworks. He was friendly and commented on how wonderful they were. We agreed. We talked about how New York wouldn't give Gay bars licenses in 1969 yet now they were putting on a fireworks display. Emilo commented on how things had changed. He told Jan and me how the riots started, and how the drag queens had looked. He should know, he had been there. I was in shock. It had never occurred to me that I would meet someone who had been there and I found myself thanking him, practically throwing myself in his arms in a bear hug. Stonewall had always been a concept, and idea running in my head, and here, standing before me, was the living, breathing Stonewall. He's one of the people who made it possible for me to live in the Gay state, to not have to worry about losing my job, and to have Lesbian bumper stickers on the back of my pickup. I don't think I could thank him enough. I don't think any of us can.

I marched proudly in honor of Emilo and all of those who were with him in 1969. They made the real Stonewall.

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The Rainbow Connection

By Bob Arnold

I was unable to witness the Gay Games and had only a precious three day weekend in New York in which to take part in and enjoy the great March on the U.N. that last, glorious,

sunny Sunday afternoon...

It is my feeling that by virtue of that wonderful sea of humanity coming together as one to celebrate the Stonewall uprising we gave ourselves the most valuable gift of all: We stood together not so much as an ARMY but as a FAMILY, giving back to one another whatever sense of Pride and belonging we might have lost, somewhere, while struggling in a world that offered us little peace of mind or understanding.

While it is, indeed, important we show our strength in numbers, I came to realize we Gays and Lesbians have a most durable weapon against prejudice and discrimination and that is the Love and Affection we can give one another. If we are ever to succeed in reaching those who do not understand the homosexual experience we must show them, in the midst of their blind and senseless rejection of our lifestyle, we are, of all people, loving, caring, gentle, and desirous of peace in a very troubled world.

I came back to Milwaukee with a big smile. I am very proud of my brothers and sisters who are part of the Rainbow Connection!!!!

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Stonewall's Impact

By John A. Jahn

I am too young to possess a first-hand knowledge of Stonewall, having just completed kindergarten in June of '69, but nevertheless, my life — and those of millions of other Gay men and Lesbians — has been affected immeasurably by what happened there. Though some may not share this opinion, it was a completely, indeed overwhelmingly, positive event in homosexual history. To those who were there to ignite the spark, and to all those who kept it aflame over these two and a half decades since, I am eternally grateful. Why, you ask?

The Stonewall Uprising was the birth of a movement. The lives of Gay men and Lesbians have forever changed. To prove this, one need only examine the lives we led in the decades prior, full of society-imposed self-loathing, detrimental psychological claptrap, incessant bar raids and harassment,

and closets, closets, closets!

Well, yes, there's still a lot of that today, but just look at this partial record of our lives since Stonewall:

▼ 80 self-announced Gay/Lesbian elected officials (including 2 Congressmen!);
 ▼ 2 Pulitzer Prize winners (drama);
 ▼ 100 corporations currently have domestic partnership = 700° of his

70% of Americans oppose discrimination against

homosexuals:

8 states and 30 cities bar anti-homosexual

discrimination:

▼ The recent Virginia Appeals Court ruling stating that being homosexual doesn't render a parent unfit, and returning a boy to his Lesbian mother;

Y Senators Kennedy and Chafee have recently introduced a federal bill that would ban discrimination based on

sexual orientation.

That's pretty damn impressive, and absolutely unimaginable prior to Stonewall. Yes, there is perhaps more polarization concerning our rights as citizens now than there was 25 years ago, with the Gay-baiting of the religious right et al, but this is not due to our failures, but to our successes and increased visibility and acceptance among the population at large.

We all owe a great debt of thanks to the older generation of Gays and Lesbians, who really stuck their necks out during a time of such awful conditions that we younger folks find hard to imagine. So I say, Thank you. And, Remember

Stonewall!!!

My Most Memorable Moment...

By Tom Salszieder

My most memorable moment in my visit to New York for the Gay Games and Stonewall 25 was during the AIDS Vigil

and March on Friday evening.

Arriving in New York on Thursday, I was informed by a friend that I would be "volunteering" to help out at the Vigil. Our group met at Sheridan Square, right across the street from the Sontewall Bar on Christopher Street.

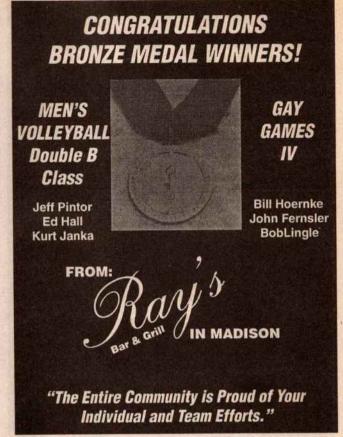
Our job was to pass out candles and yellow balloons to everyone for a \$1 donation. People wrote the names of family members, friends and lovers who had died of AIDS on the balloons.

The March up Christopher Street to St. Veronica's Church, several blocks from the Hudson River, began about

6:30. After completing our duties, we joined the March.
The Marchers filled up Christopher Street at least 8 blocks ahead of us. When the front of the procession reached the church, most of the people let their balloons go. Seeing thousands of yellow balloons going skyward was something special. This was a time to reflect on the many friends I have lost to AIDS, and of those who are now living with the HIV virus.

It was really a touching moment; something I'll never

forget.









Stonewall Stories

Lost In New York

By Sue Spear

What a crazy city. I'm sure everyone could tell I was a tourist because of my maps of Manhattan, the Subway, and bus lines that I kept clutched in my hands. Also because I probably talked to ten percent of the thousands of police officers who were around. (Which I must say were all very friendly and helpful. I even fell in love with a couple of the

womyn.)

The twenty-plus hour bus trip from Milwaukee to North Bergen, New Jersey was a trip from Hell. If you want to know more just find one of the 47 of us who were there. We'll have stories to fill your ears for hours. Once we arrived (3 hours later than our ETA) we were ready for showers and then it was time to hit the streets. Some people walked in circles for an hour looking for the correct corners. I was one of the fortunate ones who just hailed a cab to the Hoboken, NJ Path (Underground transit through the Huson River to New York). This took me to Christopher Street in the heart of Greenwich Village.

Once I made it up the few flights of steps from the Path onto the street, I knew I was home! Thousands of Lesbians and Gays everywhere I looked (some of whom I would have liked to take home as a souvenir of my trip).

The first stop would be a place to find a real meal. The Potbelly restaurant must have been the place to be. The greatest home cooking in all of the Village. My tummy filled and thirst quenched I was off to find the Stonewall Inn. Great place and great people again. Even Greenwich Village is big! I spent hours being a tourist there before I made my way through the streets down to the pier. The market was booming with thousands of people. We're everywhere! I made it til almost sunset, but missed the fireworks. With only 20 minutes of sleep on the bus I was pooped, and crashed in the hotel by 11pm. Sunday morning, the day of the International March on

the U.N., to celebrate my human rights as a Lesbian. Twenty five years after the Stonewall riots when we first fought back and began to change the course of history. The ancient burden of oppression was being transformed into anger, self-affirmation, pride, and action. Again there was confusion about how to get to 42nd Street and 2nd Avenue where Wisconsin was to line up for the March. After an hour of processing this with 15 people it was time to call a cab. Twenty dollars and a half hour later we were there. At first there were only a handful of Wisconsinites and I was bummed. Once we started and were on our way, there were about 150 of us. Others from Wisconsin marched with the athletes from the Gay Games, Womyns groups, leather groups, POC, AIDS organizations, etc. We were 29th in the lineup of 62. I helped make history, one of 1.1 million people in the March. Even though we were a small contingent, people I met at the rally from other states and nations said we were the loudest and craziest.

At 3pm during the March there was a "Moment of Silence" to remember all those who have died of hatred, whether by violence or by inaction in the face of the AIDS epidemic. For 1 minute New York stood quiet. It was awesome! I had goose bumps, (one of the many times that would happen to me throughout the remainder of the day).

As we got to our Central Park destination we were detoured down to 7th Avenue. Wisconsin led the rest of the marchers through Central Park up to the Great Lawn (of which I must say there really wasn't much lawn, just a bunch of dust) for the rally. One cheer went — "We're here for the March and we're lost in Central Park." The Rally was invigorating. Speeches, music, comedy, you name it. People from every where around the world. Young and old together in UNITY. This lasted until after 7pm.

Time to make my way back to the Village. My 1st time on the NYC Subway. I stopped three times and talked with the police just to make sure I was going the correct way. It wasn't bad at all. (Did you know you can travel over 500 miles on the Subway for only \$1.25? That is as long as you don't go through any of the turnstiles leading out.) I did get confused once we stopped to get off, and started walking the wrong way. Three dykes from NYC just grabbed me and told me to follow them. What a great bunch of people, those native New Yorkers.

Midnight came and it was time to get on the 'ole bus again heading for Milwaukee. I must have walked at least 20 miles through that city. My legs and feet were sore. By the time we got back to Milwaukee at 5:40pm Monday (ahead of schedule) my ankles and calves were swollen to twice their size. The ride back wasn't as hellish as the ride there. Two of the guys bought 4 videos which we were able to watch on the way back, which helped pass the time.

The March was a great time, and for all of you who missed it all I can say... be there next time. I know I will, and, I'll be flying.

