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STATE Briefs

MASN Bar Outreach Funding Restored in City Budget Committee

An effort by Ald. Mike Verveer restored funds in Madison's proposed city budget for AIDS prevention outreach to bars and public sex locations — but only after Mayor Paul Soglin cast the tie-breaking vote at the budget committee meeting Oct. 23.

The funds still face a final vote at by the full City Council on Nov. 14.

The original budget had cut in half funds to the Madison AIDS Support Network from its 1995 allocation of \$25,820. City funds go to MASN's life care efforts for case management and counseling and to the outreach program for bars and public sex sites to encourage safe sex among Gay men and Bisexuals.

In effect, the cut would have eliminated the outreach, which Verveer argued against.

"After 15 years of AIDS prevention efforts, educators have identified bar outreach as effective," he said after the vote. Educators know alcohol effects sexual behavior.

In addition, Gay and Bisexual men remain the highest risk group for AIDS, and a few dollars in prevention "is certainly a good investment compared to the hundreds of thousands of dollars to treat someone with HIV/AIDS," he said.

Verveer admits he begged. "The impact could literally be life and death." He argued that the city needed to maintain its funding as a matter of commitment, especially in light of police crackdowns on sex in a public park.

Voting to restore \$12,535 to MASN's allocation were Ald. Wayne Bigelow, Susan Bauman and Verveer. Voting against were Ald. David Schneider, Napoleon Smith and Warren Onken. Because of the tie, Soglin, who had been lobbied by Verveer, cast a tie-breaking vote for Verveer's amendment.

Verveer worries that Madison's more conservative city council members might attempt to remove the funding, as well as \$10,000 for a needle exchange program, in the final budget.

MASN's executive director, Mary Turnquist, hopes the money remains because funding for bar and public sex site outreach is hard to find.

"It's some of the more unpopular groups," she said. "It's a harder sell, but our emphasis is on serving high risk populations."

She emphasized that the AIDS epidemic has not been stopped, and the city's message and principal will be important.

"We know the kinds of behaviors that are most at risk. For the city to back off implies a lack of awareness or complacency."

Lesbian Keeps Visitation to Ex-Lover's Son for Now

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens Oct. 3 left intact an order giving a Wisconsin Lesbian visitation rights to her former lover's child temporarily while a lower state court considers whether the woman should keep visitation rights permanently.

Sandra Lynn Holtzman sought visitation rights to a son Elsbeth Knott bore in 1988 during a 10-year relationship the women had. They moved to Madison in 1992 and split up in 1993.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled 4-3 June 13 that while Holtzman could not get custody of the child because she did not "present a triable issue regarding Knott's fitness or ability to parent her child," the lower court should decide whether Holtzman deserves visitation rights.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court said the lower court must decide whether Holtzman established a parent-like relationship with the child. Knott's attorney told Stevens the boy's mother should have the right to decide who may see her child.

Kenosha County to Inspect Adult Book Stores

Kenosha — Two Health Department inspectors will visit stores selling adultoriented videotapes and paraphernalia weekly to be sure the management complies with county health codes.

Kenosha County's four stores with coin-operated video booths must keep minimum lighting in the booths, allow no holes in the walls between the booths, allow only one person in a booth at a time, and keep the booths clean.

The health codes were created last year.

Crypto Found in Lakes & Rivers Around the State

Madison — After two years of study, the state Department of Natural Resources has found the Cryptosporidium parasite in lakes and rivers around the state. Researchers also found Giardia, which like Crypto causes intestinal illness.

In April 1993, Crypto in Milwaukee water made more than 400,000 people ill, killing more than 100 people, mostly people with AIDS.

The DNR study did not determine how Crypto got into Milwaukee's water, but did establish that 21 municipal purification plants in the state should take precautions against Crypto and other parasites and diseases, especially during the spring run-off period.

Crypto has also surfaced in water supplies around the nation.

Campaign Season Begins

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's Election Commission reminds potential candidates that dates for the 1996 spring primary and election have been changed to Feb. 6 and March 19 to accommodate the Midwest presidential primary.

Campaign packets for city-wide offices are available in the Election Commission office in City Hall. Candidates may begin to circulate nomination papers on Wednesday, Nov. 1, and must file nomination papers by 5 p.m. Dec. 5.

Public Officials Come Out for Coming Out Day

Milwaukee — City, county and state public officials attended a reception held by the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays on Natinoal Coming Out Day to allow officials to meet leaders of the Lesbian and Gay community.

Attending the reception at Village Church were Mayor John O. Norquist, chief of staff David Riemer and staff member Sherry Street; County Executive Tom Ament; Police Chief Philip Arreola and Captain Tony Bacich; Alderman Paul Henningsen; County Supervisors Roger Quindel, Lee Holloway, Dorothy Dean and Penny Podell; and Judges Ted Wedemeyer, Patricia Curley, D.S. Amato, Chuck Kahn and Stanley Miller.

State representatives Rosemary Potter, Tim Carpenter and Barb Notestein were involved in a legislative session in Madison and sent their regrets. Linda Willsey attended to represent Potter.



Tony Rhodes of CCF, Stephanie Blackwood, Assoc Publisher of The Advocate, and Kevin Quader in a discussion during the pose for photos. Photo by Belle Pepper.

Advocate Associate Publisher Visits Wisconsin

Stephanie Blackwood, associate publisher of the Advocate, a national LesBiGay magazine, received a rainbow flag that flew over Milwaukee City Hall from PrideFest officers during her visit Oct. 19.

PrideFest hosted a reception for her. Blackwood said Milwaukee is the Advocate's 14th largest market and complimented the city's LesBiGay citizens on their activism in business, health, equal rights, services for youth, and organizations.

"You really do reflect a very health community," she said, adding that because LesBiGays around the world are working on the same efforts, "none of us are doing anything alone" and can count on help and good ideas from others.

NATIONAL News Briefs

Clinton Endorses Federal Bill Against Discrimination

In a letter to U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), President Bill Clinton endorsed the Employment Non-Discrimination Act on Oct. 20. Kennedy and Sen. James Jeffords (R-Vt.) are chief sponsors of the bill, which has 29 co-sponsors in the Senate and 128 in the House of Representatives.

Despite lobbying by LesBiGay organizations and backing by a variety of labor unions, religious organizations and major employers, the conservative Republican majority will likely block the bill.

"We won't even get hearings on it," said Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), one of three openly Gay members of Congress.

Announcing the endorsement, Clinton's senior advisor, George Stephanopoulos, said the move will likely become an issue in the 1996 presidential election

'I'm sure Pat Robertson and Pat Buchanan will try to make hay of this," Stephanopoulos said. "But the president believes it's the right thing to do, and I believe that most Americans agree that discrimination is wrong for whatever rea-

He continued, "This bill is about the simple bedrock judgment that you shouldn't discriminate against people because of who they are, and we think the public will support that."

A poll reported in Newsweek in February 1994 showed that 74 percent of all Americans favored protecting Gays from job discrimination.

However, the right wing has portrayed anti-discrimination laws as special rights, Frank said. "People are prepared to believe we are asking for special rights because they assume we already have the protections we are asking for."

Poll Shows Maine Gay Rights Vote in a Dead Heat

Portland - As the Nov. 7 voting date draws close, a poll released in mid-October shows voters evenly split on a statewide anti-Gay ballot measure.

A poll hired by Maine Won't Discriminate, an organization working against the measure, found that 34 percent of those surveyed would vote for the measure, 36 percent would vote no, and 30 percent was undecided.

Similar to Colorado's Amendment 2, Maine's Question No. 1 would limit protected classes under Maine law to the categories now listed in the state Human

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Andy Cicero, Tony Rhodes and John Martin.

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Rights Act. It could block future efforts to win civil rights protection for Gays and Lesbians. It would repeal Portland's Gay rights ordinance and prevent enactment of similar ordinances, It also could prevent other groups from winning civil rights protection.

"Question One is an extreme and flawed measure, written by outsiders, that will embroil Main in a costly legal disaster," said Pat Peard, co-chair of Maine Won't Discriminate.

Donations are being accepted at Maine Won't Discriminate Action Funds, P.O. Box 11061, Portland, ME 04104, or by charge card calling (207) 761-1555.

Maine Lesbian Runs for Congress

Augusta — Maine State Senator Dale McCormack, a Democrat, is running for one of the state's two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives.

She for state Senate ran as an open Lesbian in 1990, and will run for Congress in the state's June 1996 Democratic Party primary probably against former Portland Mayor Tom Allen and Portland City Councilor George Campbell.

In 1975, McCormack became the first woman to complete a formal apprentice-ship with the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. She is also a co-founder of the Maine Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance, and a founder of Women Unlimited, which trains women in trade and carpentry jobs.

A Month to Go Down in History

New York — October is National Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month, an observation made more famous by opposition led by Beverly LaHaye's right-wing organization, Concerned Women of America.

The month was proclaimed by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teacher's Network, which encouraged educators to learn about the contributions of Gays and Lesbians in history. Supporters of the month included the National Education Association.

Concerned Women of America, in mailings to members and in advertisements taken out in newspapers across the country, implied that the NEA was calling for "classroom and hallway displays, special viewings of films on homosexuality, and guest speakers" for kindergarten through 12th grade, which the NEA denied.

Meanwhile, two teachers in San Francisco face suspension because a speaker on violence against Gays in 1992 allegedly mentioned dildoes in front of sixth graders.

"So Much More Than a Fund"

Washington, D.C. — After an eightmonth review of programs and community opinion, the Human Rights Campaign Fund has dropped the word "fund," adopted a new logo, and developed new communication methods.

HRC started in the early 1980s to raise funds for political candidates. "Today, we're so much more than a fund," said Elizabeth Birch, who became executive director of HRC in January 1995.

"We have the most visible and most effective Gay equal rights lobbying team on the Hill. We conduct some of the country's most comprehensive polls on Gay-related issues. We mobilize our membership through our rapid-response programs," she said.

The new logo is a yellow equal sign on a blue background. The organization has begun publishing *HRC Quarterly* magazine to provide political news for Lesbians and Gays.

A World Wide Web page, http://www.hrcusa.org allows users to enter their ZIP code and contact their members of Congress.



Elizabeth Birch, HRC exec. director.



RIGHTS CAMPAIGN

Will You Marry Me?

A coalition of 18 national, state and local organizations have joined together under the banner "Freedom to Marry" to mobilize public support for same-gender marriage

The groups include the Human Rights Campaign, ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, Log Cabin Republicans, National Organization for Women, and PFLAG.

"We need to make it clear," said Donald Suggs, associate director of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, "that religious and civil/legal marriages are two separate institutions. We believe the state should not dictate which marriages any religion performs or recognizes, just as religions should not dictate who gets a civil marriage license from the state. The Radical Right is confusing religious and civil marriage in an attempt to mislead people."

As part of that effort, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has released a publication, "To Have and to Hold: Organizing for Our Right to Marry." It includes press strategies, organizing tips and background information, and is available for \$10 including shipping and handling from NGLTF Policy Institute, 2320 - 17th St. N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Employers Offer Domestic Partnership Benefits

Burbank, Calif. — Despite recent criticism from some Florida state legislators and Traditional Values Coalition leader Rev. Louis Sheldon, the Walt Disney Co. will begin offering health coverage to the live-in partners of Gay and Lesbian employees starting Ian. 1

Lesbian employees starting Jan. 1.
Disney joins a list of 157 U.S. companies offering domestic partnership benefits, according to a study by Hewitt Associates of Lincolnshire, Ill.

On the list are BankAmerica, Ben & Gerry's Homemade Ice Cream, Boston Globe, HBO, Microsoft Corp., Lotus Development, Museum of Modern Art, New York Times, Sprint, San Francisco Giants, Sony Pictures Entertainment; the universities of Illinois, Pennsylvania and Iowa; the cities of Baltimore, San Francisco, Chicago, San Diego, Seattle, and St. Paul; states of New York and Massachusetts; Apple Computer, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Levi Strauss and Co., and MCA Inc.

Also on the Newswire...

Washington, D.C. — Singer and supermodel RuPaul is featured on the cover of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals' 1996 Shopping Guide for Caring Consumers. "Mama used to say, 'It's got to be fat-free, duty-free and cruelty-free,'" RuPaul said. The guide covers cosmetics to condoms to household cleaners and office supplies that were not tested on animals.

Washington, D.C. — The full 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear a case challenging the "don't ask, don't tell" policy on Gays and Lesbians in the military. All 13 active members of the court will hear oral arguments in the case of formal Navy Lt. Paul Thomasson sometime between Dec. 4 and 8.

Chicago, III. — A group of investors called the Triangle Business Group Inc. closed \$1 million deal in August for a property at 1113-1115 W. Belmont in Chicago to create the an incubator for Gay and Lesbian owned businesses. Tenants will include Lambda Publications, People Like Us Books, and Out Spoke'n Bikes 'n Stuff

Washington, D.C. — Sen. Bob Dole now says it was a mistake for his presidential campaign to return a \$1,000 contribution from the Log Cabin Republicans, a LesBiGay organization. "My view is, (just) because you accept money from them, you don't agree with their agenda," he said

Los Angeles — Luke Sissyfag says he has joined the fundamentalist anti-Gay movement. The Seattle Gay News reported that Sissyfag, now using the name Luke Montgomery again, appeared on Christian radio stations nationally on June 20 and declared, "The Gay community is devoid of any moral character."



Luke Sissyfag. Photo by Patsy Lynch

New York City — Several thousand Gay, feminist and atheist demonstrators greeted the Pope Oct. 7 with boos when he arrived at St. Patrick's Cathedral. One protestor carried a sign reading "For Gays the inquisition is alive and well." Two ACT-UP members unfurled a 60-foot banner from the store across the street which read, "Condoms Save Lives." They were arrested and charged with criminal trespass and reckless endangerment.

Washington, D.C.—Saying women who participate in the Miss America pageant usually chose to stay "politically safe," Miss Montana, Amanda Ganrud,

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Supreme Court Hears Case on Colorado Anti-Gay Law

Decision Likely in Spring

By Sue Burke

It was the first LesBiGay case before the U.S. Supreme Court in 10 years, and it might determine the path of LesBiGay rights for the next 10 years. The nine Supreme Court justices took vigorous interest during courtroom arguements Oct. 10 for *Romer v. Evans*, which challenged a Colorado constitutional amendment forbidding laws to protect the civil rights of Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals.

Here are answers to key questions about the case:

What is this case about?

Three years ago, by a 53% majority, Colorado voters approved a measure known as Amendment 2 outlawing state Gay rights laws and nullifying several local Gay rights ordinances.

