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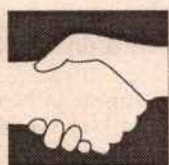
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National Coming Out Day Events



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An Event for Friends, Families & Allies of LesBiGays

SAT, SEPT 30, 1-4pm, Milwaukee Art Museum

TOWN HALL MEETING with CANDACE GINGRICH

6:30pm Presentation & Questions, 7:30pm Reception

WED, OCT 4, Centennial Hall



PUBLIC FORUM: COMING OUT IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Media and the Lesbian & Gay Community

THUR, OCT 5, 6:30-8:30pm, UWM Student Union, Fireside Lounge

RECEPTION FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS

and Milwaukee's Gay & Lesbian Community (+National Coming Out Day Awards)

WED, OCT 11, 5:30-7:30pm, Village Church



PUBLIC FORUM: COMING OUT IN THE BARS

BJ Daniels (Club 219) and Leslie Quartullo (Fannies) will Speak

THUR, OCT 12, 7-9pm, Dance, Dance, Dance (LaCage)

A COMMUNITY COMING OUT DANCE

Dance to the Music You Came Out To

FRI, OCT 13, 8pm- Midnight, Fannies



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Coming Out Day Events around
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Coming Out,
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Feature Interview

A Talk with National Coming Out Spokeswoman Candace Gingrich Newt's Lesbian Sister to Visit Madison and Milwaukee

Candace Gingrich, the lesbian half-sister of the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, is touring the country on behalf of the National Coming Out Project. She'll hold Town Meetings in Madison and Milwaukee on October 3 and 4, respectively. The Madison event will take place Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Auditorium of the State Historical Society. The Milwaukee event will be held at 6:30pm in Centennial Hall at the Central Public Library.

As the lesbian sister of the notoriously conservative Newt Gingrich, Candace has garnered much publicity this year. She talked with *In Step* Editor Jamakaya about her brother, her new role as a lesbian activist and why it's important to come out.

Candace, how has your life changed since coming out so publicly and becoming a personality in your own right?

There's some pretty obvious things. I no longer work 60-70 hours a week in offices and at UPS. I get to work 60 and 70 hours all over the country. I don't get to play rugby as much anymore. But actually, it's all been wonderful, so any changes that have happened have happened for the better.

Have you ever felt that you've been used by gay leaders?

I've gone in pretty clear-eyed and ready-to-go. I completely welcomed the opportunity to do what I'm doing and have not had to be talked into anything. I couldn't be happier to be doing this. I've made the decisions all on my own so, no, I don't feel that way at all.

You've been traveling around the country quite a bit.

Yeah, by the time I get to Milwaukee and Madison, they'll be the 44th and 45th cities since April.

What do these "Town Meetings" consist of?

Well, it's part of the Coming Out Project, so first I talk a little bit about my own coming out stories and how I got to be involved and what kinds of things other people can do to help for equality for Gays and Lesbians. Of course, coming out being the best thing they can do...Then a Human Rights Campaign Fund staff person will talk a little bit about what's happening federally: what kind of

legislation are we up against, what kind of things people can do on a national level. And then we have Questions & Answers, and that's usually pretty fun because people can ask whatever they want to. It's a good way to find out what people in the country are really concerned about.

Are the audiences mostly Gay and Lesbian, or are they mixed?

It's usually mixed. At the majority of stops, maybe 60-70% are Gay and Lesbian supporters, but they may not necessarily be involved.

Are you getting any really interesting or challenging questions?

Well, people are really concerned about the stuff going on nationally, because in some communities they just don't get information from the federal level. So people will be curious about how the Colorado case is going [the constitutionality of the anti-Gay Amendment 2 will be argued in the US Supreme Court October 10], where legislation is at — like the Employment Non-Discrimination Act. They know we introduced it a while back but they want to know its status right now. People want to know what we need to be doing to combat the anti-Gay bills and amendments [Rep. Bob] Dornan and [Senator Jesse] Helms usually introduce.. For the most part, they really want to know what they can do.

And you're helping with that process.

I think so.

And it sounds like you're enjoying it quite a bit.

Yeah, a lot.

Have you received any negative feedback at all?

Not much, just from a few people who, I guess, criticize me for what they see as capitalizing on somebody else's achievements. I had a letter very early on from someone who said that "nobody gives a rat's ass what you're doing — you're no better than Roger Clinton!" [laughs]

This interview will appear in *In Step's* National Coming Out Day issue, so I want to ask you about your own coming out. I understand your mother found out about you after finding a Gay newspaper in your room. How did you feel after your mother and sisters found out about you?

I was happy. I hadn't really thought about how I was going to approach them, per se. Would I talk to them? Would I just let them discover it? And then it just kind of happened. My mom found the newsletter and brought it to me and it was like, "Oh well, I guess I'll tell them now."

How old were you?



L-R: Dan Butler of *Frasier*, Amanda Bearse of *Married...With Children*, HRCF's Coming Out Project Director Wes Combs, NCOP Spokeswoman Candace Gingrich, and HRCF Exec. Direc. Elizabeth Birch.

Twenty-one. I'm 29 now. It kind of made me realize there are a lot of people who just don't understand Gays and Lesbians, because when I first talked to my Mom she had what I consider to be very common misconceptions about Gay people. She wanted to know what had happened to me to make me become a Lesbian, and she wanted to know where she and my Dad had gone wrong in raising me — those kinds of things. I just assured her that this was who I was: I was healthy, I was happy, I was comfortable with it. There is nothing you can do to change it, so just be happy for me. I let her fill-in the rest of the family, but from that point on, within that setting, I always felt perfectly comfortable...

Your sisters were OK with it too?

Yeah. One is 16 years older, the other 18 years older. Newt is 25 years older.

So you're the baby —

[in a mock tone] The baby, the post-script, the mistake, the afterthought, the change-of-life baby — you know.

Yeah, I know. I'm the youngest, so I get that too. So it changed your life in a positive way?

I thought it was positive. It was very nice not to have to hide it. They knew, so it wasn't like I had to dance around any subjects or make up excuses for why I wasn't dating. They knew.

Why should other Gays and Lesbians come out?

There are a bunch of reasons, ranging from the personal to the public. One is just the empowerment that you get. You can finally say to yourself: *I am important, Who I am is important. And yes, I care about the people around me, but it's time for me to take care of myself.* I think for people who are not out, for people who cannot come out, it's kind of like an enslavement. You basically make a decision to hide a very important part of your life from people around you, whether it's people you love or people you just know. It's a fulfilling and empowering thing for a person to be able to be honest about themselves..

Jumping from the personal to the public level, most people who know someone Gay or Lesbian do understand the discrimination we face, and they are more supportive of what we're trying to do to end that discrimination. So not only do you empower yourself but you gain allies in the fight towards our equal rights. It's harder to discriminate against someone when you know them. When it's Sue that I work with or Bob next door, it puts a face on it. By coming out you actually help educate people.

“Your Brother Doesn't Have to Be Speaker for You to Make a Difference in America.”

— Candace Gingrich,
National Coming Out Project Spokesperson



Candace is the lesbian sister of Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Most people who know someone gay or lesbian are far more supportive of gay issues. Coming out shows the true diversity of the gay community. But, you don't have to be related to someone famous to take your next step. For more information about coming out, or upcoming National Coming Out Day events, please call 1-800-866-6263.

You've said you are as liberal as your brother is conservative. I'm wondering where you picked up your liberal views along the way.

That's a good question. How do people pick up values — so to speak — anyhow? I did grow up in the 1970's and 80's and was strongly influenced by the activism of the 60's. Most of my family grew up in the 50's, so there was a really different feel in the country then. I guess I also realized at a really early age that — as far as picking liberal, conservative, Democrat or Republican — that as a woman, I saw much more acceptance and concern about women's issues in the Democratic Party, in the values the Democratic Party espoused.

“I knew I was a feminist long before I knew I was a Lesbian.”

So you'd define yourself as a feminist?

Yeah. I knew I was a feminist long before I knew I was a Lesbian.

So, is your brother returning your calls yet?

I haven't been calling him recently [laughs].

You met him on Capitol Hill last Spring with all the cameras rolling. Since then, it's been quiet?

Yeah, but that's not unusual. It's not like we talked all the time anyhow. Partly because of our age difference and the fact that he lived in Georgia [Candace, her mother, Newt's stepfather and her sisters settled in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania while Newt stayed in Georgia for college and to begin his family 30 years ago], we only

saw each other a few times a year anyway.

Has there been any friction in your family because of the role you've taken on with the Coming Out Day Project?

If there has been, they haven't let on. My sisters and my Mom and Dad are always curious about where I've been, who I've gotten to meet, what kind of stuff is going on, so they're not going to take sides. They understand what I'm doing and why I'm doing it, and they also understand that my brother has a job to do in whatever capacity he feels he needs to do it, so it hasn't been a dividing line.

How did you feel about the way he handled that media event with you on Capitol Hill?

That day on his balcony, I think he said some wonderful things. He basically said Gays and Lesbians are part of the American family. This reporter said to him: “Your position has been for a return to family values. How can you justify having a sister who is a Lesbian?” [laughs] Newt said: “Well, we're an American family with all the complexity of an American family.” So Newt — the Speaker of the Republican-controlled House — essentially said that Gays and Lesbians are part of the American family, which is what we've been trying to remind people all along. That was great, and I felt pretty good after that. The problem is, the next morning at his press conference, he was back to the same old, you know — we recruit, we don't need federal protection in the workplace — he just completely reversed any of the beauty of what he had said the day before.

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I had the impression —

— someone gave him a few phone calls. Yeah, that's the impression I got too. Particularly because the words he was using were almost completely echoing the things we've heard from the Radical Right.

Any hopes of influencing your brother or perhaps balancing some of his views?

I guess the only thing I can really hope for is to provide the truth when it comes to Gay and Lesbian issues in opposition to the myths that he generates. I haven't influenced him yet. I don't see that as changing. Hopefully, people will also hear what I'm saying and they can be the judge.

Would you consider testifying at Congressional hearings like the kind that are planned on the supposed Gay influence in the schools?

I've offered. Those have been postponed until October. I don't know how they're going to decide who will testify and who won't. But I've certainly volunteered. I volunteered a long way back when Newt first proposed those hearings.

Is that particular issue — Gay youth and education — close to your heart?

It definitely is. That's one of the places where we have the highest stereotypical, mythical mountain to climb because the Radical Right uses that as kindling to get people fired up when the basis for their argument is completely misguided. They don't want us to be talking about these things in schools because we're supposedly promoting homosexuality. [emphatically] Well, it's an *Orientalism*. You have it, you're born with it, it develops. You can't suggest it to someone! You can't make someone Gay or Lesbian — ugh! It's infuriating! We know that Gay and Lesbian youth are three and four times more likely than non-Gay youth to com-

mit suicide...If you can't even talk about it as a problem, then those kids experiencing that oppression when they're in school are ignored and abandoned and made to feel less than what they are. It seems so clear to me. But it's so frustrating. [Homophobes] find all sorts of ways to warp it and to twist the issues to their own views.

What about the future?

I'm going to continue to work for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. I'm an intern in the Political Department here, so hopefully, I'll be able to continue my work. I really enjoy doing this, and I'm pretty confident it's making a difference. As long as I'm sure about that, I'll continue doing it.

I'm glad you found a way to use your Sociology degree.

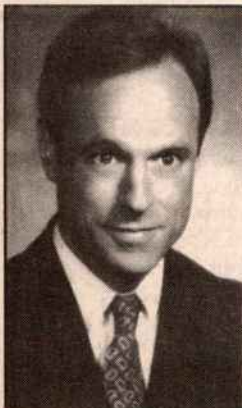
Well, yeah [laughing]. I wasn't sure I'd be able to.

There's a quote of yours that appeared earlier this year in the *Washington Blade* that I just love. You said: "Now that I look back, I kind of feel like I've been a bad Gay person."

I hope I'm redeeming myself. I did kind of feel that way. Not that one can ever make up for not doing something — but after spending seven or eight years as an apathetic, complacent person, I'm doing whatever I can do to rectify that. Hopefully, along the way, helping other people to realize they shouldn't wait for something to happen before they get involved. You know, I've met so many people who didn't get involved until they lost a loved one to AIDS, or until they were beaten up leaving their bar, or until they lost their job. There was something that finally pushed them to get involved. Although I know that's kind of the case with me, I hope that other people realize that we can't all wait for something to happen. We need to make it happen, now.

Tips for Coming Out and Taking Your Next Steps

- Wear an openly Gay symbol or button for an entire week.
- Fly a Rainbow Flag outside your home on Coming Out Day October 11 and on Gay and Lesbian Pride Day in June.
- Call a radio talk show and introduce a Gay or Lesbian topic.
- Read a Gay newspaper openly on a bus or in a restaurant.
- Write out a check to a LesBiGay organization to support its work.
- Invite your Gay and straight friends to the same party.
- Confront your co-workers about a bigoted joke or comment.
- Put your lover's photo on your desk at work.
- Call "him" a "him" and "her" a "her" when talking about your love life.
- Hold hands with your partner publicly.
- Have both of your names put on your magazine subscriptions.
- Open a joint bank account with your partner.
- Be openly affectionate with your lover upon arrival or departure at an air, bus or train terminal.
- Go to your local jeweler with your lover to shop for matching rings.
- Invite your LesBiGay family to traditional family or religious functions.
- Take your lover home for the holidays this year.
- Come out to your family — parents, brothers and sisters.
- Come out to your landlord, neighbors and co-workers.
- Write a letter to your Senator or member of Congress in support of Lesbian and Gay rights.
- Help organize a march or discussion group on LesBiGay rights.
- Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are!



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COME OUT! - To National Coming Out Events In Wisconsin

NCOD to Be Celebrated Across the Nation

The 8th annual observance of National Coming Out Day (NCOD) will be celebrated with public forums, concerts, dances, art exhibits, religious ceremonies, lectures and rallies all around the US, and especially here in Wisconsin, the Original Gay Rights State.

On NCOD, October 11, Candace Gingrich, the Lesbian sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, will address a rally on the steps of the US Capitol in Washington.

In Los Angeles, actor Dan Butler of NBC's *Frasier*, who along with Gingrich is a spokesperson for NCOD, will speak at the Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

Denver will see a week of Gay-related activities, New York City's Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center will hold dozens of celebratory events, and the Texas State Fair will experience its first Gay Day.

For the third year, Comedy Central will run an hourlong comedy special featuring Gay and Lesbian comics. This year's show, *Out There in Hollywood*, will be hosted by Scott Thompson of *Kids in the Hall*.

Next to the traditional Gay and Lesbian Pride parades and festivals in June, National Coming Out Day is rapidly becoming the new Queer Holiday. Some communities have so many events related to NCOD, it may need to be renamed National Coming Out Week or Month.

NCOD was initiated in 1988 by veteran Lesbian activist Jean O'Leary and Gay psychologist Rob Eichberg. (Eichberg later wrote the classic guide to coming out, *Coming Out: An Act of Love*. He passed away this summer of AIDS complications.)

Called to mark the anniversary of the 1987 March on Washington for Gay, Lesbian and Bi Rights as well as the first showing of the NAMES Project AIDS Quilt in the nation's capital, NCOD was aimed at encouraging people to come out of the closet and become more involved in the fight for Gay and Lesbian civil rights.

Wisconsin, with its proud record of being the first state in the union to adopt a Gay rights law, has been in the forefront of NCOD activities, and this year is no different. A list of the many activities follows.

Ed. Note: We very much want to publish information about Gay events in smaller cities and towns across Wisconsin, but groups in Madison and Milwaukee were the only ones to send us announcements. Please see our address, phone and fax info on page 2 and let us know what's going on in your communities — throughout the year!

MADISON

Tuesday, October 3:

A Town Meeting With Candace Gingrich, 7pm at the State Historical Society Auditorium, with Reception to follow at 8:30pm.

Sunday, October 8:

Faith Out of the Closet, an interfaith service celebrating the LesBiGay community's rainbow spiritual life. 7pm at the First Baptist Church, 518 N. Franklin Avenue.

UW-Madison NCO Week Art Exhibit — "Drawing Upon Our Experiences" — Opening Reception at 3pm in the Seventh Floor Humanities Gallery at 455 North Park. Exhibit of Gay and Lesbian-themed art runs from Oct. 6 — 13.

Monday, October 9:

Pink Triangles on Bascom Hill, all day viewing of 435 triangles in the shape of one huge triangle at the base of UW-Madison's Bascom Hill to kick off the Ten Percent Society's Coming Out Week activities on campus.

State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, Wisconsin's first openly Lesbian elected official, will speak on "Continuing the Climb" for Gay and Lesbian civil rights. 8pm in the UW Memorial Union.

Tuesday, October 10:

Boys' Shorts features six of the finest Gay film shorts of the last few years: *Resonance*, *RSVP*, *Anthem*, *Relax*, *Billy Turner's Secret* and *The Dead Boys' Club*. 7pm in the Memorial Union.

Wednesday, October 11:

COLLOQUIUM: The Last Socially Accepted Prejudice: LesBiGays in Libraryland, Dr. James V. Carmichael Jr. will speak on LesBiGays and Librarianship. 3:30pm, SLIS Commons, Helen C. White Hall.

Thursday, October 12:

Thank God I'm a Lesbian, an entertaining documentary about the diversity of Lesbian identities. 7pm, Memorial Union.

Long Time Comin', film about African/Canadian singer songwriter Faith Nolan and her friend, artist Grace Channer, both out Lesbians and political activists. 8pm in the Memorial Union.

Friday, October 13:

Lesbian and Gay Rights as a Free Speech Issue, lecture by writer Paul Siegel. 8pm in the Memorial Union with reception to follow.

Saturday, October 14:

Coming Out Week Dance with DJ and cash bar, \$3 at the door. 8pm-12:45am in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union.