Victory Fund Recognition Reception

By Eldon E. Murray
One of the events of the Stonewall
25 celebration in New York City that
didn't get much press was the Gay and
Lesbian Victory Fund Recognition
reception on June 2 at The Supper Club,
which recognized openly Gay and
Lesbian elected and appointed public
officials. The Victory Fund is a nonpartisan network dedicated to the
financial support of campaigns by openly
Gay and Lesbian candidates for public
office, regardless of party affiliation.

The New York gathering was an impressive affair, being sponsored by Glenlevit, the House of Seagram, and Miller Brewing as well as several national and local Gay organizations. Over 700 persons were in attendance including almost all of the 120 openly Gay and Lesbian office holders from around the country.

After a welcome and a video salute to Gay and Lesbian officials, R. Paul Richard, Deputy Staff Secretary to President Clinton gave a brief address. Special awards were given to longtime activist Virginia Apuzzo, who was introduced by Tim Sweeney, former Executive Director of Gay Men's Health Crisis; and to Tom Stoddard, who was introduced by Mathilde Krim, founding co-chair of American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

Apuzzo has recently been nominated by Governor Cuomo to head New York State's Civil Service Commission, but is probably more well known in the Gay community for her advocacy for people with AIDS. She also



Openly Gay and Lesbian office holders begin to gather on stage at the Victory Fund Reception in New York City. Tammy Baldwin, WI State Rep. at left and Virginia Apuzzo (applauding, third from right).

Photo by Dan Fortney



(L to R:) Steve Brondino, Co-President of SAGE/Milwaukee, David Mixner, political activist and advisor to President Clinton, and Eldon Murray, member of the Board of Directors SAGE/Milwaukee are captured during the June 24 Victory Fund Reception in New York City.

Photo by Dan Fortney

served as Executive Director of National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) and a Director of the Fund for Human Dignity. She developed the concept of the National Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence as well as being and openly Lesbian delegate to the 1980 and 1984 Democratic Conventions and co-authored the Gay rights plank in the platform.

Stoddard, now Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University, is best known for his role as coordinator of the 1993 Campaign for Military Service (CMS) which spearheaded the effort to secure an executive order to end the U.S. policy of barring Gay men and Lesbians from military service. His leadership in CMS placed him in a very high profile position that included meetings with President Clinton and

appearances on virtually every national TV talk show. He was also director from 1986 to 1992 of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, during which time their annual budget grew from \$300,000 to \$1.8 million.

The highlight of the evening came when almost all of the 120 openly Gay or Lesbian office holders gathered on stage. One of the first to be called to the stage was Wisconsin State Representative Tammy Baldwin. Representative Baldwin received rousing cheers as she stepped to the stage.



Stonewall Stories

It's A Small World Indeed

By Michael Vaughn

I made two trips to New York City in June of 1994: June 14-17 for a Gay and Lesbian History program sponsored by Alan Hevasi, Comptroller of New York City; and June 22-29 for the Gay Games and Stonewall 25. I have journalized many pages about my experiences, thoughts and feelings; I do have

one tale of special association with Milwaukee.

I moved to Milwaukee on Memorial Day weekend of 1977, to take the DJ position at Circus (now Club 219). The owner of Circus at that time was George Prentice; the chief competition with Circus was a club named Red Baron. One of the bartenders at Red Baron was Karl Pegalow. Karl and George had been a couple for some time prior to my arrival in Milwaukee. While Karl and George were cohabitating, they had a roommate named John; I had never met John as he left Milwaukee to join the armed services shortly before I relocated in Milwaukee. However both George and Karl had spoken to me of John; you see, just to spice this dish up a bit, Karl and I dated that summer of 1977.

Fast forward to New York City, June 26, 1994. Seventeen years have passed, and we as Gay and lesbian people have endured more than anyone could have visualized in 1977. It's Sunday evening, after the march, after the rally, after the dance; I'm in Ty's on Christopher Street. I'm wearing a T-shirt with the identity of a popular New Orleans bar (LaFitte's) on it. Two men stop to speak, as one of the pair is originally from Louisiana, although both now live in San Diego. As we speak, they learn I'm not from New Orleans, but from Milwaukee; it turns out the non-Louisianian of the pair is non other than John who left Milwaukee in the 1970's! John had been back to Milwaukee since and seen George, but had totally lost track of Karl, and feared the worst. While George is still in Milwaukee (now ensconced in LaCage), Karl moved to Madison some 10 years ago. John had remained in San Diego after leaving the military

Now don't forget this was the first time John and I had met; we had a great time catching up on our shared history. John gave me notes to pass back to George and Karl; I was most pleased and proud to carry the notes to Wisconsin with me. I need to stop at LaCage to leave George his, and get Karl

his note during the MAGIC Picnic Weekend.

I marvel that this connection would not have happened if I didn't chance to wear a LaFitte's T-shirt. Of all the wonderful memories of June 1994 are crystallized in my mind, this one evening will stand forward as the essence of what Stonewall 25 meant to me. We are all family, and we are a caring and loving people. Through all the adversity, loss, grief and struggle of the first 25 years after Stonewall, our connectivity as brothers and sisters is nurtured and strengthened, and will carry us forward, proud and strong, through the next 25 years of liberation.

Honestly, this is a true story; I couldn't write fiction this

good.



Stonewall Stories

Thoughts on Stonewall 25

By Carmen Murguia

Comedian Marrga (roll your r's!) Gomez summed it up... FA-A-A-BULOUS! the closing ceremonies of Gay Games IV & Cultural Festival where she spoke, the International Dyke March, the March on the United Nations, the rally afterward, and The Girl Ball on Stonewall she hosted on Sunday night was especially FA-A-A-BULOUS. I've even heard heterosexuals saying, "It was F-A-A-BULOUS!" (of course, without the ease of the tongue, shrug of the shoulders, hand gestures, and eye expressions).

From the time I stood waiting at the Gate, I felt something, indescribable. A feeling unlike no other as I boarded a plane with other Lesbians and Gays I knew were Lesbian and Gay and vice versa, not only by what they're wearing: the rainbow rings around their neck, the black and pink triangle pins on their leather vests, t-shirts that bear their city's Pride logo, but by what they were NOT wearing: oppression, anger, fear, loss, hopelessness and inequality. It was as if I had boarded without the baggage of incompleteness and negativity as a human being. And for four days in a city who's crime rate makes our look like the small town it is, I felt safe.

I stood cheering tens of thousands of athletes as if they were my "home" team and I spoke in a language with someone from another country, and I was completely understood. We all had a personal invitation to the international party to celebrate our history, our strength as a people, our love for one another, our hope for change, and our courage to continue marching on in the city that held our revolutionary movement 25 years earlier.

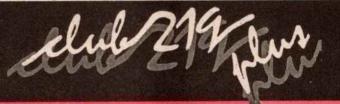
And what a party it was! From Friday night as I walked hungrily with a smile through Greenwich Village with equally starving friends (after a day of sight seeing and hotel checkins) from cafes with an hour wait to bars that had poured out into the barricaded streets; and as I stood applauding the talents of Cheer Dallas, Harvey Fierstein, Sir Ian McKellan, and Ms. Patti LaBelle all in one stadium on a Saturday night, and knelt beneath the enormously vibrant colors of the mile-long rainbow flag with CBS, Telemundo 47 and Poland Television armed with my camcorder at 9:30 on Sunday morning, June 26, including the service at St. Xavier's Catholic Church in Chelsea, where a woman carried in a rainbow banner and the priest spoke openly of "embracing all people, all differences, our Gay and Lesbian community as they celebrate this past week," to the moment when I looked at my swollen knee wrapped in ice and my blistered feet on Monday morning, I thought to myself, "Only we could possibly do it up this way!"

Although there were many themes (Stonewall 25, Unity '94, Ignite the Riot) the common theme was to be OUT. The emphasis by many, if not all, the political speakers and entertainers was the importance of being visible and to be visible one must be out.





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Owner/ manager Larry Krueger celebrates his birthday on Saturday, July 23 with a performance by The Virgins (how appropriate!) at 8pm., free food and no cover. We won't ask (or tell) just HOW OLD Larry will be...

Every Monday, the cafe hosts Poet's Monday featuring a different poet or performance artist every week. Shows are at 8:30pm, and a \$2 cover is requested. On Tuesday its Tuesday's Troubadour again featuring a variety of artists weekly. Shows are at 8:30pm and there is a \$2 cover.

Public Screening, Reception

You're invited to attend a public screening of a film by Thomas Beach, The Storm That Follows Me, a Northern Lights Production, at the UW-Milwaukee Saturday, July 23 at 8pm. The film will be screened in Mitchell Hall, 3203 N. Downer Avenue. A Reception will follow at Actwerks, 2611-13 E. Hampshire

I don't know if this is a Gay themed film or not, but they obviously wanted our community to feel invited ...

Not All Aerosol Art is Graffiti

In a time when the mention of spray paint evokes images of adolescent vandalism, Richard Waswo reminds us of a long tradition in aerosol art that predates the current hoopla concerning graffiti. Citing the Australian Aborigines as the first people to use stencil and sprayed pigments to form an image, and following the aerosol tradition through muralists such as Siqueriros, Waswo brings aerosol painting indoors, giving it a dignity it seldom receives.

