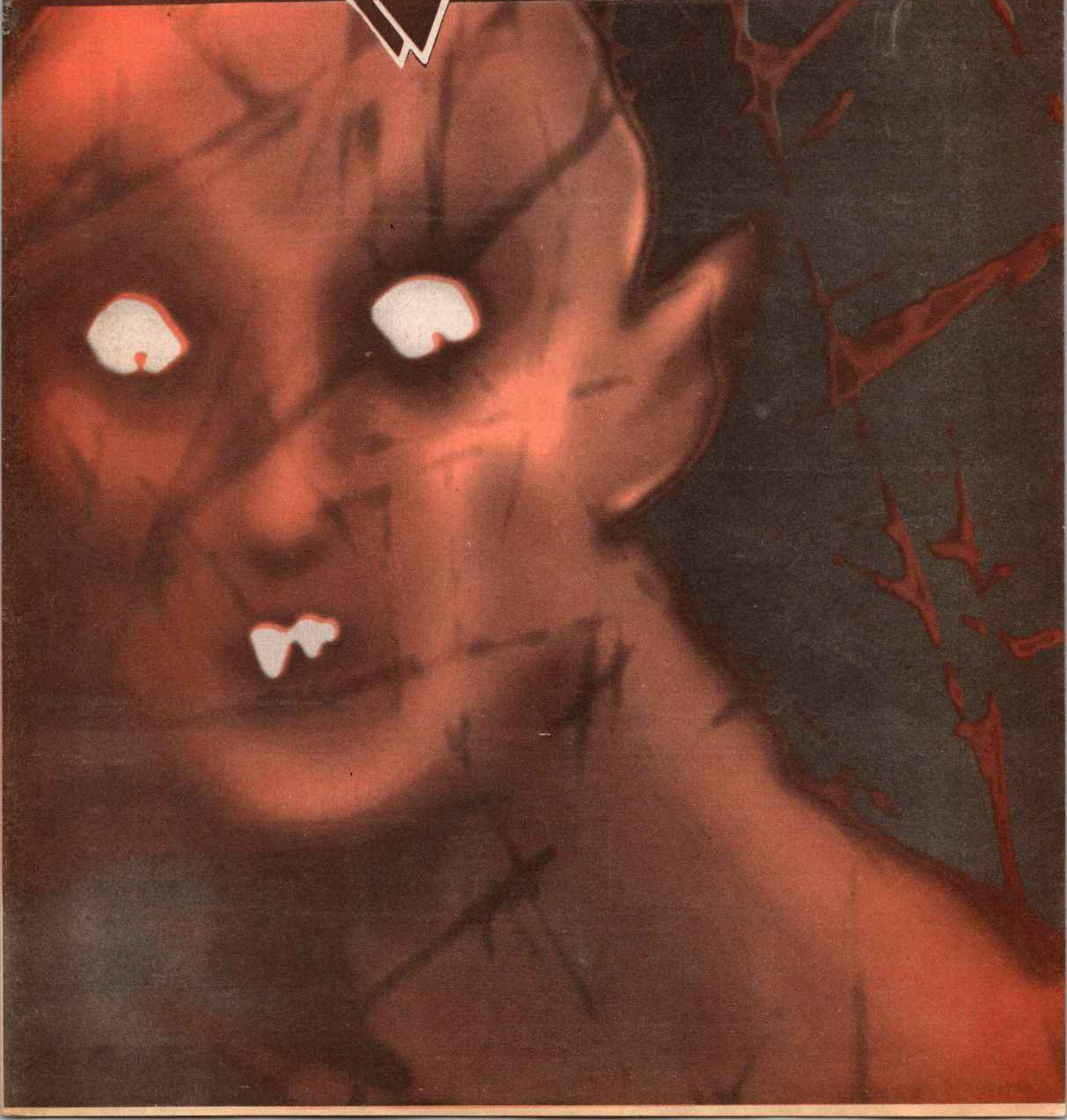


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WI Supreme Court Considers Lesbian Visitation Rights

Ruling Could Set National Precedent

By John Cain

Madison — The Wisconsin State Supreme Court heard oral arguments October 12th in the case of a Lesbian seeking visitation rights with the child she helped raise with her former partner. Observers say a ruling favorable to the plaintiff, Sandy Holtzman, could set a national precedent as more and more courts deal with the issues of the children of same-sex relationships.

Holtzman, 43, and her former partner, Elsbeth Knott, 45, had been in a relationship since 1983. They exchanged vows in a commitment ceremony in 1984 and the couple later decided to have a child together. Knott conceived a son, referred to in court records as "H.S.," through artificial insemination in Boston by an unknown donor. The child was born in 1988. Knott and Holtzman are both named on H.S.'s birth certificate. The couple held a church ceremony naming both of them as H.S.'s parents. H.S. has a hyphenated last name, Holtzman-Knott.

MOVED TO MADISON IN '92

The couple moved to Madison in June 1992 so Holtzman could attend the University of Wisconsin Madison Law School. Knott is a graduate student at UW in child and family studies, currently on medical leave. When the couple broke up later that year, Knott refused to allow Holtzman to see the child, now nearly six years old.

Holtzman sued in 1993 for custody and visitation rights under a state law allowing people who had "maintained a parent-like relationship with the child" to seek visitation. She charged that Knott was an unfit parent because of mental instability, citing evidence of self-mutilation and the fact that Knott had been under a suicide watch in Dane County in 1992-93. Knott argued that Holtzman had no right to a hearing on visitation, because such a hearing would interfere with Knott's constitutional right to decide with whom the child should associate. Additionally, Knott charged that Holtzman was emotionally abusive of her and that Holtzman didn't really care about the boy. Holtzman, she charged, was using the case to establish herself as a child advocacy lawyer.

Dane County Circuit Judge George Northrup summarily ruled against Holtzman, finding that although visitation with Holtzman was clearly in the child's best interest, he was unable to grant it because of a 1991 Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling in another case involving Lesbians and visitation rights. In that case, known as **ZJH**, the Court ruled that

the visitation law applied only when there was a legal action already affecting the family before the court, such as a divorce or custody petition. In Wisconsin, as in the rest of the nation, same-sex marriages are not legally recognized.

Northrup wrote in his opinion, "Lack of love and guidance in the lives of children is a major problem in our society. Does it make sense for the law to worsen this sad fact by denying a child contact with one they have come to accept as their parent, especially when it clearly appears to be in the best interest of this child?"

SKIPPED APPELLATE COURT

Holtzman appealed, and the Supreme Court took the unusual step of accepting the case directly from the trial court, bypassing the appellate court. The Court also ordered Knott to allow Holtzman to see the boy pending the outcome of the case.

Judith Sperling Newton, Holtzman's attorney, called upon the Court to overturn its ruling in **ZJH**. Noting that Wisconsin state law requires decisions affecting the welfare of a child to be made in the best interests of the child. Newton argued that the rule established in **ZJH** made it impossible for the best interests of the child to be protected. Additionally, Newton argued that because the child came from a non-traditional family, his Constitutional right to equal protection are being violated. "One of the people he considers a parent has been deprived of the right to maintain that relationship," she said. "If H.S. were the child of a traditional family, there would be no question of allowing visitation to both his parents." The US Supreme Court has ruled that a child may not be discriminated against based on the marital status of its parents.

Newton illustrated the level of disruption H.S. would suffer by listing for the justices the people H.S. considers to be members of his family. The include "Mommy (Knott), My San (Holtzman), Grandma Bart (Sandy's mother), Grandpa Tom (Sandy's father), Aunt Sherry (Sandy's sister) and the child's godmother, and Uncle Steve (Sandy's brother). It makes no difference to this child that these people are not biologically related to him. He knows they love and nurture him."

LAWYER PROPOSES "TEST"

Newton proposed a three-pronged test for trial judges to determine whether an individual has standing to petition for visitation or custody. First, the petitioner and the child must have lived in the same household. Second, the petitioner must have assumed the obligations of parenthood by taking daily responsibility for the child's care, education and development and contributing to the

support of the child. Third, the petitioner must have been in a parental role long enough for the child to have developed a "bonded, dependent relationship" with the petitioner.

Knott's attorney, Charles Schutze, argued that Holtzman had no standing to sue for custody or visitation. There is no underlying legal action, such as a divorce, affecting the family, and the family unit of Knott and H.S. is an "intact unitary family" as defined by **ZJH**, he said. He cited a number of cases which he said indicated that Holtzman was outside the family unit and had no right to disrupt the family unit. He further argued that the relationship between Knott and H.S. is Constitutionally protected, and that the relationship between Holtzman and H.S. did not enjoy similar Constitutional protection.

Schutze also talked about the intent of the Legislature in writing the sections of the statute cited by Newton. In an ironic twist, Schutze argued that the fact that Wisconsin is one of eight states which offer some legal protection to LesBiGay people as an indicator that "the inaction of the Legislature (to specifically protect the rights of LesBiGay people acting in parental roles) is not mere passivity, but a blessing by the Legislature upon this Court's interpretation... It's clear that the Legislative intent here is that there be an action affecting (a legally recognized) marriage before visitation is to be allowed."

In response, Newton argued that none of the cases cited by Schutze applied to this case, and that the decision in **ZJH** was simply a wrong decision which should be overturned.

There are signs that the Court will enter a ruling favorable to Holtzman. Taking up the case directly from the trial court requires at least a 4-3 vote of the justices. During oral arguments, four of the seven justices also seemed willing to accept the suggestion of H.S.'s court-appointed attorney, Linda Balisle. Balisle maintained that trial courts should have discretion to grant visitation whenever a relationship dissolves, whether there is a legal divorce or not.

A favorable ruling in this case would mark the first time any state Supreme Court would recognize the validity of same-sex relationships. As courts around the country grapple with custody and visitation issues involving children from Gay and Lesbian partnerships, they could look to Wisconsin for guidance.

The Court is expected to issue its ruling by June of next year. A ruling in Holtzman's favor would send the matter back to the trial court for a hearing into the specific issues of Holtzman's claims to custody and visitation.

Colorado's Amendment 2 Again Struck Down

Fate of Similar Initiatives on November Ballot Unclear

By Jamakaya

Denver, CO — In a surprise present to Gay and Lesbian Americans on National Coming Out Day, the Colorado Supreme Court issued a 6-1 ruling striking down that state's anti-Gay Amendment 2. It was the second major defeat for the amendment whose constitutionality may ultimately be decided by the US Supreme Court.

Amendment 2 was passed by 53% of Colorado voters in November of 1992. Opponents immediately filed for an injunction against its implementation, so it has never gone into effect. Amendment 2 would have voided Gay rights ordinances in the cities of Denver, Aspen and Boulder and would have prohibited the state or any of its cities or counties from adopting discrimination protections based on sexual orientation.

The state's high court upheld a previous decision by District Judge Jeffrey Bayless who said Amendment 2 violates the equal protection clause of the Colorado and US constitutions. The measure "violates the fundamental right of an identifiable group to participate in the political process."

"The right to participate equally in the political process is clearly affected by Amendment 2," the majority ruling of the supreme court stated. "States have no compelling interest in amending their constitutions in ways that violate fundamental federal rights."

The court methodically discounted all of the contentions made by attorneys defending Amendment 2. It rejected the idea that Amendment 2 protected the religious freedom of those who, for moral reasons, oppose homosexuality. The court said exemptions for religious groups could be written into discrimination guidelines and that parents still had the freedom to hold anti-Gay views or express them to their children.

Proponents argued that Gay rights protections would lead to a flood of lawsuits and deprive other minority groups of the ability to redress their discrimination claims. The court dismissed this fear, citing evidence that other states and localities with civil rights protections for Gays had not been deluged with complaints or been unable to respond to other bias claims.

The Colorado Supreme Court also rejected the claim that homosexuals represent a "special interest group" that is not in need of protections and the idea that government has a compelling

interest in promoting "family values." While acknowledging the importance of family life, the court said government had no interest in promoting "a particular form of family."

The court's decision was greeted with joy by Gay rights advocates.

"This is a decisive affirmation of Lesbian and Gay rights, and a crushing blow to the radical right's efforts to curtail important constitutional protections," said attorney Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund. "The constitutional guarantee of equal protection for all citizens cannot be swept away by a popular vote."

"The legal effect of the court's ruling is limited to the borders of Colorado," Goldberg told the *Washington Blade*, "but the persuasive effect will be felt nationwide. Clearly, any other court dealing with an anti-Gay initiative will look to how the Colorado Supreme Court has resolved Amendment 2."

OTHER BALLOT MEASURES

The Colorado victory was sweet, especially since it came just weeks after a federal judge in Ohio voided a similar anti-Gay initiative, Issue 3, passed by Cincinnati voters. Judge Arthur Speigel's reasoning coincided with that of the Colorado court. He said that "Rights protected by the Constitution can never be subordinated to the vote of the majority."

Nevertheless, fundamentalist groups are continuing to promote such initiatives. On November 8, voters in Idaho, Oregon and in Alachua County, Florida will consider anti-Gay referenda.

Proposition 1 in Idaho and Proposition 13 in Oregon, along with the county referendum in Florida, will repeal and block any laws which prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. The statewide measures forbid same-gender marriage and domestic partnerships as well as any discussion of homosexuality in the schools. They also ban the use of public funds for any group or project expressing acceptance of homosexuality.

Arthur Kropp, head of the liberal

think-tank People for the American Way, expressed concern that "The anti-incumbent, pro-Republican, conservative tide in this election could help these anti-Gay initiatives break through. Then our only option involves long, costly court challenges."

In Idaho, the latest polls show that 44% of voters oppose Proposition 1, 35% support it, and 21% remain undecided. All but one major candidate for state and federal office in Idaho has gone on record against the measure. Opponents include Gov. Cecil Andrus (D), Congressmen Larry LaRocco (D) and Michael Crapo (R), and GOP Sens. Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne.

The day after the Colorado decision was announced, the *Idaho Statesman* published an editorial calling Prop. 1 "a legal loser that could cost Idaho's taxpayers thousands of dollars in unnecessary court costs."

Proposition 1 was initiated by the Idaho Citizens Alliance and has support from the Idaho Family Forum, affiliated with the Colorado-based religious group Focus on the Family. A coalition of Gay/Lesbian, women's and civil rights groups spearhead the *No on One* campaign.

In Oregon, where voters rejected a similar measure in 1992, polls indicate that 52% of voters oppose Proposition 13, while 37% support it. The Oregon Citizens Alliance, which has been successful in winning more than 20 anti-Gay referenda in small towns throughout the state, is the prime force behind Prop. 13. The OCA gets financial support from the Christian Coalition and Focus on the Family. Most state politicians oppose Proposition 13. The group opposing it is the *No on 13* campaign.

A national mailing by Gay rights groups recently raised almost \$60,000 for the campaigns in Idaho and Oregon. Donations can be sent to *No on One*, 6163 Clinton Street, Boise, ID 83704 and to *No on 13*, P.O. Box 40625, Portland, OR 97420.

NATIONAL News Briefs

Government Fails to Appeal Meinhold Reinstatement

Washington, DC — The Clinton administration has failed to launch an appeal to a court decision rendered in August that upheld the reinstatement of openly Gay Petty Officer Keith Meinhold to active duty in the Navy.

The October 14 deadline passed

with no action by government attorneys, but President Clinton could still ask the Supreme Court to review the case. Administration sources told the *New York Times* they were not giving up the fight to ban openly Gay people from serving in the military. They said the fact that the Meinhold decision applied to just one person and dealt with the old guidelines rather than the Clinton policy reduced its significance.

Attorney Eugene Fidell told the **Times**: "The government seems to be cutting its losses, and waiting for a case that provides a more appropriate occasion for ventilating the issues under the current policy."

"On purely legal grounds, the Justice Department is not hindering its defense of the new policy by letting this stand," legal scholar Chai Feldblum said of the Meinhold case. "This is consistent with their strategy to conserve resources, and not deal with a policy they can say is not theirs."

Justice Department Urged to Probe Mississippi Murders

Laurel, MS — Sixteen-year-old Marvin McClendon has been charged with murder and robbery in the deaths of two Gay men in the southern Mississippi town of Laurel. While local police believe the men were killed during a robbery attempt, Gay rights advocates are appealing for intervention by federal authorities to ensure a thorough investigation.

Robert Walters, a 34-year-old salesman, and Joseph Shoemake, a 24-year-old electrical worker, were shot in the head at point blank range the night of October 7. The close proximity of the murders to Overt, Mississippi, where Lesbians at Camp Sister Spirit have been the victims of anti-Gay harassment by townspeople, led some Gays and Lesbians to charge that the killings of the two men in Laurel were hate-motivated.

"An arrest has been made, but there are glaring discrepancies in the Sheriff's statements which leave many questions unanswered," said Jill Tregor, a hate crimes expert dispatched to Laurel as an observer for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "That, in addition to the blatant homophobia of the law enforcement officials who are conducting the investigation, leave us skeptical of the results."

"Our job now, and the task before the Gay and Lesbian community everywhere, is to continue to insist that the Department of Justice intercede in this terrible tragedy to ensure that justice is served." Letters can be faxed to Attorney General Janet Reno at the Justice Department: (202) 514-4371.

HRCF Named to Leadership of Civil Rights Group

Washington, DC — The Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest Gay and Lesbian lobbying group, has won a seat on the 30-member governing board of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR).

The Leadership Conference is a coalition of 185 organizations representing women, African-, Asian-,

Native and Hispanic Americans, the disabled, older Americans and other minorities. It has been the legislative arm of the civil rights movement for 44 years and the driving force behind every major piece of civil rights legislation passed since 1950.

"We recognize the persistence of widespread discrimination against Lesbian and Gay people and understand that the elimination of such discrimination is a fundamental civil rights issue," said LCCR Director Ralph Neas. "We also welcome the contributions of the Gay community to furthering equal rights for all people."

HRCF joined the Conference in 1982 and has helped work for passage of the Fair Housing Act of 1988, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1991. The LCCR opposes the ban on Gays in the military and supports the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which will prohibit job bias based on sexual orientation.

"This new position at the head of the table is a great responsibility," said HRCF's Tim McFeeley of the LCCR board seat. "We pledge to continue working in close cooperation with our coalition partners to further the common goal of a more free and just America for all."

Lesbian-Baiting Rears Ugly Head in Several Campaigns

New York, NY — Staten Island Borough President Guy Molinari, a Republican, made waves in mid-October by saying that Karen Burstein, a Democratic candidate for New York State Attorney General, should not win the race because she is "an admitted Lesbian." And in Wyoming, gubernatorial candidate Kathy Karpan, a Democrat, has had to repeatedly deny charges that she is a Lesbian.

In New York, Molinari's attempt to discredit Burstein backfired when leaders of the state GOP, including NYC Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and gubernatorial candidate George Pataki dismissed Molinari's remarks as "inappropriate" and "irrelevant." Burstein's opponent, Dennis Vacco, disavowed Molinari's remarks but continued to use every opportunity to repeat them in front of the media. Burstein, who is leading Vacco by a large margin in polls, is set to become the nation's highest level, openly Lesbian, elected state official.

In Wyoming, Karpan has been the subject of a whispering campaign that broke into the mainstream press when a reporter for the **Cody Enterprise** asked her if she is a Lesbian. Karpan, 52, a two term Secretary of State who has never married, denied she is a Lesbian and charged GOP officials with fanning the longstanding rumor for political gain. Her

opponent in the governor's race is State Senator Jim Geringer.

Physicians Group Adds "Gay and Lesbian" to Title

San Francisco, CA — On National Coming Out Day, the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights, which represents 1,600 physicians in the US and Canada, announced that it will change its name to the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA).

"By proudly becoming the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, we believe we are striking a strong blow against homophobia in medicine," said GLMA Director Benjamin Schatz. "By refusing to remain invisible as a group, we make it harder for the medical establishment to pretend we do not exist and to ignore the needs of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual physicians and patients alike."

"As an organization, we have long maintained that homophobia is a health hazard," noted GLMA President Dr. Bob Cabaj. "Our new openness will be an asset in dealing with such problems as the high rates of suicide among Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual youth, substance abuse, and low self-esteem that can complicate HIV prevention efforts."

The GLMA works to maximize the quality of health services for LesBiGay people, to promote full civil rights, and to foster a professional climate in which members can achieve their full potential. GLMA operates a Lesbian Health Fund, lobbies on issues of concern to LesBiGay youth and has a retention program for HIV-positive health workers. Contact GLMA at 273 Church Street, San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 255-4547.

Florida Supreme Court Upholds Death Sentence for Wuornos

Tallahassee, FL — The Florida Supreme Court has upheld the four murder convictions and death sentences meted out to Aileen Wuornos, a Lesbian who is believed to be one of the only female serial killers in America.

Wuornos, now 38, was convicted of murdering six men along Interstate 4 or Interstate 74 in Florida in 1989 and 1990. Prosecutors charged that Wuornos, who was working as a prostitute, lured the men to secluded areas where she shot them repeatedly and robbed them. Wuornos contended the killings were self-defense after the men had attacked her.

Wuornos's appeals were based on several factors which the state Supreme Court dismissed: that she feels remorse; that she has undergone a religious conversion; that she suffered a deprived childhood; that the court failed to order a competency hearing after her arrest; and

that her "no contest" pleas had been made involuntarily because of incomplete advice from her attorney.

Appeals to the Florida Supreme Court on two other murder convictions are pending. Wuornos is entitled to other appeals in the federal courts before the death sentences can be carried out. A documentary film about her case, *Aileen Wuornos: The Selling of a Serial Killer*, is available on video.

Also on the Newswire...

Chicago, IL — Yet another survey of sexual identity and habits has arrived at yet another figure for the number of people who are Gay or Lesbian. In the survey by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, just 2.8% of male respondents identified as homosexual, while only 1.4% of women did. However, 9% of men and 5% of women reported having at least one homosexual experience since puberty.

Oakland, CA — The *New York Times* reports that former major league baseball star Glenn Burke, who played for the Oakland Athletics and the Los Angeles Dodgers, is suffering through the advanced stages of AIDS. Burke was the first major league player to acknowledge his homosexuality. He said that anti-Gay bias drove him from the sport.