Wed/Thurs, October 18 & 19:

Heather's Mommy Speaks Out and Selected Readings by Lesbian author Leslea Newman, whose *Heather Has Two Mommies* is one of the most-banned books in the country. Lecture at 7pm Wednesday in Morgridge Hall, Grainger; reading at 7:30pm Thursday in the Memorial Union.

MILWAUKEE

Saturday, September 30:

Straight, But Not Narrow: An Event for Friends, Families and Allies of Lesbians, Gays and Bisexuals, 1-4pm at the Milwaukee Art Museum, 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Drive. Sponsored by Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays (HRL).

Wednesday, October 4:

Town Hall Meeting and Reception with Candace Gingrich, 6:30pm Meeting, 7:30pm Reception at Centennial Hall of the Central Library, 733 N. 8th Street. Sponsored by HRL, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and Miller Brewing.

Thursday, October 5:

Coming Out in the Public Eye: Media and the Lesbian and Gay Community, a public forum from 6:30-8:30pm in the Fireside Lounge of the UW-Milwaukee Student Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd.

Friday, October 6:

"The Scholar and the Library" Series presents UW-Milwaukee History professor Jeffrey Merrick speaking on *Researching the History of Homosexuality*. Noon in Room 281 of the East Wing of the Golda Meir Library. Opens small exhibit of LesBiGay historical materials (including issues of *In Step!*) in the Library's Special Collections Reading Room through November 3.

Wednesday, October 11:

Reception for Public Officials and Milwaukee's Gay and Lesbian Community, 5:30-7:30pm at the Village Church, 135 E. Juneau. Includes presentation of *National Coming Out Day Awards*. Sponsored by HRL and other LesBiGay groups.

Thursday, October 12:

Coming Out in the Bars, a public forum from 7-9pm at Dance, Dance, Dance (La Cage), 801 S. 2nd Street. HRL.

Friday, October 13:

A Community Coming Out Dance, 8pm-Midnight at Fannies, 200 E. Washington Street. Tickets \$5. Sponsors: HRL, Club Muse, Ujima, LOC Women of Color, LAMM, Delta Lambda Phi and Carmen Murguia.



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AIDS Walk Wisconsin Raises a Record \$783,748

Milwaukee — September 17th's AIDS Walk Wisconsin along Milwaukee's lakefront raised more money than any other AIDS fundraising event ever held in Wisconsin. A record-breaking crowd of 10,028, enjoying the brisk early Fall weather, raised \$783,748 to fund AIDS care, prevention, research and advocacy throughout the state.

"The turn-out at this event shows that in times of crisis, people in Wisconsin come together to help each other," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. "It is truly heartwarming to see the outpouring of support. We could not provide high quality services to people with AIDS without the dollars people bring in on Walk day."

Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, attended. She spoke at the pre-Walk Breakfast and at the Opening Ceremonies on the Summerfest grounds, where she was greeted enthusiastically by the crowd.

Mrs. Gore said: "When you see all the people involved in AIDS Walk Wisconsin, you've got to have hope. Whether you're living with HIV or you have AIDS, or you know someone or you're their partner or a member of their family, you

have to feel a sense of hope and solidarity with the rest of this great community here."

According to Diane Dalton and Cliff Heise, co-chairs of the Walk Steering Committee, the event was nearly flawless: "The weather cooperated, the route was in great shape, the entertainment along the walk was excellent. We just couldn't have had a better day."

Meanwhile, Landmark Enterprises has announced an awards party for participants in *Footsteps to the Future*, the friendly competition among area bars to raise the most money in AIDS Walk pledges.

The party will be held Sunday, October 1 from 3-6pm at the Comedy Cafe, 618 E. Brady Street. At the party, a Grand Prize will be awarded to the individual who raised the most pledge money. Other prizes will go to the team, team captain and bars who raised the most money. For further information, call (414) 276-6355.

Clarenbach, Gay/Lesbian Politicians Honored at Madison Event

Madison — Former State Rep. David Clarenbach stopped off in his old hometown of Madison September 21 to attend a fundraising reception for the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund. The event at the

Olbrich Botanical Gardens drew most of Wisconsin and Dane County's many openly Gay and Lesbian officials.

In attendance were State Rep. Tammy Baldwin, Dane County Supervisors Mark Pocan and Scott McCormick, City Council members Judy Olson and Mike Verveer, Municipal Judge Shelley Gaylord, former Chairman of the Dane County Board Dick Wagner, and former City Council member Ricardo Gonzalez.

The reception was the first stop on a 16-city national junket for Clarenbach, who this Summer was named Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund.

Clarenbach cleared up ongoing confusion about his own sexual orientation this Summer when he told *In Step*: "I am a Gay man." During his 20 years as a state legislator, Clarenbach authored Wisconsin's landmark Gay and Lesbian civil rights law, sexual privacy legislation and a bill of rights for people with HIV/AIDS.

The Victory Fund, based in Washington, DC, endorses and funnels money to qualified Gay and Lesbian candidates for public office. Clarenbach's tour is intended to raise awareness of, and financial support for, the Victory Fund.

Madison Attorney Cathreen Godre, a Board member of the Victory Fund, reports that while four years ago, there were few openly Gay or Lesbian elected officials, today there are more than 150 nationwide. The Victory Fund has given more than \$1 million to such candidates, and 65% of those endorsed by the Victory Fund have won their races.

For more information on the Victory Fund and how you can become a member, call Cathreen Godre at (608) 259-0234.

Wisconsinites Can Apply for Slots at Democratic Convention

Washington, DC — The Democratic National Committee has approved a delegate selection plan for Wisconsin, clearing the way for Wisconsin voters to apply for slots to attend the Party's national convention in 1996.

Convention delegates vote on the Party's nominees for President and Vice President. They also participate in caucuses that address specific issues, such as HIV/AIDS and Gay and Lesbian equal rights concerns. The Democratic Convention will be held next year in Chicago. "Gay and Lesbian voters from Wisconsin



ARCW Director Doug Nelson (second from left), and US Rep. Tom Barrett assist Tipper Gore in the Ribbon Cutting ceremonies at AIDS Walk Wisconsin, Sept. 17. Photos by Jamie.

have the opportunity to make their voices heard on the national level," said Kevin Layton of the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "Delegates have a hand in choosing the Party's nominee and shaping the way the Party handles our issues. We can have a tremendous impact by coming out for equal rights and getting involved."

People who are interested in serving as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention should contact the state Party headquarters at 222 State Street in Madison. The zip code is 53703-2273. The phone is (608) 255-2273 and 255-8919.

General Assistance Cut-Off in Milwaukee Will Harm People With HIV/AIDS

Milwaukee — The decision by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisor to end General Assistance payments to the indigent on September 30 is expected to severely impact many people with HIV/AIDS in the metropolitan area.

Cheryl Vaughn, Director of Social Services at the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), told *In Step* that 25-30% of MAP's approximately 1,000 clients depend on their monthly General Assistance checks. Some of them need the money (\$200) to carry them through while they await a decision on their application for disability insurance from Social Security. Others require the money because they are homeless and unemployed.

Vaughn painted a stark picture of the future of the poor in Milwaukee: "With General Assistance ending and with Doyne Hospital closing, indigent people, including those with HIV/AIDS, will see critical supports pulled out from under them."

"There will be an increase in homelessness and the need for more shelters and soup kitchens. We're likely to see more people wandering the streets. In families under increased economic pressure, there is likely to be more violence and abuse," said Vaughn.

"The medical and social services communities are trying desperately to identify more services and sources of revenue to help. Personnel in MAP's Public Policy Department are working with medical professionals and politicians to devise alternative sources of support for indigent people with HIV/AIDS." Vaughn believes MAP will have to provide clients with more rent assistance and general financial assistance. And MAP's food pantry will be used more than ever.

"I find it shocking that there have been no contingency plans to take care of these most needy people. We can all un-



Milw. County Sup. Dorothy Dean.

derstand the need for government belt-tightening, but to just abruptly stop payments like this is not a humane response."

County Supervisor Dorothy Dean has been the most outspoken and bitter critic of the General Assistance cut-off. She recently issued a series of "tips" for

poor people who will have their money cut off.

Among Dean's tips: begin collecting cardboard for your new home; scout restaurants with the best leftovers in the garbage; "Form a sports team and threaten to leave the state," and "Pretend you are dead. The County pays \$1,000 for burial of paupers."

Dean suggests that protests against the cut-off of General Assistance be directed to Chairman of the County Board Robert Jackson at (414) 278-4243 or Richard Nyklewicz, Chair of the Board's Finance Committee, at (414) 278-4252.

Also Around the State...

Madison — In his proposed budget for the 1996 fiscal year, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin has included a \$10,000 allocation within the City Health Department budget to initiate a clean needle exchange program to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Although several conservative City Council members have voiced opposition to such a program, Council member Mike Verveer expects the allocation to be approved, especially in light of a National Academy of Sciences study praising the effectiveness of such programs.

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Ryan White Act Clears the House on Voice Vote

Washington, DC — On September 18, the Ryan White CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency) Act cleared a critical hurdle in its long journey through Congress when the House of Representatives approved the bill on a voice vote. It was passed by the Senate in July on a 97-3 vote.

Health advocates had worked to avoid a repeat of the mid-summer attack on the bill by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), who offered amendments on the Senate floor designed to gut funding for the program in general and, specifically, to deny life-sustaining medical care to Gays with HIV/AIDS.

A lobbying strategy targeted at moderate Republicans and key Democrats successfully prevented anti-Gay zealots

from attacking the bill with hostile amendments in the House. Among the bipartisan group of lawmakers who cooperated to advance the legislation were Reps. Michael Bilirakis (R-FL), Tom Bliley (R-VA), Steve Gunderson (R-WI), Gerry Studds (D-MA) and Henry Waxman (D-CA).

"The way has been cleared for the renewal of the government's leading program for the care of people with AIDS," said Winnie Stachelberg, Health Policy Advocate for the Human Rights Campaign Fund. "After months of tough negotiations and a lot of hard work by people on and off Capitol Hill, it looks like people with AIDS can continue to count on help from Ryan White."

US Supreme Court to Hear Colorado Case October 10

Washington, DC — On October 10, as Gays and Lesbians across the nation prepare to celebrate National Coming Out Day, the US Supreme Court will hear oral arguments to determine whether Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2 is or is not constitutional.

The Amendment, passed by Colorado voters in 1992, would prohibit state and local lawmakers from adopting any measure protecting the civil rights of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals. It would also repeal existing Gay rights laws in Denver, Boulder and Aspen.

The Colorado Supreme Court struck down Amendment 2 as a violation of the equal protection clause of the US Constitution. "The right to participate in the political process is clearly affected," wrote Justice Luis Rovira. The Amendment "singles out one form of discrimination and removes its redress from consideration by the political process."

Proponents of Amendment 2 appealed the Colorado court's decision to the Supreme Court. The resulting case, *Romer v. Evans*, is considered by legal experts to be the most significant case to deal with civil rights for Gays and Lesbians since the *Bowers v. Hardwick* case in 1986, when the high court upheld Georgia's sodomy law.

Even more may be at stake with *Romer v. Evans* because numerous anti-Gay initiatives are brewing in states throughout the country. The Supreme Court's decision in the Colorado case could halt them in their tracks or give anti-Gay groups the green light to continue their campaigns.

"We intend to set the record straight on Amendment 2," said Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a co-counsel in the case. "Although the radical Right and their public relations firms have tried to disguise the true nature of anti-Gay ballot measures, we will show how these measures are discriminatory, undemocratic and unconstitutional."

Maine Mobilizes Against Anti-Gay Measure

Augusta, ME — Independent Governor Angus King has joined a coalition of Maine community organizations, businesses and officeholders to campaign



Upper L: Jason Jellison, Elizabeth Birch, Ex. Dir. HRCF, Michael Lisowski, Dir. of Gay Youth Milw., Rea Carey & Lateasha Nelson at the Nat'l Advocacy Coalition on Youth & Sexual Orientation Conference in Washington, DC Sept. 17-19. Lower L: Lateasha, Jason & Michael meet with Presidential Liaison Marsha Scott. Lower R: A meeting with Rep. Tom Barrett. Upper R: Jason and Michael pose with Linnea Due, author of *Joining the Tribe: Growing Up Gay & Lesbian in the '90s*.

against the first anti-Gay initiative to appear on a statewide ballot east of the Rocky Mountains. The coalition, Maine Won't Discriminate, is working to defeat Question One on the November 7 ballot.

"Question One is an extreme and flawed measure, written by outsiders, that will embroil Maine in a costly legal disaster," according to Pat Peard of Maine Won't Discriminate. "Question One targets the Gay and Lesbian people in our community, but it will invite interference in all of our lives and cost maine taxpayers millions of dollars."

Question One was written by Bruce Fein, a right wing lawyer from Virginia who has worked with Radical Right groups to push similar measures in other states. It would prohibit "sexual orientation" from being included in any future civil rights laws. The Maine Bar Association opposes it, and the Maine State Superior Court has condemned it as "misleading."

Readers interested in helping the *No on One* campaign can contact Maine Won't Discriminate at (207) 761-1788, P.O. Box 1106, Portland, ME 04104.

Congress to Hold Hearing on Alleged Gay Influence in the Schools

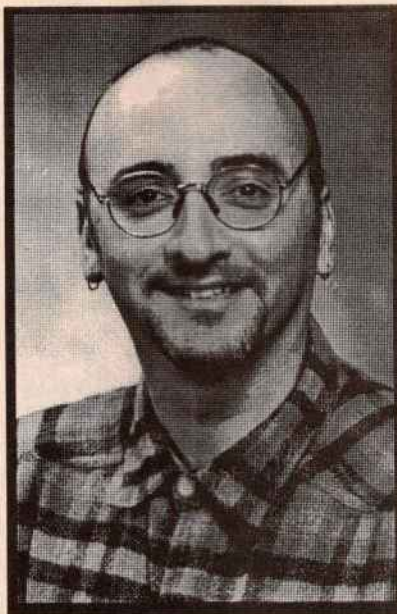
Washington, DC — A Congressional panel has set October 13 as the tentative date for a hearing sought by anti-Gay crusader Rev. Lou Sheldon to investigate alleged "homosexual influence" in the country's elementary and secondary schools.

In an August fundraising appeal for his Traditional Values Coalition, Sheldon boasted of his role in staging the hearing and promised to use the taxpayer funded forum to attack local school efforts to prevent anti-Gay violence, suicide and AIDS. Sheldon has built his career out of scapegoating Gays and Lesbians.

Some communities have adopted modest efforts to address the epidemic of hate violence and discrimination aimed at young Gays and Lesbians within the schools. It is these programs which stand accused of "promoting" homosexuality.

Gay and Lesbian leaders are urging people to call and write to Rep. Peter Hoekstra (R-MI), Chairman of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Economic and Educational Opportunities Committee, to cancel the proposed hearings. Hoekstra's office number at the Capitol is (202) 225-4401.

Gay lobbyists suspect that the hearings, timed to coincide roughly with National Coming Out Day events across the country, will be used as a forum to attack the alleged "Gay agenda," and spread more myths and fear about Gay people.



Robert Bray, NGLTF. Photo by Anthony Marill.

Gay School Board Member Defeated in Des Moines

Des Moines, IA — On September 12, Jonathan Wilson was defeated in his bid for re-election to the Des Moines School Board. Wilson, who is openly Gay, became the target of a massive right wing campaign to unseat him after he revealed his homosexuality during a heated battle over a school board policy about the teaching of diversity.

The election results were dramatic. The top two vote-getters were candidates endorsed by the Christian Coalition and supported by Bill Horn. Horn, formerly of southern California and producer of the anti-Gay propaganda video *The Gay Agenda*, moved to Iowa to work as a Radical Right operative. He led the anti-Wilson forces in a campaign that alleged Wilson was trying to foist his homosexuality upon students.

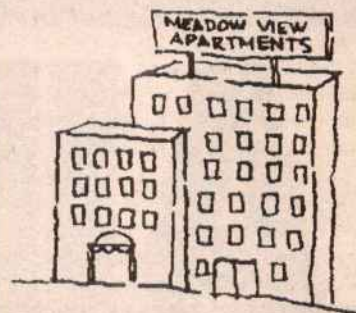
"The dramatic victory of the Radical Right in Iowa must serve as a wake-up call to all Americans of conscience who support an education system free of intolerance and bigotry," said Robert Bray, Field Organizer for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. "It is another scary reminder of the power of the Radical Right to marshal its electoral forces to defeat diversity and quality education systems free of prejudice."

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"Although unsuccessful in his re-election bid, Jonathan Wilson set an inspiring example of the bravery and fearlessness of Gay and Lesbian citizens who come out as Gay public servants."

Since coming out, Wilson's life has been repeatedly threatened. He had to don bullet-proof vests at school board meetings.

Gay/Lesbian Leaders Talk Civil Rights With Janet Reno

Washington, DC — On September 13, representatives of national Gay and Lesbian advocacy groups met with Attorney General Janet Reno and other Justice Department officials to talk over Gay-related civil rights issues.

The groups, including the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, Lambda Legal Defense and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, sought the meeting with Reno after the Justice Department refused to file an amicus brief in the upcoming Supreme Court case involving Colorado's Amendment 2.

"We wanted to express our disappointment with the Department's decision in the Colorado case," said NGLTF's Helen Gonzalez, "and explore opportunities for the Justice department to weigh in on future civil rights issues related to Gay citizens."

Discussion focused on hate crimes, anti-Gay ballot measures and pending and potential legislative attacks on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual people.

"The Attorney General seemed genuinely moved when we discussed the issue of hate crimes, and interested in using her office as a bully pulpit in condemning hate violence."

"As we enter the Presidential primary season, we can expect that anti-Gay rhetoric and legislative attacks will only get worse before they get better," NGLTF's Melinda Paras commented. "We need allies who support justice and fairness to be vigilant in defending basic civil rights principles. The Justice Department should be one of those allies."

