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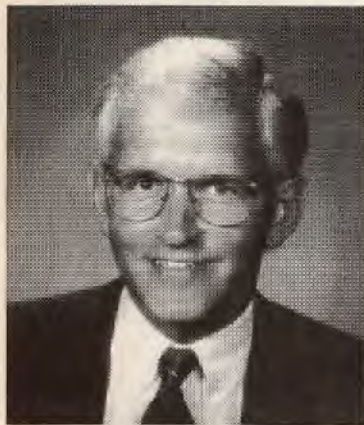
Gunderson's Final Decision: He Won't Seek Re-Election

Sparta — Eight term US Rep. Steve Gunderson, one of just three openly Gay members of Congress, has held to his earlier promise and decided not to run for re-election this fall. Gunderson represents the 3rd Congressional District in west and west central Wisconsin.

Jim McFarland of the Log Cabin Republican Club in Wisconsin said he was "disappointed" about Gunderson's retirement. "He's become a major spokesperson for the Gay and Lesbian community within the Republican caucus in Washington, and there's really no one right now who's likely to play that role after this fall. It's going to be hard to replace him."

Gunderson had told constituents during his 1994 election campaign that if re-elected, it would be his last term in Congress. But he reconsidered that promise after some rural constituents and agribusiness leaders said he could have a

major influence during his next term if he was named to chair the powerful House Agriculture Committee. Gunderson's subsequent indecision was frustrating the hopes of former GOP state legislator Jim Harsdorf, who had declared his intention to run for Gunderson's seat once the veteran Congressman stepped down.



US Rep. Steve Gunderson

At a 3rd District Republican Party caucus in Sparta in late April, Gunderson said he was honored by the spontaneous movement to draft him for a ninth term. But, he said, "a Steve Gunderson candidacy would deeply divide the Republican Party in the district...[and] such a scenario would guarantee that we would lose."

Gunderson, 44, will be retiring from the House of Representatives at a time when his influence on farming issues and his increasingly vocal stance on Gay rights were at their most impactful.

Gunderson emerged from the closet hesitantly and gradually only after being publicly "outed" in 1991 by Queer Nation activist Michael Petrelis who threw a drink in Gunderson's face when he came upon him at a Gay bar outside Washington, DC.

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Two years later, Gunderson spoke eloquently on the floor of the House during the debate on Gays in the military, decrying anti-Gay discrimination and urging tolerance. The following year, he spoke at a fundraising dinner for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the largest national Gay and Lesbian rights group. More recently, he played a crucial role in passage the Ryan White CARE Act reauthorization.

In February, the Log Cabin Republicans put Gunderson at the top of their list of GOP "leaders" on Gay issues in the House of Representatives. He was honored with their Walt Whitman Award at Log Cabin's annual Lincoln Day Dinner, where he regaled the audience by declaring: "It's great to be in a roomful of people who would not be appointed by Pat Buchanan's administration!"

"I think we must temporarily concede that the party is being hijacked and that prejudice is winning," Gunderson said.

But the man who was himself closeted not so long ago prescribed this solution: "If every person who is a Gay Republican were to come out, there would be no Gay bashing

in the Republican Party. If every person who is Gay and religious were to come out, churches would reconsider their narrow philosophy."

Gunderson and another Gay Congressman, Democrat Gerry Studds of Massachusetts, are both retiring this year. Another Gay Democrat, Barney Frank, is a shoe-in for re-election. But unless Rick Zbur of California and Dale McCormick of Maine win their Congressional bids, Frank could be the lone Gay voice in Congress for the next few years.

Madison Council Acts on Hotel Washington and Parks Ordinance

Madison — On May 7, the Madison Common Council took action on two issues of special concern to the LesBiGay community: a resolution to advance the re-building of the Hotel Washington complex and a new parks ordinance aimed at curbing sex in the parks.

After a bit more controversy and debate than was expected, the Council agreed to put the city on record as recommending the waiver of a deed restriction on the parcel of land on which the Scheel family plans to re-build the Hotel Washington. The Hotel Washington complex, a haven for Madison's Gay and Lesbian community, burned to the ground in February.

In 1992, the hotel received a \$174,000 loan from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the rehabilitation of ten residential units on the condition that those units be subject to rent limits (to provide affordable housing) for a ten year period. This condition was secured by a deed restriction on the land.

