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Lots and Lots of PrideFest Photos

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Cover Model & Actress RuPaul

Supermodel of the World, RuPaul, inspires everyone to "shake their groove thing" in "Wigstock: the Movie", a celebration of life, liberty and the pursuit of big hair, in the Samuel Goldwyn Company's opening this weekend. In 1995, The Samuel Goldwyn Company RuPaul is once again making a splash this Summer with his new album and autobiography Lettin' It All Hang Out.

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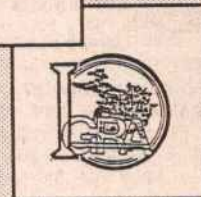
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David Clarenbach Chosen to Lead the Victory Fund

Veteran Legislator Says: "I am a Gay Man"

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, which trains and finances openly Gay candidates running for public office, has chosen Wisconsin's David Clarenbach to replace outgoing Executive Director William Waybourn.

Clarenbach served as a Dane County Supervisor and Madison City Council member before being elected to the State Assembly, where he served nine terms from 1975 to 1993. During that time, he played a key role in the passage of Wisconsin's Gay rights law, its consenting adults law, its hate crimes enhancement act and its bill of rights for people with HIV/AIDS.

Clarenbach has also served as a mentor to Gay and Lesbian candidates and elected officials, including State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, who won his long-held 78th District Assembly seat in 1992. That year, Clarenbach made an unsuccessful bid for the US Congress.

Clarenbach told **In Step** he was "delighted and challenged" to be chosen as Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. His job will be to "expand the list of successful candidates that win elections and represent our community in every nook and cranny of this country."

"Gay and Lesbian civil rights has established a place of legitimacy in the national debate," according to Clarenbach. "But we need to be more of an influence on the political process — we need to be *part* of the political process. We cannot expect anyone to assure our equal rights. We have to do it ourselves."

"Every person who believes in the Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement has an obligation to support qualified Gay and Lesbian candidates. It's not just an act of charity," Clarenbach said. "It's an investment in our future."

"The proof is in the results. Four years ago, when the Victory Fund began, there were just a handful of Gay and Lesbian elected officials across the country. Today, there are 11 openly Lesbian elected officials in California alone. In Oregon, 5 state legislators are Gay or Lesbian..."

The recent victory of a statewide Gay rights bill in Rhode Island is credited, in large part, to the inside lobbying of colleagues by openly Gay State Sen. Will Fitzpatrick. Clarenbach agreed, saying: "I don't think that it can be done unless there are insiders making change happen."

CLARENBACH COMES OUT

A press release issued by the Victory Fund touched on one problematic aspect of Clarenbach's relationship with the Gay and Lesbian community, especially in his home state. In it, Clarenbach was quoted as saying that Gays and Lesbians have often been "invisible" in politics.

"One of the biggest regrets of my life," Clarenbach said, "is that I didn't run for Congress as an openly Gay candidate. As Executive Director of the Victory Fund, I will do everything in my power to keep other qualified candidates from making the same mistake."

In 1992, Clarenbach lost the Democratic primary for

the Second Congressional District seat to Ada Deer. Despite years of support for Gay issues, some Gays and Lesbians abandoned Clarenbach because of his marriage to a female partner shortly before the election. His wife was featured in campaign ads. Some said they felt betrayed because they had been led to believe for years that Clarenbach was a Gay man. They said his marriage raised "questions of trust."

"I am a Gay Man. I am comfortable with that fact."

In our telephone interview with Clarenbach June 14, **In Step** asked about his current marital status and gave him the opportunity to explain his seemingly contradictory behavior.

"Every person follows a different path in their personal development, their sexual development and their level of comfort in disclosing or sharing those intimate aspects of their lives," he said.

"I was elected to my first political office in 1972. I was 18 years old, and there were no openly Gay elected officials anywhere in the country at that time."

"I've had a loving and caring relationship with a woman. I have had a committed and caring relationship with a man who has since died of AIDS. I am Gay. I am comfortable with that fact. I have always believed that one's sexual orientation is an irrelevant criteria for any job. That's the whole point of our movement — that individuals in a free society should be allowed to live and love whomever and in whatever way they choose."

Clarenbach said he is legally separated from his wife, Heidi. "We remain good friends, and she is very happy for me and supportive of the work I will be doing with the Victory Fund."

"I know I was not the favorite candidate, by any means, when I went to Washington to interview for this job. But I received a unanimous vote from the Board of Directors. They were confident I was the best qualified to lead the Victory Fund to its next level. And that's exactly how anyone should be treated — without respect to who they love or how they love."

"So I don't think the path I've taken to get to who I am today will interfere in the slightest. If anything, it will help. Having served in local and state government for over 20 years and having personally run for Congress, I can relate to the candidates. I can relate to the campaign. I know what it means to raise money. I know what it means to be under pressure. I'm ready to assist others in their successful campaigns."

WHITE HOUSE VISIT

Clarenbach, who has been Acting Executive Director of the Madison AIDS Support Network and who runs his own consulting business, said he had "lots of loose ends to tie up" in Wisconsin but will be taking over at the Victory Fund and moving to Washington "as soon as possible."

"Individuals in a free society should be allowed to live and love whomever and in whatever way they choose."

He got a taste of his new position when he visited the White House June 12 with William Waybourn and Melinda Paras and Elizabeth Birch, the Executive Directors of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign Fund, respectively. The four leaders spoke with Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos about the meeting with Gay and Lesbian officials set for the following day. (See related story.)

Clarenbach said the "wide-ranging discussion"

included talk about re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act, the Justice Department's refusal to file a brief against Colorado's Amendment 2 (see *related story*), and the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Pentagon policy.

"We tried to paint the picture for the administration that this is a very active and sophisticated community — in fact, it's more than one community, it's many communities that have a common interest — and the respect that should be accorded to the Gay and Lesbian community needs to go beyond mere tokenism. While a meeting in the White House with openly Gay and Lesbian elected officials is an important step in communication, it does not constitute an end in itself."

On a personal note, Clarenbach was also happy to be reunited with NGLTF's Melinda Paras, with whom he attended grade school and Madison West High School.

"You know, when we were kids," he said of Paras, "we played tackle football together, and once I broke her finger. When we met again at the White House after all these years, it was the first thing she spoke to me about," he said, chuckling.

"The respect that should be accorded to the Gay and Lesbian community needs to go beyond mere tokenism"

Clarenbach anticipates a good working relationship with both Paras and Birch, who lead the two other major national Gay and Lesbian organizations.

JOIN THE VICTORY FUND!

The Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund is a network of donors across the country. Individuals join the network by contributing \$100 or more to the Victory Fund, then pledging to make contributions of \$100 or more to at least two recommended candidates. Members are informed about recommended candidates in periodic candidate profiles. Members choose which candidates to support and when.

Contributions are made payable directly to the candidates' campaigns, but sent to the Victory Fund where they are combined for maximum political impact. Members who contribute \$1,000 or more provide valuable support for the Victory Fund's political research, and receive the benefits of enrollment in the Victory Circle.

To learn more or to become a member, contact the Victory Fund at (202) 842-8679, E-mail: victoryf@aol.com. The address is: 1012 14th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

Children the Winners in Landmark Visitation Case

Wisconsin Supreme Court Ruling Sets Precedent

By John Cain

Madison — In a precedent-setting case with national implications, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled on June 13

that adults in non-traditional families may seek visitation rights with the children of those families when the family unit dissolves.

The ruling came in the case of *Holtzman v. Knott*, in which Sandra Holtzman sought custody and visitation of the child they raised together during their 10-year relationship. This decision is the first time a state supreme court has protected the rights of children in non-traditional families to maintain parental relationships if those family units break up. The Court remanded the issue of visitation back to the trial court.

Attorney Judith Sperling Newton, who argued Holtzman's case before the court, noted that Wisconsin is now "the first state to protect the constitutional rights of a child to maintain parental relationships in their lives." She pointed out that the ruling is not limited to Lesbian and Gay parents, but applies in any case where a child has formed a parent-like relationship with an adult.

Holtzman sued her former partner, Elsbeth Knott, 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 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.

"Wisconsin... is the first state to protect... rights of a child to maintain parental relationships..."

— Attorney Newton

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. Holtzman appealed, and the Supreme Court took the unusual step of accepting the case directly from the trial court, bypassing the appellate court.

A 4-3 DECISION

In a 4-3 decision, the Court ruled that Holtzman did not "present a triable issue regarding Knott's fitness or ability to parent her child and has not shown compelling circumstances requiring a change of custody." Thus, the Court dismissed that portion of Holtzman's suit. Regarding visitation, the Court reversed the dismissal by the lower court and adopted a four-pronged test to determine whether a party was a "parent-like relationship" with a child. The Court ruled that petitioners must demonstrate that:

▼ The biological or adoptive parent consented to, and fostered, the petitioner's formation and establishment of a parent-like relationship with the child.

▼ The petitioner and the child lived together in the same household.

▼ The petitioner assumed obligations of parenthood by taking significant responsibility for the child's care, education and development, including contributing towards the child's support, without expectation of financial compensation.

▼ The petitioner has been in a parental role for a

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length of time sufficient to have established with the child a bonded, dependent relationship parental in nature.

Openly Lesbian State Representative Tammy Baldwin praised the decision. Before the ruling, she said, "there were two classes of children; those whose best interests would be considered and those whose best interests would not be. A child cares not about legal gymnastics... a child cares only that he or she has lost someone known to them as 'Mom' or 'Dad'."

Newton concurred. "It is critically important that children be raised in loving, caring families and that those relationships not be severed for no good reason."

Baldwin, who is preparing legislation to legalize same-sex marriage and domestic partnership, cited the importance of "having a dialogue on what constitutes a family." The decision indicated that "there is already a dialogue among the justices as to what makes a family. That dialogue has to take place not only in the chambers of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, but in every corner of the state."

FORMER COUPLE EXCHANGED VOWS IN '84

Holtzman and Knott had been in a relationship since 1983. They exchanged vows in a commitment ceremony in 1984 and the couple 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 doctor; 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 them both as H.S.'s parents. H.S. has a hyphenated last name, Holtzman-Knott.

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 in August of that year, Knott refused to allow Holtzman to see the child, now nearly six years old.

The ruling is not binding outside of Wisconsin, but 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. Knott *could* appeal the ruling to the US Supreme Court. Neither Newton nor Baldwin was aware of any plans by Knott to file such an appeal.

"... a child cares only that he or she has lost someone known to them as 'Mom' or 'Dad'."

— Rep. Baldwin

There have already been some rumblings from conservative members of the Legislature that the decision undermines "traditional family values." Newton said in reply that "traditional families should be elated by this ruling." She noted that the ruling gave children no new rights. It merely equalized the rights of children raised in traditional and non-traditional families. Any attempt to reserve the ruling, she said, would "undo a great service to children."

The National Center for Lesbian Rights, which filed an amicus brief on behalf of Holtzman, estimates that at least 10,000 children have been conceived by Lesbians through artificial insemination, and as many as 10 million children are being raised in Gay and Lesbian households in the US.

Justice Shirley Abrahamson wrote the majority opinion, with Chief Justice Nathan Heffernan and Justices William Bablitch and Janine Geske concurring. Justices Day, Steinmetz and Wilcox all concurred with the majority on the custody issue, but dissented regarding the visitation issue.

PrideFest '95 Lights Up the Sky & Spirits

More Than 12,000 Enjoy "Biggest, Fest Ever"

By Jamakaya

True to our reputation as a contentious community, no one can quite agree on what was the greatest highlight of PrideFest '95.

"The fireworks!"
"The parade!"
"The music!"
"The wedding!"
"The women!"
"The men!"
"The laser show!"
"The volleyball tournament!"
"The dance tent!"
"The history display!"
"The interfaith service!"
"The cars!"
"The African story-telling!"
"The drag show!"

There was something for everyone at this year's PrideFest, and the one thing everyone *does* agree on is that they all had a helluva good time.

More than 12,000 LesBiGay and Transgendered people and their friends strolled, sashayed and cruised the festival grounds in Veterans Park along Milwaukee's lakefront on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11.

"We believe the count was up about 20% from last year when we just made a rough estimate," said PrideFest Co-Chair Bill Meunier. (Last year's estimate was high at 15,500.) "This year we made a more reliable count through tickets and clickers."

The weather cooperated beautifully. Both days dawned gloomy, but became sunny and warm by the afternoons. There are several theories about this.

One Lesbian said it confirmed the old slogan that Mother Nature is indeed a Lesbian. But Bill Meunier noted the sun came out just as Rev. Vic Eliason, one of Milwaukee's leading homophobes, left his surveillance perch on the bridge overlooking the PrideFest grounds. Thanks for leaving, Vic!

Meunier declared PrideFest '95 to be "an artistic, a social and a financial success — the biggest and best festival ever!"

"The entertainment was great, the variety of activities made everyone happy, and the crowd was orderly. This year's PrideFest showed off everything about our community that is creative and positive."

Meunier extended this message to all who attended: "On behalf of all the organizers and sponsors of PrideFest '95, we want to thank everyone who came for allowing us to live our dream, and we hope we helped you to live yours."

It is impossible to review all of PrideFest's entertainers and events, but here is a recap of some highlights.

PRIDEFEST HIGHLIGHTS

US Sen. Russ Feingold stopped by Saturday morning and spoke to the 40 people gathered for the annual



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We can't wait for next year. See you in '96 & keep living your dreams.

meeting of **Action Wisconsin**. Feingold reiterated his longstanding support of civil rights for Gays and Lesbians, including his sponsorship of the federal Employment Non-Discrimination ACT (ENDA). Action Wisconsin elected new Board members and approved a budget.

The Saturday Evening Gayla drew almost a thousand people to the Alyn Hess Main Stage area where they were treated to a variety of quality performances by vocalists like Lojo Russo and Jill Clarke, dancers like Spanky and Foreplay and the Iberian Dancers and female impersonations by the outrageous Gloria.

The Lazer Force Laser Show and **Miller's Lite Up the Sky with Pride Fireworks** after the Gayla lasted a full half-hour, eliciting "oooohs" and "aaaahs" and "wows!" from throughout the awed crowd. The general response was, "Wow! We had no idea it would be this intense!" Miller was reportedly thrilled with the crowd's response, so another fireworks display is likely next year.

The PrideFest '95 Parade wound through the streets of East Town with several new contingents and colorful cars. Awards for best floats went to Walker's Point Cafe, Loose Ends and Just Us, in that order. Awards for decorated cars went to the Stonewall Truck (the huge, rainbow-colored semi), the Latino/a Organization and the Sherman Park Rainbow Association. Awards for marching units went to the ROTC Chicago precision drill team, the Shoreline Dancers, and the Lesbian Alliance and ACT UP (in a tie).

The parade judges were three of Milwaukee's most Gay-supportive politicians, County Supervisors Elizabeth Coggs-Jones and Sheila Aldrich and Alderman Paul Henningsen. Coggs-Jones read a supportive statement signed by County Board members at the Main Stage.

The PrideFest Wedding, presided over by Revs. Lew Broyles, Jan Doleschal and Bishop Roy Barnsback, united about 100 couples as "lovers and lifemates." Scripture readings included those about Ruth and Naomi and David and Jonathan as well as the "Love is patient, love is kind..." section from Corinthians. Most of the couples took their vows very seriously, some even shedding tears of joy. They then got to have a piece of the massive three-tiered wedding cake provided by the Metropolitan Community Church and PrideFest. Mmm-mmmmm.

The Miller Lite PrideFest Volleyball Tournament, organized by GAMMA, featured eight teams. Winning the Gold Medal in the Competitive Division was Chicago's Assault, led by Joe Sanchez. The Silver Medal went to Madison's Fun Attack. The Gold Medal in the Social Division went to Madison's Geraldine's. Next year, GAMMA hopes to expand the tournament to 16 men's and 4 women's teams. Open net play on Sunday was enjoyed by many.

DRAG, HEALTH, HISTORY

The annual **BJ Daniels Drag Revue** packed 'em in Sunday night. BJ outdid herself this year, coordinating a gaudy, often naughty, but thoroughly entertaining show. Lost in the delirious drag mayhem was the first-ever PrideFest Boat Parade, a modest effort in which five lighted boats cruised serenely by the Lake Michigan shoreline. PrideFest hopes for more entries next year.

The BESTD Clinic was on hand, with personnel conducting health education and HIV screening. Several thousand people walked through the **History Tent**, this year featuring a display on recent Gay and Lesbian history in Milwaukee along with the national exhibit on loan from the International Gay and Lesbian Archives.

PrideFest's **Community Service Award** went to Ross Walker and Erv Uecker for their many years of service and financial support to the BESTD Clinic. A **Lifetime Achievement**

Award went to Ron Geiman, the publisher of this magazine, who told the crowd: "Thank you for allowing me to live my dream." **Stonewall Award** winners were: Milwaukeeans Gary Wells, Jan Doleschal and Terry Boughner, editor of **Wisconsin**

Light; Mike Fitzpatrick of Green Bay; and John Quinlan of Madison.

Dale Gutzman produced a diversity of classy fare for the **Fine Arts Tent**, ranging from Baroque music to choral concerts to African story-telling and music to a Gay Broadway revue. The Alyn Hess, CCF Main Stage rocked, rolled, reggaed and reveled to the sounds of the Sweet Cheeks Motown Revue, Dave Robinson and Road Damage, Blarney Castle, the John Schneider Orchestra, the Purple Creek Cloggers and many more.

More entertainers performed in the Harvey Milk Tent, while meetings, workshops and tapings of Queer TV took place in the Stonewall and Activity tents.

Given the large, boisterous crowds and all the activities, there were very few security problems. Security chief Miriam Ben-Shalom said only two men, apparently intoxicated street people, were arrested after verbally and physically harassing several women. In one other incident, a member of Exodus International, the so-called "ex-Gay ministry," was escorted off the grounds for handing out his group's literature and hassling people. Several heated exchanges between ex-lovers who unexpectedly crossed paths were quickly defused by security people.

Lost and Found: *PrideFest Volunteer Coordinator Susan Cook reports that she has many items that people lost, including sets of keys, jackets, cameras, eyeglasses, etc. To inquire about lost items, please call (414) 482-2788.*

To get involved with planning for next year's PrideFest, call (414) 272-FEST.

Solicited by Sky Plus Travel?

Milwaukee — PrideFest has received many complaints from people who have received aggressive telephone solicitations from Sky Plus Travel, which had a booth at the festival. Operators tell people they have won a vacation to Florida or the Bahamas if they merely fork over several hundred dollars and their credit card numbers.

PrideFest attorney Steve Brondino and Co-Chair Bill Meunier apologize to everyone who has been disturbed or confused by these calls. PrideFest is filing a complaint with the State Attorney General's Office about Sky Travel and will work to ensure that all groups and businesses taking part in PrideFest next year are more carefully screened.

Sky Plus Travel (based in Blue Springs, MO) obtained people's names and phone numbers at its PrideFest booth by asking them to fill out small yellow cards. They hired a local agent, Dion Berlewitz, who was reportedly paid 50 cents for each card he could get people to sign. Dozens of individuals have told PrideFest officials and **In Step** that Berlewitz told them the cards would be used in a raffle for a free Florida/Bahamas trip. But subsequent calls from Sky Travel have consistently included hard-sell tactics and requests for money up-front.

First of all, remember to **never give your credit card numbers out over the phone**. Second, you should **never have to pay money up-front for a supposedly "free" vacation**. Third, when making travel plans, **stick to reputable, locally-owned travel agencies** that have a good track record<>. Several such excellent businesses advertise in **In Step**.

If you would like to file a complaint against Sky Plus Travel, call Milwaukee's Better Business Bureau at (414) 273-1600, the BBB in your area, or the State Attorney General's Office at (608) 266-1221. If you want to add your name to PrideFest's complaint, call (414) 272-FEST.

— Jamakaya

ENDA Re-Introduced in Congress With 148 Co-Sponsors

Kohl, Feingold, Barrett and Gunderson on Board

Washington, DC — Rep. Steve Gunderson joined Rep. Tom Barrett and Sens. Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold to co-sponsor the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, which was introduced into the 104th Congress on June 15. ENDA, as it is called, would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation in the workplace.

Of the four members of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation supporting the legislation, Sen. Feingold was an original sponsor when it was introduced last summer. Herb Kohl and Tom Barrett declared their support last fall, and Steve Gunderson, a newly out Gay man serving his last term in the House, lent his support in the new GOP-controlled Congress.

Gay and Lesbian relatives of members of Congress joined victims of anti-Gay job discrimination and Congressional sponsors of ENDA at a large news conference announcing the bill's re-introduction.

Among those gathered were Chastity Bono, daughter of Rep. Sonny Bono (R-CA); Candace Gingrich, sister of Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich (R-GA); Julie Pell, daughter of Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-RI); and Sandy DeWine, cousin of Sen. Michael DeWine (R-OH).

"Anti-Gay discrimination can touch any family in America," said Elizabeth Birch of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "As Gay and Lesbian people come out in their own way and educate their families, friends and co-workers, our movement for equality makes enormous strides forward."