Elizabeth Dole Accused of Squelching AIDS Information

Washington, DC — The New York Times reports that some officials with the Red Cross have accused the group's President, Elizabeth Dole, of toning down the character of Red Cross publications on AIDS for political reasons.

Dole's husband, Bob Dole, is a Republican candidate for President who recently has been taking increasingly conservative stands to bolster his support with the party's right wing.

The Chairman of the Red Cross, Norman Augustine, denied that Mrs. Dole's directives were motivated by politics.

"[I]n this particular case, Mrs. Dole has some strongly held personal views," Augustine said. "There were concerns raised that the material is highly explicit

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in terms of sexual matters, including illustrations. But it didn't have anything to do with politics, but what's best for the Red Cross."

Red Cross chapters across the country have been without an array of prevention materials about HIV/AIDS since the national office has delayed their distribution because of revisions.

The Times reported that internal Red Cross documents expressed concern with some explicit language in the fliers and videos, wanted more emphasis placed on personal responsibility in preventing AIDS and asked that a drawing of a penis be redrawn "in a more clinical fashion."

Shana Ross, HIV/AIDS Coordinator for the Houston Red Cross called the delays and excuses "unconscionable."

Chicago Rights Commission Rules Against Boy Scouts

Chicago, IL — On September 19, a hearing officer for the City of Chicago Commission on Human Relations issued a preliminary decision that the policy of the Chicago Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America prohibiting the employment of homosexuals in professional scouting positions violates the City's

Human Rights Ordinance.

Hearing officer Jeffrey L. Taren rejected the Boy Scouts' claim to be a religious organization exempt from coverage of the ordinance. Taren also stated that the Boy Scouts' First Amendment right to expressive association had not been violated because opposition to homosexuality is not an expressive goal of the Chicago Area Council.

Taren recommended that the Commission issue an injunction barring the Boy Scouts from considering the sexual orientation of applicants for employment, and from publishing on its applications or literature distributed in Chicago, any employment criteria which indicate a preference or limitation on the basis of sexual orientation.

"Hopefully, this ruling will send a strong message to employers, especially in Chicago, that they cannot discriminate against people because of their sexual orientation," said Harvey Grossman, Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Also On the Newswire...

Tyler, TX — The second man convicted in the Gay bashing murder of Nicholas West in 1993 has been sentenced to death. Henry Earl Dunn Jr. and Donald Aldrich face the electric chair for killing

West, whom they abducted, took to a remote area, ridiculed and shot nine times. One more suspect is yet to be tried.

Virginia Beach, Va — Virginia Beach has quietly amended its equal opportunity policies to prohibit job discrimination based on sexual orientation. The change was only made public months after it had occurred. But at least one local fundamentalist pastor is vowing to gather enough signatures to force the City Council to reverse the action.

Washington, DC — A \$20,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts is helping to bring the entire NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt back to the nation's capital in October, 1996. The display is expected to be 23 times larger than the first showing of the Quilt in 1987. Almost 45,000 panels dedicated to loved ones lost to AIDS will stretch from the Capitol to the Washington Monument.

Marietta, GA — Two years after Cobb County passed an anti-Gay resolution, a poll indicates that the majority of county residents think the resolution was wrong, that it's had a negative impact and that it should be rescinded. The resolution condemned the "Gay lifestyle."

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Group Notes

Counseling Center Offers Gay Men's Support Groups

Milwaukee — The Counseling Center of Milwaukee is offering a full range of support groups for men this Fall, including groups designed specifically for Gay men.

There is a Gay Men's Discussion Group which meets monthly on the fourth Sunday of the month from 6-8pm. Topics have included health issues, coming out, sexuality, spirituality, Gay culture, etc. It is a drop-in group requiring no registration, but a \$3 donation will be requested.

Other groups beginning in October require registration and will run for a limited period. One is for Gay Survivors of Sexual Abuse. Another is for Gay men with HIV/AIDS. Another is for Gay men in abusive relationships, and yet another covers more general issues like relationships, sexual identity and coming out.

For information on any of these groups, call Bill Hanel at (414) 271-2565.

New Harvest Foundation Seeks Grant Applications

Madison — The New Harvest Foundation, a non-profit philanthropic organization developed to benefit the Gay and Lesbian communities, is currently seeking grant applications for its Fall grant cycle.

The Foundation awards grants for projects or services that benefit the Gay and Lesbian communities and may include promotion of the arts and culture, health, social services, the media, public education, community organization and development and other projects.

Past grant recipients include GALVANize, The United, the Gay and Lesbian Resource Center and Madison Parents, Friends and Families of Lesbians and Gays.

Grant applications are due **October 31, 1995**. The grant awards will be made on December 15.

For a grant application packet or for additional information write to: The New Harvest Foundation, Fall Grant Cycle, P.O. Box 1786, Madison, WI 53701-1786.

"Street Beat" Fashion Show Set for September 30

Milwaukee — The Survival Revival Fashion Show is sponsoring a *Street Beat* Fashion Show Saturday, September 30 from 8-11pm at 246 E. Chicago Street. The shop is run by the Milwaukee AIDS Project, and proceeds from the show will go to MAP.

BJ Daniels of Club 219 fame, is producing *Street Beat* and will be Master of Ceremonies. Kathy Fortier, manager of Survival Revival, stressed it will be a fashion show for everyone: "Models include volunteers from Beauty Beauty Salon on Brady Street, UWM students and other 'regular' people."

"Sister Cash will be the commentator for the fashion segment, and gender illusionists Mary Richards, Lady Miranda and Lily White will entertain while models are changing." Live music by Ruthless Acoustic and the performance art of T.J. Richter complete the evening.

Admission is \$5 at the door, which allows attendees \$10 credit toward merchandise in the store Saturday night only.

Dignity/Milwaukee Makes Pilgrimage to Holy Hill

Milwaukee — Dignity/Milwaukee will conduct its 15th annual Pilgrimage to Holy Hill on Sunday, October 15 beginning at 1pm. All participants should meet at the first Station, and the group will proceed from there. The purpose of the pilgrimage is to pray for those affected by HIV disease as well as those with breast and/or ovarian cancer.

After praying the Stations, participants may spend time exploring the facility or in private prayer at the shrine. Afterwards, everyone will proceed to St. Pius X for Mass at 6pm and fellowship after the service.

People of all faiths are welcome. For more information, or to arrange transportation, call Joe at (414) 873-9591.

Remember Cream City Foundation in Workplace Giving

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation Inc. (CCF) of Milwaukee is one of 32 member agencies comprising ACHOICE, which is available in most

workplace giving campaigns. ACHOICE supports non-traditional charities that challenge the status quo, allowing workplace contributions to "make change happen."

Area businesses are currently conducting their workplace giving programs. When the ACHOICE or United Way Donor Choice pledge cards arrive, look for the ACHOICE options in all public sector campaigns. In the private sector, ACHOICE can be found in more than 100 partnership campaigns or as an option to Donor Choice campaigns.

In some workplaces, the ACHOICE campaign runs jointly with the United Way. If none of these options are available at your workplace, call ACHOICE Director Bill Hart at (414) 672-1920 and make sure your employer knows you want ACHOICE.

Important: CCF (17751) can be designated as the recipient of your workplace contribution. This ensures that 100% of your pledge goes to CCF. *Caution:* Designating ACHOICE and/or any other qualified agencies divides your pledge into 32 or more shares.

For further information or clarification, call CCF at (414) 265-0880.

SAGE/Dane County Plans Fall Events

Madison — Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) of Dane County will show the hourlong video *View of Outrage '69* at its meeting on Saturday, September 30 at 1pm at the Madison Senior Center, 330 Mifflin Street.

The video, produced by Arthur Dong, is part of the series *A Question of Equality*, about the history of the Gay and Lesbian civil rights movement, that will be running on most PBS stations later this Fall.

On Saturday, October 28, individual counseling with members of the Elder Law Center, part of the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, will be available from 1-3pm at 6106 Queens Way in Monona. Those attending can receive help filling out Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care forms. Call George at (608) 257-9751 or Caroline at 835-8971 for more information or directions.

Also, members of SAGE/Dane meet for Friday afternoon coffee at 3:30pm at the Arthouse Cafe, 2827 Atwood Avenue. Everyone is welcome for good coffee and lively conversation.



Scenes from AIDS Walk WI: (Boxed) Dignitaries at the pre-Walk Breakfast, Sen. Herb Kohl and Rep. Tom Barrett. Above: a 10-year old drummer entertains the crowd. Clockwise from upper left corner: a show of the walkers looking down Lincoln Memorial Drive; Happy faces all around; Clowing around at the AIDS Walk; Dean and the gang from the Blue Lite; A thank you from an observer. Photos by Jamie.

SAGE/Milwaukee Co-Sponsors Workshop on Services for Gay Elders

Milwaukee — On Friday, October 27 from 9am to 4pm, SAGE/Milwaukee will co-sponsor (with the UW-Milwaukee Center on Aging, Outreach and Continuing Education) a daylong workshop titled *Providing Access for Services to Gay and Lesbian Older Adults: Historical Issues, Current Concerns*. It will be held at the University Center for Continuing Education, 161 W. Wisconsin, Suite 6000. The workshop will be conducted by Arlene Kochman, MSW, Executive Director of SAGE Inc. of New York.

While the workshop is designed for professionals such as social workers, nurses, counselors, clergy and others who have direct contact with older adults, any interested person may register and attend. The \$5 fee includes refreshments, materials and parking fee at the Grand Avenue Mall parking lot.

Registration must be received by October 20. For more information and registration forms, call Theresa Bellone at (414) 227-3310.

Cream City Chorus Sings at Interweave Service October 1

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus will sing several musical selections at a worship service to be held October 1st at 10am at the First Unitarian Church, 1342 N. Astor Street in Milwaukee. Songs will include "We, the People," "Before Stonewall" and "The Star-Spangled Banner" (with additional verse by Bill Meunier).

Interweave, an organization of Unitarian Universalists of all sexual orientations, is sponsoring the service and asked for the Chorus's input. The sermon that day will be about "Reinventing Gender." Children's classes and childcare are available. Everyone is welcome, and a coffee hour will follow the service.

For more information, call the church at (414) 273-5257.

CCF Hosts National Conference of G/L Foundations

Milwaukee — The Cream City Foundation, along with the New Harvest Foundation of Madison and Philanthrofund of St. Paul, will be hosting the Na-

tional Conference of Gay and Lesbian Foundations in Milwaukee, October 14 and 15.

Workshops and seminars will focus on such topics as fund development, staffing issues, organizational problems and solutions, community relations, interacting with mainstream foundations and government agencies and much more.

For more information, or to volunteer to help, call (414) 265-0880.

New Gay/Lesbian Tavern Guild Forms in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — A new Gay and Lesbian Tavern Guild is forming in Milwaukee. Representatives of Just Us, Kathy's Nut Hut, 3B's, Triangle, Boot Camp and Zippers met at Zippers in September to discuss issues of common concern.

The group talked about security and safety issues for customers, trying to better coordinate future events to avoid scheduling conflicts, and other issues. The group plans to have monthly or quarterly meetings and invites input from other bar owners.

To contact the new Tavern Guild, write to: G/L Tavern Guild, 209 E. National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

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UW-Madison LesBiGay Committee Holds Buffet, Meeting Oct. 10

Madison — The UW-Madison Faculty Senate Committee on Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Issues will hold a buffet and presentation on Tuesday, October 10 from Noon to 1:10pm at the University Club, 803 State Street.

The committee is a standing committee composed of faculty, staff and students commissioned to address relevant issues in a focussed and comprehensive way. At this luncheon presentation, committee members will provide a report on current activities and future plans.

University Club members may charge their \$7 reservation, however, non-members will have to pay in advance by Friday, October 6. Checks should be sent to: University Club, 803 State Street, Madison, WI 53703. Members can call (608) 262-5023 for reservations.

Awards Party Set for "Footsteps to the Future" Winners

Milwaukee — Landmark Enterprises has scheduled an awards party for participants in the *Footsteps to the Future* competition between Milwaukee area bars who sponsored AIDS Walk Wisconsin teams. The party will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 3-6pm at the Comedy Cafe, 618 E. Brady Street.

Landmark reports that *Footsteps to the Future* was a great success, both in raising money and in encouraging the community to get involved. Over 280 walkers participated. A Grand Prize will be awarded to the individual who raised the most pledge money. Other prizes go to the team, team captain and bar that raised the most money.

Bars participating in the program were: Mama Roux, M&M, Just Us, This Is It, Kathy's Nut Hut, Fannies, Triangle, 3B's, Wreck Room, La Cage, ReneZ CoZ Corner, 1100 Club, Cafe Melange, Loose Ends, the Blue Light in Sheboygan and Crossroads/Friends in Fort Atkinson.

For more information, call Tom at (414) 276-6355.



At Right, Upper L: Trey C. Shane took first runner-up at the Miss 219 contest. Lower L: Lena Chavez was a featured performer. Right: Lillie White performed and gave up her crown at the reigning Miss 219. Photos by Brian Janusz and Belle Pepper.

Profiles

Nurse Connie Highsmith Wins Award for HIV Care

Milwaukee — Connie Highsmith, who is a Nurse Case Manager for 90 HIV-infected men, women and children at Isaac Coggs Health Connection, Inc. on Milwaukee's north side, has received a national award for her work.

Highsmith received the **Joanne Ruiz Achievement Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice in HIV Care** at the annual Association of Nurses in AIDS Care conference in September.

The award is given annually to just one nurse nationwide. It is named after the first nurse to have contracted HIV through occupational exposure and, according to *Nursing Matters*, "is given to the nurse you would most want to care for your loved ones."

In addition to her work at the Coggs center, Highsmith is President of the Southeastern chapter of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care and is an active volunteer in the Milwaukee community.

Illusionist Mary Richards Makes Impression

Milwaukee — Mary Richards, a former Miss Gay Wisconsin-USA and Miss Continental Wisconsin, will be performing at **Theatre X** on Saturday, October 7 as part of the 1995 *Women's Theatre Series, Late Night Events*.

Richards will be joined by Lilly White and Lady Miranda who will prove that "imitation is the highest form of flattery." Movies like *Too Wong Fu* and *Priscilla, Queen of the Desert* are proving

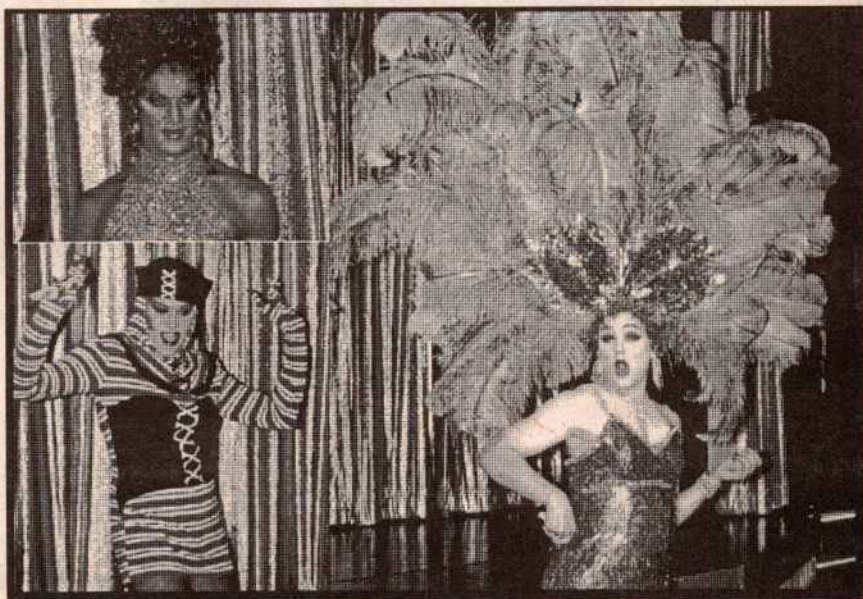


Mary Richards. Photo by Francis Ford.

that female impersonation is gaining more appeal from a diverse audience appreciative of good quality entertainment.

Mary Richards has been entertaining as a female impersonator for more than eight years. In addition to the titles she's held, she is a regular cast member at Milwaukee's Club 219. When not entertaining, Mary works at Beauty on Brady as a nail technician.

Theatre X is in its third year of presenting an annual women's theatre series. They are very proud of their strong, diverse line-up this year, and are sure their provocative **Main Events**, and particularly strong **Late Night Event** series will appeal to a broader audience. Shows are at the Broadway Theatre Center's Studio Theatre, 158 North Broadway in Milwaukee. For tickets, call (414) 291-7800. For more details, see "Arts" section.



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It may seem appropriate to friends of Steve that this notice of his passing is somewhat belated. To anyone who knew him, Steve clearly lived life on his own terms.

Steve left us on May 25 at the age of 33. At the time, he was living with his very supportive parents, Dick and Dot in Rhinelander, his hometown in northern Wisconsin. For the past five years he lived in Madison and Key West with his partner, Andrew.

We are all feeling the loss of his genius sense of humor and loving ways. Steve was a UW-Milwaukee dance major and lived for his music. Though he especially loved Neil Young and the Grateful Dead, his musical taste ran the gamut from metal to folk.

Steve was known throughout the trendy side of Milwaukee from working at many of the "hottest spots" — Beans & Barley, The Coffee Trader and Elsa's for, in his own words, "Snarl Kopp."

Steve's ashes were scattered on the Wisconsin River where he grew up, or, shall we say, where he spent his childhood. We're sure he's in heaven, no doubt wishing he was elsewhere.



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Viewpoint

Coming Out — Its Day and Nature

By Richard D. Mohr

A Gay friend new to town needs to buy a washing machine. "I want a really basic model," he tells the salesman, who in response asks if he's married. He hums and says no. The salesman continues "well, when you do get married, you'll want a delicate cycle for her dainties." Later, my friend guiltily admits, "I should have just come out to him. I was caught off guard."