New York, NY — Capitol Cities/ABC, Inc. has become the first TV network in the US to extend spousal benefits to the same-gender partners of its employees. ABC has nearly 20,000 employees in its television, radio and publishing arms, making it one of the largest entertainment companies to extend partner benefits.

Wilmington, NC — A civil lawsuit against the three Marines acquitted last year of assaulting Crae Pridgen outside a Gay bar has been settled out of court. The three Lance Corporals did not admit wrongdoing but signed a statement saying that anti-Gay harassment is wrong. They each also agreed to donate \$100 to an AIDS charity. The suit had sought \$10,000 in damages for violations of civil rights.

Boston, MA — Michael Duffy, a Gay man who is Chairman of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, recently ruled against a Lesbian who complained she had to quit her job at a private prep school in Waltham after school officials refused to let her live in campus housing. Living on campus was a requirement of her employment but living with her Lesbian partner was forbidden because of a school policy against unmarriages cohabiting. Duffy ruled that Christine Huff was a victim of bias against her marital status rather than her sexual orientation and that such marital bias is allowed under Massachusetts law.

Raleigh, NC — The North Carolina chapter of the National Organization for Women has elected a Lesbian as its President. Martha Wilson is the former chair of NC NOW's Lesbian Rights Task Force and the North Carolina Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Equality. She ran unopposed and is the first open Lesbian to hold the state position.

Denver, CO — Earl Hines has been charged with first degree murder in the deaths of two Gay men earlier this year. The victims, Bruce Hutchinson and Poul Anderson, were found shot to death in

separate locations last May. Hines's fingerprints were reportedly found on an empty condom wrapper near Hutchinson's body.

San Antonio, TX — A Roman Catholic order, the Sisters of Charity, first sponsored then shut down an art exhibit called "Spiritual, Sensual, Sexual" after receiving 100 angry phone calls. The exhibit included sculptures of female genitalia in flowerlike formations and a painting of an angel having intercourse on an altar.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

PrideFest Seeks Use of Summerfest Grounds in '95

Negotiations Still in Early Stage

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — In early October, the Board of Directors of PrideFest Inc., which produces Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian Pride celebration each June, authorized PrideFest co-chair Bill Meunier and attorney Steven Brondino to explore the possibility of renting Maier Festival Park — home to Milwaukee's Summerfest and ethnic festivals — as a new site for the Pride event in 1995.

The last issue of *In Step* reported that a contract for use of Maier Festival Park was to be signed by PrideFest officials within days. But Meunier now says more time will be needed to pore over the 35-page contract to clarify issues and to negotiate details.

Meunier told *In Step* that as excited as PrideFest organizers are at the prospect of moving to the Summerfest grounds, they are proceeding with caution. They need to be confident the financial investment is feasible and that the facilities suit PrideFest's needs. They also need to gauge the support their application will have among members of the park's governing board, World Festivals Inc., and among local politicians.

The impetus for the move came with the realization by PrideFest organizers that the festival is continually expanding — more than 15,000 people attended this year — and that better grounds and more cost-effective facilities are required.

"Economically, it makes a lot of sense," Meunier said of the proposed relocation. "We did a cost comparison between the current site north of the War Memorial to Maier Festival Park and found that expenses would be about \$5,000 less. We could save money because of the topnotch, beautiful facilities already in place at the Summerfest grounds."

Meunier said that set-up costs for

this year's PrideFest were over \$25,000. This included \$4,000 for tent rentals, \$4,000 for tables, chairs and food stands, \$1,100 for Port-o-Potties, at least \$1,500 for the main stage alone, and many more thousands for rental of the grounds, for generators and sound equipment, food and drinks, liability insurance, security equipment, publicity, etc.

Although PrideFest would most likely pay a higher rental fee for use of Maier Festival Park (they have requested use of just the northern third of the grounds, which comfortably accommodated the Indian Summer and Asian Moon Festivals), stages, restrooms, kitchens and food stands, tables, chairs and many other facilities are already in place and are included in the cost.

Meunier said another advantage is that the improved kitchen facilities would enable PrideFest to offer a greater diversity of food and that the larger stages and prestige image of the park could attract national performers.

He conceded that if PrideFest moves to Maier Festival Park it would most likely have to charge admission to the new grounds. But Meunier vowed that it would be kept as low as possible, to just \$2 or \$3, to ensure that everyone could attend. He also stressed that PrideFest is a non-profit organization and that any receipts above costs would be donated to the establishment of a Gay and Lesbian community center for Milwaukee.

Wisconsin PrideFest 1995 is scheduled for June 10-11. Much organizing and fundraising needs to be done to ensure its success. Checks can be sent to PrideFest Inc. at P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Volunteers who want to get involved in the expanding event, should call the PrideFest hotline at (414) 272-FEST.

Murder-Suicide Confirmed in Rath, Hurdman Deaths

Janesville — The bodies of philanthropist V. Duane Rath and his longtime companion, Frederick D. Hurdman, were discovered early on October 6 at Rath's Janesville estate. Since **In Step's** coverage in Issue 20, police have ruled that Hurdman stabbed Rath to death, then stabbed himself before succumbing to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Rath, 53, was associated with Rath Manufacturing, which fabricates steel tubing used in everything from electrical wiring to sewer connections. He was credited with turning Rath Manufacturing (founded by his parents in 1952) into an internationally competitive concern.

Rath and Hurdman, 48, had been in what friends describe as a love-hate relationship for at least ten years. Sources say that recently, however, Rath had found a new lover and had become fearful of Hurdman. Rath was reportedly considering hiring a bodyguard. On the night of the deaths, Rath and Hurdman may have been arguing over the amount of money Hurdman was spending on the estate's horses. Caring for the horses was one of Hurdman's duties at the estate.

Rath's body was found in the estate's master bedroom. Police say he had been stabbed at least 12 times. Hurdman was found in the garage. The engines of two vehicles were running.

Rath was a major sponsor of Gay and AIDS-related causes. He was the single largest contributor to the Campaign for Military Service, which fought against the military's ban on LesBiGay service members, and to the Whitman-Walker Clinic's Elizabeth Taylor Medical Center in Washington, DC. He was also reportedly planning on making a sizable donation to the National Holocaust Museum for the purpose of expanding the museum's section on Gay Holocaust victims and survivors. Locally, he was a major contributor to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and to AIDS Walk Wisconsin.

Rath garnered extensive press in 1990 by implementing a company-sponsored scholarship program for the children of company employees, which included up to five years of college tuition for every child of a full-time employee.

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Police Commission Closes File on "Dahmer Cops"

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission decided October 14 not to launch a further appeal of the court-ordered reinstatement of Officers John Balcerzak and Joseph Gabrish, who were fired in 1991 for dereliction of duty in an incident connected to the Jeffrey Dahmer case.

The officers were fired by Police Chief Philip Arreola after it was learned they had had contact with Dahmer several months before the serial killer's actual arrest. In that incident, Balcerzak and Gabrish returned 14-year old Konerak Sinthasomphone to Dahmer's custody and ignored the pleas of Good Samaritan Glenda Cleveland to insure the boy's safety. Dahmer killed Sinthasomphone moments after police left his apartment.

The Fire and Police Commission upheld the officers' firings, finding them guilty of seven different infractions of Police Department rules. The officers appealed their terminations, and earlier this year Reserve Judge Robert Parins ordered their reinstatement. The Commission's decision to halt legal action came just weeks after the 1st District Court of Appeals rejected its challenge of Parins's reinstatement order.

Gabrish has since become an officer for the Grafton Police Department. Balcerzak is back on duty, working in the Communications Operation Division of the MPD, supervising 911 calls.

Support Needed to Challenge State Marriage Laws

Green Bay — Two of the three Lesbian couples who were denied marriage licenses by the Brown County Clerk's office in August are planning to pursue legal action to challenge Wisconsin's marriage statutes with the goal of establishing legal marriage for same-gender couples in the state.

The women, Tracy and Janet Turntine and Anne and Georgie Grinkey, have retained Madison attorney Judith Sperling-Newton, who has advised them of the potential grounds on which to pursue litigation. They are: 1) same-gender couples are not expressly prohibited by Wisconsin statutes from marrying; 2) most of the statutes dealing with marital contracts are gender-neutral; 3) the statutes are designed to encourage legal marriage and set up legal families for the purpose of protecting children; and 4) one part of the statutes does discriminate against

same-gender couples, referring to the "marriage contract between husband and wife."

The Turntines and Grinkeys decided to wait until after the November elections to move forward with their challenge. They need time to build the emotional and financial support to sustain what is likely to be a long and costly legal battle. *Letters of support or financial donations can be sent to: The '94 Wisconsin Marriage Challenge, P.O. Box 2483, Green Bay, WI 54306-2483.*

ARCW Urges Lobbying for Milwaukee Water Reforms

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin is urging everyone with a concern for people with HIV/AIDS to lobby Milwaukee Common Council members in support of an \$89 million proposal for improvements in Milwaukee's municipal water treatment system.

The proposal was introduced by Mayor John Norquist as a means of insuring better water quality and preventing any future infestations of the water supply by cryptosporidium or other microbes. An outbreak of cryptosporidiosis in March-April of 1993 sickened 400,000 area residents and contributed to the deaths of at least 92 people with HIV/AIDS.

At a special Common Council meeting October 17, many Council members balked at the expenditure involved in making the improvements. ARCW urges people to call their Council members to remind them that 10,000 people living with HIV/AIDS are relying on them to enact the water quality proposal and that the extra \$1.40 per month on water bills is a reasonable cost to ensure safe water. Common Council members can be reached by calling (414) 286-2221.

Gay and Lesbian are Homecoming Royalty at UW-Stevens Point

Stevens Point — History was made at the UW-Stevens Point campus in the past month when almost 600 students voted for a Gay man and a Lesbian to serve as their school's Homecoming King and Queen.

Trevor Ilk and Nancy LeBeau, President and Publicity Director of the school's Ten Percent Society, were elected Homecoming King and Queen and presided over Homecoming festivities. "For the most part," Ilk told the **Milwaukee Journal**, "the number of negative prejudice-type things have been minimal, which I suppose can be another example of the changing climate on campus."

UW-Stevens Point Chancellor Keith Sanders agreed: "I think it's a compliment to the students who elected the homecoming king and queen. They did not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference."

90 Milwaukeeans "Come Out" in the Milwaukee Journal

Milwaukee — The **Milwaukee Journal** ran a large photo on the front page of the *Crossroads* section of its Sunday, October 9 edition in which 90 Milwaukeeans — young and old, black and white, men and women, professionals and laborers — came out to the paper's hundreds of thousands of readers. The feature article was headlined *Gay Dilemma: Coming Out or Staying In?*

The group photo was the brainchild of the Human Rights League for Gays and Lesbians, which organized the photo shoot as a means of increasing Gay visibility around National Coming Out Day. For many of those in the photo, it was the first public acknowledgement of their homosexuality. A key on the following page listed each person's name and occupation, and three articles by Gays and Lesbians with different perspectives on coming out accompanied the photo.

On October 11 itself, the Human Rights League, along with other groups, sponsored a reception for public officials at the Village Church which drew State Rep. Barb Notestein, Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist, County Executive Thomas Ament, County Supervisors Dorothy Dean and Elizabeth Coggs-Jones, City Councilwoman Marlene Johnson, Assistant Police Chief James Koleas and many others.

Meanwhile in Madison, Action Wisconsin was rebuffed in its attempt to get Gov. Tommy Thompson to issue a proclamation declaring October 11 National Coming Out Day in the state. Kevin Baird, a group representative, managed to meet with Thompson's chief of staff, John Matthews, a meeting which Baird said laid the groundwork for future cooperation.

Club 3054 Surrenders Liquor License

Madison — Cheri Becker, owner of Madison's Club 3054, surrendered the club's liquor license to the city in early October. The club was in the middle of a 90-day license suspension after being cited as a "disorderly house" following a three month undercover investigation earlier this year by Madison authorities of allegations of public sex acts in the basement bar, Wings.

The Club has been closed since September 6. Becker had previously

expressed doubts about her ability to reopen the bar after the suspension. The penalty imposed by the city was the harshest available short of revocation of the license. Becker reported that business was down by close to two-thirds before the suspension as a result of the publicity surrounding the case. Becker's attorney, Richard Jacobson, said that Becker had been unable to keep up with rent payments on the space.

Ray Jacobson, owner of Ray's Bar & Grille in Madison, has announced plans to open a new bar called Reflections at the former Club 3054 site. He said the new bar should be ready to open in late November.

Also Around the State...

Menasha — A one-of-a-kind newsletter and literary review for and about Gay and Lesbian reading clubs, called **The Lavender Salon Reader**, is being published in Menasha. For more information, contact publisher Michael Nitz, 1474 Home Avenue, Menasha, WI 54952, (414)738-0497. E-mail is LavSalon@aol.com.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

Highlights and Lowlights of 103rd Congress Revealed

HRCF Issues Legislative Report Cards; Feingold Gets 100%

Washington, DC — The 103rd Congress recently lurched to its conclusion with a very mixed record on issues of concern to Gays and Lesbians and people with HIV/AIDS.

Among the greatest disappointments were Congressional codification of the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military, the failure to pass health care reform legislation or re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, and the repeated attempts by homophobic representatives like Sen. Jesse Helms and Rep. Bob Dornan to attach anti-Gay amendments to everything from arts funding to agriculture bills.

But there was also progress to report in the 103rd Congress. The Human Rights Campaign Fund issued this list of victories:

- ▼ The House and Senate, by overwhelming margins, approved the Hate Crimes Sentencing Enhancement Act, the first-ever federal protection encompassing sexual orientation (the bill

was modeled after Wisconsin's pioneering statute);

- ▼ The Senate confirmed the nation's first openly Lesbian (or Gay) federal judge, 47-year-old Harvard Law School graduate Deborah Batts, who is an African American;

- ▼ Majorities in the House and Senate pledged not to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in their own staff hiring decisions;

- ▼ **The Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA)** was introduced, and more members of Congress co-sponsored ENDA in 1994 than sponsored the Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights bill in its 15 years of existence;

- ▼ The Senate held hearings on ENDA, the first such hearings ever on the subject of Gay and Lesbian civil rights;

- ▼ Four different Congressional committees voted to prohibit anti-Gay and anti-HIV/AIDS discrimination in health care reform legislation;

- ▼ Idaho's entire Congressional delegation agreed to publicly oppose the anti-Gay initiative on November's ballot in that state *see related story*;

- ▼ The House voted 227-192 against legislation which would have automatically discharged all people with HIV or AIDS from the armed forces; and



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Straight Talk (well, sort of) About Taxes

We all pay taxes to the State of Wisconsin whether through income taxes, sales taxes, or property taxes. Even those of us who, like me, are renters, pay property taxes because landlords simply pass on property tax increases to tenants through rent increases.

Frankly, I think we all pay too much already in taxes in all three areas. That is why I am deeply concerned about the proposal which was recently adopted to take two-thirds of the cost of funding the public schools off the property tax. I am concerned that legislators will simply raise income taxes or sales taxes in order to fund this proposal, and we will all end up right where we started or even worse off.

For that reason, I have pledged to oppose any increase in the income tax rate or the sales tax rate to fund this proposal or any other proposal. My opponent has not made such a pledge.

Here are some of my proposals for providing permanent and real tax relief:

- Adopting **permanent caps on property tax levy increases** for all local govern-

mental units which would require a referendum by the voters of the district to exceed such caps. **My opponent opposed such a proposal when it was introduced to Governor Thompson in 1987, and had it been adopted, our property taxes and thus our rent would have been 25% lower today!**

- Applying the sales and property taxes to certain exempt transactions and properties.

- Requiring schools and other local governmental units to become more efficient** and thus cut spending, rather than just limiting increases in spending.

- Identifying wasteful spending in the state bureaucracy** and cutting such spending—putting the state on a Slim-Fast diet.

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▼ The House voted 224-194 to limit federal interference in local school programs serving Lesbian and Gay youth.

REPORT CARDS

At the close of the session, HRCF issued report cards grading each senator and representative for their votes on a handful of key Gay or AIDS-related issues. Sen. Russ Feingold (D) was the only member of the Wisconsin delegation to receive 100%.

Feingold earned his perfect score for voting in support of HRCF's position on these five issues: 1) freeing funds for the District of Columbia to finance its domestic partners ordinance; 2) voting to prevent codification of the ban on Gays and Lesbians in the military; 3) making it a federal crime to use force or threats to block access to abortion clinics; 4) opposing a Helms amendment requiring parental consent for minors to obtain condoms or contraceptives; and 5) opposing Helms's attempt to deny federal funds to schools that offer support to Gay and Lesbian youth.

Wisconsin's other Democratic Senator, Herb Kohl, lagged behind Feingold with a 60% grade. Kohl infuriated his Gay and Lesbian constituents by voting to codify the ban on homosexuals in the military, and supported Jesse Helms's attempt to deprive Gay and Lesbian youth of support services in their schools.

House members were judged on five major votes as well, and no Wisconsin representatives got a perfect score. The five issues were: codification of the military ban; restricting federal funds for indigent women's abortions; the House version of Helms's measure to bar funds from schools offering support to Gay youth; a vote requiring immediate separation of military personnel who have HIV/AIDS; and a measure banning funds to implement DC's domestic partners law.

The highest grades among Wisconsin pols went to openly Gay Rep. Steve Gunderson (R) and Rep. Tom Barrett (D), who each received marks of 80%. Gunderson missed a perfect score by voting against funding for poor women's abortions (arguably, a non-Gay issue), while Barrett voted to withhold funding for DC's partners law.

Rep. David Obey (D) got 75% for voting against abortion funds and failing to cast a vote on DC partners funding. Democrats Jerry Kleczka and Peter Barca each scored 60%. They both voted against abortion funding and DC partners funding. Scott Klug earned an uninspiring 40%, and his remaining GOP colleagues, Thomas Petri, Toby Roth and James Sensenbrenner flunked completely. Each of the three men earned zeros.

The November 8 elections could bring changes to Wisconsin's Congressional delegation and will undoubtedly bring changes to the overall

make-up of the House and the Senate. If predictions of GOP victories come true, the Gay and Lesbian community will have its work cut out for itself when the 104th Congress convenes in January.

AIDS Activists Disappointed with Congressional Inaction

Funds Increase Slightly But Other Issues Ignored

Washington, DC — Although the 1995 federal budget includes slight increases in funding for AIDS care, prevention and research, AIDS advocates are generally disappointed with the 103rd Congress. The session left a number of AIDS-related issues, from health care reform to the Ryan White CARE Act, unresolved.

"When members of Congress returned to their home districts, they left behind a string of unfinished business that will adversely affect people living with HIV/AIDS," said Daniel Bross of the AIDS Action Council. "Despite some gains in AIDS funding, partisan politics kept much AIDS-related legislation from making significant advances."

Funding for AIDS programs in the 1995 budget increased by \$142 million, or about 6% over the fiscal year 1994 budget. This is far below the 40% increase sought by the AIDS Action Council.

The Ryan White CARE Act was boosted by \$53 million to \$633 million. Research funds increased by \$41 million to a total of \$1.33 billion, and funds for preventive education increased by \$47 million to \$590 million. Total AIDS spending for fiscal year 1994 was \$2.41 billion. For 1995, it will be approximately \$2.56 billion.

"While the final figures do not match those originally sought by AIDS Action, they do represent crucial increases over last year's funding levels. Such increases are significant in light of formidable budgetary constraints faced this year," according to Christine Lubinski of the AIDS Action Council.

"We worked harder this year to get fewer dollars, and we're concerned that it's going to be even tougher to get even modest increases in AIDS funding next year," she said.

While immersed in the funding battle, AIDS Action also joined AIDS advocates from around the country to push for an early multi-year re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act. The CARE Act, which funnels money to localities for care services,

expires next year. Re-authorization now would have ensured that the process wouldn't impede the appropriations cycle next year or be subject to what is expected to be a more conservative Congress.

But despite ardent efforts by all, including representatives of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, the CARE Act re-authorization did not move forward. It will be re-introduced when Congress opens its 104th session in January.

Other AIDS-related legislation that stalled in the 103rd Congress but will require immediate attention when Congress reconvenes includes:

▼ **Re-Authorization of the Housing and Community Development Act**, which authorizes all federal housing programs, including the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program;

▼ **Re-Authorization of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**, which funds substance abuse block grants;

▼ **Re-Authorization of the Safe Drinking Water Act**, which deals in part with levels of parasitic cryptosporidium that exist in municipal water systems. A crypto infestation of the Milwaukee water system contributed to the deaths of more than 100 people, many of them with HIV/AIDS.

In addition to the funding battle and stalled legislation, AIDS advocates spent valuable time fighting proposals like Sen. Jesse Helms's amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which would have denied federal funds to schools that allowed any discussions or activities perceived as condoning homosexuality. The amendment was eventually watered down.

AIDS advocates also fought an amendment to the crime bill that would force individuals charged with sex offenses to undergo HIV testing at the victim's request. Republican legislators managed to have the provision included in the final version of the bill.

Also of interest to the AIDS community, the Dietary Supplements Health and Education Act passed in the final hours of the session. The bill preserves the Food and Drug Administration's authority to regulate new dietary ingredients and requires manufacturers to show they are safe.

"This session's poor showing for people living with HIV/AIDS signals the tough battle the AIDS community will face in the 104th Congress, which all indicators suggest will be more fiscally and ideologically conservative," Daniel Bross warned.

Group Notes

MAP'S Holiday Food Drive

For Families Affected by AIDS

Milwaukee — This holiday season, the **Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) Food Pantry** will be distributing food baskets to families affected by HIV disease. The agency is currently seeking interested individuals and organizations to provide a holiday dinner complete with all the trimmings, for a family of one to eleven or for several families.

Dinner menus include frozen and non-perishable food items. Monetary donations to assist in the purchase of perishable items such as fresh fruits and vegetables will also be accepted. Menus, which specify the amount of food needed, are available for all family sizes by calling MAP.

"Throughout the year we help ensure that the individuals and families we serve have access to good nutritious food," said Doug Nelson, executive director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. "The holidays are the perfect time for people throughout the Milwaukee area to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve by donating food to fill these baskets."

To date in 1994, the MAP food pantry has distributed over 4,700 bags of groceries to people living with HIV disease. Since 1992, approximately 115 tons of food has been distributed.