Colorado's Supreme Court ruled that the law prevented LesBiGay citizens from participating equally in the political process and nullified the amendment. That action was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The state of Colorado, defending Amendment 2, argued that voters have the right to enact any laws they chose, and this law addressed "very fundamentally, sensitive cultural and moral concerns of our state."

Those opposing the law argued that it created special hardships for a certain classification of citizens — namely Gays — to participate in politics to protect themselves against a hostile majority.

What happened in court?

In a Supreme Court case, attorneys on both sides share an hour to make their agreements, buttressing written materials already submitted to the court. However, justices may interrupt to question the attorneys and even bicker among themselves, and this is just what happened.

The justices asked hard questions. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg asked whether the law would allow hospitals to deny homosexuals to kidney dialysis machines. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asked if homosexuals would be denied the right to borrow books at a public library.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy said, "I've never seen a statute like this" that would "fence out the class (homosexuals) for all purposes" in public policy decisions. Justice John Paul Stevens asked the state's attorney, "What is the rational basis here?" for enacting the law. When the state's attorney said it was a response to Gay rights political activism, Justice David H. Souter interrupted, "That's a judgement that's made politically. But that doesn't address the rational basis. Your rational basis has got to go to the justification for the classification."

Justice Antonin Scalia responded that voters had the right to object to localities that give preferences that the majority of voters in the state might find undesirable.

How will the justices vote?

No one wants to try to second-guess the Supreme Court. Observers know that the justices will spend the next several months considering the arguments, writing memos and drafting decisions to circulate among themselves, and may consider important issues that were not raised during the hour-long hearing.

However, the tone of the questions left Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund "guardedly optimistic."

She said, "Many of the justices' questions suggested that they saw through the absolute absurdity of Amendment 2's wholesale ban on anti-discrimination protection for Gay people."

Chai Feldblum, a Lesbian attorney and former Supreme Court clerk, thinks five or six justices will vote to declare Amendment 2 unconstitutional.

How important will this decision be?

Opinions vary from "very important" to "very, very important."

However, Arthur Leonard, a law professor and editor of Lesbian and Gay Law Notes, explained that the court "can decide the case without deciding any of the fundamental issues that concern us." The justices also could "decide it in a way that would advance us or set us back incredibly."

It depends on what issues the court uses in its decision.

When will the court decide?

Probably around spring. As you might have guessed by now, justices get

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Waukesha Lesbians Unite

Waukesha - WALN, the Waukesha Area Lesbian Network. is a newly-formed support network offering monthly discussion meetings, mailings, and opportunities to socialize and network with other Lesbians.

Members who have completed support group training rotate leadership responsibilities to facilitate discussions. Members may participate at any level on committees for social, political or educational issues. Members are asked to donate \$6 to cover the cost of mailings.

WALN is coordinated by Carolyn Ruck, ASCW, CICSW, a psychotherapist in private practice at Stress Management and Mental Health Clinics in Waukesha. She has been an advocate for Lesbian support and visibility since the mid-1980s and has facilitated support groups through the Counseling Center of Milwaukee.

For more information, call (414) 297-9412.

Save Our Space to Discuss Park Crackdowns

Madison — A group called TPS-Save Our Space will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, in the UW-Madison Memorial Union to discuss Gay men's issues and organize a new group to address harassment, entrapment and intimidation in Madison parks.

The groups is being formed because some members of Madison's LesBiGay community are concerned about the way the police, Parks Department personnel and the media have addressed the issue of male-male sex in certain city parks.

Organizers say no current organization can respond to the issue and while many Gays do not support anonymous sex in

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public places, the crackdown has resulted in serious homophobic statements and actions.

For more information, call Richie at (608) 242-8924.

Frontiers' Frightful Halloween Party

Madison - Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Outreach will hold a Christmas Party starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, featuring a buffet supper and cocktails. Two films will be shown: The Rocky Horror Picture Show and Curse of the Queerwolf, in which an all-American jock becomes a campy drag queen during the full moon. Costumes optional. For information, call (608) 244-8675.

SAGE Helps With Wills

Madison - Senior Action in a Gay Environment, in cooperation with the Elder Law Center, will help execute durable powers of attorney and living wills at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at 6106 Queens Way, Monona.

Gavs and Lesbians Come Home to UW

Madison - A homecoming reception as part of UW-Madison's Homecoming '95, sponsored by the Wisconsin Alumni Association Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Council, will be hosted Friday, Oct. 27, by Dick Wagner at his historic Lake Monona home, 739 Jenifer St. Cost is \$5 per person.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, a classic tailgate homecoming party will be hosted by Chuck Bower and Chuck Beckwith at their modern-design home, 1833 Van Hise. Cost is \$8 per person.

For reservations, contact GLB Council/WAA, 650 N. Lake St., Madison, WI 53706.

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Counseling Center Hosts Men's Groups

Milwaukee — The Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 N. Bartlett Ave., Milwaukee, will host a number of men's groups in fall, including some designed for specifically for Gay men.

A drop-in group on the first Sunday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m. covers various topics of interest to Gay men. No pre-registration is necessary, but a \$3 donation is requested.

The Nov. 5 group will consider racism in a discussion facilitated by Rodney Johnson, a founding member of Ujima.

Other groups focus on general issues, survivors of sexual abuse, Gay men with HIV/AIDS, and Gay men and abusive relationships.

For information or the next topic, call Bill Hanel on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 271-2565.

GLAAD Needs Volunteers

Portland, Or. — The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation needs volunteers from around the country to read their local newspapers and watch the evening news.

These activists will monitor their area for positive and negative media representations of Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Gay lives. They can clip articles or send information via computer, and will be backed by a 10,000-member organization and volunteer training materials.

For more information, contact the GLAAD National Field Office, 1130 S.W. Morrison, #415, Portland, OR 97205, (503) 224-5285, or glaadusa@aol.com.

Rainbow Neighbors Want Fun

Milwaukee — The Sherman Park Rainbow Association, the only LesBiGay neighborhood association in Milwaukee, will hold its first annual Halloween Party at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27, at the Loose Ends Bar, 4332 W. Fond du Lac Ave.

A costume contest will offer a \$50 top prize. Free beer will be available while it lasts. FMI, call Jack at (414) 871-4839.



BESTD Seeks Daytime Volunteers

Milwaukee — The BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St., Milwaukee, needs volunteers who can work between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays to staff the clinic office and telephone lines.

Volunteers will get training and may work any hours that are comfortable for them. The BESTD Clinic is an all-volunteer health care agency which has been serving Milwaukee for more than 21 years.

For information or to discuss volunteer opportunities, call

Erv Uecker at 353-4798.

MAP Holds LesBiGay Input Sessions

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee AIDS Project will hold two forums for members of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community to give their input into HIV care, prevention, research and advocacy.

The first forum will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the M&M Club, 124 N. Water St. The second forum will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at ARCW, 820 N. Plankton Ave. Snacks and beverages will be

served.

Input from the forums will be used to guide ARCW in planning future services. For more information, call Andy Bagnall, ARCW's Gay outreach manager, at 225-1502.

HIT Hosts Duck Pin Fundraiser

Milwaukee — HIT will hold a duck pin bowl on Saturday, Nov. 4, with two shifts of bowling at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Koz's Mini Bowl, 6th and Becher Sts. The \$15 cost includes a spaghetti dinner afterwards at the Ball Game bar.

Those who wish to come only for the dinner may join the bowlers for only \$5 from 5 to 7 p.m. Raffles and pull tabs will

also be sold.

For information or tickets, call Rick at 482-1964.

Blow the Whistle on Violence Against Women

Milwaukee — From October, which is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, through the holidays, the Body Shop will sell silver-plated whistles for \$15 to raise funds for the Milwaukee Women's Center and violence prevention programs sponsored by the YWCA.

The Body Shop has stores at Mayfair and the Grand Av-

nue Mall

NOW to Honor County Supervisor Dorothy Dean

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee chapter of the National Organization for Women will honor Milwaukee County Supervisor Dorothy Dean as the 18th annual Woman of the Year with a dinner at the Park East Hotel on Saturday, Nov. 11.

Dean has been a long-time advocate of women's and children's issues and active on many other fronts.

For information on the dinner, call Milwaukee NOW at 276-3112.

Womyn's Drum Making Circle to Meet

Madison — A one-day Womyn's Drum Making Circle will meet from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Atwood Community Center, 2425 N. Atwood Ave., Madison. Participants will make a 13-inch ceremonial frame drum and beater.

Cost is \$90 for all materials, tool use and instruction. Facilitators are Peg Kelbel and Sandy Mishur. Enrollment limited to

10. For information or to enroll, call (608) 242-7193.

Profiles

MAP Appoints Manager of Gay and Lesbian Outreach

Andy Bagnall, for the last three years the coordinator of the Milwaukee AIDS Project's food pantry, has been appointed the new manager of MAP's Gay and Lesbian Outreach Program.

The program will attempt to reduce the incidence of HIV in Milwaukee's LesBiGay community, which Bagnall calls "a critical effort since we now know cases of HIV are again on the rise in the Gay community, particularly among 18- to 21year-old males."

He said, "Whether it is a park, a bar or a special event, HIV education needs to occur. Without question, safer sex messages must be affirming, appealing and fun, otherwise the message is not heard. Safer sex materials must be readily and easily available."

Any business or organization planning a special event in the LesBiGay community may contact Bagnall for safer sex materials, information and outreach staff at 225-1502.

Cream City Chorus Welcomes New Associate Conductor

Kris Nedrow, an elementary music teacher with Milwaukee Public Schools, has been named new associate conductor of the Wisconsin Cream City Chorus Ltd.

Nedrow double-majored at Indiana University in vocal and instrumental music, which led her to choral and instrumental conducting, community theater and symphony choral performance, as well as arranging and performing her own voice and sax combinations.

Locally, she has appeared in the LAMM Variety Show for two years and with Different Drummer Theater. She has also participated in Fest City Singers.

Nedrow said, "I heard Tammy Baldwin speak at PrideFest '94. She said we should all become active in the LesBiGay community. I took it to heart—and here I am!"

The chorus rehearses every Wednesday evening at the First Unitarian Church of Milwaukee.







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Independently Speaking

By Marvin Liebman and Anthony Young

Candidates

The 1996 Presidential primaries are just a few months away, and the Gay and Lesbian communities across the country are already hard pressed to find a candidate with the political courage to champion our issues.

Currently, there are nine candidates for the Republican nomination, one Democrat candidate, Bill Clinton, and two possible third party candidates. Not one of the Presidential hopefuls has taken a friendly, or indeed any, stance on Gay issues. Most of the Republican field has been pandering to the openly homophobic Christian Coalition in the hopes of receiving their all important support.

President Clinton, although friendlier to our concerns than any President in history, has been noticeably silent since November 1994, has failed on the Gays in the military issue, and now seems incapable of action. We are nearly invisible except to the haters in the Christian Coalition and their dozens of clones around the country.

Who, then, among all the candidates, might be a voice for American Lesbians and Gay men? It is apparent that Gay issues can not be swept under the carpet this political season in light of Christian Coalition's virulent attacks and the national news coverage that Senator Bob Dole encountered when he returned a \$1,000 campaign contribution from the Log Cabin Republicans. One has to question the motives behind LCR making the contribution in the first place.

It is unconscionable that a Gay political group such as LCR would give money to a candidate who, earlier in the summer, made it quite clear in a letter to the Washington Times that he opposes "the special-interest Gay agenda [that] reaches as far to suggest special status for sexual orientation under federal civil rights statutes."

This, however, probably has more to do with LCR's priority of supporting Republican candidates than Gay and Lesbian issues. Although Rich Tafel, Executive Director of Log Cabin Republicans tried putting a positive political spin on

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AfterWords

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Health

St. Camillus Expands **Efforts**

Jeffrey G. Miller, RN, MSN, has been appointed deputy director of St. Camillus AIDS Ministry, headquartered at 3661 S. Kinnickinnic Ave., St. Francis.

Miller, who has already been active in the care of people with AIDS, will assume his new duties Nov. 13 helping with the development, implementation, delivery and evaluation of services to meet the needs of people infected with or affected by HIV disease.

St. Camillus provides physical, spiritual and emotional support services, including an in-patient sensitive care unit and a residence called "Raphael House" for men and women living with AIDS and

The Order of St. Camillus is developing a mental health clinic and housing services for HIV+ mothers and children. Construction will begin in spring for "Camillus Terrace" to provide supervised living for people with dementia.

The St. Camillus HIV/AIDS ministry also holds a lecture-discussion series Thursday evenings through Nov. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Camillus Health Center Education Room, 10101 W. Wisconsin Ave., Wauwatosa. All are welcome and no fee is charge.

Upcoming topics are Oct. 26, Challenges of Soul care, Bro. Steven Braddock, St. Camillus AIDS Ministry; Nov. 2, HIV Disease and Cooperative Therapies, Nancy Zachow, Milwaukee AIDS Project; Nov. 9, Hispanics and HIV: An Overview, Jose Avila, Sinai Samaritan Medical Center; Nov. 16, Hope for the Journey: A Primary Task, Rev. Louis Lussier, editor of the Journal of Christian Healing.

White House Plans HIV/ AIDS Conference

The White House will hold its first HIV/AIDS Conference on Dec. 6, 1995, in the White House to raise national attention to the problems being presented by the epidemic, according to Marsha Scott, deputy assistant to the president.

About 130 individuals from around the United States will attend, including people living with HIV and AIDS, and experts in research, prevention, care, discrimination, and health and income support.

President Bill Clinton discussed the idea of the conference at the first meeting of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, said Scott.

Volunteers needed for HIV Viral Load Test Study

A nationwide study will determine if monitoring levels of HIV in a person's blood can keep patients healthier longer by helping doctors make better treatment decisions. The study, sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is recruiting 1,100 HIV-infected people.

To be eligible, volunteers must be HIV-infected and in reasonably good health, 13 years old or older, and have a CD4+ T-cell count of 300 or fewer cells per cubic millimeter of blood 16 weeks prior to randomization, and receive their care from a participating site. The nearest site to Wisconsin is the Chicago Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS in Illinois.

For information, call the AIDS Clinical Trials information Service at 1-800-TRIALS-A (1-800-874-2572).

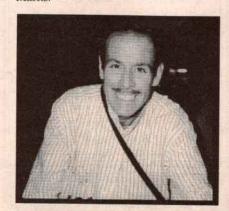
Web Site Offers AIDS Resources

A site on the Internet's World Wide Web, called The Body and available at http://www.thebody.com, offers AIDS resources dealing with medical, cultural, legal and political aspects.