The problem is that the Scheel family's re-building plans call for all rental units in the new hotel to be priced at market rate. Lenders are apparently hes-

itant to extend loans for the re-building project with the deed restriction on the land. So Alderman Mike Verveer drafted a resolution urging HUD to place a waiver on the deed restriction so that financing and construction can proceed.

Council debate swirled around two issues. Several council members questioned the procedure by which Verveer's resolution was being "rushed through" without having gone through the more time consuming committee process.

The other issue raised had to do with the city's commitment to affordable housing and whether asking for the deed waiver would create an impression that city officials are insensitive to the plight of low income people and the homeless.

To allay this last concern, Verveer introduced a substitute resolution requiring the Hotel Washington to repay the entire \$174,000 loan, plus interest, to the city for use in future affordable housing programs. (The city administered the HUD loan.)

The resolution carried by voice vote and is expected to be approved by Mayor Soglin. Sources say HUD officials have made "encouraging statements" about lifting the deed restriction, but the Scheels must now wait for the federal department to respond to the waiver request before breaking ground. They are optimistic, hoping that groundbreaking can occur in June or July.

On another issue, the City Council voted to send an "Unlawful Trespass Into Parks" ordinance proposal to three other city committees for consideration before taking final action at the June 4 Council meeting. The Madison Parks Commission gave its approval May 8, while the Council's Organizational Committee and the Public Safety Review Board will consider the ordinance May 21 and 28th respectively.

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Alderman Verveer feels the ordinance is targeted at Gay men and raises serious civil rights concerns. Most problematic is a clause allowing police to banish from the parks for 24 hours anyone engaging in such behavior (a clause deleted by the Parks Commission at its May 8 meeting). Because of other state and local laws governing public sex already on the books, he also feels the proposal is "redundant."

Wisconsin to Benefit From New Ryan White Act

Milwaukee — When the Ryan White CARE Act was finally passed by Congress earlier this month (see National Briefs), it included revised formulas which will provide more funding for AIDS service organizations in the state of Wisconsin. The campaign to establish more equitable procedures for allocating funds for AIDS care nationally was spearheaded in large

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part by Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

"I can't believe we finally won," Nelson said triumphantly. "It's a huge victory that will generate more than \$3 million in additional AIDS funding to Wisconsin over the next few years because we persevered in our fight for the principle of equity."

Title I funds, emergency funds given to cities hardest hit by AIDS, had previously been granted based on the cumulative number of AIDS cases reported by large cities since the epidemic began, disproportionately favoring places like New York and San Francisco. The new formula looks at current, active AIDS caseloads in determining the allocation of funds.

Title II funds, providing grants to states, will be disbursed on this basis: 80% of funds will correspond to the state's total AIDS count and 20% to the number of cases outside Title I eligible areas. This will provide greater support to states with only one or two or no Title I eligible cities.

For Wisconsin, this means that Ryan White AIDS funds will increase by 47% in 1996 alone, from \$1.063 million to

\$1.563 million. Over the five-year life of the re-authorized Ryan White Act, Wisconsin is likely to see \$3 million in new funds.

Plans for Milwaukee Community Center Advance

Milwaukee — About 35 people who volunteered to form a steering committee to plan and implement a LesBiGay Community Center for the city of Milwaukee met at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center April 27. The consensus of those who attended was that substantial progress is being made in the effort.

The group pored over the results of a survey completed by over 100 people who attended an open forum about the community center in March. Ideas about the location of a center ranged widely, from Fox Point to Cudahy to West Allis and everything in between. Thirty-five respondents said the center should be located only in the City of Milwaukee.

Suggested services at such a center included: organizational offices, meeting hall, coffee house, cafe, classrooms, library, health clinic, theatre, dance hall, computer lab, gymnasium, and more. Suggested fees ranged from \$1 per day, to \$5-\$20 per month, to up to \$365 per year.

The steering committee considered these findings, but decided to design another survey with more specific questions. Ideally, this survey could be distributed during PrideFest in June to benefit from the views of the many Gays and Lesbians in attendance.

The committee listened and responded to a presentation given by Bill Dempsey and Karen Gotzler about a model strategic investment plan grounded in an "Outcome-Based

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Approach" to organizing the community center. It began drafting a mission statement defining its goals.

The steering committee established three sub-groups to tackle specific jobs: an Organizing Task Group to develop rules and structure for the Steering Committee itself and the Board which will eventually oversee the center; a Feasibility Task Group to explore the many logistics of location, space, financing, and overall vision and purpose; and a Public

Relations Task Group, which will build a mailing list and inform the press and the LesBiGay and Transgender community about the community center's progress.