Volunteers will be provided for delivery and distribution of completed holiday baskets. For more information or to request basket menus, please call Andy Bagnall at (414) 273-1991, ext. 253.

Madison's United

Volunteer Orientation Nov. 9

Madison — The United, Madison's LGB agency for social change, will be holding an orientation session on Wednesday, November 9 from 7-9pm for people interested in learning about volunteer opportunities at The United including staffing phone lines, the Speaker's Bureau, working on the library, serving on committee of the Board, etc.

To learn more about these and other volunteer opportunities, attend the orientation session at The United, 14 West Mifflin. Questions? Call (608) 255-8582.

Ms. Gay Wisconsin Pageant

Appleton — King Productions has announced that the **5th Annual Ms. Gay Wisconsin Pageant** will be held on Sunday, December 4 at The Pivot Club.

Contestants will compete in Personal Interview, Talent and Evening Wear.

The winner will travel the state during her reign and promote the Pageant. Contestants are expected from Madison, Wausau, Green Bay and Appleton.

For information or applications, contact Debbie Wagner at (414) 954-9214.

'95 Entertainment Books

Milwaukee — LAMM Education Fund is selling **1995 Entertainment Books**, a book of coupons and savings for restaurants, theaters, sports and services throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

Each book is only \$35 and can provide thousands of dollars in savings. It's bigger and better than last year's! Buy one for yourself or give one as a holiday gift.

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Boyfriends & Lovers

Milwaukee — What are the components of safe, healthy intimacy? How can we maintain a sense of growth and balance in our romantic relationships? How do we know when a relationship is becoming destructive for ourselves or a partner, and what can we do to avoid this from happening?

The **Gay Men's Discussion Group** is scheduled to discuss this topic on Sunday, November 6 from 6-8pm at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue. Michael Pazdan,

CICSW, CADC III, a psychotherapist in the Milwaukee area, will assist with facilitating the discussion.

Preregistration is not required, and the cost is a \$3 donation. If you'd like more information, please call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

Understanding the Needs of Gay & Lesbian Elderly

Milwaukee — Arlene Kochman, the executive director of SAGE New York, a nationwide social service agency serving Gay and Lesbian elderly, will lead a workshop for local community service providers on Friday, November 4, 9am-Noon, at the Hospitality Inn, 4400 South 27th Street.

Her presentation, *The Silent Minority: Understanding the Needs of Gay & Lesbian Elderly*, is designed for social workers, nurses, case aides, clergy, counselors, senior center personnel, and other human service personnel in direct contact with older adults. SAGE/ Milwaukee is co-sponsoring the event with UW-Milwaukee.

Current statistics show that there are over 4 million Gay men and Lesbians over the age of 60 in the US today.

Kochman will address the following questions: Who are Gay and Lesbian clients, what are their special issues, how can they be reached, what resources are available to the Gay and Lesbian elderly, and what are the special needs of elderly with AIDS and what resources are available to them?

A \$35 fee includes a continental breakfast and materials. Participants may earn 3 CEU. To register, call (414) 227-3200. For more information, call the UWM Center on Aging at (414) 229-5514.

Mr./Miss Gay WI Pageant

A Tradition for Over 20 Years

Milwaukee — On Saturday, November 5, 1994, the **Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant** continues a 22 year tradition at the Marc Plaza Hotel. Since 1971, when Jamie Gays was crowned the first Miss Gay Milwaukee, The Pageant Committee, it's committed supporters and staff continues to come together to put on one of the communities premiere local pageants, complete with cocktail hour (5pm), sit down dinner (6:30pm), and a fabulous show (8pm) with a well rehearsed, exciting opening number which usually



'93's Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin, Christopher Ellex and Lisa Spencer.

brings the audience to its feet.

In 1974 the name of the contest was changed to Miss Gay Wisconsin and Mr. Groovy Guy. Since it's inception, the Pageant has been held at a variety of locations: Castaways, Neptune, the Factory, and Centre Stage. In 1980, when it changed its name to the Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant, it also found a permanent home at the Marc Plaza hotel.

Various local, and at least one nationally known female impersonator has held the title of Miss Gay Wisconsin. Mimi Marx captured the title in 1989. Rona, Miss M, Ginger Spice, Vanessa Alexandre and others from Milwaukee have held the title. BJ Daniels was crowned Miss Gay Wisconsin ten years ago. The current titleholders include Lisa Spencer and Christopher Alex.

Prizes for the winners include \$500 for Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin; \$200 for first place; \$100 for second; and, \$50 for third.

Information on The Pageant, whether to enter and compete, or to just sit in the audience and enjoy the show can be obtained by calling (414) 282-5323. Dinner and Pageant tickets are \$40; Pageant only \$25.

Business & Professional Gathering

Madison — The **Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center (MG/LRC)** is inviting all area LesBiGay business-owners, professionals, and those self-employed to a unique networking opportunity. The event will be held Monday, November 7, from 5-7pm, at Apple Island, 849 East Washington

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* Endorsements are the strongest support that LAMM can give to a candidate. These individuals have consistently supported us, and we urge our membership to work for and vote for their elections.

** While LAMM cannot endorse the candidacy of Herb Kohl because of his voting record on important issues to our community, we do strongly recommend that members vote for him. Kohl has recently signed on as a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA). We will never get this or any other help from his opponent.

Avenue in Madison. Bring your business cards to share with others.

MG/LRC's goal is to create an environment where LGB business-owners and professionals have the opportunity to meet and to begin to build a sense of community.

MG/LRC hopes this event will open up avenues of communication and build alliances between LGB business-owners, professionals and the organizations serving Madison's LGB community.

Interested persons may call Tom Neal, President of the Board of Directors of MG/LRC at (608) 256-2667, or write to MG/LRC at PO Box 1722, Madison, WI 53701.

Lesbian Herstory Group Sets Fall Meetings

Milwaukee — Lesbians in the workforce and Lesbians in the Middle Ages will be the focus of the next meetings of the Lesbian Herstory Discussion group to be held Sunday, November 6 and Sunday, December 4 at 6pm at the Counseling Center, 2038 N. Bartlett. All Lesbians are welcome to attend. No "expertise" is required as the purpose of the group is to learn together and to share knowledge and interests.

The November meeting will include a showing of the inspiring documentary film, *The Women of Summer*, which is about the summer school for women workers and labor organizers held at Bryn Mawr College. Discussion will revolve around the movie and the roles Lesbians have played and continue to play in the workforce.

December's meeting will go further back in time and focus on Lesbians in the Middle Ages. Were their Lesbians in the Middle Ages? Who were they? How did they express themselves? A list of suggested readings will be handed out at November's meeting. Discussion may center on two books, John Boswell's *Same Sex Unions* and Judith C. Brown's *Immodest Acts: The Life of a Lesbian Nun in Renaissance Italy*.

For further information, call (414) 463-9532.

HIV/AIDS Pastoral Ministry & Education

Stevens Point — This HIV/AIDS Project is based out of the Newman Center on the UW-Stevens Point campus. The project celebrated its first year on August 1st.

Over the course of the first year, forty individuals infected and affected by the human immunodeficiency virus were



Representatives of the Milwaukee Police Department, politicians including Mayor John Norquist, and members of the LesBiGay community gather during a National Coming Out Day Reception at the Village Church. Photos by Stephanie Hume



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There are no fees attached for any of the services provided. To help or be helped, please contact Mary Pat at (715) 345-6500.

After Halloween Bash at AfterWords

Milwaukee — With Halloween falling on a Monday this year, AfterWords is taking the opportunity to satisfy those who simply cannot get enough of that special Halloween spirit with a horrifying Halloween bash on the following Friday night, November 4th beginning at 7:30pm.

As a very special guest, AfterWords has invited vampire-friendly Elaine Bergstrom, the author of many popular titles including *Daughter of the Night*, *Blood Alone*, *Blood Rites*, *Shattered Glass* and her new Dracula novel, *Mina*. In Bram Stoker's *Dracula*, an extraordinary woman named Mina became the living object of a vampire's obsession. Consumed by passion, Mina drank the vampire's blood and from that moment on, his seductive power filled her with a strange sense of forbidden

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longing. Elaine Bergstrom reveals in *Mina* the untold story of timeless love that refused to die. Bergstrom also had a haunting selection in last fall's extraordinary popular collection of Lesbian vampire stories, *Daughters of Darkness*.

As a part of the evening's festivities, Elaine will read a selection of her most terrifying tales and will also give us a sneak peek of her story to be included in the sequel to *Daughters of Darkness* due out next Halloween.

New Travel Club for Gay Men Over 40

Portland — An exciting new travel opportunity is now available offering Gay men over 40 a unique travel experience. **Travel Lambda Connections Club** enables its members to travel with low cost accommodations while meeting other club members and sharing travel experiences.

An exciting alternative to impersonal and costly hotels, members stay in private homes of other Gay men located across the US, Canada and a growing number of overseas locations. The host members are individuals or couples who enjoy meeting others, sharing their homes and even providing breakfasts!

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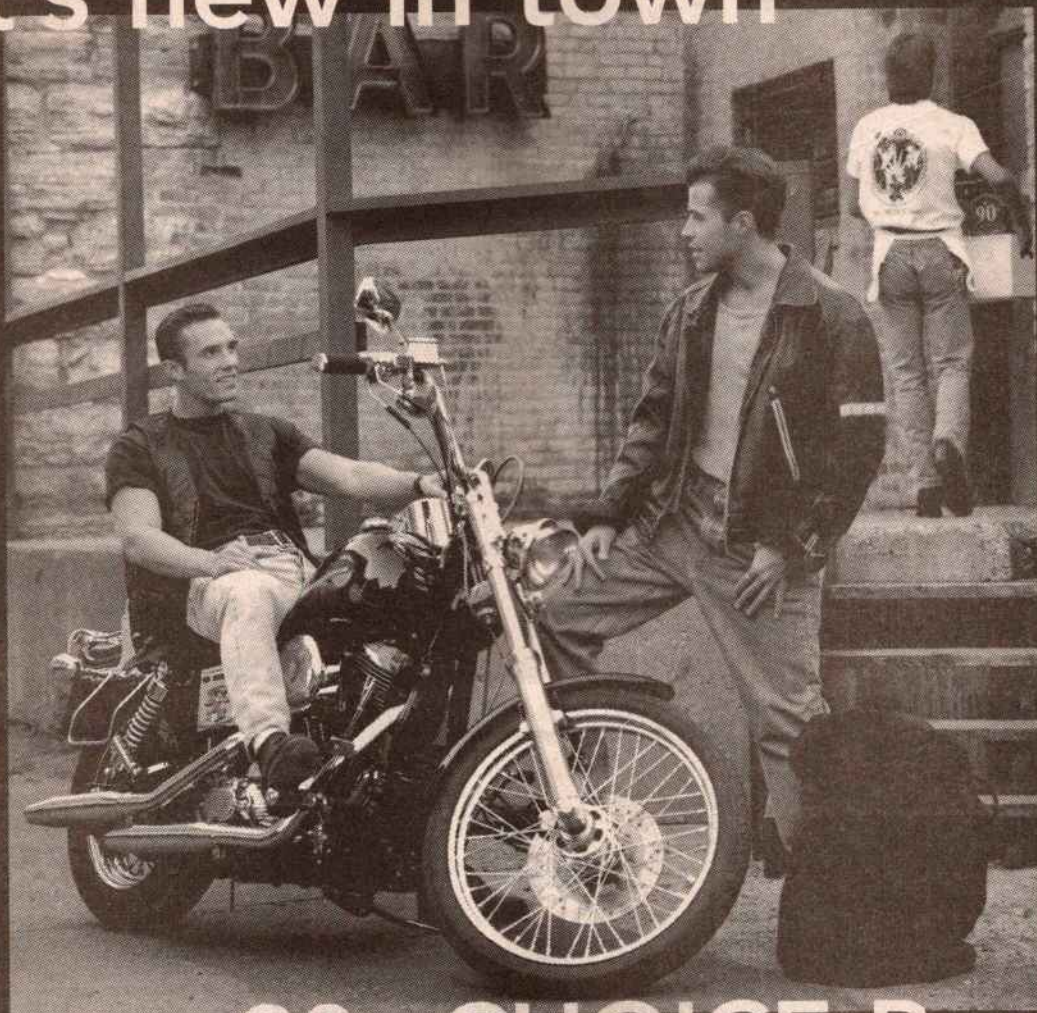
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Milwaukee—On Saturday, October 1, 1994 at 1:30am, James Dorsey Hayes died from a sudden heart attack at his home in Milwaukee. Most of us knew him as Jay. He was, without a doubt, one of the most warm and caring persons one could ever meet. He always had a smile on his face, whether you were a friend or a stranger. If he really liked you, he'd give you a nickname; mine is Alice. For another it was Your Grace. For the old Castaways Bar (Ballgame) it was the Cha Cha Palace. And for his partner of 15 years, Jim Fink, it was Sweetums.

Jay was born on December 31, 1944 in East Chicago, IN. He graduated from North Division High School and was a student at UWM in the late 60's. He also took courses at various schools here in Milwaukee in computer programming for his job at the Bureau of Land Management with the Federal Government.

Jay leaves to cherish precious memories his devoted partner Jimmy Fink; loving mother, Genevia Hayes; brothers Arthur, Daniel, Manuel, Keith; sisters Theresa and Arlis; his former wife, Rev. Betty Sue Hayes; son Darryl and three grandchildren; stepbrothers Richard, Melvin and Alvin; stepsister Debra; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father William Hayes, Sr., and his brother Bruce Hayes.

Visitation was Friday, October 7th at the Leon L. Williamson Funeral Home. Services were Saturday, October 8th at the Holy Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church. Internment was on Tuesday, October 11th at Wood National Cemetery, all of Milwaukee, WI.

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Viewpoints

Are We Stuck With the Democrats?

By Richard D. Mohr

About once a month, the mail brings me a solicitation from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. I had given them money in '92, the first year that I had made sacrifices to contribute to national political campaigns. Bill got a tidy sum too. But by now I figure Bill and his Democrats need a new Gay message. So I get out my ink pad and "Gay Money" stamp, whomp the return form, and embellish it to read "No GAY MONEY for the Party of Sam Nunn." I slip the form into its pre-paid envelope and post it back to Democratic National Headquarters. You might consider doing the same.

The Democrats — who, remember, control not only the White House but also both branches of Congress — deserve to be punished for their treatment of Gays since the '92 elections. By signing the 1994 military appropriation bill, Clinton became the first President in US history to write discrimination against Gay individuals into federal law. And what discrimination it is: Don't Ask, Don't Tell treats Gays like flatulence in a crowded elevator. No one asks, no one tells, and thereby the thing is reconsecrated as repulsive, abject and loathsome. The actions of Bill Clinton and Sam Nunn say "Gays are scum."

Even so, it might be argued that, well, we are stuck with the Democrats because the Republicans are even worse, and in any case, politics is inherently a messy business and we have to get on with things. Let's examine these two claims.

First, in the country's long engagement with civil rights from President Lincoln — a Republican — to the present, the Democrats have not done measurably better than the Republicans. Consider the following eerie moments in American history.

AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

For fear of alienating Southern Democratic senators and derailing his economic programs, FDR — a Democrat — did not so much as speak out, let alone twist arms, in support of federal anti-lynching legislation as it withered and died each time it came up in the Senate. Most famously, FDR in 1939, fearing populist backlash, refused port to the St. Louis, which carried 900 Jewish refugees fleeing Hitler. In consequence, two-thirds eventually died in concentration camps.

Republican President Eisenhower — good trooper that he was — obeyed the

federal courts' anti-discrimination rulings and sent in the US Army to racially integrate Arkansas schools, even though this mobilization ran strongly against both his personal and his political inclinations. By contrast, the Democratic Kennedy brothers — John and Robert — acceding to populist pressures, suspended the 14th Amendment in Alabama during the Freedom Rides, even though they said they opposed segregation.

In Congress, a larger percentage of Republicans than Democrats voted for the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Both the tightened enforcement mechanisms that make the Act effective and federal affirmative action programs that mandate set-aside programs were products of the Nixon Presidency.

The Supreme Court's 5-4 **Bowers v. Hardwick** decision in 1986 holding that Gays have no privacy rights was penned by a Democratic appointee to the Court, Justice White, named by JFK, while the two dissenting opinions were penned by Republican appointees, Justices Blackmun and Stevens, named by Nixon and Ford.

It took a Republican President to get rid of the immigration ban on Gays that had been passed over Harry Truman's veto in 1952. George Bush signed the ban out of existence in 1990.

On the state level, Gay civil rights bills for both the first and the most recent states to pass them were signed by Republican governors: Lee Dreyfus of Wisconsin in 1982 and Arne Carlson of Minnesota in 1993. And who is the only governor ever to have lobbied for and signed legislation specifically protecting Gay youth? — William Weld, Republican of Massachusetts, in December, 1993.

OPTIONS

On August 1st of this year, twenty-three Democratic Senators voted to cut off federal funds to school districts that allow "the promotion of homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative." So, no, we aren't stuck with the Democrats and the Democrats certainly aren't stuck on us — even as they seem to take us for granted.

Second, yes, politics is messy. But you have choices with your money that you don't have in the voting booth. There you may well have to pick the lesser of two evils. But with your money, you have real options. Instead of giving money to political parties, you can give your money to projects that build the Gay community and that begin to transform the broader culture, which in any case determines the overall course of politics and which still has a long way to go before substantial progress can be made in Gay politics.

Instead of funding political parties, consider giving money, say, to the Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund (Box 21567, Seattle, WA 98111) or to the Service Members' Legal Defense Network (Box 53013, Washington, DC

20009). Don't be duped by Democratic politicians who soon will be scenting the trail with hopes for imminent passage of a federal Gay rights bill. You'd do better buying lottery tickets than funding that idea.

What about funding individual candidates? Consider the sorry case of US Senator Harris Wofford, Democrat of Pennsylvania. He was appointed to the Senate in April 1991, but to retain his seat, had to run in a November by-election. He had impeccable, indeed amazing, liberal credentials: he was the first white to graduate from Howard

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University Law School; he helped found the Peace Corp; he served as liaison between JFK and Martin Luther King, Jr., and he was the first male president of Bryn Mawr College. The Human Rights Campaign Fund gave him the maximum PAC donation allowed by law — ten-thousand of your dollars. He seemed a sure Gay-positive vote. But once elected, he played the Gay community Judas, voting with Nunn to remove the military ban from executive branch discretion and write it into federal law. For Gays to fund even liberal Democrats is a messy business indeed.

(Richard D. Mohr is author of **A More Perfect Union: Why Straight America Must Stand Up for Gay Rights**, Beacon Press, 1994.)

The Killing of Club 3054

Commentary by John Cain

Cheri Becker, the owner of Club 3054, screwed up. She allegedly allowed patrons of her basement bar, Wings, to have sex on the premises, and that was illegal. She deserved to pay some penalty for her actions. She did not, however, deserve to be run out of business for what amounted to a first offense. She was the victim of homophobia from Madison's city government and indifference from Madison's LesBiGay community.

Becker was treated far more harshly than bars in similar circumstances catering to a straight clientele. For her first offense after 11 years with a clean record at Club 3054 and her former bar, Back East, Becker was handed the same punishment as straight bars with long

histories of violations. Becker expressed grave doubts about her ability to reopen after such a long suspension. Assistant City Attorney Rick Petri, the city's point man on the case, said numerous times that a 90-day suspension amounted to a "death penalty." The Alcohol License Review Commission (ALRC) and the Common Council didn't care. All they seemed to care about was killing the bar and moving on.

Ald. Tim Bruer, District 14, must bear the brunt of the responsibility for the death of Club 3054. Bruer, whose recent activities on the Common Council have included attempts to zone adult bookstores out of existence and mandating increased penalties for sexual activity in bookstores, was instrumental in causing the ALRC to automatically

(Sigh!) Where does one begin? Four years of my life have been shared with you via the Triangle Bar.

In this time I've seen so very many faces and been so many places. I find, in these last weeks of looking back on so much time, that you people have helped to mold me into a more guided, sharper person. I cherish the memories of the Triangle, the parades, parties, drunks, drags and brawls. Without these years I am without sight!

I leave now because it's time, just as it was time to cut my hair off— these things happen! But I take with me a bright perspective, given to me all off you— my peers, my friends.

To Rob— I adore you and wish my best luck— may you always roll aces! The Triangle will always be a home to me, and I, always an ally to the Triangle, and about 5,000 of my closest friends! I'll still be popping around the town, just not tapping beer. To some, I say so-long, to others, f**k off, but mostly— I'll miss you...

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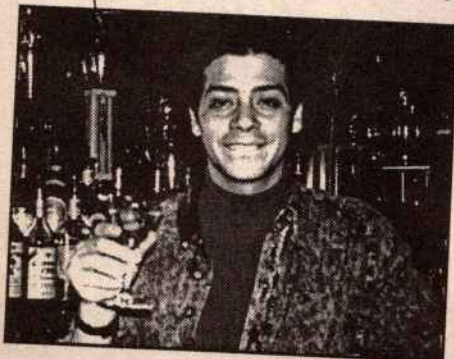
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Bruer has consistently claimed that he acted only to protect public health. This flies in the face of what Madison's Director of Public Health, Patricia Gadow, has maintained. Gadow, who was in on the investigation from the beginning, has always said that any health risks posed by the activity at Wings was minimal, and were far outweighed by the benefits of having the bar as a center for AIDS education and anonymous testing.

While Bruer pulled the switch on Club 3054, Madison's LesBiGay community stood by as nearly silent witnesses to the execution. Of the nearly 100 LesBiGay and AIDS organizations in town, only a few made any public statement in support of the Club. Almost to a person, we stood by and watched as Becker was subjected to an excessively harsh penalty from the city. And the customers who abandoned her as she faced the charges put the nails in the coffin, drying up her income and insuring that she would be unable to reopen after the suspension.

By standing by and saying nothing, we have, on a more abstract level, allowed the opposition to use the Club 3054 incident to shape the debate on sexuality issues. For example, to paraphrase a recent Wisconsin State

Journal editorial calling for crackdown on cruising in Madison's Olin Park, the paper divided us into "bad guys" who supported or participated in public sex, and "good guys" who condemned such practices. It is not up to a heterosexual newspaper's editorial board to make that determination. More concretely, those who remained silent were complicitous in the closure of one of Madison's few safe spaces for our community.

