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Cover Story

Our cover "girl", out Lesbian comic actor Amanda Bearse, is the '94 National Spokesperson for **National Coming Out Day (NCOD)**, which is coming up Tuesday, October 11. Bearse is also hosting the NCOD special edition of *Out There II*, Comedy Central's second special featuring Gay comics.

Amanda is interviewed by Wayne Hoffman in an article beginning on page 18.

The well known Keith Haring NCOD logo is also heavily featured throughout this issue. Our special NCOD section begins on page 14.



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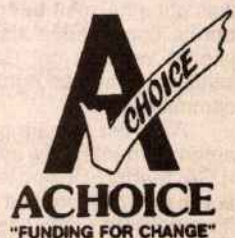
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United Nations Suspends ILGA's Membership

Link to Pedophile Groups Cited

New York, NY — Despite the severance of its ties to pedophile groups this summer, the International Lesbian and Gay Association has had its consultative status within the United Nations suspended.

The action came September 16 when the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council voted unanimously to suspend ILGA's membership. The recommendation came from the United States, which argued that pedophilia violated the rights of children as guaranteed in the U.N.'s Declaration of Human Rights and that ILGA could not be sure whether some of its member groups supported pedophilia.

The issue was raised earlier this year in the US Senate, where anti-Gay crusader Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) introduced an amendment to withdraw \$118 million in US funding from the world body if it continued to support groups that harbored pedophiles or promoted pedophilia. Gay and Lesbian activists decried Helms's measure as a thinly veiled attack on ILGA, using the emotional issue of pedophilia to discredit the group.

The International Lesbian and Gay Association is a coalition of dozens of Gay and Lesbian groups worldwide. It encourages networking between Gays and Lesbians across national borders and documents anti-Gay policies and human rights violations by governments and groups internationally.

ILGA had lobbied for recognition from the U.N. for almost a decade, finally achieving consultative status as a non-governmental organization in 1993. ILGA was not a full member group of the U.N., but its consultative status enabled it to submit reports on Gay and Lesbian issues and human rights abuses to U.N. committees.

After the Senate passed the Helms amendment by an overwhelming vote, ILGA, fearful of losing its hard-won status at the U.N., moved to revoke the membership of several member organizations whose primary purpose is promoting pedophilia. At its annual meeting in June, ILGA members voted 214-30 to expel the North American Man/Boy Love Association, Project Inform/Free Will and the Dutch group Vereneging Martijn. ILGA also formally disavowed pedophilia as inconsistent with its aims.

Lisa Powers, a former co-chair of ILGA, said at the time that 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."

But NAMBLA spokesman Bill Andriette countered: "The expulsions compromise ILGA's autonomy and long-standing commitment to diversity and toleration. 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."

Citing other ILGA member groups which contain subgroups in support of pedophilia, Andriette called ILGA's purge inconsistent and warned that "ILGA's capitulation to US pressure does not change the fact that its U.N. status is in jeopardy."

Indeed, information about the affiliation of pedophile groups with ILGA was first publicized by anti-Gay crusaders in the right wing newsletter **Lambda Report**. If the attack on pedophilia had not succeeded in discrediting ILGA, **Lambda Report** was preparing to expose ILGA's connections with a group of S/M activists in New

York.

Hans Hgerpekjon, Secretary General of ILGA, said of the U.N. suspension: "The US government has repeatedly told us they are the defender of Gay and Lesbian causes and we have the feeling if this is how our friends behave, then certainly we feel very lost in the world with all the number of enemies we have to cope with."

"ILGA's valuable function as a consultant to the U.N. was to promote basic human rights and understanding for the international Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual community," said Peri Jude Radecic of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "I am disappointed to see the U. N. fall into old stereotypes and misinformation perpetrated by Sen. Helms and other homophobes."

ILGA's governing body will be holding emergency consultations to determine how to respond to its suspension from the U.N.

Milwaukee Cops Mum on Attacks in Walker's Point

Gay Leaders Urge Caution

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Police Department has refused repeated requests by **In Step** for any information regarding a series of vicious attacks on people in the Walker's Point area of the near south side during the month of September. The area is home to many of the city's Gay bars, although they exist alongside many straight bars as well.

In Step has received anecdotal reports about attacks against people leaving bars at night or while driving through the area. Alleged attacks have occurred in the area bordered on the north by I-794, on the south by Maple, and east of 6th Street. Many reports say that 2 or 3 assailants, described as young Hispanic men, have approached the victims, beat them around the face and head with bricks or tire irons, and robbed them.

Several reports cited the use of anti-Gay slurs like "faggot" by the attackers, but it is not clear whether the attacks are bias-related because people leaving straight establishments like Steny's have reportedly been victimized as well.

On September 2, three men who had just left a Gay bar were traveling west on Maple Street when they were allegedly forced off the road by another

car. The men in that car identified themselves as police officers but proceeded to beat and rob the three men. The supposed officers were not wearing uniforms and did not display badges. The next night, a lone man leaving the 3 B's bar was reportedly attacked, beaten and robbed near the viaduct on S. KK.

Around midnight, September 14-15, two Gay men were attacked near 3rd and Walker. Both received concussions and required stitches for gashes caused by having bricks smashed into their faces and heads by two assailants. A motorist was able to report the license number of the assailants' car to police, but police have declined to confirm whether arrests have been made.

NO HELP FROM MPD

The **In Step** office has received many other anecdotal reports, sometimes from anonymous sources, which cannot be confirmed. In the absence of any advisory from police in the Second District, Gay community leaders are urging people who walk and drive through the Walker's Point area to be extremely cautious. All incidents should be reported to the police and to the Gay Bash Hotline: (414) 444-7331.

In Step spoke to several police officers, including a beat cop and the crime prevention officer in the Second District. They refused to give out any information about the series of attacks and referred **In Step** to the Police Department's Public Information Office. A Sergeant Lucas at the Public Information Office said he could not release any information and referred us back to the Second District or to the Open Records Division.

STREET SAFETY TIPS

No crime victim is to blame for the crime committed against them. Even though you can't be sure you won't become a victim of crime, these prevention tips may be helpful:

- **Identify local "Danger Zones"** in areas you frequent. Avoid them if alone, and stay aware of your surroundings;
- **Plot out "safe" routes** from the bus stop or parking lot to your home or other places you frequent. Use well lit streets, and be aware of late night stores where you could run for safety;
- **If you feel unsafe, trust your instincts**, and remove yourself from the area. **Make noise**, blow a whistle, scream "FIRE!" Call 911 for police assistance;
- **If you go home with strangers, make sure you introduce that person to a friend or bartender.** Make people aware you are leaving together, so if a problem arises later, they can help identify the perpetrator;
- **Lesbians should be cautious of men they meet in Lesbian bars** who claim to be Gay and invite women to their homes to party;
- **Leave bars with a group of people you know.** Assailants often lurk outside Gay identified establishments waiting for their next victim;
- **Always carry a whistle**, consider taking a self defense class. (Self Awareness is often more important than Self Defense), or, **carry Pepper Spray** (legal in Wisconsin as of October 1, 1994).
- **Be alert and aware of your surroundings.** Don't take short cuts through unlit areas;
- **Get license plate numbers** of cars with suspicious occupants, or whose occupants shout out anti-Gay slurs . . . **then report it to police.**

When this reporter indicated our deadline prevented us from spending hours sifting through police records to confirm the assaults and that we were merely seeking advice from the MPD as to whether our readers and community should be on guard, Sgt. Lucas accused **In Step** of "pushing a special interest."

In Step called Stephanie Hume, who has been the Gay and Lesbian community's liaison to the Milwaukee Police Department. She expressed her own frustrations in communicating with the police. Hume said she and several other Gay and Lesbian leaders are meeting with police officials in October to discuss the ongoing problems and would convey **In Step's** complaint to Assistant Chief James Koleas and other high level officials.

In Step will continue to seek information from the Police Department and the District Attorney's Office and do our best to report any other similar incidents.

Editor's Note: If you were a victim of a similar incident, **In Step** would appreciate first person accounts of the assault. We've only had second and third person accounts and would prefer hearing about the incidents directly. Also, as of October 1, pepper spray, a non-lethal defensive weapon, is legal in the state of Wisconsin.

Brummer Trial Opens in Madison

Jury Questioned on Anti-Lesbian Bias

By John Cain

Madison — As **In Step's** deadline approached, Penny Brummer's trial in Dane County Circuit Court on a charge of first degree intentional homicide was underway. Brummer is accused of murdering Sarah Gonstead, the best friend of Brummer's former girlfriend, earlier this year. The trial started Monday, September 19 with jury selection. A jury was impaneled late Monday night and ordered sequestered by Judge Patrick Fiedler, who is hearing the case. The trial is expected to last 10 days, and **In Step** will have complete coverage in the next issue.

HOMOSEXUALITY A MAJOR ISSUE

From the questionnaire given to prospective jurors and pre-trial motions by the prosecution, it is clear that Brummer's Lesbianism will be a major factor in the case. Prospective jurors were given a 77-item questionnaire; 10 of the questions were designed to gauge respondents' attitudes towards Lesbians. They were asked to report their attitudes

toward Lesbians on a scale from "acceptance" to "disgust," whether they had any Lesbian acquaintances or co-workers and whether Lesbians should be certified to teach school. Those who expressed disgust or moral objection to homosexuality were excused.

Prosecutors Ann Sayles and Judy Schwaemle also plan to introduce evidence of Brummer's Lesbianism to establish motive, but were blocked by Fiedler from introducing any evidence relating to Brummer's 1991 marriage to a man while she was in the US Air Force. Prosecutors had argued that the marriage was an attempt to deceive military officials and to obtain benefits for which single people are not eligible. "We're talking a straight/Gay issue; we're talking about deception," said Schwaemle.

Defense attorney Mark Borns argued that Brummer's being forced to conceal her homosexuality, as countless numbers of other Gays in the military were forced to do under the military's former anti-Gay policy was not an indicator of her credibility. "Every Gay who served in the military should not be deemed unworthy of belief," he said. (Brummer served while the military had a blanket discharge policy for all Gay service members; that policy has been

replaced by the current "don't ask, don't tell" law.) Fiedler ruled that any evidence relating to Brummer's marriage would be impermissibly prejudicial.

DEFENSE POINTS TO NEW SUSPECT

Brummer's defense team has filed papers with the court stating that they have a witness who saw a man unload what appeared to be a bright pink package from a truck less than 100 feet from where Gonstead's body was found.

According to defense attorney Jack Priester, the witness, David Zorowski, saw a red vehicle resembling a Ford Ranger or Bronco parked on Mineral Point Road at about 7pm on March 16. Zorowski said the passenger door was open, and that as he drove past, he saw something large and pink at the driver's feet. When shown a picture of Gonstead in the bright pink jacket she was wearing when she disappeared, Zorowski said the colors "rang a bell" with him. Gonstead's body was found a short distance from where Zorowski said he saw the truck parked.

Zorowski was interviewed by investigators two days before Brummer was arrested. Dane County Sheriff Rick Raemisch told the press that he was not familiar with Zorowski's statement, but said, "Obviously, it would have been followed up on." Other personnel from the Sheriff's office declined to comment.

STATE News Briefs

AIDS Walk Nets \$587,000 for Care and Education

Milwaukee — The 5th annual AIDS Walk Wisconsin held on September 18 raised \$587,915 for AIDS care, education and research programs. The funds will be disbursed to 20 AIDS service or activist organizations throughout the state.

More than 8,500 people participated in the Walk. Both the number of people and the amount of funds raised is a record, exceeding the totals in previous years. Among the walkers along Milwaukee's lakefront were Congressman Tom Barrett, Mayor John Norquist, State Attorney General Jim Doyle and Milwaukee Brewer slugger Darryl Hamilton.

Among the funds raised this year were \$1300-1400 by inmates and staff at the Racine Correctional Institution in Sturtevant. About 30 inmates and 4 staff members walked or ran around the track on the prison's recreation field. Deputy Warden Dan Buchler told **In Step**: "It's important to raise money, but it's also important to raise education and awareness. It may help the people here understand that AIDS is a growing concern and end the 'It can't happen to me' syndrome."

Gunderson Finally Comes Out in The Advocate

La Crosse — Steve Gunderson, the US Representative for the 3rd Congressional District in western Wisconsin, seems to have finally, officially come out of the closet. The seven term Republican legislator is the subject of an interview feature in the October 4 issue of the **Advocate** in a story titled: "Outward Bound: Wisconsin Congressman Steve Gunderson Talks About His Private Life — At Last."

Gunderson, 43, reveals less about his private life than does his partner, Rob Morris, 34, who jokes in the interview about being a "political wife" to Gunderson. Gunderson says he thinks people are obsessed with sex and that he believes the goal of equality in America is to make factors like an individual's religion or sexual orientation "irrelevant."

Gunderson is facing Democratic State Rep. Harvey Stower in the November election. He said of the election: "Let's be honest. I'm not running for re-election to advance the Gay cause. The reasons I'm running are the issues that happen to be very important to my district — the farm bill, passing and implementing a health care bill, and supporting vocational education."

Gunderson was first forcibly outed in 1991 by Queer Nation activist Michael Petrelis, who threw a drink in his face at a suburban Washington, DC Gay bar. Last year, he spoke out eloquently on the floor of Congress against the ban on Gays in the military, and this spring his speech at a fundraising dinner for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, a Gay lobbying group, generated further publicity and speculation about his sexual orientation.

Log Cabin Says Welch Supports a Modified ENDA

Milwaukee — The Log Cabin Club of Wisconsin, a group of Gay Republicans, reports in its September 18 newsletter that State Rep. Bob Welch has endorsed the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, as long as it contains a broader religious exemption. Welch is challenging incumbent US Sen. Herb Kohl in the November election. Kohl has not taken a position on ENDA.

ENDA will ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment. Welch, a conservative Republican, reportedly told members of the Log Cabin Club he would sponsor ENDA "with a minor modification expanding the religious exemption so that it does not cover only organizations

affiliated with a particular denomination but also includes organizations whose members have a common creed (e.g. a fundamentalist viewpoint) and which are designed to advance that creed."

ENDA already includes exemptions for businesses with less than 25 employees, for the military services and for religious organizations. It forbids preferential treatment or quotas and does not require employers to provide benefits to domestic partners of unmarried employees.

As of late September, US Senator Russ Feingold and Rep. Tom Barrett are the only members of the Wisconsin delegation to endorse ENDA.

Norquist Seeks \$89 Million for Water Improvements

Milwaukee — Mayor John Norquist, famed for his budget-cutting ways, surprised many by including an \$89 million allocation for improvements in the city's water system in the proposed 1995 budget he presented to the Milwaukee Common Council September 23.

The proposal was seen as an acknowledgement by the mayor of the changes and new technologies that are necessary in Milwaukee's water treatment plants to avert a catastrophe like the cryptosporidiosis epidemic that felled hundreds of thousands of people in the spring of 1993. About 100 people, many of them with AIDS, were killed by the parasitic infection. The city continues to deny liability for the disaster and is defending itself against numerous lawsuits.

The \$89 million would be spent on these improvements: to install ozone disinfection systems at both the Linnwood and Howard Avenue Treatment plants; to replace much of the water filtration systems at both plants; and to relocate the intake pipe in Lake Michigan that serves the Howard Avenue plant about a mile northeast from its current location.

If the Council approves the appropriation, Milwaukee residents will pay an additional \$16.80 annually on their water bills for a period of 20 years.

Also Around the State...

Kenosha — The Gay and Lesbian Organization at UW-Parkside recently purchased racks on which copies of the state's two LesBiGay publications, **In Step** and **Wisconsin Light**, are displayed in the halls. This visibility has caused some complaints, including one letter to the **Ranger News**, the school paper, in which the writer declared: "Homosexuals are abnormal...GET HELP!!!" GLO Coordinator John Powilaites responded with his own letter, saying: "Just when everybody was beginning to think that bigotry and intolerance had ceased to exist here at Parkside, you have proven otherwise by writing your humorously ignorant letter against us..."

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

NATIONAL News Briefs

Wilson Vetoes California Partners Law

Sacramento, CA — Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, who four years ago vetoed a Gay rights bill, once again infuriated California's Gay and Lesbian community by vetoing a statewide domestic partners law that would have been the first of its kind in the nation. Gay and Lesbian leaders vowed to work for Wilson's defeat in the November election. Wilson is facing a stiff challenge from Kathleen Brown.

In vetoing the bill, Wilson said that government had the responsibility to enact policies "that encourage and reward marriage and the formation of strong families."

Wilson declared: "Government policy ought not to discount marriage by offering a substitute relationship that

demands much less and provides much less than is needed by the children of such relationships and, ultimately, much less than is needed by society."

The 1990 census indicated that a half million households in California consist of unmarried couples. The bill would have allowed both Gay and straight unmarried couples to register. It would have ensured that such registered couples had hospital visitation rights, could act on behalf of each other in the event of illness and could bequeath property to each other.

Courts Deal Setback, Victories to Lesbian Moms

Richmond, VA — The Virginia Supreme Court has dealt a blow to a Lesbian mother who is seeking to regain custody of her child, while courts in Alabama, Nebraska and Utah have issued rulings in favor of Lesbian moms.

In Virginia, the State Supreme Court rejected a request by Sharon Bottoms that it expedite an appeal filed by the child's grandmother who lost custody to Bottoms in a lower court decision. Even though Bottoms won, the grandmother can retain custody of 3-year old Tyler until her appeal is decided, which could take more than a year. The court refused to transfer custody to Bottoms during the course of the litigation.

In Alabama, a Birmingham family court judge awarded custody of three children to their Lesbian mother, Sandra Ross, instead of their father. The judge said the children, ages 9, 12 and 14, would be better off in the stable home of their mother who lives with her Lesbian partner than in the home of their father, who abused and neglected them in the past.

In Nebraska, a judge gave custody of a 6-year-old boy to his mother, Brenda Manning. Despite being a Lesbian, the judge ruled, Manning had been the child's primary caregiver throughout his life and was better able to provide a stable, loving home than the boy's father.

Finally, in Utah, an appeals court rejected a lower court's decision that a woman's Lesbianism automatically made her an "unfit" parent. The appeals court did not grant custody to Lynne Tucker but ordered the lower court to reconsider its decision.

Gay Candidates Advance to General Election

Washington, DC — Fifteen openly Gay and Lesbian candidates who have received backing from the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund have survived primary battles and are advancing to the general election on November 8.

Among the candidates are two who, if victorious, will be the highest level state officials elected as open Gays and Lesbians. Tony Miller is favored to become California's Secretary of State and Karen Burstein is leading in the race for Attorney General in New York state. Both are Democrats.

Among the other candidates endorsed by the Victory Fund are: Tom Ammiano and Susan Leal for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; Cal Anderson for Washington State Senate; Derek Belt for Massachusetts House of Representatives; Chuck Carpenter, Cynthia Wooten and George Eighmey for the Oregon House; and Ken Chevront for the Arizona House.

Other Gay and Lesbian candidates are: Bonnie Doumanis for San Diego Municipal Court; Will Fitzpatrick for the Rhode Island State Senate; Sheila Kuehl for California State Assembly; Teri Schwartz for Los Angeles Superior Court; and Tim Van Zandt for the Missouri House of Representatives.