Several people who have been either fired, demoted, or harassed in the workplace spoke up about their experiences. They included Ernest Dillon, a postal worker from Detroit; Michael Engler, a stock broker from Baltimore; and Jesse Shaw, a former social worker from Jackson, Mississippi.

"Hard-working people across this nation are fired, refused work and treated unfairly simply because they are Gay and have no federal law to turn to for justice," Birch noted. "ENDA would simply ensure that no one loses their job for a reason wholly unrelated to their skills or job performance."

"When Americans understand that the discrimination Gay people face is

both widespread and legal, they support the fundamental values embodied in ENDA." A post-election poll of voters last November found that more than 70% favor equal rights in the workplace for Gays and Lesbians. That number included 64% of Republicans, 71% of Independents, and 77% of Democrats.

Congressional support for ENDA is bipartisan, with Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and James Jeffords (R-VT) leading sponsors in the Senate, and Reps. Connie Morella (R-MD), Peter Torkildsen (R-MA) and Gerry Studds and Barney Frank (D-MA) leading the effort in the House.

Among the record 148 co-sponsors

are 30 members of the Senate and 118 members of the House.

Gay lobbyists in Washington believe that Wisconsin Reps. Scott Klug (R) and David Obey (D) are most likely to support ENDA but can use some encouragement from constituents. Contact Rep. Klug at (202) 225-2906 in Washington, (608) 257-9200 in Madison. Contact Obey at (202) 225-3365 in Washington, (715) 842-5606 in Wausau.



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Rubber Gloves Incident Spoils Event

By John Cain

At a historic June 13 meeting between White House officials and 45 openly Lesbian and Gay elected officials from across the country, Wisconsin was well represented. Three out of its seven openly gay officials were in attendance: State Representative Tammy Baldwin; Dane County Supervisor Mark Pocan; and Dane County Supervisor Scott McCormick.

The Gay politicians met with a number of high level Administration officials, including Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala; Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros; AIDS "czar" Patricia Fleming; and, White House counsel Abner Mikva. White House staffer Marsha Scott was named Liaison to the LesBiGay Community, and the Administration also used the occasion of the meeting to announce a new 30-member panel to advise Fleming on AIDS issues.

Topics discussed included the Clinton Administration's stands on Gays in the military, and the recent decision by the Justice Department not to file an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in the anti-Gay Amendment 2 case. "There were lively exchanges," said Baldwin. "We heard the administration's rationale and offered opposing viewpoints."

According to Baldwin, the Administration believed in regard to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy that it was caught in a "classic political dilemma: pragmatism versus principle." White House officials felt that had they continued to push for a complete lifting of the ban, the LesBiGay communities would have lost bigger than they did with the compromise.

Similarly, while Attorney General Janet Reno had previously said that the Administration would not file a brief in the Amendment 2 case because there was no federal statute involved, officials at the meeting again cited fears of a "significant backlash" to the L/G/B communities had a brief been filed.

Baldwin said that the general feeling among the Gay officials present was "Don't 'protect' us like that. Get our input." She encouraged the Administration to take a stand on principles and reminded officials that the LesBiGay communities supported Clinton in the 1992 election, and now look to him for leadership on Gay civil rights issues. She also expressed hope that, with the

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appointment of Scott as the community liaison, there would be more of a consultative process involved in the decision making.

The meetings also touched on funding for AIDS programs such as the Ryan White CARE Act and the Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) program.

WHITE HOUSE SECURITY WORE RUBBER GLOVES

The meeting was marred by a particularly ugly incident in which the Lesbian and Gay officials were met by White House security guards wearing rubber gloves, apparently out of fear of catching HIV, the virus believed to cause AIDS. When queried about the gloves, the guards said only that they were for "protection." Many of the Lesbian and Gay officials were incensed at this treatment. Councilman Thomas Duane of Manhattan was quoted in the New York Times as saying, "I can assure you that I did not catch HIV through my hands. I'm sorry they still don't know that in Washington."

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— Rep. Baldwin

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who oversees the Secret Service, has ordered a probe of the glove incident. White House spokesperson Mike McCurry said during a June 14 briefing that "it's safe to say that [White House] chief of staff [Leon Panetta] or others were distressed by that and it seems to have an error in judgment." McCurry also stated that the Administration was unaware that guards had chosen to wear the rubber gloves until the Gay officials brought it up at the meeting, but that the incident did not affect the tone of the meeting, which he said was "very good and established a basis for further discussions." Baldwin said at a June 15 press conference that the guards involved in the incident were apparently "rent-a-cops" who were hired after numerous recent White House security breaches to operate such equipment as metal detectors.

WISCONSIN POLITICIANS LOBBY CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

While in Washington, the Wisconsin group also took time to lobby members of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation. Baldwin, Pocan and McCormick met with Senators Russ Feingold and Herb Kohl and Representative Scott Klug (whose

Congressional district includes Dane County) and openly Gay Wisconsin Congressman Steve Gunderson. They discussed issues including the Ryan White CARE Act and the soon-to-be-reintroduced Employment Non-discrimination Act (ENDA). Kohl and Feingold are among ENDA's 30 Senate co-sponsors. Gunderson is among ENDA's 118 co-sponsors in the House, as is 5th District Rep. Thomas Barrett.

Wisconsin has a total of seven openly Lesbian or Gay elected officials at every level of government. In addition to Baldwin, Pocan, McCormick and Gunderson, the list also includes Madison Alderpersons Mike Verveer and Judy Olson and Madison Municipal Court Judge Shelly Gaylord.

Immune- Compromised Should Not Use USA's Tap Water

Washington, DC—Bowling to recent studies which found contaminated water supplies throughout the country, officials with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Environmental Protection Agency have finally issued a statement suggesting that people with AIDS or other immune-compromising disorders should avoid tap water and consume only boiled, filtered or bottled water.

The EPA sent out a contradictory message, however, in a statement that also said: "Current risk data are not adequate to support a recommendation that severely immuno-compromised persons in all US cities boil or avoid drinking tap water." By issuing a "suggestion" rather than a "recommendation," the federal government avoids the embarrassing situation of having to admit that America's drinking water is unsafe.

The American Water Works Association has issued a much bolder guideline, saying pointblank that immuno-compromised people should never drink unboiled or unfiltered tap water anywhere in the US. AIDS service groups, including the Milwaukee AIDS Project, which lost almost 100 clients after they became infected with cryptosporidium from the municipal water supply two years ago, have consistently advised their clients to avoid tap water in favor of boiled, filtered or filtered bottled water.

The government's action follows the publication of a study conducted by the Natural Resources Defense Council, which found that 45 million Americans regularly drink water supplied by 100 systems in which the crypto parasite has been detected.



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Janet Reno Refuses to File Brief Against Amendment 2

Activists Decry Another "Betrayal" by Clinton

By Jamakaya

Washington, DC — Attorney General Janet Reno announced on June 8 that the Clinton administration will not file a friend-of-the-court brief against Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, a decision some Gay activists are calling yet another "betrayal" by President Clinton.

The US Supreme Court will hear arguments about the constitutionality of Amendment 2 in October. Its decision is likely to have far-reaching consequences on anti-Gay initiative campaigns and on all aspects of civil rights for Gays and Lesbians. Many legal experts call the case, *Romer v. Evans*, the most important Gay rights case ever to reach the high court.

Amendment 2, passed by Colorado voters in 1992, would repeal Gay rights laws already adopted in Denver, Boulder and Aspen and prohibit the state, its counties and localities from ever including sexual orientation as a protected class in civil rights laws. It was struck down as unconstitutional by the Colorado Supreme Court last year.

By all accounts, the decision about whether to file an amicus brief in the Supreme Court appeal caused great debate within the White House and the Department of Justice. Gay rights lobbyists and supportive officials within the Clinton administration say the final decision was largely based on several political considerations:

▼ President Clinton, after his Gays in the military fiasco, felt he could not take another stand in favor of Gays with his re-election bid just around the corner.

▼ Attorney General Reno was concerned that the administration's opposition to Amendment 2 could undermine its legal arguments in the pending court case over Gays in the military.

Reno denied that political considerations were a factor: "We considered many issues, constitutional issues, and tried to figure out what would be the best role for the federal government and determined not to participate... This is a matter in which we [the federal government] were not a party. We were not asked by the court to

participate. There was no federal program or federal statute involved."

But legal experts and Gay activists rebutted Reno's contentions.

"JUST PLAIN WRONG"

Matt Coles, head of the Lesbian and Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, which is a co-counsel in the case, told the *Washington Blade*: "The Department of Justice has a long history of filing briefs in Supreme Court cases, even those where the United States is not a party and there is not a federal program or law involved. So that implication is just plain wrong."

Indeed, during the Reagan and Bush administrations, the Justice Department frequently filed briefs in support of positions that helped to advance their conservative views. These were cases in which a federal interest or program was not always evident.

"The issue before the court is one of fundamental fairness"

—Elizabeth Birch

Coles also said that an administration's formal support for (or opposition to) an issue had "enormous" influence on Supreme Court decisions.

"The issue before the court is one of fundamental fairness," said Elizabeth Birch of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, "and whether any group of Americans should be denied access to the democratic process. The federal government has a clear interest in standing up for these fundamental principles."

Beatrice Dohrn of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, another co-counsel in the case, said of Reno's decision: "It sends the wrong message to Americans that the Justice Department will not vigorously protect the basic civil liberties of all its citizens."

"Fundamentally, this case is about whether everyone participates in political life under one set of rules, or whether Gay men and Lesbians are second class citizens, forced to adhere to rules written just for them," according to Nan Hunter, a Lesbian attorney with the Department of Health and Human Services.

Hunter told the *Blade*: "It saddens me enormously that the United States is not going to present an argument to the Supreme Court on a question of this magnitude. To me, that decision demonstrates a failure of will and insight."

Reno's decision came just days before a much-anticipated meeting between openly Gay elected officials and White House staffers.

"One of the reasons we were having this meeting is to see how we can work together," San Francisco Supervisor Susan Leal told *USA Today*. "This is not the best way to start the dialogue."

See related story about the meeting between Gay and White House officials.

On the "up" side, the American Bar Association, the Leadership Council on Civil Rights, the American Psychological Association, the American Federation of Teachers, legal scholars from the Harvard and Stanford Law Schools, Christian and Jewish groups and more than a dozen states and cities have filed amicus briefs challenging the constitutionality of Amendment 2.

"This powerhouse coalition of organizations and community leaders highlights the important constitutional and democratic issues at stake in this case," said Suzanne Goldberg of Lambda Legal Defense. "While Amendment 2 fences out Lesbian and Gay citizens from participating fully in our democracy, it also threatens to undermine the foundation upon which the rights of every citizen is built."

NATIONAL News Briefs

Clinton Appoints Another AIDS Panel

Washington, DC — In the same week that Gay officials meeting at the White House were greeted by Secret Service police wearing rubber gloves, President Clinton appointed yet another AIDS panel, this one to advise the government on improving AIDS prevention, treatment and research.

Named to the panel were individuals whom AIDS Policy Coordinator Patricia Fleming said had "real world experience" dealing with the disease, including several people with AIDS: Bob Hattoy, White House liaison to the Interior Department, and Steve Lew of the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance HIV Project.

Other appointees include: Dr. Benjamin Schatz, Director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association; Debra Fraser-Howse of the Black Leadership Commission on AIDS; and Dr. R. Scott Hitt, who runs one of the largest private practices dealing with AIDS.

Some Gay and AIDS activists welcomed the advisory panel, but ACT UP/Washington had a withering response: "Coming nearly three years into Clinton's Presidency and two years after the National Commission on AIDS expired, it proves that he has no commitment to ending the AIDS crisis."

"The glove incident only heightens long-simmering resentment," said ACT UP's Wayne Turner. "We have no real AIDS Czar, no Manhattan-style project,

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not one of the recommendations of the last Presidential Commission on AIDS implemented. Clinton promised to make AIDS a top priority, yet all he's done in three years is appoint another AIDS panel."

Meanwhile, a parliamentary maneuver by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) has stymied the Ryan White CARE Act re-authorization bill in the Senate. The CARE Act has 58 co-sponsors, but 60 votes will be required to end a planned filibuster by Helms.

Men Convicted in Brandon Teena Multiple Murder

Falls City, NE — The second man charged with killing transsexual Brandon Teena and her two friends on New Year's Eve, 1993 has been convicted of multiple charges of murder and faces either life in prison or the electric chair.

"I do want him to die," Teena's mother said of 23-year-old John Lotter. "He took the lives of three innocent, loving people."

Lotter and his accomplice, Marvin Thomas Nissen, 22, went to a farmhouse rented by Lisa Lambert, 24, in search of Brandon Teena. The men shot to death Lambert, Teena, and another of Teena's friends, Phillip DeVine, 22. Teena was stabbed and killed with an execution-style shot at close range to the back of the head. Lambert's infant was found, unharmed.

Lotter and Nissen had allegedly become infuriated after learning that Teena, 21, was a biological woman who cross-dressed and lived as a man. Teena was reportedly raped by the men on Christmas Day, charges local police did not aggressively pursue, and Lotter and Nissen decided to silence Teena permanently.

Nissen, who admitted to stabbing Teena, testified against his crony, assuring Lotter's conviction, in exchange for a waiver of the death penalty for his own crimes. He was convicted in March and will be sentenced along with Lotter in July.

Teena's mother said her daughter's life had been threatened and that she had been raped, and charged local police with negligence for failing to intervene to prevent the murders.

Sen. Simpson, Gov. Weld Address Gay Republicans

Washington, DC — The *Washington Blade* reports that Sen. Alan Simpson (R-WY) and Gov. William Weld (R-MA) expressed support for the role the Log Cabin Republicans play in the political process and specifically within the GOP at a series of events sponsored by the Gay Republican group

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in early June.

On June 8, Sen. Simpson told members of the group gathered for a luncheon at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill: "I want to thank you for what you do for the Republican Party." Simpson said he doubted there would be the kind of anti-Gay rhetoric at the next GOP convention as there was at 1992's: "There are too many Bob Doles and too many William Weids and too many Lamar Alexanders who are not into that kind of bashing. Those people aren't going to let that happen."

Gov. Weld, a supporter of civil rights for Gays, thanked the group for supporting his gubernatorial bids in 1990 and '94. He urged Log Cabin members to find "common ground" with members of Congress who might not be totally supportive of the Gay political agenda.

Weld was part of a reception with other GOP House members, including Wisconsin's Steve Gunderson and Reps. Rick Lazio (R-NY), Jim Kolbe (R-AZ), Steve Horne (R-CA), George Neathercutt (R-WA) and Sue Kelly (R-NY). All the

events were held in conjunction with Log Cabin's annual Board of Directors meeting. Log Cabin members also lobbied members of Congress in favor of the Ryan White CARE Act and the Employment Non-Discrimination Act.

"Love! Valour!" and Cherry Jones Win Tony Awards

New York, NY — As happens every year in June, Gays and Lesbians paraded across the stage of a Broadway theater to accept Antoinette Perry "Tony" Awards for excellence in the past Broadway theater season.

At the awards ceremony June 4, Gay playwright Terrence McNally won the Tony for Best Play for his critically acclaimed comedy *Love! Valour! Compassion!* It focuses on the interactions of eight Gay men at an isolated farmhouse in upstate New York, exposing their fears, their foibles and their uniquely queer perspective.

New York Times critic Vincent Canby wrote this "proudly Gay play...is written, directed and acted with such theatrical skill and emotional range that it's as broadly entertaining as it is moving."

The Tony for Leading Actress in a Play went to Lesbian Cherry Jones, who won critical raves for her performance as the repressed Catherine Sloper in the revival of *The Heiress*. Mainstream media referred to Jones as a "newcomer," but she is, in fact, a veteran trouper well known and highly regarded among theater folk.

Jones, 38, is a native of Tennessee. She attended the Tony Awards with her lifetime companion, Mary O'Connor. She is apparently the first openly Lesbian woman to win a Leading Actress Tony.

In other awards, Glenn Close cemented her claim to Diva-dom, winning a Tony for her over-the-top portrayal of the loony Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*, and Gay icon Carol Channing, soon to revive *Hello Dolly!* on Broadway, won a Lifetime Achievement Tony.

Major Leaguer Glenn Burke Dies from AIDS

Oakland, CA — Glenn Burke, the former Major League outfielder who was the first (and still only) baseball player to come out as a Gay man, died of AIDS complications May 30. He was 42.

Burke played for the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Oakland A's between 1976 and 1980. He participated in the 1977 World Series, in which he is credited with delivering the very first "high five." Burke had a career batting average of .237, with 35 stolen bases.

Burke left baseball in 1980 after A's



Dan Butler has just been named co-chair of the National Coming Out Day (NCOD) campaign for the October event. He's also on "In The Life" 's Pride show being broadcast on PBS this month.

manager Billy Martin refused to renew his contract. Burke says Martin told the entire clubhouse, "I don't want no faggot on my team." After that, Burke said he was "blackballed" throughout the league: "A Gay man in baseball? Uh-uh. No way...Prejudice drove me out of baseball sooner than I should have."

"I think he gave it up because he wanted to be happy, and he knew he couldn't be happy inside of baseball," A's teammate Mitchell Page told the *New York Times*. "But then he found he couldn't really be happy outside of

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baseball either. Baseball meant everything to him. To decide he had to give it up because he was Gay, that must have eaten him up, day after day, a little bit at a time."

Burke fell on hard times after leaving baseball, serving prison time for theft and drug possession and battling drug abuse.

"Frasier" Star Dan Butler New Coming Out Day Spokesman

Los Angeles, CA — Dan Butler, who plays the macho "Bulldog Briscoe" on the NBC sitcom *Frasier* and who is currently performing his one-man show *The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me...* in New York, will join Candace Gingrich as spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign Fund's 1995 National Coming Out Day (NCOOD) Project.

Butler takes over from last year's celebrity spokesperson, *Married...With Children's* Amanda Bearse, and is expected to provide encouragement to other Gays and Lesbians to embark on the journey of coming out. He will appear in print and broadcast public service ads during September and October stating, "I'm not a straight man, but I play one on television." October 11 is National Coming Out Day.

"I want to show people that from my experience, coming out was much easier

than I thought," said Butler. "To me, being openly Gay is the natural thing to do because it is part of who I am."

The Coming Out Project also unveiled new radio public service ads featuring Lesbian rock star Melissa Etheridge, who declares: "Labels belong on records, not on people." Over 100 radio stations in the top 25 media markets will air the PSA's.

Also on the Newswire...

Washington, DC — A federal court has upheld President Clinton's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, refusing to stop the Navy from discharging Lieutenant Paul Thomasson. The court said Thomasson violated the policy last year when he sent a letter to four admirals declaring that he was a homosexual. The letter, a board of inquiry found, proved that Thomasson "had a propensity to engage in homosexual acts."

Cincinnati, OH — Cincinnati, which passed an anti-Gay referendum that has been upheld by an appeals court, will have a good deal less convention business this year. The American Statistical Association, the Ohio Psychological Association and the Music Teachers National Association have recently canceled conferences. Cincinnati officials concede the anti-Gay law has so far cost them \$20.5 million in lost revenue.

Washington, DC — In late May, 450 people attended the third annual conference of the Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization. Workshops focused on sexuality, AIDS, family issues, immigration and civil rights. Michael Martinez of San Antonio said: "We walk away from this conference and back to our communities able to say, 'I'm Latino and I'm queer and I'm not going away.'"

Austin, TX — The Texas House of Representatives has defeated a hate crimes bill that included steeper penalties for crimes motivated by anti-Gay bias. The vote was 70-68. At least 12 Gay men were murdered in Texas last year, the victims of homophobic attackers. Observers said the inclusion of sexual orientation in the bill, along with race and religion, was what turned many against it.

Houston, TX — A jury has awarded the family of a Gay man murdered in 1991 \$10.5 million in damages from one of the convicted killers. Paul Broussard was beaten and stabbed to death by 10 youths. The family is unlikely ever to collect the money. "It's not really about the money," said their attorney, "it is the message. This community is not going to condone this type of vicious hate crime. Those who commit them will be pursued in both criminal and civil courts."

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Lake Elmo — The North Star Gay Rodeo Association, Miller Lite and Town House Country will host the 1995 Great Northern Shindig featuring a North Star Regional Rodeo, Community Corral Carnival and Step-That-Step Dance Group Invitation on July 21-23. Minneapolis/St. Paul and the Washington County Fairgrounds in Lake Elmo, will be the center for 4-day event.

IGRA-Sanctioned Rodeo events will take place outdoors on the fairgrounds. Entry deadline is July 7 for all horse, roping and roughstock competitors. First-time IGRA competitors can also register Friday night, July 21. "Camp" events do not require pre-registration. A special \$600 prize will be awarded to the most entertaining Wild Drag Team. Additional prize money of \$1,000 will be divided among Top IGRA Rookie Competitors (men and women).

At last year's Rodeo event, a local Madison woman was awarded the 2nd Place cash prize in the "rodeo rookie" competition. She also went on to compete at the Finals rodeo in Denver, CO in October.