Letter

Editor:

I continue to be amazed when I hear Republican U.S. Senate candidate Bob Welch called a "far right" Republican, a "Christian Right" candidate, or "too conservative" by members of the Lesbian and Gay community. This image may be a result of stereotyping about someone who is pro-life and, as a result, has garnered much support from the religious right, but this stereotyping is unfair.

Would a "far right" candidate respond to a question about affirmative action in a Christian Right forum by stating that we all should challenge ourselves to reach out beyond our traditional circles to obtain the benefits of diversity? Would a Christian Right

candidate meet with officers of the Log Cabin Club almost a year before the election to discuss how Log Cabin can be involved in his campaign? Would a Christian Right candidate tell those officers that he opposes discrimination against Lesbians and Gays and does not care if his children's teachers are Lesbian or Gay? Would a Christian Right candidate endorse the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a Federal bill which would ban discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment (so long as organizations which operate under a creed are exempted)?

I realize that some people are reluctant because Welch is pro-life. But with all due respect to my pro-choice friends, is it more important to defeat someone who is against a right which has been guaranteed by the US Supreme Court and, it is becoming increasingly clear, will continue to be guaranteed by the US Supreme Court, or is it more important to elect a candidate who has unequivocally stated his position in favor of ending discrimination against Lesbians and Gays rather than someone who is too paranoid to take a stand on the issue?

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AIDS Briefs

Death Toll Tops 1,400 in Wisconsin

Madison — The Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program, part of the State Department of Health and Social Services, reports that 67 state residents died of AIDS complications during the period of July 1 to September 30. The total number of AIDS-related deaths in the state since 1981 has now reached 1,401.

During the third quarter of 1994, the number of AIDS cases confirmed by the state rose by 126 to a total of 2,540. The number of people infected with HIV stands at 4,507 (a figure which includes those who have died).

The Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta reports that nationwide, 401,749 cases of AIDS have been confirmed as of June 30. Of those cases, 243,423 people have died.

Medical College Hosts AIDS Seminars in November

Milwaukee — The Center for AIDS Intervention Research and the Medical College of Wisconsin will hold two mini-conferences in November. The sessions offer physicians credits for Continuing Medical Education.

On Thursday, November 3 from 3pm to 4:30pm, Assistant Professor Anton M. Somlai of CAIR and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College will speak on the *Relationship Between Spirituality, Coping and Emotional Distress in People Living With HIV Infection and AIDS*.

On Thursday, November 17 from 3pm to 4:30pm, Doug Nelson, the Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, will offer his perspectives about the AIDS epidemic.

The mini-conferences will be held in the Conference Room of CAIR's Franklin Building at 1249 N. Franklin (the corner of N. Prospect/Franklin and E. Knapp Streets). Call (414) 287-4680 for reservations or for more information.

Growth Hormone May Fight Wasting Syndrome

San Francisco, CA — In a limited drug trial, daily injections of the human growth hormone Serostim have been found to reverse the debilitating effects of weight loss and muscle degeneration suffered by people with AIDS. The finding offers the potential for a better quality of life to thousands of people with AIDS who experience what is known as the wasting syndrome.

The two-year drug trial involved 178 AIDS patients, each of whom had lost at least 10% of their normal body weight. After three months of daily injections of Serostim, the average weight gain per person was 3.6 pounds, while muscle weight increased 6.6 pounds. Volunteers have continued taking the hormone, with one person gaining almost 30 pounds.

"The people who gained weight with growth hormone gained lean body tissue," Dr. Morris Schambelan reported. "In fact, their gain of lean tissue exceeded their gain in weight because they were losing fat at the same time." Schambelan said the added muscle mass, rich in protein, might help patients fight flare-ups of the opportunistic infections which commonly attack people with HIV.

Side effects of Serostim include joint and muscle aches and swelling of the hands and feet. Such symptoms subside when dosage is decreased or stopped altogether.

Serostim, the trade name of the recombinant human growth hormone (rHGH) used in the study, is produced by Sero Laboratories of Norwell, Massachusetts. More extensive



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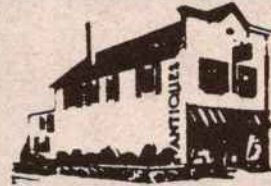
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Protease Inhibitor Delayed for Year or More

Washington, DC — The pharmaceutical firm Hoffman-LaRoche recently informed the Food and Drug Administration it would not be ready to seek approval for its new anti-HIV drug, saquinavir, until the middle of 1995 or even later. This means a further delay in the availability of a new class of drugs called protease inhibitors, which suppress the enzyme protease, believed to play a critical role in the replication of HIV.

In a limited trial with 100 patients, those given saquinavir in addition to the previously approved anti-HIV medications AZT and ddC, showed a marked improvement in their immune system functions in comparison to those just taking AZT and ddC. The clinical trials need to be expanded to many more subjects and then replicated by independent researchers before Hoffman-LaRoche applies for the FDA's accelerated approval process.

Earlier this year, Merck Laboratories reported a setback in the development of another protease inhibitor called L-735,524. People taking the drug initially showed improvement, but within six months, the virus, apparently adapting to the drug and resisting it, rebounded to its previous elevated levels.

Several other companies are continuing research into protease inhibitors.

MAC Infections May Have Link to Hard Cheeses

Atlanta, GA — A new study, reported in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, has found that people with HIV who ate Swiss, Gouda, Cheddar or Monterey Jack cheeses in the previous three months were five times more likely to develop Mycobacterium Avium Complex (MAC) than those people who did not eat such cheeses.

MAC is one of the most common of AIDS-related infections and can be fatal, especially to people in the advanced stages of AIDS. The bacteria that causes MAC are found in milk, and scientists believe they may proliferate in the acidic environment of aging cheese. The bacteria most likely enters humans through the digestive tract.

Dr. C. Robert Horsburgh Jr., who conducted the study under the auspices of the Centers for Disease Control, says his findings confirm earlier suspicions that MAC can be spread through inhalation into the respiratory system or through the gastrointestinal tract.

Minorities Constitute 55% of New AIDS Cases

Atlanta, GA — The Centers for Disease Control reports that 55% of the 109,949 new cases of AIDS documented last year were members of racial minorities: African, Hispanic, Asian/Pacific and Native Americans.

African American women are 15 times more likely to have AIDS than white women, and AIDS is the second leading cause of death among black women aged 25-44. African American men are five times more likely to contract HIV than white men, and AIDS has become the leading cause of death among black men aged 25-44.

Forty-seven percent of minority women contracted HIV through intravenous drug use, while 37% got the virus through heterosexual contact with infected male partners. Among African and Hispanic American men, 39% contracted HIV through unprotected anal intercourse, while 38% got HIV from intravenous drug use.

The data continues to show the necessity for greater preventive education targeted to these at risk populations.

Judge Says Insurance Plans Can't Limit AIDS Coverage

Boston, MA — On October 17, the First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston ruled that businesses cannot discriminate against people with HIV/AIDS or other serious illnesses by limiting the amount of coverage their insurance policies will provide.

Judge Juan R. Torruella ruled in the case of Ronald Senter of New Hampshire, whose insurance company changed the terms of its policy putting a ceiling of \$25,000 on payments for any AIDS-related health services. Other illnesses continued to be covered under the same plan for up to \$1 million.

Judge Torruella said the practice of arbitrarily limiting coverage for some illnesses but not others is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He sent the case back to the district court level where damages and/or compensation will be determined.

The effects of the ruling could be wide-reaching. "Any plan that has a cap on benefits for AIDS has got to realize now that it is going to be covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act," Marc Elovitz of the American Civil Liberties Union's AIDS Project told the *New York Times*. "Hopefully, they will change rather than wait for lawsuits."

Also on the AIDS Front...

Houston, TX — In an out-of-court settlement, the Castle Dental Center in Houston has admitted that it violated the Americans with Disabilities Act when it refused to treat a patient, Harrison J. Totten, after Totten told his dentist he was HIV-positive. Dr. Jack Castle will pay Totten \$80,000 in damages while the Dental Center and its management company will pay another \$20,000. The Human Rights Campaign Fund saluted the Justice Department for aggressively pursuing Totten's discrimination claim and arriving at a fair settlement.

Miami, FL — A Dade County jury has awarded a woman \$600,000 in damages because the state's Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services misread her HIV test result and informed her that she was infected. Vernelle Lowder, 49, was misdiagnosed with HIV in October of 1990 and for two years took anti-HIV medications, grew sick and depressed and planned her own suicide. When she was retested in 1992, the test was negative. The state agency and Lowder's doctor, who prescribed medications, will pay the damages.

Washington, DC — The US government is launching a \$15 million study of 3,700 people to evaluate the costs and quality of care involved in treating people with HIV/AIDS. The study will track the medical care and support services received by the participants over several years. The goal is to identify the most patient-friendly and cost effective methods of treatment.

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The Arts

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Present Music Resurrects at the Milwaukee Art Museum

Nosferatu graces our cover this issue as **Present Music** celebrates *Pandemonium 1 - A Night of Dead Movies And Live Music* at the Milwaukee Art Museum on Friday, October 28 and Saturday, October 29.

The ghoulish galleries open at 7pm followed by a costume promenade and judging. The lights go down at 8pm and the movie screen lights up with the 1922 classic, *Nosferatu*, directed by F. W. Murnau, Germany; *Witchcraft Thru The Ages*, 1921, directed by Benjamin Christensen, Sweden; *King Klunk*, 1933 created and animated by Walter Lantz, American.

Music has been decomposed by Eric Segnitz and John Tanner and will be performed live by the **Present Music** ensemble of 10 musicians with atmospherics designed and conceptualized by Dennis Felber.

The night is still young! The Halloween Party begins with the band, *Bucket Of Balls* featuring Victor DeLorenzo, Rip Tenor, Art Kumbalek and ??? on October 28. On October 29, *The Loons'* members Dean Sorbel, Mike Hartwig, Jerry Pagel, and John Wythes fly over.

Ticket prices are \$17 premium; \$14 general admission; and \$10 general admission. The Milwaukee Art Museum is located at 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. Costumes are encouraged!

Halloween Open House at Out of Solitude Jewelry

In celebration of the one year anniversary of **Out of Solitude Jewelry Gallery**, metalsmith/jewelry designer Charles P. Bahringer will host a special Halloween Open House on Saturday, October 29 from Noon to 3pm at the gallery, 3817 N. Oakland Avenue in Shorewood.

Out of Solitude's Halloween Anniversary Celebration includes special offers on select jewelry, entertainment by folk singer and guitarist, Fred Luft from 1-3pm, and a visit from "The Great Pumpkin."

Out of Solitude showcases Bahringer's conceptually-sculptured artwork which has been featured at shows throughout the country. Out of Solitude Jewelry Gallery hours are Monday thru Friday, 11am to 6pm, and

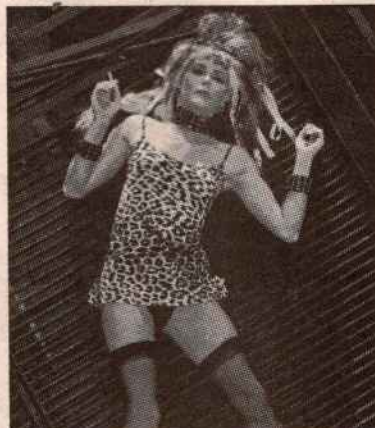
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Saturday 11am to 4pm. For more information, call (414) 962-6520.

Art Muscle Celebrates with Wigstock at Club 219

Art Muscle Magazine celebrates its eighth anniversary with the party of the season, *Wigstock*, on November 10 at Club 219, 219 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee.

B.J. Daniels, *Wigstock's* mistress of ceremonies, hosts a lineup of full-dress drag revue and hair-related poetry readings and performances. There will be a raffle with door prizes, a



Drag vixen and media star B.J. Daniels posed to promote "Wigstock", Art Muscle Magazine's benefit party celebrating Wigs at Club 219 November 10.

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silent art auction, and a contest for the biggest wig in the house, judged by Mark Bucher, director of Boulevard Theater Ensemble, Paul Cebbar, of the popular band the Milwaukeeans, and Julilly Kohler, owner of Internos Gallery.

For more information on *Wigstock*, contact Judith Ann Moriarty at (414) 672-8485. Wear a wig if you plan on attending.

Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Co. Member Presents Class at Danceworks

Danceworks is pleased to join *Wisconsin Dance On Tour* in hosting a Master Class taught by Andrea E. Woods, Rehearsal Director of the **Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company**. The class, which is open to the public, will be held on Saturday, October 29, from 10-11:30am at the Danceworks studio, 727 N. Milwaukee Street, Milwaukee.

Ms. Woods' class will be based on Jones/Zane company class warmups, workshops and current repertory material. She will lead the students

through movements and explorations of group dynamics with exercises including group consciousness, weight sharing and level changing. Students will gain exposure to the company's repertory through movement phrases taught to them by Ms. Woods.

For more information on the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company Master Class, call Danceworks at (414) 276-3191.

Alice In Wonderland also Appearing at Danceworks

Journey down the rabbit hole with *Et toi, tu dances?*, Milwaukee's chamber ballet company, when their acclaimed professional ballet production of *Alice In Wonderland* returns to Danceworks.

Based on the Lewis Carroll classic, the one-hour ballet is suitable for children of all ages. Choreographed by Yves de Bouteiller and energetically performed by six dancers, the tale unfolds amidst Gregg Rake's colorful set and mobile props.

Performances will be November 4 and 5 at 7pm, and November 6 at 3pm, and are followed by a talkback, and an opportunity to meet the dancers. Tickets are \$5, or \$3 for groups of 15 or more. Advance reservations are recommended, and can be made by calling Danceworks at (414) 276-3191.

"Two Gentlemen of Verona" Open Ensemble's 9th Season

The **Boulevard Ensemble**, Milwaukee's microtheatre, opens its ninth season with a presentation of the very seldom-staged Shakespearean comedy, *Two Gentlemen of Verona*.

The Boulevard Ensemble, 2250 S. Kinnickinnic Avenue, will present this lyrical comedy of youthful adventure and friendship on Thursdays through Sundays, October 28 — November 27. Tickets are \$9 for 7:30 performances on Thursday and Sunday, and \$10 for the 8pm performances on Friday and Saturday. For reservation information and further information, call Mark Bucher, the Ensemble's general director at (414) 672-6019.

Auditions for "the Fourposter"

The Boulevard Ensemble is seeking actors and actresses of all ages and ranges for the second production of its 1994-'95 season. The production is *The Fourposter*, a marital comedy by Jan de Hartog that will be directed by Maureen Kilmurray.

Auditions to find one actor and one actress for the production will be held October 29 at the Boulevard Theatre.

Auditioners should prepare two contrasting monologues. Call (414) 672-6019 for an audition appointment. The Fourposter will be presented in December and January.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Receives \$5,000 Gift

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus is pleased to announce the generous gift of \$5,000 from the estate of Gene Schilling. Gene, a former member of the chorus, was a firm believer in giving to non-profit organizations.

As with all non-profit organizations, the life's-blood of the Cream City Chorus is the contributions of its members and patrons. While donations are always helpful, the time and energy of its supporters is also indispensable. The Chorus welcomes new singing and non-singing members at any time of the year, even now, less than two months before their holiday concert, *Ring In, Ring Out*. There are also open slots for oboist, violinist, and string quartet for the December 11 concert at Vogel Hall.

The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus can be reached at P.O. Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201, by calling (414) 344-WCCC, or by visiting its weekly Wednesday evening rehearsals at the First Unitarian Society, 1342 N. Astor, Milwaukee.

14th Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival

Chicago — Chicago Filmmakers, in association with Sidetrack, is pleased to announce the upcoming 14th Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival, opening November 11 and running through November 20, at the Music Box Theater, 3733 N. Southport, and at Chicago Filmmakers' Kino-eye Cinema, 1543 W. Division.

The second oldest film festival of its kind in the nation, the festival anticipates an audience of 10,000 people this year, and will include more than 130 works from over a dozen countries.

A complete festival schedule, tickets and festival passes are available by calling Chicago Filmmakers at (312) 384-5533, or writing 1543 W. Division, Chicago, Illinois 60622.

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This past April, Melissa Etheridge played to a sold-out Milwaukee crowd at the Rave. This time, Melissa takes

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* See the ads elsewhere in this issue for a chance to win two FREE tickets to her concert.

Holiday Card Sales to Benefit AIDS

The Milwaukee AIDS Project's Arts Action Committee (AAC), a coalition of performing arts groups throughout the Milwaukee area dedicated to raising awareness of HIV disease, has developed a series of holiday cards. The holiday cards give this season's well wishers the opportunity to send a colorful greeting to family and friends, and at the same time, give a great deal to people living with HIV disease. Proceeds will directly support AIDS care, education and

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The boxed sets of 12 cards sell for \$12 and feature three cards each of four designs: a pinecone, sled, star and tree made of red ribbons. Individual cards are also available for \$1 each. On orders of 200 or more, the cards and envelopes can be personalized with the sender's name and address for a nominal charge.

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Cris Williamson & Tret Fure in Concert Saturday, Nov. 12

Milwaukee — Cris Williamson and Tret Fure will bring the magic of their music to Milwaukee, Saturday, November 12th. New from Williamson and Fure, *Postcards from Paradise*, a recording that is sure to draw you into their own musical world. Rarely have two uniquely different voices blended in such compelling harmony.

Throughout the last two decades, Cris Williamson has been one of the most successful artists in independent music. She has performed in virtually every major concert hall in the US including two sold-out concerts at Carnegie Hall, and she has sold nearly one million albums and CDs.

A gifted singer-songwriter, Cris has been called a folk hero by some, a teacher and spirit healer by others. She possesses a voice that critics have called, "A full-bodied thing of beauty."

Her collaborator on *Postcards from Paradise* is Tret Fure — multi-faceted singer, songwriter and instrumentalist whose music combines the best of folk music with a beat that is pure rock and roll. Her lyrics are intense, whether dealing with social issues or charting the course of love and relationships.

Cris and Tret will appear Saturday, November 12th at Centennial Hall, 733 North 8th Street. The show begins at 8pm with the doors opening at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door. Advance sale tickets are available at AfterWords, 2710 North Murray; Peoples Books, 3512 North Oakland; and Outpost Natural Foods, 100 East Capitol Drive. Mail order tickets are available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) and payment to: Full Moon Productions, N235 County Hwy W, Campbellsport, WI 53010. The show will be sign-language interpreted. Seats are reserved for the differently-abled until 15 minutes prior to show time.



Scott Kennedy, one of the comics in the "Freedom Tour" stopping at Milwaukee's Club Comedy.
Photo by Sunny Schwab



Comic Kevin Maye will appear with The Freedom Tour one time show on November 13.
Photo by Sunny Schwab

The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour

Gay Comics to Stop in Milwaukee Nov. 13

Houston — LoneStar Entertainment is proud to announce the continuation of *The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour* national tour which began February 1. *The Gay Comedy Jam* is the first and only nationally touring stand-up comedy show featuring multiple openly Gay stand-up comedians. The show comes to Milwaukee's **Club Comedy** on November 13. Showtime is at 8pm and ticket prices are \$10 per person for advance purchase and \$12 for tickets purchased the day of the show. Advance ticket purchase is recommended and can be purchased at the Club located at 618 North Broadway, Milwaukee, or call (414) 276-CLUB (2582).

The *Advocate* Magazine, the nation's largest and most widely distributed Gay and Lesbian news magazine has awarded an exclusive media corporate sponsorship for the national tour of the Gay Comedy Jam.

Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye, the show's primary stars, are two of the hottest nationally touring comedians. Their two-man stand-up comedy show entitled *The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour* is an exclusive special event for the Gay community. Scott and Kevin perform at comedy clubs world-wide as well as major Las Vegas Showrooms. They have worked with other superstars such as Garth Brooks, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Neil Sedeka, David Sanborn, Judy Tenuta, and Richard Jeni, just to name a few.

The 1994 tour commemorates the

25th Anniversary of the Stonewall riots and celebrates our Gay Pride. Kevin Maye says: "I know that 25 years ago to have an openly Gay performer at a 'mainstream' venue was unheard of, today we're touring nationally. Scott Kennedy and I are very excited to be a part of this history making event."

In addition to being great performers and nationally recognized comedians, they are domestic partners and share a life together in Houston, where they live. Their style of humor is very different which adds to the variety of entertainment. There is something for everyone in this show as it guarantees a night of non-stop laughter for the Gay community.

Traditionally, Gay men and Lesbians avoid comedy clubs due to mainstream "Gay bashing" jokes that seem to be so prevalent. And how many heterosexual wife and kid jokes does a Gay audience want to hear? *The Gay Comedy Jam Freedom Tour* is a spectacular night of laughter presented by the two hottest Gay comics on the national touring circuit.

Dedicated to showcasing local talent in the individual venues that the show will serve, a Local Lesbian or Gay male comedian will serve as the show's guest emcee. Bernie Goldman, the show's talent coordinator with LoneStar Entertainment says: "It's important to showcase local talent along with nationally recognized performers. We want to bring the Gay entertainment community together on both national and local levels."

The show is structured for a Gay audience and even widely enjoyable for a non-Gay crowd as well.

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Film

Ensemble Cast Shines in "Bullets Over Broadway"

Woody Allen's Latest Lampoons Theatre Folk

By Jamakaya

Woody Allen's latest comic romp, *Bullets Over Broadway*, is one of his wittiest movies in years. The writing is deft, the humor is non-stop, and an impressive ensemble cast gives it the kind of snap, crackle and pop reminiscent of the great screwball comedies of the 1930's.

Bullets Over Broadway has many elements of Allen's usual sex farces but this time is set against the backdrop of theatre folk, showgirls and gangsters in Prohibition-era New York. The plot centers on an idealistic playwright, David (John Cusack), who is unwilling to compromise his artistic integrity by changing any words or scenes in his Broadway-bound play.

But compromise David must if he wants to see his play produced. His agent locates a moneyman, a gangster named Nick, who will be happy to underwrite David's production with one catch. Nick's dimwitted, screechy-voiced mistress Olive, played to the hilt by Jennifer Tilly, must play a key role.