"We want to do more than inform we want to create a global community for people concerned with AIDS," said Jaime Marks, founder of The Body, which began operating in early October.

Sources will include the AIDS Action Council, People for the American Way, Americans with Disabilities Act Technical Assistance Centers, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, GMHC, the Poetry Society of America, the American Psychiatric Association and Johns Hopkins University AIDS Service.

The Body will include access the Usenet Newsgroups; commentators on medical, legal and mental health; a political action forum; and a listing of organizations to join. The site will include advertising, although advertising will be kept distinct from content, according to Marks.



Memoriam

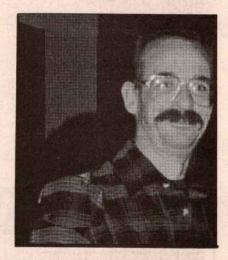
Daniel Amundson

Daniel Amundson, also known as "Little Danny," passed away on Sept. 28.

He is fondly remembered by his parents, Richard and Patsy; sister Bonnie Kallas (Jeff); brother Richard Jr. (Sharon); special friends Michael and Bob, and many other good friends.

'The Lord helped him believe in what he could be and all that he was. He showed him the stairway he had to climb for His sake and taught him to take one day at a time."

A memorial service was held Oct. 9 at the 1100 Club in Milwaukee. He was interred in Oshkosh on Oct. 7.



Daniel Amundson

David A. Garcia

David A. Garcia died Sept. 29, 1995,

of AIDS at age 38.

He is the son of Angel and Hilda Garcia and brother of Hilda Hensley, of Napa, Calif.; and further survived by nieces and nephews. He was the dear friend of John Barnes. He is also survived by many other friends.

A memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Thur, Oct. 26, at the 1100 Club, 1100 S. 1st St., for a celebration of life after.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Feature

For Pagans, Halloween Marks the End of a Major Annual Cycle Time to Celebrate

By Sue Burke

What is Halloween: costumes and parties? For Pagans, it means more.

Peter Thomas, a gay man currently living in Milwaukee while studying anthropology, became a practicing Pagan 10 years ago in New Orleans and belongs to a Pagan circle called Oak, Ash and Thorn in Nashville.

"When I did a little investigating, Paganism opened itself up to me and I found this is where I find myself most comfortable.

"Paganism realizes that sexuality is a normal aspect of being human, and the expression of that in whatever form it takes is perfectly natural and perfectly desirable as long as it's consentual.

"Halloween is one of the four major Pagan festivals held during the year. It has its roots in very, very ancient times. As it's celebrated modernly, Samhain (the Celtic name for Halloween, pronounced 'SOW-en') is the last of the harvest festivals. They've got all the crops in, everything's stored up, and we're ready to go into winter.

"These festivals link us closer to the natural cycles of the earth and the stars. Paganism tries to heal and restore the earth to a more natural balance, not overpopulated, not overusing the resources that are given to us.

"This time of the year is the end of the season of the Goddess or Lady, when everything grows and we try to grow outwardly and improve ourselves. Now is the time when the Lord or God comes into play, when we rely on the hunt rather than on the fields, on our skills rather than on the bounty of the earth.

"It's a time of growing inward rather than outward, of study and reflection. This goes on in a dynamic cycle, where neither the Lady nor the Lord has ascendancy over the other. Both are necessary for the whole.

"Modern Paganism really got its start in the late 1930s. As far as records can go reliably, there is no continuity between modern Paganism and the old Paleo-Paganism practiced before Christianity came into Europe roughly around 600 AD or so.

"Each group in modern Paganism practices it somewhat differently, which is probably the greatest strength and the greatest weakness of modern Paganism. Paganism allows you to practice as you feel best, so that everybody can find their own rituals and worship and practice. Many women have a very Goddess-centered worship.

"As what actually occurs during the Samhain ceremony, it varies. You can get as elaborate as you like. I call the Gods, set up a circle and through my ritual recognize that this is a time of the passing of the leadership from the Goddess to the God. "It's

respect the wishes of the dead — not to worship the dead but pay our last respects. It was believed in old times that on this particular day, Samhain or Halloween, the veil between the physical, material world and

the world of those who have passed on is the thinnest, and therefore the spirits can cross over and we could communicate with them.

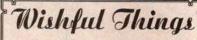
"I believe the modern practice of dressing up like ghouls and spirits and all the creatures that go bump in the night came from that. There are a lot of legends.

"In the old Celtic practices, this was the death of the year. This was kind of a scary time. And the practice today of going to haunted houses adds a little spice to life, I think. Life's no fun without a good scare.

"There's still a lot we don't know about the greatest mystery of all: death and what goes on beyond it. Sometimes we're all a little too control-minded, and Halloween reminds us that we're not always in control.

"It's a time when we can really let loose, a final celebration of summer before we jump into winter. On Halloween you can get by in the mundane, straight world with doing quite a bit and nobody will look at you askance. Some of the rules relax.

"I personally plan on doing drag."



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TEASERS

Wisconsin & Midwest Has Its Own Unique Hauntings

Do You Have Any Ghost Stories to Tell . . .

By Belle Pepper

Ah, Halloween . . . my favorite Holiday. In addition to celebrating Halloween with verve and vigor, I also pay tribute to a special friend of mine who died on Halloween, Dave Iraci.

Dave's favorite Holiday was Christmas. And each year since he's died, he pays me a visit during the Yuletide season. He makes his picture tip over at least 5 times during that time period. It doesn't tip over any other time of year, just during the Christmas season.

But that isn't my only experience with ghosts and hauntings . . . and I'm

sure it's not yours either. Joe
Koch and I both swear the In
Step office has a mischievous
ghost who likes to move around
your work and play with the
adding machine. You set your
work down somewhere, turn
your back for a minute or two,
and sure enough, its moved. The
In Step spirit even sets off the
motion detector in our office
once in awhile. Drives the poor
Central Control people nuts.

Several books offer countless stories about hauntings all across America. Michael Norman and Beth Scott, authors of Haunted Heartland and most recently Haunted America have traveled coast to coast, interviewing eye witnesses first hand and spending frightening nights alone in haunted houses. Their first book Haunted Wisconsin

was such a big hit, they decided to comprehensively compile stories of American ghost legends, from sea to haunted sea.

In Wisconsin alone, documentation is available in mega amounts on ghosts in Horicon, Stevens Point, Beaver Dam, Madison and River Falls. Door County has an entire book dedicated to the subject entitled (what else) Ghosts of Door County Wisconsin by Geri Rider.

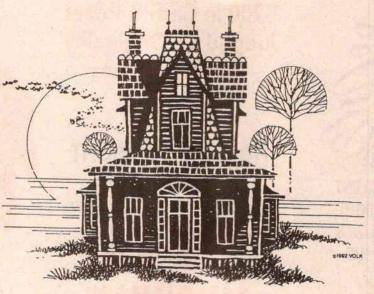
Chicago, Illinois has several famous ghosts, who have even been featured on national TV programs. The Holy Family Church in Chicago is said to be haunted by two altar boys, brothers, who drowned together in 1874. Father Arnold Damen, the church's founder, reported he was awakened by the boys one night in 1890. He said they were wearing cassocks and

holding candles and led him to a dying woman, their mother. Then they disappeared.

Unsolved Mysteries featured Resurrection Mary who they say was buried in her dancing shoes. Blond and beautiful, she is said to appear now and again on Archer Road near Resurrection Cemetery, 7200 South Archer Road. She hitchhikes a ride to the nearby Willowbrook Ballroom in Willow Springs, dances the night away with a young man and leaves with him. As they pass the cemetery she screams, jumps out of the car, runs

winds and a ghostly figure in a long topcoat one night. His hands were tucked
into the pockets of the dark coat, but all
four people in the car later agreed that the
sleeves hung limply from the figure's
shoulders as though his arms were either
missing or severely emaciated. When the
car drew up, the youngest boy put
everyone's thoughts into words. "He
don't have no feet. He's floating, not
walking." As the car slid past him, they
spun around in their seats to stare at the
figure. Again the youngest boy spoke up,
"He don't have a face neither."

The area around Bailey's Harbor, with its countless small bays and lanes has long been a favorite partying spot of county teens. Della Galt's two-story guest house sits in a clearing surrounded by ramshackle outbuildings and tiny cabins. People from Chicago and Milwaukee ventured to Della's haven in the early 1900's. Partying teens tell different stories about Della's now abandoned place. Some claim they've heard Della call the animals in to eat and have seen deer and squirrels gather at the back door of the old house in the



through the tombstones and disappears.

Horicon, Wisconsin is the home of "Something Evil on Larabee Street." The Tallmann's moved into their own home in 1986 (built just two years earlier in 1984) proud to have a part of the American dream. It turned into "a nightmare of vaporous figures, guttural voices, phantom flames, frightened children and finally, a penetrating fear that left them on the verge of madness."

Twenty months later they signed over the title of their "dream home" losing approximately \$3,000 in the deal. Several months after that, the Tallmanns moved to another new home in another Wisconsin city.

A husband, wife and two sons, traveling to Sister Bay in a rusty old blue '65 Chevy ran into some dense fog, October

moonlight.

A group of older boys were indulging in a drinking party one night and carelessly tossed a can and broke a window. Shortly afterward a wispy figure was spotted in the trees moaning "Go." They did, in a panic.

Ghosts have appeared in the written literature of all cultures. Belief in, and worship of ghosts was common in ancient societies and is still found today. Yet even today, there is no scientifically accepted evidence of the existence of ghosts.

Author's Note: We invite you to share your ghost stories with us. Please send them to In Step Magazine, Attn: Belle Pepper, 225 South 2nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

Viewpoint

How Prosecutors Are Using Obscenity Laws to Stifle Dissent ACLU Documents Censorship

By Marjorie Heins

Prosecutors around the country are dusting off America's archaic obscenity laws for new ends. Their purposes are frankly ideological: to suppress ideas they don't like, including Gay/Lesbian art and literature, and alternative journalism that they find rude, distasteful, and subversive.

Twenty-two years ago, the United States nearly got rid of obscenity laws. But Justice Abe Fortas had been forced off the Supreme Court in 1969 and the new chief justice, Warren Burger, became the swing vote four years later in the notorious Miller v. California case, reaffirming the notion that "obscene" books, pictures, plays, and movies were not protected by the First Amendment.

Miller did have the redeeming virtue at least of making clear that obscenity laws cannot be used to prosecute anything other than "hardcore pornography." What that means, of course, is somewhat difficult to say, but the Court specified that works with "serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value" could not be obscene.

Despite that clear warning, prosecutors in Cincinnati last year brought obscenity charges against the Pink Pyramid, the city's only Gay/Lesbian bookstore, for renting the film Salo by Pier Paolo Pasolini, one of the leading art film directors of postwar Europe. The police had sent a vice squad member into the store to rent "sexually oriented" videos, but the first selections were evidently not explicit enough, so he returned, asking for something "stronger" and "more graphic." On this second occasion, a clerk rented him Salo.

GAY FILM CALLED PORN

Salo is a bitter, grueling political allegory, but it is not anywhere close to hardcore pornography. The city nevertheless charged the bookstore with three counts of "pandering obscenity."

Not coincidentally, all this occurred just as the city was about to go to trial in federal court last summer to defend an anti-gay referendum that the voters had passed in 1993, voiding that portion of the city's human rights ordinance that barred discrimination based on sexual orientation. It's a fair inference that the city was about to embarrass the gay community just as the federal trial began, and to "get" the Pink Pyramid, perhaps to close it down entirely, and with it the open display of gay literature, art, and identity in Cincinnati.

Neither the defendants' lawyers nor an impressive array of film scholars, artists, festivals, and museums that filed a friend-of-the-court brief (including Martin Scorsese, Alec Baldwin, the Lincoln Center Film Society, and the Museum of Modern Art) were able to persuade the Ohio trial judge assigned to the Pink Pyramid case that the prosecution should be dismissed on the ground that Salo was protected by the First Amendment and could not possibly be found obscene under the Miller v. California test.

In November, the judge did order suppression of the evidence (the video) on Fourth Amendment search-and-seizure grounds — the police had kept the film well beyond its return date, thus unlawfully seizing it before they had a warrant. The city is appealing this order suppressing the "contraband," without which, of course, it cannot make its case in court.

'ZINE BANNED

Gay rights is not the only point of view that local communities are trying to shut down through obscenity laws.

Earlier this year in Bellingham, Wash., police received a complaint about a local newsstand that was selling the alternative magazine (or "'zine") called Answer Me!, whose current issue dealt from a variety of perspectives with the subject of rape. The bulky 'zine consisted of interviews, fiction, investigative journalism, and discomfiting visuals, all designed to provoke, reflect, parody, and savage both prevailing attitudes about violence against women, and the vociferous right wing of feminism which views censorship of pornography as the solution to the evils of sexism.

(The cover of Answer Me! showed a battered woman with a sign saying "I asked for it"; articles included "Chicks Make Me Nervous," "Revolt Against Penis Envy," "Fucking Andrea Dworkin" and many more with a similarly nihilistic cast.) Answer Me! is widely considered one of the best alternative 'zines in the nation.

A citizen complaint led to a visit by one of Bellingham's finest to the news-

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TV/Video

Series Documents Struggle for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights

A series of four one-hour television shows, *The Question of Equality*, will be shown at 11 p.m. Fridays, starting Nov. 10, on Wisconsin Public Television. Independent Television service incorporates rare archival footage with personal testimonies of the movement's gains, losses and continuing struggles in the series.

Schribner publishing will release an illustrated companion volume of essays to accompany the broadcast.

Producers of *The Question of Equality* include Isaac Julien, Arthur Dong, Jane C. Wagner and Tina DeFeliciantonio.

The first show, Out Rage '69, traces the circumstances behind the Stonewall Riots. Show two, Culture Wars, looks at gay-bashing, the 1992 presidential campaign and Oregon's "special rights" ballot measure.

Hollow Liberty, show three, examines the legal system. The final show, Generation Q, introduces Gay and Lesbian teenage activists and students.

"All Americans need to see that their neighbors and family members are being persecuted and that basic human rights are being blatantly violated," said Dong. "This series puts a human face on the very people the radical right wants to eliminate from society."

Sunday Night OUT Moves

Madison radio's only Gay and Lesbian show, Sunday Night Out, has moved to Saturday afternoons from 5 to 7 p.m. on WTSO, 1070 AM. The program's producer, Diana Summers, said the time change was due to the length Sunday evening Monster hockey games.

Summers said Saturday afternoon will allow more opportunities for on-location broadcasts. A contest is in the works for renaming the show.

The first Saturday afternoon show on Oct. 28 will feature Abbie Hill and John Quinlan interviewing frelance writer Richard Shumate, who went undercover to experience the "ex-gay" movement first-hand.