"Traditional" Family a Thing of the Past

Washington, DC — New statistics just released by the Census Bureau confirm the widely held impression of the

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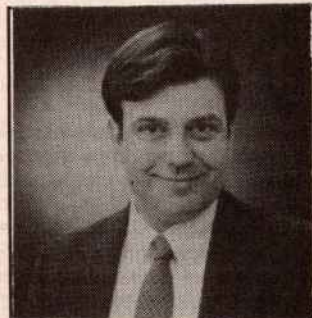
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decline of the "traditional" nuclear family and are likely to add greater fuel to the debate about "family values" and the rights of alternative families.

The statistics indicate that nearly half of all American children — 32.3 million — live in situations that vary from the traditional nuclear family. The traditional nuclear family is defined as a married heterosexual couple living in the same household with their own biological children, with no other adults or children present. A full 30% of America's 96 million households are those in which people either live alone or with people they are not legally related to.

Robin Kane of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force told the *Washington Blade*: "This reflects what the Gay and Lesbian community has been saying loudly for several years. The family has been going through dramatic changes, and to make public policy decisions based on a model that exists less and less frequently is just irrational, in addition to homophobic."

City Liable for Seizure of Gay Paper

San Francisco, CA — A federal jury has awarded more than \$35,000 in damages to the Gay/Lesbian newspaper *Bay Times* after finding that former Police Chief Richard Hongisto violated the constitutional rights of the paper's editors and readers when officers seized 2,000 copies of the paper from newspaper racks in 1992.

Three police officers served suspensions without pay after it was determined they had illegally confiscated the Gay papers under Hongisto's orders. Hongisto denied he issued such orders but was fired by the Police Commission.

Hongisto was apparently furious about a doctored photo of himself on the front page of the *Bay Times* in which he was wielding a huge night stick as if it were his penis. The picture was an editorial comment about the Police Department's strong-arm tactics in the arrests of 2,000 people following the first Rodney King verdict.

"We're supposed to have a free press," *Bay Times* editor Kim Corsaro said after the jury's verdict. "Police can't go rounding up papers that aren't complimentary of them."

The City of San Francisco must pay all legal costs and punitive damages as well.

Bashing Charges Against Prosecutor Dismissed

Boca Raton, FL — Assault charges against a Broward County prosecutor who was accused of yelling anti-Gay slurs and vandalizing a Gay bar with members of his rugby team have been dismissed.

Mark McHugh, 32, who supervises the felony crime unit in Fort Lauderdale as a state attorney, was arrested along with three teammates after they reportedly entered the Paradise Club in drag, shouted about "homos, faggots and dykes," demanded beer and proceeded to tear down pictures and rip up potted plants. Police charged them with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

While one man will be charged with disorderly conduct and another with resisting arrest, Palm Beach Assistant State Attorney Moira Lasch ruled there was insufficient evidence to prosecute McHugh. Lasch further ruled that despite numerous witness reports of anti-Gay slurs, no evidence existed to prosecute the four men for hate crimes.

When asked whether the decision not to pursue charges could be perceived as prosecutors protecting their own, McHugh's lawyer agreed it was "a spin that could conceivably be put on this." Meanwhile, Paradise bar owner Kenneth Rohlman said: "They did it, and they got away with it."

Mississippi School Bans "Falsettoland"

Jackson, MS — Administrators at Hattiesburg High School have given in to some parents' complaints and banned a student production of the musical *Falsettoland* because the play has homosexual characters and themes.

The play, by William Finn, focuses on a Jewish family thrown into crisis when the father realizes that he is Gay. There is much family turmoil and the couple is divorced. But in the end, there is some reconciliation when the father's lover is diagnosed with AIDS and family members lend their support.

"We believe that it is inappropriate for students to play the parts of homosexual characters in a public forum," read one complaint. "We believe, and public reviews of the play confirm, that this is a Gay-agenda production rather than an AIDS awareness production."

Drama advisor Michael Marks criticized the banning of *Falsettoland* as a form of censorship that "discourages academic growth." Seventeen-year-old student Joey Hood told the AP: "This play portrays aspects of life that are real and are not going to go away."

Also on the Newswire...

Palo Alto, CA — Stanford University has agreed to be the repository for most of poet Allen Ginsberg's personal papers and effects. The school reportedly paid \$1 million for a collection that includes original drafts of his poems, letters to colleagues like Jack Kerouac and William Burroughs and other personal documents. Ginsberg, 68, expressed amusement that Stanford, a conservative institution that never invited him to read from his works, will house his archives.

Dallas, TX — Mica England, who sued the Dallas Police Department for refusing to hire her after they learned she is Lesbian, has settled her case for \$73,000. "It's been a long battle, but I accomplished what I wanted to. I changed the state law and the police hiring policy." A state court ruled police could not ask job applicants about their sexual orientation or use the sodomy statutes to exclude homosexuals. England has since decided to become a chef.

West Palm Beach, FL — City commissioners in West Palm Beach passed an ordinance prohibiting housing and job discrimination based on sexual orientation. They created a panel to hear complaints and violators can be fined \$500. The vote was 4-1. Mayor Nancy Graham stood strong against fundamentalist opposition.

Seattle, WA — About 90 couples, most of them Gay and Lesbian, signed up as domestic partners on the first day that Seattle's new domestic partners registry went into effect. The \$25 certificate confers no benefits but many couples were happy nonetheless. "Now it's official, we are a family," said Carolyn Sue, 57, of her relationship with her partner, Linda Gonzalez, 46.

Washington, DC — A reception was held September 13 honoring singer and AIDS activist Patti LaBelle, who has agreed to be Chairperson of the National Minority AIDS Council. The diva has long been a friend to the Gay community and has performed at numerous benefits for AIDS care and research.

Los Angeles, CA — In an interview with *Vanity Fair*, actor Tom Cruise has denied the persistent rumors that he is Gay. "First of all, I don't think it's an indictment," said Cruise. "It's not true, but people are going to say what they want to say. I don't care. I don't care if people are Martians. Straight. Gay. Bisexuals. Catholic. Jewish. Or Scientologist."

Chicago, IL — The Chicago Commission on Human Rights has ruled that a discrimination suit filed against the Chicago Area Boy Scouts Council by a former Eagle Scout who is Gay and who was denied a position as volunteer leader can proceed. "Substantial evidence" of illegal discrimination exists in the complaint filed by G. Keith Richardson, the Commission said.

Key West, FL — Richard A. Heyman, one of the first openly Gay elected officials in the United States, died of AIDS complications September 16. He was 59. Heyman was elected to the Key West City Commission in 1978 and was elected Mayor in 1983. He served two consecutive terms, took a break and then ran and became mayor again in 1987.

— Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

GLAAD Urges Action on Media Issues

Sony Nixes Pro-Gay Billboard in Times Square

New York, NY — Manhattan's Sony Video 1 electronic billboard, famed as the centerpiece of Times Square's New Year's Eve celebration, has rejected two paid public service announcements because of their Gay content, according to the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD).

The public service ads, directed by Edgar Barends, are called "Why Not Love?/Get Used To It" and contrast the image of two men fighting with an image of the same two men kissing. Barends

was told by Tom DeTulleo of Sony Video 1 that the spots violated the Sony Network's Standards and Practices because they were "too controversial" and "could be construed as pro-homosexual."

Comments about Sony's censorship of the Gay-positive ads should be directed to Evelyn Ackley, NY Bright Lights Corp., Sony, 1 Sony Drive, MD 1E6, Park Ridge, New Jersey, 07656-8003. Call (201) 930-6426.

"Parade" Attacked for Excluding, Defaming Gays

New York, NY — GLAAD is chiding

the editors of **Parade**, the Sunday magazine supplement, for a series of anti-Gay comments and omissions.

In an interview with actress Meredith Baxter, James Brady noted that she had recently played the roles of "an addict, an alcoholic, a Lesbian mother, a bulimic and a murderer." He asked Baxter: "What have they got against you?" Someone writing in to inquire whether singer Toni Braxton is a Lesbian was told that such "pernicious" rumors were unfounded. **Parade** reassured another reader that Elton John is Bisexual. He is, in fact, Gay.

Meanwhile, the results of a *Sex in America Today* survey published in the August 7 **Parade** only mentioned

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homosexuality peripherally, and gave no context to the findings that only 1-3% of those polled said they are exclusively Gay or Lesbian.

Comments can be sent to Larry Smith, Managing Editor, **Parade**, 711 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017; and to James Brady, **Advertising Age**, 220 East 42 Street, New York, NY 10017-5846.

"People" Earns Kudos for Coverage

New York, NY — GLAAD is pleased that **People** magazine has been including fairly regular features about Gays and Lesbians and thinks editors there should get some thanks and further encouragement from Gay and Lesbian readers.

On September 5, **People's** "Couples" section featured a two-page spread on singer Melissa Etheridge and her lover Julie Cypher. "Her Grammy is nice," **People** wrote, but Etheridge's lover is her "greatest prize." The story and photos dealt nonjudgmentally with the women's relationship and home life.

On August 8, **People** ran a feature on the Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers. The story mentioned their Lesbianism and their work on the new Whoopi Goldberg movie, *Boys on the Side*, a drama about a woman with AIDS. And back in July, **People** ran a profile on actor Dick Sargent, the second Darrin Stevens on the old TV show *Bewitched* who recently died of prostate cancer. Sargent had come out as a Gay man and spoken throughout the country about Gay and Lesbian rights.

Send comments to Susan Toepfer, Editor, **People**, Time & Life Building, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY 10020-1393.

Andre Agassi Continues His Homophobic Ways

New York, NY — Tennis pro Andre Agassi, who was named *Sissy of the Year* by the *Advocate* for calling Elton John a "fag," is still spouting his homophobic bigotry. During a recent televised game, Agassi yelled "Faggot!" at a tennis official with whom he disagreed.

GLAAD suggests that open letters to Agassi should be sent to sports newspapers and magazines across the country, urging Agassi to apologize and think twice about his anti-Gay bigotry. Letters to sports editors and the TV networks' sports divisions about Agassi's behavior could also encourage them to explore homophobic attitudes in the sports world or to run features on Gay and Lesbian athletes to counter the bigotry.

Letters can be directed to: **Sports Illustrated**, Time & Life Building,

Rockefeller Center, New York, NY 10020; Dennis Swanson, President, ABC Sports, 77 W. 66th Street, New York, NY 10023, (212) 456-7777; Neal H. Pilson, CBS Sports, 51 West 52nd Street, NY, NY 10019, (212) 975-4321; Dick Ebersol, President, NBC Sports, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, NY, NY 10112, (212) 664-4444.

"Nick News" Omits Gays in Diversity Show

New York, NY — On the July 31 episode of *Nick News* on Nickelodeon, host Linda Ellerbee announced: "This edition of *Nick News* is brought to you by diversity." But Gays and Lesbians were nowhere to be found.

Included among the segments was an examination of different sorts of families and, in particular, children who were significantly "different" from their parents. While dealing with ethnicity, disability and other qualities, the otherwise admirable program failed to mention Gay and Lesbian families. GLAAD thinks that with encouragement, this progressive series could educate young viewers about Gay family life and homophobia.

Send feedback to *Nick News* at Nickelodeon, 1515 Broadway, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10036. Call (212) 258-8000/7736.

Visa, Gay Games Sponsor, Targeted by Religious Right

Virginia Beach, VA — Televangelist and onetime Presidential candidate Pat Robertson has issued a nation-wide call to the one million members of his Christian Coalition to lodge protests with

Visa for its donation of \$10,000 to Gay Games IV this past summer.

Brad Hennig, a spokesman for the credit card company, defended the grant, saying Visa's donation to Gay Games was similar to those made to the Olympic Games and to Special Olympics. Calls of support can be directed to Visa at its toll-free number, 800-336-3386.

Other GLAAD News...

Burbank, CA — Comedian Andrew Dice Clay, whose sexist, racist and homophobic jokes made him a celebrity, has a supporting role in the new NBC series *The Ties That Bind*. Send comments to: Peter Noah and Bruce Rasmussen, Executive Producers, *The Ties That Bind*, Warner Bros. Pictures, 4000 Warner Blvd., Burbank, CA 91522, (818) 954-6000.

Atlanta, GA — *When Hate Groups Come to Town: A Handbook for Model Community Responses* is available from the Center for Democratic Renewal, P.O. Box 50469, Atlanta, GA 30362. (404) 221-0025.

New York, NY — Donald Wildmon's American Family Association is a Christian advocacy group which is in the forefront of attempts to keep any Gay- and Lesbian-positive images from appearing in the print and broadcast media. A report on Wildmon's anti-Gay efforts, called *The Rev. Donald E. Wildmon's Crusade for Censorship*, is available free from the Media Coalition at 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 24th Floor, NY, NY 10020, (212) 768-6770.

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Group Notes

Milwaukee's "Take Back the Night" March October 15

Milwaukee — The Student Association and the Women's Resource Center at UW-Milwaukee are sponsoring a *Take Back the Night March and Rally* on Saturday, October 15. They invite community groups and individuals concerned about violence, including the Gay and Lesbian community, to join the effort.

The march, which focuses this year on domestic violence, will begin at the UW-M Union Concourse at 5pm. and head toward Gordon Park on E. Locust and Humboldt Boulevard where a survivor speak-out and speeches by State Rep. Barbara Notestein and community activist Radonna Rodgers will take place. A candlelight vigil and march back to the university will end the evening.

Prior to the *Take Back the Night March*, there will be several days of special events at the university.

On Wednesday, October 12, a forum on domestic abuse, featuring Barbara Pollack of the Task Force on Battered Women, will be held at 12:30pm in the Wisconsin Room of the UW-M Union. That night, the films *Defending Our Lives* and *Warrior Marks* will be shown at the Union Theatre beginning at 7pm.

On Thursday, October 13, a self-defense workshop will be conducted at the Sandburg Fitness Center. Participants should sign up in advance at the Women's Resource Center in the Union.

For further information on *Take Back the Night* events, call (414) 229-2852.

MAP Resale Shop To Open Oct. 1

Milwaukee — Before you think about throwing out that old shirt, lamp or book collecting dust on the shelf, ask yourself a question: If this wasn't mine, would I think about buying it in a resale shop?

The **Milwaukee AIDS Project** needs high quality items that could catch the eye of a new buyer when it opens its yet-to-be named resale shop on October 1. It will be located within Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward, at 246 East Chicago, an area known for resale trendiness and antique shops.

Customers can expect the opening

to have a Halloween theme, just in time for costume shoppers.

Great displays alone will not be the key to keeping the store afloat, though. The most important factor is what ARCW actually has to sell. Resale organizers hope to attract clothes, toys and household donations that are more upscale than Aunt Martha's overstuffed couch with the springs a poppin'. "That's what we see as a niche," Lisa Sommers-Walter, ARCW director of development, said. "We need items that are in good condition, repaired, cleaned, so they really are resalable."

ARCW's resale profits will be used for every area of the agency, from the

housing program to prevention to alternative therapies. The shop will also provide needed clothes and items for clients of its service agencies, Sommers-Walter said.

ARCW will need a corp of about 100 volunteers to be clerks, salespeople, a volunteer coordinator of volunteers and a volunteer coordinator of donations and others to do sorting, pricing and marking items.

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Mr./Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant Moved to Saturday

Nov. 5 at Marc Plaza Hotel

Milwaukee — The annual Mr./Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant, a tradition for over 20 years, will be held on Saturday, November 5 at the Marc Plaza Hotel's Crystal Ballroom. The move to a Saturday night was prompted by many factors. Out-of-towners attending The Pageant will be able to enjoy the event, without the worry of the Monday morning blues. Local bar owners and bar patrons can go out after The Pageant, which will conclude by 11:30pm, and enjoy the balance of Saturday night in their local establishments.

"We've been asked every year why we don't change the event to a Saturday night," said Ronnie Marks, a Pageant spokesperson. "The Marc Plaza was able to accommodate our request this year, and will do so in the years to come."

The event's program booklet will also go through a change this year. It will be increased in size to a finished 8-1/2 x 11, providing better advertising value for the money. The back cover will be for

sale to advertisers this year, a first in the history of The Pageant. Ad prices run between \$45-\$150.

All other elements of the annual Pageant will stay the same, including ticket prices. For \$40 you'll be able to enjoy a delicious dinner, complete with dessert, and watch The Pageant from the comfort of table seating. Pageant only tickets are \$25 per person.

Contestant information, tickets and table seating can be obtained by calling (414) 282-5323. To advertise in the program, call Havlicek & Associates at (414) 271-5819.

SAGE Meets Oct. 15

Milwaukee — **SAGE/Milwaukee (Senior Action in a Gay Environment)**, a group of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals of all ages with an outreach to older persons invites the public to attend their October event.

On Saturday, October 15, 1pm, the group will meet for an elegant pot luck luncheon at The Guild Hall of All Saints Cathedral, 816 East Juneau Avenue. Please bring a dish to pass; warming ovens available. Plates, tableware, and coffee will be provided. Reservations are not necessary and the event is free, but as usual the hat will be passed to help cover costs. All are welcome.

Wisconsin Conference of Churches Offers Workshop

Oct. 8 in Menomonie

Madison — The **Wisconsin Conference of Churches' Task Force on Sexual Orientation** is offering a one-day workshop *Opening the Doors: Inclusive Ministry with Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals* on Saturday, October 8, at First Congregational Church, 420 Wilson Avenue, Menomonie, WI.

Lindsay Louise Biddle, a Presbyterian minister serving a congregation in St. Paul, Minnesota, will be the keynote speaker. Biddle serves on the board of Presbyterians for Lesbian and Gay Concerns, as well as the More Light Churches Network.

The program will feature a theological overview, small-group questions-and-answers, and a sharing of effective strategies for creating safe space in order to address controversial topics in congregations. Clergy and laity are invited. Cost of the Workshop, which runs from 9am to 3pm with optional small group discussions until 4pm, is \$30 per person.

For additional information or a registration brochure which includes a detailed map to the location of the workshop, call or write: WI Conference of Churches, 1955 West Broadway, Suite 104, Madison, WI 53713; (608) 222-9779.

Oct. 29 "Changes" Workshop

Counselors Offer Pathways for Dealing with Love, Loss, Life

Milwaukee — *Changes*, a day of workshops on greeting the many changes and challenges of life, will be presented by Pathways Counseling Center on Saturday, October 29 at the Sheraton Mayfair in Wauwatosa. The event is open to the public with pre-registration requested.

Changes workshops will explore and discuss changes involving relationships, sex, parenting, remarried families, menopause, weight loss, spirituality and loss. Workshop presenters are therapists in practice at Pathways, whose fields of expertise include such areas as marriage and family, life transitions, theology, eating disorders, change, loss and sexual



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Pre-registration for *Changes* is requested by October 21. Each attendee must choose a morning and an afternoon workshop from among the eight sessions offered. The \$35 fee includes coffee, fruit and kringle in the morning, as well as noon-time lunch. The Sheraton Mayfair is located at 2303 North Mayfair Road in Wauwatosa (Mayfair Road at North Avenue or Hwy. 45).

For more information on Changes workshops, call Pathways Counseling Center at (414) 774-4111.

Two-Step and Line Dancing

Two-Step Lessons

Milwaukee — Mark your calendars if you're interested in learning how to two-step. Starting Saturday, Oct 1, the **Shoreline Dancers** and the **3B's Bar** will sponsor bi-weekly two-step lessons. Even though the two-step is a couple's dance, a dance partner is not necessary for you to participate.

Instruction will be given by either Doug Braford or Alan Karbel. Alan, President of Shoreline, and one of their chief dance instructors, will be teaching beginning two-step on October 1. "You need no prior dance knowledge to attend this class," he stated. "Just bring yourself and wear boots or shoes with leather soles, if possible."