The premier Step-That-Step Dance Invitational will be held both days at the Shindig Grounds. Pre-registered groups will compete for prizes in western-style dance (clogging, line dancing, square dance and others). The group entry fee is \$50 plus \$10 per individual, and all registered contestants receive a weekend pass (good for admission to all Shindig events). Call (612) 827-6336 for details.

NSGRA is proud to re-stage its community Charity Carnival, with 100% of the proceeds going to various charities in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Volunteers are needed for positions such as ticket-takers, shuttle drivers, security, arena crew, registration, beverage sales, medical personnel and set-up/tear down.

Volunteers performing 4 or more hours of assistance receive complimentary weekend passes (a \$28 value). The passes are good for both evening parties and two days of fairgrounds admission.

For more information on this event, call the Shindig Info Line at (612) 822-RODEO.

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Chicago — Chicago's Pride Month is well underway with more than seven dozen different events spread throughout the month of June. These events range

from choral concerts to workshops, picnics, plays, book signings, rallies, a mass wedding — and of course, Chicago's 26th Annual Pride Parade on Sunday, June 25, which is expected to attract up to 165,000 people!

It's traditional for hundreds and maybe even thousands of Wisconsinites to travel 90 miles south to participate in Chicago Pride Parade. There's no doubt you'll recognize at least one or more LesBiGay Wisconsinites marching, watching, or participating in some way, shape or form.

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Dance for Commitment '95

Milwaukee — The Galano Club and the Steering Committee for Commitment '95 will be hosting a Promotional Dance on Saturday, July 8 at the Galano Club, 2408 North Farwell Avenue, 9:15pm-1am (following the 8pm Meeting).

Garth will be the featured DJ. Suggested donation is \$3. Come and find out what Commitment '95 is all about. This event is non-alcoholic and drug free.

United Holds 3rd Annual Awards Banquet

Madison — The 3rd Annual United Awards Banquet will be held July 8, 1995 at the Concourse Hotel's Grand Ballroom to celebrate 17 years of service to the Madison LesBiGay community.

The United will recognize individuals and organizations who have made a difference in the community. The United takes great pride in the role they plan along side these leaders. It's time to celebrate!

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Camping & Biking On GAMMA's Agenda

Milwaukee — GAMMA has reserved three wooded campsites at Potawatomi State Park on the shores of Sturgeon Bay for two days of biking on paved country roads in Door County. Gay men and women interested in outdoor activities such as this are welcome to join GAMMA from Friday evening, July 7 through Sunday, July 9.

The agenda includes a Door County fish boil, swimming, hiking, and camping. If camping is not your kettle of fish, several inexpensive motels are near the park.

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directly after the Parade. It should be a great day for everyone.

PRIDEChicago is sponsoring its annual post Parade rally with entertainment, speakers and informational tables. Also, countless other suppers, picnics, dinners and other parties will be taking place.

The international theme for the 1995 Chicago Pride celebration is *Pride: From Silence, to Celebration*. The Chicago Parade commemorates the night in June, 1969, when Gays and Lesbians fought back during a raid on the Stonewall Inn, a New York City Gay bar. Gay bars across the country were routinely raided by police in the '60's. At the Stonewall Inn that night, a riot ensued, kicking off the formation of the modern day Gay and Lesbian Rights Movement. Since that time, Pride parades have grown into celebrations that include social, as well as political expressions of community pride.

Chicago's 26th Annual Gay & Lesbian Pride Parade will begin lining up at the corner of Halsted and Belmont on Sunday, June 25. At 2pm, the Parade will step off, proceeding north on Halsted, then south on Broadway, then east on Diversey to Sheridan. A Rally will take place in Lincoln Park, in Grove #13 at 2950 North Lake Shore Drive, near Oakdale. Feature performers will include bands as well as singers. Also on hand will be information tables staffed by community groups, speakers and Park District food vendors.

The Parade is expected to attract close to 165,000 people in the parade procession, along the parade route, and at the Rally in Lincoln Park afterward. Using the international theme, *Pride: From Silence, To Celebration*, the

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parade will step off with close to 200 parade entries which include community businesses, organizations and politicians.

Entry fees for the Parade are \$150 for commercial entries, \$75 for non-profit entries. No alcoholic beverages, drugs, nudity, animals, tossing of paper products into the crowd, water guns or water balloons allowed. Line-up begins at 1pm, the east curb lane of Halsted (from Belmont to Belden). Step-off is at 2pm.

For more information on the Chicago's Pride Parade and celebration, call (312) 348-8243.

Dignity/Midwest Convention Coming to Madison in '96

Madison — I/D Madison will be hosting the 1996 Midwest Regional Convention next summer (exact dates to be determined). This great opportunity will provide those who have not been able to attend a regional or national convention to experience the warmth and excitement of such an event. Plus you'll meet others that make up the Dignity/Midwest region.

Your help is needed. Is there a topic you would like to see put together as a workshop? Do you know of a place or activity that visitors from out-of-town would enjoy? Other tasks needing assistance include a theme, arranging workshops, planning liturgies, and investigating ideas for sight-seeing in and around Madison.

If you have any ideas you'd like to propose, or want to be involved in the planning, call Ken Scott or Henry Dudek at (608) 836-8866. Or you can write to I/D at PO Box 730, Madison, WI 53701.

Grab a Slice of the Magic Picnic

Madison — On Saturday, July 15, Madison's great summer LesBiGay social event of the year happens. Thousands of people attend the annual summer event known as the Magic Picnic.

Tom Froehlich of Milwaukee has designed the refreshing 1995 Magic Picnic logo. It was selected earlier this spring and features a large pink watermelon slice and the date of this year's Magic Picnic.

Tom's design is being featured on posters and all advertising, and t-shirts which will go on sale at numerous LesBiGay businesses throughout Madison. The cost of t-shirts is \$12 (up to size XL), \$15 for XXL.

Magic Picnic sales and information booths are still available. This is a great opportunity to share your Gay Pride and handicrafts. Cost for sales booths are \$60 and include a 3x8 table. Informational booths are \$10. Table fees must be pre-paid and tables are on a first-come, first-served basis. Only 20 tables are available.

For more information call Mark or Greg at (608) 256-3404.

Letters

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

We are very honored to be named by you to receive the 1995 Community Service Award. We accept it on behalf of all volunteers who are the BESTD Clinic throughout its 21-year history. It is certainly very true that we have a "love affair with BESTD" and that "we live, eat and breathe the Clinic." We do it because we enjoy it, we can do it together, and it's one of the most worthwhile things we have ever done.

You have, however, given us some credit where others should receive it. We were not "instrumental in helping get the original Milwaukee AIDS Project organized." That happened in 1984 before our formal association with Brady Street Clinic began. As a result of much soul searching and planning during 1984, the Milwaukee AIDS Project Committee, a part of BESTD, was formally constituted on January 7, 1985. It was the result of the consummate efforts of many people, including, but not only, Doug Johnson, Sue Dietz, Paul Turner, Karen Lamb, Ben Johnson, Roger Gremminger, and Forrest Bright. We were part of the discussions and process of transferring MAPC to the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin in 1986.

While we have been deeply involved in HIV testing and education throughout the years, the testing program was established collaboratively by the State

Division of Health and BESTD in 1985.

So you see, we have built upon and expanded the pioneering and hard work of many others! Even today, our primary role is to make possible opportunities for many people to give their skills, their time and their compassion so that greater Milwaukee might be a better place.

In the name and on behalf of all of these, we are grateful for the honor you have given.

Ross Walker &
Erv Uecker

Dear Publisher:

This last weekend I had the pleasure of visiting your fair city for an Ordination. Having never visited your city before, I none-the-less found myself with a feeling of being "Home." I attribute this to having been born and raised in Quincy, IL, on the Mississippi River. I have lived in Denver for the past 5 years, and I had forgotten the warm "feelings" of my mid-western roots.

While in Milwaukee, I had the honor of meeting one of your fine employees, staff photographer, Jeff Butler. Mr. Butler was extraordinarily friendly and courteous. His willingness to share his knowledge of the city and its history were much appreciated. His courteous and professional manner are a compliment to you and your fine magazine. You are truly fortunate to have such a fine, outstanding young man as this to be in your employ. Your "Family" community in Milwaukee is lucky to be able to count Jeff as one of its members.

One of the greatest highlights of my trip was meeting Jeff and his friends and sharing in his witty humor, wonderful charm, and good old mid-west hospitality. Through my travels, I have

visited many of our "communities" throughout the US, and have found so many of them to be rude and down right contemptuous of visitors. I am pleased to tell you that I found none of that in your fair city, and found many people such as Mr. Butler, to be the norm instead of the exception.

Also, I found your magazine very informative and helpful in learning about your local "scene" and the goings-on about town. Milwaukee should be proud to have such a fine periodical such as yours representing it. Best wishes to you and your entire staff on your upcoming PrideFest, and I only hope that if you ever visit Denver, we can live up to the standard of courteousness and friendship that Jeff and all the men of Milwaukee have displayed. Keep up the good work, and continue to celebrate life through diversity, Love and acceptance!

Yours truly,
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Health

Lesbians Encouraged to Have Regular Pap Tests

Washington, DC — Disturbed by a recent study that ties lack of Pap tests to advanced cases of cervical cancer and by misinformation conveyed by some health providers to Lesbian patients, women's health advocates are encouraging Lesbians to obtain regular Pap tests, sometimes called Pap smears.

In a Pap test, which is painless and takes only seconds, a health practitioner scrapes, with a swab-like instrument, cells from the surface of the cervix and places the sample on a slide. Lab technicians then analyze the slide and can detect any abnormalities that might indicate a malignancy or pre-cancerous condition. Detected early, laser surgery and other techniques are effective in treating such abnormalities. Detected late, women may find themselves with invasive cervical cancer, which is much more complicated to treat and sometimes fatal.

According to the American Cancer Society, this year in the US, 65,000 women will be diagnosed with pre-cancerous cervical lesions and almost 16,000 will be diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer.

There has been a long-standing misconception among many Lesbians and among some health care providers that if Lesbians engage in sexual relations only with other women they are unlikely to develop cervical cancer. Not so. Among the risk factors for cervical cancer are smoking, being the daughter of a mother who took the drug DES, and the presence of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV), a sexually transmitted disease commonly called genital warts.

Health providers sometimes contribute to Lesbians' confusion about Pap tests. Most major medical societies issue guidelines which suggest that all "sexually active" women have routine Pap tests. But "sexually active" is invariably defined as sexual relations with men, leading some to believe Lesbians are exempt.

A study of 481 Connecticut women who were diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer between 1985 and 1990 found that 29% had never had a Pap smear. Almost 33% had not had a Pap test in the previous five years, and 15% had not returned for follow-up care after receiving an abnormal or inconclusive result. The study did not indicate how many of the women were heterosexual or Lesbian, but the implications for all women are clear.

"Every case of invasive cervical
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cancer is preventable," according to Dr. Dwight Janerich, who conducted the Connecticut study. The Pap test, a simple, painless screening method, can detect and prevent cervical cancer. The test is relatively inexpensive and is often available free to low-income women through community clinics and local health departments.

Says one Lesbian health worker: "Pap tests save women's lives — Lesbians' lives."

CDC Officials Meet with Lesbians on HIV/AIDS

Atlanta, GA — A contingent of 18 Lesbians, some of them health care providers and activists and others Lesbians with HIV/AIDS, met with officials of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently to discuss their concerns about the lack of information being compiled about Lesbians and HIV/AIDS.

The CDC convened the two-day meeting and, as a measure of its commitment, even paid the travel expenses of the women who attended. The women, in cooperation with CDC officials, drew up a list of recommendations for the agency to implement regarding the documentation of possible female-to-female transmission of HIV, the treatment of Lesbians with HIV/AIDS and preventive education.

Among the recommendations were that the CDC develop a definition of Lesbians within the context of HIV/AIDS, that it begin investigating the possibility of female-to-female transmission, that it begin documenting such cases and that it develop a preventive education campaign geared toward the Lesbian community.

Present during the weekend meeting was James Curran, the Associate Director for the CDC's HIV/AIDS Division. At least one participant, Marj Plumb, health consultant to the National Center for Lesbian Rights, expressed cautious optimism about the meeting. Plumb told the *Washington Blade* that Curran's "willingness to roll up his shirt sleeves and take a stab at the recommendations and really have an honest dialogue was very promising." She hopes to see changes and a proactive strategy from the CDC within the next year.

In addition to Plumb and several Lesbians with AIDS, other participants included: Amber Hollibaugh of the Lesbian AIDS Project at Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York; Jean Chin from Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services in San Francisco; and Beverly Biddle who oversees Lesbian services at the Whitman-Walker Clinic in D.C.

Chastity Bono to Speak For Lesbian Cancer Project

Washington, DC — Chastity Bono, a surviving partner of a Lesbian with cancer, will be the special guest and speak at the annual benefit dinner of the Mary-Helen Mautner Project for Lesbians with Cancer this fall.

"After my partner died from cancer, I knew if there was one cause I would be able to help with, this was it," said Bono, the daughter of singer Cher and Rep. Sonny Bono (R-CA). "When I received the invitation from the Mautner Project, it gave me the perfect opportunity to work on two issues I care the most about -- working for understanding of Lesbians and working on cancer."

The Mautner Project provides direct services to Lesbians with cancer, their partners and caregivers in the Washington, DC area, and offers education and information to Lesbians about cancer. It also advocates on cancer and other Lesbian health issues on the national level.

The annual dinner will be held September 30 at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Washington. Tickets are \$100. Call (202) 332- 5536 for more information on the dinner or on the Mautner Project in general.

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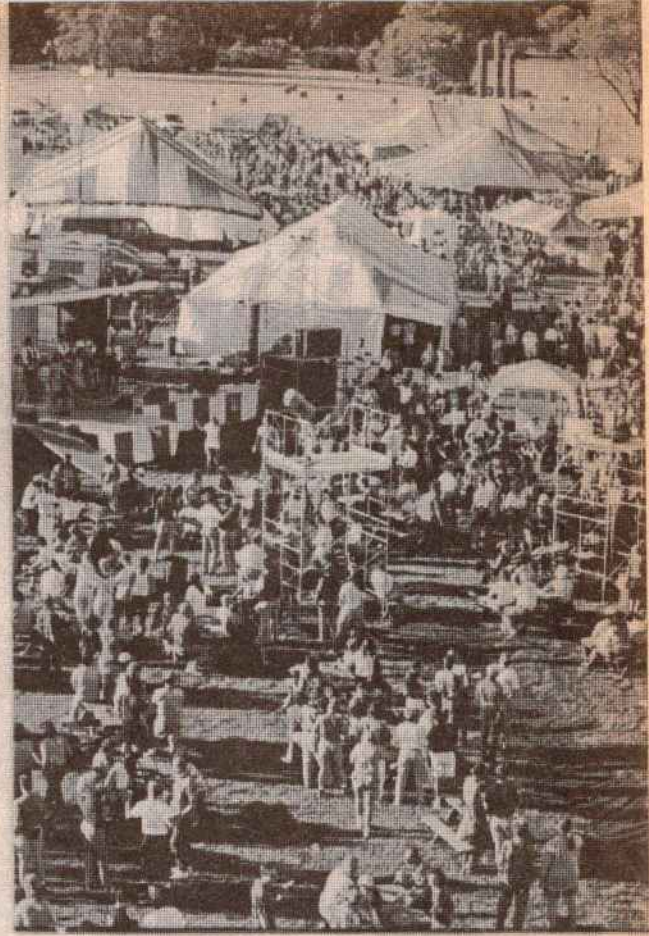
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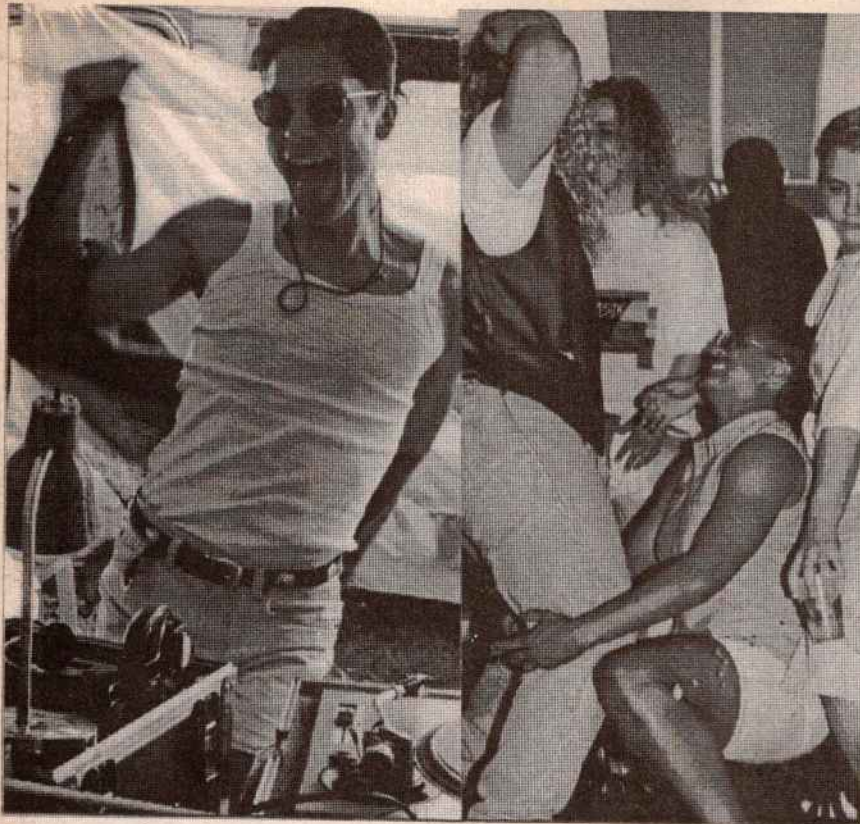
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A variety of people and events made PrideFest '95 a huge success.

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The In step/ Hotel Washington Dance Tent pumped up the jams during PrideFest. At left is the New Bar DJ Tony Ricards.

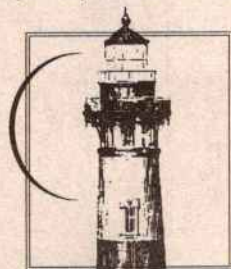


State Rep. and Grand Marshal Tammy Baldwin; Community Service award winners Ross Walker and Erv Uecker; and Ron Geiman who was given the Lifetime Achievement Award.

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By Carmen A. Murguia

Pridefest '95 Arts & Entertainment A Success

To stand beneath the stars embraced by artistic wizardry of triangle-shaped laser beams and rainbow colored fireworks while **Josie Santiago** hip-hopped the crowd below is what I call a memorable evening at Pridefest '95!

This year's lineup of author appearances that included Cuban-American Lesbian writer **Achy Obejas** "who came all the way from Cuba..." to share a chapter from her upcoming novel; the never disappointing **Dale Gutzman** theater production that entertained an eager crowd; and who could forget the ever-popular **MOOK**, who took the time out of their busy schedule to jam with loyal supporters and new fans, can only be described in one positive word: S-U-C-C-E-S-S! Thanks to all who made it possible for the rest of us to enjoy your talents!

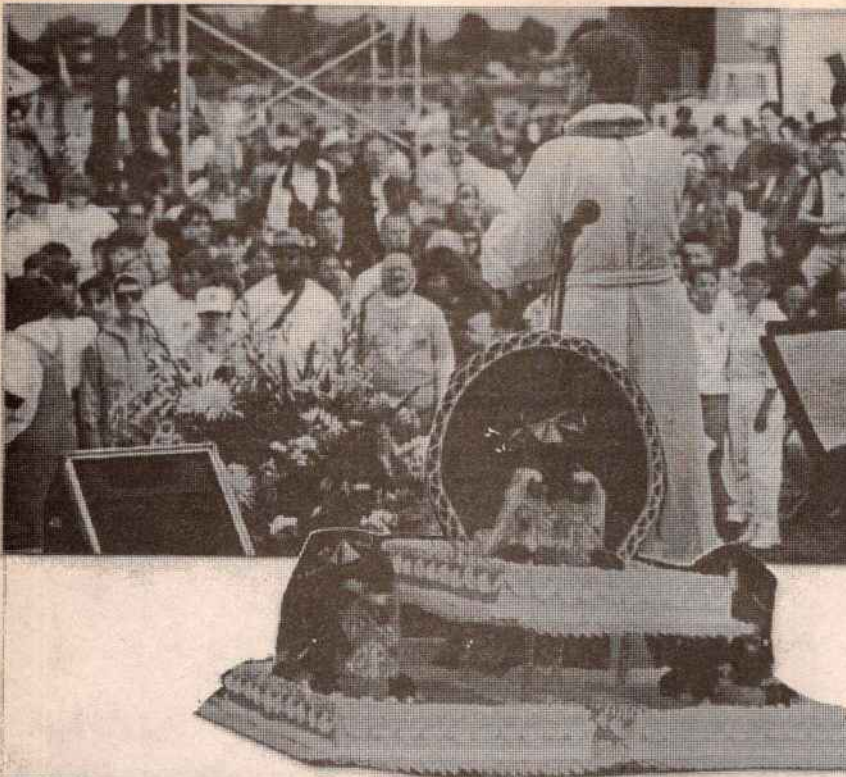
Turtle Creek Chorale In Harmony With The Women's Chorus of Dallas

Dallas — Under the direction of proudly one of the biggest queers in Dallas, **Dr. Timothy Seelig**, the 200 member **Turtle Creek Chorale** and the beautiful voices of **The Women's Chorus of Dallas** joined forces for Gay Pride on a must listen to recording. *Family* brings together not only an incredible array of musical talent with over 300 singers and instrumentalists, but a true community of loving, caring people as well.