A Few New Videos

The Lesbian and Gay Parents Association has produced an in-service workshop for educators and administrators, "Overcoming Homophobia in the Elementary Classroom," that includes the video Both of My Moms' Names Are Judy. The cost is \$50 for institutions, \$25 for individuals, postage included. For information, contact GLPCI at Box 43206, Montclair, NJ 07043, (202) 583-8029.

Greenwood/Cooper Homevideo has released two new titles, Viz and Interludes. Viz is shot on location in a budapest Turkish bath. Interludes captures seven men enjoying quiet moments alone. Both tapes retail at \$29.95 and may be ordered from Greenwood/Cooper Homevideo at (800) 959-9843.

Kino On Video has released British experimental filmmaker Dered Jarman's last two films, Blue (\$24.95) and Wittgenstein (\$79.95) In Blue, Jarman examines his struggle with AIDS that give way to a beatific calm. Wittgenstein examines the philosopher's life and his desire to be open about his homosexuality. For information, contact Kino On Video at (212) 629-6880.

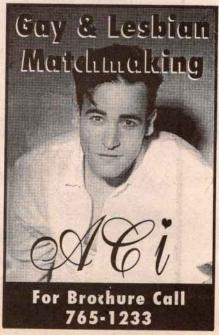
Freestyles Airs Second Episode

Freestyles with Amanda Bearse, which premiered on VH-1 in July, has released a second episode. Locally, it will air on Monday, Oct. 30 at 10:30 p.m.

The show is the first commerciallyproduced, nationally aired in the nation geared toward LesBiGay consumers. The hour-long show covers sports, health, entertainment, cooking and trends.



Michael Harwick's arrest and conviction in 1987 under a Georgia sodomy law brought the U.S. Supreme Court into America's bedrooms.





Five of the eight women on board the U.S.S. Norton Sound who were investigated in 1979 for alleged Lesbian activity wait outside the U.S. Naval Station on Long Beach, Calif., for word about a friend.

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Gutzman Performs Broadway Revue With a Gay Twist

Dale Gutzman will premier his Broadway revue The Toast of Broadway! at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4, at Cafe Melange, 720 N. Old World Third St., Milwaukee.

This 90-minute review gives Broadway songs a touch of Gay sensibility. A chorus of men sings "I'm in Love With a Wonderful Guy." Three men in drag sing the strippers' song from Gypsy, "You've Got to Have a Gimmick."

Gutzman has always acknowledged the Gay community by using Gays in every show and often presenting shows with a Gay theme or concept. This show will go on tour to Pattaya, Thailand, after its Milwaukee opening.

The cast will include Carl Chadek, David Flores, Diane Sotski and Marc Pera.

Tickets are \$10. Seating is limited to 140 patrons per night. For reservations, call 466-4049.

Film Explores Homophobia in Rap and Reggae

Isaac Julien, a London-based filmmaker, will be on hand to introduce and discuss his most recent documentary exploring homophobia, gun glorification and misogyny within rap and raggae music. Darker Side of Black will be shown free at the UWM Union Theatre at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. The film features interviews with Ice Cube and Shabba Ranks as well as Cornell West and Tricia Rose to arrive at far-from-simplistic conclusions.

Julien recognizes the hate but tries to uncover the source of the anger and the reason for the direction it takes, using dancehall and hip-hop club scenes and music video clips. Julien also directed the films *Looking for Langston* and *This Is Not an AIDS* Advertisement. The film is presented by the Community Media Project.

Windy City Performing Arts Holds Fundraisers

To raise funds for the Gala '96 world conference of Gay choruses in Tampa, Fla., in July 1996, Windy City Performing Arts will hold two upcoming fundraisers.

The "Queen of Halloween Gala" from 8 p.m. to midnight on Tuesday, Oct. 31, at Big Chicks will feature a party with a queen of Halloween costume contest and Windy City performing artists. The suggested donation is \$5.

"To the Divas!" will be presented by Windy City Performing Arts and Fred Allen from 9:30 to 1:30 Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Gentry on Halsted. Singers will salute their favorite divas. Suggested donation is \$5.

For more information, call (312) 404-9242.

Dances Will Explore Romance

Romantic Options will offer small dances, scenes, vignettes and large dance sections to examine the mystery and humor of romance.

Wild Space Dance Company will present the evening-long show at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4, at the Cabot Theatre, 158 N. Broadway Ave. Tickets are \$15 and \$12.



Wild Space Dance Company will present Romantic Options. Photo by Tom Bamberger.

The show is choreographed by Debra Loewen. Joining the dance company will be former member David Figueroa, now of New York City, and Milwaukee performance artist Mark Anderson. Featured live musicians will be Connie Grauer of Milwaukee's Mrs. Fun and composer-performer Alissa Eells.

Chicago Hosts 15th Annual Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival

Canadian films will among those featured at "Reeling: The 15th Chicago Lesbian and Gay International Film Festival" opening Friday, Nov. 3 and running through Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Music Box Theater, 3733 N. Southport, and at Chicago Filmmakers' Kino-Eye Cinema, 1543 W. Division St.

Opening this year's festival will be the Chicago premier of canadian director Patricia Rozema's new film When Night is Falling, a romantic story of a Christian academic, Camille, whose life is turned upside-down by Petra, a flamboyant performer from an avant-garde circus.

Other films to be shown include Man of the Year, Tokyo Cowboy, The Last Supper, A Very Natural Thing, The Killing of Sister George, Moscow Fags and Trevor.

Judy Tenuda will appear at a part Nov. 11 to help close the festival, organized by Chicago Filmmakers.

The festival hotline number for up-to-date program information is (312) 384-0772; the World Wide Web page is http://www.videos.com/gandl/. Tickets are on sale at Kino-Eye Cafe, 1543 W. Division.

AIDS Benefit Calendar on Sale

Jeff Palmer's 1996 AIDS benefit calendar is available for ordering for \$12 plus \$2.25 shipping and handling from AIDS Benefit Calendar, Dept. 53, P.O. Box 34012, San Diego, CA 92163.

The 11-by-22-inch black-and-white calendar features 14 new photographic images celebrating the beauty of men and male couples. Proceeds from the calendar are distributed to agencies across the country that provide direct services to people living with HIV or AIDS. More than \$285,000 has been distributed since the first calendar in 1990.

Mary Shafer Signs Her Book

In Step columnist Mary Shafer, an artist and amateur historian, will sign copies of her book, Rural America: A Pictorial Folk Memory at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, at Audubon Court Books, 383 W. Brown Deer Road, Milwaukee.

The book contains an affectionate look back at a kinder, gentler America before computers, CDs and MTV. Real communities were the rule, she says — where people knew each other on a first-name basis.

Lesbian Love Bites at Party

AfterWords Bookstore will hold a "very special, very Gay and Lesbian" Halloween bash starting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30, at 2710 N. Murray Ave., Milwaukee.

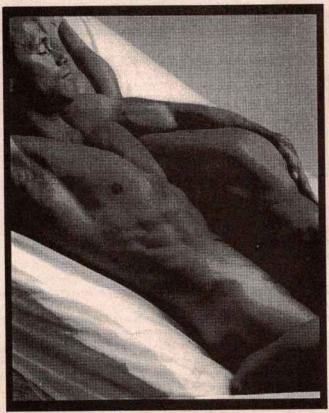
The special guest/ghoul host will be Pam Keesey, editor of her second collection of Lesbian vampire tales, Dark Angels (Cleis Press, \$10.95). Keesey will read from the new book, which includes stories from Melanie Tem and Cecilia Tan. Her first collection of Lesbian vampire stories was Daughters of Darkness.

AfterWords' Halloween bash will feature a frightfully decorated store and horrifying refreshments. Everyone in costume will receive a free gift. The bash is free and everyghoul is welcome.

Naiad's Jackie Calhoun Will Read & Talk

Jackie Calhoun, Naiad Press's best-loved writer, will appear in Milwaukee again at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at AfterWords book store, 2710 N. Murray Ave.

Calhoun has just released her sixth novel, Changes (Naiad Press, \$10.95). In Changes, while on vacation with her lover Jo, Maggie is seriously injured in a bicycle crash, and the accident sets in motion a series of events that change the lives of all concerned.



A photo from Jeff Palmer's AIDS benefit calendar.

Her previous titles include Triple Exposure, Friends and Lovers, Sticks and Stones, Second Chance, and Lifestyles.

Following her reading, she will participate in a talk-back discussion. Refreshments will be served. Calhoun's appearance is free and open to the public.

Boulevard Waits for Godot

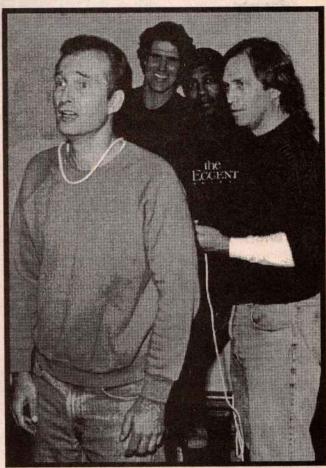
The Boulevard Ensemble is presenting Samuel Beckett's comedy of questions, Waiting for Godot, through Nov. 12, directed by Timothy X. Troy. Michael Weber and Robb Walker play the main roles of Beckett's wandering hobos.

Show times are evenings Thursdays through Sundays, with a matinee on Nov. 12. Tickets are \$9 for Thursdays and \$10 for the remaining shows.

For reservations, call 672-6019.

Auditions Open for Boulevard

The **Boulevard Ensemble** will hold auditions for **Larry Shue**'s rarely produced *Wenceslas Square* on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Boulevard Theatre, 2252 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. Auditions for this dramatic comedy will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Call 672-6019 for an appointment or more information.



Tim Palumbo (left), Mike Weber, Rodd Walker and Bill Nolte (right) appear in the Boulevard Ensemble's presentation of Waiting for Godot.

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Mark Dendy portrays a transvestite hooker heroin addict in Busride to Heaven.

Danceworks Presents Mark Dendy

Gender illusionist Mark Dendy will portray "four ordinary but incredible people" in his solo performance show Busride to Heaven. Danceworks will produce the show at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, at Madison's Kanopy Arts Center, 600 Williamson St.; and at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18, at the Modjeska Theatre, 1134 W. Mitchell St.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission and \$8 for students and seniors. The Nov. 17 performance is a benefit for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. For reservations, call Danceworks at (414) 481-2010.

In the show, Dendy portrays four people waiting posthumously for the bus that will carry them into the next life: a transvestite hooker heroin addict, a man who died of AIDS, a little old Southern Baptist lady, and a televangelist who makes Tammy Faye Baker look like Little Bo Peep with a Maybelline fetish.

CD Benefits International Human Rights Commission

The Indigo Girls, U2, and Throwing Muses are among the 17 acts that have contributed tracks to a compilation CD that will benefit the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. Called Out Loud, the CD is available for \$12.95 plus shipping and handling by calling (800) 462-6654.

Music and Art Will Benefit Wisconsin AIDS Fund

Mrs. Fun will join divas Conni Blumberg, Paula Cabot, Foyne Mahaffey, Juli Wood and from New York City Robyn Pluer for an evening of music, art and fun to benefit the Wisconsin AIDS Fund.

In addition, one-of-a-kind art from the area will be sold in a silent auction.

The Live! For Life event will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 N. Broadway, with cocktails and end at 10 p.m. after a supper. Costs vary from \$15 for the concert only to \$2,500 for a corporate table with premier seating. For more information, call (414) 272-5805.



Mrs. Fun will play at the Nov. 11 Wisconsin AIDS Fund benefit.

Calendar Sales Benefit AIDS & Cancer Fight

Famous Lesbian comedian **Suzanne Westenhoefer** has endorsed the *Women Who Love Women* 1996 calendar. All proceeds from the calendar will go to **Stop AIDS/Women's Project** and a women's cancer project to be announced.

To order, call (312) 871-3300 with a Visa or MasterCard or send \$16.95 to WWLW, P.O. Box 578-085, Chicago, IL 60657.

Rep Show Recalls Independence Day 1906

Eugene O'Neill's classic comedy, Ah, Wilderness! will be presented through Nov. 26 by the Milwaukee Repertory Theater in cooperation with Studio Arena Theatre in the Powerhouse Theater.

The romantic story depicts a family during the picnics and patriotic uproar of a turn-of-the-century small town. Certain performances will feature "talkbacks, "cabaret chats," a "pay what you can" performance, and a sign language interpreted performance, along with half-price student and senior "rush" tickets a half-hour before curtain.

Tickets cost \$8 to \$28 and can be purchased at the Milwaukee Rep Box Office, 108 E. Wells St., or by phone at (414) 224-9490.

Romanovsky & Phillips to Perform in Chicago

If there is a God, he's a queen, according to Romanovsky & Phillips on their new live album, "Let's Flaunt It!" As proof, they suggest in one song, consider the canyons of New Mexico, "There are color combinations no straight man could conceive."

The cabaret duo, sometimes called a "gay Smothers Broth-(or are the Smothers Brothers a straight Romanovsky & Phillips?) will appear in shows at 8 and 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11, at the Gentry nightclub, 712 N. Rush St., Chicago.

Tickets can be purchased for \$18 each with major credit cards by calling the Gentry at (312) 664-1033. The club can seat about

The song about the "nelly holy man," along with cover album photos of Paul Phillips and Ron Romanovsky wearing nothing but strategically-placed musical instruments, caused two printers and a color film separator who had previously worked on R&P projects to refuse this work, putting the album months behind schedule and one-third over budget, according to the duo.

Phillips said apparently people aren't ready for jokes about God. "People should lighten up," Romanovsky said.

Their songs about the follies of romance, politics and the LesBiGay lifestyle first hit the stage in 1982 in San Francisco. They have since sold more than 70,000 albums, toured the United States, Canada and Australia, and won prizes from groups as diverse as the Christopher Street West Association in Los Angeles and the American Society of Composers, Artists and Publishers.

Romanovsky describes his childhood in suburban Pittsburgh as miserable. He ran away from home, flunked gym class and wrote novels to cope with harassment from homophobic classmates. As soon as he could, he moved to San Francisco, began writing songs and met Phillips in Golden Gate Park in 1981.

Romanovsky is now an active member of the Friends of the Accordion and the Closet Accordion Players of America, and has combined accordion playing and Rollerblading to create the

sport "Squeezeblading."

Phillips, at age 9, won first place in the New Jersey state baton twirling championship. He had made his stage debut as a singer at age 7, and in high school showed "great promise" as a cheerleader. As a teenager, he once cooked dinner for Ted Koppel.