Doug, a past two-step champion from the Twin Cities, will follow two weeks later on October 15 by teaching simple turns and other moves. "The two simple turns I'll teach are the foundation for all the fancy moves that you see some dancers doing," Doug said. "They're easy to do and add more variety to the dance."

Each class will be followed by open dancing which will give participants and opportunity to try out their new dancing skills. Saturday evenings at 3B's will be devoted more to couple dancing, according to 3B's DJ, Rick Hahn. "Fridays have become a big line dance night and some people prefer to just do couple's dancing," he said. "On Saturday, we will mostly play two-step and other couples dance music and only play line dance music infrequently. This will allow people who prefer to two-step an evening where they don't have to compete with a lot of line dances."

Future Saturday classes will include more advanced turns as well as other couple's dances. All lessons are free and open to the public.

Delta Lambda Phi

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Chapter of **Delta Lambda Phi** will open their fall rush with a party for progressive men interested in joining the fraternity.

The party will be held at the Fireside Lounge in the UW-Milwaukee Student Union on Friday, Sept 30 from 7-11:30pm. There will be videos, dancing, food and soda. A cash bar will also be available. There is a \$2 suggested donation.



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Letters

To the Community:

October 11th is **National Coming Out Day** across this great land, and I was compelled to write my first letter to **In Step**. I do this from the perspective of someone who has recently come out.

I relate my history as a standard of sorts to give you perspective from where I come. I was raised in "redneck Jefferson County." The only way to survive was to talk a straight walk, and talk a straight talk. I knew at the age of twelve that I was Gay (or, at that time, queer). Every day of my life was a living hell of dishonesty, and self dilution. I went into the service, got married, had two beautiful children, and was miserable every step of the way. I had no one that I could consider a friend, because nobody knew who I really was. I felt close to no one, least of all my own family.

After twenty years of marriage, I told my family the truth. Not only because I could no longer stand living a lie every moment of the day, but because my wife deserved to be loved in a way that I was incapable of.

Another reason to "come out" at this particular time, was the fact that the Gay community, in the past few years, had campaigned so earnestly and convincingly. Now I come to the crux of this letter. Since I have been out, I've been welcomed in no one's community, I have been embraced by no one, and have found it hard to even get to know anyone who might introduce me to a social base of Gay friends. Something is seriously wrong.

After having been told "come on in, the water is fine," I find myself alone in the undertow. I know there are organizations, self help groups, and a slew of hot lines and BBS's, but I'm not looking for psychiatric help, specialty groups, or counselors. I'm looking for friends. Someone to watch a football game with, hang with, and laugh with. I'm looking for that ordinary Joe blow off the street to kick back and have some grins with.

Maybe I've been looking for friends in all the wrong places. The bar scene is cliquey and if you talk to someone they react as though they've just been violated (perhaps Dahmer syndrome). I don't know what the answer is and just the fact that I'm compelled to write this is an indication that not enough is being done to embrace newly out people into the community. I'm proud to be out. I've just gone through the most intense period of my life, and damn it, I survived.

I would ask of every person who is thinking of coming out to make use of the groups, the hot lines, and the BBS's. I would ask that the Gay community, this **Coming Out Day**, look within. This may be a great day of celebration of joy, and

Celebrate National Coming Out Day October 11!

Events Aim to Increase Gay/Lesbian Visibility

Tuesday, October 11 marks the seventh annual celebration of **National Coming Out Day**, which, next to our June Pride celebrations, is rapidly becoming a new holiday for Gays and Lesbians.

The primary purpose of **National Coming Out Day** is to encourage Gays and Lesbians to come out of the closet to their families, friends and co-workers so that individual relationships are improved and support for the civil rights of Gays and Lesbians is broadened.

Numerous surveys indicate that people who know Gays and Lesbians are much more likely to be supportive of fair treatment for Gay people. In addition, Gays and Lesbians who are publicly out and proud also provide important role models to the younger generation of Gays and Lesbians who may be struggling with their sexual identities.

NCOD was founded in 1988 to commemorate the 1987 March on Washington for Gay and Lesbian Rights and as a positive and proactive statement of pride on the part of Gays and Lesbians nationwide. This year's theme is *Being Out in the Workplace*, and events throughout the country aim to increase Gay and Lesbian visibility at both the national and local levels.

Public service ads featuring actress Amanda Barse of Fox-TV's *Married...With Children* will appear in newspapers and magazines throughout the country. In the ads, Barse tells why she came out of the closet and encourages others to do the same. See our cover story about Barse.

On October 11, many talk shows and news programs are expected to feature guests and reports about Gays and Lesbians, and Comedy Central will present *Out There II*, its second all-Gay and Lesbian comedy special. Check your TV listings.

Hundreds of local events will be sponsored by Gay and Lesbian groups, including the following events right here in the Original Gay Rights State. Please consult our calendar for additional events. This list is not comprehensive because many groups failed to send **In Step** press releases.

pride, as well it should be, but this is not just one day in the lives of those coming out.

Don't be asking people to come to the carnival, if there aren't enough horses on the carousel. Don't be asking, or demanding that people come out and play if after the party you take your ball and go home. What can you do for a new comer this **Coming Out Day**? More to the point, what can you do for a new comer long after **Coming Out Day**? Think about it. I know when I'm out there, I will be.

— Jack Stallman,
Oak Creek

Editor:

Why no personals for women?
I'm a regular reader of **In Step**



magazine and would love the chance to meet other Lesbians through **Wisconsin Personals**. I live in the Fox Valley where there are few bars, which means fewer opportunities. Plus, the bar scene isn't really my thing.

I'm sure there are others who feel as I do. Please don't leave us out!

Regards,
Lisa Pezzelli

Editor's Note: Why no or so few women's personal ads? Because not many women submit ads for **In Step's** Personals Women/Women section. You mention "Wisconsin's Personals" — that's not **In Step** operated. "Wisconsin Personals" is a 900 line advertiser, unaffiliated with **In Step**, and perhaps they don't get Lesbian ads, either.

MADISON

On Friday, October 7, The United and PrideFest will present nationally recognized Lesbian performance artist Holly Hughes in her Obie Award winning play, *Clit Notes* at the Mitby Theater, 3550 Anderson. Hughes will be joined by the musical/political comedy trio MOOK. Tickets are \$12 in advance (\$15 at the door) and are available at The United, Room of One's Own, Green Earth and Willy St. Co-op.

On October 9, the First Unitarian Society will present *Coming Out in Families of Faith*, a celebration of the "family values" of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people for NCOD. The evening begins at 7pm at the Frank Lloyd Wright Meeting House at 900 University Bay Drive.

On Sunday, October 16, in conjunction with the UW-Madison 10% Society's Coming Out Week events, Paul Wesselmann will present a workshop called *Baby Steps and Giant Leaps: Taking the Next Step Out of the Closet*. The workshop begins at 7:30pm in the UW-Memorial Union.

For more info on 10% Society NCOD events, call (608) 262-7365.

KENOSHA

On October 11, The Gay and Lesbian Organization at UW-Parkside is sponsoring a "Coming Out Panel Discussion" beginning at 11am at Main Place in the Wyllie Library and Learning Center. At 4:30 that same day, a Gay and Lesbian Poetry Reading featuring Parkside students, staff and faculty will be held in Union Square. GLO will have an information booth with triangle and NCOD stickers near the Women's Center, and plans to do a large window painting of the NCOD logo. For further info, call (414) 595-2244.

LA CROSSE

A National Coming Out Day Dance will be held Saturday, October 8 from 8:30pm to 2am at The Cellar in Cartwright Center at UW-La Crosse. A DJ will spin music and the dance is free to students and members of the community-at-large.

The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Student Organization at UW-La Crosse meets every Tuesday evening, including National Coming Out Day, at 1pm in Room 332 of Cartwright Center. Call (608) 785- 8866 for further information on the group and its events.

MILWAUKEE

On October 9, the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community at UW- Milwaukee in conjunction with PrideFest and the Lesbian Alliance will present performance artists Holly Hughes in her play, *Clit Notes*. MOOK will also perform. The show will be in the UW-M Union Wisconsin Room. Tickets are \$12 in advance from AfterWords, Station II,

Outpost Co-op and People's Books.

On October 11, the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays will host a reception for public officials at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau Avenue from 5:30-7:30pm. The Human Rights League also gathered about 70 people for a photo shoot in September and the resulting coming out picture will be published in Milwaukee's major newspapers during Coming Out Week. Watch for it!

On October 11, AfterWords Bookstore at 2710 N. Murray Avenue will host its second annual National Coming Out Day Party at 7:30pm. There will be food, fun, coming out stories, and all the

official NCOD merchandise featuring Keith Haring's distinctive logo will be available.

From October 12-16, the Seattle-based African American Lesbian performance troupe Four Big Girls will present their new show, *Around the Table* at the Broadway Theater Center as part of Theatre X's annual tribute to Theatre Women. Tickets are \$12. Call (414) 278-0555.

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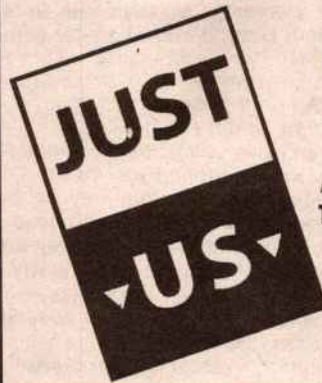
The 10% Society at UW-Stout will be sponsoring and designing two display cases with Gay and Lesbian books and mementos beginning on October 10. The

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UW-Stout's 10% Society will meet on Wednesdays, October 12 and 26 at 8pm in the White Pine Room of the Student Union. For more info, call (715) 235-9192.

GREEN BAY

A new branch of the 10% Society is currently coming out on campus at UW-Green Bay. Meetings are scheduled for Wednesdays, October 5 and 19 at 5:30pm in the Manistique Room of the Student Union. For more information, call (414) 465-2036.

Coming Out Quotes

"Telling the truth about yourself is a fundamental step in creating better relationships with your family and friends. If you are Gay or Lesbian, come out to someone you care about on October 11!"

NCOD founder Rob Eichberg

"I believe that the biggest and strongest weapon in our movement for equality is visibility, and the best way to get it is to come out...Because if we want the world to accept us we must first accept ourselves. If we want the world to give us respect, we must first be willing to give ourselves respect. We must be proud of who we are, and we cannot do that while we hide."

tennis pro Martina Navratilova

"It's changed my life in so many ways. I'm relieved for one thing. For the first time in my life I feel like I'm being honest with everyone. And I've become a full time activist. Since I went public about my sexuality, I've decided to do everything I can. The more awareness we can get about how Gays and Lesbians are just people, the better. It can change people's thinking."

actor Dick Sargent

"The main thing I want to do within the Gay community is to help people come out -- to not go through all I did for 60 years. I want them to know that it's not that bad, it's good! It takes such a load off you; you just feel really released. Show it to the world and enjoy it. There's nothing to be ashamed of. Make the Gay and Lesbian movement your family...Come out and be public. It's a great feeling!"

conservative Marvin Leibman

Tips for Coming Out

- ▼ Fly a Rainbow Flag outside your home on Coming Out Day October 11 and on Gay Pride Day in June.
- ▼ Wear an openly Gay symbol or button for an entire week.
- ▼ Call a radio talk show and introduce a Gay or Lesbian topic.
- ▼ Read a Gay newspaper openly on a bus or in a restaurant.
- ▼ Join a local or national LesBiGay group and send a check to support its work.
- ▼ Take a straight friend to a Gay or Lesbian event.
- ▼ Invite your Gay and straight friends to the same party.
- ▼ Confront your co-workers about a bigoted joke or comment.
- ▼ Put your lover's photo on your desk at work.
- ▼ Ask your employer to adopt policies against anti-Gay bias and encourage him or her to consider extending benefits to unmarried domestic partners.
- ▼ Hold hands with your partner publicly and be openly affectionate with him/her upon arrival or departure at an air, bus or train terminal.
- ▼ Go to your local jeweler with your lover to shop for matching rings.
- ▼ Open joint accounts at your bank and purchase magazine subscriptions under both of your names.
- ▼ Invite your LesBiGay family to traditional family or religious functions.
- ▼ Take your lover home for the holidays this year.
- ▼ Come out to your family -- parents, brothers and sisters.
- ▼ Come out to your landlord, neighbors and co-workers.
- ▼ Write a letter to your Senator or member of Congress in support of Lesbian and Gay rights.
- ▼ Help organize a march or discussion group on LesBiGay rights.
- ▼ Share your own coming out story with school, church or non-Gay community groups.
- ▼ Make a commitment every day to tell the truth about yourself to others.
- ▼ Come out, come out, wherever you are!

"Do it. But do it knowing that your life will change, and it might initially change in ways you wouldn't want it to change. You might find you lose friends. But be certain that they will be replaced by relationships which have much more meaning because they are more honest. And in the end you will get what you deserve. If you stay in the closet, you don't get what you deserve. You get the raw deal."

actor Sir Ian McKellen

"I think to be secretive even about the homosexuality of other people is to encourage the very homophobia that makes life difficult for us all...If we're going to eliminate homophobia and eventually get around to treating each other as human beings on this planet, we have to start being matter-of-fact about homosexuality. We have to stop acting like it's a dark and dangerous secret, and the only way to do that is on an individual basis."

author Armistead Maupin

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Interview

Born Queer Amanda Bearse

By Wayne Hoffman

Amanda Bearse is probably not the only Gay actor in prime time television. But she is the only *openly* Gay actor. While the notion of coming out has dozens of other performers paralyzed with fear, Bearse had always planned on it. This year she is the national spokesperson for National Coming Out Day.

"I think I was born queer," says Bearse. "I've always been in Gay relationships. I did date men, but being in a Gay relationship was more of who I was. I've always been out in a way. I don't wear a badge, I don't wear a sign, but as people get to know me in different situations, they get to know this about me."

Hiding her sexuality was never an option for the actor, now starting her ninth season as Marcy Rhodes D'Arcy on Fox's *Married With Children*. Bearse says she has always been open with her co-workers, and has never received any flak for being a Lesbian.

"I wasn't living secretly, and I didn't use pretense, beards, dates," she says. "I'd either go to events alone or bring my companion at the time. This was no secret to the people that I work with."

Still, Bearse avoided making public pronouncements until she felt she must. Two years ago, tabloids picked up the story that Bearse was planning to adopt a child. Articles about her personal life sprung up in the tabloids, and Bearse had to respond.

"When they invaded my life they way they do, I had the impulse to answer back, but I was very careful how I did that because I did not want to exploit my family any further than they already had," she says. "When the *Advocate* came along and approached me about doing the interview, I jumped at the opportunity because that was my community, and I could say to my community — and anyone else who decided to read it — that this is my community and this is who I am, and I have no shame about it."

COMING OUT

As a recognizable actor on a popular series, Bearse stood to lose a great deal by coming out. On the other hand, she also had a greater effect because of her position.

"I did have security. I wasn't a starving actor, and that's a reality because when you're raising a family, you need to ensure that security for your family," she says. "The other side of it is that it wasn't going to have an impact unless I had a certain amount of visibility and exposure. I'm in millions of people's homes daily because of the syndication of *Married With Children*, so people who don't know they knew what a Lesbian looks like now know that they know what a Lesbian looks like."

Viewers must be confused, however, to find the only openly Gay actor in prime time playing the man-hungry neighbor to television's most dysfunctional nuclear family. Is there any chance that the writers will clear up matters with a Lesbian storyline, pairing off Bearse with the show's hair-hopping housewife Katey Sagal, or the teenage blonde bimbo Christina Applegate?

"I wish!" says Bearse with a laugh. "I think we'd have to bring in another character. I loved *Bewitched* when Samantha would play the cousin and they'd do that split screen thing. I'd love to do that with Marcy."

"People ask me if maybe Marcy could turn Gay. But



Photo by Craig Blankenhorn

Amanda Bearse, our cover girl, NCOD national spokesperson, and hostess of Comedy Central's "Out There II". The October 11 show on National Coming Out Day features performances by some of today's hottest Gay comics. Amanda is interviewed here by Wayne Hoffman.

that's not really fair to Gay people. You don't just *turn* Gay, and that character has been very entrenched in her own heterosexuality for eight years, and it's just not a flip of the coin thing. But to be able to play the character, Marcy's dyke cousin, would be a hoot. I don't write the show, I don't produce it, and I wouldn't hold my breath that it's going to happen. I'll wait until my next series."

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Bearse does hope that her next series will include a Gay character. While she is not sure if her own network is ready for such a leap — despite some progress with *Melrose Place* — she does think that the networks in general are improving their coverage of Gay issues.

"Little by little, we just keep moving forward, and when my job ends on *Married With Children*, I'd love to play a Gay character, to have that be the central focus of another sitcom, and I hope I'm up for the role," she says. "If I have the opportunity to develop such a show, I'll shop it around. I'm not going to give up easily."

"OUT THERE II"

In the meantime, Bearse will come out on television as the host of Comedy Central's second annual *Out There* Gay comedy special, set to air October 11 — **National Coming Out Day**. A far cry from the bathroom humor of *Married With Children*, *Out There II* focuses exclusively on Gay stand-up comedy, but Bearse seems as comfortable on the special as she does in her series.

"I happen to think that homosexuals are very funny," says Bearse. "When you grow up in an oppressive situation, one of the best ways to survive is to laugh."

Taped over Stonewall weekend at Caroline's Comedy Club in New York City, *Out There II* will place Bearse in an explicitly Gay context for the first time in her television career. But while the program showcases Gay comics, it also tries to appeal to straight audiences — and

Amanda

that is where Bearse's recognition among non-Gay audiences is essential.

"When they first asked me to host the show, I was flattered," she says. "I was aware of the first one and the success it had for the Gay community and the straight audience that found its way to the show, and I understand that's what my presence lends to this event, gathering as many people to see this lineup of Gay talent. And the more people we can get to be aware of who we are and how we do our jobs, the better."

While she is enthusiastic about the special, Bearse still prefers her quiet home life to her work. For now, Bearse has her hands full with her 16 month old daughter, Zoe, whom she adopted at birth. "She is the most incredible person I know, the greatest thing that ever happened to me," says Bearse. Although Bearse, 35, has no immediate plans to adopt more children, she already has a full house with her lover

Amy, three dogs, and four cats. Full-time actor and part-time activist, Bearse places her role as self-proclaimed "homebody" above everything else.

"I have a very full and rich life. I have a family, I have a job, and being homosexual is not an issue," she says. "It's a part of who I am, but it's not all of who I am."