This is Waswo's first solo show since returning from Australia last fall. Included among the new work is Magpie and Eucalyptus a triptych painted at the Studio just Woodlands north Melbourne. An Opening Celebration is planned for July 22 from 6-10pm at Gallery 218. Music will be performed by harpist Geraldine Elliott, and a limited

edition commemorative poster will be available for purchase.

The show continues through August 28. Gallery 218, located at 218 South 2nd Street in Milwaukee, is open Thursdays through Sundays in the afternoon. Call 277-7800 for hours and more information. This show will be temporarily moved July 29-31 for Galley 218's ArtPark which is the next item on our agenda...

Lot of Art at Art Park '94

A new twist on the art of tailgating takes place July 30-31, as the Walker's Point Artists Association presents the third annual Art Park '94, an urban art fair which transforms a parking lot into A Lot of Art!

The event is located adjacent to Gallery 218, the cooperative gallery of the WPAA, at 218 South 2nd Street.

Fair hours are 10am-6pm Saturday, and 11am-6pm on Sunday. Admission is

A large variety of media will be shown as 50 local and regional artists exhibit paintings, pottery, jewelry, sculpture, wearable art, photography, printmaking, furniture and handmade banjo's. "Studio Tommy" will even display a hand painted car.

Art Park '94 includes several featured events including the annual Art Auction. The silent auction will take place indoors in Galley 218 during the two days. At 3pm on Sunday, a voice auction will take place using the last silent bids as the opening calling bids. (Artists who have donated work to this auction still receive 20% of the winning bid. This is consistent with WPAA's philosophy of providing opportunities for artists to make a living from their art.)

Local musicians will also be featured during Art Park during the two day festival. A 20' by 20' canvas will be available for everyone to participate in a "Paint In" and other events include a

variety of "Kid's Stuff".

For more information, call (414) 277-7800.

Performance Workshop at Danceworks

Milwaukee - Brian Jeffery of Chicago's XSIGHT! Performance Group will offer a three-week performance workshop at Danceworks from Monday, August 1, to Friday, August 19. The workshop which runs from 10am to 4pm daily, is for dancers and non-dancers who would like to be part of a new work Jeffery is creating for XSIGHT!'s Milwaukee performances in early September.

Admission is by audition, and participants must be available to perform with the company in September. Auditions will be held Sunday, July 31 from 2-3:30pm at Danceworks, 727 N. Milwaukee Street in downtown Milwaukee.

Along with the workshop, Jeffery is offering daily modern technique classes at Danceworks from 10-11:30am. These classes are open to the public without audition.

The fee for the workshop, which includes the daily technique class, will be \$325. The fee for technique class only will be \$37.50 per week. For more information, call Danceworks at (414) 276-3191.

Bradley Sculpture Garden Party

The Bradley Sculpture Garden Party In The Good Old Summer Time, will be held August 28, noon to 6pm. Here's your annual opportunity to stroll among the many outdoor sculptures planted in Mrs. Bradley's private garden. Picnic on the spacious lawns as music plays in the background.

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Feature Interview

Future Perfect

Talking With Irish Lesbian Author Emma Donoghue

By Owen Keehnen

Emma Donoghue has accomplished an astonishing amount for being born in the year of Stonewall. At 25 she has graduated from The University of Dublin and is currently completing her Ph.D. at Cambridge. Her play 'I Know My Own Heart: A Lesbian Regency Romance" was performed at Cambridge and in Dublin and was read during Gay Pride Week in New York City as part of The Lesbian Play Reading Series. She was a contributor to The Penguin Book of Lesbian Short Stories and the author of Passions Between Women: British Lesbian Culture 1668-1801. In Mid May Harper Collins published Stir Fry, Emma's first novel, a sweet, warm, compelling coming of age/coming to awareness tale filled with insight and expertly drawn characters.

Recently I had the chance to talk to Emma Donoghue. She was warm, witty, intelligent, and had about three more projects in the works. Her future looks absolutely limitless. I predict that Ms. Donoghue will be a major force on the Lesbian literary and historical fronts by the time she's thirty. It was invigorating

just being in her presence.

Owen: I don't think I've ever read so many reviews which constantly refer to a person's age. Does it get tiresome being called a prodigy?

Emma: I'm not complaining. I think people often think it means that you have some remarkable genius when in fact I see it as a question of economics and luck. I had a very encouraging family, my father is a writer and my mother is an English teacher. Reading books was seen as a good way to spend an afternoon. I lived with my parents while I was in college so I had the free time to start writing a novel while most of my friends, like my heroine, were cleaning offices. Coming from a comfortable enough background and having the time and money and a computer have all helped. I have a very good agent as well.

You can take some praise as well I hope. "Stir Fry" is a wonderful first novel and with first novels I always have to ask, how autobiographical is

Not at all. My heroine is very unsure and tentative. I was absolutely sure at 14.

She was from the country though and I was a city girl reading Freud. I fell in love with a schoolmate at 14 over what was a couple of weeks. The first week I thought it was a platonic Lesbian relationship because it felt very high and spiritual. And then in a couple of weeks I noted in my diary that it was no longer platonic. Then I had a girlfriend at 16 because I came out to my best friend and she said "Me too." Again luck! But I was interested in telling a story where the heroine finds out more gradually.

Your heroine, Maria, recognizes her Lesbianism so gradually throughout the course of the novel. Did you want "Stir Fry" to also be a novel of understanding for straights?

I wanted to make my first novel very accessible. I wasn't interested in writing a novel that was just preaching to the converted. I wanted to write a book that seduced the reader into either open mindedness, or Lesbianism.

How does Ireland perceive Lesbians?
Are there role models?

Growing up in Ireland is a little behind, but it's modernizing very quickly. When I was growing up there was no one but Martina Navratilova and she was far away in so many ways. She was much dykier than me, a sports star who lived too far away to be of much use to me, but at least I'd heard of her. I didn't really discover other role models till I was in



EMMA DONOGHUE, author of "Stir Fry".

college so I grew up in a complete vacuum of images, but actually it allowed me to make up my mind for myself. I wasn't familiar with negative images either, Lesbianism was an unspoken thing in Ireland.

Have reviews in the states, England, and Ireland treated the Lesbianism of the book differently?

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Interview...

They have all focused on Lesbianism and in Ireland that's especially fun because I'm not the first publicly out Lesbian there, but I'm one of them. In Ireland the journalists have been very astonished. There was one interview I did with a housewife magazine that said on the cover, "I always knew I was different" and then you had to turn to page 35 to see what the dreaded stigma is. It Britain and the U.S. it's been a more sophisticated reaction.

Are you planning a sequel?

No, but I've almost finished my second novel, Hood. It's much more ambitious, it's my death novel, a bereavement story. It's a Lesbian couple that's been together since convent school and one of them dies in a crash. The title refers partly to Little Red Riding Hood and partly to the hood of the clitoris. I got one review of Stir Fry in Ireland that said, "Don't worry, the sex scenes wouldn't offend a bishop." And I thought, "Oh God, if I'm not offending bishops I'm not doing the right thing here. So in the second one I'm trying to offend bishops much more. It's really fun mixing in the sex and Catholicism and blasphemy.

You've travelled here a great deal, in fact, you were at the Women's Music Fest in 93, what did you think? I adored the Michigan Women's Festival. It restored all my idealism in women's communities. Blissful!

Are you going back this year?

No! I have to go home and finish the novel, and I'm also working on a second play.

Before we get to that, what in your travels have you noticed differs between Irish and US Lesbians?

I think a lot of Lesbianism is international, or rather I fear it's US culture. We come here and go home with our freedom rings and flags. A lot of Lesbians in Ireland seem to have spent some time here. A lot of Irish Lesbians emigrate for fear things will never

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change. But things are. We went this year from complete criminalization of homosexuality to an equal age of consent in one move. I'm hopeful because I'm so fond of Ireland.

What's your second play about?

It's called Ladies and Gentlemen and it's set in late 19th century New York among male and female impersonators in the music halls. They're all true characters.

Your firs play, I Know Why Heart: A Lesbian Regency Romance was performed at Cambridge and in Dublin. What was the greatest challenge you found about creating drama?

Well, with that play the challenge was to take a very unwieldy source, these diaries, and give it a dramatic structure. Diaries are so miscellaneous little bits and pieces that I had to chop them up and put together a story. I had to simplify a great deal because this specific woman seduced so many women that I had to make composite characters otherwise it would have been a bedroom farce. She seduced all her friend's sister.s So I had to reduce that to one situation. There were lots of questions on how to show sex on the stage. So I had them go up and under the skirts. It worked quite well. I was working with straight actresses and I kept having to say "Your head is too far away, you would not be achieving anything. Get the head in! Get the head in!" There is interest in doing productions in New York and San Francisco.

Tell me about hour nonfiction work, "Passions Between Women: British Lesbian Culture 1688-1801"?

I wrote that on the side. I had funding from the British government to do a PhD on a feminist topic, but I was finding so many fascinating texts which needed looking at in the light of Lesbian history so I sort of went between the pages of my paper and worked on it. Then it was sold to a small feminist press and hope to have an American edition soon. It was a big challenge to write a book that would be readable and scholarly. I think that's a challenge that should be met by all academics, especially in areas like



queer theory which should be so rooted in real life but often float off somewhere. It's completely cut off from the community inspiring the work.

Amidst all this productivity you've also managed to get a degree at University of Dublin and you're currently doing your PhD at Cambridge. What's your thesis?