You may have seen them on the award-winning PBS Special, *After Goodbye: AN AIDS STORY*, which covers the loss of many TCC members to the AIDS virus. In addition to being seen and heard on video, the TCC has been busy recording over nine albums in five years, and they will strengthen their following worldwide with an upcoming European tour that ends in Prague's Rudolfinium with the first nationally supported and promoted AIDS Benefit in the New Czech Republic.

To become a part of the musical journey with the Turtle Creek Chorale and The Women's Chorus of Dallas, please contact: TCC (214) 526-3214 or TWCD (214) 520-7828.

Photos by Jamie Taylor, Jeff Butler and Jamakaya



The PrideFest Mass Wedding saw nearly 100 couples exchange vows in an interfaith service. The huge wedding cake was gone within minutes.

Tickets Still Available for Art for AIDS

Milwaukee — Arts for AIDS, an auction and brunch to benefit AIDS care, prevention, advocacy and research in Wisconsin, is Sunday, June 25 beginning at 10am, at the Italian Community Center.

The more than 400 works created by prominent artists will be available for sale through silent and voice auctions. Art collectors and anyone who appreciates art will want to be at this event. Admission is \$25 per person and can be purchased by calling (414) 273-1991.

Art Lovers Are Invited to Summer Gallery Night

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Art Museum, East Town Association, Walkers Point and the Third Ward invite art lovers to visit Milwaukee's premier art galleries and museums on Friday, July 21.

Gallery hopping kicks off at 5:45pm at the MAM'S Vogel/Helfaer Galleries with a brief lecture by Cheryl Robertson, MAM curator of decorative arts, on the visually dazzling and historically significant *Silver In America* exhibition.

Local participating galleries will be featuring photographs to paintings and textiles. Call the MAM special events at (414) 224-3200.

Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Celebrates Diversity In Song

Milwaukee — Wisconsin Cream City Chorus performs *Diversity: Voices of Our Village* a unique summer concert on Saturday, June 24 at the Performing Art Center's Vogel Hall, 929 N. Water Street.

Beginning at 8pm, the Chorus will sing a repertoire of varied pieces celebrating the diversity in our communities cultures, including a new, fun alternative piece by *They Might Be Giants*. Tickets are available at the PAC Box office for \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. For more information, call (414) 344-9222.

Exclusive Interview With Emerging Photojournalist Carmen Ballentine

Milwaukee — You saw him working through the massive crowds at Pridefest '95 armed with camera bag and a polaroid camera. You may have even posed for him. Look for an exclusive one on one interview with rising photographer **Carmen Ballentine** in an upcoming issue!



Photos by James Taylor



Fest City Singers concert "A Charmed Circle" was well received by its sizable audiences during its three day run June 2-4.

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"Wigstock" is Anything But a Drag!

Latest Drag Film Opening Locally

By Dale Reynolds

The market for films about men-who-dress-as-women is still of strong interest to the film-going public. And the latest to hit town is a goofy, wonderfully silly, documentary about the annual Happenin' in Manhattan, **Wigstock**.

Directed by neophyte Barry Shils, a 40-year-old Gay Jewish man from Philadelphia, it does no diving to any intellectual depths, but does explore a side of contemporary Gay life which is only now finding a mainstream voice. Shils has, in his past, produced the feature film, **Vampire's Kiss**, which starred Nicholas Cage and Jennifer Beals, which was written by Joseph Minion (**After Hours**).

He's not a drag person himself ("I don't do drag — my last time was as a Weird Sister in a college production of *MacBeth*), but he does share a fascination with millions of others with the mystique of gender-bending: "I'm more of an admirer of drag. My take on (the documentary) **Paris Is Burning** paved the way for this film. That film took the stance that drag is despair, but I disagree with that.

A couple of years ago Alexis Arquette (the Gay actor brother to Rosanna and Patricia) came to town to see me. I was intrigued by his naive, excited view of the drag scene here and his reaction to the Wigstock Festival. It was he who got me to thinking about a documentary giving a non-New York audience a chance to see it the way he did. I know John Epperson (who does drag as Lypsynka), and between he and Alexis (whose drag name is Eva Destruction), I got to the Lady Bunny, who was one of the founders of Wigstock."

Enter now The Lady Bunny, a chubby, cheerful fellow somewhere in his mid-to-late 30's, from Wilmington, North Carolina, who declines to give her real name (or age). S/he tells how Wigstock came to be: "I am a drag artiste. I love it. I think we're just following in the footsteps of The Founding Fathers of the USA — they wore wigs, and I wanted to carry on a rich tradition. Just kidding! Nah, we wanted to showcase the drag acts who were popular at the Pyramid Club (then a world-famous Manhattan drag/rock spot).

In 1984, what happened was, we were drinking one night at Pyr. When it closed at 4am, a group of us weren't ready to stop drinking, so we grabbed a few six-packs and ran across the street to Thompkins Square Park (in the East Village) and starting clowning around on the bandstand, and we thought, 'Hey! What if we got all of us together and did this as a major party'? It might have faded with the next day's hangover, but it didn't, and we went out and obtained the permits from city, held several benefits to pay for the sound system, and booked the entertainment."

Wigstock was an instant success, bringing in as many as 30,000 spectators who watch the event for free. "There's such a wide variety of acts at Wigstock, that even if you hate someone, they'll be replaced within five minutes by someone else different. There are drags who impersonate



Drag Queens work it in "Wigstock: The Movie" now in release nationwide.

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existing stars, those who lip-sync, and bonafide recording acts like Deborah Harry, Crystal Waters, RuPaul, and Cindy Wilson of B-52s. We try to make it a party atmosphere: light, non-political, fun."

So what's the incredible energy behind this drag phenomenon? The Lady Bunny has been doing drag since before she came New York in 1984. "Drag has come in and out of popularity over the years, and the current revival might be the sinking in of the sexual revolution of the '60s and '70s: We're still examining alternative sexual roles, like 'house-husband', and as we become more sexually liberated Drag is one of the last taboos, one of the last stigmas to be lifted.

As entertainment, drag is a real theatrical device, larger than life, often comic. It's been around since theater began: Kabuki, Ancient Greece, Shakespearean England, Weimar Republic. It's entertaining." As for the Lady herself, "just like wearing women's clothers; there's something in me which needs to express itself in women's clothes. Thank God I found an audience for it!"

There has been a phenomenal growth in the Festival's ten years of life, and Bunny couldn't be happier with the fact of the documentary. "There's no doubt that the film will help attendance. It's going to screen at both Sundance and at the Berlin Film Festival. It's gonna be *Outta Control!* We'll need a jumbotron video-screen so everyone can see." This fall, the Festival will be back at the Westside/Christopher Street Pier.

One of the ways they've encouraged audiences is to invite them to arrive in full drag-costume or wearing a wig. That plus the fact that it takes place on Labor day weekend, which "gives everyone an excuse to have an end-of-summer blowout, before we go back to school, or before we bring in the crops," saith the Lady B.

Director Shils was able to get hold of some early video-footage of the Festival from the estate of the late Tom Rubintz, a video artist who died from AIDS four years ago. "Tom was a talented artist who had made a 20-minute video of the early years of Wigstock (1985-86) which was quite a bit more than a home video. I incorporated some of his imagery in the first few minutes for a historical distance (the black & white material at the start of the film.)

He'd worked with Bunny, trying to mount a drag show on (America) cable TV. But they're all so conservative

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— The Lady Bunny

here, even the Gay people who produce for cable. Still, the independent distributors have become aware of the diverse audience available, so I got a private investor two years ago, a straight married couple I've known for years who knew my work as a film maker."

There is a wide variety of acts, under the producership of Scott Lifshutz and Lady Bunny: "the Diva and the Painter," as director Shils describes them. "There are so many: Wendy Wild, who does her act with an IV bottle as she's suffering from cancer, was also one of the originators, along with John Sex, now dead, who did a New Wave Elvis-type act. But most were Gay drag queens.

Bunny is a hair-brained honey, with the perseverance and vision to make it happen every year. I love Wigstock because it's a festive, celebratory event. In fact, it's incredibly cross-cultural: grandparents, children, families as well as we Gays. We get Blacks and Latinos, and never have any troubles from the audiences. It's like they're on Xtasy — not that they're ALL on it, although we do see a fair amount of intoxicants from the crowd. Priscilla, **Queen of the Desert** used the slogan: 'Drag is the Drug,' and it's true."

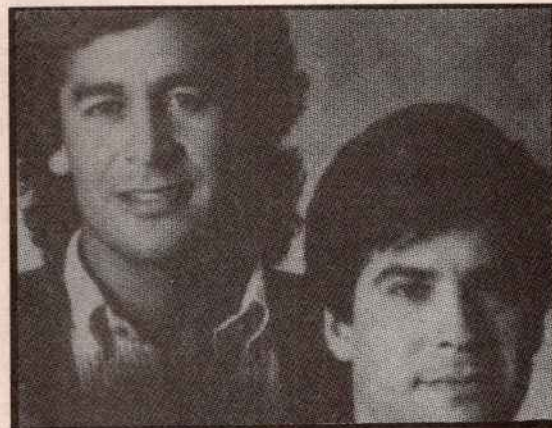
While there are some straights involved in Wigstock, the event certainly springs from the Gay community. Some of the participants in the film, which was shot during the 1993 and 1994 celebrations, include Lady Kier from DEEE-LITE, a rock band, which, according to Shil, were inspired by drag queens. Jackie Beat and Alexis Arquette, from Los Angeles, are profiled in the docu in an amusing manner. "I don't think you'll see another movie with a cast of thousands, most of them drag-queens. I wanted to make a film which was a spectacle of drag. It's about talented, funny, performers, who can sing and dance. These gals are leaders in the Gay community.

Like Mistress Formika, or the Lady Bunny, who is very much *not* an in-your-face political act. She loves raunchy jokes, especially scatological humor. I filmed 40 hours of material because I wanted to make a movie which could bring things to you which you might not see in person. It's a celebration of life and of freedom of expression. I love that you can put on a wig and heels — anything which will make you have a good time. I love the glamour, humor and

the gender-bending. It's the kind of all-around film, that when we showed to a preppy audience in Georgetown, during the Washington, D.C. Film Festival, they were 80% straight, and they loved the film!"



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In Memoriam

Robert L. Steinfort

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Robert began his professional life in Milwaukee in 1981. He was a hair stylist at Glenby International at Northridge and downtown Milwaukee, Le Salon, Diva, and Visions before establishing his own *Signature Salon* in downtown Milwaukee.

He also became an associate of the Paul Mitchell organization, achieving the level of Master Associate, the highest level in the Program.

He achieved incredible success, not only as a talented stage artist and salon owner, but was sought after as a stylist for magazine covers and print work. His designs can be found in Germany, France, Japan, and Canada, as well as in US top trade and fashion magazines.

Other areas where Robert's work can be found are in video productions, posters, album covers, and commercial ads. Robert was not only a talented stylist, but also a fantastic teacher. He was always seeking new knowledge which he eagerly shared with his



Robert Steinfort

associates and clients. He loved his profession, the teaching, the traveling, and the many, many friends he made. He was loving, sensitive, caring and earned the respect of his friends and colleagues.

He gave something worthwhile to each day he lived and touched the lives of many in his short life span. He may be

gone from our sight and our touch, but never from our hearts. Remember the love, the laughter, the giving, the friendships.

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Village Church, 130 East Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Sunday, July 9, 1995, 2:30pm. A Memorial has been established at the Milwaukee AIDS Project.

TV/Video

"In the Life" Features Milwaukee June 22, 30

New York, NY — The June episode of *In the Life* includes a feature on Gay and Lesbian life in Milwaukee. It will be aired on Milwaukee's WMVS TV Channel 10 at midnight June 22 (the last show on Thursday night's schedule) and on Wisconsin Public TV stations Friday, June 30 at 11pm.

The Milwaukee segment includes interviews with two couples, Ray Jivoff and Michael Wright who work in the theater, and Jessica and Christie Banike-Palm. *In the Life* cameras went out to Wick Field for the Lesbian Alliance's softball game, and a spirited group of Milwaukee dykes even sing the *Laverne and Shirley* theme song.

Also in the June episode is an interview with Patrick Stewart, Captain Picard of *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, who will be starring as a Gay interior decorator in the upcoming movie comedy *Jeffrey*, and Dan Butler, who plays "Bulldog Briscoe" on TV's *Frasier*. Butler has just been named the new spokesman for National Coming Out Day and is currently starring in his one-man show, *The Only Thing Worse You Could Have Told Me....*

In the Life profiles openly Gay/Lesbian politicians in San Francisco, including Roberta Achterberg who is running for mayor. A preview of this summer and fall's Gay movies, including *The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love* and *Love and Human Remains*, is also featured.

Two Videos on Gays and Religion Available

Warwick, NY — Two new videos which deal with Gays, spirituality and homophobia — *Eve's Daughters* and *Maybe We're Talking About a Different God* — are now available for purchase.

Eve's Daughters is a half-hour documentary about five women who are attempting to heal the separation between sexuality and spirituality in a religious tradition which views being



Just Us had a MAP fundraiser featuring the Nitros Blues Band

female and homosexual as a "moral evil." The women discuss their paths to freedom after fusing their bodies and souls.

"This stunning film about five powerfully loving, creative Lesbian women should make every Gay or Lesbian Christian proud and most denominational leaders bow their heads in shame," says Carter Heyward. "It's a beautifully made video that manages to portray the movement of the spirit transforming the Church."

Maybe We're Talking About a Different God tells the compelling story of the Rev. Jane Adams Spahr, a Lesbian minister called to lead a large church in Rochester, NY. Her appointment was vehemently protested by other churches in the area and Rev. Spahr was put on trial. The half-hour video shows the struggle of ordinary people coming to terms with their homophobia. A discussion guide is included.

Eve's Daughters is \$35 and *Maybe We're Talking About a Different God* is \$32.35 (includes shipping). Make checks payable to: Leonardo's Children, Inc., 26 Newport Bridge Rd., Warwick, NY 10990.

Gay Film Projects Awarded Big Grants

St. Paul, MN — Two projects dealing with Gay/Lesbian issues are among the 12 film productions to receive grants from the Independent Television Service (ITVS), which helps underwrite independent productions for public television. Among previous grantees was the award-winning *Coming Out Under Fire* about Gay service members in World War II.

Su Friedrich, an independent Lesbian filmmaker in New York, won a grant for her project *Bedtime Stories*, which combines interviews, school hygiene films and pop TV scenes in a coming-of-age/coming out story. Friedrich has previously made *First Comes Love*, *Rules of the Road* and *Lesbian Avengers Eat Fire, Too*.

Paris Poirier, who created the documentary *Last Call at Maud's* about the legendary San Francisco Lesbian bar, won a grant for a project called *Pride Divide*. It will explore the historically separated spheres between the Gay and Lesbian communities and how, from the 1940's to the present, the gap between Gay men and Lesbians has affected their common struggle for equality in society at large.

ITVS received 732 grant applications from filmmakers from which the 12 winners were chosen. For information on submitting a film/video proposal, contact ITVS at 190 Fifth Street East, Suite 22, St. Paul, MN 55101, (612) 225-9035.



Roberta Actenburg is featured in "In the Life's" June Pride episode on PBS.

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Language Lover

Talking with Author Leslea Newman

By Owen Keehnen

*Versatile Lesbian author Leslea Newman has an astounding 27 books under contract at age 39. She has written novels, short story collections, poetry books, essays, children's books and even a young adult novel all with great skill. The reviews of this multiple Lambda Literary Award nominee have been consistently good and offers keep coming. Some of the most popular titles by this dynamic woman include **A Letter to Harvey Milk**, **In Every Laugh a Tear**, **Good Enough to Eat**, **Secrets**, **Sweet Dark Places**, and **Gloria Goes to Gay Pride**. Alyson's publication of **Heather Has Two Mommies**, which she jokingly refers to as her "problem child," catapulted Leslea into a maelstrom of controversy which she has weathered quite nicely. She is busier and more determined than ever and active in just as many areas. Recently we had a chance to talk. What struck me most was her incredible level of energy and enthusiasm.*

Owen: You have such varied writing experiences, novels, short stories, poetry, children's, young adults, were you ever tempted to do a stage adaptation yourself?

Leslea: I've written a one act-play that was produced. It was very exciting. As a writer I'm usually just sitting in a room by myself. There was a cast party and all these great things. I love the theater, but I don't know it as well as need to be a playwright.

A "Letter to Harvey Milk" was also made into a Canadian film?

It's interesting to see the different directions it has gone. It was a film Yariv Kohn did for his BFA, his thesis. It's been shown in Gay and Lesbian film festivals and Jewish film festivals.

The plot concerns the friendship that develops between a young Lesbian teacher and an elderly gentleman student after he writes a letter to Harvey Milk as his class assignment. If you were given the same assignment, what dead person would you write and what would your letter say?

I would definitely write to my grandmother who I write to or about all the time.

A sort of trans-generational understanding is also a recurring theme of yours. Is that the root of it?

Definitely. Actually, the character of Harry Weinberg is very loosely based on my grandmother. I wanted to transgender him into a woman, but it just didn't happen. He was clearly a man as soon as I started writing his diaries. I wrote that story because my grandmother wouldn't tell me her stories because they were too painful. I felt I had to write them down anyway as best I could. At 99, in the last year of her life, she did tell me her stories. It became the backbone of my novel in **In Every Laugh A Tear**.

Other generations also motivate you. Give me your take on the "Heather Has Two Mommies" story.

I wrote the book in 1988 because I was walking down the street and a woman I knew stopped me and said, "My lover and I just started a family and we have no books to read our daughter. We need someone to write one." It made me think about growing up as a Jewish child and having no books about being Jewish. Even though I was in a Jewish neighborhood, I would always read about Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny and all of that. All I knew at the time was that I didn't see myself being reflected anywhere. So the request of this woman really resonated with me. I wrote the book and couldn't find a publisher, so I published it along with a friend wanting only to get back the money I put into the project. Six months later Sasha Alyson of Alyson Publications bought the book out from us. Then things really started going haywire with the Rainbow Curriculum in New York City and anti-Gay movements in Colorado and Oregon, where the book was used to depict the degeneration of society. It was good for book sales, but hard for me emotionally. I had never really experienced homophobia directed right at me like that. Had I known better I wouldn't have gone on talk shows or been on panels where the sponsors felt they had to be "fair" and give air time to bigots.

With "Heather," do you think most of the controversy arose from the Lesbianism that's from Alyson. I also have two books I've edited coming out, one is called **The Femme Mystique and it's about femmes. The other is called **Bearing the Unbearable**, and it's about losing loved ones to AIDS. In 1996 I have two books lined up from**



or from the inclusion of artificial insemination in the text?

I've thought about this a lot. If someone had said "the book is fine, it's just that one page," I'd happily have gone to the publisher and see if we couldn't do another Heather without the artificial insemination. That didn't happen, the artificial insemination was not the problem, it was the icing on the cake, the cake was the problem. Most people who had a hard time with the book never read it.

Yeah, I read some of those clippings and it's obvious they have no idea what they're talking about. Some of your forthcoming books are children's titles from Clarion, a branch of large publishing house Houghton Mifflin. Are they open to the inclusion of Gay children's titles?

The first of my children's books that they took, **Too Far Away to Touch**, is about a little girl whose favorite uncle is a man with AIDS. It's a picture book for children 4-8. My editor fell in love with the story and didn't back down on anything, even the inclusion of the man's lover. I was more nervous than the publishers. They had never heard of **Heather Has Two Mommies**, and it got to the point where I was almost talking them out of it saying, "I'm a really controversial writer, you may be firebombed, are you sure you want me?" The other two Clarion books aren't Gay, they're Jewish picture books. One is called **Remember This** and it is about a little girl and her Bubbe. The other is **Matzo Ball Moon** and it's a Passover story.

You also have a young adult novel coming out called "Fat Chance." Is that a difficult age group to write for?

It was actually the easiest book I've ever written which was a little frightening

because it's told in diary form. I became a 13-year old keeping a diary. It came so naturally to me that I began to wonder about my own emotional state.

Besides all of this, you also conduct writing workshops and have written the nonfiction book, "Writing From the Heart," as well. What's the most essential thing to remember when sitting down to write?