"Polls indicate that the vast majority of people who report knowing someone Gay overwhelmingly support our rights."
activist Jean O'Leary

"Lesbian silence is nothing new to me, but it never fails to piss me off. I know all the reasons to be quiet in front of the straight enemy, and I find them false. Every time you keep your mouth shut you make life that much harder for every other Lesbian in this country."
author Rita Mae Brown

"It's great to be out and proud!"
Olympic diver Greg Louganis

"It's hard to justify having worked for black civil rights in the 60's and not work for my own civil rights in the 90's. I've made my career of saying things people are afraid of. If I do it, maybe some 12-year-old will see me on TV and say, 'Hey, I'm OK.' Every time someone like me comes out, somebody closeted at work feels safer and braver about coming out."

singer Janis Ian

"I'm getting absolutely weary of this whole debate about whether or not it will hurt someone's career to come out of the closet. As Rita Mae Brown once said: 'I've heard all the excuses, honey. And they're all shit.'"
film historian Vito Russo

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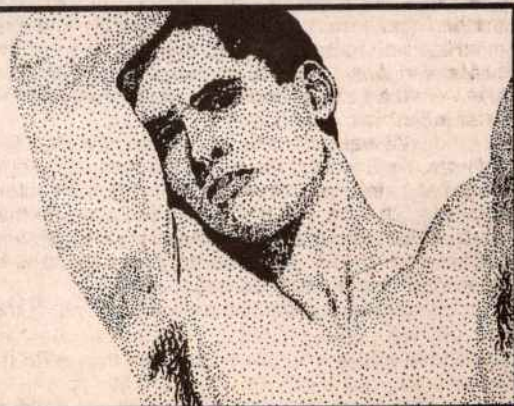
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Legal

By Arlene Zarembka

ENDA: A Problematic Bill

ENDA (the **Employment Non-Discrimination Act**) recently introduced into Congress, places those supporting Gay and Lesbian civil rights in a difficult position. On the one hand, it seems disloyal to criticize a federal civil rights bill that would provide significant protection from employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, that is supported by much of the national Gay and Lesbian civil rights leadership, and that has 30 sponsors in the Senate and over 120 in the House. On the other hand, ENDA contains serious limitations, which, if the bill passes, will haunt sexual minority communities for a long time.

What is particularly frustrating about ENDA is that it violates a cardinal rule of negotiations: it leaves its proponents no bargaining room. The bill was so stripped down before it was filed that there is virtually nothing left to compromise. Moreover, it will be almost impossible to improve the bill — any Congressperson proposing to strengthen the bill will face the argument that the civil rights leadership is perfectly happy with the bill as it is.

What are the major problems with ENDA? One, a broad religious exemption. Two, the absolute prohibition on preferential treatment. Three, the failure to include transgendered people. Fourth, the failure to include public accommodations.

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

ENDA has a far broader exemption for religious institutions than other federal civil rights bills governing employment. Title VII (the federal law prohibiting employment discrimination based on race, sex, color, national origin, and religion) gives religious institutions the right to use religious preference in hiring, but does not exempt them from the race, color, sex, and national origin provisions. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) allows a similar religious preference in hiring by religious institutions. ENDA, on the other hand, exempts all religious institutions completely (except for their for-profit activities).

It also exempts any educational institution that is substantially "supported" by a religious association. What constitutes substantial support is not defined. Will sizeable financial contributions from a religious group to an educational institution be enough to exempt the school from coverage? If so,

conservative schools may solicit donations from religious groups to become exempt from ENDA.

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT

ENDA flatly prohibits an employer covered by the law from giving preferential treatment to an individual and from using quotas based on sexual orientation. No other federal civil rights law absolutely prohibits preferential treatment and quotas. Preferential treatment and employment goals are among the remedies courts have ordered under Title VII in cases involving a history of intentional discrimination against a class of people. It is not clear whether the prohibition on "preferential treatment" in ENDA will mean that affirmative action programs designed to recruit Gay men and Lesbians will be prohibited.

Professor Arthur Leonard argues, for example, that ENDA would outlaw Northeastern University's affirmative action policy, which, in order to provide role models and mentors for Gay students, seeks to hire more openly Lesbian and Gay male faculty.

A number of national civil rights leaders maintain that the prohibition on quotas and preferential treatment neutralizes rightwing claims that ENDA would grant Gay men and Lesbians "special rights." By drafting ENDA to prohibit quotas and preferential treatment in order to prove that this is not a "special rights" bill, the drafters subtly undermine important remedies that courts have used to eliminate patterns of race and sex discrimination. That is, the rationale for prohibiting preferential treatment and quotas buys into the rightwing claim that preferential treatment and quotas are "special rights."

TRANSGENDERED PERSONS

ENDA prohibits discrimination that is based on "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or heterosexual orientation, real or perceived, as manifested by identity, acts, statements, or associations." Transsexuals and transvestites are not protected from discrimination. The 1993 Minnesota civil rights law, by contrast, covers transgendered people, also including in its definition of sexual orientation those who have a "self-image or identity not traditionally associated with one's biological maleness or femaleness."

A Minnesota-type of law would protect not only transsexuals and transvestites, but also those gender-bending Gay men and Lesbians who face discrimination not because of their sexual orientation *per se*, but because they are too femme or too butch.

PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS

Contrary to most civil rights laws, which cover public accommodations as well as employment, this civil rights bill does not prohibit discrimination in public


accommodations. As a result, Cracker Barrel employees would be protected from sexual orientation discrimination, while their patrons would not. Rep. Barney Frank, one of the two prime sponsors in the House, was quoted in the **Washington Blade** as saying that supporters of civil rights for Gay men and Lesbians have "taken the bigots at their word. We have produced a bill that says one thing and one thing only."

Yet chief Senate sponsor Edward Kennedy himself wrote that the "radical right will leave no stone unturned to block the enactment" of this bill. So nothing appears to have been gained in catering to the rightwing by omitting public accommodations from a major civil rights bill.

ENDA was drafted to appease rightwing forces that do not support any civil rights legislation, let alone protection for sexual orientation. The radical right already has won an important part of the battle over civil rights for sexual minorities by limiting the terms of the debate before ENDA was even filed.

Whether or not it passes Congress, ENDA, with its drawbacks, likely will serve as a model for state legislatures considering civil rights protection for sexual minorities in their states. ENDA not only is a problematic civil rights bill for sexual minorities, but it subtly undermines existing civil rights remedies as well.

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Positively HIV

By Arnie Malmon

What Price Vanity

If you wonder why I constantly harp about quality of life issues, it's because I'm in no hurry to depart. *After all*, the longer I live, the more people and businesses I can annoy. Since not enough of you annoy AIDS Service Organizations, health care providers, and others who think that we are dependent on them, I feel I should make up for your inaction. So let's have a big Amen for toll free 800 numbers because they allow you to annoy people all over the USA. On the flip side let's have a big raspberry for automated answering systems. Although, when I encounter an automated system, I cope with it by either pretending I have a dial phone and wait for a live person, or take a chance and hit "0" in hopes of getting an operator. These systems are getting harder to fool, but it's important that we keep trying.

On another matter, drug companies often have good information to disseminate on a variety of topics relating to HIV/AIDS. However, they're usually only distributed through physician's offices. The problem here is that docs often don't let us patients know that they have this stuff.

I want to mention two items that your doc should have or can get for you. The first is a brochure from Pharmacia called *Understanding MAC Infection*, which tells you what you should know about MAC. I think this is important because as I mentioned last time, MAC can be a killer. The other piece of literature is from Ross Labs, the people who make Ensure and Advera nutritional supplements. They have an occasional newsletter called *In Focus: News and Views for People Living with HIV*. It has lots of good nutrition information. Both of these items are distributed directly to physicians, so you have to ask your doc or his/her nurse for them. Also, there is a new Ensure called Ensure High Protein. It comes in wild berry flavor and is possibly the best tasting supplement I've found. Most docs who treat HIV/AIDS should have samples, so once again, ask for it. Remember, if we don't try stuff and give our comments, companies won't know what we think. That's why I brought up the value of using those 800 toll free numbers.

One of the things that AIDS has done is to increase business for dermatologists. I'm not raising this issue in a negative way, but as a fact. We seem to have initiated an entirely new

set of skin conditions to deal with — some we just have to live with and others can be helped. One of many things I've had to deal with lately are sudden itches on various places on my face, something not uncommon among people with AIDS. The itches do no harm, but they're as annoying to me as I am to many companies and agencies.

Earlier in the summer, I developed a pattern of brown spots on my face. They were in areas that the sun reached directly, and since I wear sunglasses, I have a reverse raccoon look. One of my docs said it looked like the mask of pregnancy that some women get. Boy, I was thrilled to hear that — and by the way, *I am not pregnant*. The dermatologist said it's probably photosensitivity related to one of my drugs, but we don't know which one. So I'm using a bleach cream to bleach out the brown spots. The stuff smells awful. *What price vanity.*

Further, I have a foot fungus that requires the application of a cream twice a day. I don't know how long this procedure will take, but it did come with two refills; not very encouraging. Finally, (at least I hope it's the last of the skin problems) is red bumps / welts all over my body. Those arise (awful pun) in the morning before I've even taken any of my drugs, appearing after I've been up for a while, and then they just go away. My only complaint is that when I'm at the gym, they sure don't make me look healthy. So, remember, if your body is surprising you with whatever, you're not alone.

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The Arts

By Carmen A. Murguia

I apologize for this short column. In addition to sharing "Coming Out" stories at my other job, and fighting a migraine (which has to do with that other job, certainly not Coming Out!) and I've had nothing but computer problems all week. But as you can see good things do come in small packages.

Ani DiFranco

For instance, take the folksy, funky and frank **Ani DiFranco** who will be appearing in Milwaukee at UWM's Union Ballroom at 7pm on October 2.

Ms. DiFranco is one of the most successful independent — her own label — recording artists. Her sixth self-produced, self-designed, self-released title, *Out of Range*, is a mix of love and fury and wit and wisdom with vocals and acoustics, all packed into a young (she's 23!) and experienced *Righteous Babe*, proving once again she is not to be missed.

Sponsored by UWM Women's Resource Center and Full Moon Productions, tickets are \$12 at the door for the general public and \$7 for students.

"X" Presents Theatre Women

Milwaukee — Theatre X's Theatre Women series presents the Milwaukee premiere of **Holly Hughes'** Obie award-winning piece, *Clit Notes*, October 8, 7pm; **Four Big Girls**, Seattle's immensely popular, big, black and funny Lesbian comedy troupe presenting *Around The Table* October 12-16 At 7pm; **Paula Killen**, one of Chicago's most popular and provocative performance artists will challenge the audience with *The State I'm In: A Travelogue*, Oct. 12-16 at 9pm, and Sunday the 17 at 5pm; *Bluestockings*, an original performance piece and collaborative effort by **Jen Benka** and **Jane Kramer**, members of **MOOK**, award winning filmmaker **Cathy Cook**, photographer **Deone Jahnke**, and artists **Maggie Beal** and **Nancy Crawford** will be held Oct. 19-23, Wed-Sun, at 7pm and Sunday at 2pm.

All performances are held in the Broadway Theatre Complex, 158 N Broadway, Milwaukee. Reservations and ticket information can be obtained by calling Theatre X at (414) 278-0555.

Holly Hughes will also perform *Clit Notes* in benefit PrideFest shows Oct. 7 in Madison and Oct. 9 in Milwaukee. She will be joined by **MOOK** on those gigs. For more information, see the full page ad elsewhere this issue.

Choreographer Bill T. Jones is "Still Here"

Milwaukee — The 1994 Wisconsin Dance on Tour project will feature **Bill T. Jones** newest full evening work, *Still/Here* (see Feature next issue). This sensitive and timely work is a multi-media dance theater piece focusing on survival and affirmation of life in the face of life-threatening illness. It is the collection of stories from hundreds of individuals who participated in **Bill T. Jones Survival Workshops** conducted across the country, including Madison and Milwaukee.

Wisconsin Dance on Tour has the honor of hosting the **Bill T. Jones/Anie Zane Dance Company** in a month-long, 12-community tour of the state, combining *Still/Here* with repertory performances.

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Kenosha — Repertory Performance
Oct. 8, 7:30pm, UW-Parkside, Communication Arts Theatre, 900 Wood Road, (414) 595-2345

Whitewater — Still/Here Performance
Oct. 11, 7:30pm, UW-Whitewater, Irvin L. Young Auditorium, 930 West Main St., (414) 472-2222

Oshkosh — Repertory Performance
Oct. 13, 8pm, Grand Opera House, 100 High Avenue, (414) 424-2350

Fish Creek — Repertory Performance
Oct. 15, 8pm, Door County Community Auditorium, 3942 Hwy 42, Gibraltar School, (414) 868-2728

Green Bay — Still/Here Performance
Oct. 18, 7:30pm, UW-Green Bay, Weidner Center, 2420 Nicolet Drive, (414) 465-2217

Sheboygan — Repertory Performance
Oct. 26, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, 608 New York Avenue, Sheboygan, (414) 229-4308

River Falls — Repertory Performance
Nov. 2, 8pm, UW-River Falls, Kleinpell Fine Arts Bldg., Cascade Ave., Tickets Available at the Door.

HIVision

Eau Claire — The Arts Against AIDS Committee and the **Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project** is sponsoring *HIVision*, a juried art show to commemorate World AIDS Week. Dates for the show are Dec. 1-4. The Display will be part of a major multi-media commemorative and celebratory event happening in a 4,000 square foot temporary gallery at London Square Mall in Eau Claire.

Submission for works, in any medium (including video, dance, film, and performance) interpreting HIV/AIDS is requested. (What are your concerns? your fears? your tensions?) Recent work and work done especially for this exhibit are encouraged. The jury will consist of members of the Arts Against AIDS Committee, composed of artists, writers, persons living with HIV, and patrons of the arts from the Eau Claire area.

Sale of work submitted is encouraged. a 20% commission on all sales will be charged, with all proceeds donated to the Northwest Wisconsin AIDS Project. Deadline for submissions is November 21, and will be received at the Project office beginning November 14, 505 South Dewey Street, Suite 107, Eau Claire, WI 54701. For further information call John Klinger at NOWAP, (715) 836-7710.

Silent March

Silent March is an art installation in public spaces of five thousand shoes collected from individuals living with the HIV disease, AIDS related complex as well as those who already have lost their lives to the disease. Opening in the spring of 1995 in New York City, *Silent March* will tour twelve major American cities, heightening public awareness and overcoming wide spread prejudice.

Silent March confronts people through a non-aggressive approach in order to change negative feelings toward the AIDS crisis. It is intended to infiltrate the many sectors of daily living and is meant to reach all kinds of people. *Silent March* is an art installation that cries for



(L to R): Deb Parks-Satterfield, Heather Clark and Carolyn King of "Four Big Girls" performing during Theatre X's Theater Women series.

Photo by Roger Schreiber

understanding and compassion not only for people with AIDS and HIV disease but for all Americans who deny the relevance of AIDS in relationship to their own lives.

Artist **Ralph Brancaccio** is looking for five thousand pairs of shoes belonging to people with HIV disease, AIDS related complex and those who already have lost their lives: dress shoes, baby shoes, high heels, sandals, sneakers, boots, galoshes, etc. With each pair, a short biographical sketch of the owner is requested (names, of course, are optional). Date of birth, hometown, and date of death are appropriate. If you would like to be a part of the art installation, please send a pair of shoes or footwear to *Silent March*, 15 Donnell Road, Vernon, CT 06066.

Silent March will be filmed and photographed as it tours the United States. If you would like more information, please write to Mr. Brancaccio at the above address.

Seductive Stone Strikes a Pose

Sharon Stone strikes a sexy new look as the *Chicago International Film Festival* celebrates its 30th Anniversary with the unveiling of its latest poster by famed photographer Victor Skrebneski.

"The Stone poster captures the seductive, strong, independent image of the film industry today. It's a new look for Sharon, one that will be remembered," says Michael Kutza, Film Festival Founder.

The poster is a fund-raiser for the festival which is a not-for-profit organization. It is available to the public by calling (312) 644-3400. 100 lb. cover stock, tri-tone, 39 x 25 inches, black and white, \$22.50 + shipping and handling.

Film

New Feminist Films at UWM Theatre in October

Milwaukee — In October, the UW-Milwaukee Union Theatre (formerly the UW-M Cinema) will be presenting four new works by women directors in a special series called *New Feminist Features*. New York's underground filmmaker Beth B., African American Ayoka Chenzira, Argentinian Maria Luisa Bemberg and experimental filmmaker Eleanor Antin are the four artists with radically divergent visions.

On October 7 and 8, Chenzira's *Alma's Rainbow* will be screened at
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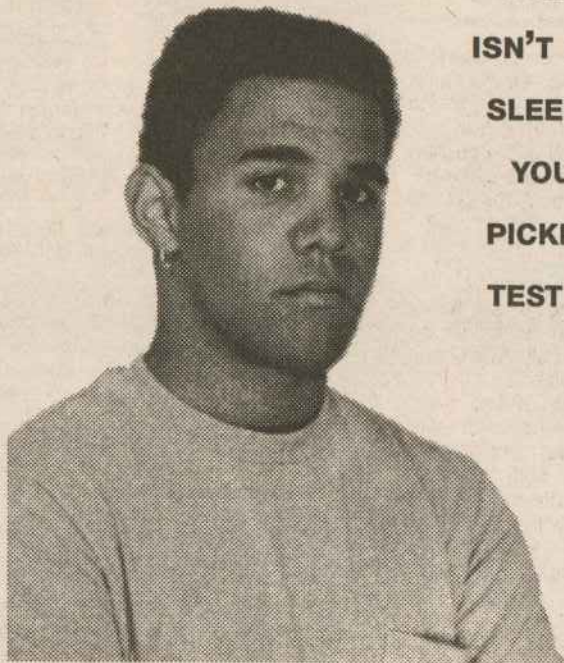