It's Fall again. The first day of school. Two minutes into class. After drawing attention to the syllabus listings of my office information, I do a mental push-up and proceed: "I've also given you my home telephone number; there's an answering machine and my lover is willing to take messages, though please don't try his patience with complicated ones." The sentence floats out over the room: some students get it, some don't, some, still sleepy-eyed, aren't even listening. But word gets around. Word is out. I've just come out to fifty strangers.

October 11th marks the eighth annual celebration of National Coming Out Day. What is it that we celebrate? What makes coming out something worthy of celebration? Why for so many Gay people is coming out the central event of their lives? The answers are courage, freedom, and dignity.

Now, many Gay theorists — most trendy academics — claim that the very idea of coming out is a bugaboo. They hold that there is no lurking inner Gay essence that somehow is first discovered by the Gay person within him or herself and then made manifest to others through an act — "coming out" — whereby that which before was concealed is now revealed. They claim rather that society induces or constructs the person as Gay and so also always knows that the person is Gay even though both society and the person pretend that this fact is not known. On this account, homosexuality is an open secret, a secret that is always giving itself away.

CLAIMING ONE'S SEXUALITY

But the issues of whether one's sexuality initially is an open or a complete secret and whether its causes are society, genes, or something else are largely irrelevant to understanding

the coming out processes. Coming out is primarily a moral rather than a cognitive act. It is not a matter of *knowledge* but of *acknowledgment*. In coming out, one acknowledges one's sexuality to oneself and presents it to others in such a way that even if they know of it already, they can no longer act as though they don't.

Coming out is the claiming of one's sexuality as one's own (wherever it came

from) and raising it as an issue for others where relevant. As the Lesbian theorist Joyce Trebilcock has put it, coming out is primarily a matter of taking responsibility for sexuality: "Coming out is not merely a matter of reinterpreting one's past; it involves taking responsibility for being a Lesbian both in the past and in the future." Coming out is socially important because it dashes the shame generated by the open secret, the dirty little secret that runs: "we know that you know that we know, but we won't mention it because your sexual bearings — you — are as embarrassing to acknowledge as excrement." Coming out says no to the humiliating rituals of "don't ask, don't tell." Coming out is a refusal to go along with society's presumption that for all public purposes being a person means being heterosexual.

But because this presumption is so central to society's understanding of itself, coming out will not be socially viewed as merely an irritation, like hooliganism. It will be viewed, like civil disobedience, as an act of treason — a challenging of the very ground rules by which society, largely through unacknowledged habit, constitutes itself. And so coming out is a major act of moral courage. Indeed as modern culture becomes ever more bureaucratic, mechanistic, and socialistic, the coming out process affords one of the few remaining opportunities to manifest courage.

But what's in it for the individual? Many Gay activists hold that the point of coming out is that it makes you feel good and gives you power. The truth, though, is one which Gays' parents in particular don't want to hear: coming out is not chiefly a means to happiness and power; indeed it typically requires putting these values at risk. Coming out cedes away privilege and its powers. It increases one's exposure to discrimination. It gives one a heightened awareness of the ways in which society despises Gays. These changes are not near occasions of happiness.

A SENSE OF SELF

But no one who goes through the coming out experience ever willingly goes back into the closet. For people get something else, something more important, out of the experience. They get a sense of self, a sense that, for better or worse, their life is their own, that it has a ground. This is something quite different from acquiring materials and benefits or enjoying, say, sex or a tune. Coming out is an ultimate adventure, for it constitutes the surfacing of the individual as capable of guiding her life by her own lights. To be so positioned is to be a person, to live in freedom, to

have dignity. In their willingness to sacrifice their own happiness, privileges, and benefits, Gays and Lesbians through coming out reconsecrate personhood, freedom, and individual dignity as the highest human values.

We are right then to celebrate coming out and to give it its special day. Coming out is the heart of Gay pride. What is worthy of celebration is not the simple and perhaps given fact of being Gay, but our doing something about it for the good. That we mark coming out, like a birthday, with one special day, though, should not mislead us into thinking that coming out is an event, like being born, which is singular, unique, and done once and for all. At least until the emergence of the messianic era, everyday living itself will occasion the need for coming out on a rolling basis. The paradigm case of coming out is not that of telling Mom and Dad, but of telling sleepy students and clerks at Sears.

Richard D. Mohr is the author of *Gays/Justice: A Study of Ethics, Society, and Law*.

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Arts

Theatre X Women's Series Spotlights a Bevy of Women Performers, Musicians

Milwaukee — Theatre X's 3rd annual Women's Theatre Series begins with a bang when nationally acclaimed Lesbian performance artist **Holly Hughes** brings her new creation, *One Man Show*, to the Studio Theatre of Milwaukee's Broadway Theatre Center September 27 through October 1.

The following week, from October 4-8, local artist **Barbara Leigh** will perform her *Survival Revival Revue*, her own solo musical comedy about the healing process following her severe spinal injury. Joining Leigh will be Ugandan native **Rose Onama**, performing *Tales From the Nile*, a compelling blend of music, movement and story-telling drawn from Onama's life growing up on the Nile River. Onama's piece has been featured on PBS.

Then, from October 11-29 (excluding Mondays and Tuesdays), the Theatre X Company will perform **Jeffrey Jones' 70 Scenes of Halloween**. Theatre X Ensemble members **Flora Coker** and **Marcie Hoffman** join **Rip Tenor** and **David Rommel** in this funny, scary and mysterious play about the relationship between a woman, a man, a beast and a witch. Just in time for Halloween!

But the added treat at this year's Women's Series is that there will be great after-theatre entertainment in the **Late Night Series**.

Sound, Dance and Entertainment featuring **Samantha Montgomery**, **D'Angelus Grisby** and **Evaughn High** will pro-



Holly Hughes stars in *One Man Show* during Theatre X's Women's Series Sept. 27 through Oct. 1.

vide sizzling jazz and gospel September 27, 29 and October 1. The alternative band **True Heart Susie** will play September 28. September 30's after-show performance will be a tape release party for **FWEEP**. Opening for **FWEEP** will be the woman-led band, **The Virgins**.

The Late Night Series October 4, 5 and 6 will feature a performance of **Harold Pinter's One for the Road** by Artimus Productions. **Mary Richards** will be joined by **Lily White** and **Lady Miranda** for a female impersonation show October 6, and **Connie Grauer**, one half of **Mrs. Fun**, will offer *Short Stories*, a piano concert of original works on October 8.

From October 11-14, Theatre X's **Deborah Clifton** will do a solo performance of *A Cook's Tale*, a chilling tale of the search for love in pre-revolutionary France. On October 15, **Ron Ellis** and **Al Jewer** offer an evening of poetry and music as the **Dangerous Odds Jazz, Poetry and Video Group**.

Later in October, the Theatre X Late Night Series will present the **Juli Wood Quartet**, the **Dead Alewives**, the **Ghillies**, the **Peggy James Band**, **Cocktail Hour with Kim Zick**, **Juli Wood** and **Connie Grauer** mixing polkas and jazz and, finally, **Paula Killen** in her new work, *Niagara Falls: Straight to the Top!*

Whew! To take advantage of these wonderful opportunities to see topnotch local and national women's talent, call Theatre X at (414) 278-8898 for tickets, dates and times of the Late Night series. Call the Broadway Theatre Center Box Office at (414) 291-7800 for information on the mainstage shows in the Women's Series.

"Roominations" Performance Art at Walker's Point Center

Milwaukee — The second and final program of *Roominations: New Performance Monologues*, sponsored by **Danceworks** and **The Living Room**, will take place at the Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 907 W. National Avenue in Milwaukee, on September 29 and 30 at 7:30pm and October 1 at 3pm.

The final performances, curated by **Stephanie Kulke**, feature **Dave O'Meara** and **Kate Ryan**.

O'Meara's *Teratology: or the Monstrosity Here Beside Me* is the story of a man trapped overnight in a train station who finds that things just don't work the way they used to. Is his body having a nightmare? Or is it his mind? Or the world in which he lives?

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among other things, how a Vermont boarding school, a multinational corporation and revolutionary Nicaragua intersect.

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Yvonne Zipter to Appear in Beloit and Milwaukee

Beloit — Yvonne Zipter, the Lesbian author and columnist whose work appears in *In Step*, will read from her new book of essays, *Ransacking the Closet*, when she visits Beloit and Milwaukee on October 7 and 8, respectively.

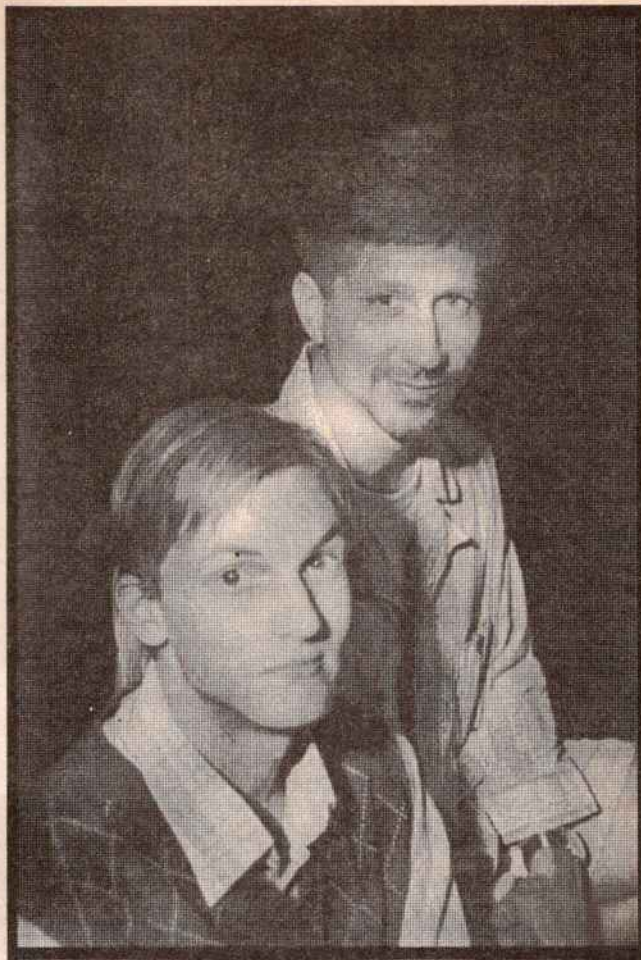


Yvonne Zipter. Photo by Lisa Ebright.

Zipter will bring her humorous take on Lesbian life and customs to A Different World Books, 414 E. Grand Avenue in Beloit at 11am, Saturday, October 7. She will be at AfterWords Bookstore and Espresso Bar, 2710 N. Murray in Milwaukee, the following day, Sunday, October 8 at 1pm.

Call A Different World at (608) 365-1000 and AfterWords at (414) 963-9089 for more information.

Zipter's previous book was the popular *Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend: Reflections, Reminiscences and Reports From the Field on the National Lesbian Pastime*. Her poetry collection, *The Patience of Metal*, was a runner-up for the Poetry Society of America's Melville Cane Award as well as a Lambda Literary Award finalist.



Scott Parkinson as Alexander, C. Michael Wright as Ned in the Next Act Theatre production of *The Destiny of Me*. Photo by David Ceasarini.

Yvonne Zipter turns lesbian culture **Inside Out**

Ransacking the Closet

by Yvonne Zipter

ISBN: 1-88523-06-0 \$9.95

Yvonne Zipter takes on lesbian life and popular culture with a collection of the best of **Inside Out**, plus new sketches of challenging subjects like safe sex and therapy, filtered through her quirky lens.

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"The Destiny of Me" at the Steimke Theatre Sept. 28-Oct. 15

Milwaukee — Next Act Theatre is presenting Larry Kramer's powerful drama *The Destiny of Me* as the opening play of its sixth season. *The Destiny of Me* will run from September 28 through October 15 at the Steimke Theatre in the Milwaukee Repertory Complex at 108 E. Wells Street.

The semi-autobiographical work by writer and AIDS activist Kramer focuses on Ned Weeks, who comes to terms with his family, his disease, his medical nemesis and, finally himself, while a patient undergoing experimental AIDS treatments at the National Institutes of Health.

The Destiny of Me contains painful truths and deep insights into the human condition. The complexity of the emotions is conveyed by Ned who says at one point: "When we were on the outside fighting to get in, it was easier to call everyone names. But they were smart. They invited us inside. And we saw they looked human. And that makes hate harder."

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Next Act's production is directed by **Jon Kretzu**, whose previous Next Act directing credits include *Reckless* and *Lips Together, Teeth Apart*. Kretzu is currently starting his second season as Associate Artistic Director of the Artists Repertory Theatre in Portland, Oregon.

Prominent Milwaukee actor **C. Michael Wright** will perform the challenging role of Ned Weeks, while Chicago's **Scott Parkinson** will portray young Ned. A key element of *The Destiny of Me* has the mature Ned coming to terms with the boy he once was. These revelations provide many poignant scenes.

Also in the cast are **Scott Howland** as Dr. Anthony Della Vida, **Margaret Peirson Bates** as Nurse Hanniman, **F. David Roth** as Benjamin Weeks and **Linnea Todd** as Rena Weeks.

For show times and ticket information, call the Next Act office at (414) 278-7780.

Dodie Bellamy to Conduct Writing Workshop at Woodland Pattern.

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern Book Center, at 720 E. Locust Street in Milwaukee, will present three writing workshops by author **Dodie Bellamy** on Saturdays, September 30 and October 7 and 14 from 1-3pm. Bellamy will do a reading on October 14 at 8pm. Bellamy is the co-author with **Sam D'Allesandro** of *Real: The Letters of Mina Harker* and **Sam D'Allesandro**, which focuses on the before and after of AIDS. She is also the author of *Feminine Hijinx* and *Answer*.

Bellamy's workshop, *Whose Gaze?* will challenge writers to use images from film and pop culture and material from their

own lives to write prose works exploring how media and personal narratives interact.

To register for the workshops or reserve a place at the reading, call Woodland Pattern at (414) 263-5001.

"Heartstrings" Benefit Concert at Vogel Hall October 22

Milwaukee — The second annual "Concert for the Heart," *Heartstrings*, will take place at Vogel Hall of Milwaukee's Performing Arts Center Sunday, October 22 at 3pm.



The concert, a benefit for the St. Camillus AIDS Ministry's Raphael House, will feature **The Ghillies**, pianist and songwriter **Richard J. Bennett** and the **Sacred Dancers**, with a special appearance by **Peter Buffett**, **Kostia** and other great musicians.

Tickets are \$12.50 and are available at the PAC Box Office, The BESTD Clinic, AfterWords Bookstore and Designing Men.

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Books

Zipter's "Ransacking the Closet" Offers Humor & Insight About Lesbian Life

By Carl Szatmary

Yvonne Zipter's humorous essays on contemporary Lesbian life have been entertaining readers for years, including in Wisconsin where her column, *Inside Out*, appears monthly in *In Step*. With **Ransacking the Closet**, Zipter has culled some of her best previously published work and mixed in some fresh material to present the wide and incredibly diverse Lesbian culture.

A native Milwaukeean now living in Chicago, Zipter has a keen and observant eye plus wry wit. She emerges from the pages of her *Closet* as a kind of EveryLesbian. Definitely a child of the "Wonder Years," Zipter possesses down-to-earth perspective on the many mysteries of Lesbian life.

Zipter knows that nothing identifies any group like a simple but catchy label, and therefore opens **Ransacking the Closet** with a discussion of the proper term to effectively describe a collection of Lesbians. Although a "deluge of dykes" has been experienced by many at any of the seemingly endless Melissa concerts over the past eighteen months, Zipter finds poetry in "a burst of Lesbians." She writes: "Nothing makes my heart soar like a burst of Lesbians."

Incorporating her own personal "life-as-a-Lesbian" experiences, Zipter tackles the mysteries of modern life. From an exploration of the attire of the chic dyke to a "How Much of a Jock Are You?" quiz, Zipter attempts to identify today's Lesbian. The foibles of dyke dating (particularly her own) is covered in "Dates, Nuts and Serial TV" and "Here at the Grand Coulee Dental Dam." These help answer the perennial question: Just what do Lesbians do in bed? Besides sex, there is apparently much laughter.

Much like **Growing Up Gay** by Three Funny Gay Males, Zipter is a true child of '60's TV and believes she is not alone in this phenomenon. For example, she notes that far more Lesbians would probably be able to sing along to the theme song from *Gilligan's Island* or *The*

Flintstones than "any song you could name by women's music stars such as Cris Williamson or Holly Near."

After exploring the curious appeal of the popular soap *All My Children*, Zipter then goes on to ponder, in a deliciously bitchy fashion, that Lesbian icon of the 1970's: the character Buddy from *Family*. Noting that tabloids had once reported that actress Kristy McNichol reputedly barked like a dog

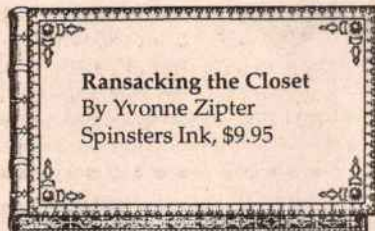
during sex, Zipter bashfully admits to contemplating doing her biography: **Bark Like a Dog: The Kristy McNichol Story**. Zipter wraps up her essay, "What the Nielsons Don't Know (And We'd Rather Not Admit)," with her refreshing version of an issue of *TV Guide* in a Lesbian-centered world.

Whether it is softball or dating (which Zipter suggests are often one in the same), dealing with old lovers or new girlfriends, experiencing Lesbian motherhood or therapy, Zipter maintains a positive, though irreverent, view of life. Those looking for a scholarly examination of the Lesbian mystique should look elsewhere. Zipter writes purely from the world she knows well and obviously loves dearly — that of herself and her friends.

Aided by a keen sense of observation, Zipter manages to find some — often hilarious — universal truths. If anyone ever thinks about putting together a Lesbian time capsule for the 1990's, **Ransacking the Closet** definitely deserves to be included. Recommended.

Zipter's other books are **Diamonds Are a Dyke's Best Friend: Reflections, Reminiscences and Reports From the Field on the National Lesbian Pastime** and **The Patience of Metal**, a poetry collection.