David is horrified at the prospect of Olive destroying his play but is soon mollified when legendary actress Helen Sinclair (Dianne Wiest) is convinced to



Tracey Ullman (l) and John Cusack (center) and Jim Broadbent in Woody Allen's "Bullets Over Broadway." Photo by Brian Hamill

join his cast by her agent (Harvey Fierstein, in a small role). Sinclair is something of a Norma Desmond has-been who desperately needs the role. She's fierce, often argumentative and always melodramatic — both onstage and off. Wiest is hilarious as the grand dame who ultimately seduces the hapless David.

David's cast is filled out with former matinee idol Warner Purcell (Jim Broadbent), who is fighting a losing battle with an expanding waistline, and aging ingenue Eden Brent (Tracy Ullmann), whose vacuous giggling and nasty lapdog are another running joke. Ullmann is a great comic actress who completely loses herself in her characters. I had to look at the credit list to find out that it was actually her.

Adding more tension to the already harried rehearsals and interpersonal

dynamics is the hood Cheech (Chazz Palminteri), who is assigned by Nick to be Olive's bodyguard. The hostile gangster at first intimidates everybody, but ends up helping David with rewrites and making his play a success.

The best scenes in *Bullets Over Broadway* are when the entire cast is together rehearsing (or trying to). Each character in the movie is a broad stereotype — the tough-talking gangster, the idealistic playwright, the haughty star, the dumb moll — but each actor sinks his or her teeth in to chew the proverbial scenery. All the performances are over-the-top and side-splittingly funny. Some of the interactions, with their rapid-fire dialogue, are truly hysterical.

There's a great deal of high and low comedy, which comes thick and fast, and the ironic edge that's so much a part of Woody Allen's vision. There's also sex. Murder and mayhem. Melodrama. And nostalgia. The set design (including some fabulous Art Deco interiors) along with the music skillfully recreate the atmosphere of the speakeasies and theatre world of 1920's Manhattan.

Bullets Over Broadway is probably the best Woody Allen film since *Hannah and Her Sisters*. It's written cleverly, it's well-structured, it moves fast, it has great comic performances and it's funnier than hell. Don't miss it.

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Books

Max

Reviewed by Carl M. Sztatmary

As Max Saw It
by Louis Begley
Knopf HC \$21

What first surprises and impressed me about Louis Begley's latest novel, **As Max Saw It**, is its deceptive simplicity. Contemporary fiction seems to be ruled on the one hand with *genre* writing: mysteries, horror and so forth, or on the other with works so experimental in nature as to emerge virtually unintelligible. Begley's gentle story of love and friendship and loss evoke a period in writing long past despite touching upon such topics as Gay relationships and AIDS.

As the title suggests, Begley's story is one which is seen and interpreted through the eyes of Max, a rather empty and ineffectual character, a law professor who seems to stumble in and out of life, never establishing any concrete emotional relationships with women, at least not with Miss Wang, Laura or Camilla with whom he will marry and divorce with similar disinterest. Max is a curious narrator then to interpret Begley's classic love story, the relationship between Charlie, a college mate of Max, a celebrated architect whose lifetime of excesses have turned him into a demigod, a bully and a drunk and his young companion, Toby.

Since college, Max and Charlie have led separate lives and in fact, Max does not welcome a reunion when both are thrown together for a weekend at a mutual friend's country home. Nevertheless, Charlie immediately restores their previous status quo and deems Max an intimate friend. Max, however, doubts that their lives will allow for any such relationship and is surprised that their respective paths will continue to draw them ever closer.

What Max sees then, and spends the entire length of the novel seeking to understand, is the intense bonding of Charlie and Toby. Max encounters Toby at a sun-drenched pool, initially mistaking him for a beautiful girl, but upon closer examination looking to all the world like a young god, "I saw that I was wrong: it was Eros himself, longhaired and dimpled, his skin the color of pale amber, for it had pleased the boy god to wash off the matte finish of white powder under which, day after day, he allowed himself to be admired, disguised as a statue..."

Max is fascinated with Toby, sensing in him unlimited potential and talents. Against the backdrop of his own bloodless relationships, Charlie and Toby's affair is at once as compelling to

Max as it is incomprehensible.

As Max's marriage to Camilla disintegrates, Toby is stricken with an unnamed devastating disease. Max is again surprised at Charlie's intense devotion and his deep love for the boy, continuing to underestimate the emotions of others due in part to his own inability to do so. Yet in the end, in a climax of shattering power, Max shakes off his icy control, and reveals an emotion and a rare commitment that is sure to surprise the reader who is as sure to have underestimated Max as he has underestimated himself.

The joys of **As Max Saw It** are the

book's timeless and universal themes of love and betrayal, friendships and loyalty which Begley forges together with simple and elegant prose, an uncanny eye for dialogue and detail and a collection of characters that in the hands of a lesser writer would simply be caricatures. A surprising book and highly recommended.

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American Studies

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

American Studies: A Novel
by Mark Merlis
Houghton Mifflin, HC \$21.95

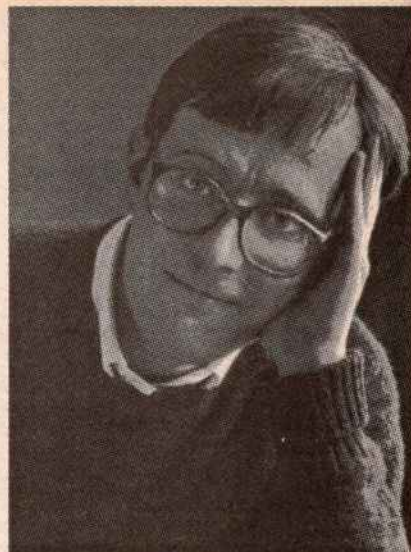
Every once in a while a novel will sneak up on you. Not the newest blockbuster by an Anne Rice or a Steven King, but some strangely titled tome by an unknown author. Invariably it is a book that you yourself have picked up, read the blurbs on the back and decided that it looked kind of interesting, well, maybe not all that interesting after all. Then somehow, a friend perhaps or maybe the clerk at your favorite bookstore, particularly recommends the book and you buy it knowing that while you'll start it, you doubt you'll ever finish it. Then somewhere early into the book, you find that spark that keeps you reading. **American Studies** by Mark Merlis is such a book.

At first glance the novel's plot looks a bit uncomfortable. Merlis' protagonist is an over 60's Gay man named Reeve, who has been hospitalized following a brutal beating by a male hustler. Reeve's hospital room companion is a silent and sulking young man who through a freak accident is in danger of losing a thumb. Reeve's only occasional visitor is Howard, his well-intentioned, flamboyant longtime friend. Against this nearly unrelentless boredom, Reeve finds himself not reflecting but brooding upon his empty life.

Reeve's boredom is nevertheless disturbed. First comes a call from his supervisor at work, who with subtle tactlessness suggests that the time of Reeve's retirement may have approached. Later, Reeve receives a letter telling him that because of the disturbance of the attack in his apartment, he is being evicted. As his life seemingly crumbles, he begins to recount his youth and in the process, reveals the remarkable portrait of Tom Slater, a man who was his mentor and only friend, whose suicide would forever change Reeve's direction in life.

A famous American literary scholar, Tom Slater had, like many, dabbled in communism. It is doubly ironic when Tom becomes a victim of the McCarthy era witchhunts, having just unceremoniously been dumped by his communist cell. But more than communism, it is Tom's first foray into Gay male love, with a golden youth named Jimmy, one of Tom's many "Wheaties-eaters," that would prove to be his greatest sin.

Yet what emerges in **American Studies** is a surprisingly humorous, compassionate, and moving novel. In Reeve and Tom Slater, Merlis offers an insightful and perceptive exploration into the self-despising closets that Gay men



Author Mark Merlis
Photo by Marion Ettlinger

in the pre-Stonewall era lived, emerging only under the cover of night to sip watered-down drinks in seedy bars, awaiting the friendly stranger in the bushes of a deserted park, or loitering in the men's rooms in libraries and bus stations. Coupling quick wit dark humor, which can only come from honest self-examination, Reeve's story is both compelling and memorable. An insouciant youth turned battered, if still horny in old age, Reeve might outwardly seem a curious choice as a hero. Nonetheless, Reeve is nothing if not a survivor and one whose story cannot help but leave the reader deeply moved. **American Studies** is a beautifully written, insightful novel. Very highly recommended.

Lesbian Magazine Writing Contest

Lavendar Life, a monthly nationwide Lesbian magazine, has announced a writing contest to celebrate the beginning of their fourth year in January 1995. Every woman is invited to enter and prizes will be awarded.

All original short stories and poetry received before December 31 will automatically be entered into this contest. Winners will be announced in their January 15th, 1995 Anniversary Issue. All entrants who are published will receive a complimentary issue, mailed with their privacy in mind. All writers will retain final rights to their short stories and/or poetry.

For more information or to send your entry, write to: **Lavendar Life**, P.O. Box 898, Binghamton, NY 13902-0898, Attn: Pamela K. Fite.

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Feature

A Gay Milwaukeean Comes Out In Germany

Fulbright Teacher On One Year Exchange Hopes to Disprove Prejudices

By Michael C. Seward

"Oh, you're an American! Where are you from?"

"Milwaukee."

"Oh."

"You know it?"

"Well, no."

"It's in the middle, on one of the Great Lakes, just north of Chicago."

"Oh, Chicago — tall buildings, gangsters, Al Capone!"

"Well..."

This is usually the reaction I get here in Germany when I tell people where I'm from. Very rarely does anyone know where Milwaukee is, much less what the city, the culture, and the people are like. Normally I have to be satisfied with their limited — and outdated — knowledge of Chicago. If they're interested in learning more, they'll ask. That's part of the reason I'm here, to let people know what it's like where I come from, to build bridges, to break down stereotypes.

I am currently living in Germany on a Fulbright Teaching Exchange Scholarship; I'm working in a school here for one year, while my exchange partner is at the suburban Milwaukee high school I work for. One of the major goals of the program is to build concrete bonds between the two countries by having individuals disprove misconceptions and prejudices.

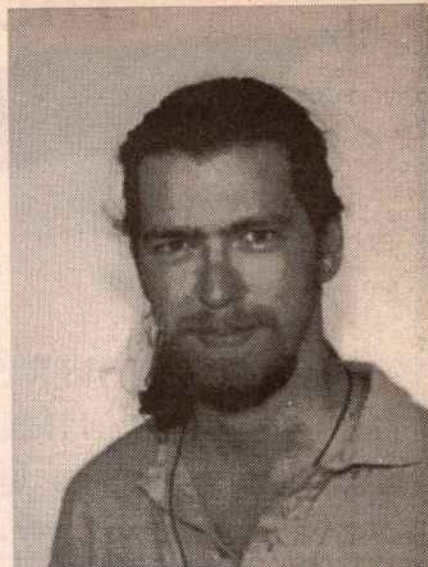
As an openly Gay man, I have a similar objective every day — to get people to question their deeply held biases against Gays and Lesbians, to let

them get to know me as a *person* and to see that the fact I'm Gay doesn't make me any less *human*. Thus, to the other aims of this exchange program, I bring my own agenda — the ending of homophobia, which is as present in Germany as it is in the States.

I like Milwaukee — the urban life, the people, the diversity, the lake, the surroundings. And I was very satisfied in being able to provide my exchange partner with a location with so much to offer — cuisine, theater, sports, culture, nature. Moreover, I felt she would be exposed to a rather typical side of American life; Milwaukee and Wisconsin are not New York or California, but life there is probably more representative of how the typical American lives than life in New York City or L.A. Also, Milwaukeeans, I find, tend to be very friendly and down to earth people.

Unfortunately, this is not the image most other Americans have of our home. So often when I meet compatriots abroad and tell them I'm from Wisconsin, they start to moo and say something like, "Oh, the cow state!" Obviously, they're speaking from ignorance and prejudice. Just recently, a fellow American exchangee here in Germany told me, "You're not what I expected someone from Milwaukee to be like." What exactly she had expected, I couldn't say; I only know that the program *has been* effective so far in helping to end some misconceptions, even if only those of other Americans.

Though I've only been here a bit over one month, I've been able to be somewhat successful in my own intentions as well. This same exchangee told me that I was the first openly Gay person she'd ever spent much time with (And *she's* from the — or so I thought — cosmopolitan East Coast! Talk about



A Milwaukeean in Germany, exchange scholar Michael C. Seward.

prejudices — my own!) and that I wasn't what she'd expected a Gay person to be like either. She said she appreciated my forcing her to question her previously held beliefs, that was one of the reasons she'd come on the program. Likewise, one of the German exchangees (whom I met at a four-day conference in Bonn, Germany before he left for the States) told me that I was the first person he'd encountered who was so forthright about being Gay. He found my straightforwardness and openness refreshing, he told me. He did have Gay acquaintances in his hometown of Leipzig, he assured me, but they were not so open about it; they were afraid to come out of the closet — they had too much to lose. Apparently they were victims of the same oppressive atmosphere which is so prevalent in the States.

The Fulbright Program itself is not free of the discrimination against Gays which permeates both societies. To the conference in Bonn had been invited all the *spouses and families* (I would like to know *whose* definition of *family* they were working with) of the exchangees. The Fulbright program agreed to pay for

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the hotel rooms and meals for all spouses and legal dependents. Likewise, the program provides insurance coverage for the year for any spouse who accompanies an exchange. Of course, since Gays have no legal recourse to marriage, my lover of nine years would have been excluded from these benefits, regardless of his desire to accompany me, simply on the basis of our sexual orientation. This is discrimination pure and simple!

This homophobia exists in both German and American societies in other ways as well, though to varying degrees. Perhaps the greatest similarity is that in both countries the possibility that someone might be Gay doesn't occur to the average person. The overwhelming majority of people in both countries automatically assumes that everyone has a heterosexual orientation. I have yet to be asked if I'm Gay or straight before someone inquires, "So, are you married? Do you have a girlfriend?" Part of the blame for this lack of sensitivity lies with us. As long as we remain silent and closeted, how can we expect people to take our existence into consideration? So, to fight this ignorance, I usually respond — in English or in German — "No, I'm not married. I'm Gay. I can only get married in Denmark."

Gay life in general is actually quite similar in both countries in many ways as well. As in the US, the Gay centers of Germany tend to be the larger towns: Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, Frankfurt. The "scene," as it were, consists of the same spectrum as in the US — from hardcore leather to drag to the boy next door. Interestingly, I was in Germany just after the Stonewall Celebrations and Gay Games in New York. Though the Gay press here was full of coverage of those events, apparently the mainstream media made little or no mention of them. (I arrived just afterward.) Every major city also held its own celebrations, called Christopher Street Days, this summer to commemorate the events of New York 25 years ago. Apparently, except for the festival in Hamburg — which failed to be realized due to bureaucratic difficulties — all of the others were resoundingly successful. (I was busy escorting a group

of students on a tour and did not make any of the festivities.) As the timing and name of these celebrations suggest, Germans, I believe, do look to the States for the lead in developments in the movement. Terms such as "coming out" and "outing" have been assimilated into the German language.

All in all, I would probably have to say that the level of tolerance however, of Gays and Lesbians is probably higher here. Yes, one does occasionally hear of a skinhead assault against Gays or Lesbians, but that does seem to be an aberration rather than the rule. The general public seems to be of the opinion: "What you do is your own business." Even in smaller towns the reaction I've got to being openly Gay tends to be, "Yeah, and?" But that doesn't mean that the levels of respect and equality have been attained. (Sometimes I think we strive too hard simply for people's tolerating us, which, in simple terms, means, "putting up with something you dislike." I, for one, don't want to be simply "put up with." I want recognition and equal rights!)

Unfortunately, as in the US, the pervasive attitude here is one of "I would really just rather not know."

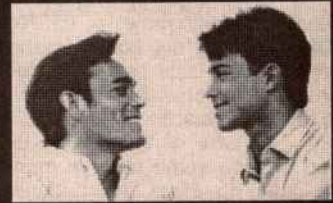
Though things have been rapidly changing since the fall of the wall, there are some interesting differences in attitudes between the East and the West, and not necessarily in the way one would normally expect. I think it is safe to say that attitudes toward sex in general were more liberal in the East. The concepts of marriage and relationships were much different. I believe people in the East were much more accepting of people's rights to choose.

The abortion laws are one example of this attitude. In the East, abortion on demand was the rule, while the laws in the West are much more restrictive. In fact, in the early 70's the GDR (the East) abolished its law banning Gay sex for persons between 16 and 18, while this law was eliminated in the West just recently. And there were well-known Gay bars in the East before the wall came down, but only in larger towns. I believe life in smaller towns was much more

oppressive. Certainly, Gay issues were not often openly discussed in the media or in public. But I'm not sure how different it is in the West. Or in the States.

All in all, I think the struggle is really quite similar in both countries. We Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals are constantly battling an overwhelming wall of ignorance and prejudice everywhere. Homophobes in every country seek to oppress us because they fear a false image they have been given of what we are like. And the only way to battle this ignorance and fear is to be open and honest about who we are, so that everyone can be confronted with the reality of our situation. This is the only way we can build the necessary bridges and tear down the walls which separate us from others, whether as Gays and Lesbians or as Wisconsinites!

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Steppin' Out

by Ron Geiman

Halloween & The Pageant

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Be sure to check out our Calendar this issue and all the bar ads for details on Halloween contests and events. We tried our best to get as complete a set of listings as possible... You can "Live The Dream... Experience the Reality" when **The 1994-95 Pageant** returns to the Marc Plaza Hotel's Crystal Ballroom on Saturday, November 5. This annual *gayla* crowns the Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin titles, currently held by Christopher Ellex and Lisa Spencer.

The Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin titleholders do not go on to compete in national competitions, unlike the Mr. and Miss Wisconsin-USA who go on to compete in the USA finals. However, The Pageant is the oldest competition (it started out as Mr. Groovy Guy and Miss Gay Milwaukee) and Wisconsin's *glitterati* turn out in force year after year to see and to be seen.

Cocktails begin at 5pm, dinner at 6:30; and the pageant at 8pm. Pageant-only tickets are \$25. Pageant with dinner is \$40 each. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (414) 282-5323.

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No one got up and left **Holly Hughes** Madison and Milwaukee benefit shows of *Clit Notes* with guest performers, **MOOK**, like they did from her show last year. Overall good reviews for both acts helped **PrideFest** and **The United** raise money in Madison, while in Milwaukee **PrideFest** and **LAMM** were the beneficiaries.

A flurry of benefits in the Appleton area Oct. 7-9 helped provide some needed money to enable **Ms. Gay WI-USA**, Julie, to enter the national competition. She's very talented, and we wish her all the best!

October 8-9 was a busy weekend, with **M&M Club** presenting pianist/vocalist **Michael Brooks** on Saturday (he returned for another show the following Saturday) and the **Juli Wood Quartet** holding forth on Sunday. At the **Wreck Room** the **Oberons** held their club night, with a Beer Bust and "Hunter's Raffle. The event was a fundraiser for the Christmas Club for Children With AIDS, and enabled the group to purchase furniture for MAP's children's area in their new facility.

The **Miss Wisconsin-USA** preliminary season kicked

off Oct. 2 at the **Office** for Miss Gay Rockford, Ivana Minks won, with Missahalay awarded 1st runner up. The **Pivot Club** hosted the Miss Appleton WI-USA pageant on October 9. Four contestants vied for the title with Neeley O'Hara capturing the crown and Rhonda Moore taking first runner up.

National Coming Out Day festivities in the state started out with a big splash on the front cover of the Crossroads section of the Sunday, Oct. 9 **Milwaukee Journal**. The large group photo of Gays and Lesbians coming out, in a very public way, was impressive. On NCOD, October 11, the **Human Rights League** drew one of their largest crowds ever for the Public Officials Reception at the Village Church. Lots of politicians stopped in during the two hour gathering and mingled with community members.

AfterWords hosted their 2nd annual NCOD party with food and official NCOD Keith Haring merchandise; and **Blue Lite** in Sheboygan and **Just Us** in Milwaukee hosted soirees. Lots of other NCOD events were held around the state including a special celebration at Madison's First Unitarian Society; and campus events at UW-Madison, UW-Parkside, UW-LaCrosse, UW-Stout and UW-Green Bay.

October 15 & 16 were busy with benefits, with **Club 219** hosting a MAP benefit show featuring Slammer Productions *Girls Next Door*. Many of the comic/ camp performers have previously performed with Drag-A-Rama. \$450 was raised for MAP. **Club 94** hosted their annual auction and show to benefit

SEWAP featuring the *Follies Girls*. They raised an outstanding \$1,1000. On Sunday, **The New Bar** hosted a benefit show to send contestants to the Mr. & Miss Black Gay Universe pageant hosted by Spanky from the ForePlay dancers. In Green Bay, the **Brandy's II** hosted the **Bay City Chorus** auction.

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The MAP Resale Shop has not opened yet, due to construction delays, but they have selected a name for the shop — **Survival/ Revival**. Kathy Fortier explained that construction and remodeling work is being donated to MAP, and those contractors also have to fulfill their obligations to paying customers, who come first. "It's difficult working on a timeline when contractors are graciously donating their services." It may



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"The Girls Next Door" a Slammer production, raised \$450 for MAP at their recent show at Club 219. The comedrag troupe will be touring the state.
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be late November until the facility is totally up and running.

Donations are gratefully accepted every Tuesday and Thursday from 3-6pm, or special arrangements can be made with Kathy for other times. Her number is (414) 291-2856. The following items, cleaned, and in good repair, are most needed: housewares, furniture, clothing, knick knacks, objects d'art, antiques, artwork and jewelry.

Runway 51 in Janesville closed September 25. According to Alan, he was going to buy the building but the landlord sold it to someone else for an auction/ flea market. Perhaps it was for the best, as Alan also runs an architectural firm and it was too much work running two businesses. Our best wishes to Al and his staff in future endeavors.

Even the straight-laced **Giftware News**, a gift shop owners trade

publication, is becoming aware of the Gay market. One of our readers, who owns a gift shop, has been reading the publication for years and he told me he has *never* seen any Gay articles in the trade mag. Well, no more... their October issue contained an article titled, "Gay Weddings Add New Dimension To Market". The gift ware shops are a little behind some major department stores, like Bloomies and Tiffany who both welcome same-sex couples to use their gift registry services. Our money is Green, after all! (I'm surprised it was taken them this long when you consider how many Gay men run gift ware stores!)