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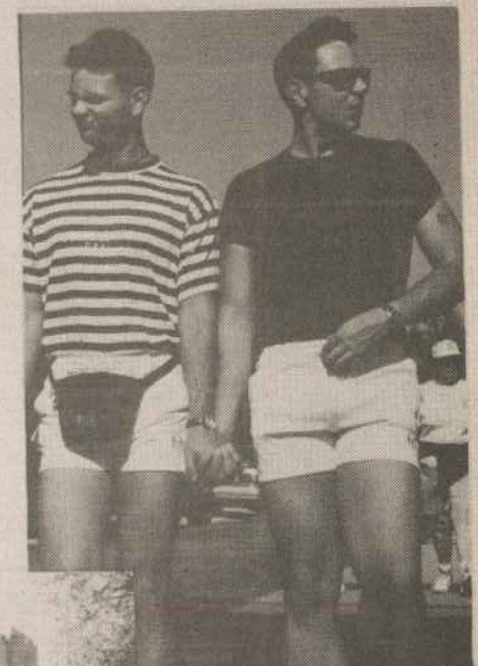
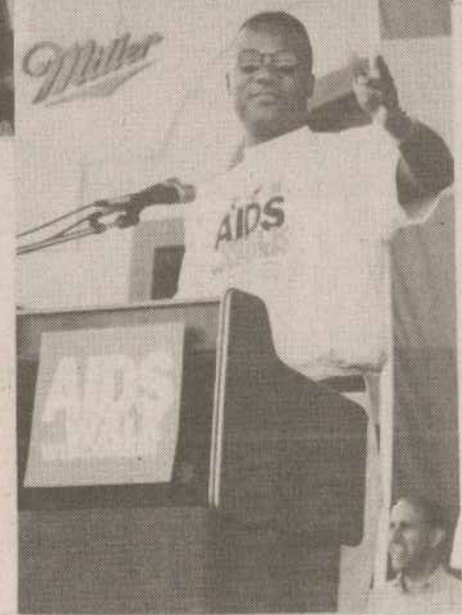
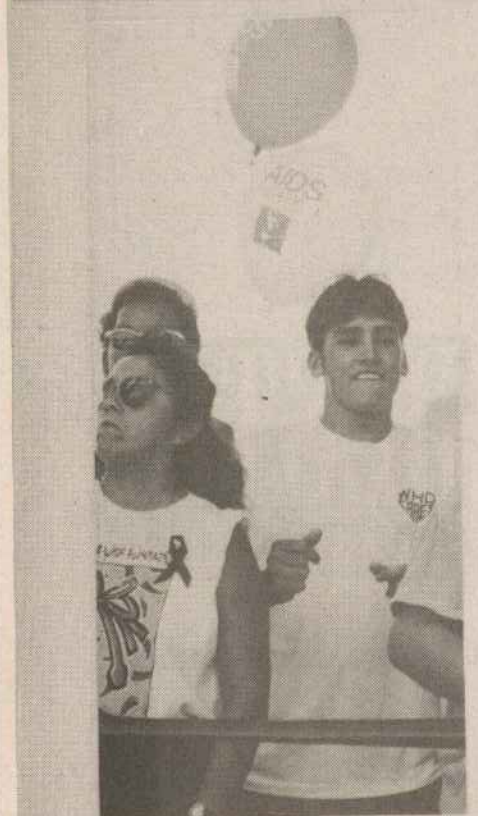
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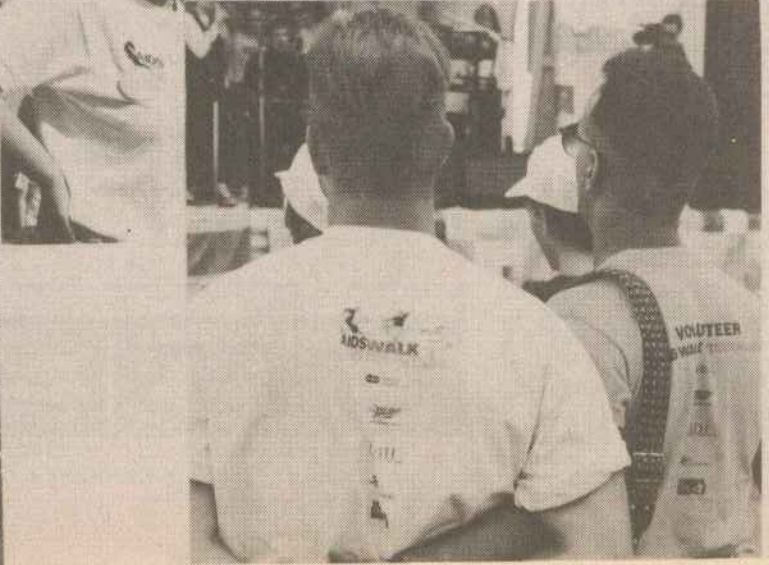
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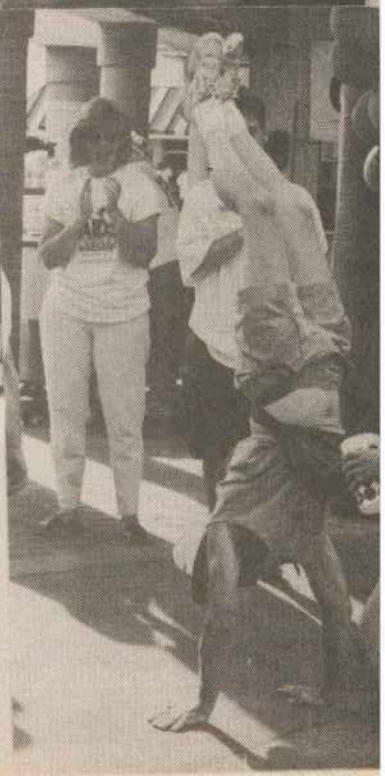
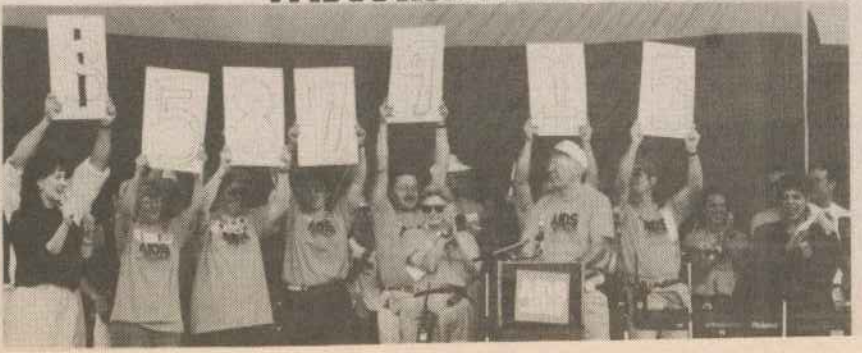
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7p.m. In this film, the arrival of her free-spirited sister and her daughter's sexual awakening threaten the ordered life of a sexually repressed African American woman. *Alma's Rainbow* is unique in that it is told entirely from the perspective of black women.

On October 14 and 15, Beth B.'s *Two Small Bodies* will be shown at 7p.m. Fred Ward and Suzy Amis star in this tale of a policeman's investigation of a woman suspected of killing her two children. The film becomes an explosive confrontation between genders as social, professional and filmic conventions are broken down to expose the real power struggle between the sexes.

On October 21 and 22, Bemberg's 1990 film *I, the Worst of All* will be screened at 7p.m. An adaptation of a novel by Nobel Laureate Octavio Paz, Bemberg's film portrays the life of 17th century Mexican poet Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, who was perceived as a radical and persecuted during the Inquisition.

On October 28 and 29, Antin's *The Man Without a World* will be shown at 7 p.m. *The Man Without a World* is a Yiddish creation and a loving rework of classic silent cinema. Set in a Jewish shtetl, a young couple's romance is doomed by the arrival of a Gypsy troupe and a sultry dancer.

Tickets for each movie are \$3 for students, \$4 general admission. The UW-M Union Theatre is located on the second floor of the Student Union at 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. For further information, call (414) 229-4070.

TV/Video

"Out There II" on Comedy Central October 11

New York, NY — An all-star line-up of the country's best Gay and Lesbian comics performed at Caroline's, a New York club, during the Stonewall 25 celebration earlier this summer. The filmed version of that comedy extravaganza will be telecast on October 11 — National Coming Out Day — on Comedy Central.

Out There II is the second all-Gay/Lesbian comedy hour sponsored by Comedy Central. The first version, broadcast last December, won the highest ratings of any show previously run on Comedy Central.

The program is hosted by Amanda Bearse, the Lesbian actress and spokesperson for National Coming Out Day who plays Marcy on Fox-TV's *Married...With Children* (see cover story this issue). *Out There II* includes routines by Kate Clinton, Frank Maya, Karen

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Williams, Maggie Cassella, Mark Davis, Tim Miller and Chicagoan John McGivern (who performed in *Midwest Side Story* in Milwaukee last spring).

Clinton frets about having to de-dyke her apartment ("straighten up") before a visit by her parents. Davis portrays his mother, Mavis Davis, who delivers a feisty monologue in support of Gay and Lesbian youth. Williams comments on camping as the national sport of Lesbians. Miller takes the audience on a bird's eye view of Gay America, while McGivern contemplates life as a young closeted Irish Catholic priest.

Out There II will be broadcast Tuesday, October 11. Check your local listings for the time.

"In the Life" Stonewall 25 Special Available

New York, NY — *Stonewall 25: Global Voices of Pride and Protest* is an expanded version of the Stonewall 25 special produced by *In the Life* and aired on many PBS stations this summer. The 90-minute program, featuring highlights of Stonewall 25 and the Gay Games and perspectives on recent Gay/Lesbian history is now available for purchase on home video.

A separate video, *Gay Games IV, From A to Q*, which focuses exclusively on Gay Games sporting events, is also available. The 60-minute tape includes the most comprehensive coverage of the Games through the combined efforts of filmmakers from Dyke TV, the Gay Cable Network, Gay Entertainment Television, *In the Life* and Network Q.

To purchase copies of either video, call 1-800-GET-WOLF. Each tape is \$24.95 plus \$4.50 shipping.

Editor's Note: The official video of Stonewall 25, called *The Future is Ours!* will be available later this year, and its proceeds will help retire the debt left over from this summer's celebration. For the official video, send \$19.95 plus \$2 for postage to: Stonewall 25, P.O. Box 2038, New York, NY 10113.

"Silverlake Life" Available on Home Video

New York, NY — *Silverlake Life: The View From Here*, a painful but illuminating documentary about one Gay couple's struggle with AIDS, will be available on home video in October.

The winner of many prestigious awards, including a Peabody and the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, *Silverlake Life* is an intimate video diary tracing how longtime companions Tom Joslin and Mark Massi coped with AIDS, especially in the weeks just prior to Joslin's death. It offers an unflinching view of the challenges of living with a fatal illness but also



Mark Massi and Tom Joslin in "Silverlake Life: The View From Here" recently released on video. Photo by Judy Lynn

highlights the warmth and devotion shared by the two men.

The 99-minute color documentary, first broadcast on the PBS series *P.O.V.*, will be available for rental and retails at \$39.95.

Educators' Input Sought for Gay Video Project

San Francisco, CA — *Look the Other Way* will be an hour-long documentary exploring how children form their attitudes toward Lesbians and Gay men during the elementary school years and the role schools should play in the process.

The producers are currently seeking information, insights, stories and suggestions from progressive educators around the country who are concerned about these issues or who have had personal experience trying to deal with them in their school systems.

Debra Chasnoff, a Lesbian and 1992 Academy Award winner for her documentary *Deadly Deception: General Electric, Nuclear Weapons and Our Environment*, and Helen Cohen are spearheading the *Look the Other Way* project. Contact them at Women's Educational Media, 2180 Bryant Street, Suite 203, San Francisco, CA 94110. (415) 641-4616.

Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Action Wisconsin, Wisconsin's relatively new LesBiGay statewide network, met in Milwaukee Sept. 8 for a reception with Milwaukee's numerous organizations. The *United We Are Strong* evening started out with numerous area *glitteratti* socializing and partaking of refreshments. That was followed by a statewide meeting and networking at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center. Action is to be applauded for its ongoing outreach to all geographic regions of the Badger State. Rep. Tammy Baldwin deserves special kudos — she was instrumental in getting this Network off the ground.

On Sept. 9, the Gay and Lesbian 12-step Recovery Conference, *Commitment '94* kicked off a 3 day weekend of events at the Milwaukee War Memorial Center. This annual drug and alcohol free event draws people from throughout the region to celebrate sobriety in a Gay environment.

The *Boys in the Bathroom* troupe from Chicago's Improv performed at **The Pivot Club** that Friday to an appreciative audience. It's great to see a wider variety of performers being booked in the clubs... To round out that weekend, the bar brought in male dancers (gotta keep everybody happy!) on the Thursday before to fill out their USA weekend. The preliminaries for the 6th annual *Miss Gay WI-USA Pageant* were held at the Pivot on Saturday, to narrow down to the top 10 contestants for Sunday's pageant. The *Wisconsin USA on Tour* show hit **Za's** on Friday night, featuring special guests Miss Gay WI-USA '94 titleholder CoCo, and '93's Sweet Savage plus a bevy of WI-USA titleholders.

The **Oberons** kicked off their 4th annual *Christmas Club for Children with AIDS* fundraising season with a club night and beer bust at the **Wreck Room** on Saturday. Meanwhile, out in Madison, Cheri and Cindy hosted their giant rummage sale on the closed Club 3054 patio.

The **Miss Gay Wisconsin USA Pageant** finals on the 11th at Appleton's Paper Valley Hotel drew the biggest crowd ever. According to Jimmy King, of sponsoring **King Productions**, over 300 were in attendance and the pageant started on time and was over by 11pm. Miss Gay USA, CoCo, was one of the special guests; and that girl is all boy. (Miss Gay USA is definitely NOT a titty queen national contest.) (*If you want the silicone and hormone girls, you gotta go to Chicago's Continental.*)

Instead of a dinner, King arranged for a cocktail/ hors d'oeuvres period prior to the pageant which went over well with the crowd (no rubber chicken!). Out of the top 10 finalists, the winner was Sasha Mitchell (Miss Racine WI-USA); 1st runner up, Josie Lynn (Miss Wausau

WI-USA); and 2nd runner up Tiffany Thomas (Miss City of Festivals WI-USA). Kylie West was 3rd, and Shannon DuPree was 4th. A big crowd gathered after at the Pivot for a post-pageant champagne reception and mini show.

Congratulations to Sasha, and all the other finalists!

A Milwaukee reception for Wisconsin's only openly Gay/Lesbian State Representative, **Tammy Baldwin**, representing a Dane County district, was held at Cafe Melange on Sept. 11. The more politically astute (and monied) crowd gathered for a reception with complimentary appetizers and drinks

(thanks to the generosity of Cafe owner Larry Krueger, and a special donation from Tom Reed and Jon Martin). Many of the politicians stuck around after the reception to enjoy the performance of *Blomberg and Mahaffey*. The September 13 Wisconsin Primary election had mixed results, with numerous candidates from the Right advancing to the November general election.

In was music in a different style that same evening when *Blarney Castle* performed at **Fannies**. Blarney Castle performed at PrideFest in June, and Sharon liked their style so much she offered the band a gig. They drew a nice hootin' and a hollerin' crowd (the

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The Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA pageant at Appleton's Paper Valley Hotel. (Top L) The winner, Sasha Mitchell; (Top R) The 10 finalists; (Center R, left to right) 1st runner up Josie

Lynn, '93 Miss Gay WI-USA DuWanna Moore, Sasha, and Miss Gay USA CoCo. (Bottom L) Sasha in her winning talent number; (Bottom R) Josie in her talent segment.

drummer was their favorite) to the patio. Blarney will continue to show its liberalism, believing they can assist in "breaking down the walls of prejudice".

Tony Domenico, appeared in his last Wisconsin performances before heading for Broadway. The native comic actor, multi personality imitator and crazy guy, performed at **The New Bar** Sept. 11, and at **Za's** on the 22nd. He's appeared on Showtime, and done a tour

with the USO (can you live!) in Asia. Good luck, Tony... you gotta go for the gold... before you get to old!

Rod's celebrated the return of the University student crowd with their annual **Fresh Meat Week** Sept. 12-19. The **Victims of Desire** male dance troupe from Ohio sailed into Wisconsin for shows at **Club 219** on Sept. 16 and **Club 94** on Sept. 17. My photographer Jamie wanted me to thank the Kenosha

staff for treating him so well.

The **Wisconsin AIDS Walk** drew a record crowd and record giving, even without a Magic Johnson caliber personality (like in '93) as a people and money draw. You couldn't have asked for more perfect weather and the Summerfest grounds are the perfect



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Blarney Castle performed before a good early evening crowd on Fannie's patio. IN STEP ▾ Sept. 29-Oct. 12, 1994 ▾ Page 28

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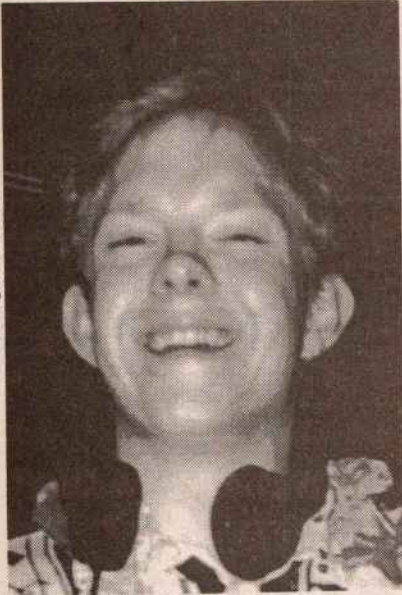
The **Napalese Lounge** celebrated their 12th anniversary with a weekend of events Sept. 16-18. On Friday it was free beer and soda, and surprise guest cameos. On Saturday, the night I made it up there with Joe, they hosted an appetizer buffet, tropical drink specials

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Java's (second from L to 2nd from R): Chad, Mark, David and Ken; are pictured in between 2 staffers. Chad and David are D V 8, and Mark and Ken are co-owners of the bar, located upstairs from Za's in Green Bay.

Photo by Ron Geiman



David, the Napalese's DJ

and a show with CeCe Ray, Jeff and Zoomie. (The entire staff got laid...) On Sunday, things wrapped up with a Rail and Beer Bust, videos and dancing. Congratulations to Mel, Patrick and their staff on 12 great years of serving the community.

Java's, the second floor area of **Za's**, celebrated its grand opening

weekend of the totally revamped space. A wall or two was moved, the bar rebuilt as a "U" shape, and a dance floor installed where the pool tables used to be. The pool table has been moved into the room with the bar, and the whole area has been given a Victorian theme. I especially appreciated the relaxing atmosphere in the fireplace corner, complete with padded wicker chairs and

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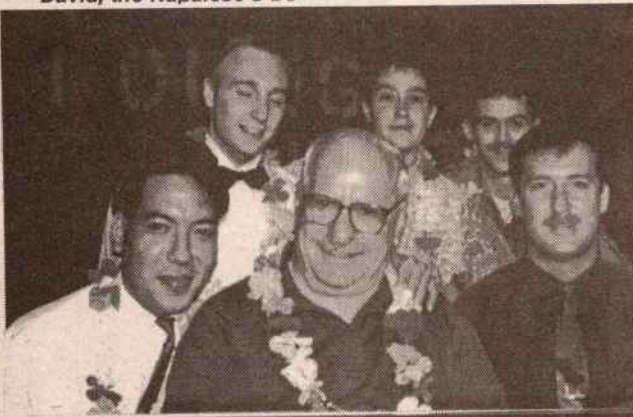
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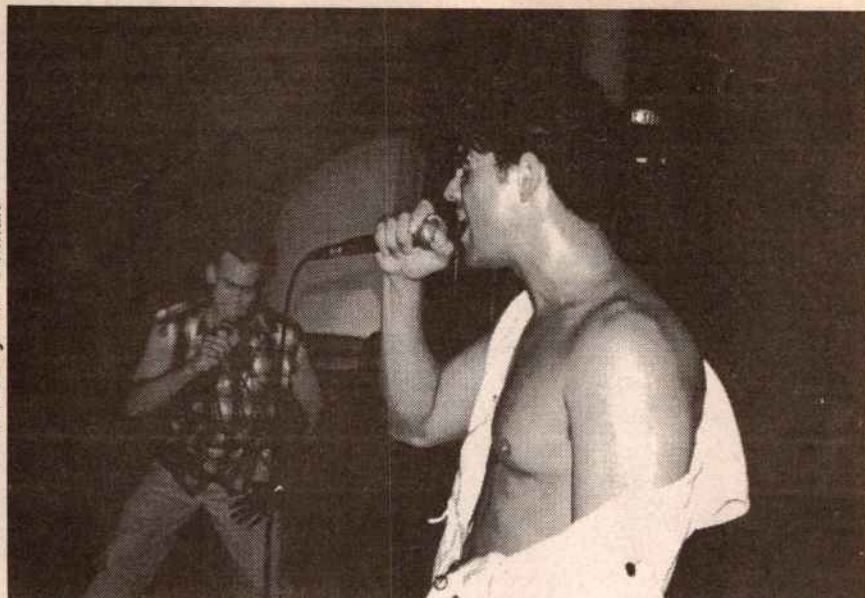
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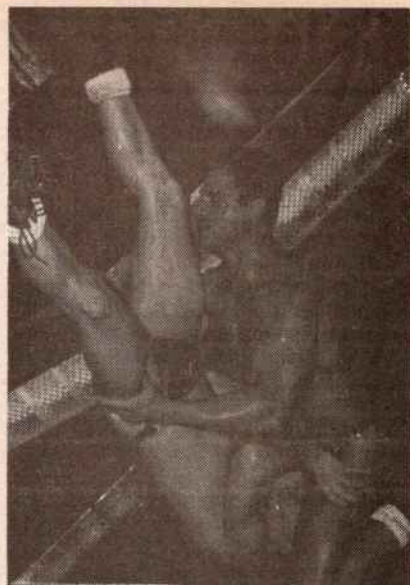
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Mel (center, top photo) and his staff at Napalese Lounge recently celebrated their 12 year anniversary with a weekend of festivities including a show with (Bottom, left to right) Jeff, C.C. Rae, and Zoomie.