Believe in yourself. Take yourself seriously. Make a commitment to yourself, write everyday. And don't expect anything from anyone.

Do you have a strong sense of operating within a Gay and Lesbian literary community?

Absolutely.

Given your many titles, is there a message that transcends all of it, the sort of essence of your work?

There are definitely themes I write about a lot, sexuality, Jewish identity. I think mostly I write about self-identity. Because the message in my books is pretty much what I said to you, "Believe in yourself, your voice has power."

Going back to your mention of Jewish identity, what do you see as common in the Jewish Lesbian experience?

Well, in my own upbringing my grandmothers were the backbone of my family. It was very clear that the matriarchal lineage is important. There were strong women everywhere. My mother and my aunts, biological and chosen, had the most intense relationships. It was clearly the most important thing to them. I was raised to question things, to educate myself, and to go for what I wanted. So I did that, but not in the way my parents expected me to, so at some point it wasn't a good thing anymore.

You've also written extensively on women's body perception, namely with your book "SomeBody to Love." Why is dieting the most difficult thing you've ever given up?

When I talk about identity, my first, aside from being female, was of being fat. It's something I had as a defining fact of existence. When I pictured myself as a little girl I had no idea what I looked like, but I do know it was the image I carried with me. It defined everything I did, not only what I ate, but who I hung out with, what I wore, what activities I participate in, everything came from that one fact. I developed an eating disorder which I had for 15 years and haven't had now for 12 years. Our culture just infuses girls from pretty much day one with you have to be thin. No matter what else you do in life you must be thin. When I stopped dieting I said, "I refuse to accept this message." It was a rebellion on many levels for me. I would still say it's definitely the hardest thing I've ever

done.

Tell me about the projects you have forthcoming.

This fall I have *Fat Chance*, my young adult novel, coming out from Putnam. I have a book of short stories called *Every Woman's Dreams* from New Victoria. I have two children's books, *Too Far Away Too Touch*, from Clarion, and *Felicia's Favorite Story*, which is about an interracial Lesbian couple who adopt a little girl, and that's from Alyson. I also have two books I've edited coming out, one is called *The Femme Mystique* and it's about femmes. The other is called *Bearing the*

Los Angeles, CA — The Rev. Troy Perry reports that the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will purchase a new headquarters building for \$3.8 million. It will house the UFMCC's national headquarters as well as the MCC/Los Angeles congregation. Both groups will contribute to the down payment. The UFMCC's previous HQ was destroyed in last year's earthquake.

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Unbearable, and it's about losing loved ones to AIDS. In 1996 I have two books lined up from Clarion, *Remember That* and *Matzo Ball Moon*.

You are so productive in so many branches of writing, you really must love it a lot.

I do. Before you came over I was sitting here writing this book review thinking, "It doesn't even matter what it is. I just love using words." That's the other bit of advice I'd give someone who wants to write, fall in love with language.

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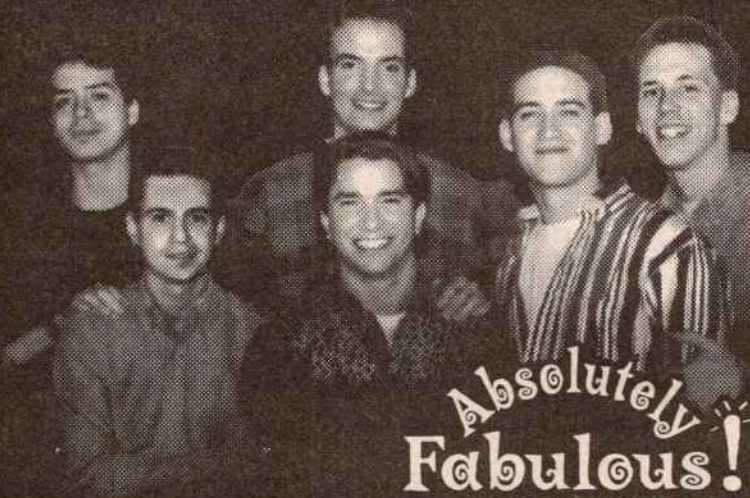


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Newman's Newest

Too Far Away To Touch

Reviewed by Carl M. Szatmary

Too Far Away To Touch
by Leslea Newman with Illustrations
by Catherine Stock
Clarion Books HC \$14.95

Leslea Newman is a very talented and prolific author of more than 15 books for adults, and also for children. Perhaps her most famous work is the classic, **Heather Has Two Mommies**. In her latest title for children, **Too Far Away To Touch**, Newman tackles the very difficult subject of children facing the death of a close relative due to AIDS.

This deceptively simple and moving story focuses on the relationship of a little girl named Zoe and her Uncle Leonard. Uncle Leonard is Zoe's special, favorite relative, who takes her to all kinds of interesting and exciting places. But Uncle Leonard is sick.

Still, Uncle Leonard takes Zoe to the Planetarium and then surprises her by pasting glow-in-the-dark stars on her bedroom ceiling. The stars are meant to represent to Zoe that no matter what happens to Uncle Leonard, he will always be a part of her life. While the stars may be too far to touch, they will always be close enough to see.

Newman's eloquent story is a moving portrayal of a young child facing the probable loss of a one to a serious, fatal disease — AIDS. Although AIDS is specifically mentioned within the content of the story, Newman's text makes **Too Far Away To Touch** most effective reading for any child with a friend or family member suffering from any life-threatening illness.

Too Far Away is very refreshing in its honesty and integrity. At no point does Newman offer false hope or easy solutions. Very bluntly Zoe asks Uncle Leonard if he is going to die. He responds, "Everyone has to die sometime, Zoe. There is no cure for AIDS yet, so I may die soon. But I hope not."

Leslea Newman also simply and subtly includes the suggestion that Uncle Leonard is Gay. While patiently waiting for her Uncle Leonard's visit, Newman clearly expresses Zoe's expectation that Nathan would be coming along on their adventure. Later, while at the beach, Nathan is shown caring for Leonard in the fashion of a partner.

Never preachy or didactic, **Too Far Away** is Leslea Newman's storytelling at its best. Accompanied by Catherine Stock's luminous and evocative watercolors, it is an absolutely marvelous book. *Highly Recommended.*

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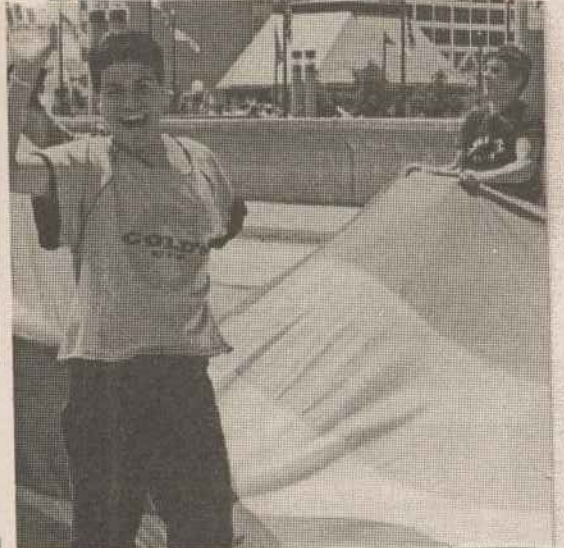
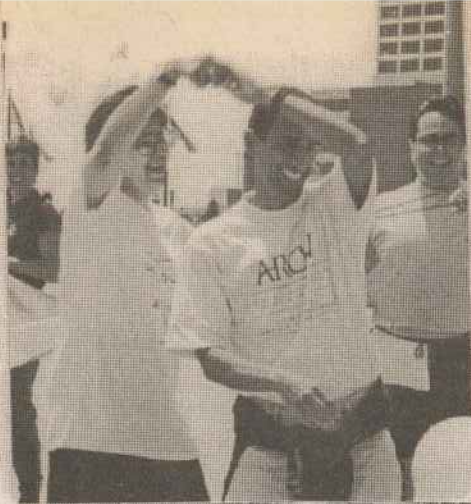


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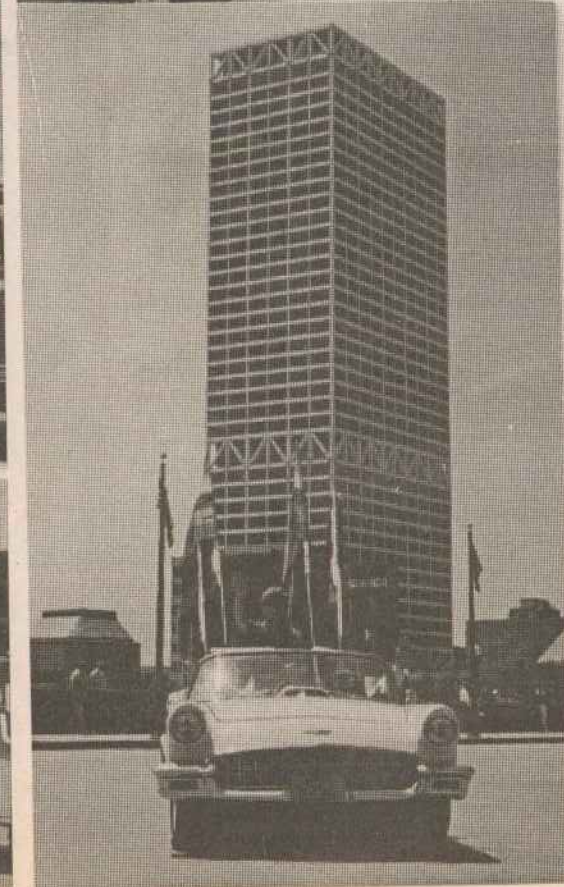
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The Wisconsin Pride Parade featured dozens of entries and was the biggest one yet. Many community groups participated in the parade, as did several businesses and lots of individual marchers who fell in behind the last float
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Steppin' Out

by Jamie

PrideFest 1995 was a great weekend, and a great success! After my little talk with Mother Nature, (I explained that my camera and I couldn't handle another weekend of rain) the weather cooperated. Both mornings started foggy and a bit chilly, but by early afternoon, the fog lifted and the sun prevailed. I have no clue how many times I ran to the car to change clothes. My car looked like a Laundromat had exploded inside.

This year (starting at the south end of the festival grounds), PrideFest boasted 7 food stands to feed the hungry. A veggie burger tasted pretty good after hours of walking the grounds, checking out all the cute boys, and getting pictures for this issue of *In Step*. Food ranged from burgers to corn on the cob; broasted chicken to fresh pretzels; frozen yogurt to fresh bakery; and much more.

The Alyn Hess Stage featured about 10 musical bands, various dance groups and of course, a few drag numbers. One number in particular (Betty Davis camping it up singing Madonna's *Vogue*) kept the crowd rolling with laughter.

Wisconsin's US Senator Russ Feingold made a few brief comments and took a tour of the grounds as the Festival

was opening on Saturday. At least he showed up — which is more than can be said for other politicians. County Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs-Jones also was there (as she always has been).

Wisconsin's first combination laser/fireworks show lit up the lakefront skies with a floating laser triangle surrounded by fireworks. Bartalotta's furnished the fireworks display (courtesy of Miller Brewing), and Lazer Force donated the laser show. The combination of the two was incredible!!!

Sunday started with an Interfaith Service which lead into the pre-Parade rally with various speakers and entertainers. By that time I had dragged my butt out of bed, showered, ate breakfast and found a parking spot. The Parade started pretty much on time, with lots of floats and lots of people marching to show the City of Milwaukee that we are a proud community with many supporters. It was the biggest parade yet.

One of the Parade entries was an 18-wheeler semi with a *Ride with Pride* theme. Basically it's a traveling mural/billboard that was very visible.

Following the Parade, a Community Service Award was presented to Ross Walker and Erv Uecker of BESTD Clinic. *In Step's* Ron Geiman received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Later in the afternoon, couples joined hands and exchanged vows in the PrideFest Wedding.

I checked out the History Tent, and to my surprise, there was a 3 or 4-year old *Pride Guide* cover with a picture of me and Bob, (my former husband) in one of the displays. Talk about a blast from the past! Bob is still a great guy and we'll leave it at that.

BESTD Clinic did free HIV testing all weekend. I hope you took advantage of it. Make sure you pick up your results!

The Stonewall Tent featured discussions and lectures on Gay & Lesbian spirituality, fighting the right wing, coming out to your parents and a great Police/Community Relations Forum.

The Fine Arts Festival Tent is where you could find anything from Baroque music to authentic Hispanic dancing. At the Activity Tent, you were invited to talk with Wisconsin State Representative Tammy Baldwin (also the Parade's Grand Marshall) and other local and national famous people.

More bands and entertainment were being offered at the Harvey Milk Tent. If shopping was your fancy, there were two tents to shop from.

My personal favorite tent was the *In Step/New Bar* Dance Tent. It had nothing to do with the fact that all the cute boys were hangin' out there, it was the music! (*Really, trust me.*) DJ's from all over the state came in to spin over 20 hours of great dance music. Tony, (New Bar) you sure have a nice butt!! Za (Green Bay) thanks for the beer, we

should meet in Chicago for their Gay Pride.

Other events included games, volleyball, classic car show and even a lighted boat show. I heard from Joe that the grounds looked spotless when he left at 11pm (great job grounds crew!). I trust that all of you that attended the festival had as good a time as I did, and I had a pretty damn good time.

There was plenty of shopping going on all weekend — but no place to store your packages. Next year they should have a "basket" or locker rental system on the grounds for people to store items.

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There were other things that were happening around town. I had a chance to see *Fest City Singers A Charmed Circle* Friday, June 2nd. I hope you took the opportunity to see it, because it was a great performance. By the way, that was the first time I had been in the old Factory.

3B's staff is getting comfortable with their new surroundings and by the looks of the crowd Saturday night after the Festival, so have the patrons. *Just Us* held a MAP benefit concert with *The Swingin' Kools* and the *Nitros Blues Band* donating time & talent, raising just about \$500.

Wednesday June 14, live music by Trampoline recording artist, *Alex Lumelsky* kept the afternoon crowd at the *Wreck Room* entertained. I stopped in myself to get pictures, he was pretty good, watch for him.

Kathy's Nut Hut had O'Brien from Jamaica entertaining with Reggae, Blues and Jazz music (all in one night). The *Oberons* celebrated their VIII Anniversary at the *Wreck Room* the weekend of the 16th and 17th.

Other quick notes: Two closings to report about. *Station 2* has closed (Jen now working over at 3B's) and *Miguel's* restaurant has also closed. "We couldn't get by on orders of French fries," said Miguel. "But we appreciated everyone's support." Miguel is setting up his custom leather shop in the "rear" of *Designing Men*. We wish you the best.

Whew! I can't wait until I have a computer set-up at home. I'm typing on an old IBM typewriter and then re-entering it into *In Step's* computer, and it's a bitch! I did, however, learn how to adjust the keys on the old IBM so they actually worked. That old thing will hopefully be retired by the time this issue comes out.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Club 219 (Milw): New Amateur Male Strip Night, \$50 prize.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milw): Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Special guest Joel Ambelang, MSW, "Communicating Life Style Changes with 'The Second Wave.'"

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Just Us (Milw): Third Shifters Party! 6-10:30am. Drink specials and breakfast.

Club 219 (Milw): Dino's Teaser.

Za's (Green Bay): Benefit Show for Dee Dee Winters, Miss Emerald City-USA.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Galano Club (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 6-8pm.

Madison Gay Video Club: Double feature, 8pm. FMI call (608) 244-8675.
Madhatter (Wausau): '95 Miss Central Gay WI-USA pageant presented by Katrina Kaye. 10:30pm. Applications/info call Ken at (414) 435-4107 or the Madhatter.

Apple Island (Madison): "Dyketime" vocalists, ASL interpreted. Doors open at 7:30pm. Sliding scale 5-7pm.

Club 94 (Kenosha): Miss Kenosha WI-America. \$3 cover.

Twin Cities Pride Celebration: Minneapolis.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Chicago Pride Parade: See *Group Notes* for details.

Art for AIDS: Benefit for AIDS care, prevention and research. Italian Community Center. FMI call (800) 348-9255 or see ad, this issue.

Maritime Assoc (Milw): Join us on board our Chicago boats for pre and post Chicago Pride parties. FMI call (414) 475-6800.

Twin Cities Pride Celebration: Minneapolis.

Sunday Night Out (WTSO AM 1070-

Madison): Conversation with singer Janis Ian, and author Dan Helminak, 6-

PFLAG-Milwaukee: Meeting, 6:45pm, "Dealing with Prejudicial Remarks." Martin Luther Lutheran Church, 9235 west Bluemound.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Club 219 (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 9pm-Midnight.

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Frontiers (Madison): Cookout and potluck followed by *Rhythm & Boom*.

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Blue Lite (Sheboygan): 3rd Anniversary Party.

Just Us (Milw): Specialty Dance Parties, 8-10pm with DJ Tommie. 1st & 3rd Sat "Country Hoe Down"; 2nd & 4th Sat "Latin Beat."

Za's (Green Bay): Stallions Male Dancers.

Designing Men (Milw): Grand Opening of the Back Leather Room with custom designed leather by Miguel Dela Rosa; erotica.

SUNDAY, JULY 2

Rod's (Madison): 4th of July weekend through July 4. \$3-\$4 Beer Bust, 5-9pm; BBQ, Cookout at 6pm.

3B's (Milw): Welcome Jen (Station 2) Party, 3-8pm.

Just Us (Milw): Starr E. Nites Birthday "Cavalcade of Stars," \$3 cover, 9pm.

MONDAY, JULY 3

Rod's (Madison): 4th of July weekend through July 4. \$3-\$4 Beer Bust, 5-9pm; BBQ, Cookout at 6pm. Register all day for Rod's posters — drawings at Midnight.

3B's (Milw): 4th of July special — Tappers 75¢, Domestic Bottles \$1.50

Just Us (Milw): Independence Dance Party, 10-close, no cover. Red/White/Blue shot specials.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Rod's (Madison): 4th of July weekend through July 4. \$3-\$4 Beer Bust, 5-9pm; BBQ, Cookout at 6pm. Register all day for T-shirt — drawings at Midnight.

Triangle (Milw): 4th of July party. Doors open 3pm, BBQ.

Lucky Horseshoe (Chicago): 5th Annual 4th of July Bar-b-que, 2pm-7 Male Dancers 2pm-2am.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

LaCage (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, Anonymous HIV testing and counseling 10pm-1am.

THURSDAY, JULY 6

BESTD Clinic Live: Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Special guests: Rick Finger and Sheldon Schurr with "1995 Pride Parade" video.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Rod's (Madison): Rod's 16th Anniversary Weekend. \$3 (4-5pm); \$4 (5-9pm). Complimentary pig roast served 6:30pm. DJ Ty.

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Frontiers (Madison): Devil's Lake Hiking and swimming, picnic potluck. FMI call (608) 241-2500.

Commitment '95 (Milw): Promotional Dance to raise funds. Galano Club, 9:15pm-1am. with DJ Garth, \$3 donation. Non alcohol/drug free event.

'95 United Awards Banquet (Madison): Concourse Hotel's Grand Ballroom.



3 B's was packed after PrideFest for Kathy and Midge's 20th anniversary party. 3B's recently moved into its new location at 2nd and Lapham.

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The Numbers Game

An alert reader, **Harry P. Ness** of Appleton, Wisconsin, has written to point out an arithmetic error in one of my recent columns. According to **Mr. Ness** (who apparently sleeps with calculator and has way too much free time on his hands), "the odds of any living human actually having sex with **Brad Pitt** is not 8,000,000-to-1 (as given); it is actually only 4,000,920-to-1."

Mr. Ness goes on to say, that the odds of **W. W. Wells** actually having sex with **Brad Pitt** fall to 6,000,000-to-1. This (again according to the ever helpful **Mr. Ness**) is due to my recent string of really bad hair days and last week's nasty acne flare-up. I should note here that there is a 99% chance **Mr. Ness's** subscription to **In Step** will be canceled and I predict the odds are 3-to-1 he will be the victim or some painfully horrendous penis shrinking voodoo curse.

However, despite my recent mathematical error, I have painstakingly calculated the odds against a variety of more day-to-day events which are actually likely to occur in the life of the average Gay American. I guess it's just my way of celebrating National Statistics Month... either that or I couldn't think of anything better for this week's column.

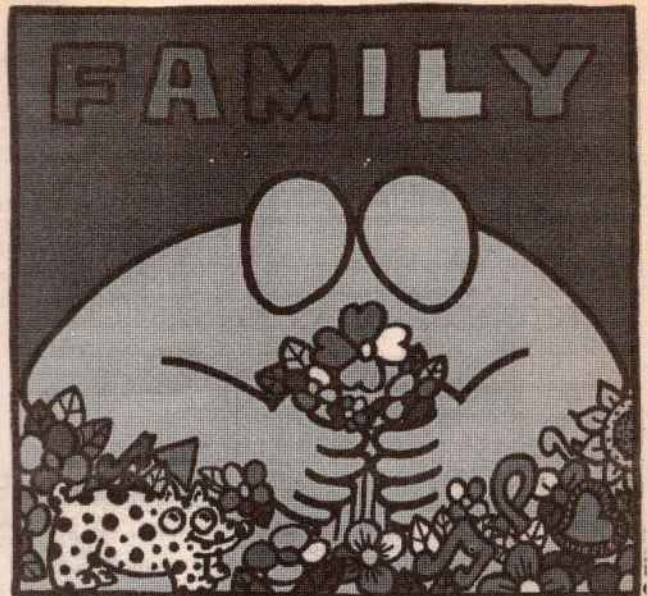
The odds that cute young stud you're so desperate to hear from will actually call is 1-in-15, however there's a 69% chance that weird guy you gave your phone number to (because you were drunk you didn't know what your were doing) will call at least six times and leave at least one obscene message on your voice mail. As a result the odds are 2-to-1 you will have to change your phone number.