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Ron Romanovski entertains Paul Phillips with his accordion. Photo by Irene Young.



CC Rae Show Returns to Home State

On stage, CC Rae's act resembles the Carol Burnett Show, fast-paced and varied with lots of costumed characters. stand-up comedy, humorous music, and a happy dash of slapstick. It also includes life-size puppets, a dash of vaudeville, and celebrity impersonations.
"It's not a typical drag show," says

Randy Bouché, who uses the name CC Rae on stage. "Everything has a comic basis. If it isn't built into a song, I build it

in myself."

For example, he will lip-synch a song while in costume and wig to impersonate a celebrity, but the song might include added sound effects or voices and a puppet might accompany CC Rae in some

Bouché usually includes eight different characters per show. In one minute, he can make a complete change from Barbra Striesand to Pee Wee Herman, the Church Lady or Peg Bundy. New characters to his show this year are Morticia Addams and Linda Richman, the Saturday Night Live actress who says, "It looks like buttah."

One show-stopping part of his act features CC Rae dancing in tandem with two life-size puppets - with no behind-

the-scene puppeteers helping

He will be performing at the Pivot Club in Appleton at 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, and at Jo Dee's in Racine at 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4. Channel 5 News from Green Bay will cover the Pivot Club performance as part of a feature story about Bouché's work.

The show has hit 237 clubs across the United States. Bouché, a Green Bay native, got his start in his home town and in nearby Appleton. Interviewed by phone in Manchester, N.H., where he was performing in a two-week series of New England bookings and enjoying gorgeous fall trees, he said he started out in lip synch contests.

From there, he moved on to emceeing, choreographing shows, directing acts and working on pageants. "What started out as a hobby soon turned into an obsession for performance and competi-tion," he said.

"I chose characters that I found en-

tertaining, although many of my characters were suggested to me by my peers," he said, and then he devoted time and work to capturing that person's look and

mannerisms.

He borrowed a puppet from a friend and after experiments, added puppets to his show. In 1991, he received the Outstanding Talent Award at the Miss Gay USA National Pageant. The next year, he tried a spring tour of 11 Florida cities. The result was so positive he has been tour-ing nationally since.

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At Wheaton College in Illinois (Billy Graham's alma mater), Phillips was barred from participation in the Men's Glee Club European tour because he wasn't "manly enough." In Bloomington, Ind., he was thrown out of a bar for dancing with another man and filed the first U.S. test case of a local human rights ordinance protecting Gay men and Lesbians ever to go to a hearing.

Together, Romanovsky and Phillips have now performed in over 200 cities, not including two LesBiGay national marches in Washington and more than 100 Gay pride events, which by their estimate means they have played for more than 3 million people.

Their latest album includes new songs such as "Some of My Best Friends Are Straight" along with comedic stories about the homosexual agenda ("queer things to do today") and gay math: "Mary and Kay are lovers. Mary has six ex-lovers; Kay has four ex-lovers. How many best friends do Mary and Kay have?"

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Gus Van Sant Gives Good Film

By Dale Reynolds

The Kentucky-born Gus Van Sant is one of the strongest, most idiosyncratic and original film makers in the U.S. today. Van Sant, 43, a quiet-spoken, serious man, has had five features released to date, the most financially successful being *Drugstore Cowboy* (1989), which starred Matt Dillon, and *My Own Private Idaho* (1991), which co-starred Keanu Reeves and the late River Phoenix.

Van Sant's current film, To Die For, will undoubtedly do excellent business as well, in part because there is a cult-following for his work, which has been almost uniformly interesting and fascinating to watch. The 43-year-old director lives nowadays in Portland, OR, a state which meets his needs to escape busy metropolitan centers and the corrosive atmosphere of moneyed-Hollywood.

"I don't know if my films can be described as "art"; they're merely the forum wherein I work." He started out as a visual artist, but "I wasn't trying to do any one thing in my life – I want to do everything – you name it, I want to do it."

Van Sant's canon isn't as large as he would have it mainly because he has averaged only one film every two years – in part because he edits them, too. "It takes about a year-and-a-half to finish a film. They can overlap, but I'm not doing that – there's no reason to. Independents like [the late German filmmaker, Rainer] Fassbinder, or prolific studio directors with a factory behind them can do it. But working my way, I can't."

However, since he is interested in producing and/or directing more films, he acknowledges he'll have to let go of

the editing chores.

"Well, I have too many stories I want to write. Around four years ago, I was thinking of five different films – none of which have been done. I'd like to make one about Warhol and I have a Burroughs short-story which interests me. Plus an original script of mine." With the exception of To Die For (which stars Nicole Kidman and Matt Dillon), an adapted script by Buck Henry from the novel by Joyce Maynard), he has written all his own scripts. He also has written a novel, Pink, which is about death and dimensional travel, a sort of sci-fi story in which the narrator is Gay.

FIRST FILM

His first feature-film was in many ways his best: Mala Noche ("Bad Night") which he shot for \$20,000 in a grainy black-and-white, hand-held verité style. It was his most personal film: the attraction to, and obsession over, a young, non-

Gay, Mexican national who was living illegally in Portland.

"It was my first picture and the most specific Gay story I've ever written. The other ones were stories that I liked, and

I've always wanted to do another Gay story, although [Even Cowgirls Get the Blues, an unfortunate mixture of outrageous imagery and confused story-telling] wasn't it. (Oh, no, it bit the big one.) "Cowgirls was less specific in that area but My Own Private Idaho had a lot of Gay fringes in it."

The famous campfire scene, wherein Phoenix' character declares his love for Reeves' character, was re-written by the late star. "River embellished it, making his character less a prostitute, and more a lost soul. I hadn't defined their sexuality on the page – but it was a romantic scene, which I had originally written as a play



Film director Gus Van Sant on the set of Cowgirls. Photo by Abigayle Tarsches.

on a romantic scene – the two guys were supposed to be bored."

It's a telling statement from a Gay man who tends to cinematically put himself at some distance from romance. His characters – Gay or straight – tend to not know enough about love and romance to be able to put it into action. "Yeah, that's true, but although I'm quite attracted to themes of distance, and the lives of the disaffected, I'm romantic at home."

In all his work, the characters have an inherent inability to love. In *Drugstore*, the boys and girls are too loaded to have sex, let alone make love; in *Idaho*, they're too distanced from the notion that it exists; in *To Die For*, there's a problem with the basis for the marriage between Kidman and Dillon. "The truth is, I'm more concerned about the dramatics

rather than a view of life – that's a pattern with me. In my current relationship [four years with a man he declines to identify], we don't live together any longer. That makes it easier. I had a seven year relationship before this one."

Answering a persistent rumor that he had requested Reeves and Phoenix to try Gay sex before filming, he denies any knowledge of the request or possible action taken, nor would he confirm a statement he allegedly made at the time of the filming that he would never cast actors to play Gay who had never at least experienced it. But he does go on to deny that "Idaho's specifically about homosexuality, anyway.

"The two boys are hustlers, it's true. But the script is more about survival and parents - one of them has a parent he reects - he's running away from someone he couldn't measure up to; the other is looking for a lost parent. But there's no sexual relationship written between the two lads. It's a friendship based on survival, and [Reeves' character] ditches the other quickly in order to survive." By placing the straight boy into a Shakespearean riff, modeled after King Henry V, Van Sant put himself squarely into the camp of non-mainstream, oddball, film-makers - the ones we care about the most, as it turns out.

To Die For is miles away from the druggie weirdness of Drugstore or Cowgirls or the sexual alienation of Mala Noche, but it remains a deeply savage – and extremely funny – satire on the need of so many people, specifically Americans, to be famous – for that Warholian 15 minutes in the limelight which will make your existence so extraordinary that even your pimples will dry up by themselves. In short, when Kidman decides that husband Dillon is in the way of her non-career as a weather-girl, she seduces a young man and his friends to kill him. Simple. Elegant, even. A flawed act, however, which lands her in, er, hot water.

By shooting it in and around Toronto, easily able to stand-in for the film's locale, New Hampshire, Van Sant demonstrates just how enamored he is of the ambiance of small-town America and the perky values his heroine thinks she stands for. Producer Laura Ziskin took the option on the novel after reading a bookreview of it. She then hired Buck Henry to adapt it and involved Van Sant soon after.

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Everyone seemed to agree that the story dealt well with how desensitized Americans are to the violence around us, and how the media, through the unreal, constantly dramatized images, contribute to that feeling. An ideal cast was formed (Kidman, Dillon, Joaquin Phoenix – River's younger brother, who plays Kidman's patsy – and veterans such as Illeana Douglas, Dan Hedaya, Kurkwood Smith, Holland Taylor, and Maria Tucci, with writer Henry and film director David Cronenberg turning in amusing cameos.

(The choice of this particular title – taken from Maynard's novel – forced a small, low-budget, independent British film, which had debuted at the L.A. Gay & Lesbian Film Festival in 1994, to retitled itself *Heaven's A Drag*. The Irish producer of that film was furious and Van Sant didn't even know of its existence.)

VAN SANT RODE RAILS

My Own Private Idaho, an engrossing feature, dealt with male hustlers in the Pacific Northwest. Van Sant actually hired non-actor, real-life boys and girls to agree to be interviewed on camera about their experiences. "I just told them to come up with their own worst scenario. And they came up with these amazing stories. But I'm interested in disaffected youth: the adventure side of it is interesting."

Interesting, indeed. Van Sant, while coming from a middle-class, non-adventurous background, at age 20 actually rode the rails, on freight trains, back in 1972. It's that romantic notion of being unconfined and free to roam which has intrigued him about street kids.

It was amazing to me that kind of being loose in a day-to-day life. It's sexy in the sense that that's the whole job - to survive. When I traveled across the country as a hobo I learned about survival. Did you know that one can still do it? There's a whole society that travels that way, which has always traveled that way. Now the trains use [flatcars], which is less protective from the elements. In my day, when they had empty [box]cars up near the front, if you were younger you could ride with the engineers or on the caboose. But the romance of today has nothing to do with Hemingway's ideal. I wanted Idaho to relate to many different times and eras."

The character in the film modeled after Shakespeare's Falstaff was based on his friend Don Chambers, who lived for years on the "camp" street in Portland, near the bus station, where transients and homeless people camped out until the late 1970s.

"The kids would work the streets for money and they'd live in the camps. Chambers used to tell me depression-era stories of the camps, and I adapted them to today. I wanted the Shakespearean connection mainly because it's so timeless." Perhaps Van Sant should consider a remake of Preston Sturges' Sullivan's Travels for our scabrous 90s.

Van Sant's only artistic mis-fire to date has been the Lesbian-themed Even Cowgirls Get the Blues, a funky, off-beat pean to adventurous young women. The incredibly bad press it got, which resulted in it's being pulled before its release, have

to endure a major re-cutting, and then more bad reviews, left Van Sant shaken and hurt.

"I can't explain why it didn't work. We all liked it, thought it was off-kilter enough to make it interesting, and can't explain the reaction. But I don't think too much about that anymore. You can waste a lot of time trying to figure it out, and I the end, they either get your material, or they don't. I make these films for myself, anyway."



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For Sure: She Has to Tell Stories and We're Lucky She Does

By Susan Schramm

Dorothy Allison's Aunt Dot had a saying, delivered with a grin, a spit and a shrug: "There's only two or three things I know for sure. Only two or three things. ... Of course, it's never the same things, and I'm never as sure of them as I'd like to be."

That gem provides the refrain for Allison's latest book, Two or Three Things I Know for Sure, a slim autobiographical volume originally written as a performance piece. It resonates with the grit and heart of her powerful Bastard Out of Carolina, nominated for a National Book Award for fiction several years ago. In fact, Allison wrote Two or Three Things to help her personally distinguish between her real family and the Boatwright family of Bastard, which had become meshed in the process of fiction writing.

Family and fiction, or "storytelling," entwine throughout this work as sources of pain, personal mythology, and ulti-

mately survival.

Allison's passion as a writer is evident in her portrayal of the people and places that molded her. She evokes the South of her "white trash" roots: Greenville, S.C., "smelled like nowhere else I've ever been. Cut wet grass, split green apples, baby shit and beer bottles, cheap make-up and motor oil. Everything was ripe, everything was rotting. Hound dogs butted my calves. ... That country was beautiful ... beautiful and terrible."

Prominent in her upbringing were the "Gibson women" — Allison's mother Ruth, who worked 40 years as a waitress; her two sisters, to whom the book is dedicated; and her aunts, including the above-quoted Aunt Dot, who commented on Dorothy's third-grade school picture: "You're like me. Got that nothing-gonnastop-you look about you, girl."



Fortunately, we get to see that third grade picture and many others; old family photos adorn the text and make these personalities poignantly and starkly real. Along with Allison's individual stories, they bring home the literary characterizations:

"The women of my family? We are the ones in all those photos taken at mining disasters, floods, fires. We are the ones in the background with our mouths open, in print dresses or drawstring pants and collarless smocks, ugly and old and exhausted. ... We were all wide-hipped and predestined."

The men of the family also claim their place in the graphic and emotional landscape. Of her uncles and cousins Allison write: "The tragedy of the men in my family was silence, a silence veiled by boasting and jokes. If you didn't look close you might miss the sharp glint of pain in their eyes, the restless angry way they gave themselves up to fate."

The central tragedy of Allison's

The central tragedy of Allison's young life was the physical and sexual abuse she experienced at the hands of her stepfather. She recounts its bitter impact on her, the hard lessons she learned about love, sex and self-acceptance, and her struggle to deal honestly and openly with the "unacceptable" cast of her own desire and sexuality. Ever provocative and visceral, she writes:

"Two or three things I know, but this is the one I am not supposed to talk about, how it comes together — sex and violence, love and hatred. I'm not ever supposed to put together the two halves of my life — the man who walked across my childhood and the life I have made for myself

"I'm not supposed to talk about how long it took me to wash him out of my



Dorothy Allison. Photo by Jill Posener.

body — how many targets I shot, how many women I slept with, how many times I sat up till down wondering if it would ever change, if I would ever change. If there would come a time in my life when desire did not resonate with furr."

In this cruel circumstance, as in others, Allison used storytelling as a survival too, and finally stood up to her father by imagining a story of defiance, "a piece of magic ... to use against the meanness of

the world."

Through everything that's work against her, Allison has pushed ahead with a stubborn determination and passionate intelligence — from escaping the "destiny" of the women in her family (while still incorporating it, transformed), to becoming an ardent devotee of karate, in spite of a serious lack of agility ("a legendary white belt ... so bad, people would come to watch").