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Coming Out Book List

General Coming Out Books

BEYOND ACCEPTANCE: Parents of Lesbians and Gays Talk About Their Experiences, St. Martin's Press, \$9.95

COMING OUT: An Act of Love, by Rob Eichberg, Plume, \$12.95

COMING OUT TO PARENTS by Mary V. Borhek, Pilgrim Press, \$14.95

IS IT A CHOICE? Answers to 300 of the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Gays and Lesbians, by Eric Marcus, HarperCollins, \$10.00

LOVING SOMEONE GAY by Don Clark, Celestial Arts, \$9.95

NOW THAT YOU KNOW by Betty Fairchild, Harcourt, Brace & Co., \$9.95

OUTING YOURSELF by Michelangelo Signorile, Random House, \$20.00

POSITIVELY GAY, edited by Betty Berzon, \$11.95

Personal Narratives

THE BEST LITTLE BOY IN THE WORLD, by John Reid, Ballantine, \$10.00

A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY, edited by John Preston, Plume, \$10.95

THE ORIGINAL COMING OUT STORIES, ed. by Julia Penelope and Susan J. Wolfe, Crossing Press, \$10.95

REVELATIONS: Gay Men's Coming Out Stories, ed. by Adrien Saks and Wayne Curtis, Alyson, \$7.95

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Young Adult Focus

JOINING THE TRIBE: Growing Up Gay and Lesbian in the '90's, by Linnea Due, Anchor, \$12.95

TWO IN TWENTY: Writings by Gay and Lesbian Youth, ed. by Ann Heron, Alyson, \$8.95

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(Book List provided by Carl Szatmary of AfterWords Bookstore in Milwaukee)

TV/Video

New LesBiGay Program, "True to Desire," Debuts October 3 in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — On October 3 at 9pm, a new series called *True to Desire* will debut in Milwaukee on Warner Cable, MATA Channel 47. This exciting drama covers the lives of seven Gay men, three Lesbians, one Bisexual woman and one straight man. It will follow them through relationships, bashings, bigotry, custody battles for children and other compelling situations.

True to Desire will air monthly with mainly LesBiGay characters, giving the community exposure to positive role models and entertainment, highlighting new LesBiGay music artists, and providing just plain fun.

The majority of actors and production staff have extensive experience in TV and public performance, from the March on Washington to Disneyland in both California and Florida. Their credits include programs like *Jack & Mike*, *Father Dowling Mysteries*, *Vice Versa*, *Joy Farm*,

Dillinger and even the Christian Broadcasting Network.

True to Desire will be cablecast in Milwaukee on the first Tuesday of each month at 9pm. It will replay on the second Tuesday at 9pm and each Saturday at 2am. The program will also be cablecast around the US, including in Cambridge, MA and Santa Fe, NM.

For more information, contact the Brandon Marsh Entertainment Group at (414) 298-9598.

"In the Life" Season Opener Set for October

New York, NY — The season premiere of the critically acclaimed Gay and Lesbian newsmagazine *In the Life* will be aired on Wisconsin Public Television on Friday, October 6 at 11pm. It will be shown on Milwaukee's WMVS-TV, Channel 10 on Thursday, October 26 at midnight (that's the last program on Thursday night's schedule).

In the premiere episode, *In the Life* travels to Beijing, China for a report on Lesbian involvement in the recent 4th

World Conference on Women sponsored by the United Nations. *In the Life* then completely changes pace with a segment on the mainstreaming of drag in Hollywood movies. Drag artist Charles Busch (as "Mary Dale") interviews *To Wong Foo* stars Wesley Snipes, John Leguizamo and Patrick Swayze.

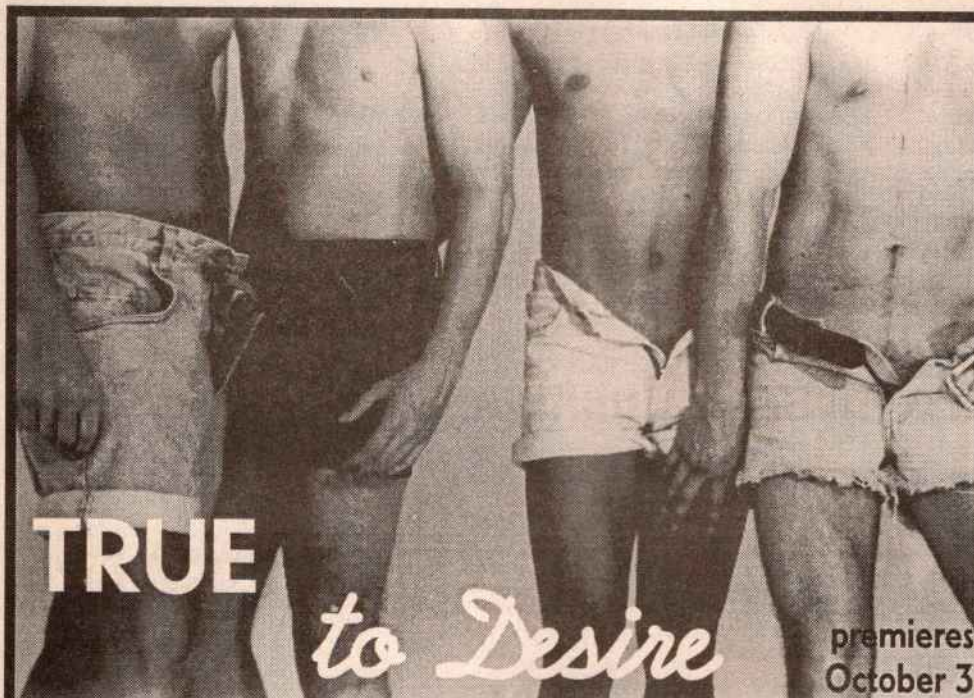
The show also includes a look at the continuing fight to legalize Gay and Lesbian marriage in Hawaii and New York and what life is like for Gays and Lesbians who are homeless in Los Angeles.

Other segments also focus on two independent films, *Ballot Measure 9*, about the anti-Gay referendum campaign in Oregon, and *Live to Tell*, a heartwarming documentary about America's first Gay and Lesbian prom.

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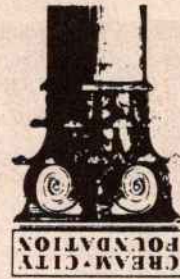
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"Out There in Hollywood" on Comedy Central Oct 11

New York, NY — Comedy Central's queer comedy special, *Out There in Hollywood*, hosted by *Kids in the Hall* star Scott Thompson, debuts Wednesday, October 11, National Coming Out Day, at 9pm CST.

Hot on the heels of the successful *Out There*, hosted by Lea DeLaria and *Out There II*, hosted by Amanda Bearse, *Out There in Hollywood* features performances by some of today's hottest Gay comics, among them Jackie Beat, Robin Greenspan, Lea DeLaria, Shelly Mars, Sabrina Matthews, Rob Nash and Jason Stuart. The program is a mix of stand-up comedy and comedy sketches, with a special appearance by Margaret Cho.

Out There in Hollywood viewers who have questions about coming out will be able to call a toll-free number displayed at the end of the show. The line will be operated by staffers of the National Coming Out Day Project in Washington, DC. The special will repeat Friday, October 13 at 1am, Saturday, October 14 at 7pm, Sunday, October 15 at 6pm and Thursday, October 19 at 8pm.

"The Heidi Chronicles" Airs on TNT October 15

Atlanta, GA — *The Heidi Chronicles*, Wendy Wasserstein's award-winning play about one woman's quest for fulfill-



Some people gathered for the video premiere of *A Circle of Friends Should Never End* at ReneZ CoZ Corner II Sept. 14. Photo by Jamie.

ment against overwhelming odds, debuts as an original TV movie on TNT October 15 at 7pm CST.

Jamie Lee Curtis stars as Heidi Holland, a member of the baby-boom era who discovers the uncertainties and possibilities of her generation. The openly Gay actor Tom Hulce stars as her lifelong Gay friend Peter, with Kim Catrall as Heidi's best friend Susan. Peter Friedman recreates his Broadway role as Heidi's off-and-on lover, Scoop.

The Heidi Chronicles won every major theatrical award upon its 1988 debut, including a Tony Award as Best Play and

the Pulitzer Prize. Through a 30-year window in the life of Heidi Holland, Wasserstein presents a compelling look at how and why women have struggled for success in a male-dominated society. Unique in its offbeat yet sophisticated humor, *The Heidi Chronicles* exposes the most critical issues of the past few decades and provides a forum for Wasserstein's sharp insights.

The Heidi Chronicles will have encore performances throughout the month of October. Watch your local TV listings for times and dates.

Tuesday Nights "Totally Queer" on Milw Channel 47

Milwaukee — Tired of watching the networks' new Fall TV shows and not seeing your life reflected in what you find? Then tune into Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 47 on Tuesday evenings for the city's first all-queer prime time line-up.

Each week, there are three and a half hours of commercial-free programming made by, for and about members of the LesBiGay community. The evening, dubbed *GayBC*, is a collection of live and re-broadcast programs ranging from informational and talk formats to an original queer drama filmed in Milwaukee.

The line-up is as follows:

6:30pm: A taped replay of *BESTD Clinic Live!* includes lively interviews and discussions regarding health issues relevant to the Gay and Lesbian community. *BESTD Clinic Live!* airs live each Thursday at 7pm.



Tom Hulce & Jamie Lee Curtis star in *The Heidi Chronicles* on TNT in October. Photo by Erik Heinila.

7pm: Serving as the live anchor for the evening, the always irreverent *The Queer Program* presents the latest in queer news, views, comedy and video clips. Live calls from viewers are always a part of the show, which repeats Thursdays at 4pm and Saturdays at 11am.

8pm: Exploring Christianity from a Gay and Lesbian perspective is the focus of *Gay By God's Will*, an hourlong program sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Church. This is taped replay because the live show airs on Thursdays at 5pm.

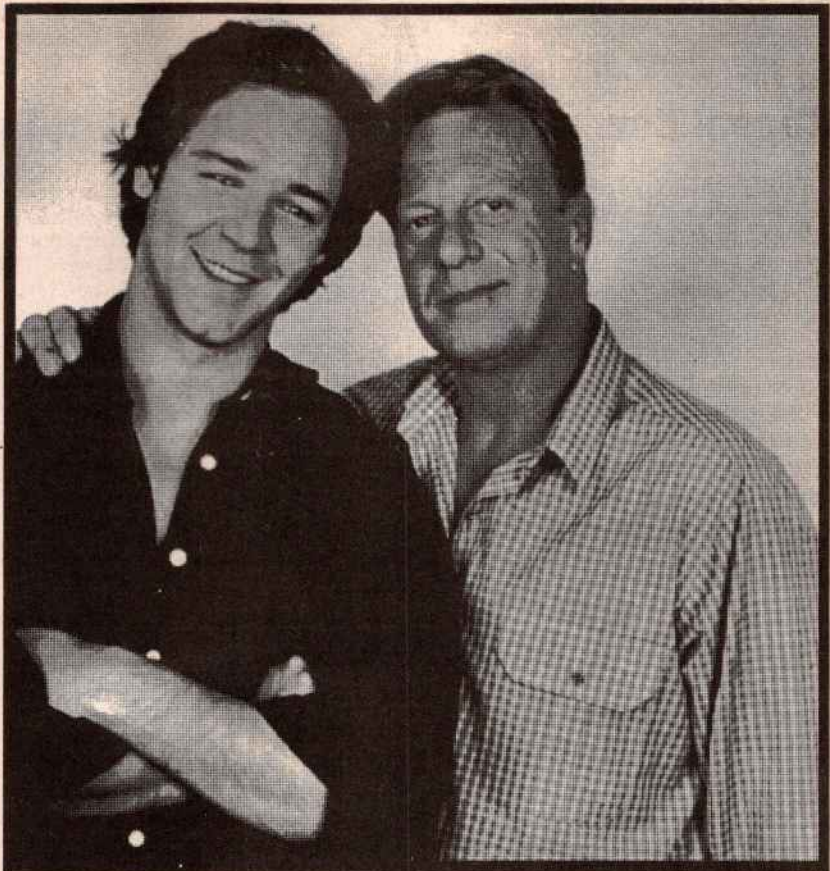
9pm: Wrapping up the GayBC evening is an hour of queer entertainment, *True to Desire*, produced by the Brandon Entertainment Group. (see above) On the first Tuesday of each month, a new episode will air, the second Tuesday it will repeat, while the remaining Tuesdays at 9pm will be filled with *Pride Around the Year*, a collection of entertainment and interview clips from PrideFest and other community events.

For more information on GayBC Tuesdays, call (414) 964-1451.

"The Sum of Us," "Go Fish" Out on Video Soon

Los Angeles, CA — Two Gay and Lesbian-themed films, *The Sum of Us* and *Go Fish* will be out soon on home video. They will be released by Hallmark Home Entertainment.

The Sum of Us, which had limited theatrical release, is about the relationship between a supportive father and his Gay son in Australia. The comedy/drama about family ties and relationships stars Russell Crowe as the son, Jack Thompson as the father.



Russell Crowe and Jack Thompson star as father and son in the Gay-themed film The Sum of Us, soon out on video. Photo by Australian Film Finance Corp.

Go Fish is the low-budget but inventive dating comedy made by a group of Lesbians in Chicago. It stars Guinevere Turner and V. S. Brodie in a story written and produced by Turner and her ex-part-

ner Rose Troche. *Go Fish* is about dating rituals and friendships among a group of close-knit working class Lesbians.

The Sum of Us will be available in mid-October, *Go Fish* in early November. Ask for them at your local video store.



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By Sister Dana Van Iquity

National Coming Out Day: Now Come Out, Dammit!

Finally, October is upon us! The marvelous month when we get to revel in our Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans double-barreled holiday!

As any queer-in-a-costume knows, this is our annual national religious festival — Halloween (or Hallow Queen, as we Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence affectionately call it); that once-a-year event permitting even the butchest of boys to don a dress and the femmiest of Lesbians to sport a motorcycle jacket, and allowing every other oddity to occur!

But it is also National Coming Out Day (NCOD), October 11, when zillions of Gaymericans will participate in NCOD's eighth anniversary. Celebrating the historic March on Washington and the inaugural visit of the NAMES Project Quilt to Capitol Hill on October 11, 1987, it is a time, in the words of NCOD spokespersons, of "taking your next step out of the closet" in a spirit of national Gay Pride.

Last year's NCOD spokesperson, Amanda Bearse (Marcy Darcy of *Married...With Children* fame), is an openly Lesbian mother who boldly said: "I'm not a straight person but I play one on TV. Acting belongs on television, not in real life. That's why I stopped acting and came out. It feels great to be open and honest." Which is a cue to all us queers and queers-in-training.

NCOD promises endorsements from celebrities from the religious, business

and political arenas across the nation. But what we really need is for every closeted celeb and politico to come roaring out of their closets at once. **Queer Power!**

A CASE IN POINT

Because it is just that creepy closet behavior that keeps us from our civil rights. For instance, the 1986 *Bowers v. Hardwick* Supreme Court case, where the Georgia sodomy law was upheld, happened because Justice Lewis Powell had voted at one time towards striking the law but later changed his mind and allegedly said that he had never known a Gay person in his life. Ironically, his own law clerk was Gay but not out.

(Come to think of it, have you ever noticed that judges, in their tasteful basic black robes are just one strand of pearls short of being flawless, cocktail-party drag queens?)

Nevertheless, if only that queer clerk had had an open and frank dialogue with the judge, perhaps we wouldn't have those stupid sodomy laws in America today. So, another way of commemorating NCOD is to celebrate sodomy with another practicing queer — practice makes perfect! — emphasizing the all-important second word in National Coming Out Day.

NCOD Project Director Wes Combs said: "By coming out in the workplace, Gays and Lesbians can have the important dialogue with others that can start turning ignorance into acceptance."

Now you can be as bold as I, chatting by the water cooler and describing in intimate details your date with Mr. Right (or Mr. Right Now, to be truthful) or take the more subtle approach, wearing your tasteful little pink triangle pin on your lapel. Personally, I prefer the more in-your-face style, wearing a huge "Fuck Your Gender" button.

You might consider removing the xeroxed opposite-sex photo that came with the picture frame you bought, and inserting a picture of your same-sex lover or favorite homo porn star on your desk, proudly proclaiming your proclivities.

COMBATting HOMO JOKES

And when your co-workers tell those stupid, undermining homo jokes, interrupt them with: "Oh say, did you hear the one about the insensitive, bigoted prejudiced breeder who — No, I guess you didn't. But you wouldn't get it anyway, it's a Gay thing..." Snap. snap.

On the other end of the spectrum, for some people, their personal step may be proudly admitting for the first time, perhaps only quietly to themselves, that they are Gay. "And that's a good thing," in the words of Martha Stewart.

NCOD officials emphasize that homosexuality is not just a sexual issue but a political one as well (giving new meaning to the phrase "politics makes strange bedfellows"), requiring active visibility.

Personally, I am all for visibility, as anyone can attest when they see me prancing around town dressed in nun's habit and white-face make-up with industrial strength fake eyelashes.

If you're already out to the relatives and neighbors, you can take your next step and write your Congresspersons demanding Gay civil rights. Why not ask your practical jokester cousins and acquaintances, your jovial kith and kin, to go to the home of a homophobic politician in the dark of night (Jesse Helms and Newt Gingrich come to mind), drop a big paper sack of doggy doodoo on his porch, light the bag, ring the doorbell and run?

Another method is known as the Faberge Shampoo Syndrome: tell two people that you're Gay and they'll tell two people, and so on and so on and so on...

Well, I do believe I've lectured quite long enough on NCOD. **Now Come Out, Darlings!**

Last issue on page 33, a photo of the H.I.T. Fundraiser was misidentified as an SSSL event. Our apologies to both groups.