Not a Lesbian topic! It's on 18th century writers and their professional friendships, how men and women helped each other and how it inspired platonic friendships, where men and women could be seen as just friends.

Do you have any long term goals? Just to get better and better at writing particularly fiction.

I'm convinced you can do anything you put your mind to, and probably a couple other things at the same time. Thank you.

Thank you Emma. It was nice getting to know you.

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Goodbye PrideFest, Gay Games and Stonewall 25... now let's get on with living the laid back sultry Summer life here in our splendid state... I've been trying since May to enjoy our weather after such a miserable Winter, but there was sooo much happening in our community, that I just couldn't... until now. Summer makes me aware of how Opus, the cartoon penguin, feels when he naps naked in the periwinkle patch — My problem is, I just can't find a damn hammock sturdy enough to make me feel secure lying in it!

The Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee Education Fund (LAMM-EF) held a benefit premiere for the film Go Fish at the Oriental back on June 20. They raised some much needed money and hundreds of area Lesbians thoroughly enjoyed the film profiled in the last two issues of this magazine.

The Unicorns of Madison held their first run the weekend of July 1-3 complete with a military theme at a rural encampment west of Madison. Pup tents, c-rations, and drill sergeants, Yes, Sirl

Apologies to Dean, his Mom, staff and customers at The Blue Lite in Sheboygan. The bar celebrated its 2nd Anniversary on Friday night, July 1 (which was correct in the ad last issue) NOT July 2 as I had listed in the Calendar. Lots of prizes and drawings for those who managed to make sense out of my ineptness, or called the bar to check out which date was correct. I did manage to get Jamie up there on the proper day to take some photos... Nonetheless, Congratulations, Dean, and here's to many more!

Club 219 hosted The Helen's Draga-Rama Saturday, July 2 with the door charge and performers tips all going to the Milwaukee AIDS Project. The campy, never say die, drag queen wannabes always provide a good laugh for a good cause and \$421 was raised for MAP.

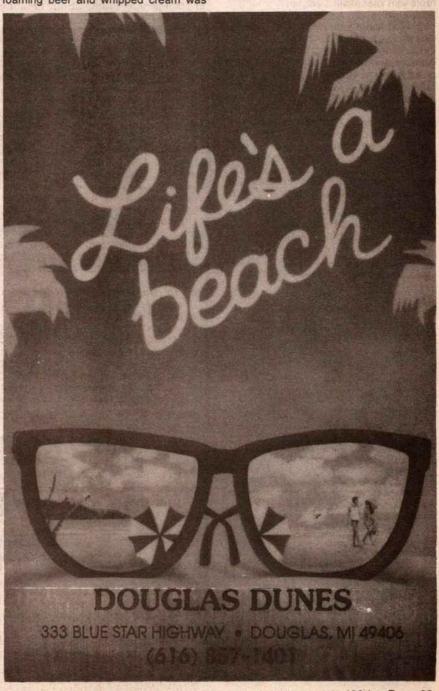
Lots of LesBiGay 4th of July celebrations to partake in — on top of all the fireworks, festivals, family and food... Club XPress, Travlur Lounge, Rod's and Maritime Association all sponsored events. Ray's hosted a cookout and volleyball celebration and Runway 51 held a Rock-A-Hula Luau with a performance by Fallen Angels and a later show by the Sunset Dames. The New Bar hosted Dan O'Leary's annual 4th of July show, the Club 219 Girls donned their Red, White and Blue, Station 2 served a BBQ and the Triangle also hosted a festive cookout on their patio.

Rod's hosted their 15th Anniversary

on July 7 with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on the patio, drink specials and a performance by dance music recording artist/ porn star David Burrill. I dragged by aide de camp, Joe Koch, and my longtime roommate, Kim Z along and we had a fabulous time! A Rod's event is one of the few times I get to visit with many of my Chicago friends that I've known for years (I won't say how many — Years is enough!) and it's always like old home week for us. And, of course, the Hotel Washington "family" is always warm and welcoming.

I've seen David perform several times, and as usual, his fixation with foaming beer and whipped cream was part of his act. He coaxed two victims from the audience to enhance his performance. At one point, while David was working over one of the guys, a train came through next door — quite appropriate to the music and the motions! Later, David coaxed Kim onto the stage. The pictures and the video tell the story from that point on better than I can describe. Usually demure and aloof (way up there in the DJ booth at 219) Kim can now tell people he physically cavorted with Burrill (and he has a copy of the tape to prove it!). Wisconsin has a new Dairy Queen! I won't say anything

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Steppin' ...

finals

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about Sherry Nelson sipping her specially placed "cocktail" — I don't want to embarrass her!

Speaking of Big Talent... the Miss Gay WI-USA At Large Pageant was hosted by Za's on July 9. Seven contestants vied for the Big Title, with Lady Miranda capturing the crown. Jennifer Marlowe was first runner up and Katrina Kay was second runner up. Miranda and Jennifer are now eligible to represent Wisconsin in the USA At-Large

That same night, July 9, the Pivot was to host a free club concert by dance music diva Jody Watley. But, Ms. Watley cancelled at the last minute, and after a number of frantic phone calls, they got Lonnie Gordon to perform on a one day notice. Last winter, Ms. Gordon was scheduled to perform at the Pivot, but was caught in a Michigan snow storm and couldn't make it. Funny how things come around... and kudos to the Pivot and Ms. Gordon for coming through in the lurch and doing an excellent show! I didn't assign a photographer because in the past, these divas don't allow photos to be taken of their performances.

Club 3054 hosted a July 9-10 weekend Rummage Sale to benefit the bars legal defense fund. Owner Cheri Becker faced off with Madison's liquor control board on July 7, but any final decision on the case was put off for renegotiation. It may all end up in court, and that means heavy legal expenses... Or, the has may have to close for several months, which could effectively put her out of business permanently. Obviously, politicians in Madison are leaning more to the right, and not worried about the economic impact of their actions...

Robert Bruckner and his staff at the Triangle celebrated the bars 6th anniversary on July 10. Even though Robert just bought the bar several months ago, he's maintained the same name, staff and atmosphere that has made it so successful. Why not continue to celebrate the traditional anniversary? Congratulations to Robert and his friendly staff, and lets all chant that there are many, many more such occasions!

The Miss City of Festivals Pageant, one of the final three WI-USA preliminaries was held at Club 219 July 13, the last event before my deadline. Congratulations to the winner, Tiffeney (she really outdid herself) and first runner up Lache Fox. The last two WI-USA preliminaries are Miss Gay Kenosha at Club 94 July 30 and Miss Gay Green Bay at Za's August 6. All you hopefulls must win or be first runner up to be eligible to compete in the September WI-USA pageant.

Congratulations to Mr. Gay WI-USA Gregory James. He made the top 10 finalists at the national Mr. Gay USA Pageant June 19 in North Carolina!

The Madison MAGIC Picnic and GALVAnize March and Rally on July 16-17 were after my deadline, but like we did for PrideFest, we held space open in this issue for a News article and photos up through and including the March Sunday afternoon. We had to cut off photo coverage immediately after the March and couldn't cover the entertainment that followed because we needed time to get the film processed before our Monday printer's deadline.

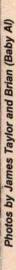
BoysTown, formerly Nitengales, has closed. Their phone had been "temporarily disconnected" for several

weeks, and before then, they were closed many nights they should have been open. It's going to be a Chinese restuarant according to a sign on the building July 15

building July 15.

I got shafted again, by taking a new ad from a business that had a past due balance on the books. From now on In Step will accept no new ads (even if they are prepaid) from a business that owes us money for previous ads. I'm not going to fall for the line, "We'll pay you for this new ad now, and then start making weekly payments on our old balance." I've been scammed once to often by members of our own community...



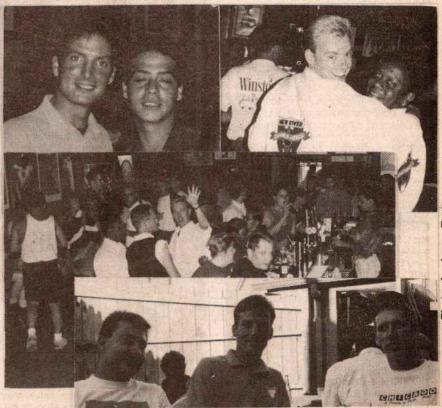




Top-The six contestants in the Miss Gay WI-USA At Large pageant held at Za's. Bottom (L. to R): Miss Gay WI-USA DuWanna Moore, '93 Miss Wisconsin-USA At Large Shannon DuPree, the new Miss WI-USA At Large Lady Miranda, Miss Gay USA At Large, 1st r.u. Jennifer Marlowe, 2nd r.u. Katrina Kaye.



Performers from Dan O'Learys annual 4th of July show at The New Bar. Photos by James Taylor



The Triangle celebrated its 6th Anniversary with a day long party and patio cookout. That's the owner, Robert, in the bottom right photo.

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Calendar

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. M&M Club: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing from 8:30-

Rod's (Madison): Beachwear Party, Tanline & Wet Jockey Shorts Contest. Wear beach attire & get drink specials 9-close. Contest at 11pm.

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.

Za's (Green Bay): 5th Anniv. Weekend. The C.C. Rae Show, 10:30pm.