The chances are 50-50 any person you flirt with on the Gay sex chat line is a former trick and there's a 99% percent chance you're both lying about your age, weight and relationship status. And despite all the hot chatter, there's less than a 13% chance you will actually ever meet to have a good time.

There is a 1-in-3 chance that your boyfriend, despite being on a business trip several time zones away, will call at exact moment when you're about to reach a simultaneous climax with cute slut you picked up at bar closing time and there is a 98% percent you will feel real uncomfortable and completely ignore that slut the next time you see him in public.

There is a 7-to-1 chance against your best friend's new relationship lasting more than six weeks and 95% chance against it lasting more than three months. The odds of it lasting more than a year are so large that they cannot be determined with today's technology.

The chances are 5-to-2 that you will not like his new stud du jour, and 3-to-1 that he will not like you either. There is



a 68% chance you will sleep with him after they've broken up and a 7% chance you once had an embarrassing sexual involvement with him. The odds are 1-in-6 he will be work in a mall, a 1-in-10 that he will be a waiter at the Olive Garden, and a 1-in-1,780 that he will be the heir to a sizable fortune. (Please note: There is a 1-in-13 chance that he will claim to be an heir to a fortune but in reality be completely full of shit instead. These odds rise to 8-to-1 if he's under 25 years of age or recently worked at a bartender in a Gay club.)

Statistically, one Gay man in three is completely screwed up mentally, while 75% of the remaining two-thirds

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Roberts' Rules

By Shelly Roberts

What's the Difference?

I've forgiven TJ for being heterosexual. And she's absolved me of any responsibility to her around my particular life choices. Which is good, because we're really close friends.

We once were also business partners at a time when the financial ground under New England feet was crumbling. There wasn't enough business to keep us in business. But, despite our differences, there was enough friendship to last.

She, her husband, and her two teenage-boy children left the state we were in and headed into Oregon. I headed to warm South Florida fortunes.

Now TJ visits us once a spring to get a tan. And to get her yearly fill of female. When you're surrounded by that much testosterone for fifty weeks, you're due a little estrogen relief. So TJ spends her days beaching, her evenings cooking us gourmet meals, none of which call for hot dogs or peanut butter as a key ingredient, and her nights talking women-stuff.

One outdoor afternoon on Ocean Avenue, feasting on Miami Beach warmth, the tourist array, and the hideously guilt-inducing satisfaction of News Cafe burgers and fries, I decided to talk Oregon. (Florida was facing a self-righteous religious fanatic attack and it's always helpful to get perspective from a winning arena.)

"So, what was the Oregon fight like from a straight person's perspective." I queried, mental note-pad poised for helpful hints on our local struggle. I didn't get any. Instead, I got umbrage.

"You can't do that to me!"

"Do what?"

"Ask me a question like that. It presumes that we're different. It separates us."

Phew! Hard to disagree on that. Haven't I spent hours of ink telling the "Thems" that we were just like them and they shouldn't treat us any differently?

But I realized then conversation that we are different. Not so much in sexual practice, as in survival practice. We, in circling our wagons, have crafted ourselves a culture. A Culture of Struggle. One that gives us common ground even in our fractioned diversity, a common perspective from which to voice our shared experiences, hopes and fear. When anyone asks what a Gay North

Carolina Pig Farmer, and a New York City drag queen have in common, meaning "nothing," I say: "Lots!"

The differences aren't so much genetic as societal.

I asked TJ if she knew who Kate Clinton was. Did she like to listen to Romanovsky & Phillips? Did June mean anything more to her than National Watermelon month? Had she heard of Stonewall? Read anything by Michelangelo Signorelli? Or Jewelle Gomez? Where had she put herself on the Kinsey scale? Had she considered weighing herself on such a scale? Could she recite the dialog from the movie, *Lianna*, by heart? Or seen *Desert Hearts*? If I referred to "the Cammemeyerkiss" would she know what I was talking about? Sure, she knew about Harvey Milk, but did the name David Kopay ring a bell? Did her magazine rack hold **10 Percent?** Or **Out?** Or **Lambda Book Report?** Did San Francisco hold a special place in her heart for anything beyond dungeness crab and cable cars? Had she studied Loulan?

I didn't mean to exclude her, but as we talked, it became clear that there were differences in our lifestyles.

While we were swabbing our fries, we came to an understanding. It wasn't necessary for us to be exactly the same in order for us to share love, and honor. Our human qualities, the ones that were the same, like laughing and crying, and loving and dying, and most of the one-to-one emotional interactions in between, were enough to forge strong links. And that there was still sufficient space to allow for our diversity. That it was okay for us to be not-exactly-carbon-copies, because out of that difference could come respect.

I guess I hadn't thought of us like

that before. Not until TJ demanded that I not make myself different from her, did I begin to examine the reality of our differences. The richness and value of a culture that I hope we're not willing to sacrifice in the name of assimilation. Someone asked Frank Browning if he thought that our culture could survive the success we seek. He said he didn't know, but that since he thought it would "take a couple of hundred years for us to achieve that success, what difference did it make? We'd all be gone by then."

If he'd have asked me, or TJ, after our afternoon on South Beach, I think we would have disagreed. We'd have said that it will be the combination of the richness of our cultural differences and similarities that will create the acceptance we're after.

I can't wait till TJ's next visit. I know we're going to continue this conversation. And by then, I should have worked through enough cholesterol angst to order another burger. Her, too. It's something we have in common.

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have some sort of deep-seated insecurity or emotional problem that will reveal itself only after he has managed to move in with you. This leaves just 5 percent, or 1-in-20 men, who are relatively normal, non-alcoholic and hassle free (not counting annoying habits and men with excessive back hair). The bad news is that 60% of those stable Gay men are already in relationships with co-dependent basket cases and virtually all the rest are so traumatized from former relationships with psychotic men, they won't even consider getting serious with you without a letter of reference from a qualified therapist. But, before you get too depressed over these figures, remember that you are unlikely to be of sound mind and emotions yourself, statistically speaking. Everyone knows that I'm sure not.

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Inside Out

By Yvonne Zipter

Shop or They'll Drop

It's not unusual for books and bookstores to be on my mind. I have been a bookaholic since an early age. As a toddler, when I disappeared from my mother's sight in a grocery store, I'm told she always knew where to find me: at the Little Golden Books display; I had my first library card at age 4, for which purpose I had expressly tormented my mother to teach me to write my name — a requirement for getting a card; and my grade-school summers were filled with trips to the library, in which I would check out as many books as the library allowed, read them, and return for more.

As soon as I entered adulthood, buying my own books became one of my greatest pleasures — so great, in fact, that it was a factor in creating my lentil-and-potatoes based diet: I would rather have a new book than a good meal and spent hours in my campus bookstore looking for just the right one. I could go on and on with this catalog of how much I love books and bookstores, but by now you've surely gotten the drift.

So as I say, books and bookstores are often on my mind. But lately, the subject of bookstores has loomed particularly large: the bookstores that I love in a most personal way — the women's bookstore and the Gay & Lesbian bookstore — are endangered species: stores like Barnes & Noble, Borders, and Crown are squeezing the little independents out, with their huge advertising budgets, their ability (because of the volume of books they buy) to undercut independent bookseller prices, and their numerous, and therefore convenient locations.

It used to be that Gay-and-Lesbian type bookstores were more safe from this than were other small stores because the chains didn't carry queer books, and so Gay and Lesbian booksellers had their own little niche carved out. But ever since people have discovered that Gays and Lesbians have money to spend, myriad folks among them have gotten over their distaste for us enough to try to sell us their wares. So publishing houses and book chains are all of a sudden dealing heavily in Gay and Lesbian literature.

Never mind the fact that, if it ever becomes unprofitable, the big name folks will drop us like empty candy wrappers without so much as a thought: there are some very important things you just can't find at these chains, even now. First and foremost, as my girlfriend put it, I want to

go to a bookstore where everyone knows my name. While we seldom eat pretzels there and while bar stools are not in abundance, it is very *Chærs*-like, with the same cast of regular characters always working and shopping there, and all of us there for the great company and to nurture our addiction to the written word. Yvonne! they yell when I come into the store, and I know I am among friends.

But tell me this: when you're shopping at those big name bookstores, do they ever do any of these things for you: 1) tell you when a new book has come in by your favorite author? 2) Inquire after your girlfriend's health? 3) Let you shop with your girlfriend's credit card, and laugh at you when you offer to show them a note from her, giving permission? 4) Spend long spans of time with you, helping you find books that they think you'll enjoy? 5) Offer to get a book signed for you by that visiting author so you don't have to stand in line for an hour? 6) Take your check without requesting enough ID to get you a security clearance at the Pentagon? 7) Chat with you about their lovers and children, your job, your cat, your garden — in other words, interact with you in a personal and caring way?

The independent booksellers I frequent have done all of these things and more. For instance, I don't care how many times I've browsed at the Crown Bookstore down the street — they never once offered to lend me money in my poorer days. My friends at the women's bookstore did that for me. Never once have they called out my name when I entered the store, and never once did they give my girlfriend a promotional t-shirt for one of her favorite authors because it was her birthday. Our friends

at the Gay and Lesbian bookstore have done that.

Of course, the "services" I just mentioned are not regular features of the independent bookstore's business practice. I'm just saying that the folks in these stores have the potential to be much more than nameless, ever-changing clerks. To their loyal and/or frequent customers, they can become friends, happy to see you, even if you're not buying a book each and every time you enter their store. At Barnes and Noble, not only do they not know *me*, but I never recognize any of *them* as having been there from one visit to the next. Don't get me wrong: the staff at the chains are often helpful enough — as helpful as they can be, at any rate, when they don't know you or your taste in literature at all — but it's all just so impersonal.

Just in case my agenda isn't clear by now, let me close with this word from our sponsors, your local Gay-and-Lesbian-friendly bookstore. Sure it's tempting to save a buck or more on every book you buy. But ask yourself this: When the chains lose interest in us, will your little independent bookstore still be there to offer you books that speak to *your* life? Contemplating this question again in a more profound fashion than I ever have in the past, what with the current megastore climate sweeping the country and threatening small businesses of all kinds (witness, e.g., the Walmart phenomenon), I have personally pretty much forsworn the chain bookstores for good now. Oh sure, I'll drink the coffee at Barnes & Noble and I'll visit the new Borders bookstore downtown, just to glory in being in the presence of that many tomes. But I won't buy their books. Nobody there even knows my name.

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No Nonsense

By Sister Dana Van Iquity

Independence From What??

July is the month typically linked with independence — the fourth for Americans and the 14th for French Bastille Day. Never mind France — she is now *une femme morte* (a dead woman) with her new conservative dictator... errr, prime minister. But let's talk about Gaymerica the Beautiful.

What is the point of Gaymericans celebrating Independence Day when the **National Rifle Association** is busy repealing the ban on assault weapons and the Republicans and **US Supreme Court** are out to do away with Affirmative Action?

Not to mention the rest of NewTwit Gingrich's Contract on America (put cotton balls in your cheeks and repeat after me: "Godfather Gingrich, here's an offer ya can't refuse;" and expect to see a severed donkey's head in your bed).

Speaking of contracts, now the million-and-a-half strong **Christian Coalition** has issued their *Contract with the American Family*, which means even less independence is impending for us. Ralph Reed, spokesperson for the CC, said during a May 17 NBC news press conference, "As religious conservatives we have finally gained what we have always sought — a place at the table." Which means we LesBiGays will have to crawl beneath the table and beg like dogs for any scraps that just might be tossed our way. And Presidential candidate Phil Gramm was right behind Reed cheering him on.

NBC correspondent Gwen Eiffel told viewers, "The Reverend Pat Robertson and his Christian Coalition are seizing the moment with two-million dollar full-page print ads and aggressive tele-marketing." In other words, operators are standing by and warming up those ovens for us queers.

During that press conference, echoing the words of a multitude of non-rabid, non-radical, not-right-wing Christians, Episcopal

spokespriest/activist Father Robert J. Brooks stated, "As followers of the teaching of Christ, I tell you the Christian Coalition does not speak for us."

New York Congressional Representative (D) Nita Lowey warned, "When the Christian Coalition says, 'jump!', the Republican leadership asks, 'how high?'" Eiffel cautioned, "There is an edge of panic in the voices of opponents of the Christian Coalition, because they remember the last time the Republicans started talking contracts, the GOP won almost every time." Robertson, feasible Republican candidate for president, has launched a lot of anti-Gay attacks in his intolerant theology over the airwaves of his **Christian Broadcasting Network**, saying "Homosexuals are taking over the media, the schools, the libraries and are infiltrating every segment of our society, even the churches." Seems to me my old college Psych 101 training would label that "projection," since the CC is attempting to take over every, single facet of American communication ("One Way: my way or the highway"). Robertson goes on to say, "They (that's we queers) are the children of Satan and must be stopped. They are outside God's care and mercy. (*jeepers... has GOD been alerted of this yet?*). They are the anti-Christ and must be erased from our midst." (Now, isn't that just the utter epitome of Christian love? And doesn't it somehow remind you of one of Adolph Hitler's very diatribe against the Jewish folk? *That* ought to send shivers up your Gay spines!!)

One of our only hopes is that, according to *Prime Time Live* reports, Robertson is currently under investigation by the IRS, Securities & Exchange Commission and both Florida and Pennsylvania attorney generals for



Trampoline recording artist Alex Lumelsky performed at the Wreck Room June 14.

Photo by Jamie Taylor

possible deceptive trade practices in his "Kalovita Vitamins and Cosmetics from the Holy Land" sales pitches. Maybe they'll put his big old bigoted ass behind bars; and Christian Coalition along with CBN-TV will quietly curl up and die. Now *that's* a reason to celebrate independence! Light those fireworks, right under the radical right's behind!!

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Off-Key Advice For an Off-Color Life

Dear Billy:

I met someone last summer while on vacation in Provincetown. We hit it off almost immediately. The problem is that he lives in New York and I live in San Francisco.

I didn't want to get too involved because someone who is 3,000 miles away is not easy to cuddle every night. However, we decided to give it a try. Despite the distance, we have managed to maintain a nice long distance relationship through these months, particularly because I can arrange to travel to New York on business every other month or so. But as nice as this, I'm pretty lonely most of the time and realize that this relationship is probably keeping me from meeting someone closer to home.

Don't even suggest that he move to SF. He's a tried and true New York Boy and refuses to even consider the option, even though he has no job to give up and no true ties that bind on the east coast.

Can you advise me? What do you suggest?

— BS, SF, CA

Oh boo hoo. You've found someone wonderful, but neither of you is prepared to take the plunge or take the risk. Meanwhile, Billy never seems to meet anyone special. I say life ain't fair!

So let me get this picture; you say you met a good old New York Boy who doesn't want to leave his precious island even for you. You refuse to leave your precious city (and job) for him. So where do you think that leaves you? Lonely for most of the month. I say f--k him! If he won't leave that wreck of a town for the beauty of The City, who needs 'em? Especially when it appears to old Auntie Billy that you are footing all the bills to keep this relationship afloat.

Ask yourself, is he worth it or are you just too lazy to go out and look? Give yourself a chance with some boys closer to home (I can give you a few hunting spots, if you're very nice...) and let me know how much you miss old NY in about six months.

Dear Billy:

I met a super hot guy last weekend. I think he may like me, but I know he wants to f--k me. And I saw his dick and I don't think I can handle it. I do like him, however, and want to see him again. How do I tell him "no" and still have a chance to make him like me and want to

continue to see me?

— WK, Newton, MA

Oh Mary, Oh Mary. Mar-y. Oh Mar-ie. Get those legs in the air and get over it, girl. I mean pretend he's a horse and you're a Trojan. Pretend you're a shaft and he's an elevator. Oh, Mr. Otis regrets! Oh, Mar-gar-et, tell him "no"??? Only after the third time tonight! And then only until the novocaine goes to work! Now, honey, listen to your old Auntie Billy and call that cowboy and tell him you'd like to ride his pommel. And if this little affair doesn't work out, then you can send me the gory details and I'll see what I can do. And you know what Billy can do... but perhaps that's another

column. But if enough of my friends write in, I'll give some pointers on sens-you-el-ee-tay.

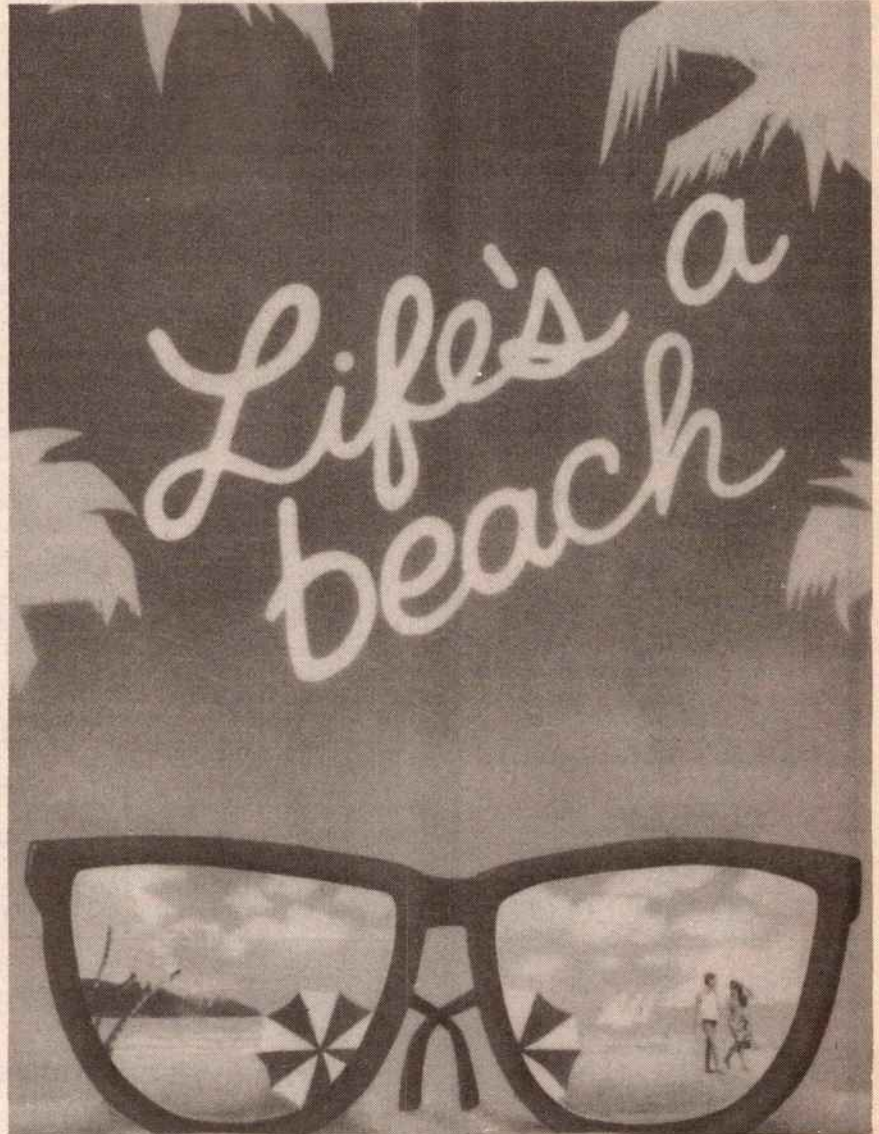
Dear Billy:

What is the fastest way to a man's heart?

— MM, St. Paul, MN

Maybe you should read the prior letter and my response ... either that or a great meal. But remember — it's better not to come too fast.

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By Kirk Stark

No More 'I Love You's'

In my life there have only been three times when I've believed men when they've said 'the three words.' You know what I mean. Those three little words turn even the strongest man into a pool of protoplasm: *I love you.*

Previously I heard those words after a couple of weeks of dating/intense boinking.

It was always like the icing on the cake. You know, a bit of amazing sex, some cuddling, and then they say the three words. Suddenly even the sex pales in comparison.

Now, I recently heard those words. The difference is that someone said them to me without meeting me in person. Yes, without a clue of what I look like (and I am cute, *dammit!*) they said the three words. Can we say pressure? *I knew you could.*

We had met a few months previous on the Internet. We found a mutual bond in bitterness, cynicism, and pure twisted malice. We talked online, and then we diverted to long conversations on the telephone. Everything was relative bliss, and then *he said the words.* What previously had been only a hot phone romance now had a dimension that was more than I really expected or wanted.