Coming Out - Coming Together

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A celebration of National Coming Out Day, with personal stories of faith journeys and music by a group from Womonsong, October 8th, 7:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Madison, 518 N. Franklin Ave., (near the 2800 block of University Avenue).

ZODIASCOPE

Special National Coming Out Month Astrological Profile

By C. Lichtenstein

October is National Coming Out Month, and what better way to celebrate this liberation than to open up, explore and expose all the closets in our Horoscope. This October, as a public service, I offer a special astrological outing.

Astrology charts have three closets; the first is ancestral stuff (garbage that family foists upon us: conform or else!). The next contains the deep psychological and sexual challenges we face in merging with others. The third is more intuitive and spiritual. It's where we allow our own undoing through the prisons we create for ourselves. Ready to break out? Read ahead to see what's behind each closet door that needs airing out.



ARIES

All your closets are ruled by water signs which means that you're more emotionally involved with those areas of your life than most folks. You have more attachments to family, home, deep sexual commitments and spirituality than you would care to admit in a public forum. (Don't worry, your secret is safe with me!) Gather all kindred souls and create something for yourself that was denied to you by Mom and Dad.



TAURUS

Accept me for who I am or tough luck! Gay Bulls who seem so emotionally committed to others can turn off the spigot and go their own way if their needs are not supported. You probably never faced inner conflicts of who you are and how people would accept you. Instead, the fire in your closet houses enables you to seek the company of those who would accept you for who you are, hooves and all.



GEMINI

You probably had the most difficult time of coming out sexually. Part of the problem is endemic to Geminis in general who are unable or unwilling to choose or settle down with one special person. However, in the case of Gay Twins, chalk up the extra angst to dour Capricorn sitting in your sexual closet. You can run, but you can't hide. So why not do yourself a favor this October and talk to someone who can help?



CANCER

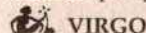
Pink Crabs seem emotionally centered on the outside, but I would bet that all your closets are swirling with hurricanes and tornadoes. It must be all those air signs in there, stirring your neuroses and making you try desperately to seek balance, harmony, justice and logic when none may exist. Crabs don't have a backbone, but you may find one tucked away on a back shelf. Try it on for size.



LEO

Seek and ye shall find, Pink Lion. All your closets are ruled by water signs, which indicates that you should allow your emotions free rein. Family restrictions never seemed to bother you; you are able to understand the current regime rather easily. The pothole exists in your

sexual expression. Dramatic as you are, there are some things that even you won't discuss openly.



VIRGO

You may not appear to be a firebrand, but don't let naysayers and homophobes get in your way! All your closets are full of fire, and it's evident that throughout your life it's been your way or the highway. Remember that fire is not conducive to quiet contemplation. Try stepping back from the heat every so often and take stock of who you are, body and soul.



LIBRA

If you have any qualms or barriers preventing you from coming out proudly, it probably originates from family baggage. Your closets are ruled by stable earth signs which provide you with ample common sense. However, Capricorn casts a pall over your "roots," and I suspect Mums, Dad and the clan are less than pleased with your lifestyle choice. Tough. You gotta live your life.



SCORPIO

Passionate Scorps glide into their lifestyle choices more easily than other signs. This is because all your closets contain air signs which blow and cool off the hot embers of any raging temperamental fires. While you may play the sexual Gayfly (after all, frivolous Gemini sits in that closet), you know how to handle family issues and are spiritually in harmony, thanks to diplomatic Libra.



SAGITTARIUS

What do you get when you combine a big mouth like Sag with closets filled with emotional water signs? A lot of wailing or yelling perhaps, or maybe a sarcastic spot-on appraisal of where others are full of garbage. Your venture out won't be quiet and dignified, but it will sure entertain audiences. Out loud and proud is always the best way, I think. Others will have to adjust.



CAPRICORN

Serious, conventional Capricorn is anything but where your closets are concerned. This is because they are filled with rambunctious fire signs. You are regal and dramatic sexually, but probably need a lot of confirmation from lovers. Be aware that

these ramrod fire signs will not take no for an answer when family dictates get in the way of your inner needs.



AQUARIUS

The only closet that appears to creak is the one containing secrets, personal undoing and spiritual fallowness. Ever hear of the old saying that you are your worst enemy? It's possible that all the junk that you stuff away and hide is beginning to fester and smell. Open up and toss it out! Happily, other closeted potholes in your chart are less problematic.



PISCES

Spiritual Pisces may feel at odds with the barriers in their closets, but thank goodness all those air signs blow a clean breeze through every so often. The worst I see is fragmented words and related stress, but like everything else, this too shall pass and you will have the added satisfaction that you are living your life openly, freely and unafraid.

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Roberts Rules

By Shelly Roberts

WHAT'RE WE, NUTS?!

There's a fifth-page brouhaha in the mainstream media that Senator Robert J ("call me Bob") Dole recently, shockingly, returned a one-thousand dollar campaign contribution from the Log Cabin Republicans. Everybody, it seems, is throwing a fit about the Senator's mixed motives in this pre-election campaign year.

According to Nelson Warfield, Dole's representative, the money was accepted in the first place because of "a financial screw-up" (obviously a technical term). It was being returned because the purposes and policies of the senator "run directly in opposition to the views of this group." In light of this wide disagreement, the senator's men felt, "it is most appropriate to return their contribution."

Now for those of you who don't know who the Log Cabin Republicans are, they are, at least in this climate of Diversity Is Unity, *us*.

That's right, *Gay* Republicans. A group that has single-handedly managed to make me believe that a Lesbian with a pierced tongue is not the only oxymoron in the Rainbow community.

Robert J is, just in case any of the Log Cabin Republicans had missed this, a *politician*. Not just any garden variety politician, but a mean-spirited, front-running politician in the finest American, Richard

("Would you buy a used country from this man?") Nixon tradition. He has a wizened arm, a disability he manages to keep out of camera range better than anybody since FDR, that also seems to have shrunk some part of his soul and made him just a bit bitter for my tastes. He is not our *worst* enemy. But as a moderate-rapidly-turning-conservative- as-the-winds-blow, presidential-wannabee, he's clearly in the running. And running very fast to catch up with the straw polls that have Phil Gramm, the Senator who is giving Texas a bad name, close on his heels.

Dole is now seeking, and apparently accepting, the advice of an entire cadre of politics-as-a-practicing-religion holy rollers such as the Pat(s) - Robertson and Buchanan - Jerry Fallwell, the wrong Reverend James Kennedy, and the boy-faced demon, Ralph Reed. (Named here because I believe you should "know thine enemies.")

And I say, "What is the question here?" The guy is a *politician running for President*. Why on earth would you expect him to be ethical? Why wouldn't you expect him one week to say, "I don't know whether homosexuality is involuntary or choice. But either way they have, obviously, civil rights. No discrimination. This is America." And then, two weeks later, after a bad day in Conservativeville, to say something quite different. "No doubt about it, I oppose the special-interest Gay agenda that runs from Gays in the military and reaches as far as to suggest special status for sexual orientation under federal civil rights statutes."

Why on earth would you not be surprised to receive a contribution solicitation letter from the Dole finance director that read in part, "I am attaching a list of upcoming Dole for President fund-raising events. Senator Dole and I would appreciate any assistance you could give us in turning out your members at each event." (Source: *NY Times* 8/27/95)

And why would you be surprised when, after cashing the check, the current beginning to flow upriver, that they would send back the money? As soon as they found out the contribution was about to become politically incorrect public knowledge? That the mainstream electorate was about to find out that Dole had taken money from *queers*, albeit *Republican* queers.

THE GUY IS A POLITICIAN!

Hellooooo?! What's the mystery here? Put a sunbonnet on a python, and all you have is a snake in a cute hat.

This isn't the only amazing story to come from the Republican side of the triangle. Any of you remember Pete Wilson? (You Californians can put your hands down, or use them to cradle your foreheads, you're disqualified, unfortunately.) Petey is the guy who promised us the moon, the stars, and a little equality if he we would help him get elected Governor of the West. And having pulled off that little sting, did a Judas Iscariot ("Gay rights? I don't gotta show you no steeeeenkin' Gay rights!") when he became Prexy bait. So, besides giving a grand to the doleful Robert J, naturally this extraordinarily unenlightened legation, doubled the pot. The Log Cabinists chipped in *two* thousand dollars to Pete (the turncoat) Wilson. Two grand! Brilliant. What a grand gesture! With enemies like that, who needs friends?

Did the Log Cabin Republicans flunk Politics 101?

In a totally unrelated, but recently coincidentally appearing story, Rex Wockner, rainbow news archivist extraordinaire, reported in November of 1989, that, according to the United States Department of Agriculture, *eight percent of the male sheep at the Sheep Experimental Station in Dubois, Idaho are Gay*. "They are responding physically to how they are," explained Anne Perkins, a doctoral student at the station who is completing her dissertation on "Reproductive Behavior In Rams."

Hmmmmmm.

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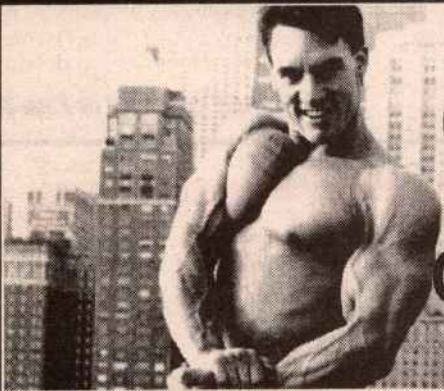
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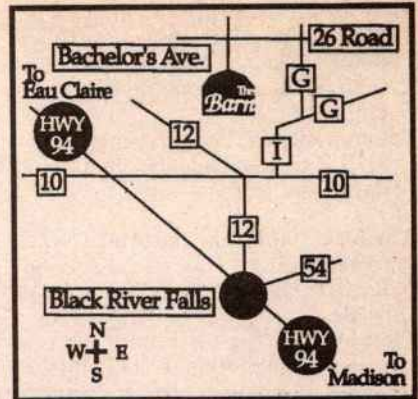
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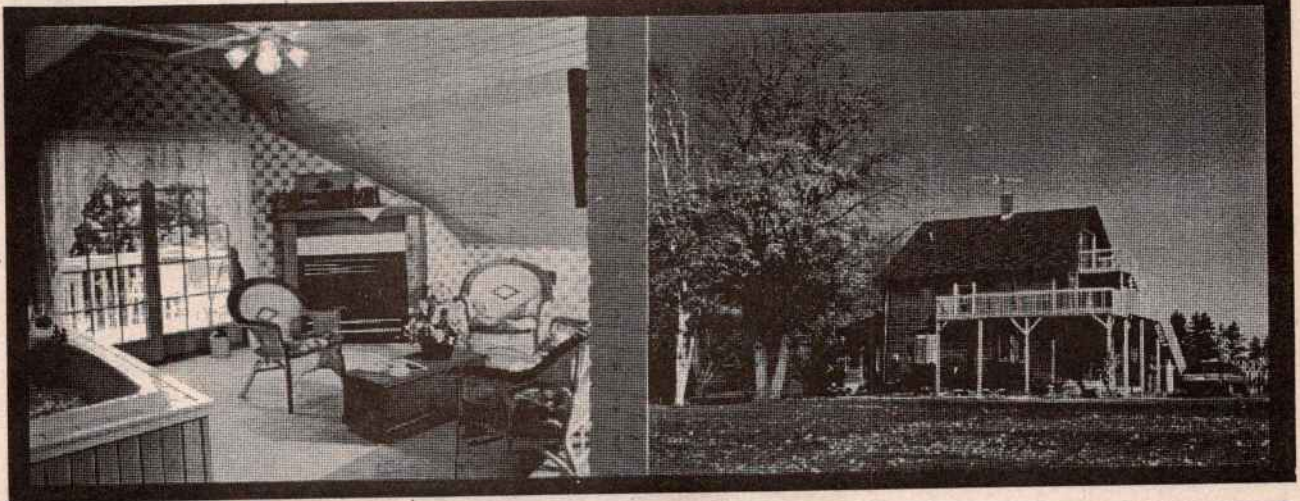
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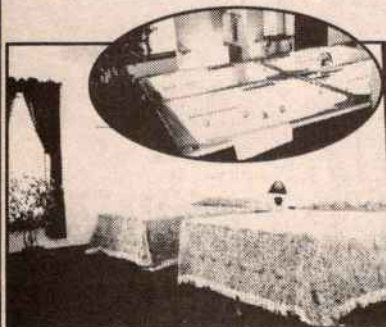
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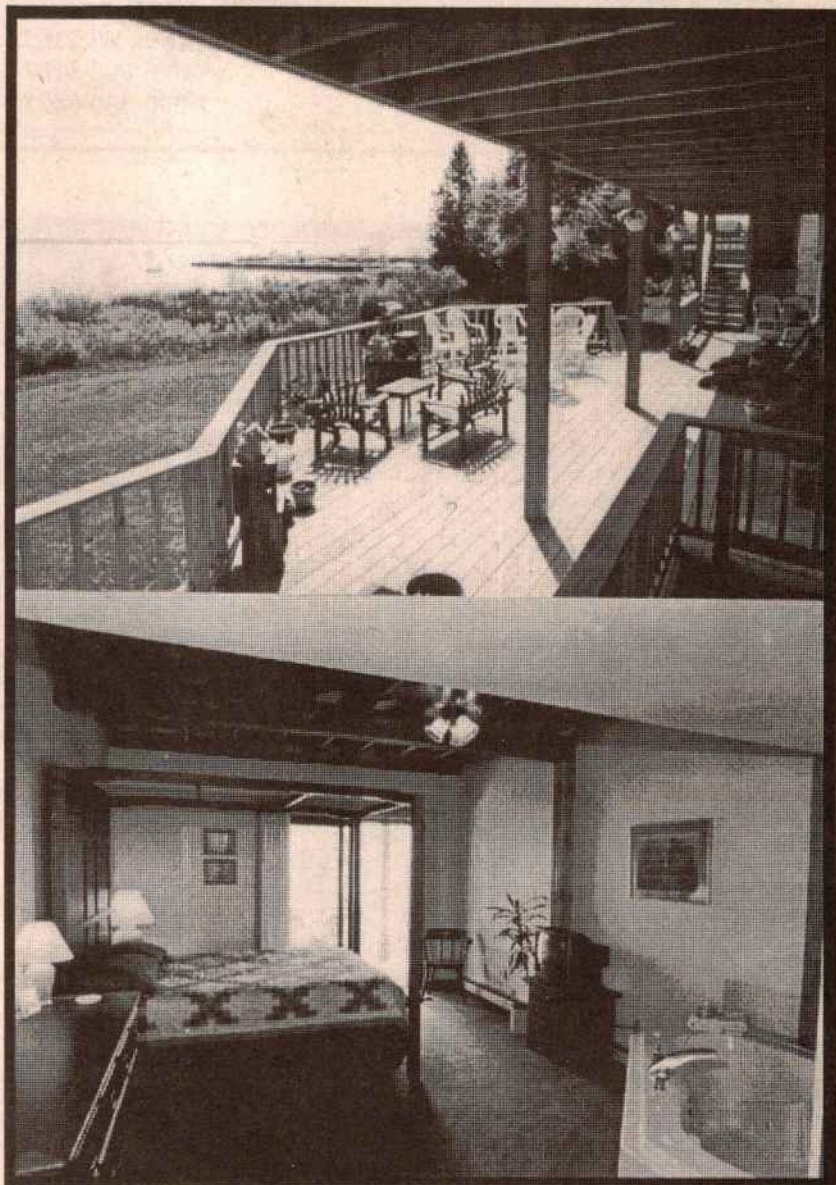
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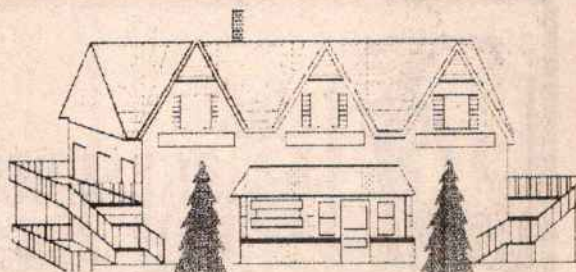
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By WW Wells

The Gay Dictionary

An all-new, exciting, A to (almost) Z collection of words, phrases and definitions which Gays and Lesbians from across the globe have been clamoring for. So, prepare for vocabulary pandemonium, as I present more from Webster's New Oxford Collegiate 100% Queer Dictionary!

Aftershock

The shaky feeling you get after having sex with a person you've just met. An aftershock usually occurs when you realize a guy who looked like a romance novel cover boy in dim bar light reminds you of one of the *Red Hot Chili Peppers* in the morning.

Anticipation

A joyous, childlike feeling you get prior to going out to the bars that foolishly makes you think you might actually meet an attractive, articulate and available man who will recognize what a wonderful, attractive person you are (see "Letdown").

Download

Another word for orgasm. Most often experienced by computer users after viewing X-rated GIFs on their computer.

Entrepreneur

A popular occupation claimed in Gay bars, usually synonymous with the terms, "unemployed" or "full of shit."

Gay Youth

What a homosexual man of 70 considers any Gay person under 40 who still has most of his hair.

Health Club Slut

A man whose biceps are bigger than his brain.

Hello

A common greeting used by Gay men when greeting other attractive Gay men. Used in conjunction with a quick visual evaluation of the other man's crotch or butt.

Interior Decorating

The activity those in long-term relationships engage in instead of sex.

Leftovers

Unattached men desperately loitering around Gay clubs at closing time are considered to be *leftovers*.

Letdown

A feeling of depression you have after coming home alone from the bars. Usually experienced in conjunction with a two-pound bag of Peanut M&Ms while pondering your pitiful love life and listening to a New Age rendition of Eartha Kitt songs you just ordered from the Home Shopping Club.

Meditation

A moment of silence observed by spiritually-centered lovers prior to having sex.

Mouth-Assisted Orgasm

The politically-correct term for oral sex.