Club 219: Body Sweat, 4 male dancers, 11pm showtime.

SAT., JULY 23

M&M Club: Singsational.
Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.
Runway 51 (Janesville): Katrina's
"Triangle of Friends" showtime

Maritime Assoc.: Boating at Lade Geneva. FMI call (414) 475-6800. Douglas Dunes Resort (Douglas, MI): Annual Christmas in July Weekend. Cabaret entertainment by Muzzillo & Morrison.

Za's (Green Bay): 5th Anniversary Weekend. Free champagne 9-11; drink specials; hot male dancers from Chicago's Bijou Theatre.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Body Sweat, 4 male dancers.



SUN., JULY 24

Za's (Green Bay): 5th Anniversary Weekend. T Dance 4pm; free tap beer 4-5; free buffet 5-8, \$1 rail 5-8. Dry night 8pm-2am, 16 & up welcome. Alcohol served upstairs in Java's. Your Place: "Baby" Jane Hudson present What's Goin On a special summer show featuring male dancers, female impersonators & surprises, 9pm showtime.

The New Bar (Madison): Briarpatch Benefit, Morgan LeFay's Lingerie Show at 10:30

Gay Men's Discussion Group: Topic is Friction Fiction, see Group Notes article for details.

People of All Colors Together (PACT) (Milw.): Pot luck barbecue, 3-8pm. Meat & utensils provided, bring a dish to pass! FMI call David at (414) 527-4296.

Zippers: 1st Anniversary Party, buffet, door prizes, drink specials, all day & night. Grand prize, Rd. trip air to anywhere in the USA, drawing at 11:30

WED., JULY 27

MAP AIDS Education Series: Advanced AIDS Education Program, 6:30pm. MAP office, 315 W. Court St. in Milw. Call 273-1991, extension 257 for registration. 3B's Bar: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 8-11pm.

THURS., JULY 28

Maritime Association: Lake Crossing from Milw. to Saugatuck/Douglas Michigan by boat & car. FMI call (414) 475-6800. Returning Saturday, July 30.

FRI., JULY 29

Douglas Dunes Resort (Douglas, MI): New Year's in July Weekend.

SAT., JULY 30

Bottom Line Travel: Open house at new location, 1:30-4:30pm.
Club XPress (Escanaba, MI): Bikini Beach Party. Bikini contest for both men & women, prize for most outrageous beach wear.
The Madhatter (Wausau): Ms. & Miss Madhatter, "Queen of The Night" showtime 10:30pm.
Travlur Lounge (Rockford, IL): 5th Anniversary Weekend, presenting Desert Hearts, live Lesbian band.
Triangle: Softball Team Fundraiser, raffle & pie toss, 5pm. \$200 1st prize.
Runway 51 (Janesville): Erotic Body Shop strippers, 2 males, 2 females;



The Blue Lite in Sheboygan celebrated its 2nd Anniversary with a festive affair. That's owner Dean and his Mom in the center photo. Photos by James Taylor

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Douglas Dunes Resort (Douglas, MI):
New Year's in July Weekend.
Lake Geneva Twilight Cruise: A
benefit for SEWAP, 8pm, \$45.
Entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, raffle &
auction. FMI call (800) 924-6601. Cash

Club 94 (Kenosha): Miss Gay Kenosha, next to last preliminary for the Wisconsin-USA pageant.

SUN., JULY 31

Travlur Lounge (Rockford, IL): 5th Anniv. Weekend. Annual picnic with outdoor games.

Fannies: Milw. demo release, live performance by Dianna Jones & The Reign's, featuring their new cassette release. 1 show only, 7pm, \$5 cover, cassettes available for purchase.

The New Bar (Madison): Simply Divine's benefit show to the National Entertainer of the Year Pageant. Huge show starts at 10:30pm. \$5 donation. See full page Divine ad for details.

WED., AUG 3

Triangle: Max's Quarter Century Birthday party, 9-?

FRI., AUG. 5

Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 1-6pm in the back bar during 3rd Ward Block party.

SAT., AUG. 6

Rod's: 2nd Annual Mr & Ms Leather Madison Contest on Patio. Begins at 10; Leather workshops & fair. Wreck Room: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing & counseling from 1-6pm in the back bar during 3rd Ward Block party.





Ray's Bar & Grille owner Ray (displaying the medal) hosted a 4th of July weekend party complete with sumo wrestling,

volleyball and a cookout.

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Za's (Green Bay): Miss Gay Green Bay WI-USA preliminary 10:30pm, \$3 cover. The last WI-USA preliminary contest!

Runway 51 (Janesville): Nashville's Jeff Miller, encore performance of this openly Gay Country Music Singer. Two shows, 10:30 & midnight. 1100 Club: Marc's Birthday Toga Party,

1100 Club: Marc's Birthday Toga Party 8-close, Togas or leather requested. Womyn's Hot Summer's Night

Dance: Hurricane Productions, 8pmmidnight, at Danceworks, 727 N. Milwaukee St., downtown. Tickets \$7 at the door.

Lavender Hill Benefit: Lavender Fairy

Tales, 7pm, UW-Milw. Student Union, Wisconsin Room. A benefit for MAP. FMI call (414) 964-0772. Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.

SUN., AUG. 7

Rod's: 15th Mr. Rod's Contest. Patio opens 5pm, show/contest at 8pm. \$500 in total prizes.



Rod's celebrated its 15th anniversary with a show by Dance music artist/ porn star, David Burrill, far right. The Scheel family is in the bottom left, and Chicago and Hotel

Washington staffers are in the other photos.

Photos by Ron Geiman

Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

Love

Dos and Don'ts for a Successful Relationship

You have no secrets from each other. Your sexual energy has ignited more sparks and interplanetary fireworks than those comets slamming into Jupiter. Your relationship has more chemistry than a high school science experiment and yet arguments seem to erupt quickly and splatter your love nest like an overheated pot of Beef-a-roni. What's wrong? While you need lessons to drive a car, fly a plane or to knit a sweater, the truth is there are no classes on the secrets to a successful same-sex relationship. Well at least until now that is... as I present this relationship primer for those bitten by that nasty love bug!

Do politely jot down any messages if the phone rings while he's in the shower.

Do Not secretly press the playback button on his answering machine, listen to all his messages, and then pump him for information about the guy with the real sexy voice and pocket the phone number. However, do check the speed dial buttons and "accidentally" erase any phone numbers belonging to his old lovers.

Do celebrate your relationship by giving him romantic card and a "coupon" which he can use to make you his naked servant for a weekend. Offer to cook, clean, do yard work, be a handyman... even draw his bath and layout his clothes or give him a rub down. However, be sure to tell him you don't do windows, unless he's into that sort of thing.

Do Not give him a Richard Simmon's Deal-A-Meal card and tell him you offered the same "coupon" to six guys you met at the dirty bookstore at

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Do be honest and admit you've got a dependent personality and are trying to kick a problem with designer drugs.

Do Not ask him to hold onto your stash of Calvin Klein hemorrhoid ointment.

Do carry a picture of him in your wallet.

Do Not let him know that you also fill your wallet with plenty of \$1 bills for tipping male strippers.

Do tell him you are career minded and want to make an investment in the relationship.

Do Not share that you are the Tom Arnold of the Rainbow Crowd and would dump him in a second and marry Ru Paul if you thought it would advance your career.

Do invite him out for a late afternoon Cafe Latte at some bohemian, homo-friendly coffee palace with lots of posing, attitude and fashion magazines.

Do Not surprise him by arriving with a big wave, a loud Yiddish accent in your best Linda Richmond mondo-wig and heels.

Do emphasize that you want to be a humanitarian.

Do Not try to prove it by putting up a hundred Haitian boat people in his apartment.

Do share your dreams to be an entrepreneur and start your own business together.

Do Not tell him you plan to open a drag queen rest tent at Six Flags.

Do indulge his mother's hobby of collecting antique Victorian Christmas decorations by giving her a practicularly beautiful one.

Do Not try to spark her interest in your assortment of jewelry for pierced nipples or your prized Tom of Finland tattoo collection.

Do clip your toenails to avoid inflicting Freddy Kruegeresque wounds to his legs while making love.

Do Not try to show him how limber you are by trimming your toes in bed using your teeth instead of a nail clipper.

Do tell him that you can be very codependent.

Do Not take him hostage and ask for a sexual ransom... on second thought maybe that's a good idea!

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Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

Sweet 'n' Sour

I'm having a bad life day.

Three sets of friends have broken up, and expect me to smile through every ounce of regurgitated agony with them because, after all, what's a friend for anyway? Now I'm going to, like it or not, end up choosing between them, and the needlest one usually wins, which means my Kleenex budget goes up, and my available time and attention goest way down. Another set, who should definitely be on the casualty list, living happily-ever- after in much nicer lives, are continuing to do their relationship business as usual. So I'm wondering how many more times I'll have to listen to all the reasons why she a) should leave, or b) couldn't leave, or c(cubed)) why they all did leave.

All the community based business owners I know are in major funks planning to a) declare bankruptcy or b) leave town because "depending on this community is one sure and easy route to Chapter 11." Which is interesting, because this community is located in three different towns, and I bet if I did a survey today, no doubt it would be located in every single city or town across America. Maybe Canada too.