We've got four sets of two tickets each to give away for **Melissa Etheridge's** November concert in Milwaukee. Be sure to see the "Free Tickets" ads in this issue for details.

My apologies to the Blue Gardenia bar. I was provided with bogus information that we ran in the last issue. They are **not** switching to a Gay format. Also, Check "D" Productions has moved their pageant from Centennial Hall to MATC's Auditorium. There is no association between Blue Gardenia and this pageant that now doesn't even have a name.

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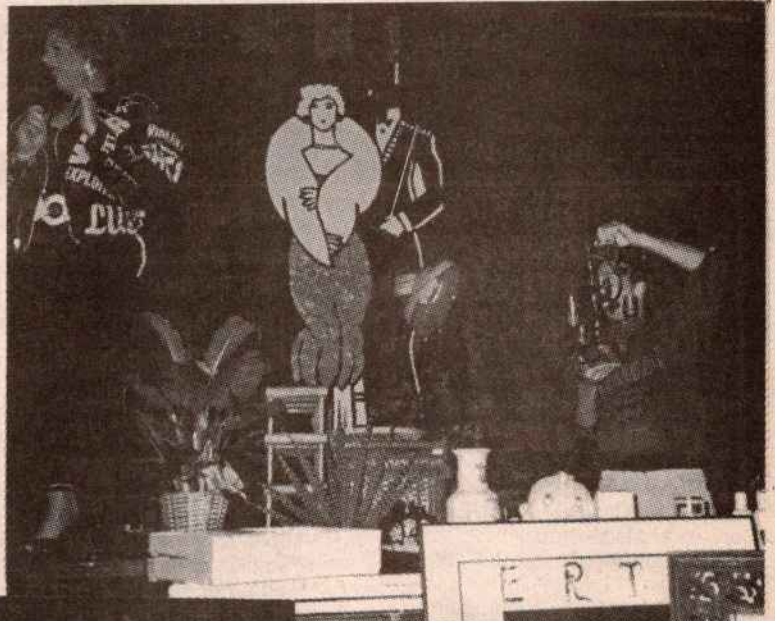
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The Club 94 Follies Girls annual Country Show & Auction raised \$1,100 for SEWAP in Kenosha.
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Calendar

THURSDAY, OCT 27

Rod's (Madison): Pumpkin Carving Contest, 5-10pm, judging and prizes at midnight.

Boot Camp: Halloween Pumpkin Carving Contest.

Club 219: Pumpkin Carving during Cocktail hour.

FRIDAY, OCT 28

Pivot Club (Appleton): Monster Mary Mash Halloween Show, 10:30pm.

Cafe Melange: Grande Costume Party, 8pm, \$5 Cover.

Oberons/3B's: Oberon's Club Night, 9:30-? "Trick & Treats" Raffle to benefit Christmas Club for children with AIDS.

Club 219: Pumpkin Carving during Cocktail Hour.

SATURDAY, OCT 29

Club 219: Classic Halloween Party & Contest, Midnight judging.

7th Annual Women's Halloween Dance: Sponsored by Full Moon Productions at Lake Park Pavilion. See ad for details.

C'est La Vie: Halloween Contest & Party, judging at 11pm & 1am.

Cream City Chorus: Halloween Contest at M&M Club.

Za's: Halloween Costume Contest, 12 midnight.

Wreck Room: Party Night, starts 10pm. Win roundtrip air and other prizes.

M&M Club: Hooray for Halloween Costume Contest, 10pm. Cash, prizes for winners. A WI Cream City Chorus Fundraiser.

Club 94 (Kenosha): The Halloween Party. Food, drink specials, cash giveaways for Best Costume, most original, best couple or group.

The New Bar (Madison): Official Halloween Bash, costume contest at midnight.

Rod's (Madison): Official Halloween Party Blow Out. Costume Contest at 11:30pm.

Frontiers/Gay Video Club (Madison): Halloween Potluck and Party, screening *Love Bites* and *Rocky Horror*, 6:30pm. Call (608) 244-8675 for details.

Blue Lite (Sheboygan): Halloween Costume Contest & Party.

Kathy's Nut Hut: Halloween Costume Bash. Free tap beer, 10-11pm; Judging 11:30. \$1 17 oz tappers, 8pm-2am. \$175 total in cash.

Just Us: Halloween Show, 10pm, \$3 cover for show; 1am Costume Contest (no cover). Prizes, see ad.

Pivot Club (Appleton): Costume Contest, midnight judging.

Club Xpress (Escanaba, MI): Be Very Afraid, Halloween Party. Mask required, 8pm-on. Non-card holders, \$5 admission.

Travlur Lounge (Rockford, IL): Halloween Party.

Ray's (Madison): Halloween Party & Contest.

SUNDAY, OCT 30

Za's: Dry Night Costume Contest, midnight judging.

Club 94 (Kenosha): 1/2 price drinks for anyone in costume. Food, drink specials, door prizes.

The New Bar (Madison): Annual Halloween Show, starts 10:30pm.

Pivot Club (Appleton): Monster Movies All Day.

Station 2: 7th Anniversary Party.

Club 219: 219 Girls Halloween Show, 11:30pm.

Boot Camp Saloon: Halloween Costume Contest, Midnight, \$200 prizes.

Just Us: Halloween Costume Contest 11pm, no cover. Great prizes, see ad for details.

Ballgame: Halloween Costume Party moved to this evening, 5-9pm. Prizes for Top 3 Costumes.

MONDAY, OCT 31

La Cage: Halloween Costume Contest. Judging at 12:30.

The New Bar (Madison): Halloween Special, \$1 Rail & Domestic Beer 10pm-2am for those in costume. Pumpkin carving contest, 9-Midnight.

Rod's (Madison): *Rocky Horror* starts 10:30pm. Those in costume receive \$1 Rail & Domestic Beer from 10pm-Midnight.

Zippers: Halloween Party & Contest, judging at 9pm.

Triangle: Halloween '94 Costume Contest, judging at 11pm. Over \$350 in cash & prizes.

Pivot Club (Appleton): Huge Packers/Bears Patio Tailgate Party.

Napalese Lounge (Green Bay): Halloween Costume Contest and Beer Bust.

Kathy's Nut Hut: Halloween Night Packers/Bears game. Shot surprises; \$1.50 pitchers; \$1.25 can/bottle beer.

Just Us: Come in costume for drink specials. New Daylight Savings Hours, now open at 4pm, M-F.

Ballgame: Packers/Bears game on big screen TV, 8pm. Pretty damn scary!

WEDNESDAY, NOV 2

In Step Deadline: 7pm tonight for Issue 22, covering Nov 10-23.

THURSDAY, NOV 3

Scott Evertz Fundraiser: Just Us hosts a fundraiser for State Assembly 19th District Candidate, Scott Evertz. 5:30-7:30pm at Just Us, 807 South 5th Street.

BESTD Women's Clinic: 6-9pm.

FRIDAY, NOV 4

AfterWords: After Halloween Bash, 7:30pm with a special appearance by Elaine Bergstrom, the Lesbian vampire novelist.

Understanding Needs of LesBiGay Elders: UWM & SAGE/Milw. co-sponsor 1/2 day workshop. (Details in "Group Notes" last issue.) Call SAGE (414) 271-0378.

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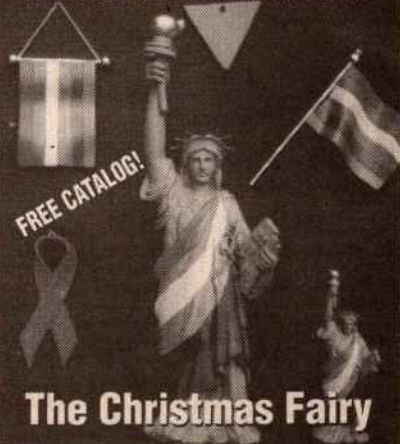
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Club 219+: Body Sweat — 4 male dancers, 11:30 showtime.

SATURDAY, NOV 5

The Pageant: Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant. For info call (414) 282-5323. See ad or "Group Notes" this issue for details.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Body Sweat male dancers.

M&M Club: Singsational Productions performs.

Club 219+: Free champagne reception after The Pageant, honoring Pageant winners, followed by Classic Disco.

Tom Salzsieder's Retirement Party: At the Ballgame, 7-9pm. Food, drink. No gifts please, but donations to MAP or BESTD Clinic gratefully accepted.

SUNDAY, NOV 6

M&M Club: Premiere of weekly Open Mic. Sundays with host Carl Chadek. Weekly from 7:30-11:30pm.

Triangle: The Pineapple Princess' Birthday Celebration Extravaganza, 4pm.

Gay Men's Discussion Group: Exploring the Art of Intimacy. See "Group Notes" for details.

MONDAY, NOV 7

LesBiGay Networking Gathering (Madison): See "Group Notes" for details.

TUESDAY, NOV 8

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WEDNESDAY, NOV 9

United's Volunteer Orientation (Madison): 7-9pm. See "Group Notes" for details.

Le Cage: BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling from 8:30-11:30pm.

Triangle: Max's Good-Bye Party, 9pm.

THURSDAY, NOV 10

Club 219: "Wigstock," Art Muscle Magazine's 8th Anniversary Party. Wear a wig and enjoy the show. Hosted by BJ Daniels.

FRIDAY, NOV 11

Castaways: 15th Anniversary Weekend through November 13.

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

SATURDAY, NOV 12

Cris Williamson & Tret Fure Concert (Milw): Sponsored by Full Moon Productions, Centennial Hall. See "Arts" for details.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Club 94 Follies Girls Country Girl Stampede with special guests, 11pm showtime.

AfterWords: Author Jackie Calhoun, Triple Exposure, 1pm reading & signing.

Madhatters (Wausau): Miss Gay Wausau. A WI-USA preliminary. Applications at the Club or call Jason (414) 272-2875.

SUNDAY, NOV 13

Gay Comedy Jam "Freedom Tour"/ Club Comedy (Milw): Starring Scott Kennedy and Kevin Maye, 8pm. Tickets \$12 day of show or \$10 advance (414) 276-CLUB; 618 North Broadway, Milwaukee. See "Arts" article.

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Juicy Bits

By W.W. Wells III

21 Queer Rules for Living

Just as Charlton Heston brought the Ten Commandments down from the mountain, I now bring these 21 Queer Rules for Living to Gays everywhere!

1. Never wear so much cologne that even people living in Bangladesh can tell that you're wearing copious amounts of Calvin Klein's new One fragrance.
2. Realize that in most personal ads, the term "Teddy Bear" is synonymous with, "I'm fat, have a hairy back and I don't really care."
3. Never date a man who greets you for the first time by slapping you on the butt while grabbing his crotch. Unless (of course) this man looks like a young David Burrill with the bank account of Microsoft's Bill Gates.
4. When accessorizing your look with seductive earrings, more than four per ear is considered overkill.
5. A long term relationship is unlikely to develop if a date tells you his last boyfriend has better pecs, and constantly compares your body with those of male strippers using a tape measure.
6. Always add fifteen pounds and subtract 3-inches from a man describing his body on a 1-900 line.
7. The truth is, no matter how much in love you are, you'll never be in his every thought 24-hours a day. In fact, Gay men spend most of their time contemplating their hair, Madonna and trying to decide if that cute bartender was coming on to him or just being nice.
8. In the heat of passion, never mistake your bottle of Thigh Reduction Cream with lube.
9. There are three types of men to avoid at Gay bars: Men who tell you they've never had a lover; men who pretend they don't have a lover when they really do; and men who have so many lovers they can barely keep track.
10. As a rule of thumb, a man is coming on to you if he suggestively licks the rim of his margarita glass, then licks his fingers and eats the bread sticks like he's auditioning for a porno flick.
11. If you really want to give your boyfriend an ego boost, tell him he reminds you of Jeff Stryker, but with personality and intelligence.
12. Most Gay men agree they place too way much importance on physical beauty and being thin. These are the same men who eat and drink nothing two days prior to a date and will attempt to suck in their stomach by holding their breath the entire night.
13. Normally, a man can be considered to be too old for you if he wheezes during orgasm or must turn up his hearing aid to hear you moan.
14. Never spontaneously jump up on a table and sing Broadway show tunes while in a waiting room full of nervous people waiting for HIV test results.
15. If you really need your space, clip out of state job opportunities from the Sunday paper and encourage him to apply.
16. While in therapy to save your relationship, never have sex with your therapist unless you're trying to make your lover's psychiatrist jealous.
17. As a rule of thumb, calculate a seven minute supply of breathable air while performing vigorous oral sex underneath a heavy down-filled quilt, before dizziness and blackouts occur.
18. Always remember his family birthdays, but never give a sexually graphic birthday card to his 16-year old younger brother you think might be Gay.
19. When ending a relationship, it's important to achieve a sense of closure. This is best done by slamming the door behind him after you kick him out.
20. Gay men hate getting older and experience a mid-life crisis every five years.
21. Usually, any Gay man who does not use a napkin will probably not use a condom either.

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Cleaning out my closet

By Shelly Roberts

Last Stop. Everybody Out.

Editor's Note: Even though this arrived past our NCOD issue deadline, we felt you'd still enjoy it.

As I write this, tomorrow is **National Coming Out Day**, and I admit it, I have a real problem.

I don't have *anyone* left to come out to.

My parents know. My children know. It's on my business card.

The dry cleaner who I don't want to think that — heaven forbid — I was the sloppy one who spilled the mustard on that jacket, knows. So does the bug spray guy who, once a month, pokes his bronze nozzle into the secret creases and crevices of our household. And the car dealer. And, well, gee, I suppose I could take down that flashing hot-pink neon sign over the house soon, couldn't

I? Because the entire neighborhood has heard the secret of the street. Repeatedly.

There's no one left to tell.

And, frankly, I miss it. The rush. The little hesitation as you fill an epoch-long nanosecond with doubt, fear, and hesitation just before uttering the words "I" and "Lesbian" or "Gay" in the same sentence.

That tiny intensity that takes over your entire body and keeps you from breathing *out* as well as in (adrenaline, of late, having become *my* drug of choice — legal, available... and FREE). That overlong instant when, beneath you, the asphalt turns suddenly to dust, the sidewalks take on a decidedly wood plank aura, and you can hear the horse claps, rich in the background, as the church tower gongs eleven of the twelve high-noon chimes, forcing you to face the anticipated shoot out.

Somehow, in the literature and the litany of our everyday conversation, it became our civic duty to inform each and every unsuspecting stranger. "Come out, come out, whoever your are?" we sang and sing to each other hourly. Knowing full well who we each were from centuries of finely honed, subtle recognition signs and symbols. (Not to mention blatant rainbow and triangle stickers, pins, clothing and bumper stickers.)

It was a good plan then. A perfect

plan. The more of us who came out, the more of us could come out. The more of us who came together, the more we could rewrite our life description into something a little more accurate. The more we shed out sad disguises, the happier our parents and siblings could be to be in our families. And so we have. With a vengeance.

A million of us pictured ourselves on TV in Washington, DC.

Uncountable numbers of us wore numbers and played public games that the city of New York sanctioned. Then they gave us an entire urban island for our after-game festivities.

There's hardly a backwater community left that can't muster up at least a couple hundred or a couple thousand for a Pride parade. (Some of our cities manage to pull together a couple of *hundred thousand*.) I just heard recently that LA's Pride Festival budget is practically bigger than the population of Pocatello, Idaho. Universities don't evict women anymore for sapphic admissions. Instead of getting sent home, they get sent to lead seminars on tolerance and diversity. Sure, you can kicked out of the military for telling anything nobody asked. But, hey, that's kind of like being on Nixon's enemies list. Not a dubious distinction at all, I say, wondering why, God, Honor and Country aside, anybody would want

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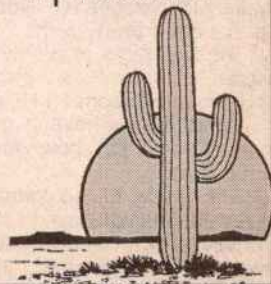
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to wear their hair that short and eat in a bad cafeteria everyday, on purpose.

So, as it stands now, just about everybody breathing, except for maybe a couple of isolated Tibetan sherpas, has figured out what's what, and who's who. And, as I said, who's left to tell?

Which makes me kind of sad, actually. I don't know about you, but now I'm kind of addicted to coming out. I'm just getting good at it. You know, casually working, "Oh, yes, of course I think the increase in the water rate per cubic yard is a travesty, and by the way I am a Lesbian," into a sentence.

Now I look for uptight biddies in hats with net veils and tightly pursed lips to open unsuspecting conversations with on city buses. I hunt into the far corners of my family tree to see if I could get a skeleton to rattle anywhere. But there isn't a cousin left anywhere, who, in response, hasn't replied, "Oh yeah, you think that's something? Hey, that's nothing! I was just on Oprah for being Angelfood Cake addicted. Now there's something that's been in the closet too long!" (We're a fairly competitive bunch.)

Soon I'll be seeking my salvation in intimate conversations with wrong-winged religionists just to get an outing fix. Disclosing my disposition to the IRS, requiring them to create a new check-off status box just for us, just to get a little satisfaction. I'll become an outing bag lady with "DYKE" stenciled on the bag, haunting the highways, just hoping to locate someone I haven't yet notified.

Maybe you haven't done the deed yet with someone important in your life. Maybe you haven't given Mom the opportunity to utter those loving, caring, accepting words, "Omgod, don't tell your father. He'll have a stroke," yet. Maybe your boss is the only person in the Western Hemisphere you haven't shared your secret with. If it's not too much trouble, do you think you could share them with me?

You see, National Coming Out Day will come around again, and by then, a year's worth later, I really won't have a single significant soul to bare my soul to. And, as you can probably tell, I'm hooked on the experience.

I could help. I'd be happy, really, to do it for you. Hey, no problem. I'd love to. Honest. No, no, really. Really, really! Please. Oh, pleeeeeease. Don't make me beg. It's not a pretty sight.

"Hi. My name is Shelly. And I'm a Lesbian."

(Group Response:) Hi, Shelly...

What!!!! You haven't come out to anyone? At all. Oh, how wonderful. Oh, joy, oh bliss.

The hours of indulgent pleasures, the revelations you have in store for you.

Say, if you need any help, I could make myself available. Come spend some time there. Honestly, being out with you?

Why, it would be my pleasure.

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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter


The Stuff Dreams are Made Of

There is a distinct chilliness in the air and everything seems gray and dismal. Yes, that's right: it's election time. So naturally, my thoughts turn to a Lesbian in the White House — and, no, I am not referring to someone brought in for a little hanky panky with the current first couple. In spite of the fact that it's not a presidential election year, what I find myself dreaming of is the day when a dyke can write "1600 Pennsylvania Avenue" on the address line of her Sears credit card application. A dyke in the White House. Wow. I wouldn't even care if the dyke in question were the president — she could be the president's girlfriend, for instance.

But of course, she wouldn't be called "the president's girlfriend" — she'd be the First Lady. Or would she be the Second Lady, with the president being

the First Lady? Most Lesbians I know, though, are a tad uncomfortable with the appellation "lady," so maybe she'd prefer to be called the First Woman. And just what title would be bestowed on the first child's sperm daddy? Surprisingly enough, this is something that has not really come up in previous administrations. For simplicity sake, though, maybe he would just be known as "the presidential sperm donor." As for the vice-president, I'm guessing she'd be called the co-facilitator of the country. But I suppose we have some time to figure these things out.

Titles, of course, would not be the only site of change in the first Lesbian administration. Virtually everything would



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be handled just a bit differently. For instance, when a debate really heats up in the Senate and tempers are flaring and Senators have resorted to calling one another names, the president would bring in a therapist to work with the whole group of them there on the Senate floor, helping them process their issues with one another and validating their feelings: "I feel your anger, Senator Helms."

But let's start at the beginning. Her campaign slogan would be "Put a Woman on Top." At the inaugural ball, everybody would be wearing tuxedos, men and women alike — except, of course, for the drag queens on the guest list. The head of the President's Council on Physical Fitness would be Martina. A giant condom would be put over the Washington Monument with "Stop AIDS Now" scrawled across it. Instead of Camp David, the president would go to the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival. Her vacation home would be P-Town. Members of the Pink Angels would be hired as Secret Service Women and would be known for their crewcuts and the dour looks on their faces. (Well, okay: not *everything* would change.) A new cabinet position would be created with RuPaul as Secretary of Attitude.

Reagan had horseback riding, Clinton had jogging — Madam President's sport of choice would be softball, and a field would be constructed

on the South Lawn of the White House. When a group of women filed suit against major league baseball for barring them from playing, the president would hold a press conference and speak out against discrimination of this kind and urge the baseball owners to open their ranks to people of all genders. The winner of the NCAA women's basketball championship would be invited to the White House — to spend the night. Visitors to the White House could purchase presidential dental dams and condoms from the Gift Shop.

A new series of stamps would come out, honoring Lesbian comics. The poet laureate of the country would be Minnie Bruce Pratt. The president would appoint a liaison to the heterosexual community — just to let them know she cares about their special needs. The defense program would be karate; their new policy: Do Tell! Discrimination of any kind against Lesbians and Gays would be punishable by serving time as a cabin boy on an Olivia cruise. Health care coverage would be expanded to include acupuncture, artificial insemination, hair cuts (because good ones are so important for good mental health), aura repair, etc. Breast cancer research would be the number one priority of the National Institutes of Health, along with AIDS research.

Hey — when I dream, I don't mess around! The problem is, of course, that

Clinton had, if not these exact same aspirations, similarly high ideals — and look how many times he's been slapped down. The point is, the president — mostly for the better, sometimes for the worse — is not omnipotent. The person at the top does make a difference, but there also needs to be a solid support structure in place below. That's where the likes of you and I come in. (Oh, oh: here comes the subtle message portion of this column.) We need to support our Lesbian and Gay — and, especially, maybe, the queer-supportive — candidates out there by talking them up to our hetero friends and family, by sending money, by volunteering our time, and, most important of all, by getting out there to vote.