Pulp Fiction

Unfounded rumors about local Gay and Lesbian publications spread around

town by people who really don't know what's going on.

One

1. A popular fragrance by Calvin Klein which is distilled from the crotches of pubescent teenagers. 2. A noun used by one Gay person to describe another person he suspects of being Gay, "Oh, he's one."

Verbal Abuse

Used to describe the type of conversation carried on by drunken, bitchy drag queens after losing an important pageant preliminary event. Such conversations can usually best be described as being caught in a discussion between *The Wicked Witch of the West*, *Mommie Dearest* and *What Ever Happened to Baby Jane?*

Retreat

During a disastrous first date, it's a quick exit to the restroom to ponder the prospect of moving to another country or at least changing your phone number.

Slut

A word used by Gay men to describe an attractive hunk they can't have.

Talking Personals

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Steppin' Out

By Jamie

Well let's see, what's been happening these past couple of weeks? No, there I haven't been on any good dates. However, the new season of *Melrose Place* has started. If you missed the first couple of episodes, here's the scoop. That lunatic Kimberly blew up half of the Melrose apartments, leaving Allison (probably temporarily) blind. Allison hasn't admitted it yet, but has her sights (no pun intended) on Billy. Billy found out that his new wife isn't telling him everything. Jake and his brother had a fight that left his brother dead. Matt has been charged with murder and, for the moment, Amanda is being a bit nicer to people. It will be interesting to see why Peter has taken such an interest in Kimberly. Could it be to keep Michael in check?? I guess we will have to wait and see. You won't have to wonder where I'm at Mondays at 7pm.

The Oberons converged on the Wreck Room September 9th, for games and raffles.

On September 12, Club 219+ held their annual *Miss Club 219 Contest* with six contestants competing for the title. Lady Miranda captured the crown, and won \$50 in cash, and her entry fee to the Mr/Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant coming up on Sunday, November 5.

Thursday the 14th, ReneZ CoZ Corner II had the unveiling of HIV Prevention Planning Council Video, *A Circle Of Friends Should Never End*. I saw the video and trust me, it made you think. Everyone that was a part of it (and was

there) gathered on stage for a group photo. See this issue.

That same night, out in Madison, the New Bar brought in The Men of Chicago dance troupe to show Madison a little Windy City skin.

Fannie's hosted a *Fall Fantasy Leather Show* on the 15th with music, entertainment, a fantasy leather market and a slave auction. Bob of Designing Men sure has been working hard to get things happening in that area and it seems to be coming together.

Saturday, September 16th was the *Annual Miss 3B's contest*. Out of 6 contestants, a lot of work, and a twitch of the nose, Brittany Morgan gave up the crown to Tabitha Stevens.

Picture it; September 17, 1995. Milwaukee Summerfest Grounds, 10,028 people and perfect weather for walking. That set the stage for AIDS Walk '95.

The day started early. I got up at 8am to be at the Italian Community Center at 9am for the AIDS Walk Breakfast. After the Secret Service checked out all the camera equipment, photographers were led into the banquet room before the rest of the crowd. We all sat at the same table. Tipper Gore was the keynote speaker with an encouraging speech entitled "AIDS in America: Embracing the Challenge."

After breakfast, it was time to head down to the Summerfest Grounds. Pre-walk activities included aerobic warm up, massages, face painting, quilt mak-

ing and of course, music. After the opening ceremonies, the AIDS Walk got started. I decided a couple of years ago that in order for me to get good pictures, I would have to drive the route. I am sure some of you saw me at least six times before you finished the walk, but yes, I did get some great pictures.

After the Walk there was more music, more fun and the announcement that this year's walk, raised over \$783,000.

Here are a few interesting facts about the Walk: the 10K (6.2 miles) walk took most people about 3 hours to complete; there were 6 rest stops along the way with food, water and music; between 400-500 volunteers helped the day of the walk; the AIDS Walk to date has raised over 2 million dollars, add to that the money raised this year. Major sponsors of the event are Today's TMJ 4, Miller Brewing Company, United Airlines, Aurora Health Care and the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel. Many thanks to all who participated. It was a great turnout!

As I am finishing this column, it is cold and windy outside. I for one am not finished enjoying the Summer yet. I am still counting on at least 3-4 more weeks of mid-to upper 70s before we have to batten down the hatches for winter.

Until next time, stay out of trouble and remember: slower traffic keep right.



Look at all that Leather! Sharon Dixon, Bob Mazzacone, Leslie Quartullo (Ms. WI Leather) and Charlie (Mr. WI Leather) on stage at the Fall Fantasy Leather Show Sept. 15. Photo by Jamie.



The elegant and talented Lady Miranda, newly crowned as Miss Club 219. Photo by Belle Pepper.

Calendar

Wednesday, September 27

Cream City Chorus (Milw): Special meeting to elect new President. 1st Unitarian Society, 1342 North Astor, 8:30pm.

Thursday, September 28

Positive Voice (GrBay): G/L Guide to Northeastern Wisconsin Dinner Meeting. 6:15pm, Bay Family Restaurant-East. Business meeting follows at 6:45pm. Everyone welcome.

Rod's/New Bar (Mad): The Men of Chicago, stripping down for you again at 10:30pm.

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guests: Julilly Kohler and Ellen Callahan. Brady Street that Great Street: the old can be new!

St. Camillus (Milw): Thursday Lecture/Discussion Series - HIV & Mental Health: an Overview, 7-9pm. FMI (414) 481-3696.

Friday, September 29

Creating Change Auction (Milw): Proceeds benefit LAMM-EF and CCF. At the Italian Community Center, 7pm. Bidding closes at 9pm. FMI or to donate call (414) 264-2600.

St. Camillus (Milw): Embracing the Mystery: AIDS & the Spiritual Life retreat, offered through Oct. 1 and will be repeated in Dec. FMI (414) 481-3696.

A complete list of National Coming Out Day events in Milwaukee and Madison can be found in the News Section on page 7.

Gloria Steinem (Milw): Feminist author speaks at Centennial Hall, 5:30pm signing of her book *Outrageous Acts & Everyday Revellions*. 7pm presentation.

Just Us (Milw): Weekend Extravaganza celebrating 1st Anniversary. Thru Sunday, October 1.

Shoreline Dancers (Milw): Dance instruction 9pm at 3B's. Tonight: Cowboy Rhythm.

Saturday, September 30

Argonauts Club Nite (GrBay): 8pm at Java's, 1106 Main Street, Green Bay. Silent auction, raffle and refreshments.

Madison Wrestling Club (Mad): Practice/Instruction. No experience necessary, 8pm. FMI (608) 244-8675.

SAGE/Dane (Mad): Video: View of Outrage '69. At Madison Senior Center, 330 Mifflin, 1-3pm. FMI (608) 257-9751 (George).

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milw): Judii Lowe makes a live appearance. 8pm. No Cover.

HRL (Milw): Reception and celebration kicking off National Coming Out Week. 1-4pm, Milwaukee Art Museum, east entrance. Presented by HRL & P-FLAG.

Survival Revival (Milw): Street Beat Resale Fashion Show, benefits MAP. 246 East Chicago. \$5. FMI Call (414) 291-2856.

Progressive Milwaukee (Milw): Dinner & Awards Celebration, Palomas, 611 West National Avenue, 6pm Reception, 6:30pm dinner, 7:30pm awards. For tickets & more information call (414) 332-7972.

Rummage/Bake Sale (New Berlin): At St. David's Episcopal Church, 19327 West Hillcrest Drive. Sale proceeds are for Rev. Jason Samuel to aid him with his recent indebtedness incurred during his long legal battle. FMI (414) 282-6574.



Tipper Gore at AIDS Walk Wisconsin. Photo by Jamie.

Sunday, October 1

Awards Party (Milw): For participants of the Footsteps of the Future AIDS Walk competition. 3-6pm at the Comedy Cafe, 618 East Brady Street.

Cream City Chorus (Milw): Chorus joins Interweave, a facet of the First Unitarian Society at 1342 North Astor to accompany Sunday service at 10am.

Rummage/Bake Sale (New Berlin): At St. David's Episcopal Church, 19327 West Hillcrest Drive. Sale proceeds are for Rev. Jason Samuel. FMI (414) 282-6574.

Monday, October 2

Positive Voice (GrBay): Board of Director's meeting, 6:30pm, 1103 S. Roosevelt, Green Bay.



Panoramic View of AIDS Walk Wisconsin, September 15. Photos by Jamie.

Tuesday, October 3

The Queer Program (Milw): 7-8pm on Cable Channel 47. Replays Thurs (4pm) and Sats (11am). Members of HRL talk about upcoming events for Nat'l Coming Out Day.

Wednesday, October 4

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

Thursday, October 5

Rod's/New Bar (Mad): Theme Party.

St. Camillus (Milw): Thursday Lecture/Discussion Series: Spirituality & HIV, 7-9pm. FMI (414) 481-3696.

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guest: Richard Peterson, SOS: a response to a call for help!

Friday, October 6

UWM 0: Dr. Jeffrey Merrick, UWM associate professor of history discusses issues of researching the history of homosexuality. Room 281, East wing, Golda Meir Library, 12-1pm. FMI (414) 229-4345.

UWM 0: thru Nov. 3. Exhibit of rare and special research materials for the academic study of homosexuality (including In Step) on view in the Special Collections Reading Room, 4th Floor, Golda Meir Library.



Bill and friends celebrating his 21st Birthday (again) at the Triangle. Who is that guy on the far left? And if that's who I think it is, who took this picture? Photo by: Your guess is as good as mine.

Drawing Upon Our Experiences (Mad): UW-Madison Nat'l Coming Out Week Art Exhibit, 7th Floor Humanities Gallery, 455 North Park Street, Madison.

Shoreline Dancers (Milw): Dance instruction 9pm at 3B's. Tonight: Saloon Scoot.

Saturday, October 7

Spotlight on WI (Beloit): 3rd Annual Event features performances by Miss America finalists to benefit 5 AIDS service organizations.

A Different World Books (Bel): 414 East Grand Avenue, 11am. Yvonne Zipter makes an author appearance and reads from her new book Ransacking the Closet.

Club 94 (Ken): Annual Benefit Auction & Show. Showtime 11pm. Guest appearance by the Club 94 Follies Girls.

M&M (Milw): Singsational at 9pm.

Wreck Room (Milw): Castaways MC hosting guest Club Night with the M.A.F.I.A. 10pm-1:30am.

Sunday, October 8

Integrity/Dignity (Mad): Solidarity Sunday. Annual Coming Out, Coming Together interfaith service. FMI Call (608) 836-8886.

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AfterWords (Milw): 2710 North Murray, 1pm. Yvonne Zipter makes an author appearance and reads from her new book *Ransacking the Closet*.

Monday, October 9

AfterWords (Milw): 2710 North Murray, 7:30pm. Book Club discusses Andrew Sullivan's *Virtually Normal*.

Tuesday, October 10

The Queer Program (Milw): 7-8pm on Cable Channel 47. Replays Thurs (4pm) and Sats (11am). Special Coming Out Day program. Also featured: queer youth who met with Presidential liaison Marsha Scott.

ACT-UP (Milw): 7pm General meeting at MAP offices, 820 North Plankinton Avenue.

Thursday, October 12

Positive Voice (GrBay): G/L Guide to Northeastern Wisconsin Dinner Meeting. 6:15pm, Bay Family Restaurant-East. Business meeting follows at 6:45pm. Everyone welcome.

Rod's/New Bar (Mad): Strippers, strippers, strippers!

St. Camillus (Milw): Thursday Lecture/Discussion Series: Grief and Loss Over the Long Haul: Caring for Ourselves as we Care for Others, 7-9pm. FMI (414) 481-3696.

BESTD Clinic Live! (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guest: Rev. Jan Doleschal, A Celebration of Coming Out!

Community Forum (Milw): Coming Out in the Bars. Nat'l Coming Out Event Sponsored by Human Rights League for Gays & Lesbians. Dance, Dance, Dance night club, 7-9pm.

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In the standings for the B.E.S.T. Bowling League as of September 24, the Ballgame Beavers, BJ's Bombers, Just Us Wet Spots, the Damned and Gutter Girlz are all at 7 wins, no losses. The 8 Balls and a Split, Just Us Fairies and the Lezy Bowlrz have records of 5-2. Whoo Haaa's and Mary & the Big Dogs follow with 4-3 records.

Meanwhile, on October 21, the Holiday Invitational Tournament (H.I.T.) will be traveling to the Keshena, Wisconsin casino for a fun-filled day. The cost is \$35 with specials and includes transportation, casino rebates, tour escort and prizes. Deadline for tickets is October 10th. There is limited seating on the bus, so reserve a seat early. For more information, call Jeff at (414) 332-9414 or Rick at 482-1964.

Members of H.I.T. are also mourning the loss of two of their great out-of-

town bowlers: Charlie Kolisch of Cincinnati and Gene Fuchs of St. Louis. Both were big supporters of the annual tournament. Both loved coming to Milwaukee for the tournament and helped promote H.I.T. at other tournaments. They will both be missed.

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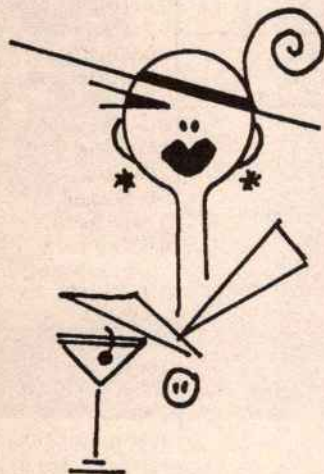
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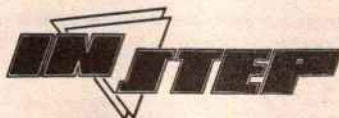
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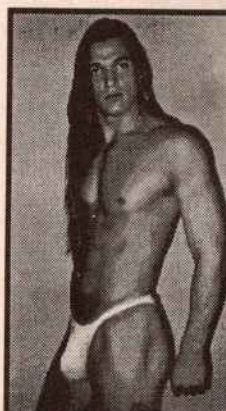
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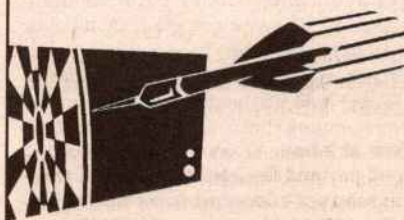
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- G/L Guide to N.E. Wisconsin
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Milwaukee **NO GAMES:** I'm a 29 y/o GBF lkg4 GWF. I'm lkg4 someone who is not about playing games, someone down to earth and a non smoker. call me. ☎ 3620