And then there's The Community itself. We seem to have escalated sniping right up into the stratosphere, declaring very personal World Wars over who has the right to say what about whom. Dirty Pool and Playing Nasty should be listed along with the other Gay Games, have their own venues in some obscure part of New York, and require special shoes. Degree of difficulty, absolutely none. And that's just the junior division. You want senior competition, we move right up to Advanced Vicious 100 and 200 meters.

Even the dog is looking at me like I got her the wrong size chewy toy.

So what do you do on a lemon day like this one? Well, it's my life, and I have no intention of spending any more of the rest of it sour. So — Shazaam! — I hereby invoke the sacred spirit of Saint Pollyanna. (A heavenly no doubt dyke, blessed with eternal optimism.) She's got the ice cubes, the water and the Nutrasweet. Together, we're gonna count our G/L blessings and make some lemonade:

1. With eleven thousand signed participants, ABC-TV actually acknowledged The Gay Games as the largest sporting event in the world.

2. Dan Rather said the G word without requiring a Heimlich maneuver.

3. US Attorney General, Janet Reno, a fellow (should that be "gal-low?") South Floridian, signed a 10 day waiver to allow HIV positive foreigners into the country for the games.

4. A Gallop-Newsweek (or was it New York Times? Anyway, somebody boring and behemoth) says that the acceptance of our lifestyle stands at an all time average high of 58%. That's up from 41% in 1978. Which means that soon we can start winning elections 58 to 42 instead of losing them the other way around

5. Local libraries all across the country during June were putting our books in glass display cases on the main floor in celebration of National Gay & Lesbian Book Month, instead of keeping them in locked cabinets way in the back room where you had to ask a librarian for them, while trying not to look like you were asking the teenage boy behind the pharmacy counter for your first box of kotex. (A Lesbian reference. Sorry, guys. You fellows probably have something similar about condoms to relate to.)

You no longer have to ask anybody behind any counter for a box of condoms either. They're self-serving.

7. Membership at P-FLAG is at an all time high. Maybe not my mom, yet, but, hey, she never was much of a joiner. So I have a whole lot more moms available willing to adopt. And now that I've reached a certain age, maybe there

will sometime be a group call P-FLAGS. (Parents & Friends of Lady and Gentlemen STRAIGHTS) and they'll have me for their surrogate mother. By request and appointment only, of course.

8. The P-F'ers added another F to their names to include our *friends*, (of which there are many more every day) making it P-FFLAG which is just ffine, because who wouldn't want to include all our ffriends?

 Since Stonewall, The National Gay Task Force came to its census and became The National Gay And Lesbian Task Force.

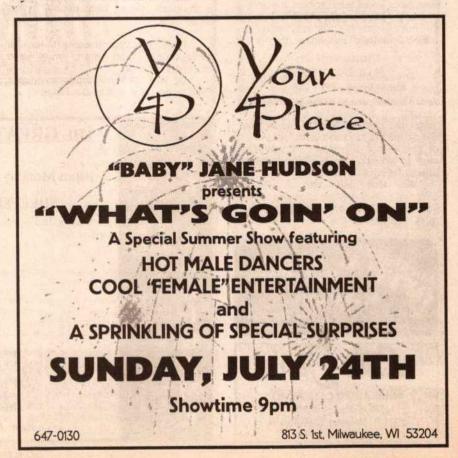
10. Sodomy laws have disappeared from the books in a majority of states and many foreign countries, which should be a great relief to most of the non-Gay "What, you mean that's illegal? But we're not even Gay!" couples who were the most frequent flyers.

Ooooh. This is beginning to feel

better already.

11. The love that dare not speak its name shouted in over 7,000 (that's seven thousand) stories in U.S. newspapers from 1989 to 1994. (Thank you, President Willy. Even if you did give us the most ridiculous don't-ask- don't-tell- don't-be-silly military policy in the universe, at least the papers began to spell our names right.)

12. Lesbian comediennes appeared out on both cable and non-cable tv. This time it was Lesbians telling the dyke



jokes.

13. An AIDS memoir (On Becoming A Man) won the national book award.

14. We have our own high schools in several states.

15. Apple Computers just said "phooey!" to any place that won't make a place for us.

"Nothin' but a damn Lesbian" sits on the US cabinet.

17. The US Congress passed legislation that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation in a federal program of any type.

program of any type.

18. The FBI became agents provocateur by promising not to discriminate, turning J. Edgar over in his best dress, and invalidating thousands of his best files.

19. Helen Hunt, on NBC's Mad About You, asked Paul Riser the critical 90's question: "Do we have enough Gay friends?' (Ans: Never!)

20. And Phil Donahue is bored with is.

I know, I know. We still have along way to go, and I'm not throwing away my bullet proof vest yet. But, once in a while you've got to stop and smell the victories. And today I needed this.

Now the glass is half full.

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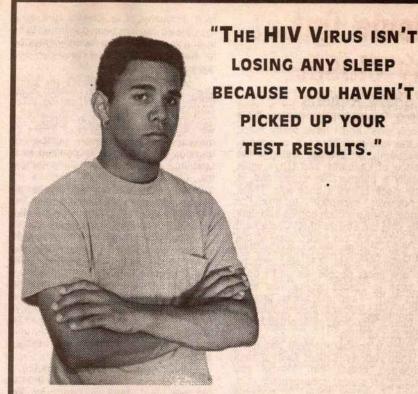




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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

The Passing Line

Having been out now for a good long time, I already know that I am not "the only one" and I have pretty much seen the whole variety pack of queers. Consequently, on average, being in the presence of Lesbians and Gays while generally a pleasurable experience, is not the visceral thrill it once was. There are, however, exceptions to this. For instance, when a million homos and their friends clog the streets of NYC, it's hard not to notice the old metronome in the chest ticking a little more emphatically. On a different scale, it is also exciting when one spots people like us by ones and twos in places where you least expect them - redneck areas, grocery stores in predominantly hetero suburbs, your boss's wedding, most small towns - that sort of thing.

Many a special moment has been had when your eyes meet theirs across a crowded potato bin. Maybe you exchange an almost imperceptible nod. Perhaps a hint of smile. Or possibly there is nothing more tangible than a knowing look in the eyes that says, "I see you. I recognize you. Hello." any of these exchanges is strangely exhilarating - although to this day it remains a mystery to me as to why this should be so because, as I've already said, it's not exactly a surprise to me that other queers are out there everywhere, leading, on a daily basis, rather regular lives. Nevertheless, there is something deeply satisfying about someone giving you that "Howdy - so glad to see one of my own kind" sorts of smiles as you pass each other in the halls of granny's

A disconcerting thing has been happening to me lately, however: people who should be raising their eyebrows at me in a knowing fashion have shown no response at all. I thought at first that this was because us Lesbians - media whores that we've become of late - had simply grown blase about seeing other dykes, regardless of the context. But then one day, when an unknown baby dyke grinned broadly at my girlfriend Kathy but didn't so much as acknowledge my existence, it became clear that that was not the case at all. "She didn't recognize you as a Lesbian," Kath observed, a tremor of angst in her voice. Either that, or I just wasn't her

old folks home.

POPULAR NEWS

DISCOUNT VIDEOS & MAGAZINES HUNDREDS OF ADULT MALE VIDEOS AS LOW AS '19.95 8am-Midnight, 7 Days/Week 225 North Water St • Milwankee • 278-0636 type. However, it is Kathy's disturbing hypothesis that has been confirmed to be true: a young Gay man recently asserted to Kathy, in reference to me, "She doesn't look like a Lesbian."

Ladies and gentleman, it would seem that I — me, the Lesbian Pride Poster Child — have been passing. What kind of a topsy turvy world is this when a gal who wears sensible shoes, no makeup, and an uneven number of earrings can't even be recognized as a Lesbian? I blame this on three things: the Women's Movement, Melissa on thirtysomething, and my long curly mane: the second wave of feminism had the nerve to suggest to hetero women that it was okay not to look like a Barbie doll all the time; Melissa, who we were lead to believe only dated men, wore odd numbers of mismatched earrings; and my voluptuous locks make me look like a girlie girl - not that there's anything wrong with that. Some of my best friends, for instance, are hetero women. And of course, femmes are a longstanding (if for awhile there temporarily out of favor) tradition in the Lesbian community.

But if you ever bore witness to my purple tail, you would know that I am not the sort that goes in much for the invisibility thing. Plus which, I miss getting to have "a moment" with a total stranger in the power tool department at Sears. So I have decided: it's time to do something to remedy this situation. I hereby vow to invest in some freedom rings, family-size pink triangles for every outfit, and a snappy new easy-to-recognize bumper sticker for the car. If I were a braver woman, I would have entwined women symbols tattooed on some prominent place on my body. However, given that I'm needle phobic, I

have decided instead just to wear my Dykes to Watch Out For t-shirt everywhere I go. It might not hurt, either, to get a kickass black leather jacket and some Doc Martens boots. But doesn't that attire get awfully hot in the summer? I suspect the tough-girl dyke image I am hoping to create here would not be enhanced by my fainting like some sort of weird hybrid of Southern belle and biker chic. "I don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' no Harleys. WHOMP!"