I had no clue what to do with this. Do I take it seriously, or do I write it off as an overblown infatuation? I did like him, and he had sent me a picture. I begged off on sending him a photo, only because I had none to give. With that, I questioned how he could say the *three words.*

He justified his statement saying that he *just knew.* He was sure that I was the guy for him. I was still questioning, but figured that I was being resistant only because it seemed like I was getting what I wanted and therefore

had to doubt and disregard it.

So, we continued to talk, making MCI and AT&T very happy. We shared deep dark secrets, and opened up on almost every topic imaginable, from politics to fears and dreams. Then it came time to meet.

Meeting was fine. He still said the words, and I took that as a good sign. I also felt it and said the words to him. Life was *good.*

We were going to be together for three days. I expected bliss, amazing sex, and big fun to be had by all. *Instead,* we had one fantastic night, and then the rest of our time together was a redux of **War of the Roses.**

We fought, yelled, and both of us were petulant at times. It was not a happy day.

It wasn't even one or two things. It was everything. If I went left, he would go right. If I said the sky looked blue, he would talk about how it looked more cobalt.

But, even though we were fighting, I thought it was just poor communication and that there was nothing that couldn't be worked out. *Or so I thought.*

After our arguments he felt our differences were irreconcilable. That was it, it was over, the fat lady had sung, over and out. His twenty-four hour viral love had passed. The fever had broken and in its place was contempt and disgust.

I don't believe it is that easy. Love is more than hot sex, more than a simple bond. Love should be strong enough to handle almost anything. Irreconcilable differences don't crop up within a few days or hours, but take months if not a year or more to foment.

'*I love you*' isn't a balm to make a mediocre relationship strong, it isn't something to say to get another person in bed, and it isn't the solution an argument with a lover. I love you means more than that.

It is an emotional commitment made to another person out of a desire for their best interests. It isn't codependant, but it is self-sacrificing. It isn't a ball and chain, but allows one to live ones life to the fullest possible. Love does make the world go round - as *perversely* Hallmark

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Profiles

Lil/Gra

Milwaukee — Alarmed by the promiscuity and spread of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) among Milwaukee's adolescents, Lillian Taylor, RN and Gracie Thomas, a probation officer at the Milwaukee County Jail, started the Lil/Gra Company in 1993 to develop practical products and packaging for STD prevention.

In May, 1995, the fledgling company

introduced its first product, *No Regrets*, a discreet safer sex package. The No Regrets safer sex pouch contains two lubricated latex condoms; one non-lubricated condom specifically designed for oral sex; one latex glove; two finger cots; one No Regrets Partner (a step-in latex shield for oral sex only); one dental dam; and two lubricating jelly packets. Each pouch also contains directions for the use of all enclosures and a reorder form.

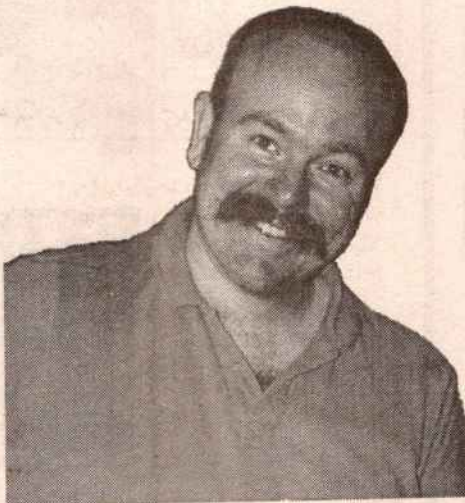
Taylor is deeply committed to educating young people and at-risk populations on the prevention of STDs.

She has volunteered at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) for years and in 1994 was honored with a special award for her exceptional service.

In addition to heading Lil/Gra, Taylor worked at the Milwaukee County Jail as a staff nurse treating inmates with a variety of physical problems. The jail has a higher percentage of inmates with HIV and AIDS than most hospitals, generally because of unsafe behaviors — injecting drug users, sex industry workers, promiscuity, homelessness and the like. Taylor has taught classes with the staff of MAP to the Deputy Sheriffs at the Jail.

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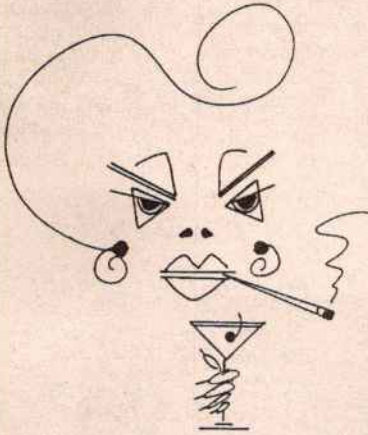
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PrideFest Committee members take a much deserved bow.

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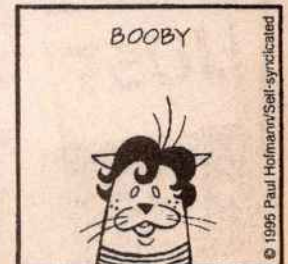
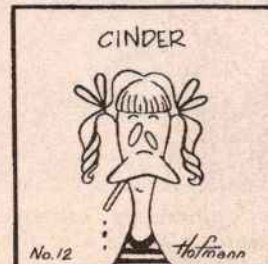
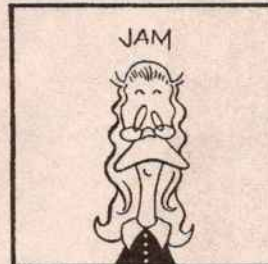
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Saturday Softball Beer League

Standings, June 10

Team	W/L
Club 219	8-0
Balistreri's	6-2
Ballgame	6-2
M&M	5-3
Wreck Room	3-5
Triangle	3-5
AfterWords	1-7
GAMMA	0-8

Results, June 3

M&M, 19/Triangle, 18
 Balistreri's, 17/AfterWords, 1
 Wreck Room, 21/AfterWords, 9
 Ballgame, 11/Triangle, 10
 M&M, 23/GAMMA, 2
 Club 219, 20/Balistreri's, 9
 Club 219, 31/Ballgame, 5
 Wreck Room, 22/GAMMA, 8

Results, June 10

Triangle, 7/Wreck Room, 0
 Ballgame, 30/AfterWords, 3
 Club 219, 15/Triangle, 7
 AfterWords, 24/GAMMA, 3
 M&M, 6/Ballgame, 3
 Balistreri's, 7/Wreck Room, 0
 Balistreri's, 29/GAMMA, 3
 Club 219, 16/M&M, 11

Schedule, June 24

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Diamond 2

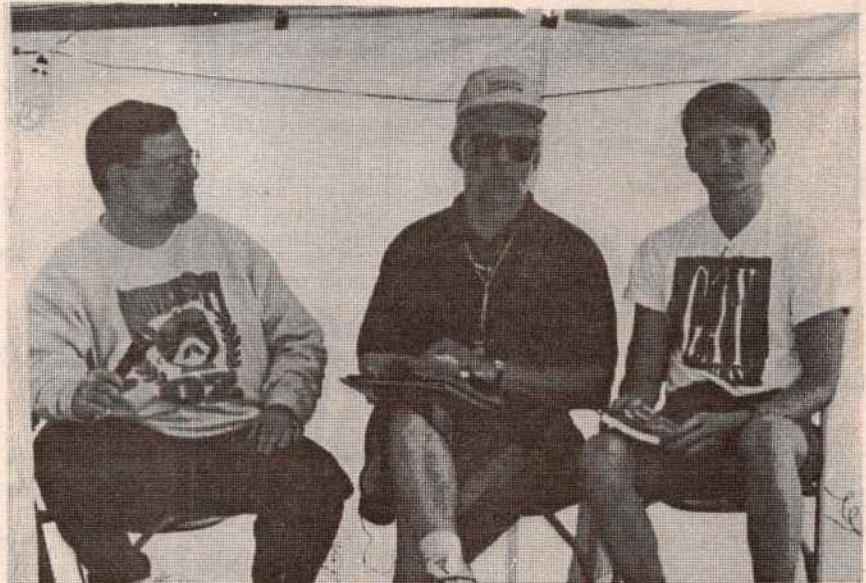
12:15 — AfterWords vs. Club 219
 1:30 — AfterWords vs. M&M
 2:45 — GAMMA vs. Ballgame
 4:00 — Balistreri's vs. Ballgame

Diamond 3

Triangle vs. GAMMA
 Balistreri's vs. Triangle
 Wreck Room vs. Club 219
 M&M vs. Wreck Room

There will be a team fundraiser at M&M from 5-8pm, "A Day at the Races." As the SSBL's regular season passed the one-third mark, Club 219 remains undefeated in league play, and now holds a two game lead over Balistreri's and the Ballgame Rangers. AfterWords registered its first victory of the season by defeating GAMMA.

Twenty-eight players and fans will be heading north to Toronto over the July 4th weekend to participate in the annual Canada Cup Softball Tournament. Ten years ago, the Wreck Room Spurs won the recreational division in the Canada Cup, Milwaukee's only championship in Toronto. Eleven of the original 15 members of the team will be returning, along with several other players and fans, to try to bring back another championship trophy to Milwaukee. Bill Kindt, owner of the Wreck Room, has paid the team's entry fee for the tournament. The team will be known as the "Milwaukee Reunion." Club 219 will represent Milwaukee in a tournament in St. Louis, MO.



Queer TV hosts Michael Lisowski and Dan Fons. D.A. Leonard being interviewed by



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Standings as of May 30

Division 1	W-L-F/Points
Bill W.	2-1/66
Cory	2-0/59
Ed L.	1-1/44
Mark J.	1-1/36
Steve M.	1-1/34
Gary O.	1-0/29
Patrick	0-2/22
Tom K.	0-1/7
Tom B.	0-1/5

Division II	W-L-F/Points
Mark H.	1-0-1/54
Allen R.	1-0-1/49
Mike V.	1-0-1/49
Karl S.	0-3/32
Deb R.	1-1/31
Lou L.	1-0/30
Scott B.	1-0/29
Cathy P.	0-1/9
Doug S.	0-1/9

Division II	W-L-F/Points
Jim D.	2-0/58
Michael K.	2-0/58
Tom M.	0-1-1/35
Sarah F.	1-0/33
Spencer F.	1-0/29
Nancy S.	0-0-1/20
Henry F.	0-1-1/21
Julie G.	0-2/10
David K.	0-2/10



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San Francisco, CA — The American Library Association's Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Awards Committee has chosen the winners of this year's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Book Awards. The winners are Dorothy Allison's *Skin: Talking About Sex, Class & Literature* and Phillip Sherman's and Samuel Bernstein's *Uncommon Heroes: A Celebration of Heroes and Role Models for Gay and Lesbian Americans*.

New York, NY — Meredith Monk, the Lesbian composer, choreographer, theatrical director and filmmaker, has been awarded a prestigious "Genius" grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Monk received a \$315,000 no-strings-attached grant.

Washington, DC — Arthur Kropp, the President of People for the American Way, a 300,000-member civil liberties group that has championed civil rights for Gays and Lesbians, died of AIDS complications June 12. He was 37. Kropp led the liberal group in the fight against Robert Bork's nomination to the US Supreme Court and in support of the Civil Rights Act of 1991. People for the American Way monitors the Christian Right closely and publishes detailed reports about its activities.

San Antonio, TX — Dennis Rodman of the San Antonio Spurs, who dates Madonna, told *Sports Illustrated* recently: "I visualize being with another man. Everybody visualizes being Gay. They think, 'Should I do it or not?' The reason they can't is because they think it's unethical. They think it's a sin... You're not bad if you're Gay, and it doesn't make you less of a person."

Hobson, AL — On May 15, a fire gutted the building which housed rural Alabama's only AIDS clinic. The five-year-old AIDS Services Center near Anniston, which served 200 people in surrounding counties, was completely destroyed. Police have confirmed that the fire was intentionally lit, but that haven't arrested anyone yet for arson.

—Briefs Compiled by Jamakaya

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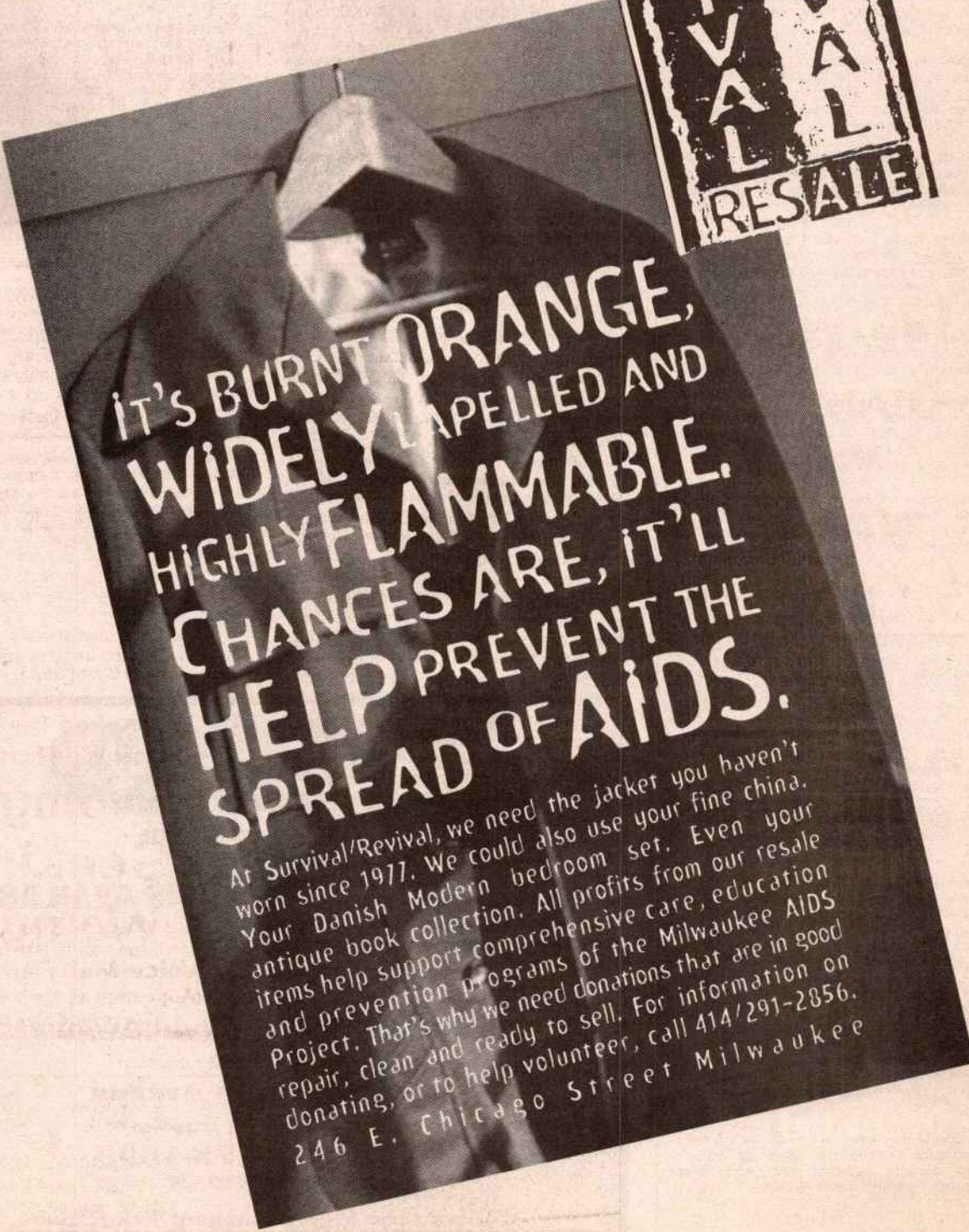
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PrideFest Committee & Volunteers: Great Celebration!

Juan: All I need for my birthday is you strapped to my bed! (Oops, I talked about sex, but I'm not sorry — it's "Human Nature").

Steve Byers: Congrats on winning PrideFest's Best Bartender in Wisconsin.

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Matt, 31 yrs. old, Chicago
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Thank You: Jeff, Richard, Barb, Deb, Joe, Keane, Aric, Janet, Wesley, Lady Bell, Mattie & all Just Us supporters for a great float and motorcycle contingent.

Bill Meunier: I am personally, incredibly proud of you. PrideFest was on the level of all the other Milwaukee festivals. But it was a lot more fun. I felt great wishing everyone I knew "Happy Pride Day." Congratulations Bill, you did a great job.

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Northland Gay Men's Center
8 N. 2nd Ave. E., Ste. 309
Duluth, MN 55802 (218) 722-8585

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PO Box 264, Superior 54880

UW Stout 10% Society
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UW Eau Claire GLOBE (Campus LesBiGay group)
105 Garfield Ave, Davies Center, Eau Claire 54701

Parents, Friends, Family of LesBiGays (PFLAG)
Greater Chippewa Valley
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email: ALLIANCE@uwplatt.edu

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Gay & Lesbian Alliance, Box 131, Platteville, 53818

La Crosse Health Dept. (AIDS/HIV Service Organ.)
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Fox Valley AIDS Project
120 N Morrison, #201, Appleton 54911 733-2068
Gay AA/Anon 494-9904
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Development Alliance) PO Box 8286, Oshkosh 54903
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St. Cloud **ST. CLOUD STATE:** Terry if ur fun intell open minded, stick with me, 19 5'10 slim with dk brn eyes, like long quiet walks, dinner music dancing, freshman at St. Cloud state if you want to get to know me, leave a message- ☎35206

Minneapolis **WRITE ME A SONG:** Angela, mother of one, 5'10 220, writer, write music, like to bowl ☎36705

Minneapolis **BI FEMALE** iso other bi females, give me a call- ☎36803

Minneapolis **SHARE SOME TIME:** Sam, like to have fun, 5'9, 200 lkg for someone I can share my time and do things with - give me a call- ☎34717



St. Cloud **18 FRESHMAN,** lkg for St. Cloud state, iso 18-25 to have a relationship with, like movies, walks, and

dancing, friendship is most important- ☎35208

Minneapolis **SEXY LADY:** looking for unique and special rel, do you like spending quiet eves, like kids, walking in the rain, being adventurous, if ur 24-32, like kids int in meeting a sexy attr Afr-Amer lady give me a call only real people! ☎35215



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Box 10102, Green Bay 54307-0102
Parents & Friends of G/L Green Bay 499-7080
Positive Voice P. O. Box 1381, Green Bay 54305
499-5533
Men's HIV Support Group Sturgeon Bay(414)733-2068

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MADISON (608)