Chad and David are D V 8, the new dance music singing duo. They recently performed at Za's and Club 219.



New York's "Mount-N-Men" erotic/gymnastic fantasy act delighted the crowd at their Sept. 21 show at Club 219.
Photo by James Taylor

a Oriental area rug. Mark's creativity showed with the garden corner display off the dance floor area... (Before you know it she will be doing animated Christmas sets and holiday themes... that or she'll move her press out there and do plantings around that!)

Downstairs at Za's, DV8, a new dance music duo featuring porn star and vocalist David Burrill and his new partner Chad Spikes. Chad is the perfect visual counter to David. They are both cuter than hell, and can sing, too! Joe & I stayed for their first couple of numbers, but DV8's show was held at the same time as the show at Nap's and we had to skedaddle back over there. I plan on going to see their full act at 219 on the 23rd (after my deadline for this column.)

The film *Zero Patience* ran for three screenings at the UWM Union Cinema that weekend. I was there for opening night and thoroughly enjoyed the campy musical format. Watch for this at future Gay and Lesbian film festivals or in your video store. The advance screening of *Priscilla* drew several hundred to the Oriental just days before its official opening. The *tres Gay* crowd broke out into applause at the end of the film. (Within the first five minutes three elderly people sitting behind my row, got up and left. I don't think they knew what they were in for!)

New York's *Mount-N-Men* brought their high energy, athletic, erotic fantasy show to the stage at Club 219 Sept. 21. The big crowd got a triple treat: The bar forgot to cancel their regular Wednesday evening performance by *Body Sweat*, so they performed from 10pm to midnight. In between the male groups, a female audience member was convinced to dance on stage in an "Equal Time" for women slot. Most everyone enjoyed her, especially her group of Lesbian co-

workers.

Then *Mount-N-Men* took to the stage. This New York duo, who are also lovers, performed a unique set. Not typical pretty boy dancers, the one was in his later 40s and solid muscle, they made a few mouths drop open. Their gymnastics with a heavy dose of S&M influence, made the crowd sweat!



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Workshop on Violence within Lesbian Relationships (Madison): For Lesbian and Bisexual women only, sponsored by LAVENDAR as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week at UW-Madison. In Memorial Union. For more info call LAVENDAR, (608) 255-7447.

Workshop on Abusive Relationships Among Gay and Bisexual Men (Madison): For Gay and Bisexual men only, sponsored by Men Stopping Rape as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week at UW-Madison. At LGB Campus Center, 336 West Dayton Street. For more info call Men Stopping Rape, (608) 257-4444.

THURSDAY, SEPT 29

Just Us: Open 3pm, Monday through Friday, 2-for-1 Cocktails, 5-7pm.

FRIDAY, SEPT 30

Club 219: Body Sweat Male Dancers, 11:30pm, Cover.

Pivot Club (Appleton): Miss WI-USA At Large Benefit Show.

Delta Lambda Phi Fraternity: Pre-Rush party. See "Group Notes" for details.

SATURDAY, OCT 1

1100 Club: Unicorns of Madison Club night.

Za's (Green Bay): Mr. Gay WI-USA Contest with special guest, Mr. Gay USA, John Wayne Wilson. \$5 Cover. Applications, call King Productions at (414) 432-2577.

Just Us: Miss Sandy Beach presents *Just Us Divas*, 10pm Sharp Showtime, \$3 cover, DJ Eric follows show.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Slammer Productions presents *The Girls Next Door*, to benefit SEWAP.

Sass (Green Bay): Dart Tournament.

Frontiers (Madison): Hike Devil's Lake Bluffs and potluck picnic followed by pontoon plane ride over the area.

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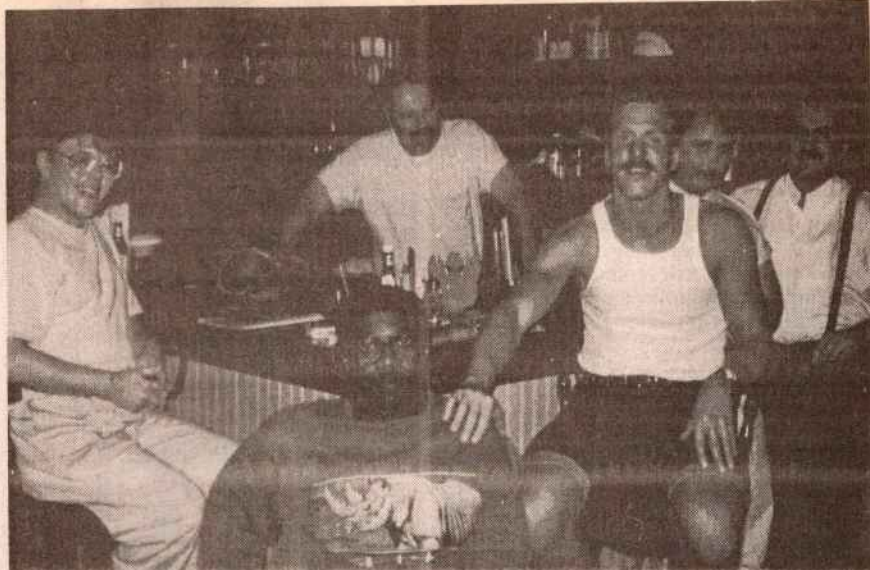
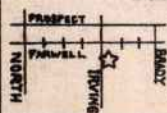


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An impromptu photo at Mama Roux, where they serve some great tasting Cajun food.

Leave from Madison at 11am. FMI call (608) 241-2500.

M&M Club: Singsational Productions performs.

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The New Bar (Madison): Wigstock with hostess, Kelly James.

Delta Lambda Phi Car Wash: 10am-4pm, \$5, at Triangle Tires, 3725 South Howell.

SUNDAY, OCT 2

Just Us: Open at 11:30am for Packers every Sunday, specials, ham & rolls.

Ani DiFranco Concert: UWM Union Ballroom, 7pm. Doors open 6:15pm. DiFranco is one of the boldest alternative rock musicians of the 90's. Students \$5 advance/\$7 door (tickets at UWM Bookstore only); general public \$10 advance/\$12 door, available at People's Books, AfterWords, Outpost. Sponsored by UWM Women's

TUESDAY, OCT 4

Club 219: Fundraiser Show for Miss 219, Lilly White.

WEDNESDAY, OCT 5

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

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THURSDAY, OCT 6

AfterWords: G/L Writers Group first Fall meeting, 7:30pm.

FRIDAY, OCT 7

Pivot Club (Appleton): Ms. Gay WI-USA, Julie, Benefit Show, 10:30pm.

Holly Hughes "Clit Notes"/Mook Performance (Madison): Mitby Theatre, 3550 Anderson. See "Arts" for details.

SATURDAY, OCT 8

Ballgame: Sheepshead Tournament.

M&M Club: Pianist/Vocalist Michael Brooks performs.

Rascal's (Appleton): Julie, Ms. Gay WI-USA, Benefit Car Wash, Noon-5pm.

Sass (Green Bay): Pool Tournament, trophies and cash prizes.

Frontiers (Madison): Canoeing on the Kickapoo River. Call (608) 241-2500 for details.

Wreck Room: Oberon's Club Night, 10pm-1am. \$5 beer bust plus a "Hunter's Raffle." Fundraiser to benefit Christmas Club for Children with AIDS.

Club 219: Underwear Party (It's Back!).

Pivot Club (Appleton): 7pm, Jackie Calhoun, author, reads from her latest novel, *Triple Exposure*.

SUNDAY, OCT 9

M&M Club: Juli Wood Quartet performs.

Rascals (Appleton): Julie, Ms. Gay WI-USA, Benefit Brunch, Noon-5pm.

Rod's (Madison): Official closing of the Patio, 5pm-on. Schnapps specials and 6pm BBQ Cookout.



Mother Hanson and Muncie performed during the recent AIDS hospice care benefit show at La Crosse's Cavalier Lounge. (They are NOT expecting this photo to be in tell them Buff did it!)

Travlur Lounge (Rockford, IL): 1st Annual Miss Gay Travlur Contest; Emcee Ruby Cooler.

Holly Hughes "Clit Notes"/Mook Performance (Milw): UWM Union Wisconsin Room. See "Arts" for details.
Pivot Club (Appleton): 9:30pm, Miss Gay Appleton-USA, WI-USA's first preliminary pageant of the season.

MONDAY, OCT 10

AfterWords Book Club: 7:30pm discussion of *Blue Heaven*, by Joe Kienan.



TUESDAY, OCT 11

Just Us: National Coming Out Day Party. Wear a non-bar Gay/Lesbian theme t-shirt and receive a complimentary drink, 3-close.

Blue Lite (Sheboygan): NCOD Party, 8pm.

AfterWords: 2nd Annual NCOD Party, 7:30pm. Food, fun and official NCOD merchandise.

FRIDAY, OCT 14

AfterWords: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 7:30-10:30pm.

SATURDAY, OCT 15

M&M Club: Pianist/Vocalist Michael Brooks performs.

Club 219: *The Girls Next Door*, Slammer Productions on tour, to benefit MAP.

Frontiers (Madison): Roast: "Pig, Corn & Politicians," 5pm. Call (608) 241-2500 for details.

Milwaukee's 1994 Take Back the Night March & Rally: March begins at UWM Union Concourse, 5pm and goes to Gordon Park for speeches.

Candlelight Vigil back to Union after Rally. FMI Call the Women's Resource Center, 229-2852.

SAGE Meeting: See "Group Notes" for details.

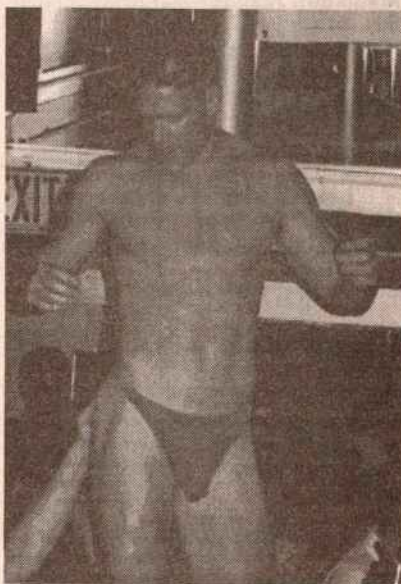


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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

Did You Know?

A unique, dubious collection of facts and figures that challenges Gays and Lesbians everywhere to Believe It or Else!

Did You Know... that due to concerns an over-eager lover might inadvertently ingest harmful materials, the Surgeon General has recommended that drag queens should refrain from decorating their condoms with glitter and sequins? The Surgeon General has also advised that you never attempt to put on a condom with a pliers or have sex with a female impersonator when completely sober.

Did You Know... that in a recent interview, Tom Cruise said he first heard those nasty "Tom is Gay" rumors only three months ago? He also claimed that he just found out last week that Ru Paul is a man and that the Tooth Fairy isn't real.

Did You Know... that if a Gay man would subject his potential lovers to as much intense personal scrutiny as

potential jurors in the OJ Simpson trial, he would remain single, celibate and miserable for the rest of his life?

Did You Know... talk radio's right wing windbag, Rush Limbaugh has started his own Long Distance Telephone Service with 20% of it's profits donated to reduce his monthly grocery bill? The only catch is that on his Friends and Family Calling Plan you can only speak to Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Ollie North, Anita Bryant, Herb Kohl and the Pizza Hut delivery guy.

Did You Know... that Harvey Fierstein maintains his distinctive voice by eating a pound of gravel every morning and is dangerously close to becoming a parody of himself?

Did You Know... that archaeologists digging in the Gobi Desert announced the discovery of the first drag queen dinosaur when they unearthed the 12 million year old skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex in fossilized high heels? Scientists cited as proof of the Dino-Drag the fact the inscription on the giant lizard's tombstone read, "at first I was afraid, now I'm petrified..."

Did You Know... accused murderer Eric Menendez announced on Court TV his decision to seek public office? Apparently motivated by the stunning political comeback of crack smoking felon and

former Washington, DC Mayor, Marion Berry, Menendez is seeking the office of the Los Angeles District Attorney and announced that if elected he will dismiss his own case.

Did You Know... that *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* has been made requiring viewing for students attending The Drag Queen College of America and that in order to graduate, all divas in training must make an in-drag pilgrimage to the Australian outback?

Did You Know... The Joint Chiefs of Staff have issued a report predicting the imminent failure of the Pentagon's *Don't Ask, Don't Tell Policy* because Gay men spend so much time gossiping and simply *can't* keep a secret.

Did You Know... that a Chicago man successfully sued Mr. Goodwrench for \$1 million, charging the world famous repairman attempted to bring the man to orgasm using a ratchet set, a variable speed drill and a can of motor oil? Mr. Goodwrench later went on to have a torrid affair with the Maytag repairman.

Did You Know... that the preceding column was written immediately following the consumption of twelve cafe lattes in a two hour period? So, if you'll excuse me... I really have to go to the bathroom.

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I would like to give special thanks to Miss DuWanna Moore. If it hadn't been for her faith in me, along with numerous amounts of help and kind words, I couldn't have made it this far.

I am gratefully looking forward to the next year's new experiences & challenges.

*Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jasha Mitchell".

No Nunsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity

NCOD: Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are

It's October already, and do you know what that means? Oh sure, who could be Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans and not realize that at the end of the month it's our national holiday, Halloween, when even the butchest of boys may wear a dress and the femmiest of Lesbians could sport a motorcycle jacket!

But I am not referring to that wonderful bewitching time, rather to that annual day on October 11 when millions of American Gay men and Lesbians will again participate in the seventh anniversary of a highly successful campaign known as **National Coming Out Day**. Celebrating the first anniversary of the historic March on Washington, in a spirit of national Gay pride, it is a time of "taking your next step" out of the closet.

The goal of this NCOD yearly campaign is to radically and suddenly increase the visibility of the over 20 million Gay men and women (one percent, my ass!) in America, but this year the one day will become 365 — an all-year, every day effort.

The 1994 national spokesperson is Amanda Bearse (on the cover of this issue), Marcy Darcy of *Married... With Children* fame, (luv her luv her luv her) who is in real life an openly Lesbian mother. Her fag-u-lous print and broadcast public service announcements boldly state, "I'm not a straight person but I play one on TV." And in a less levity-provoking mood she adds, "Acting belongs on television, not in real life. That's why I stopped acting and came out. It feels great to be open and honest."

Golly, perhaps someday I'll come out too. Yeah right, like Sister Dana — bearded, clown white-faced nun in industrial strength fake eyelashes and enough glitter to pave the yellow brick road to Oz — could ever be in the closet... well maybe just long enough to pick out a nice pair of pumps or engineer boots (if nothing else this Sister is versatile in the wardrobe department).

As ever, NCOD staff will be looking for endorsements from celebrities and leaders from the religious, business and political arenas across the nation. Can you just imagine what would happen if every closeted celebrity and politico in the world came roaring out of their closets at once?



And now, for a little history lesson by the teaching nun, Sr. Dana. Did you know the **Hardwicke v. Bowers** Supreme Court case in which the Georgia sodomy law was upheld, all happened because Justice Powell had voted at one time towards striking the law but later changed his mind and allegedly said that he had never known a Gay person in his life. Ironically, his own law clerk was Gay but not out. If only that queer clerk had followed NCOD and had a frank and open dialogue with the judge, perhaps Justice P. would have voted the other way and we wouldn't have those stupid sodomy laws in America today.

This year's theme is "being out in the workplace," which could mean a Gay man or Lesbian who is out at work would go one step more and proudly display his or her significant other's picture on their desk. Preferably not a nude shot from their last hot 'n horny porn piece, but neither should you choose a pose that would be readily printed in *Traditional Values Gazette*. I realize for some of us, a picture of our current special someone(s) might just mean an entire wall mural of all our lovers/ affairs/ tricks. Whatever you do, just WORK IT GIRL, at work!

Or, as NCOD project director Wes Combs says, "By coming out in the workplace, Gays and Lesbians can have the important dialogue with others that can start turning ignorance into acceptance." You can be as bold as I, chatting by the water cooler and describing in intimate details your date with Mr. Right Now, or take the more subtle approach, wearing your *tres* tasteful "Fuck Your Gender" lapel button. As Nike says, JUST DO IT!

On the other end of the spectrum, for some people, their personal step may be merely proudly admitting for the first time, perhaps only quietly to themselves, that they are Gay. Practice in the bathroom mirror, behind closed doors, barely mouthing the phrase "I'm Gay and it's okay," gradually working up to more audible and affirmative private confessions, then eventually going public, shouting from the rooftops, "I'm queer and damn proud of being a raging, screaming, flaming queen! So just get over it, Mary!"

All right, I do believe this nun has lectured quite a long enough on NCOD: Now Come Out, Dear!!!

Zodiacscope

By Charlene Lichtenstein

Astrological Forecast for October

Halloween is my most favorite holiday. It's a good excuse to put on that wild netherworld outfit, parade in the streets and demand tricks or treats. (What's the difference? I'll take both!) Prepare for a planetary invasion of Scorpio this month. The planets never seem to need an excuse. Read ahead to see what October scares up for each sign:

ARIES, March 21-April 20

Are you turning a nasty little greedy eye towards other people's money and possessions? Lust, avarice and greed are the condiments spicing up your plate this October. Yes, it will be intense and you may come off as... shall we say... unpleasant. I suppose it's all for the best — psychological breakthroughs are possible now.

TAURUS, April 21-May 21

There is more than enough planetary activity affecting partnerships and all types of one-to-one relationships this month. Are you into it or not? I advise you to mean what you say and say what you mean so everyone feels just peachy and in tune with one another. There is no sense being coy — that is not within the Taurean persona anyway.

GEMINI, May 22-June 21

Hard work brings with it its own rewards... at least that's what the planets seem to say this month. You may bite off a bit more than you can chew, but Geminis are up to the task. An over-active mind can be a terrible thing if you allow yourself to spew forth without getting all the facts. Think things out very carefully before you leap.

CANCER, June 22-July 23

Cancers come out of their shell, so to speak, in October when the energy is right to proudly party hearty. You may feel especially creative, romantic or foot loose. If life has been hum drum, liven it up with a festive event or two. Ok... ok... Cancers don't like to stray too far away from familiar surroundings; you can have these little soirees at home.

LEO, July 24-Aug 23

Look homeward this month. Leos will find a tremendous sense of comfort and security in their castles. Think of some projects that need to be taken care of, begun, finished off or even planned. Tackle these necessary domestic alterations now while the energy is right. We all need a little sprucing up now and then.

VIRGO, Aug 24-Sept 23

Recalcitrant Virgos will suddenly open up and chat up a storm. I see it as a personal blossoming as ideas and words come to you almost effortlessly this month. Don't be afraid to expound on your more "creative" ideas — it could find fertile ground in some of the most unlikely of places! Just be sure you plant it properly...

LIBRA, Sept 24-Oct 23

It is time to turn your attention to financial matters. It seems to be now or never — you need to focus on monetary security. It may seem like just so much filthy lucre and not worth soiling your hands over, but face it honey, you've gotten used to eating and money supports this "habit." Libras need a little nudge now and then...

SCORPIO, Oct 24-Nov 22

The eyes of the world are upon you. Scorpios who long for mysterious anonymity and the power from the background will have to face the glare of the spotlight, ready or not. If you prepare for your assumption to the center stage, you will still be able to maneuver it to your advantage. What can I say except prepare.