With this streak of surviving in-spiteof, comes the conviction that she must tell her own stories, which no one can tell for her: "Two or three things I know for sure, and one of them is that to go on living I have to tell stories, that stories are the one sure way I know to touch the heart and change the world."

Dorothy Allison's voice is true enough and strong enough to accomplish

that.

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When Growing Up Is Something Like a Bad Dream, a Boy Still Can Find His Way

By Carl M. Szatmary

Dream Boy By Jim Grimsley Algonquin Books, \$18.95

Adolescence is a difficult time for most, made even more difficult for those growing up Gay. It's a time when we learn, fully, that we are different from most others, friends and family, and begin to get an inkling just what exactly that will mean. Adolescence, too, is a time for first love. No surprises then that many writers are drawn to adolescence for inspiration and subject material.

What may be surprising is the number of fine Gay-themed novels that have been published this year chronicling this all-too-fleeting, often troublesome, always unsettling period. Last spring found Scott Heim's haunting Mysterious Skin and more recently was Todd D. Brown's delightful Entries in a Hot Pink Notebook (reviewed in Vol. 12, Issue 20). Adding to this list is Jim Grimsley's Dream Boy.

Dream Boy is a spare, elegantly written novel about the dark underside of the American dream. This is a desolate place, lost in some deep corner of the rural South, a land where fundamentalism and petty meanness have free reign. Grimsley's portrait is not that of June Cleaver and Wonder Bread. Instead Dream Boy depicts a family whose facade of normalcy barely conceals years of abuse and an unending string of desperate secrets. At the novel's center is Nathan, a shy and troubled youth, once again the new kid in school. His father is a large and always looming figure, a man who spends his nights drinking whiskey and reading passages out loud from the

At night Nathan watches Roy through the bedroom window. Actually, if the truth be told, Roy watches Nathan back. No mirror image, in Roy Nathan sees everything that he is not: popular, confident, handsome and physically strong. Roy in fact boasts a girlfriend in a neighboring town, a local status symbol of some significance.

As it has time and time before, Nathan's father's job again inevitably begins to sour. With this situation comes increased drinking and increased threat of abuse. As he lives increasingly in fear, Nathan envies Roy's family, which is everything Nathan's is not.

When Roy befriends Nathan, neither he (nor the reader) is quite sure why. Sure, Nathan does help Roy with his school work, but he is, after all, much younger than Roy. Still, Roy increasingly draws Nathan into his circle of friends and more and more into his life. A deep emotional bond develops between the two youths, one of which, not surprisingly, turns sexual in nature. Initially, this relationship

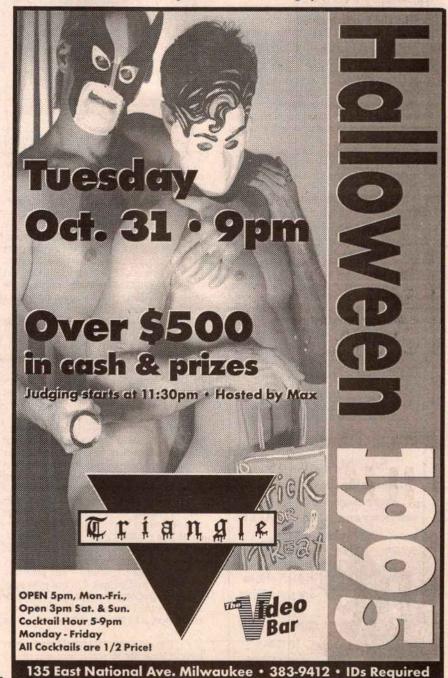
is pretty much a once-sided affair. The novel will reach its dramatic turning point, a moment of great urgency and violence, when Roy is finally able to find the courage and depth of need within himself finally to be able to reciprocate.

Grimsley is a gifted story-teller, his prose in **Dream Boy** possessing a lyricism, shimmering with light and love and truth. Grimsley has hauntingly captured the pain and the tension of a family in trouble, where maintaining appearances for the sake of the neighbors (and far more importantly, for themselves), regardless

of the emotional toll, is the order of the

Dream Boy's narrator, an older version of Nathan himself, is uniquely voiced, detached and objective yet still able to vividly reveal the dreams and fears experienced by his adolescent self. With great quietness and poignancy, Grimsley is able to portray the early stirring of first love.

Dream Boy is that extremely rare novel, powerful in emotional truth yet richly life-affirming. It is simply too good to miss! Highly recommended.



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Robert's Rules

By Shelly Roberts

Kudos for Candace

I'm going to change my mind. Right here in front of you.

Oops. I am the media. and I'm feeling pretty alert, so here

Multiple months ago, I took on some so-called hero's for the hypocrisy of their elevation. And in that particular diatribe, I included a young woman who, through no fault of her own, through an accident of birth and sibling rivalry, had been thrust to the front of the world stage. I said then that Candace Gingrich had no place at the podium other than to appeal to and appease the voyeuristic curiosity of the mainstream, middle-American, oj-gulping general populace. They wanted to be able to stand outside and guffaw at the biggest cosmic "gotcha" of them all, that the half-sister of the Most Homophobic Speaker of the House of United States Representatives was a (gasp) Lesbian.

No, I haven't changed my mind about false heroes and heras who climb the dais for their own aggrandizement only after hav-

ing absolutely no choice.

The closeted elected officials and rock stars who come to this religion late, who only embrace the mantle after being repeatedly, unwillingly outed still earn my disrespect. I guess I should be grateful as a Lesbian that they have taken up the gauntlet at all, and to some extent I am, but mostly, as Community Goad, I find their sudden zeal a perfect example of my favorite column target, Surrealism-in-Everyday-Life. Candace Gingrich is different.

While she never asked for the microphone, (it was passed to her as a birthright, just as was her orientation.) when she had it thrust into her hand, she didn't just hog the focus. She quite apparently did her homework. And I say, "Brava! Go, Girrrrrl!"

At the time I first encountered and interviewed Ms. Gingrich, it was literally her first minute in front of a Lesbian and Gay audience, as keynote speaker of a health conference sponsored by Miami's SAVE (Securing American Values for Everyone) organization. She had the doe in the headlights look of a woman suddenly startled to find herself profiled and quoted in Time Magazine, plucked from her never-actually-ordinary-because-of-who-her-brother is life, into limelight that was proving to be just a tad tart. She, then, wasn't up to the task.

CANDACE GROWS INTO ROLE

Well, it has been many months since that conference, when a number of us who, ourselves, having sat center stage for the cause, expressed genuine concern that the Gingrich naif was going to be chewed up and spit out by the mainstream media. It has now been millions of air miles since the Human Rights Fund adopted Candace as our baby sister, and walked her through the exacting, excruciating drills it takes to have more than a Lesbian media moment.

Candace Gingrich used to sound like she was, at best, reading aloud from the inside pages of this very publication. Candace Gingrich now sounds like a committed Lesbian leader who knows her topic, takes it personally, and gives as good as she gets with warm smiles and non-confrontational techniques.

She said all the right words then. She understands and con-

veys the right words now.

And I want to be the first one on my feet to applaud the distance this woman has traveled from Last Spring to Coming Out Week. At that time, I sent out a judgment that was not then inaccurate, but is now way out of date.

I also want to hail the good work of HRCF on Candace's behalf. Not to short-sell the woman herself, this kind of transformation does not happen by accident. It is now clear in the hearing, that her growth as a speaker and advocate on our behalf has been honed and successfully polished. Candace speaks well for us, which speaks well for the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

I am pleased and delighted to find out that from a flash in the People Magazine pan, Candace Gingrich has matured into an articulate, determined, well-mannered contradiction to the term of the House Speaker. She accomplishes, now, in her newly achieved center-stage comfort, in her mere persistent existence, what so few of us have been able to, though so many have tried. She provides accurate argument and delicious high contrast to the self-serving sentences her brother pronounces against us.

She delivers exquisite argument to the differences between

what he says, and what his family, like most families, actually

lives.

Try this one. Next time you're in a general conversation with some non-Gay, ask casually, and kind of off the cuff, who in his/her family is Gay. Ask it as though you assume it to be true (because, of course it is.) The results will give you an immediate and perhaps surprisingly positive reality check. Everybody'll got one of us in her family.

Six months later, after hearing Candace Gingrich again, I have to tell you that I am very pleased that Newly has her in his.

And, since we are family, I am pleased as well to have her in

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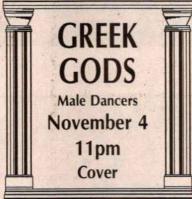
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Keepin' In Step

By Jamie

Wow, is it deadline already? Usually by now I have been inspired with a beginning topic, but at the moment...

As you may have noticed from the last issue, Belle Pepper has been doing photo shoots and writing part of this column so I will have a bit less to draw from, but here we go. I will start with the stuff I

am supposed to write about first, and later I will ramble on about my life.

My first photo shoot after last deadline was Club 94's Annual Benefit Auction & Show, Oct. 7. I left my house at 10 p.m., put Dreamgirls in the tape deck (I was feeling a bit nostalgic), set the cruise control to 65 (give or take 10 mph) and I was on my way. The drive was really nice. Not much traffic, and not a single person argued with the "slower traffic keep right" rule, so before I knew it, I was pulling into Club 94's parking lot.

One of the first things I noticed was new construction and fresh paint in the dance part of the club. The "Queens



From left to right: Leslie Quartullo, Stephanie Hume, Ashlee Brawley & BJ Daniels took part in HRL's Coming Out in the Bars Forum on Thursday, October 12. Photo by Belle Pepper.



Scenes from Lady Miranda's Benefit Show: #1 Beautiful and talented Cass Marie Domino (Madison); #2 Jackie Roberts; #3 Sasha Mitchell; #4 Shawana; #5 DuW anna Moore (Appleton must agree with you, girrrllll!; #6 Lilly White (the hostess for the evening and deliverer of several bad OJ jokes); #7 Jill Clark sang her two new original songs (live); #8 and Lady Miranda herself doing "When Will I See you Again, as a Blind Woman."

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Throne" (I heard somebody call it) was built to cover up a fire from a few weeks back. After bar closing one night, a garbage can started on fire. Thanks to the quick thinking of Rob and manager Bob, a couple of fire extinguishers and a few gallons of water, the fire was out.

OK, let's get back to the night of the auction. The club filled up with people fast. I gotta tell ya, there were a lot of very beautiful guys there. I wasn't in a bold mood that night so I didn't really meet anyone new. I still had a great time, I hadn't been there for quite awhile so it

The auction raised over \$1,375 for Woman's Horizon, an organization that helps woman and children affected by domestic violence.

Back in Milwaukee, the Wreck Room welcomed the Castaways and M.A.F.I.A. and other club members for a combined club night. I tried to get there for some photos but by the time I got back, it was closing time. Sources tell me they had a

Oct. 11 was National Coming Out Day. There were various events around town in celebration, beginning with: a community forum at Dance, Dance, Dance, on the 12th; a lecture from Paul Siegel on Gay and Lesbian rights at the Memorial Union on the 13th; also on the 13th Fannies hosted a coming out dance.

Oct. 14 in Madison, the Ten Percent Society also hosted a Coming Out Dance. About 1000 people showed up at the Great Hall at UWM. I was fortunate enough to have been asked to the dance, so I made the trip to Madison. We got there at about 10:30 p.m. and the place was hoppin'. Tony Ritschard (New Bar), made sure all of us had great music to dance to. For those of you that do not smoke, you might want to check this dance out. It was a smoke-free! The dance only lasted until 12:30, so after that we went to an after dance party. The whole night was a great time (thanks Brian).

Well that's what's been goin' on in my life the past couple of weeks. The next couple will be filled with demolition and construction dust. Last week I looked at the dirty dishes in my kitchen sink and said "NO MORE"!!! I hate doing the dishes, so I went out and bought a dishwasher. A friend of mine got me a great deal, about \$100 off regular price. Now I have to rebuild part of my kitchen to make room for it. So until next time, pray for continued warm weather and remember my favorite rule, slower traffic keep right.

By Belle Pepper

Whew! These last two weeks have been killers. Last issue (#20) was a real workout. I went from 2pm Sunday afternoon until late, late, late Monday night (actually Tuesday morning) without getting any decent sleep. When I finally did lay down and sleep, I drifted off with a big smile on my face, thanks to The Better Red (and I don't mean the beer).

I was so pooped out, I missed the Public Officials Reception on Wednesday, October 11. That explains why you won't see any pictures in this issue. I went home about 3pm on Wednesday, laid down for a few minutes, fell asleep, and woke up with my pager beeping in my ear at 6:35pm. Ooopppss!

In addition to the politicians, the National Coming Out Day Awards were presented to four people by the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays. Steven Brondino, AfterWords Bookstore, Ujima and SAGE Milwaukee were each

honored with an award.

I did make it to the Coming Out in the Bars Public Forum on Thursday, October 12 at LaCage. Approximately 25

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people attended, someone from almost every aspect of the diverse Milwaukee LesBiGay community.

The panel was made up of Ashlee Brawley, BJ Daniels, Leslie Quartullo, and Corky. Stephanie Hume mediated the discussion, which was centered on coming out in the bars and the part it played in your life.

On Tuesday, October 17, I attended Lady Miranda's benefit show at Club 219. Lady Miranda, who most recently was crowned Miss Club 219, will be competing Sunday, November 5 in the Mr/Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant.

A big varied cast was on hand to entertain the crowd and assist Lady Miranda in her quest. Lilly White was our hostess and deliverer of bad, tired OJ jokes. One was so bad, Kimberly Ann threatened to cut the mic off if she told it.

Shawana, Jackie Roberts, Sasha Mitchell, Cass Marie Domino (my bet to take the crown in the Miss WI US of A pageant next year), DuWanna Moore (who is living in Appleton and growing more beautiful by the minute), and Jill Clark made up the balance of the cast. Jill Clark sang her two new songs which she's out promoting all over the state to disc jockeys. Lady Miranda performed several numbers, one which finally got the crowd to react: When Will I See You Again, as a blind woman. It was great and as usual, she looked gorgeous.

I found out that Chelsea Pearl won Miss US of A At-Large which was held recently in Dayton, OH. Sage LaRue placed 12th and Lady Miranda placed 14th out of 29 contestants. Congrats! Milwaukee Girls.

On Thursday, October 19 (yes, deadline Thursday), Sue Burke, our guest editor this issue and I dashed off to the PrideFest office for an informal reception with Stephanie Blackwood, Associate Publisher of The Advocate. That Bill Meunier sure has a plush office. He even has a bathroom with a shower and everything. Unfortunately, you can't smoke in the building, so there was always a crowd outside in front, puffing away.