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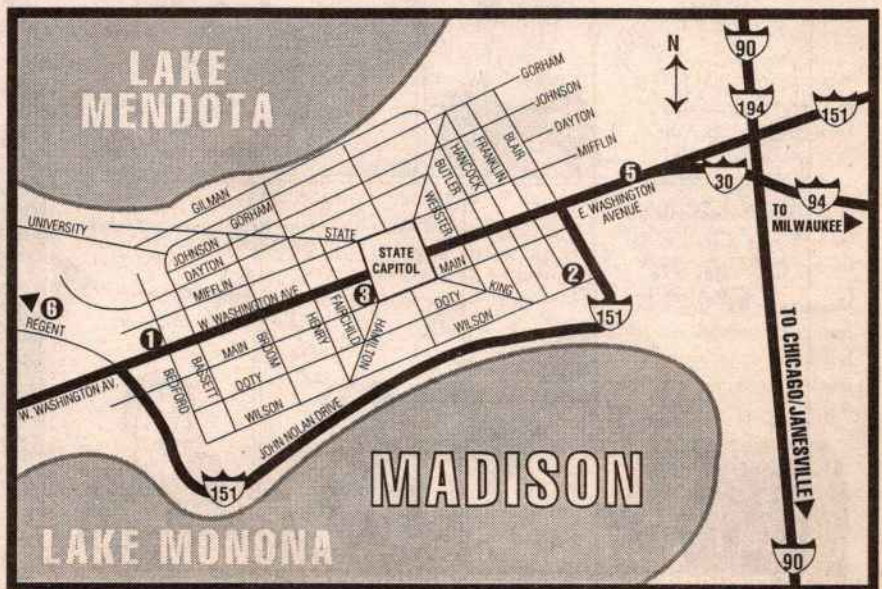
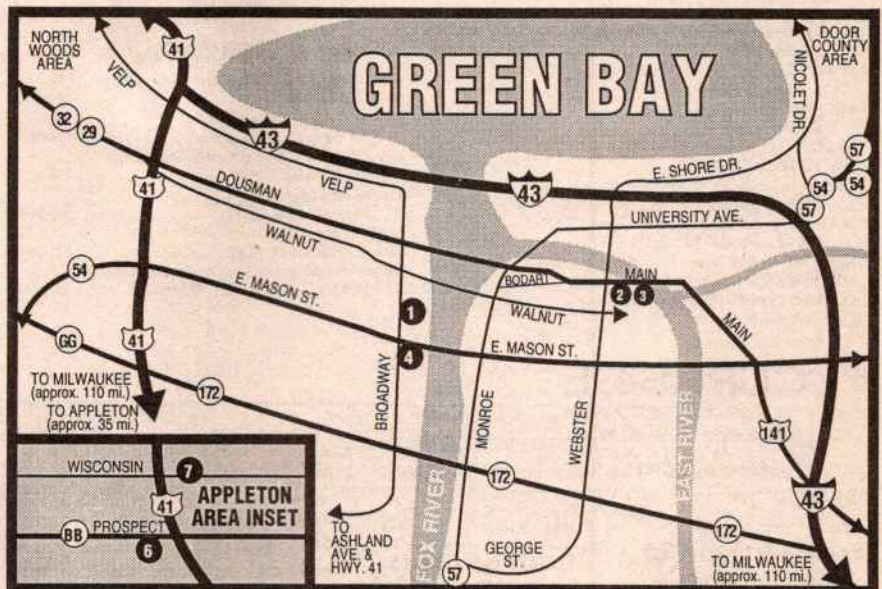
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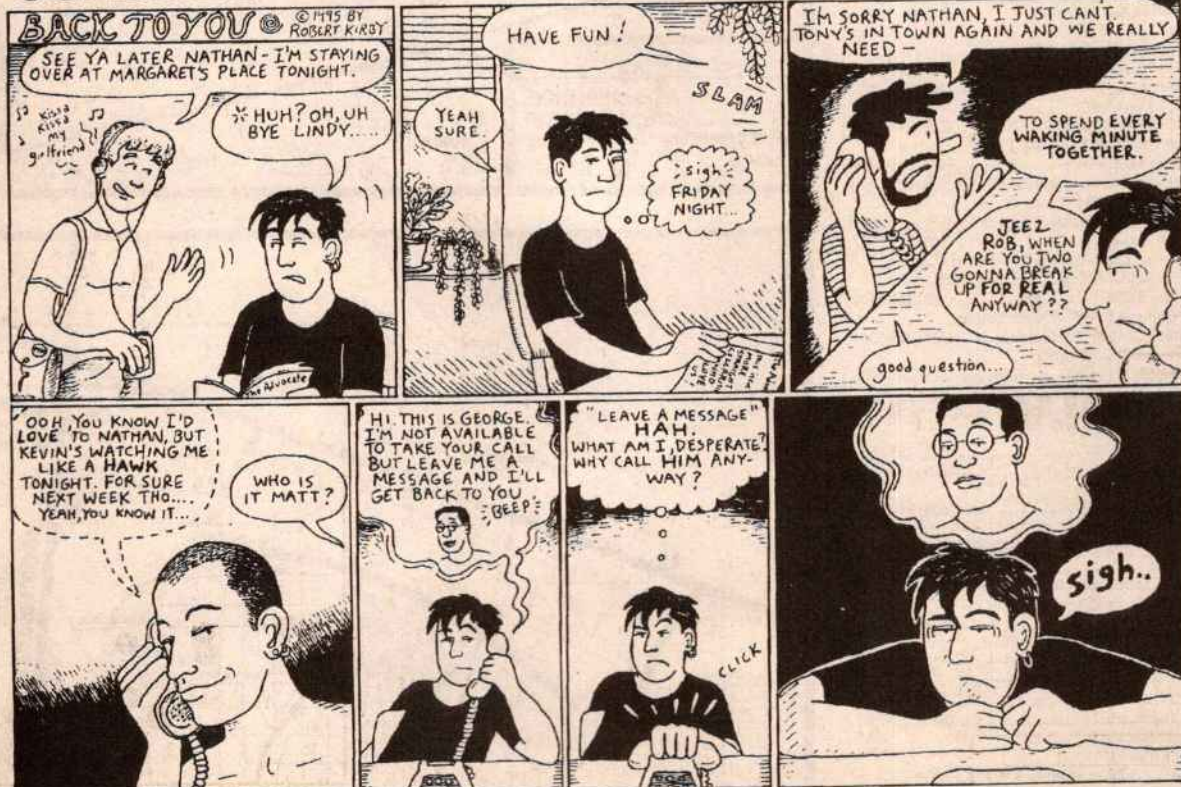
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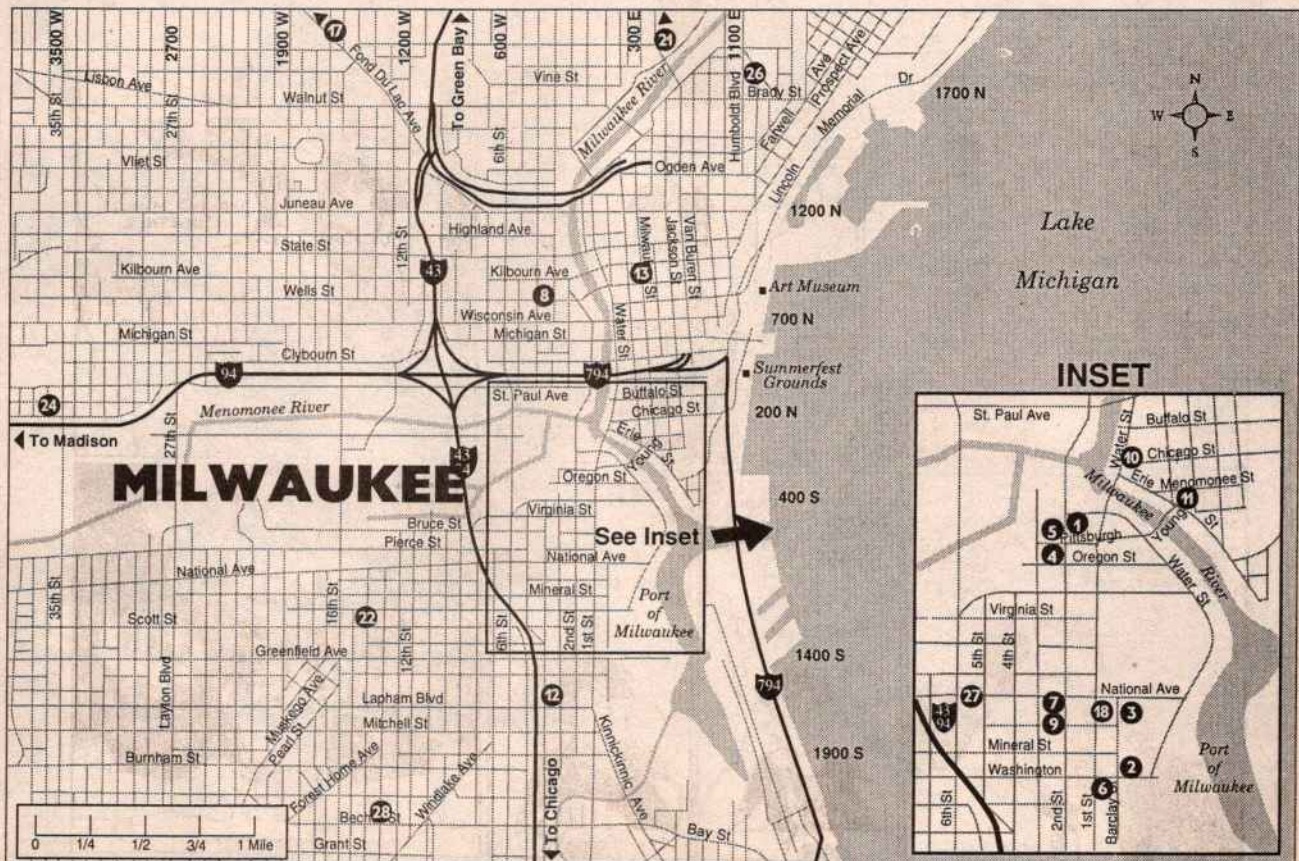
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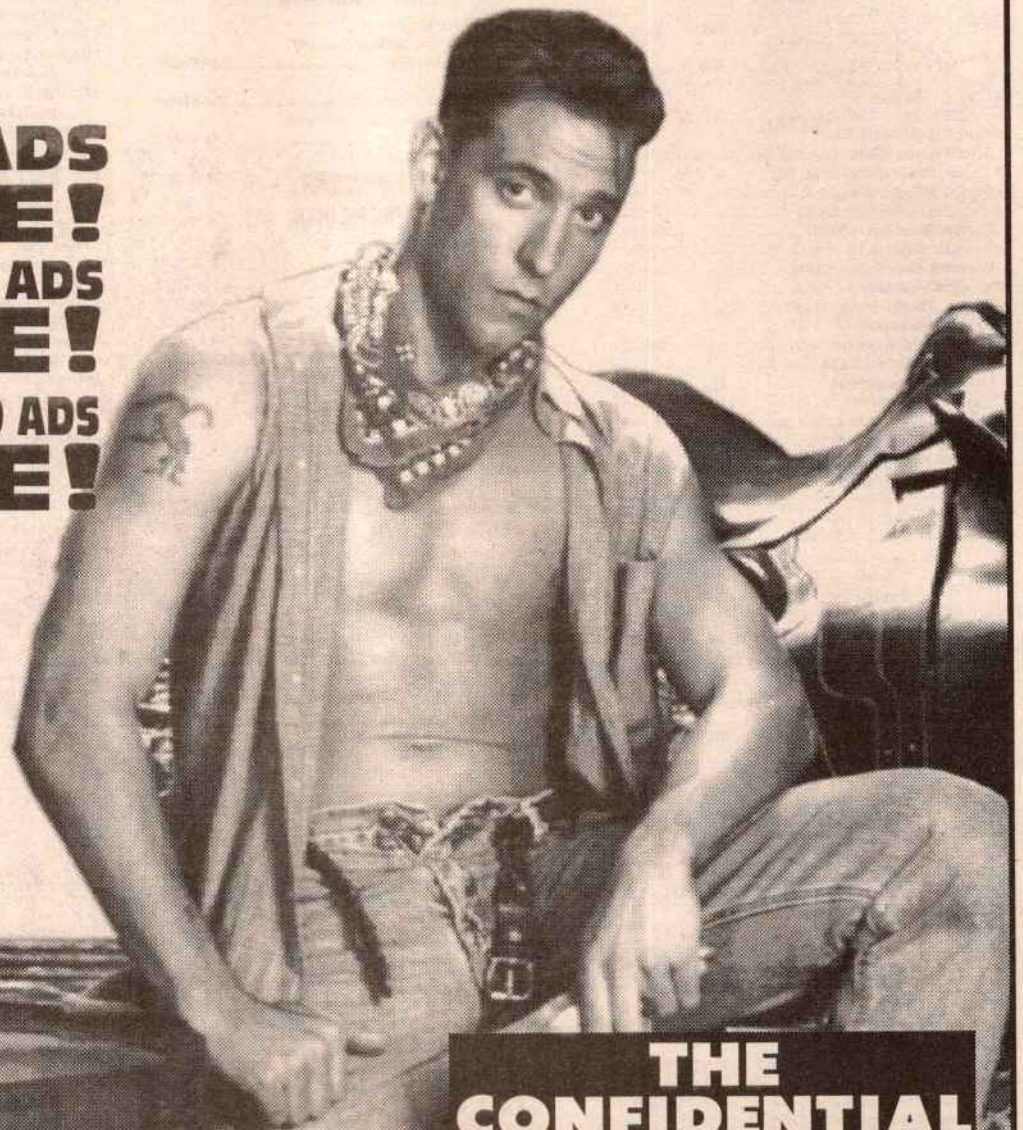
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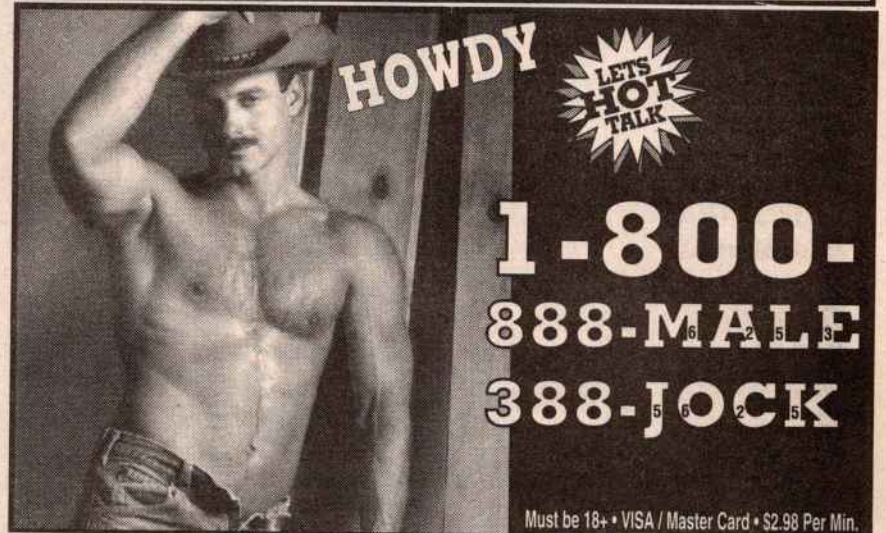
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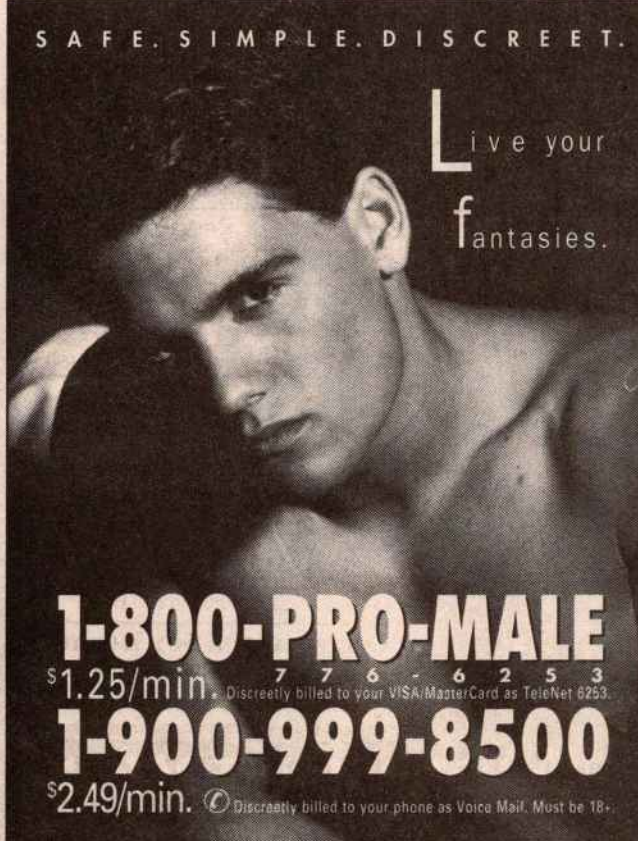
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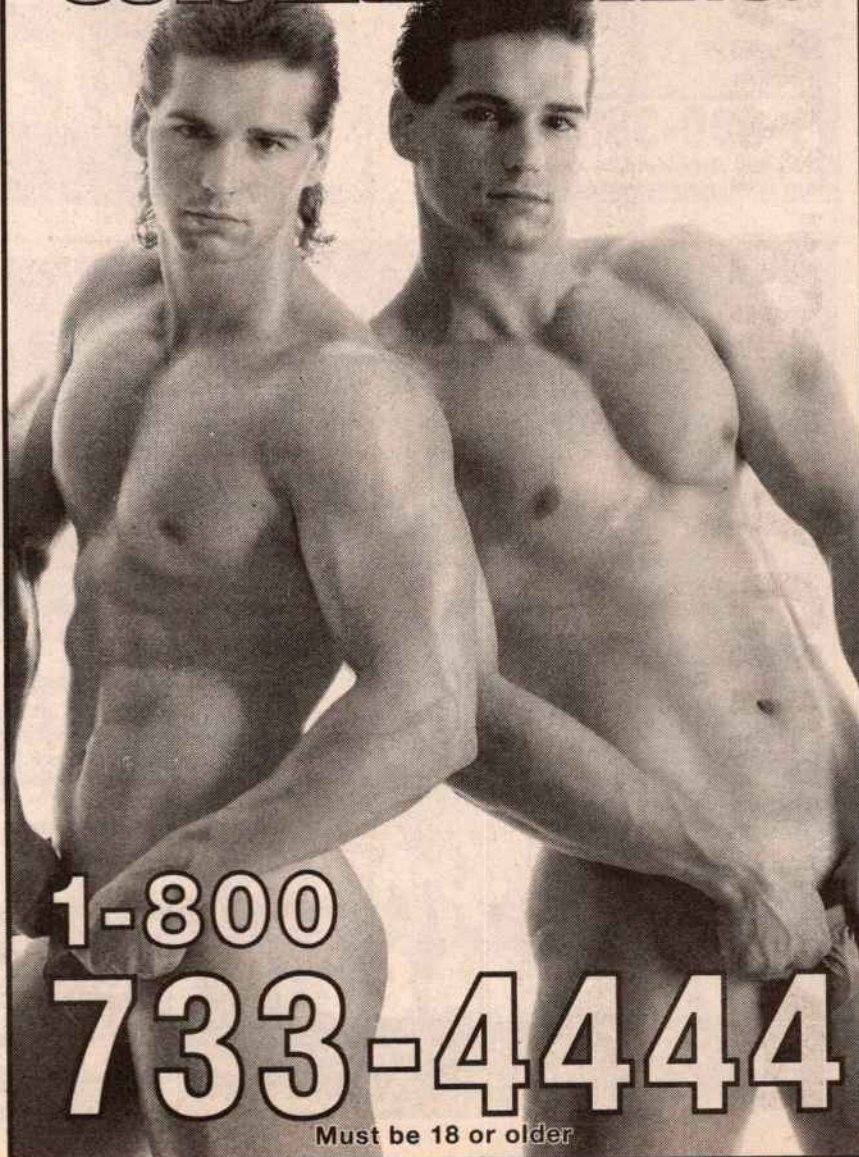
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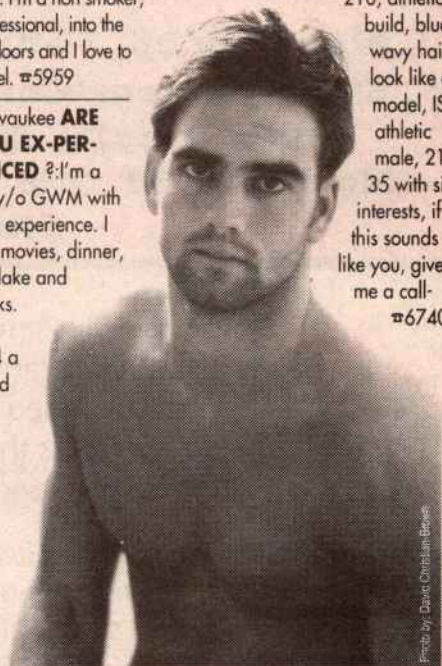


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