Or maybe the key is not so much to look like a dyke as to act like one. Although frankly, outside of French-kissing my girlfriend in public or looking uncomfortable in heels, I'm not quite sure how it is a dyke acts. All I know is, it's a matter of honor: I'm a Lesbian and I want no mistake made about that. I suppose I could simply shave my head and call it a day, but I think the effect would be less than flattering — something like Sinead O'Connor meets Fearless Fly and Zippy the Pinhead. Still, if it would help solve this problem... No — I think in the end, I wouldn't get quite the response I was seeking.

Let's just say that I am determined to do whatever it takes (well, almost) to get the heck out of this passing lane. Face it: it's not getting me anywhere I want to go. And then I'll drive, drive, drive down the old queer highway of life, smiling at perfect strangers — who will know exactly what it is I'm smiling about.

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No Nunsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity

Let's Stop Courting Court TV

I just want to say, in the immortal words of that Network movie classic, "I'm mad as hell and I'm not gonna take it any more!" What with my Oprah getting O.J.ed! I've been simply saturated by the Simpson saga.

It was bad enough when my Donahue kept transmorgrifying (*) into Tonya and my Montel was mercilessly Menendezized, not to mention by Sally Jessy Raphael becoming Bobbitted!!! Dare I say, "Cut it out!" without sounding

a trifle Lorena-ish??

But really now, enough is enough. There is no regular daytime TV anymore, thanks to day-long, five-network court coverage of every single friggin' famous felon, which has resulted in my being forced to switch to the only channel NOT showing the trials and tribulations (well, mostly trials) of the latest 15-minute offame media darling/criminal: guessed it - the Barney show. Omigod! What would happen if that purple dancing dinosaur with the bad bridgework got somehow carried away with his theme song, "I love you, you love me, we're a happy family..." and maliciously molested then massacred his happy, little family of adoring tots? We'd be subjected to CBS Presents Day 57 of the Barney Trials: A Prehistoric American Tragedy. And would Time magazine purposely put the purple perpetrator on its cover in especially dark mauve tones verging on violent violet?

Would we suffer such cliff-hangers as "What was in that manilla envelope?" - perhaps it was a cue card stating, "Boys and girls, today's letter is M for Mutilate and Massacre and Murder" but would it be eventually accepted as admissible evidence? Would Barney's dog photo be splashed all over both the tabloid and non-tabloid press as a key witness leading the police inspectors to the highly incriminating weapon — library paste-stained safety scissors? Would the Barnster be melodramatically filmed speeding down the freeway in his big toy car, holding a Mattell cap gun to his head while being followed by hordes of Keystone Kops cavorting in cartoon patrol cars? Would there be a suicide watch? No, come to think of it, dinosaurs don't kill themselves, they just become extinct. Would the Barnmeister's limo driver take the stand only to be questioned and grilled for hours on end as to how Barney's giant fabric head could possibly fit into a limousine and why would a huge puppet of man-made material need to wear gloves anyway?

My point is obvious (yes, I hear you

retort, but if you wear a really big hat, no one will notice it! Har har). Where will the monstrous ratings-grabbing media finally draw the line? When will the American public refuse to daily gaze and graze over any more of the salacious, slimy, sickening acts of these heterosexual psychopaths?

Thank God our Gay community is nothing like that! What's that you say? Jeffrey Dahmer?? Oh puh-lease, he ain't Gay; how many of your Gay friends respond literally to their lovers' request

- "Eat me!"???

Gay viewers and mass consumers unite! Let's put Court TV back where it

belongs, with Judge Wapner, and bring back the backbone of American culture sappy soaps and talk shows!!!
 Otherwise Oprah might put all those lost pounds right back on while anxiously waiting to return to daytime TV again.

(*) Sister Dana's Vocabulary Builder: "transmorgrify" = "to change or alter greatly and often with grotesque or humorous effect." Try to use the word three times today and it will become

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Ask Billy Holliday

Off-key advice from an offcolor life

From Billy Holliday's Library:

Well, kids, summer is sweatily upon us — I know the allusion is all screwed up, but so am I. It's time to review that reading list. Mine is always behind the times, but that's because I'm reading all those interesting letters from you. (That's right, I don't share the interesting ones; I call them personally). So my books aren't current, but my wiring is. Here's a

couple to add to the list:

Young Men and Fire by Norman Maclean. Honey, this is a good book. You will just fall in love with these boys who die much too young. Doesn't it sound familiar? Thirteen boys who played with fire, or maybe the fire played with them and left them dead on a cruel hillside in Montana in 1949. Mr. Maclean, who did alright in A River Runs Through It, makes bittersweet poetry out of the search for meaning in the loss of these young men. At times you'll feel the heat on your back and look up to see if the fire is coming towards you as fiercely as it swept over these thirteen. You'll always hold the memory of that hillside with thirteen white concrete crosses marking the spot where life ended a little too soon, a little too painfully and all too alone. It's a wonderful read.

Blue Heaven by Joe Keenan: Well, I'm still laughing. I haven't enjoyed myself this much since last night after the trick left. Follow handsome young Gilbert Selwyn as he goes from bottom

to top and back to bottom in this very funny piece about other people's money and how to get it. You'd never believe so many people could end up hiding behind one couch to such a no good end. You'll get a real bang out of the consummation of this marriage; Gilbert, Philip, Claire and Moira sure do. Read it and I promise you, you'll not weep, except from laughter.

Dear Billy,

I'm pretty naive and new to being a Lesbian, so I don't know a lot of things people say (I mean what they mean). At a bar the other night, somebody called me a pillow queen and everybody laughed, so I did too. I don't know if I should have laughed or not. What do you think and do you know what this means?

B.L., Coronado, CA
Well, B.L., pull a friend over and ask
what it means. I don't think you should
hear it from me. (But then, I'm the
advice queen and you're the pillow
queen.) So, no, you probably should not
have laughed, but I wouldn't waste any
more time chewing my fingernails over
it. Darling, go see a manicurist and ask
Madge where she puts her hands when
they're not in detergent. I bet they're not
over her head while she's enjoying a bit
of tongue-in-chic. Cut the nails, darling,
and go make someone happy. Oh, and
by the way, unless you're a neonate,
you aren't new to being a Lesbian.
Maybe you ought to ask Madge a few
other questions while you get those PQ
nails done.

Billy is keen to offer sage advice, whether requested or not. Please send your questions to: Billy Holliday, POB 1726, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10011.

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The newly crowned Miss City of Festivals WI-USA, Tiffeney (with Christopher) and first runner up Lache Fox, during competition at Club 219.

Jock Shorts

Saturday Softball Beer League

Standings - July 9th

Club 219	14 - 1
M&M	14 - 1
Triangle	10 - 5
Ballgame	9-6
Your Place	6-9
Marble Arcade	6-9
Ricks Rangers	4 - 11

Thanks to the weatherman, with no rainouts this season, only two weeks remain in the regular season for the Saturday Softhall Beer League

Saturday Softball Beer League.

M&M defeated Club 219 on July 9th to tie for first place and set up a rematch on July 30th for the league championship. On July 23rd, Triangle and the Ballgame will clash with 3rd place at stake. Your Place, Marble Arcade and Rick's Rangers are all in the hunt for 5th place.

Team fundraisers have been scheduled for July 23rd at Marble Arcade, July 30th at Triangle and August 6th at Your Place. Come out and support

the teams.

Club 219 took 2nd place in a July 4th weekend tournament — St. Louis; Triangle also participated. A team representing the Ballgame, Rick's Rangers and M&M went to Toronto for the Canada Cup that weekend. Congratulations to Pitcher Arnie who made the Canada Cup All Star Team.

Schedule

Diamond #2 July 23

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

> Diamond #3 July 23

12:15pm Your Place vs Marble Arcade 1:30pm Rick's rangers vs Club 219 2:45pm Ballgame vs M&M

> Diamond #2 July 30

11am Marble Arcade vs Triangle 12:15pm M&M vs Club 219 1:30pm Club 219 vs Marble Arcade 2:45pm Your Place vs M&M

> Diamond #3 July 30

11am Rick's Rangers vs Ballgame 12:15pm Your Place vs Ballgame 1:30pm Triangle vs Rick's Rangers

August 6

With the lower diamond at Mitchell Park scheduled to be made into a soccer field next year, the SSBL will use the park for the last time on Saturday, August 27th. A fan appreciation day called "Field of Dreams and Memories" will be held at Mitchell Park. Photos and memorabilia from past seasons, including the 1979 and 1985 World Series, and the Wreck Roomand Milwaukee Classics will be on display. There will be food, soda and beer available. Mark your calendars and watch in Step for further details.



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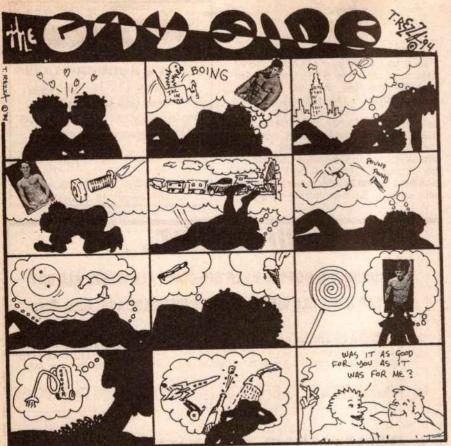
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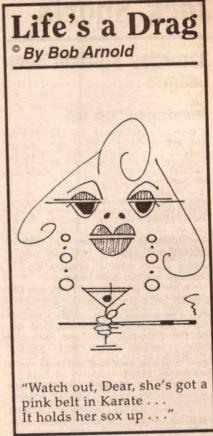
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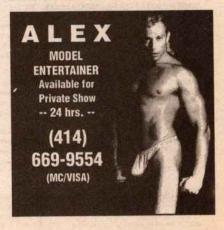
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GWM, 36, 5' 11", medium build, seeks versatile men, any race (blacks esp.) for wild times. No commitment. Clean, safe. Occupant, Suite 125, 6910 West Brown Deer Road, Milwaukee, WI 53223.