SAGITTARIUS, Nov 23-Dec 22

Boom! All that has been carefully hidden from you will be catapulted into the forefront. Good thing too, Sagittarians are too honest and forthright to have to deal with sneaks, rats and rogues. You have been too good and have, as such, suffered for your innate trust. Flush 'em out, deal with them one-by-one and, by all means, be true to yourself.

CAPRICORN, Dec 23-Jan 20

What do you really want out of life? What do you need as a gay person in America? Be prepared to deal with this life issue more intently during the month of October. You simply cannot go on living, breathing and working for the established norm. It's one thing to go with the ruling party and personally benefit; it is quite another thing to sacrifice your soul.

AQUARIUS, Jan 21-Feb 19

Strike while the iron is steaming hot. You can gain the upper political ground now in your career or life's work as long as you remain focused and deliberate. You may be privy to an extra bit of insider scuttle. Gather all your information and review it carefully, then burn your way to the very top of the mountain. It's about time you got your share of glory.

PISCES, Feb 20-March 20

Gain the global perspective this October. The planets dictate that you will benefit greatly through higher learning, travel and a broadened world philosophy. Perhaps it's time to plan that trip of a lifetime, or even peek through the hedges to the yard next door. Don't be afraid to try something (or someone) a little different...

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The first Saturday of play will be informal with the following Saturday beginning actual league games. All teams will play each other the first half of the season, with teams splitting off into a recreational and competitive division for the second half of the season. All levels of players are welcome.

Net News

Milwaukee — The Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club is pleased to announce the final standings for the 1994 Summer Tennis League. **Division A:** 1st Ed Lefforge, 2nd Gary Ozuna, and 3rd Bob Lingle. **Division B:** 1st Mark Jung, 2nd Dion Haith, and 3rd Scott Burac. **Division C:** 1st Elaine Smith, 2nd

Mark Meyerhoffer, and 3rd Davina Winandy.

During the weekend of Sept 15-18, members of the Club completed in the Washington, DC Capitol Classic. Bill Wardlow reached the quarterfinals in his division, while Bill and Gary Ozuna reached the quarterfinals in doubles. Patty Trapp competed in the Consolation finals in her division. A great time was had by all who competed.

Anyone interested in joining the Club for competition in Dallas on Oct 8-10 or Houston on Nov 11-13 should contact Gary at (414) 228-1975. For all GLTA tournaments around the country, housing is available, cutting down the cost of competing. Some proceeds of the tournaments benefit local AIDS organizations in the host city.

Rock Climbing Clinic for Women

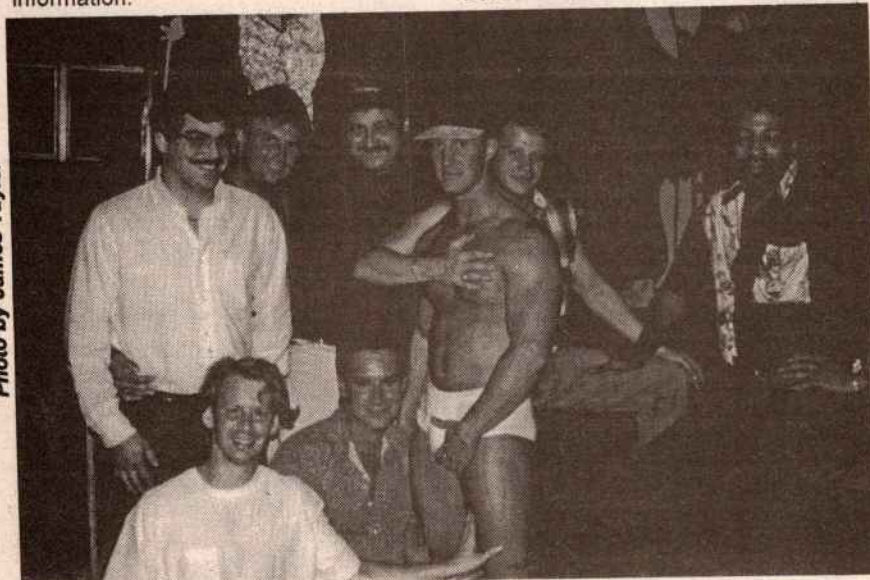
Wisconsin Outdoor Women will present a two-day rock climbing clinic on the weekend of Oct 15 and 16 at the Dells of the Eau Claire River in Hogarty, WI. Hogarty is 20 miles east of Wausau, approximately 3 1/2 hours from Milwaukee.

At the clinic, participants will learn: basic rock climbing techniques and safety; the use and care of equipment; to belay for other climbers; beginning knots; and, introductory information on setting climbs. Beginning climbers and climbers wishing to review skills and work on technique are encouraged to attend.

Professional outdoor instructors will be leading participants in two days of adventure, education and challenge. Both instructors have years of experience as outdoor educators and are affiliated with professional organizations including Outward Bound and Project Adventure.

For more information, call Janis at (414) 476-1631.

Photo by James Taylor



Club 94 staffers gather around one of the "Victims of Desire" members. Speaking of members, he's the one holding his!

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A impromptu photo at Walker's Point Marble Arcade.

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Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

Night People Unite!

Something's got to be done. Happy, perky people are regaling me and my brethren with the reasons we *should be* day people. They show us pie charts that illustrate we will be happier, live longer, and be better people overall if we only embrace an early to bed, early to rise lifestyle. I have only one word for these people: *ick*.

As I don't believe I am a season, I don't think I was meant to get up before the crack of dusk. As others have surely noted, there are many reasons why daytime is overrated.

First there is daytime television which is filled with mindnumbing effluvia. There are insipid game shows in which people vie for a small amount of money but usually walk away with life time supplies of Wesson Oil® or Rice-A-Roni®.

If one doesn't watch the game shows there are talkshows and soap operas which compete with each other to see who can show the most bizarre people. If I want to see oddities I can ride the city buses, *thank you very much*.

There is only one thing worth watching in the daytime: *Animaniacs*. Since I am the proud owner of a VCR, I can tape it, therefore I have no need to be awake during the day.

If that wasn't bad enough, being awake during the day means I have to deal with "day people," who feel they have to remove the frown from my face. They say insipid things like "a smile is a frown upside down." After I beat them with the tire iron I keep in my bag they find the truth. A frown is an indicator of a bad mood and the wearer of such should be avoided like the plague.

If there is one thing that is useful about the daytime, it is this: daytime is when the stores are open. Yes, there are stores open at night, but they have a limited selection, and are useless.

But as long as I have a credit card, I can do my shopping through a series of catalogs, allowing me to live on the schedule that makes me and so many others more content people.

Why is nighttime so much better? What about living in darkness is so wonderful that I would ignore the majority of the population who choose to live in a shiny, happy world?

Nighttime is when all the wonderful things happen. One can see a play, go to an opera, or go out dancing at a decent selection of bars and nightclubs. And the best part of all of this is that the people who go to these places are almost exclusively night people.

Night people are not your anal retentive, classic type A personalities. They know what a frown means and leave the frowning people alone. They know to speak in reasonably hushed tones, and they know all the best gossip. Best of all, night people know where all of the after hours parties are and can get you in if they think you are cool enough.

Many day people read Danielle Steel novels, tabloids, and keep up with news by listening to Rush Limbaugh. They prefer Equal® in their coffee, and they wish that nice Deborah Norville would have never been replaced with Katie Couric.

Night people read books that have complex sentences and discuss the meaning of the book with their friends. They keep up with the news by reading an assortment of newspapers and magazines, comparing the information and deciding for themselves what the intrinsic truth really is. We use sugar in our coffee because we like it and don't give a rat's ass how much time it knocks off our life. We're all glad that Katie's on instead of Deborah because we can tell she hates being awake in the morning,

and some days she can be down right surly. *We appreciate that.*

Although most of us won't openly admit it, night time is the best time because we believe in truth, beauty, and illusions. A man who might be homely by daylight can be beautiful by moonlight. A night breeze carries with it the perfume of the flowers cast with dampness, and a bit of melancholy which touches our cynical hearts.

Night people believe that romance and true love exist, and by the light of the moon nothing can ever be ugly. Night time is the truth of our twisted hearts and we refuse to give that up.

So, until someone can give me reasons I can't ignore or disprove, I will remain a steadfast night person in my heart of hearts. And to my fellow night people I raise a glass and hope that you can remain strong in your convictions. *Piss on the day people.*

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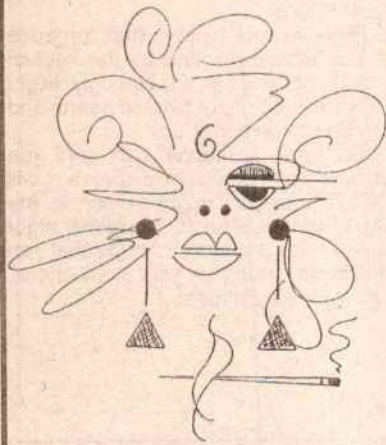
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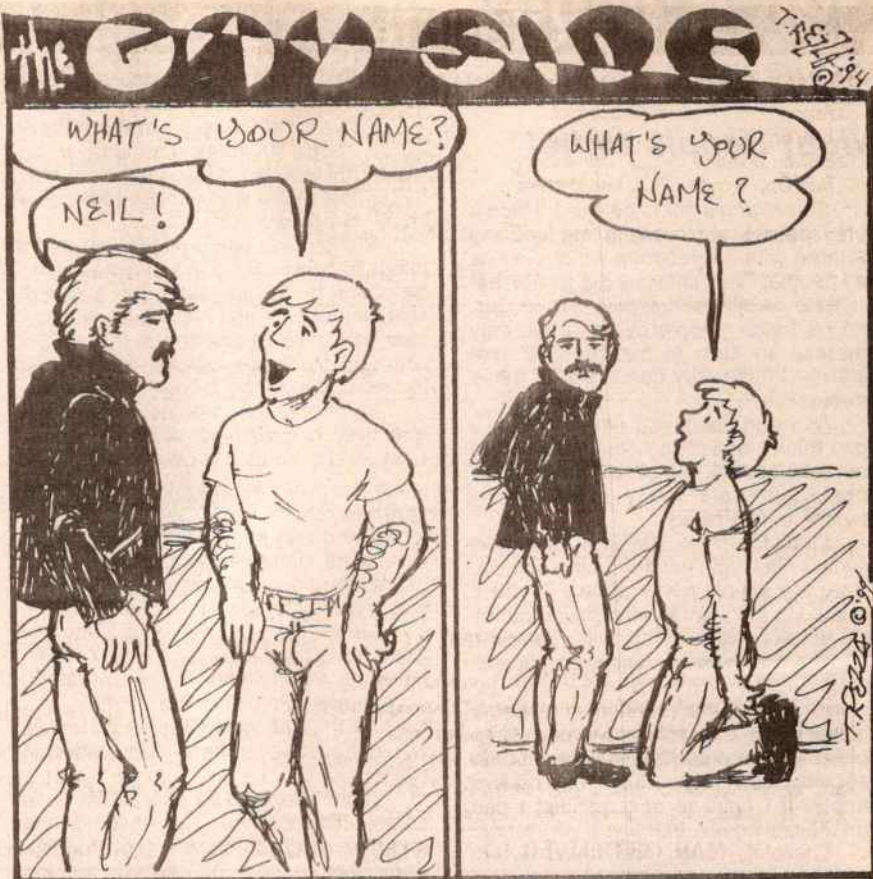
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Transportation Coordinator & Driver: The Milwaukee AIDS Project, a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of WI, Inc. is looking for an individual to coordinate the transportation program which provides transportation for individuals living with HIV disease to medical and mental health appointments. Responsibilities include driving the agency vehicle, establishing routes and logistics of scheduling, assisting clients that have mobility problems, and coordination of volunteers. The candidate must have a valid WI drivers license and a safe driving record. The candidate must also be able to life up to 75 pounds. Computer literacy and bilingual in Spanish a plus. Interested individuals should submit a letter summarizing qualifications and salary requirements with a resume by October 10 to: Paul Milakovich, Deputy Director of Administration, AIDS Resource Center of WI, Inc., PO Box 92487, Milwaukee, WI 53202-0487. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Graffiti

Mr. Boneyhead: "I'm Breathless" with anticipation for Oct. 25th — our anniversary and the release of Ms. Ciccone's new CD, "Bedtime Stories." It's no "secret" that it's gonna knock everyone's socks and pantyhose off!

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Your Six Year Fling

Slut Puppy (Chi): Thanks for being brave and training it up to Cow Town to have dinner with me on my 40th. I'm sure my coughing, sneezing, bitching and snotty kleenex drove you up the wall, but the pork roast was delicious. Oh, by the way, thanks for the Pearl Driver. **Bell Pepper**

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Your Lover.

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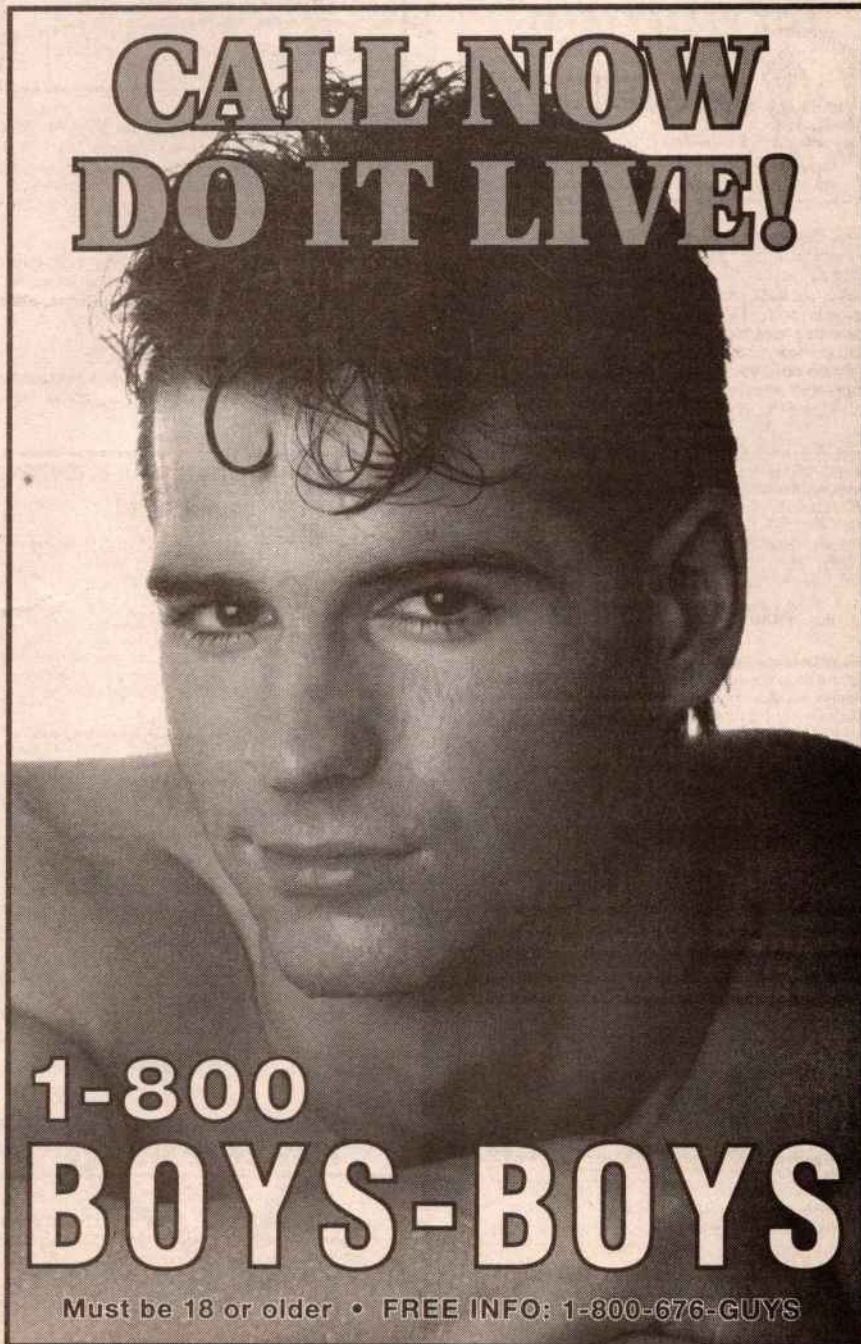
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W	Prefer Women Only
Wm	Mostly Women, Men Welcome
G/S	Gay & Straight Mixed
L/L	Levi/Leather
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FOX VALLEY (414)

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

ORGANIZATIONS

ECHO (East Central AIDS/HIV Organization)	725 Butler Ave, Winnebago 54985	(414)235-5100
Men's HIV+ Support Group	Appleton	733-2068
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UW-Oshkosh 10% Society	207 Reeve Union, UW-O, 54901	
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Gay/Lesbian Support Group	UW-O Counseling Center	424-2061
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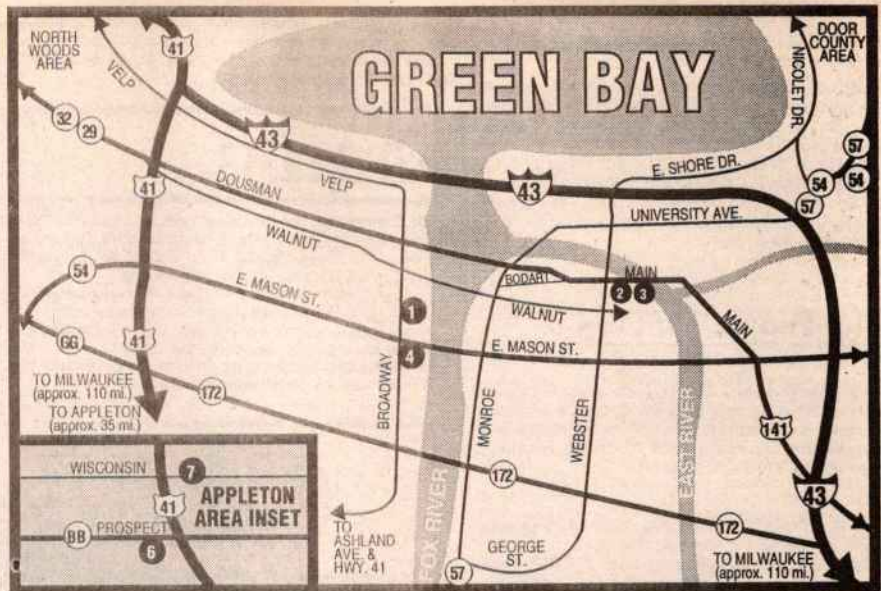
GREEN BAY (414)

BARS

3 Brandy's II (Mw, L/L)	1126 Main St. 54301	437-3917
1 Napalese Lounge (MW, DJ)	515 S. Broadway 54303	432-9646
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2 Za's (MW, DJ, V)	1106 Main 54301	435-5476
4 Sass (WM)	840 S. Broadway 54304	437-7277

ORGANIZATIONS

Angel of Hope (MCC Church)	PO Box 672, 54305	496-8688
Argonauts of Wisconsin (L/L Social Club)	PO Box 22096, 54305	
Gay AA/Anon (Meeting Weekly)		494-9904
Bay City Chorus	PO Box 1901, 54305	494-5029
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Gay/Lesbian Support at UW-BG		465-2343
HIV/AA (weekly meetings) Ric		468-6316
Men's HIV+ Support		437-7400
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Northern Womyn, Inc. (Lesbian Support/social Group)	Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102	
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Positive Voice P. O. Box 1381,	54305	499-5533