On my way outside for the first time (yes, first time), I took a misstep out the door, and literally fell out the door, landing on my knee, hip and elbow (respectively). I did manage to keep from spilling my Diet Pepsi® and crushing my camera though. Ah, Jamie has taught me well.

Again, BIG, BIG thanks to everyone for the wonderful, warm, supportive words about In Step, Ron Geiman, and each issue we manage to get out the door. A huge thanks to Sowa for the time/money saving spreadsheet programs she developed which has shaved hours off my time, and has put some sanity into our lives here at In Step.





Calendar

Thursday, October 26

Rod's (Mad): Pumpkin carving contest from 5-10pm. Judging to follow with prizes awarded at Midnight. Men of Chicago bare down at 10:30pm. St. Camillus (Milw): Thursday Lecture/ Discussion Series: Challengese of Soul Care, 7-9pm. FMI (414) 481-3696. BESTD Clinic Live!: (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guest: Bill Hanel, Therapist, Mask We Wear on the Other

Boot Camp (Milw): Annual Pumpkin Carving Contest starting at 10pm. \$100 in

DanceWorks (Milw): Illusions in the Night to benefit DanceWorks. David Seebach, master magician will perform at Modjeska Theatre, 1134 West Mitchell. 7:30pm. Tickets are \$15. FMI (414) 481-2010.

Action WI (Milw): Region II Meeting, 7pm. Prospect Building, 2266 North Prospect, Suite 324. FMI Don at (414) 264-

Nat'l Coming Out Day Event (Mad): Presentation: Lisa Duggan: Sapphic Slashers: Love, Murder and Lesbian Desire in the US, 1880-1920. 5pm, State Historical Society Auditorium.

Friday, October 27

SAGE (Milw): Full day workshop entitled Providing Access to Services for Gay & Lesbian Older Adults: Historical Issues, Current Concerns. At University Center for Continuing Education, 161 West Wisconsin, Suite 6000. FMI (414) 227-3310. Shoreline Dancers (Milw): Dance Instruction at 9pm at 3B's. Tonight: Walk

Voices Breaking the Silence (Milw): Wisconsin Women's Center, Inc. Auction, Dinner and Dance at the Pfister Hotel Grand Ballroom, 424 East Wisconsin Avenue. 6pm auction, 7:30 dinner, 9pm voice auction, 9pm dance. FMI (414) 272-

Sherman Park Rainbow Assoc (Milw): First annual Halloween Party at Loose Ends, 4332 West Fond du Lac Avenue, 8pm-bar close. Costume contest with \$50

Isaac Julien (Milw): Part of the visiting filmmaker series at the UWM Union Theatre, 7pm. Free admission.

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Saturday, October 28

Club 94 (Ken): Halloween Party, judging at midnight. Light buffet after judging. Cover.

Rod's/The New Bar (Mad): Rod's annual Halloween Party Blow-Out Too Wong . . Boo! Costume judging at Midnight with over \$1,000 in Cash & Prizes.

SAGE/Dane (Mad): 1pm. Counseling with members of the Elder Law Center, filling out Durable Power of Attorney forms, etc. Future plans for SAGE will also be discussed. FMI (608) 257-9751 (George). Madison Gay Video Club (Mad): Halloween Party (jointly with Frontiers). Free buffet dinner. 7pm. Curse of the Queerwolf & Rocky Horror Picture Show. FMI (608) 244-8675.

SAGE (Mad): In cooperation with the Elder Law Center, help in executing durable powers of attorney and living wills. 6106 Queens Way, Monona. WTSO Radio 1070AM (Mad): The LesBiGay radio show will begin airing in its new time slot at 5pm. Abbie Hill and John Quinlan will host discussion with freelance writer Richard Shumate who went undercover to experience the ex-Gay movement firsthand.

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Halloween Dance (Milw): A womyn's only event presented by Full Moon Productions. 9pm at the Harbor Lights Ballroom, Transit Center, 909 East Michigan Avenue (part of O'Donnell

Mama Roux (Milw): Dan's first Halloween Slumber Party, 9pm till ???. Tricks or treats at midnight. Costumes encouraged. Kathie's Nut Hut (Milw): Halloween Party, judging at 11:30pm. Free tap beer 10-11pm.

3B's (Milw): Boo Bash Costume Drag Show with Costume Contest, 10:30pm. Free drink with admission (benefits MAP & Tabitha Stevens). Cover.

Ballgame (Milw): Anyone in costume, 2nd drink Free.

Fannies (Milw): Annual Spook-tacular over \$500 in cash & prizes. Drink specials

Station 2 (Milw): Costume party 10pm-1am, judging at 11:30pm. Free tap beer to anyone in costume.

Just Us (Milw): Halloween Tricks and Treats, 9:30 Just Us Divas Show, 1am Costume Contest. Hot music all nite. No Cover.

Sunday, October 29

Club 94 (Ken): Halloween Party Show with many stars. 9:30pm. Cover. The New Bar (Mad): Sunday Drag Show hosted by Cass Marie

1100 Club (Milw): Halloween Show, A Night in Hell, 10:30pm.

LaCage (Milw): Benefit Show for Miss Sasha Mitchell with many guest appearances. 10:30pm.

Monday, October 30

AfterWords (Milw): Halloween Bash featuring Pam Keesey, author of Dark Angels. 7pm.

Club 219 (Milw): Costume Party. \$200 in cash and prizes. Judging at 11pm.

Tuesday, October 31

Triangle (Milw): Halloween party and costume contest. 9pm. Over \$500 in cash and prizes. Judging starts at 11:30pm. M&M (Milw): Halloween Party.

Boot Camp (Milw): Halloween Contest and Party, 11pm. \$100 in prizes. Drink specials all night.

Club 219 (Milw): Lena Chavez in The Wax Museum.

LaCage (Milw): Halloween '95 with now famous (12th annual) Trick or Treat Bags. Costume Contest, judging at 1am. Over \$1,000 in cash and prizes.

Zippers (Milw): Costume contest, judging at 10pm. Trick or Treat Drawings, 6-11pm. Over \$400 in cash and prizes.

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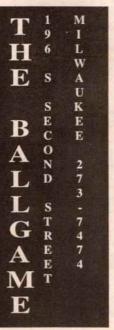
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LaCage (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 10pm-1am.

Community Forum (Milw): ARCW & MAP sponsored to give the community an opportunity to provide an assessment of their current programs. 6:30-8:30pm at M&M Club. FMI Andy Bagnall (414) 225-1502.

Thursday, November 2

St. Camillus (Milw): Thursday Lecture/ Discussion Series: HIV Disease and Cooperative Therapies, 7-9pm. FMI (414) 481-3696.

BESTD Clinic Live!: (Milw): Milwaukee Warner Cable 47, 7pm. Guest: Jeff Miller, RN, Remembering: the work of healthy grief!

Community Forum (Milw): ARCW & MAP sponsored to give the community an opportunity to provide an assessment of their current programs. 6:30-8:30pm at ARCW, 820 North Plankinton Avenue. FMI Andy Bagnall (414) 225-1502.

Friday, November 3

Fannies (Milw): Female Dance Revue & Burlesque with America's Sweethearts. \$4 Cover. Reserved tables available. See Sharon.



Scenes from Club 94's Annual Benefit Auction held Saturday, October 7.



Shoreline Dancers (Milw); Dance Instruction at 9pm at 3B's. Tonight: Rawhide.

Saturday, November 4

Club 94 (Ken): Greek God's Male Dancers, 11pm. Cover. Melanec's Dinner Theatre (Milw):

Melanec's Dinner Theatre (Milw): Murder Mystery Dinner benefitting ARCW. \$28 includes show and dinner. Dinner 6:30; show at 8pm. FMI (414) 264-6060.

Ballgame (Milw): HIT Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7pm. \$5 ticket.

Just Us (Milw): SAGE presents a Birthday Party for Matty and other autumn babies. No Cover, 5-8pm.

HIT Fundraiser (Milw): Duck Pin Bowl, with 2 shifts of bowling, 11:30am and 2pm at Koz's Mini Bowl at 6th & Becher. FMI Rick at (414) 482-1964.

Sunday, November 5

Laughing for AIDS (Milw): Centennial Hall, Milwaukee. Benefits the Milwaukee AIDS Project. Call (414) 933-7490 FMI. The Pageant (Milw): The annual Mr/Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant at the new Milwaukee Hilton (formerly Marc Plaza). Call 414/264-1155 for tickets. 414/672-7469 for contestant information. Gay Men's Discussion Group (Milw):

November Topic: Racism. Rodney Johnson, founding member of Ujima will facilitate. 6-8pm at the Counseling Center of Milwaukee, 2038 North Bartlett Avenue. FMI (414) 271-2565.

Monday, November 6

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

Wednesday, November 8

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

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St. Camillus (Milw): Thursday Lecture/
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Friday, November 10

St. Camillus (Milw): Deeper Into the Mystery: Living & Dying with Hope retreat, offered through Nov. 12. FMI (414) 481-3696

Shoreline Dancers (Milw): Dance Instruction at 9pm at 3B's. Tonight: Tennessee Twister.

Wreck Room (Milw): BESTD Clinic offers free, anonymous HIV testing and counseling, 5-8pm

Saturday, November 11

DanceWorks (Mad): Mark Dendy. Bus Ride to Heaven. 8pm at Kanopy PAC, 600 Williamson Street, Madison. FMI call (414) 481-2010.

Club 94 (Ken): Club 94 Follies presents a Country Show, 11pm, with The Girls.

Madison Gay Video Club (Mad): Sirocco & Jawbreaker, 8pm. FMI (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Atwood Community Center (Mad): 1-day Womyn's Drum Making Circle, 11am-5pm. 2425 Atwood Avenue (Madison). FMI (608) 242-7193.

AfterWords (Milw): Jackie Calhoun, author of Changes, 1pm.

Just Us (Milw): Latin Dance contest at midnight. Open dance 8-10pm.

DanceWorks (Milw): Mark Dendy. Bus Ride to Heaven. Also November 18. 7:30pm at Modjeska Theatre, 1134 West Mitchell Street. FMI call (414) 481-2010.

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Scenes from the Coming Out Dance in Madison held Saturday, October 14.



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stand in question; the officer warned the owners, Ira Stohl and Christina Hjelsand, that they risked obscenity charges. Stohl and Hjelsand were sufficiently intimidated to stop selling Answer Me! but they were also sufficiently incensed by the police department's high-handed censorship methods that they created a protest display complete with an issue of the magazine bound up in chains.

This gesture apparently did not amuse the local prosecutor, who in February informed Stohl, Hjelsand, and their attorney Breean Beggs (a volunteer recruited by the local ACLU) that he would file obscenity charges unless they forthwith removed the display and agreed never again to sell Answer Me! or anything "similar." When Stohl and Hjelsand responded with a federal suit seeking to stop the threats, the prosecutor countered with obscenity charges in state court.

As in Cincinnati, so in Bellingham, the defendants filed motions to persuade the state court judge that there was no way Answer Me! could be considered obscene under the Miller v. California test, and that because of the severe chilling effect of simply being prosecuted for obscenity, even if ultimately acquitted, the court had a constitutional obligation to dismiss the spurious charges without subjecting the defendants to the ordeal of a trial.

Voluminous affidavits accompanying these motions attested to the literary, artistic, political, and psychological value of the 'zine, including one by a University of California instructor who had assigned Answer Me! to her freshman composition class in order to study satirical style and ideas of "normality" in contemporary society.

But as in Cincinnati, the Washington judge refused to dismiss the charges. He not only disregarded the requirements of Miller, he also ignored the fact that this

a certain viewpoint about rape, at least as perceived by the prosecutor and the person who initially filed the complaint.

IDEAS AREN'T OBSCENE

A prosecutorial desire to suppress nasty ideas is a constitutionally illegitimate reason to initiate a criminal case, as the Supreme Court has frequently noted. But Supreme Court precedents are sometimes not a great help in the local communities and trial courts where obscenity law is increasingly being used to ad-

vance political agendas.

The law of obscenity has always been an oddity. In a legal universe where the First Amendment generally protects "offensive" speech from those who would like to suppress it, obscenity law not only allows community notions of offensiveness to play a role in deciding whether a book or film will be banned and its authors or distributors criminally punished, but convictions often turn on exactly how offensive the community, as represented by a local jury, finds the material.

And although scholars have pointed out that sexual speech has at frequent points in history been a weapon of political dissent, satire, and subversion, the Supreme Court continues to insist that obscenity laws are not "viewpoint based," but are simply directed at material that is "no essential part of the exposition of ideas."

Until obscenity laws are finally invalidated, government will continue to use them to harass, threaten, and silence nonconformity, rebellion, and dissent.

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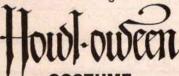
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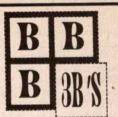
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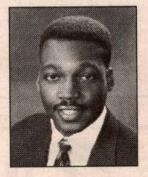
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the incident, it was ultimately a humiliating attempt by LCR to buy some influence in the Dole campaign.

SPECTER SPEAKS OUT

The only bright spot in the Republican field of candidates is Senator Arlen Specter (PA) who has openly criticized the Christian Coalition for intolerance and bigotry. Arlen Specter was the only Republican presidential aspirant who seemed prepared to educate himself on Gay issues and has the courage, conviction, and political savvy to speak out for the Gay community. Specter could be a pivotal candidate, taking positions favorable to the Gay community and thus elevate Gay issues for serious consideration and public debate not only for the other. Republican candidates but also for President Clinton.

Although Specter's chances for winning the nomination are slim, he can, in effect, control the dialogue on this and other "controversial" issues such as abortion and welfare. The Specter campaign has even sought advice – from the authors of this column and others – on how to reach out to the Gay community for support. In spite of the counsel and advice, the Specter campaign has remained silent

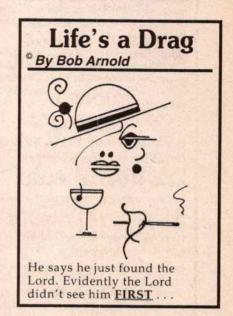
on enlisting the Gay community's support.

Why did the Specter campaign lose interest in Gay issues? Our initial advice was that Senator Specter had to make certain good-faith overtures to the Gay community to enlist their support, e.g. sign on as a co-sponsor of the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA); pledge to use his influence as chair of the Labor. Health, Human Services, and Education Appropriations Sub-Committee to support AIDS funding and research; to reconsider any opposition to Gays in the military in light of two years of failure of the "don't-ask-don't-tell" circus; and to use the fall session of the Senate to support issues that come up relating to the Gay community. Seemingly, the Gay issue was too hot for even the most moderate of the Republican candidates to handle.