Because when that Lesbian (or, okay: Gay) Senator is making a bid for the presidency, I don't want her to be out there alone. I want to be there with her, polishing her Doc Martens or performing some other equally high-level task.

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BESTD Answers Health Questions

By Bob Ambelang &
Dr. Kelly Balliet

I had been tested every six months for the past five years. A few months ago my HIV antibody test came back positive. I was shocked and paralyzed by the fact I was infected and have done nothing about it. What should I do now?

Receiving the news that you are HIV Positive is shattering news, and different people react to the news differently. One thing you cannot do is expect that if you ignore the virus it will go away. Unfortunately many people treat regular testing rather lightly. We always recommend that people who are at risk for HIV infection have a support system in place that they can turn to if their results are positive. A friend, a lover, a family member, counselor or clergyman that you can turn to with whom to discuss your feeling and fears. Very few people actually consider this and when they face news alone it can be a very hard thing to handle.

You don't say where you were tested or if you received post-test counseling. Most testing sites such as are available in Wisconsin offer follow-up counseling with referrals. If you have the information the counselor gave you, get it out. That is a starting point. The reason regular testing is suggested for those at high risk is that the individual who becomes infected can take early action in slowing the progression of the virus. From what you write, we can guess that you were infected within the last year and a half. In most people this is considered the relatively early stage of infection. The virus itself does not usually attack the immune system so rapidly in early stages unless helped along by other factors, i.e., substance abuse, poor nutrition, reinfection, etc.

At this point it is extremely important for you to get a complete medical work-up to see what, if anything, the virus has done to your immune system. If you have health insurance these tests will be covered. If you are not insured or are not yet ready to use your insurance, you can have these tests done by various clinics that handle this type of testing. Milwaukee has a program called PATH. It is a cooperative effort of the Milwaukee AIDS Project and STD Specialties. Through this program you can receive a complete blood work up as well as a physical and emotional evaluation. Through the PATH program you may choose to not access your insurance coverage. There is presently no charge for this evaluation. This type of program is referred to as "Early Intervention

Program" or EIP. They will also see that you have the necessary immunizations to prevent other illnesses such as Hepatitis, Pneumonia and influenza.

EIPs are being put in place in other parts of the state. Some are accepting clients and others soon will. For more information, call your local AIDS service organization or the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin at (800) 369-9272. (Milwaukee County residents can call MAP at 273-1991 or BESTD Clinic at 272-2144 for information on these services.)

It is important to remember that we are dealing with two separate issues. One is HIV infection and the other is AIDS. The HIV virus attacks the immune system. When the immune system is sufficiently weakened an individual can fall victim to any number of opportunistic infections that normally healthy people can overcome. At that point the situation is called AIDS. The whole concept behind "Early Intervention" is to slow the progress of the virus so that the immune system continues to function as long as possible. There are a number of factors involved here, not the least of which is the fact that the virus in itself is confusing, and battling scientists the world over. The virus does not always respond as expected and also responds differently in different people.

MONITOR YOUR HEALTH

Now that you know you are infected, you can do things that can and will affect your health for the better. Most important is to get a medical check up. Secondly, take a long hard look at your lifestyle. Are you doing anything that is unhealthy? Substance abuse? Smoking? Poor nutrition? Lack of exercise? Poor sleeping habits? There are areas that are vitally important to your long lasting health. If you lack in any of these areas you need to make the necessary changes to your lifestyle.

Your primary care provider may also suggest other ways to improve your overall health and you may or may not be put on anti-viral drugs at this time. That is something to discuss with your care provider. The purpose of anti-viral drugs is to slow the replication of the virus in your system. New anti-virals are being tested and new combinations are being tested as well. Only you and your health care provider can decide what is best for you.

You may notice that **You** are included in the health care decision making process. It is extremely important that you become a real active partner in your health care decisions. You must learn all you can about what is going on in your body and what alternatives you have to counter the situation. There are changes that are occurring in your body and your mind as well. Many of these changes are so gradual that you will not be aware of them. Frequently, as these changes occur, your mind will make

adjustments and compensations for these things that you are not even consciously aware of.

There is a definite "mind-body" connection. Stress reduction is a vital factor in staying healthy. Recent research has shown that normally healthy individuals who experience high levels of stress. There are many methods of stress reduction that are effective, including: meditation, acupressure, and acupuncture among others. These are referred to as "complimentary therapies."

EMOTIONAL HEALTH

Another factor not to be discounted is the value of support groups. Dr. Jeffrey Kelly, of the Medical College of Wisconsin recently completed research that showed that HIV infected individuals who were involved in peer support groups, on the whole, did much better than individuals who did not participate in groups. The value of support group therapy lies in the fact that one has a sense of belonging and validation for their place in life's scheme. It is sometimes difficult for someone who is not infected to know where you are coming from or what is bothering you. A peer support group is comprised of people like yourself who are in the same position and can relate to the things that are going on in your life. This sharing can be vital in terms of how you are able

to handle the fact of being infected and of long term survival.

Additionally, support groups are frequently a clearing house for information on the latest clinical trials of new drugs or treatments, health care providers as well as sources for further counseling. It is our strong recommendation that anyone who is HIV infected become involved in a support group that is appropriate for their lifestyle. Partners, families and friends have support groups in place that can also help them deal with the issues they confront. Further information on available support groups can be obtained from the numbers listed earlier in this article.

There are a couple things to remember. First, get an immediate medical work-up, become an active, involved partner in your health care, lead a healthy lifestyle, join a support group and try to reduce stress. **And always practice safer sex! Re-infection is possible!** Additionally, you don't want to infect someone else. HIV infection is being treated more as a chronic illness today than a fatal disease. Infected individuals are overcoming illnesses that were fatal ten years ago. Take care of yourself.

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Zodiacscope

By Charlene Lichtenstein

The Rainbow turns autumnal as November positions us for the upcoming holiday season. It can begin with a passionate kick in the patoot as the Sun enter Scorpio (let's heat up the scene at election time, kids) and conclude with a gleeful, in your face display with the Sun in zestful Sagittarius. All signs will undergo a change of perspective as the planets heat up new areas of our lives. Read ahead to get a clue...

ARIES, March 21-April 20

Activity is centered on self discovery and psychological breakthroughs. Are you living up to your true potential? Are you living your life true to yourself? If the answer is a "no" or even a qualified and wavering "maybe," you can do what needs to be done to correct your journey. Let's just say the planets have handed you a roadmap.

TAURUS, April 21-May 21

Partners are the key to your happiness and fulfillment this month. If you are in a solid relationship, you are able to feast upon it's offerings. If you are searching for that special someone, you have a clearer idea of what type of individual will suit you best. Pursue all leads and give halfway hearts a push in one direction or the other.

GEMINI, May 22-June 21

Beneficial payoffs are imminent to all Gay Twins who have faithfully placed their nose squarely on the old grindstone. The job might have required a greater effort than usual and you might have felt unappreciated and over worked, but the rewards are now there if you have put in the necessary effort and speak up for your rights and dignity.

CANCER, June 22-July 23

You are tempted to place a little well-earned lucre into where you will have the most fun. This is not a bad thing if you can truly afford it. (In fact, there is every indication that, if you have done your financial homework, you will be rewarded with a little investment pay out.) Watch the bottom line, but don't be afraid to have a good time!

LEO, July 24-Aug 23

The limelight beckons. Will you heed the call? (Look who I'm talking to... Leo the dramatic!) This is the time to set foundations for future success and stability. It can either be achieved on sheer chutzpa through your winning personality and sense of leadership, or it can be built through family connections and lifelong associations.

VIRGO, Aug 24-Sept 23

Communications become crystal clear and affirming. Give yourself a wider than average berth of comfort to say what needs to be said. You are able to sugarcoat even the most rancid of news and the most biting commentary. Try your hand at writing — you can make a name for yourself (as well as help our community) through the literary or journalistic sphere.

LIBRA, Sept 24-Oct 23

Money may have been a concern in the past, but the planets seem to have given you a respite from worry. Maybe friends will come through just when you need them or maybe you have finally developed a bit of monetary sense. Either way, you need to build on the advantage gained today in order to insure a secure and golden future.

SCORPIO, Oct 24-Nov 22

Scorpios can not only light up the center stage this month but can set it on fire. There is every indication that the time has come for you to demand your rightful place in the world and in the corporate arena. Yes, it's transformation and assumption time, so plan your course carefully and strategically in true scorpion fashion. Meet, greet and succeed!

SAGITTARIUS, Nov 23-Dec 22

Itchy feet? You may be tempted to travel and seek unexplored vistas. Gain new perspectives on life by either packing your bags and getting out of town or volunteering your services for a Gay cause or two... or three. (Sagittarians have unbounded energy when they are motivated.) Intuitively, you know which activity will provide you with that special surge.

CAPRICORN, Dec 23-Jan 20

Friends are there when you need them and need them you might. You are also able to lend support to a pal in trouble. Strength is derived through large social groups and organizations, so it is wise to get involved. Although it may seem that you can't seem to say the right thing at the right time, they do say that actions speak louder than words. *Do it!*

AQUARIUS, Jan 21-Feb 19

It is possible to cash in on career aspirations now. The planets indicate that lucky opportunities will come your professional way and a whole new adjustment is possible. Is it that you are finally dancing to the rhythm or corporate politics? Not bloody likely with that independent "spit into the wind" attitude! It's just that you now have an opportunity to grab onto a shooting star.

PISCES, Feb 20-March 20

You continue to suffer from a lack of self confidence, but you must realize that it is all in your mind. If you feel under-educated, enroll in a class. If you feel stifled, travel to the open spaces. Don't encourage the gremlins with sad sack thoughts. Give yourself a break and fulfill your dreams. There is nothing like a personal victory to drive away the blues.

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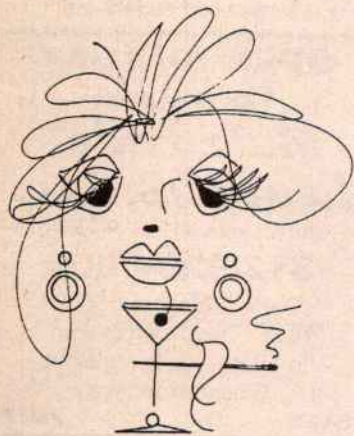
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Life's a Drag

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"They've come out with a magazine called *Vague*, dear, not *Vogue*: It's for people whose IQ matches their shoe size"



Stark Reality

By Kirk Stark

Excuses for Bad Decisions

Part One

Sometimes I have found it better to keep one's mouth shut lest one say the wrong thing at the moment that it can do the maximum amount of harm. That sort of verbal *faux pas* that doubles as a knee in the groin. *The words you wish you could take back.*

As you can tell, there's a story behind this.

It began, as most things do, with the best of intentions. I had a personal ad running over a year ago, and I had a nice number of responses. As I was separating the wheat from the chaff, I noticed a letter that had unique qualities. He wasn't right for me, but he was appropriate for a friend of mine.

So, I gave him the letter, told him to call the gentleman, and let fate take its course.

Initially, fate was kind, and they got along well. *Very well.* They got together to watch movies, went to events together, and did all the new couple

things.

Then, it was a few months later. My friend had a perpetually silly grin, and as far as he was concerned, all was right with the world.

Then came the moment of doom. We all went to a large party. We had a great deal of fun, slurped a mass amount of alcoholic beverages, and by the level of gyrations on the dance floor, were partying like it was 1999.

At one point, his boyfriend and I were alone together, having one of those personal conversations created by exhaustion and inebriation. We were talking about "funny" things. Not funny "ha-ha," but funny *ironic*.

Well, I told him that I found it amusing that had I not passed my letter on to my friend, that he could have been there with me. He looked at me in stunned silence — *he didn't know*. I was in deep shit, and I knew it.

My friend had neglected to tell him the truth. I found out in the next few minutes that wasn't the only thing he had been left in the dark about. The ad he responded to had my personal statistics, which my friend didn't fit. Such as age, height, weight. In a rush of realization, he found he had been fooled.

He didn't say anything more that night, making the most of the rest of the evening. I thought that he was over his anger. I was wrong.

The next day he broke up with my

friend.

It didn't matter how well they got along. It didn't matter that they had a great deal in common, or that they possessed good chemistry. He had been fooled, and he was pissed.

So, it was my duty to put my friend together again after the fall. I couldn't help but feel stupid. In two minutes of time, I ripped apart a relationship that had been going well for two months. As Harvey Firestein said, "With friends like that, who needs divorce court?"

Don't get me wrong — I don't mean one *shouldn't* do things like this. Once in a while, everyone should go for the outside chance, be prepared, and when the situation explodes, as it generally wont to do, remember that it was an adventure, fun was had by all, and move on.

What I learned from this was a classic lesson. No matter how good one's intentions are, if it seems like a bad idea, it probably is.

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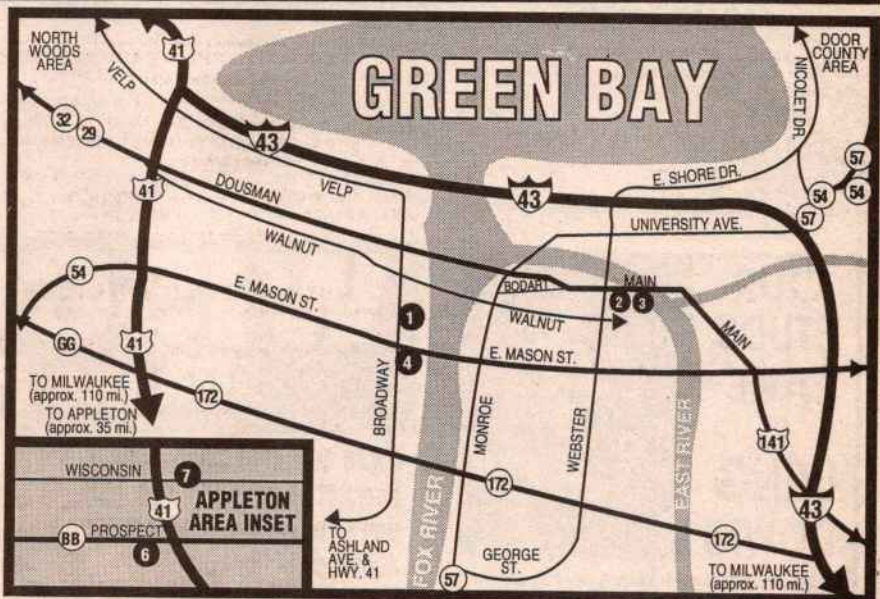
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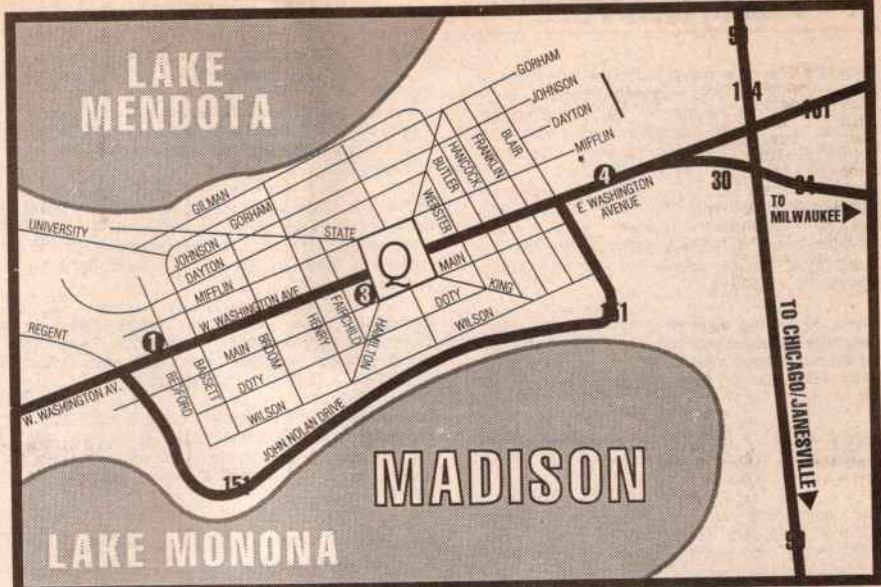
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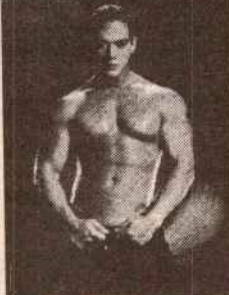
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2800 N. Richards, 53212 372-6330
- 7 **La Cage** (Mw, DJ, V) 801 S. 2nd 53204 383-8330
- 17 **Loose Ends** (GS, MW, F)
4332 W. Fond du Lac 442-8469
- 26 **Mama Roux** (MW, G/S, F)
1875 N. Humboldt, 53202 347-0344
- 10 **M&M Club** (MW, F) 124 N. Water 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

BOWLING

- 24 **Walker's Point Marble Arcade** (MW, F, Bowling)
1101 S. 2nd Street 647-9430

RESTAURANTS

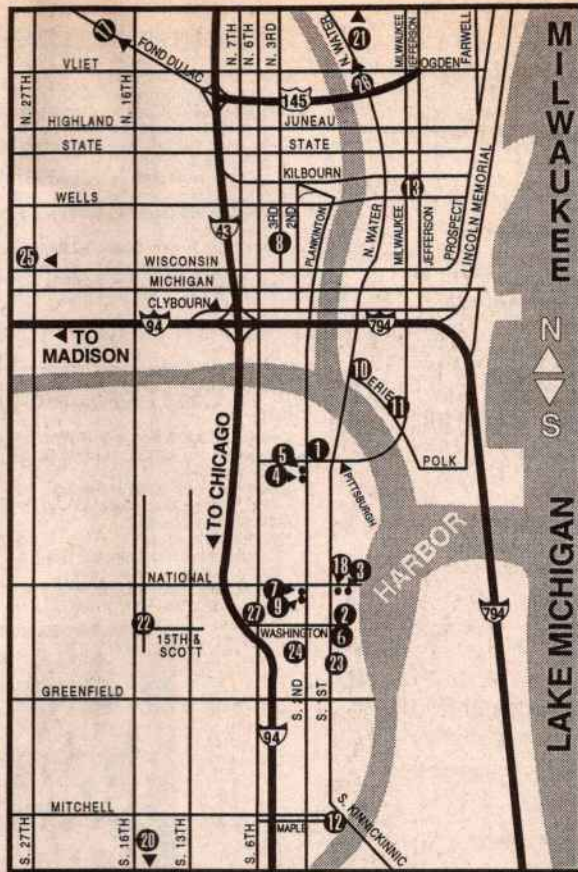
- 6 **Miguel's** (lunch, dinner, Sunday brunch)
1100 S. 1st Street 53204 647-9950
- 10 **Glass Menagerie** (lunch, dinner, Sunday Brunch)
124 N. Water 53202 347-1962
- 7 **La Grill** 807 S. 2nd St, 53204 384-8330
- 23 **Walker's Point Cafe** (10am-afterhours)
1106 S. 1st St. 53204 384-7999
- 26 **Mama Roux** (Serving 11am-10pm)
1875 N. Humboldt, 53202 347-0344

HELP LINES

- Gay Information Svcs. (referrals) 444-7331
- Gay People's Union Hotline 562-7010
- Gay Bash Hotline (confidential) 444-7331
- Helpline (Crisis Counseling) 271-3123
- Wisconsin AIDS Info Line 273-AIDS
- Milw. Mayor's Office Lesb/Gay Problem Resolution
Marge Beil 286-2200

SERVICES

- Able Amazon** (Home Repair, Remodeling) 263-2889
- Alternative Connections** (G/L matchmaking) 765-1233
- Bottom Line Travel** (Travel Agency, member IGTA)
3468 S. 13, 53215 383-1244
- Discovery & Recovery Clinic** (Counseling)
6510 W. Layton Ave, 53215 282-6160
- Federated Realty Jack Smith** 964-9000/ 283-1452
- Financial Planning Services** 445-5552
- Theodore I. Friedman, PhD** (Psychotherapist)
2266 N. Prospect, Suite 206 53202 272-2427
- Full Moon Productions** (Women's Music Promoters)
PO Box 11091, Milw. 53211
- Gay/Lesbian International News Network** (GLINN)
PO Box 93626, 53203 (Fax 289-0789) 289-7777
- GLINN Voice Mail** 289-8780
- Havlicek & Assoc.** (Advertising, Desktop)
225 S. 2nd St, 53204 271-5819
- Horizon Travel** (Member IGTA)
N81 W15028 Appleton, Men. Falls 53051 255-0704
- Hurricane Womyn's Productions**
PO Box 71268, 53211
- Denis Jackson, PhD.** (Relational training, hypnosis, HIV & Vocational Counseling) 276-8669
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5665 S. 108th, Hales Corners 53130 529-2800
- Lohman Funeral Service**
804 W. Greenfield Ave. 53204 645-1575
- Thomas E. Martin** (trial & general law)
161 W. Wisconsin, Suite 3189 53203 765-9413
- Milwaukee AIDS Project** (MAP)
PO Box 92487, 53202-0487 273-1991



- Milwaukee Financial Planning Service**
(money management, retirement planning)
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611 N Broadway, Ste 230, 53202 272-6199
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8626 B W. Greenfield 771-MATE
- Travel Directions** (Travel Agency)
515 Glenview, Wauwatosa, 53213 774-2174
- Wells Ink** (Advertising, PR) 272-2116

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- AfterWords** (G/L Bookstore & Espresso Bar)
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3817 N Oakland, 53211 962-6520
- Triangle Tire Group** 3725 S Howell, 53207 481-8848
- Clinton St. Antiques** 1110 S. 1st St. 53204 647-1773