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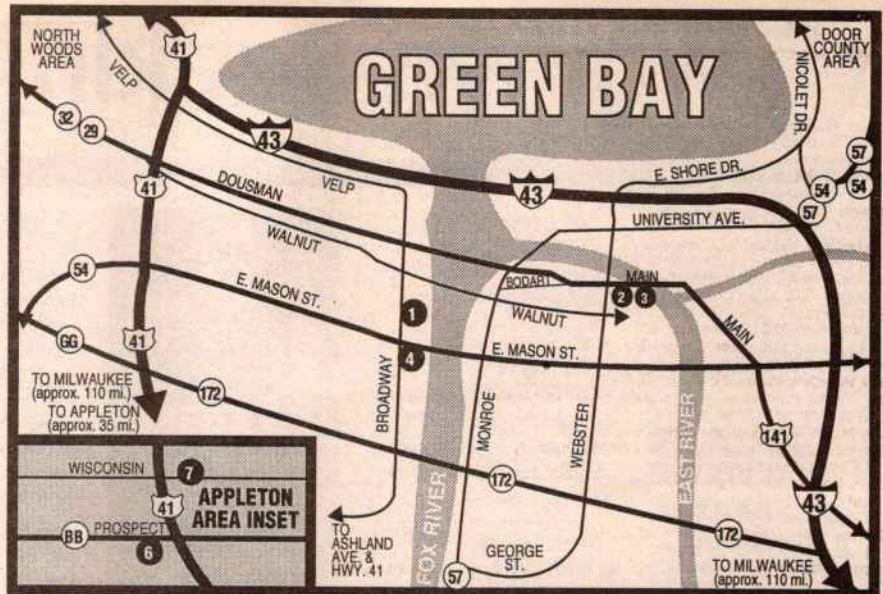
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PO Box 8234, 53708
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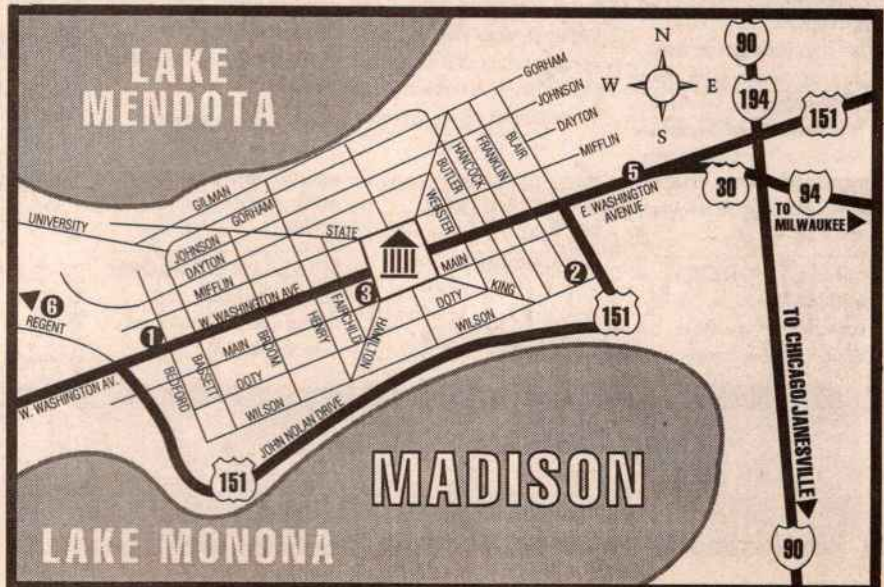
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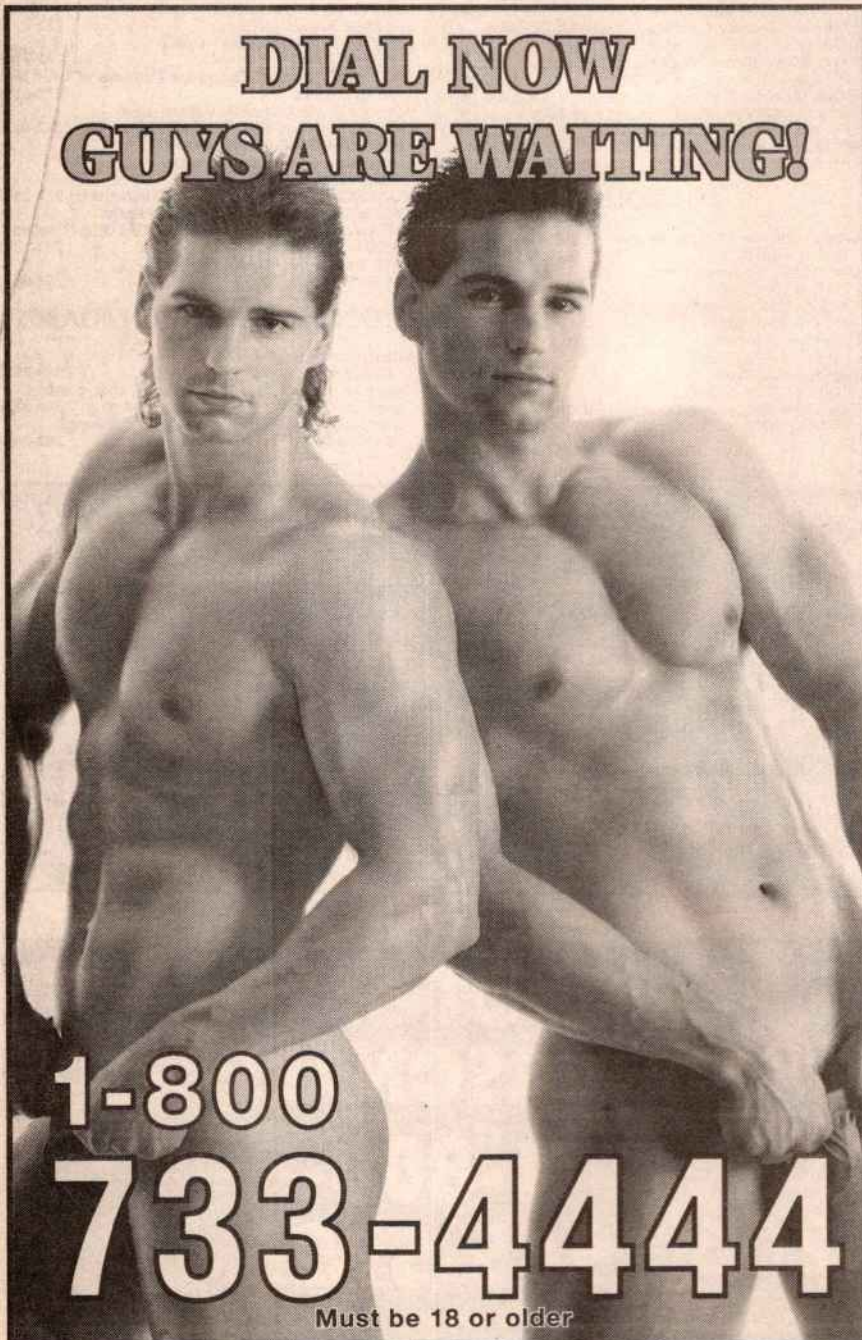
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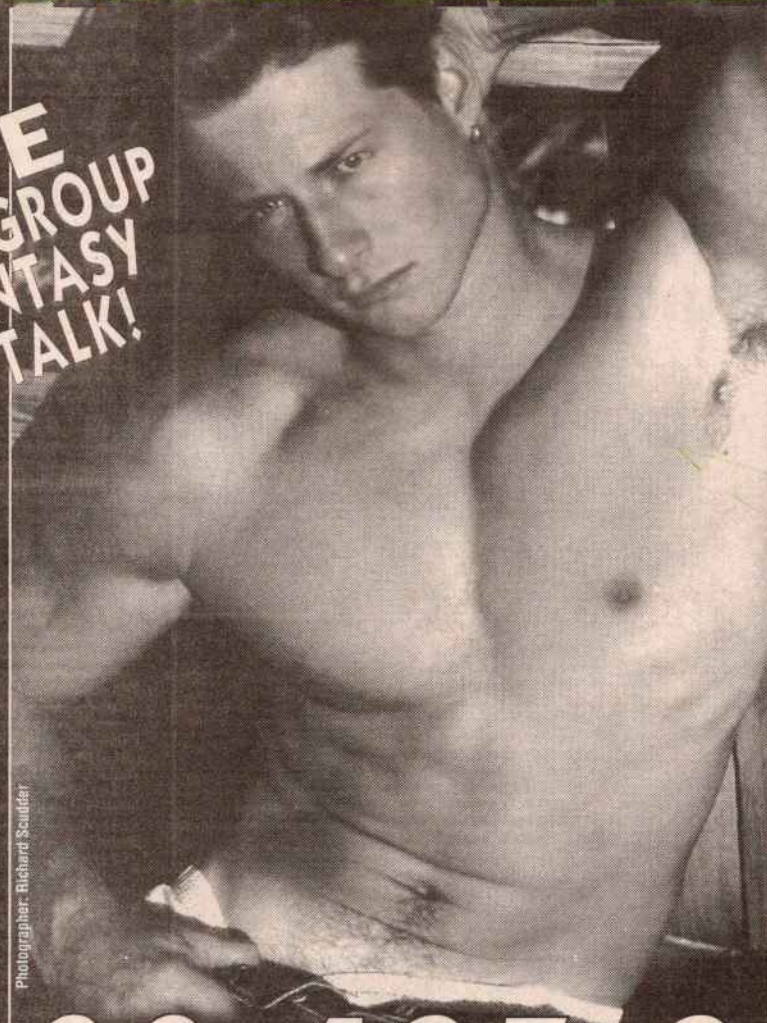
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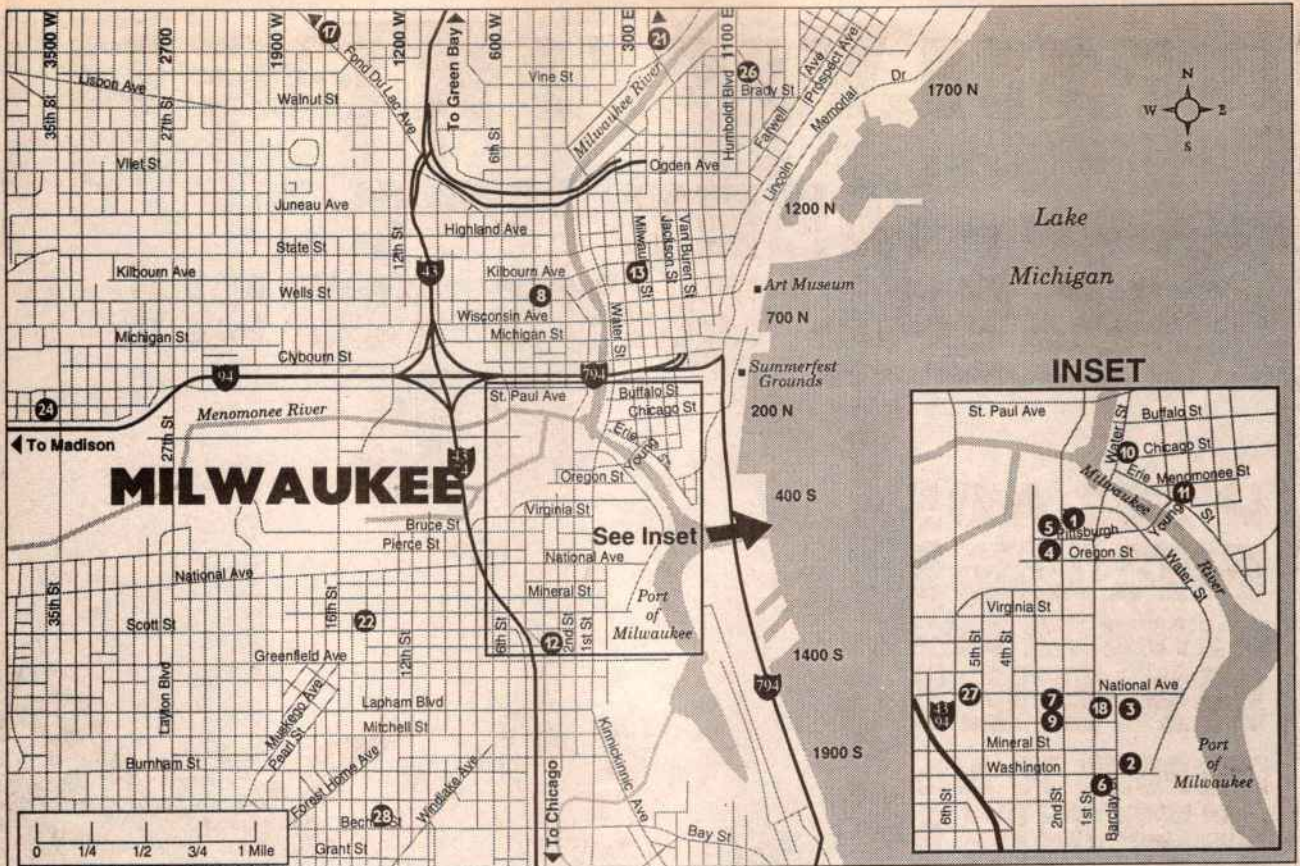
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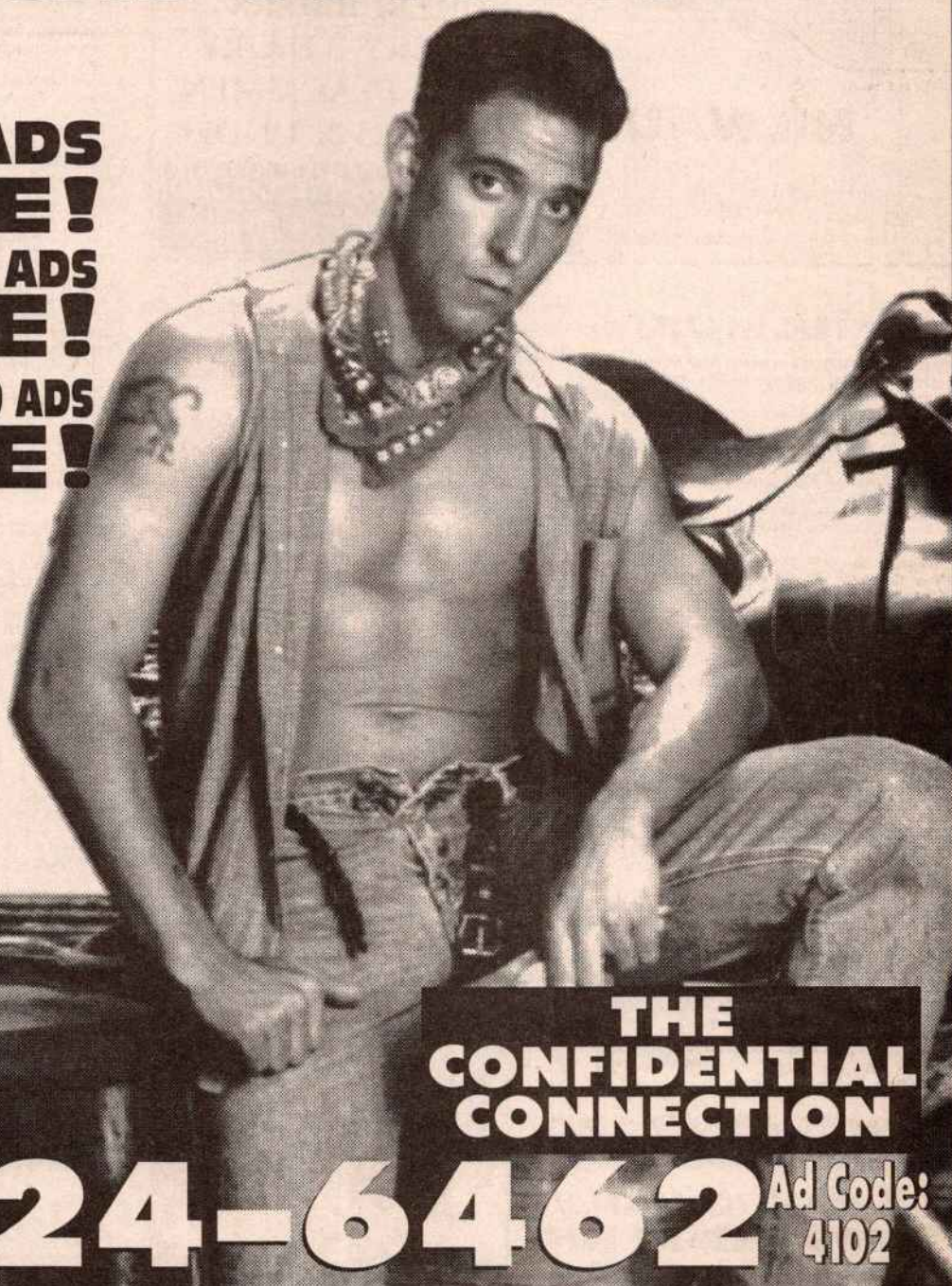
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Green Bay GREEN BAY PACK-ER: 41 y/o GM 190lbs lkg4 dom masc. tops 4 hot fun. Im open to new ideas! call me. ☎40049

Milwaukee FONE FUN: Hank, Im into large men, and Im into phone talk call me. ☎41913

Central HOT LEO: GWM 21 y/o 6'1 140lb leo lkg4 friends for fun and talk! call me. ☎41949

Central OUTDOORS AND DOGS: I like riding my bike, the outdoors and dogs. If you are interested, call me. ☎42002

WI DONT DRINK, DONT SMOKE: Charlie, 19 y/o GBM college student 5'8 130lbs lkg4 a tall slim attr. BM 18-29 for fun and friendship. non smokers/drinkers only! ☎30552

Milwaukee HEY BROTHER: single GBM lkg4 other GBM. Im 18 y/o and lkg4 a straight acting masc. BM who's lkg4 a rltshp. ☎42045

Milwaukee WEEKEND GET TOGETHER: 29 y/o bi WMM 6ft 175lbs in good shape. lkg4 another GWM into working out and hot fun for a casual weekend ☎42048

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FIRST: Bill, 5'10 155lbs into exercise and quiet eve's at home, 1m lkg4 frndshp and companionship. call me! ☎42098

Milwaukee **DRESS ME**
UP: Bi WM intrstd in crossdressing, 1m inexperience and lkg4 someone to show me the ropes. I want my fem side brought out in me. ☎42223

Milwaukee **FULL**
LOAD: Brian 26y/o 5'8 160lbs lkg4 guy's 18-28 into the outdoors. sports and movies. call me. ☎42238

Milwaukee **BIG BOY:** Tom, mid 30's gd lkg GWM 250lbs lkg4 guy's same age and weight for good times. ☎42264

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Madison **BOTTOMS**
UP: Jeff, 5'18 145lbs lkg4 a hairy tp to show this hot sub btm a good time, call me. ☎42314

Adams County **DADDY**
BEAR: Chuck, 42 y/o 6'2 235lb daddy bear lkg4 aggressive boys 18-30 hairy or smooth to show me a good time. call me! ☎42320

Madison **MODERN**
ROCKER: Brian, 28 y/o 5'9

145lbs brn/brn into alternative rock & movies. lkg4 guys 21-33 . call me- ☎42364

Madison **CAN YOU TOP THIS?:** Jeff, 5'8 145lbs brn/grn lkg4 a gd lkg top man for fun times. hairy guys a +. call me, lets talk. early mornings best. ☎42455

Green Bay **WILLING AND ABLE:** 23 Y/O GWM 6'4 150lbs lkg4 someone 18-30 willing and able to have fun! ☎42491

Central **YOUNG STUDENT:** Brad, 20 y/o 5'10 150lbs into most sports and reading, 1m a student and 1m lkg4 someone to have a good time with, call me. ☎43236

Milwaukee **YOUNG DANCER:** 23 y/o 6'2 175lbs into going out and dancing, also into movies. 1m lkg4 men to go out and have fun with, call me! ☎43323

Madison **THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER:** Danny, 33 y/o 5'10 155lbs lkg4 new friends and a possible relationship. ☎43388

Cleveland **REAL MEN ONLY:** Robert, african american 20 y/o M lkg4 a real BM for a change. you must be very masc. and athletic. bi and straight men a+ ☎10027

Madison **CLEAN SHAVEN GUY:** 21 y/o 6'2 185lb clean shaven dude into pool, swimming and water sports. I love to cuddle and go for walks. 1m lkg4 a serious

relationship with a cool guy. call me. ☎37975

Appleton **NICE GUY:** 43 y/o 6'2 195lb bi wm lkg4 friendship with another guy. please call me! ☎43693

La Cross **YOU GOT IT, I WANT IT:** 19 y/o GWM in search of well endw'd rowdy mexicans who know how to take control! ☎43743

Madison **LET LOOSE:** attr. smooth wm in my late 20's lkg2 let loose, 1m lkg4 tall men who like to be pleased, call me! ☎43837

SHOW YOUR PRIDE

Madison **THIS CAN BE FUN:** Bob, 27 y/o bi wm lkg4 bi or curious males throughout the state, 1m muscular and 1m lkg4 other guys in great shape, this can be fun, call me! ☎43861

Kenosha **KENOSHA COMPANION:** 21 y/o 6'1 180lb dude lkg4 a companion 18-25 for fun and friendship. call me. ☎43897

Milwaukee **CAN YOU TOP THIS?:** vers. btm lkg4 vers. slim tops under 30 , couples are a + ☎44085

Milwaukee **BROWN CURLY HAIR:** Peter, 6'1, 165, brncurlly hair, short beard, swim tennis, long walks, movies, out to eat, active guy, love to laugh-offbeat sense of humor, give me a call lv a message and I'll get in touch with you- ☎41391

Milwaukee **COLLEGE STUDENT:** Charlie, 19 GBM, college student, 5'8, 130, int are movies music TV, non smoker/drinker lkg for tall slim BM, between 18-29 masc, and likes the same as me, nice personality for friendship, poss rel- ☎30552

Appleton **KEITH 23,** blnd/blu, like movies, music, want to know more give me a call- ☎36204

Kenosha **ANDREW 20, 6'1, 175,** int in music outdoors, lkg for someone 18-25 same build, like a little bigger, if ur interested, give me a call- ☎39849

Chippewa Falls **INTO THE OUTDOORS:** Richard, 5'9, 160, like the outdoors, lkg for a WM, any age I guess, call soon- ☎39879

Hartford **MOVIES AND MUSIC:** Dan, 5'10 175, like movies and music, dancing and having fun, iso someone with sim interests, not interested in a casual relationship ☎39924

Appleton **ONE ON ONE:** Randy lkg for someone in the area, lkg for someone for relationship, 5'10 150 very romantic lkg for one on one, lke

antiques shopping, walks, lke to meet under 40, something that's going to last if ur it, ☎40002

Green Bay **FURRY CHEST:** Jim, 190, hairy chest, need a person to be with, give me a call - ☎40049

Madison **WHATEVER COMES UP:** Jeff, 25 6'2 160, dk hair iso other guys in their 20s to get together and see what happens- ☎40058

Milwaukee **TV SEEKS GENTLEMEN:** Candy, TV 40, like to meet older men for dates, like to be treated like a lady can travel entertain, eat out or dine in, clean house, just about anything fun, ☎40192

Green Bay **FINALLY OUT** of the closet looking for a slim good looking man, I'm 6'3 180 50 love Kissing and loving- ☎40263



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