GIVE ONLY TO SUPPORTERS

The best hope for the Gay community is to support any politician, regardless of party affiliation, who stands openly with us on issues important to our community. Candidates who do not openly support our cause are not worthy of our money, volunteer efforts, and most importantly, our vote. Groups such as Log Cabin Republicans should exercise better judgement when offering support to candidates that simply appear to be moderate. We should accept nothing less than full support from a candidate. If there is no politician in your area that is worthy of support, send your contribution to the Victory Fund, (10th Floor, 1012 14TH Street N.W., Washington, DC 20005) which provides financial help to openly Lesbian and Gay candidates across the country.

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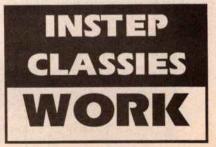
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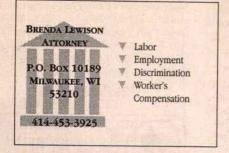
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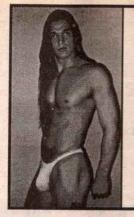
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spiritual beliefs. Please
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information. \$\pi\$11034

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BACK: GBF, 5'6", excellent
shape physically/mentally,
seeks attractive and
feminine females for
pleasure and friendship.
Please leave a message.

11878

Milwaukee I'm GBF iso another female, older than 29 int are walks, movies, candlelight baths, going to school, int in an honest loving rel, if you are interested, lv a messagegive me a call- = 9684

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PATROL: GWF, long
blonde hair, blue eyes,
seeks a very feminine 20 yr.
old GWF for a lifetime
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#10766

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Minneapolis INCOGNITO
Jessica 35 down to earth,
first timer, incognito, if you
can hang give me a call- \$\pi\$
7567

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St. Paul LONG TERM
RELATIONSHIP: BJ 40,
lkg for a long term rel, give
me a call if you are
interested. # 8358

Chicago **SOFT BUTCH:**Kim, 19 out single GWF, blk/blue, soft butch, iso love, and iso a gorgeous single GWF for rel, life music, women, candlelight dinner, Broadway music and plays, hope to hear from you, thanks for calling—7775

Chicago **SOFT BUTCH:**Kim, 19 out single GWF,
blk/blue, soft butch, iso love,



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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

Milwaukee FEMME
FEMALES: Valerie, 29,
GBF seeking other fem
females, age race open,
must be down to earth,
into quiet times and
romance, I'll treat you
like a lady, you must be
femme! \$\pi\$ 3620

Milwaukee TATTOOS
AND HARLEYS! Sharon,
31 GWF 5'8 brn/hzl,
130, int in lkg for
women to develop poss
rel, int are outdoors,
sports, tattoos HARLEYS,
cats dogs, walks in the park,
movies, candlelight dinners,
sounds interesting, lets be
friends! \$\pi\$ 6835

Milwaukee FRIENDS FIRST "I'm a 24 y/o black lesbian. I'm lkg4 fem, lesbians 21-28. I'm lkg4 friendship first. = 3141

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Milwaukee LET'S GO
CAMPING "my name is
Valerie. I'm a 29 y/o GBF
seeking down to earth
ladies into quiet times,
romance # 3614

Racine LETS KICK IT "I'm a 22 y/o BF, 5'10, brn/brn. lkg4 summer friends to kick it with and go to clubs with." = 3887



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"I'm a GBF, 28 y/o and I
like to listen to music, go to
concerts, dancing and
travel. I'm lkg4 someone
who is honest, caring and

MANFINDER"

Racine FUN FUN FUN: |

sensitive." # 4274



like to have fun. I'm 5'4, 110lbs. I'm lkg4 someone I can share my thoughts and emotions with. If you think you are the lady for me, call. = 1688

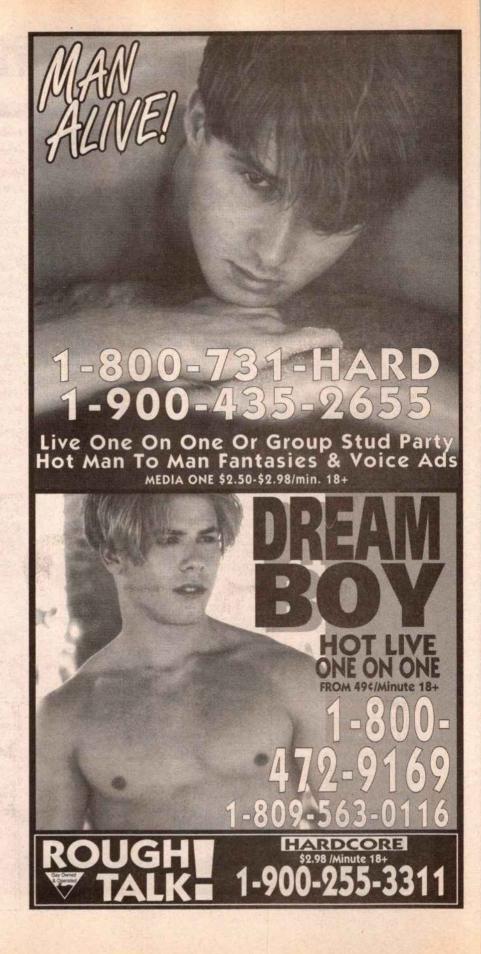
Milwaukee WHAT'S
YOUR SIGN?: I'm a 32
y/o GWF. I'm a Scorpio
and I like to laugh a lot. I
would like to meet a nice,
honest and sincere woman
30-50 for friendship or
relationship. # 2398

Elkworth SOMEONE
TO LOVE: Evelyn, 40, 3
grown kids, heavy set,
like to go out to eat,
want someone to love so
I can love them back,
thank you so much,
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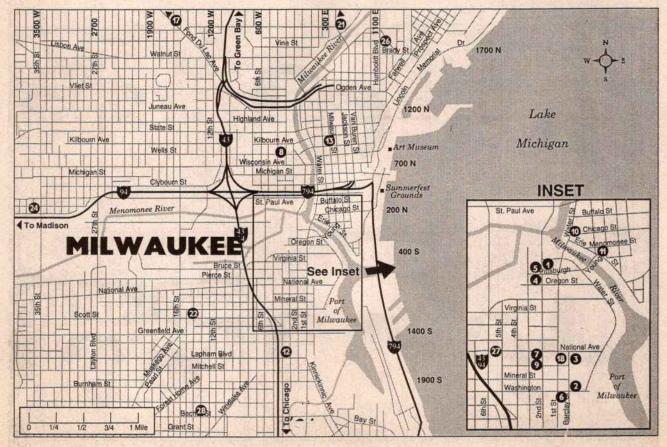


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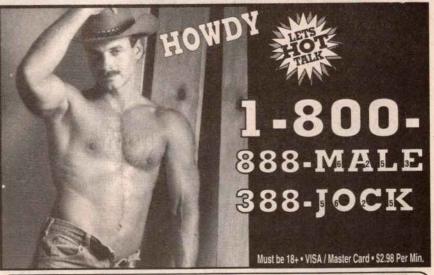
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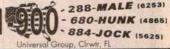


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Gay Press Faces Attacks Around the World

New York — A U.S. organization, the Committee to Protect Journalists, has released a report documenting a worldwide pattern of press freedom violations directed against Gay and Lesbian journalists and news outlets covering Gay community issues.

The report, Double Jeopardy: Homophobic Attacks on the Press, 1990-1995, details 21 cases of legal and physical abuses against Gay in Lesbian journalists in 14 countries, including nations as disparate as Canada, India and Hungary.

Tools commonly used to silence Gay and Lesbian journalists or media outlets are bans on the "promotion" of homosexuality, broadly worded obscenity and pornography statutes, laws against child exploitation, and "pink lists" of known homosexuals used to threaten Gay journalists with crimes they did not commit.

The report also said extremist groups and other nongovernmental forces physically attack or harass Gay journalists knowing that law enforcement officials often fail to thoroughly investigate such

cases.

For copies of the report, call (212) 465-1004.

Canada Rejects Domestic Partners

The Canadian House of Commons voted last month 124-52 against extending legal recognition to same-sex marriages. Real Menard, a member of the Bloc Quebecois, had proposed the law change. Meanwhile, British Columbia legis-

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lator Svend Robinson was campaigning to be elected leader of the New Democratic Party. If elected, he would be the first openly Gay man to head a major Canadian political party.

And the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the nation's largest union, said it will appeal a court ruling blocking pension benefits for same-sex couples.

Paris Districts Recognize Cohabitation

A half-dozen Paris district mayors have promised to issue certificates of cohabitation to homosexual couples who have lived together for at least a year.

While these certificates don't carry the weight of marriage certificates, Gay and Lesbian organization leaders say the move is an important and symbolic step.



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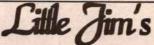
said she "decided to take risks" and has been speaking out as a heterosexual woman in favor of Gay rights. She addressed more than 70 people at the Lesbian and Gay Congressional Staff Association's National Coming Out Day celebration Oct. 11.

Washington, D.C. — About 100 transgender people and their supporters visited Capitol Hill on Oct. 2 and 3 to meet with staff of members of Congress. They dubbed the effort National Gender Lobbying Days and explained to congressional staffers that they are not covered by anti-discrimination laws that protect Gays or women.

San Francisco — The San Francisco Sentinel, one of the city's oldest Gay papers, shut down after 21 years because publisher Ray Chalker had decided to devote more time to his other business interests. The Elephant Walk Bar is also closing due to skyrocketing rents in the Castro Street district.

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a lot of latitude their schedule as well as their work, so it could be earlier or later, too.

What effect will this have on Wisconsin's Gay rights law and on laws in other states?

That depends on the exact decision. However, even a decision against Amendment 2 almost certainly will still permit anti-Gay efforts to overturn local laws one by one.

Who were the major players in Romer v. Evans?

"Romer" is Colorado Gov. Roy Romer, who opposed Amendment 2 during the 1992 campaign but supported the state's defense of the measure.

"Evans" is Richard Evans, one of six Gay plaintiffs who said the law violated their civil rights. The cities of Boulder, Denver and Aspen, which had Gay rights statutes, joined the six Gays and Lesbi-

Jean Dubofsky, a former justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, represented Evans and his fellow plaintiffs. Tim Tymkovich, Colorado's solicitor general, argued in favor of Amendment 2. Both lawyers are married with children.

What can I do?

Not much. The Supreme Court cannot be lobbied. On behalf of the Gay side of the case, 16 friend-of-the-court briefs were submitted, which justices might consider. Meanwhile, remember that whatever the justices decide, the Christian Coalition, Colorado for Family Values and their allies, who were behind Amendment 2, will continue to try to eliminate LesBiGay rights wherever they can, including your home town.

Just what does Amendment 2 say?

"Neither the State of Colorado, through any of its branches or departments, nor any of its agencies, political subdivisions, municipalities or school districts, shall enact, adopt or enforce any statue, regulation, ordinance or policy whereby homosexual, lesbian or bisexual orientation, conduct, practices or relationships shall constitute or otherwise the be basis of, or entitle any person or class of persons to have any claim of minority status, quota preferences, protected status or claim of discrimination."



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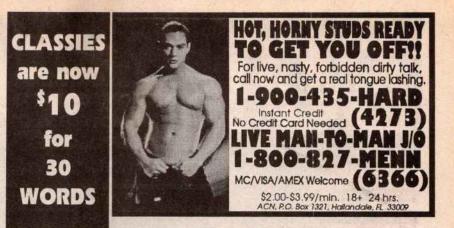
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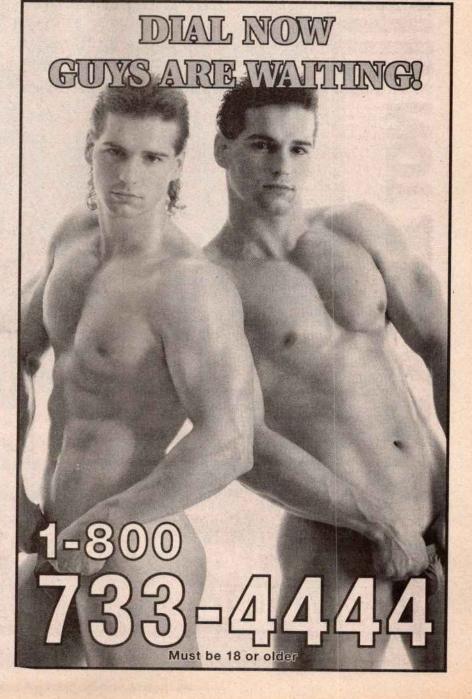
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know. I have lots if interests."

3229

Grenade NO CAR BUT LOTS OF HOPE "I don't have a car. I'm 5'9, 160lbs. blonde/blue. I have an average build and I like to do a lot of things. call me." #3419

Madison TOP THIS "my name is Jeff. If you are in central Wis. call me. I'm a very hot 28 y/o btm. If you are a very experienced top man, call me." #3517

Appleton MARRIAGE
MINDED "I'm 41 y/o and
lkg4 a long term relationship.
I'm tall, well built and would
like to meet someone for long
term love." #3533

Madison **NEW AT THIS** inexperienced 25 y/o WM lkg4 an athletic GWM for friendship. #3558 Madison NO STRINGS
"I'm a 38 y/o GWM lkg4
a gay or bi guy up to 40
for hot, no strings fun."
#3600

Madison **SHOW ME**"married, bi and lkg2 get
together for exploration.
call me." #3725

Madison PICK UP THAT
PHONE my name is Spike. I
need to have hot phone
fun. I'm a btm boy and I like
to be told what to do. #3848

Wisconsin HOT FOR TEACHER I'm a 35 y/o man. I'm 200lbs and I like to go to movies and out to dinner. I'm new to the scene. #4444

Madison NEW KID IN TOWN: my name is Rick

and I'm new to the area. I'm a 30 y/o BIWM lkg2 meet the same. call me! #1095

Appleton
ANYTHING
ONCE: 28 y/o
GWM lkg4
other bi or gay
men 18-30 y/o
into
experimenting
new and
different things. I
love to please
people and I will
try anything
once. #45881

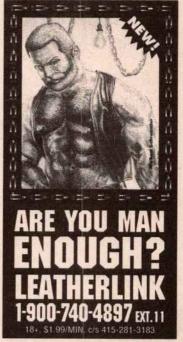
Madison SITTIN' ON TOP OF THE WORLD; my name is Jeff, I'm 5'8 145lbs and 28 y/o I'm lkg4 a well built , hairy guy top guys. #46038

Wisconsin WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?: my name is Steve, I'm very curious about meeting men who dress up as women. I am new to the scene #11250

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