ORGANIZATIONS

- ACT UP Milwaukee** PO Box 1707, 53201 769-8708
- Alcoholics Anonymous** (req. Gay meetings) 771-9119
- 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
- Cream City Chorus P. O.** Box 1488, 53201 344-9222
- 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
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PO Box 1272, Milwaukee, 53201
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- Fest City Singers** (Gay choral group)
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- Front Runners/Walkers** 774-2668
- Galano Club** (chemical free recovery club)
2408 N. Farwell 276-6936
- Gaylaxians** (G/L sci-fi group)
c/o Emory Chumess, 2705 N. Shepard 53211
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PO Box 1900, 53201 963-9833
- 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
- Gemini Gender Group** (TV/TS/TG Support/Social)
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- Girth & Mirth/Milwaukee P. O.** Box 862, 53201-0862
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(Boating, social) PO Box 1768, 53201 475-6800
- Human Rights League (HRL)**, PO Box 92674, 53202
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- Imani** (Support/Social Group for Black Lesbians)
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- Keep Hope Alive** (HIV Holistic Support)
PO Box 27041, West Allis, 53227 548-4344
- Lambda Rights Network** (political action, legal defense) Box 93252, 53203 871-4839
- LAMM** (Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee)
PO Box 93323, 53203 264-2600
- Lesbian, Gay and Bi People in Medicine (LGBPM)**
c/o 3122 W Michigan, 53208 933-6581
- LOC/Women of Color** 873-4942
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PO Box 12292, 53212 Dave 527-4296 Veral 347-0580
- MGALA** (MU Graduates)
PO Box 92722, 53202
- Marquette LesBiGay Student Group**
Campus Ministry, 617 N 14th St, 53233 288-6873
- Metro Milwaukee Tennis Club** 482-0472
- Narcotics Anonymous** (request Gay mtgs.) 543-4850
- Outdoors Cooperative Sports Group** 963-9833
- People Living With AIDS Coalition**
820 N Plankinton, 53203 273-1991

MILWAUKEE (414)

ORGANIZATIONS

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
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 PO Box 92482, 53202 after 4pm:271-0378
Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL)
 PO Box 92605, 53202 276-6936
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
Wi. Leather Men's Assoc. Inc.
 PO Box 897, 53201-0897

RELIGIOUS

Cross Lutheran Church (Reconciled in Christ)
 1821 N. 16th St. 344-1746
Dignity (G/L Catholic Church)
 PO Box 597, 53102 444-7177
Lutherans Concerned
 PO Box 11864, 53211 481-9663
MAP Spiritual Care
 PO Box 92505, 53202 273-1991
Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church
 UFMCC) PO Box 1421, 53201-1421 332-9995
Plymouth Church-UCC (Open & Affirming)
 2717 E. Hampshire 964-1513
The Sanctuary (Ecumenical, non-denominational)
 1636 W. National 647-9199
St. James Episcopal Church
 833 W. Wisconsin Ave 271-1340
St Mary the Virgin Catholic Church (Anglican Rite)
 1311 W Lincoln, 53215 643-9313
First Unitarian Society (Unitarian Universalist Church)
 1342 N Astor 273-5257
Village Church (Reconciled in Christ)
 130 E. Juneau Ave 273-7617

MEDICAL

Dr. Kelly Balliet (Internal/Infectious Diseases)
 Medical Center Specialties Clinic
 945 N 12, 53233 283-7837
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 Family Care Center, 1834 W Wisc.,53233 933-3600
Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) (VD, HIV testing,
 hepatitis screening) 1240 E Brady 53202 272-2144
BESTD Women's Clinic
 1240 E Brady, 53202 272-2144
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 BESTD Clinic 272-2144
Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)
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 820 N Plankinton, 53203
 Office/Staff 273-1991 AIDS Information 273-2437
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CENTRAL WI (715)

Central WI AIDS Network (CWAN) (HIV/AIDS Service
 Organization) 1200 Lake View Dr, Rm 200,
 Wausau, 54403 (715) 848-9060
Empowerment/PAWS (Newsletter for PWAs)
 1932 Strongs Ave, Stevens Point, 54481 342-0576
G&L Society/Wausau (715)848-0608
UWSP 10% Society
 Campus Activities Complex, Box 68
 UWSP, Stevens, Point, 54481 (715) 346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)
 PO box 152, Wausau, 54402 (715) 848-0343

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 2108 4th Ave, Stevens Point 54481 (715) 345-6500
Platwood Club (MW, D)
 701 Highway 10W, Stevens Pt, 54481 (715) 341-8862
Wausau Narcotics Anonymous
 (ask for Gay meetings) (715) 536-LIFE
Women's Resource Center UWSP
 336 Nelson Hall, Stevens Pt. 54481 (715)346-4851

SHEBOYGAN AREA (414)

Sherlock's Home (Mw, G/S, F)
 733 Pennsylvania (No phone)
Blue Lite (Mw) 457-1636
 1029 N. 8th, 53081
Olde Bricke House (Bed and Breakfast) 451-9779
 303 Niagara, 53081
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 Shirley: 458-2506 Carolyn: 467-0422
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Northern WI. Lambda Society
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501 (715) 362-4242
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Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bi's (715) 359-7432
Out Up North (G/L Social/Info/Network)
PO Box 695, Washburn, 54891 (715) 682-2890

RACINE/KENOSHA (414)

Club 94 (MW, DJ)
9001 120th Ave (Hwy C&I94) Kenosha 53140 857-9958
JoDee's (MW, DJ)
2139 Racine St (Hwy 32) Racine 53403 634-9804
What About Me? (WM)
600 6th St. Racine 53403 632-0171
Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)
554-6611
Gay/Lesbian Union of Racine
625 College, Racine 53403 634-0659
Gay Lesbian Union of Kenosha
c/o Unitarian Universalist
PO Box 593, Kenosha 53141 654-9427
Southeastern WI AIDS Project (HIV/AIDS Service Organization)
6927 39th Ave., Kenosha 53141 1-800-924-6601 657-6644
UW-Parkside G/L Organization
900 Wood Rd., Box 200, Kenosha 53141 595-2244

SOUTHEASTERN WI (414)

UW-Whitewater G/L Student Union
309 McCutchen Hall, Whitewater 53190 472-5738
Saving Grace Tabernacle (Bible study group)
PO Box 367, Salem, WI 53168 537-4639
Diamond Hill Inn B&B
W1375 Hwy 11, Spring Prairie 763-4421
Wychwolde (Jewelry & Gifts)
8321 Antioch Rd (Hwy 83), Salem 53168 843-4209

NORTHWEST WI

Main Club (Mw)
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Trio (Wm)
820 Tower, Superior, 54880 (715) 392-5373
Connect (G/L info line)
PO Box 1304, Superior 54880 (715) 394-9467
N.O.W.A.P. (Northwest WI AIDS Project)
HIV/AIDS Service Organization
505 Dewey St., So, #208 Eau Claire 54702 (800) 750-AIDS/(715) 836-7710
UW-Eau Claire G/L Alcoholics Support Group
Tap Line: (715) 839-3425 Linda: (715) 839-3687
Scruples (MW, DJ, F)
411 Galloway St., Eau Claire 54703 (715) 839-9606
Northland Gay Men's Center
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309 Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 722-8585

SO WEST/WEST CENTRAL

Cavalier Lounge (MW, D)
114 N. 5th St., LaCrosse 54601 (608) 782-9061
Gay & Lesbian Alliance, Box 131, Platteville, 53818
La Crosse Health Dept. (AIDS/HIV Service Organ.)
300 N 4th, La Crosse 54601 (608) 785-9872
LaCrosse L/G Support Group
c/o Campus Ministry Center (608) 784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News, Box 932, LaCrosse 54602
UW Stout 10% Society
c/o 153 C Harvey Hall, UW-S, Menomonee, 54751
LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays (608) 782-6082
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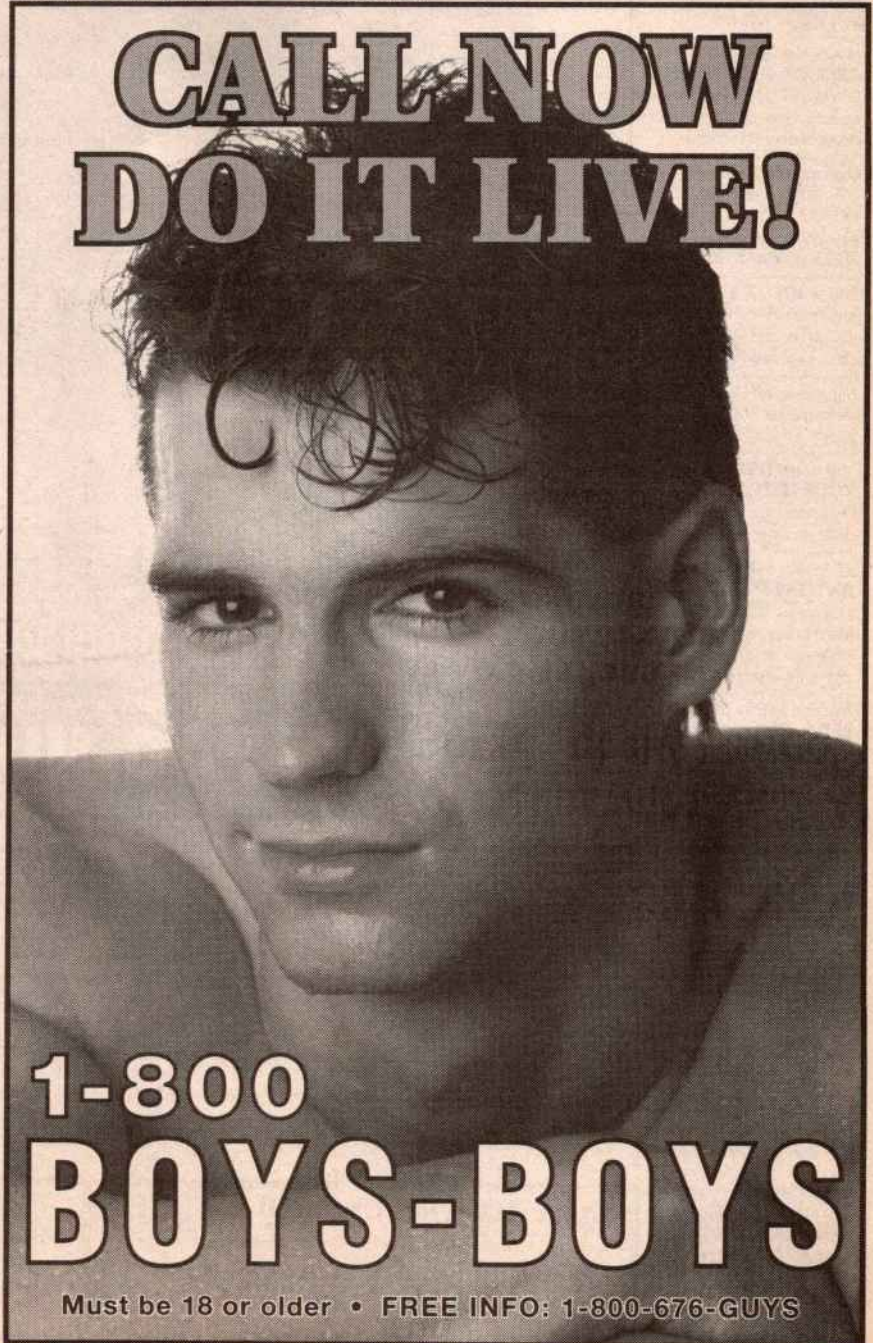
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PO Box 208, Zion, IL 60099
Log Cabin Club (G/L Republicans) (414) 276-5428
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Great Lakes Harley Riders
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Wisconsin AIDS Line (outside Milw.)
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Wisconsin Light (bi-weekly G/L newspaper)
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Phone: (414) 372-2773 fax: (414) 372-1840
WI. Legislative Hotline 1-800-362-WISC

OUT OF STATE

CDC National AIDS Hotline (800) 342-2437
Gay & Lesbian Americans
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Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF)
(Speak Out Campaign) (202) 332-6483
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483
Club Xpress (Mw, DJ)
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513 E State, Rockford, IL 61104 (815) 965-0344
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Milwaukee CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER... I'm 32 GWM 5'10 150 blond/brn clean shaven seeking romance this fall, many interests, never boring- #10595

Madison LET'S GET PHYSICAL-22, 5'7 140, Korean, runner, no prior sexual exp, like massage, wrestling, anything physical-looking for a WM musc, masc, 20-35, pls call- #10734

Racine JOE 22, 5'11, 214, lkg for someone mature, age not imp, never had this before and would like to - give me a call, like to hear from you- #10772

Milwaukee WHAT'S UP? , JOE, 25 BM seeking other BM I'm a top, looking for a buddy, or maybe more- #10809

Milwaukee THIS KIND WON'T ROT YOUR TEETH! Candy, TV, like men 40+ I'm a real lady, and like to meet you, for dates and stuff-by, honey- #10915

Milwaukee I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYONE OUT THERE-Gary, 29 SBM looking for other SBM age 24-50, masc, athletic, BM only- give me a call- has to be other men out there- be the first to call and prove me wrong- #10027

Madison WE'LL SAVE THE REST FOR LATER: CJ, 20, int meeting someone 18-22, like, dancing, partying, not too into bar scene, movies, dinners, lkg 4 spontaneous sincere guy, I'm thin built, hobbies, sports volleyball, I'm a student- #10938

Milwaukee BI WM looking for str bi or gay men to get together and have a little fun- #10962

Blancheville TODD, looking 4 GWM 18-24, masc hard worker, camping, fishing, 4 wheeling quiet times, movies, bowling, getting a little wild @ parties, not into bars, must be well end'd, lkg 2 meet right person, companionship in my area blnds a +++ #109

Madison WORK OUT PARTNER: Emmanuel, BM, 6' 170, grey eyes, attr, looking for someone to have fun and work out with weights- #11271

Milwaukee WITH A RIBBON ON IT: 33, male, 165, 5'10, hazel/brn into safe fun, have interesting package- give me a call- #9720

Milwaukee OPEN ALL NIGHT: Eddie, 6'3 brn/green 300+ willing to do anything with the right person, like to get together and have lot's of fun- anytime at night-bye- #10032

Milwaukee CAN I HAVE THE USED ONES? 30 Bi wm 5'8 155 brn/brn on the jock side, looking for bi or gay males- #11353

Milwaukee ANY TAKERS? I'm a 35 bi male, looking for a man in the area not picky, I'm willing to pls, am married, #11354

good sense of humor, movies, pets pol active- #1132

Milwaukee LARRY, 5'6 130, discreet, WM open to almost anything in regard to having fun, try me, give me a call- #11719

Madison DENNIS, just moved here from Chicago 21 5'8 155 lkg for any male that is gay, race not imp, slim, like to have a good time- #11741

Milwaukee VAL, 25, dkbrn/brn 5'7, many int music going out, meeting new people, give me a call- hope to hear from you- #11751

Waukesha ALL BI MYSELF- BI WM 34, looking for BI WM around the same age, who likes movies, camping, and talking for a poss rel, or just friendship- #11817

Appleton GWM 23, 6'1, blk/brn lkg to meet in my area 18-23 to go out with have fun dance movies, spend quiet times @ home, call me- #11908

Green Bay FIRE IN MY HEART: Alan, prof'l GWM 41, 5'11, 175, eyes at home, fireplace, travel, seeking 35-45 pot rel, give me a call- #12009

Milwaukee GENTLE BM looking for someone romantic, quiet eyes and not into bar scene, if this is you give me a call, end'd top, sometimes btm- #12021

Reedsburg LASTING RELATIONSHIP: Troy, 21, blk, brn, hairy chest 6'2, 185, like to swim, tennis, pool, ping pong, smoke, mustache, lkg for someone who wants a commitment, 21-35, and if that's you, lv a message- #12043

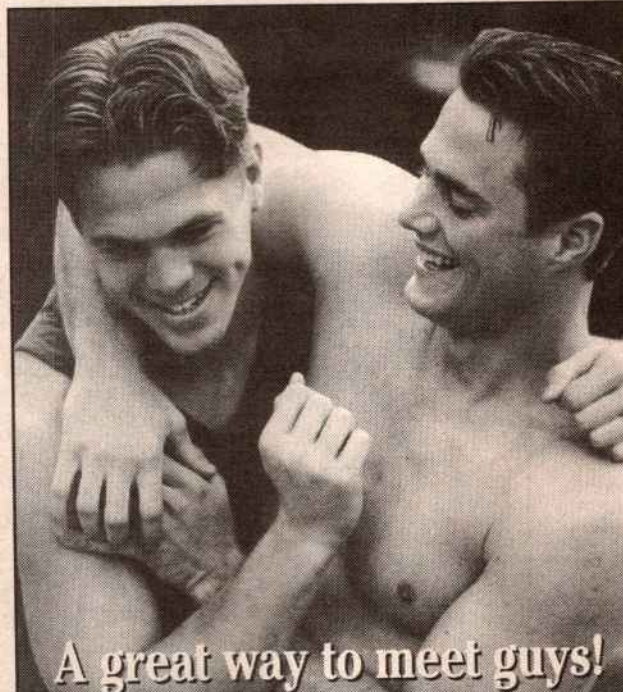
Madison STEVEN, 19 6'1 blond int in water skiing, swimming, snuggling and watching movies, #12129

Kenosha DIRTY DEEDS DONE DIRTY CHEAP: Bi WM 40 BI WM 21, seeking other bi or gay under 25 for fun and friendship, like heavy metal music concerts-not really into bars, social drinkers #12162

Milwaukee ITS ALL GREEK TO HIM: Wayne, 34, 5'5, 130, red/swimmers build, looking for a greek top, i'm a greek battm- #12202

Milwaukee LOWER EAST SIDE, Rob, 23 6'2, 200 blk/blu, lkg to meet to go out and party- #12206

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Milwaukee **THE FORK IN THE ROAD:** Mickey, 34, 5'7 175 brn/green looking for a CD or TV need to know more about the direction of my life- call me- #12579

Milwaukee **ANDREW** 5'6, 21, stocky, blu/brn int in 18-25 for friendship poss rel sports movies outdoors and having fun- #12584

Omro **JOHN**, 5'11, blk/blu, lkg for a companion to have some fun with, and whatever, 39 GWM hoping to find a partner- like music, dance, rollerskate and talk to people- #12647

Plover **JURN**, 24, 5'10, 155, lkg for someone 18-25, to have fun with poss rel- #12674



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Milwaukee **COREY**, looking for a really built, clean shaven man, really like to get to know you! #8852

Madison **ORIENTAL PLEASURES:** GAM inexp, 22, 5'7 140, seeking WM for wrestling, exotic massages, and companionship- #9222

Milwaukee **18 GWM**, brn/brn 5'10 160, lkg for GWM built, smooth, clean shaven-18-24, #9298

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Milwaukee **SURF**, 23 looking for GHM 18-24, 5'5-5'8 nice toned body, dev friendship, rel give me a call- #9358

Oshkosh **JEREMY**, 21, blk/brn 6'1 230 like camping, hiking, cars, music, dancing, movies- #9405

Milwaukee **FREE REFILLS:** 5'10 brn/brn btm looking for a built tp, lv a message, and I'll ret your call- #444

E. Milwaukee **ME ON THE LOOKOUT:** voyeur, 6'1 170, 30, tell me where I can watch you- #9468

Madison **GRIZZLY SEEKS BARE CUB-** Jay, very hairy GWM 42, 5'10, 175, lkg for slim/smooth/frisky 18-24, for fun/discreet/safe time, have a great sense of humor, alot of interests- #9518

Milwaukee **DYNAMIC TENSION?** Middle aged WM med bld 6'3, int in finding someone to work out with, like to improve my physique- #9554

Milwaukee **BEAR LEGS:** looking for Cubans, Arabs, Greeks, really hairy guys, love hairy legs- #9616

Milwaukee **I'LL STAY HOME AND WATCH TV:** Seth, looking for Hispanic, PR male, 18-24, gdllkg toned body, monog- not into the party scene- #9627

Milwaukee **LOOKING FOR CLASSY AND NAUGHTY:** basically BI WM inexp, brn/blu, seeking dom masc gdllkg 30-55, getting to know first, then more, later, like music, literature, int in being adventurous in the future- #9645

WI **WHAT'S UNDER THE KILT?** Mark, 22, 145, 5'7, blk/brn, from Scotland, int in long walks in the eve, like to cook romantic dinners, 18-24, like to watch the football on Sunday, masc person, #9654

WI **YOU, AND THE MARINES-** Jaime, latino guy, 25, lkg for a good man, like white and latino guys, looking to talk and have fun- #9700

Milwaukee **ROCK MY WORLD, FURRY MAN!** Jim, 24 GM 6'/170 lkg

for 22-35 GWM for friendship, masc non-smoker hairy chest a+++++, rock music, camping, horror movies and partying- #9709

Milwaukee **33, GM** vers, looking for other males, 25-38, lkg for friendship, relationship #9720

Kenosha **BOB** 42, warm funny teddy bear, husky, polish/Italian, int a warm friendship, poss rel, fun & good time w/a guy <35, I'm must beard, brn/blu, Taurus, long walks/dining/dancing/movies/quiet times-let's meet over coffee & talk- #9815

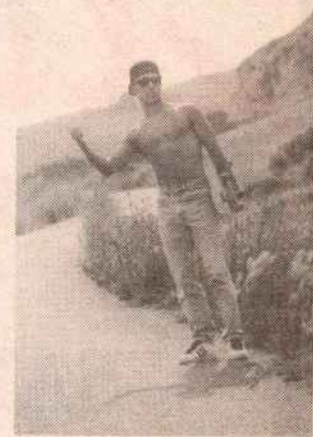
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Milwaukee **WHERE DID YOU PUT THE BOW?** 33, 5'10 175, interesting package, open minded, gain to movies, not into bar scene, like to have fun with the right person- #9720

Racine **PERSON TO PERSON:** Dave 6', 230, 22 inexp, lkg for masc gm 18-24, in the area for discr intimate safe fun times, let's get together- #9853

Milwaukee **TO BOLDLY GO WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE:** GWM 21, East side, out of shape and inexp looking for sim, who would like to explore, give me a call- #9882

Madison **JAY** 40 GWM very hairy 5'10 175, lkg for a college age guy, slim smooth for fun times, not very exp is ok- #9938



Milwaukee **BLACK ON TOP:** Ron, male subm, looking for a master, Blacks more than welcome, need discipline- #9974

Milwaukee **I DON'T EAT MEAT 'CAUSE I'M A VETERINARIAN-** Mike, 41, 6' 1t brn/blu/beard, must/hairy/250, like classical music/movies/theatre, open to anything, like person who's breathing, speaks in logical sentences, w/sense of humor #10337

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