MADISON (608)

MEDICAL

Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)	HIV/AIDS Services Organization	PO Box 731, 53701 (303 Lathrop St.)	(608)238-MASN
Blue Bus STD Clinic (Monday, Thursday)	1552 University Avenue 53705		(608)262-7330

BARS

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	258-8765
3 Shamrock (GS, MW, F, D)	117 W. Main St. 53703	255-5029
4 Ray's Bar & Grill (MW, F)	2415 Winnebago 53704	246-3949

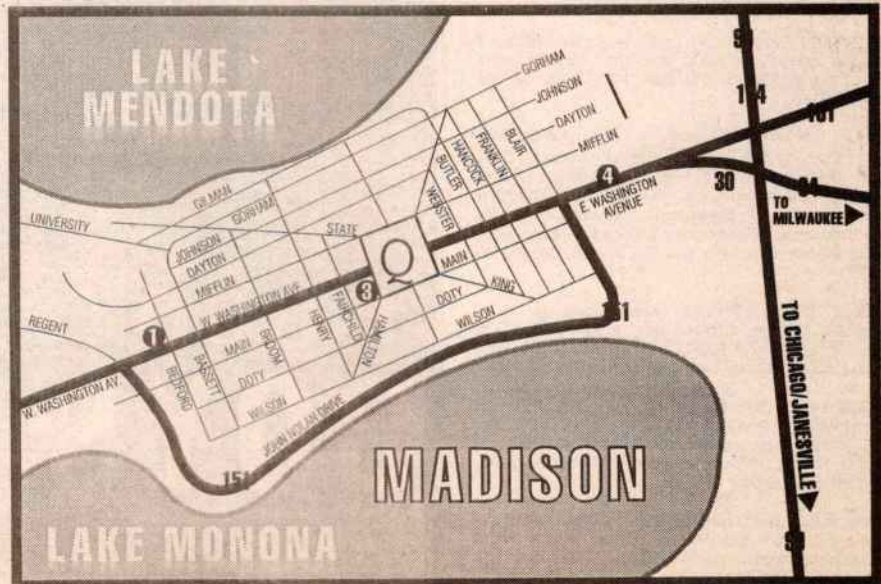
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ORGANIZATIONS

AASPIN Foundation (Goal or Wish Assistance for PWAs) 2828 Marshall Ct. Ste 210, 53705 (608)273-4501

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Bi? Why? Why? (Bisexual Support)	PO Box 321, 53701	(608)251-3886
Campus Women's Center	710 University Ave, #202, 53715	(608)262-8093
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18-21 Yr Old Social Group		(608)256-2667
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Gay/Lesbian Information Recording (ask for tape #3333)		(608)263-3100
Gay/Lesbian Resource Center	PO Box 1722, 53701	
G/L Educational Employees c/o The United		(608)255-8582
Gay Fathers c/o United		(608)255-8582
Gay Men's Video Club	PO Box 8234, 53708	(608)244-8675
GALVANize (Increasing G/L awareness)	PO Box 1403, 53701	(608)256-4289
Kissing Girls Productions (Lesbian Cultural Events)	PO Box 6091, 53716	
Lavender (Lesbian Domestic Violence Support Group)		(608)255-7447
LesBiGay Issues Committee (UW Advisory Comm.)	Dean of Students Office, 75 Bascom Hall	
	Madison 53706	(608) 263-5700



MADISON (608)

ORGANIZATIONS

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Lesbian, Gay and BI Law Student Union UW Law School, Bascom Mall, Madison 53706
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Madison Wrestling Club PO Box 8234, 53708 (608)244-8675
MAGIC Picnic Comm. 636 W Washington 53703 (608)256-3404 (EXT 220)
Men's Alanon (608)255-8582
New Harvest Foundation (G/L Foundation) PO Box 1786, 53701
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Unicorns of Madison (L/L club) PO Box 536, 53701
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Womonsong (Women's Choral Group) (608)246-2681

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MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

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Beer Town Badgers PO Box 166, 53201
Paul Bunyon Society (Social group for Big & Bear Men) PO Box 1252, 53201
Blacks Education Blacks About AIDS (BEBA) 272-3009
Black Gay Consciousness Raising 933-2136
Castaways M.C. (Levi/Leather club) PO Box 1697, 53202-1697
Counseling Center (Gay & Lesbian Support & discussion Groups) 2038 N. Bartlett, 53202 271-2565
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Cream City Foundation (CCF) 2821 N. 4th St. #217B, or, Box 204, 53201 265-0880
Cream City Squares (G/L Square Dancing Club) 521-1259
DAMES (Dykes Against Minority Erotic Suppression) PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201
Different Drummer Theatre Alliance (G/L Theatre Co) PO Box 92756, 53202 347-0673
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Front Runners/Walkers 774-2668
Galano Club (chemical free recovery club) 2408 N. Farwell 276-6936
Gaytarians (G/L sci-fi group) c/o Emory Churness, 2705 N. Shepard 53211
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Gay/Lesbian/BI Community at UWM Box 251, 2200 E. Kenwood 53201 229-6555
Gay/Les/BI Veterans of American (S.E., WI chapter) c/o 3036 N. Booth, 53212 562-4191
Gay People's Union PO Box 208, 53201 562-7010
Gay Youth Milwaukee (regular peer group meetings) PO Box 09441, 53209 265-8500
Gay Men's Discussion/Support Group (Bill) 271-2565
Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O. Box 862, 53201-0862
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Human Rights League (HRL), PO Box 92674, 53202
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LOC/Women of Color 873-4942
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 Dave 527-4296 Verel 347-0580
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Narcotics Anonymous (request Gay mtgs.) 543-4850
Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group 963-9833
People Living With AIDS Coalition 820 N Plankinton, 53203 273-1991
Oberons (Levi/Leather club) Box 07423, 53207
Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) c/o 3074 N Maryland, 53211 Sandy, 962-9320
PrideFest (Pride Committee) PO Box 93852, 53203 272-FEST
New Queer TV (Cable TV Show) PO Box 93951, 53203 964-8423
SAGE Milwaukee (For older LesBiGays) PO Box 92482, 53202 after 4pm: 271-0378
Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) PO Box 92605, 53202
Sexual Compulsives Anonymous (SCA) 276-6936
Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc. PO Box 76115, 53216 777-3986
Shoreline Country Dancers PO Box 92273, 53202-0273
Silver Space (Group for Older Lesbians) PO Box 371, Elm Grove 53122 271-2565
S.O.S. (Alcohol/Addiction Recovery) 442-1132
Ujima (African Am. Support/Social, Call Eric) PO Box 92183, Milwaukee 53202 272-3009
W. Leather Men's Assoc. Inc. PO Box 897, 53201-0897

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1 Ballgame (Mw, V, D, F) 196 S. 2nd 53204 273-7474
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4 C'est La Vie (Mw, D) 231 S. 2nd 53204 291-9600
5 Club 219 (MW, DJ, V) 219 S. 2nd 53204 271-3732
7 Dance, Dance, Dance (Mw, DJ) 801 S. 2nd 53204 383-8330
6 1100 Club (Mw, L/L, DJ, F) 1100 S. 1st Street 53204 647-9950
2 Fannie's (Wm, D, F) 200 E. Washington 53204 643-9633
7 Grubb's Pub (MW, F) 807 S 2nd St 53204 384-8330
27 Just Us (MW, D, F) 807 S. 5th St, 53204 383-2233
22 Kathy's Nut Hut (WM, G/S, F, D) 1500 W. Scott 53201 647-2673
21 KT & Zips Atmosphere (MW, DJ) 2800 N. Richards, 53212 372-6330
7 La Cage (Mw, DJ, V) 801 S. 2nd 53204 383-8330
17 Loose Ends (GS, MW, F) 4332 W. Fond du Lac 442-8469
26 Mama Roux (MW, G/S, F) 1875 N Humboldt, 53202 347-0344
10 M&M Club (MW, F) 124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
8 Cafe Melange (MW, G/S, F) 720 N. Old World 3rd St 53203 291-9889
25 ReneZ Co-Z Corner (MW, F, D) 709 N 35, 53208
20 Station 2 (Wm, D) 1534 W. Grant 53215 383-5755

13 This Is It (M) 418 E. Wells 53202 278-9192
12 3B's Bar (Mw, D) 1753 S. KK 53204 672-5580
18 Triangle (M, V) 135 E National 53204 383-9412
24 Walker's Point Marble Arcade (MW, F) 1101 S. 2nd St., 53204 647-9430
11 Wreck Room (M, L/L) 266 E Erie 53202 273-6900
9 Zippers (Mw) 819 S 2nd, 53204 645-8330

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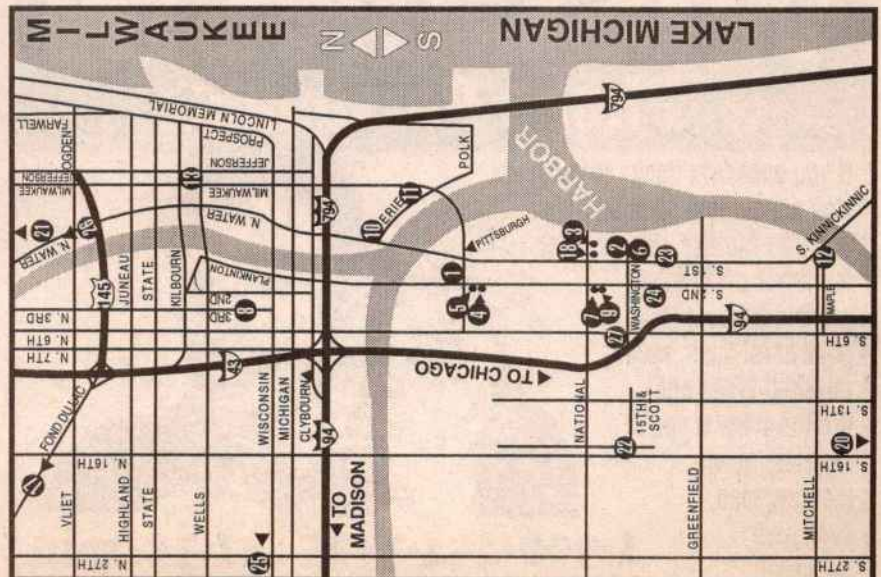
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Appleton **RENAISSANCE MAN**: Dave, 24 5'10 blind/blu 145 like to do a little bit of everything- great smile, like camping hiking fishing sports- like guys, musc- about my height- #7131

Waukesha **SCOTT**, 20 5'5 135, looking for my area who is 18-26, likes to have fun, hang out be friends, int in poss rel- that's about it, thanks- #6871

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Green Bay **I'M SURE WE CAN FIND SOMEONE**: Dick looking to get together, new to scene looking for anyone that can help me with that- #8029

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WI **PARTNER WANTED**: GWM 50's young gay bi wm 20's long hair a + same time, some place rel, maybe more- #8201

Madison **JASON** 23, looking for 20-26, quiet times and partying- #8379

Milwaukee **GWM** 30 6' 130 blue eyes, clean shaven, smooth looking for good times- #1775

Eau Claire **SLEEPING BAG FOR TWO**: 21 brn/blu hairy chest, goatee vers looking to meet 21-25 in area into music, outdoors, camping-whatever lkg for fun times, snuggling- #2135

715 Area Code **WORKING MANS PHD**: 38 male into weightlifting, working man, like masc men-fit guys to 45-like traveling to FL in the winter, travelling, tennis, hoping to hear from you- #33814

Racine **WHAT INSTRUMENT DO YOU PLAY?** Gary 6' slim tan long hair, like rock and roll, I'm a musician, outdoors, beach seafood, music, sincere-

Milwaukee **CYRIL** 35 GWM - like classical music, movies, theatre- dining out- lkg for special someone for rel brn/brn beard must- #3687

715 Area Code **HOLD THE DOOR FOR ME**: Joel gdlkg cross dresser want to be treated like a lady- #3737

Madison **JASON** 23 gdlkg dk features mustache dk/dk eyes fun times, pass something serious- like to cook, travel, racquetball, good husband material, sense of humor- lkg for 21-34 good shape, non smoker w/sim int- #3743

Madison **GBM** 30 lkg for someone comfortable with themselves- not looking for any games quiet eyes at home, movies sports, enjoying life - race not imp- lkg for under 35- #4156

Madison **26 WM** 5'10 175 - lkg to get with asian/hisp under 25 for a great time! #4629

Central WI **OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY**: Bill GWM - lkg for other gay, bi, TV's, cross dressers couples int in having fun- good times #4645

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Milwaukee **TODD**- Tom Cruise lookalike, brn/blu, 155, lkg for a workout partner 3x a week- #4717

Lacrosse **EXERCISE THIS OPTION**: inexp WM 28 5'11 160 masc seeks 20-28 for friendship and fun times - also looking for a workout partner- #4735

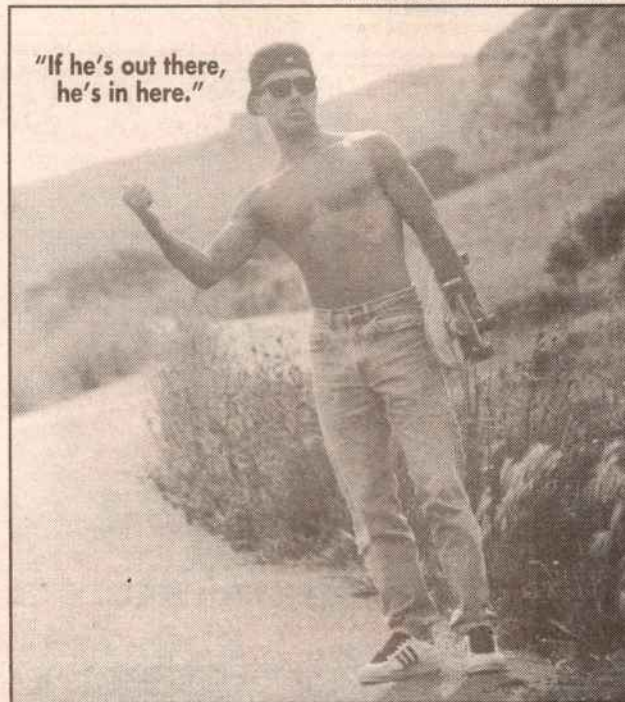
715 Area Code **RICK** 27 male 5'11 lkg to meet 20-30 like outdoors, and having a good time- #4736

Milwaukee **SHOW ME THE ROPES**: int in younger 18-30 int in leather scene, shaving - BD in the afternoon or wknds for long sessions, smooth blind bodies- if int lv a descr of yourself- #27712

715 Area Code **TWO PUSES, NO MINUSES**: Tall thin GWM vers tp, fun, outdoors, gdlkg + lkg for other + to share int or pass rel- #4751

Milwaukee **TV IN THE BEDROOM**: Cross dresser looking for others, and older men who are exp and love to cuddle #43091

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Milwaukee **OUTDOORSMAN**- GWM 27 men under 30 hunting, fishing, boating, looking for someone in Milwaukee or N. Wisconsin #3231

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414 Area Code **TOM** 18, 5'8 brn/brn 170 college student w/broad shoulders, wide chest musc legs 18-25 only honest sense of humor strong minded- no bi's non drink/smoke U B 2. #4095

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Madison **GWM** 25 5'11 brn/brn 160 goatee lkg for 18-35 in my area, hairy, musc gdlkg discreet- #12439

Racine **THERE'S A PARTY AT MY PLACE AND I WANT YOU ALL TO COME:** Come party with me GWM 36 seeking area men to invite to my party! #1549

Marshfield **COME TO MY PARTY:** Vichot 26 GWM, 6', 168, non-drinker blond/blu seeks slim, avg built guys 21-29 for fun and friendship- interests are: music, walking, dancing, house parties and other fun activities. #27563

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Warwick County **COMPOUND INTERESTS:** Mark, GWM 34, 5'11, 250, HIV-, looking for GWM any age in my area-like music cooking-walks, talks, waterfalls, gardening, list too numerous to mention #34667

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WI **THATS WHY THE LADY IS A TRAMP:** Cameron 22y/o TV into couples, women and men, vgl and versatile slim attractive and college educated, open minded. #34758

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Kenosha **YOUNGER BROTHER WANTED-** gay or bi of any race under 40 by 42y/o hairy beard must, 5'9 230 teddy bear for male bonding the buddy/buddy good times & pleasure-tired of the bars? me too! romantically inclined -serious only reply. #35053

Appleton **MR. MODEST:** Greg Too good to be true reg guy workout, looking for workout buddy, enjoys sports athletic-looking for 6' or larger who likes to have fun likes to laugh. #36439

Milwaukee **CENSORED BY THE FCC:** submissive TV int in guys wild times bd seeking a fem TV or TV for sincere rel. into all kinds of things - anything thats wild - clean and discreet #42713

Milwaukee **HANES YOUR WAY:** Hsp man 30 seeking fem TV or she/male 18-25 slim petite into garters poss long term rel. #39930

Milwaukee **THE BEAR FACTS:** Brian 23 enjoy French A/P int in meeting older men >36 heavy set hairy, the bigger the better. #42632

Madison **DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMEN:** James bi/wm Madison area looking for older mature indiv 40-60 #42653

Milwaukee **CREATIVE PLAYTHINGS:** Gdlkg 35 6'2 - looking for hot intell hunks who like to be creative. #42850

Milwaukee **INFORMAL ATTIRE:** Don 30 bi/wm open minded, versatile seeking other guys into casual times - #42896

Kenosha **HEY HEY HEY TIRED OF THE BARS?** being alone and all the games and bs? looking for passion? int in a cuddly buddy pal 34 furry gwm teddy bear husky must beard brn/blue romantic, seeks brotherly buddy or pal any race under 35. #42957

Madison **GOLLY GEE, MR. WIZARD!** 26 Marco looking to meet a man around my age to experiment- not into scene for awhile-up for anything - call me. #42973

Milwaukee **LOOKING FOR A TV GUIDE:** 27 virgin looking for a cross dresser to show me the ropes and the scene #43003

Milwaukee **GREEN HORN:** Inexperienced college student, 5'9", looking for someone 18-24 yrs. old to have fun with. #33020

Appleton **BI THE WAY:** 25 yr. old, 5'11", Bln/Blu, bi male looking for guys in the area, 20-26 yrs. old, into outdoors and dancing. #33040

Milwaukee **PASSION:** Truthful male, 33, 6', looking for some passionate men to enjoy life with and who want to have good times together. #33083

Milwaukee **SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY:** 5'8", slim, looking for friends in the area to show me around a little. I am new here from Texas. #33118

Madison **PARTY ON DUDE:** Fun guy, college student, 20 yrs. old, into sports, working out, and partying, looking for someone who wants to have nothing but fun. #33703

Eau Claire **PULL OVER:** Police officer, 36, 6', seeking young 18-32 yr. old TP's. You must be very discreet. #33752

Milwaukee **LIMITED PARTNERSHIP:** 32 yr. old, 5'10", 150, Bln/Brn, professional looking seeks others in the area for a relationship. #33794

Appleton **HEY, CLARK KENT:** 26 yr. old, nice build, 5'7" looking for that super hero look alike, 25-35 yrs. old, to sweep me off my feet. #33960

Jefferson **DOUBLE AXEL:** 6'1", Blk/Brn, 200, self employed, into ice skating, taking walks, and being with someone who I really want to be with. You are kind, caring, honest, and sincere. #34044



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