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Arnie: Congratulations on making the Candada Cup All Star Team, although I'm sure Frank would have beat you out if he could have made the trip. Team Milwaukee Thanks to All: who contributed to the Jerry Fitzpatrick Memorial fund. Over \$125 was raised to be used for a New York AIDS project. Tom To Our Little Friend: Rib Lake reunion planned. Shirley wants to get out. Time to unite the 4 Bad Girls.

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ORGANIZATIONS

ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization) 725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985
Men's HIV+ Support Group Appleton
Family HIV Support Group Appleton (414)235-5100 PFLAG Fox Cities Box 75, Little Chute, 54140 749-1629 Fox Valley AIDS Project 120 N Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911 UW-Oshkosh 10% Society 207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901 733-2068 Gay AA/Anon
G.LE.E.D.A. (Gay & Lesbian Education & Economic
Development Alliance) PO Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
Gay/Lesbian Support Group
UW-O Counseling Center
Synergy (AIDS Support Network)
PO Box 2137, Fond du Lac 54935
Fox Valley G/L Parents
Lawrence Univ./Gay, Lesbian, Bi Group
(Lawrence University InfoDesk)
Box 599, Appleton 54912 (Jessica)
832-7563 494-9904 832-7563

NORTH EAST WI

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BARS

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1 Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ) 515 S. Broadway 54303 2 Java's (MW, V) 1106 Main 54301 2 Za's (MW, DJ, V) 1106 Main 54301 4 Sass (VM) 840 S. Broadway 54304	432-9646 435-5476 435-5476 437-7277

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HIV/AA (weekly meetings) Ric 468-6316	
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BARS

2 Club 3054 (MW, DJ, V) 3054 E. Washington 53714	241-4977
1 Rod's (Mw, L/L, D) 636 W. Washington (rear) 53703	255-0609
1 The New Bar (MW, DJ, V) 636 W. Washington (upstairs) 53703	256-8765
3 Phaze II (GS, MW, F, D) 117 W. Main St. 53703	255-5029
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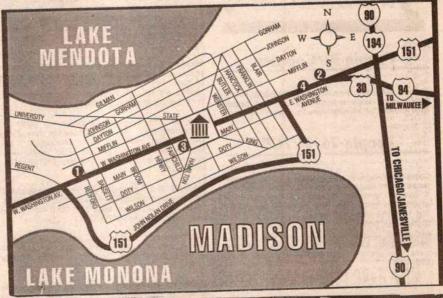
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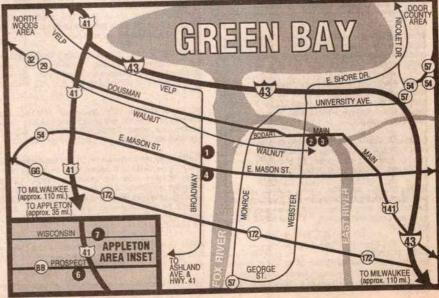
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Support Group) (608)255-7447
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LesGayBi Teen Support Group (608)251-1126/246-7606
Lesbian, Gay and Bi Law Student Union UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
Lesbian Parents Network

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(608)255-8582





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UW Mem. Union, 800 Langdon, 53706 (6)
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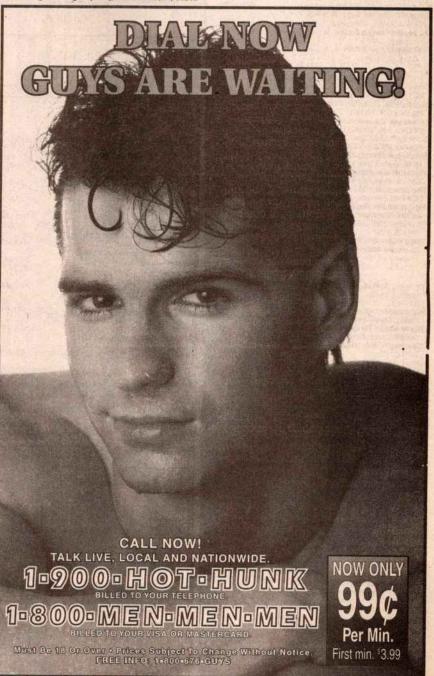
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Constant Reader Bookshop	000 0000
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Wausau, 54403	(715) 848-9060
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Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	
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c/o Unitarian Universalist	
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	Duluth, MN 55802	(218) 722-8585

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c/o Campus Ministry Center	(608)784-7600
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WI ISN'T IT ROMANTIC: 30 yr. old, 5'8", Brn/Brn, hairy, seeks an honest and sincere good looking guy. I am very romantic and am out of the bar scene. #26321

Madison LONESOME DOVE: Lonesome bi white male, 6', stach, into the country, looking for other cowboys for friendship or more. #26830

Oshkosh AVAILABLE: Mature, stable, honest GWM, 35 yr. old, seeks guys with similar interests. #29027

La Crosse LOADED AND READY TO FIRE: 27 yr. old, 5'11", Brn/Brn, into hunting and fishing looking for masc guys 18-27 yrs. old who enjoy similar hobbies. = 26338

Eau Claire SLIPPERY WHEN WET: Bob, looking for a guy 40-60 yrs. old who likes to have a good time. #32062

Bayfield ALL NIGHT DRIVE IN: 6', 38 yrs. old, into traveling and restaurants and more, relatively new to the scene. #32418

Milwaukee NOT JUST GOOD LOOKING ...: 27 yr. old male, very good looking, looking for a very handsome man to spend quality time with

WI WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT: 21 yr. old looking for some one who is around my age who is into boating traveling and more. I am 5'11", Brn/Brn, toned. #32501

St. Louis I LOOK MARVELOUS: Nick, 50 yr. old who is a fantastic guy looking for a younger guy. I am financially fit. Long hair a big plus. #32550

WI ZIP ME UP, ZIP ME DOWN: Steve, GWM, looking for a CD who is handsome and good looking. Come on over for some good times. #11250

Madison OUT FOR A GOOD TIME: Tom, 5'10", good looking, athletic, looking for someone to have some fun with. #32656

Milwaukee ANY BRIGHT IDEAS?: 27 yr. old, 5'10", clean shaven, into reading and writing and creative, looking for someone to include in my interests or who can show me something new. #32690

Sheboygan HOW DO YOU DO?: 40's, 5'10", looking for someone similar for a committed relationship for dining out and quiet evenings. =32849

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

GWM, 6", non drinker, seeks slim guys 21-29 yrs. old for friendship . I like walks and movies and you should too. =27563

Marshfield SLIM INTERESTS: 26 yr. old

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.

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

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

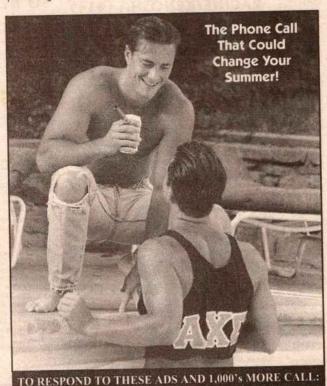
Milwaukee JUST THE THREE OF US: Couple looking for a third person for fun friendship and so forth. You name it, we are probably interested in doing it. #10639

Milwaukee JUST GETTING STARTED: 18 yr. old, 6'3", musc, looking for someone in the area. I am new to this Looking for white or Hispanic males, 18-35 yrs. old. #10763

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

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



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working out, looking for someone 28-35 yrs. old. call and leave me a message.

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

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

Milwaukee A FINE HOW DO YOU DO IT: Bi white male, 28, 6', Brn/Brn, new to this, looking far 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

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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

Milwaukee GRAB IT: GBM, 25, interested in having a discreet relationship with someone interesting and fun. #30588

Milwaukee FEED ME: Student into being fed cheese cake looking for someone 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

Modison 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

Milwaukee TREAT HIM RIGHT: 40 yr old GWM is new to town, friendly and vers. #26943

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

Milwaukee **SOUTH SIDE:** Bi-WM, 5'5", 135.1 am attractive and a workout buff. Let's show aff. 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

Mllwaukee 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 lthr 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 lthr man. Test me all the way. I never fail. #27665

La Crosse **NO FUN ALONE:** 5'2", 125, bm/blu. Seeking a guy around my age (26). #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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Make notes about yourself and what you want to say. Remember, you don't want to sound rushed, too casual, indifferent or phony. So, on your message state when you will be home, if you live with someone, who can take messages, and when is the best time for you to receive phone calls.

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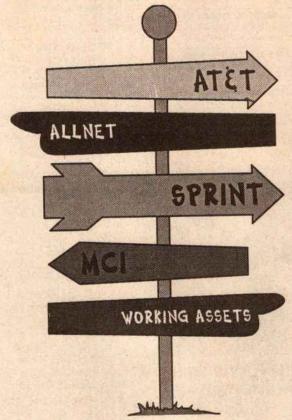
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