Bonnie Nedrow, who has volunteered for the Feasibility TaskGroup, told *In Step* that much of the concrete work of organizing the center will be done within the task groups. "Even though they will report to the Steering Committee, they won't just be advisory groups, they'll be working groups," she said.

Nedrow said she thought the meeting went "very well." She added: "A lot of people are committing to doing different jobs. A lot of good things have already happened. But the trick will be to keep people interested and keep the momentum going. This is a big project and it's going to take some time. We need people who are going to be in it for the long haul."

The next Steering Committee meeting will take place June 1 at 11am. For location, call the BESTD Clinic at 414/272-2144.

"Gay Families" Exhibit at Madison School Survives Controversy

Madison — The display of a photo exhibit on Gay and Lesbian families at Madison's Hawthorne Elementary School became embroiled in controversy earlier this month. But just as quickly as it seemed to ignite the ire of some parents and school administrators, a compromise was reached, and the exhibit was displayed without further rancor.

The exhibit, "Love Makes a Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families," includes 20 photographs of family life by Gigi Kaeser of Amherst, Massachusetts, with text based on interviews conducted by Pam Brown and Peggy Gillespie. Six copies of the heart-warming, G-rated exhibit are currently traveling to churches, public libraries, community centers and schools around the US.

Last year, Hawthorne teacher David Wolfe learned of the "Love Makes a Family" exhibit at a conference. He

made inquiries and helped to organize a one-week showing at Hawthorne. Trouble apparently began when the exhibit arrived at Hawthorne at the end of April. Cheryl Wilhoyte, Superintendent of the Madison Metropolitan School District, intervened and banned the school from displaying it.

The censorship was greeted with protests by Hawthorne teachers and parents, who alerted the media. Then, predictably, the battle was joined by fundamentalist activists like Ralph Ovdal of Wisconsin Christians United and Rev. Dick Pritchard, who distributed anti-Gay fliers at subsequent meetings called to discuss the controversy.

In the midst of the fray, 36 Hawthorne teachers issued a statement saying: "It's important that we help our children be comfortable with the fact that there are many different kinds of families. Teaching about Gay and Lesbian families simply reflects a diversity that already exists in our community."

"To eliminate discrimination we need to confront it in all forms. We...are strongly supportive of having the "Love Makes a Family" exhibit in our school. We believe it is educationally sound and supports our goal of prejudice reduction."

Superintendent Wilhoyte's Human Relations Advisory Committee, made up of community representatives, also urged that the exhibit be displayed.

Two contentious meetings took place at Hawthorne Elementary itself on May 1 and 2, with some people speaking out against "exposing our children to the homosexual lifestyle" and others defending the school's mission to educate children while "celebrating diversity."

Ultimately, it was agreed to display the exhibit in the school library for a week — the original plan. But the

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library was divided into two sections by bookcases for those who wanted their children to avoid viewing the exhibit, and alternate lesson plans were made available in a different room or in the other half of the library.

Mandi McCall's Killer to Be Sentenced May 20

Milwaukee — Joseph P. Flinchbaugh, who has pleaded guilty to first degree reckless homicide in the death of Milwaukee drag performer Mandi McCall (Timothy Mande), will be sentenced by Circuit Court Judge Diane Sykes on Monday, May 20. He could receive up to 40 years in prison. The hearing begins at 8:30am in Room 315 of the Safety Building.

McCall was repeatedly stabbed and then strangled to death by Flinchbaugh in McCall's E. Meinecke Avenue apartment in mid-January. Friends describe the killer as McCall's "on again-off again boyfriend."

Police were alerted to the homicide when Flinchbaugh confessed his crime to an acquaintance, Mark Hanson, who picked him up on S. Second Street and invited him home for a few beers. While watching TV, Flinchbaugh talked about

"I will be arguing for a very, very long prison sentence." —ASST. DA KENNETH BERG

McCall and finally admitted: "I killed her. I took a knife and I slit her throat." When Flinchbaugh left, Hanson called the police.

Flinchbaugh was originally charged with first degree intentional homicide, to which he pleaded not guilty. Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Berg told *In Step* that in the interests of securing a conviction, to spare the victim's mother and friends the pain of "gruesome" testimony in court, and because of certain circumstances in the case, the original charge was amended to a lesser charge of reckless homicide.

On May 20, Judge Sykes will be presented with the facts of the case, including background on Flinchbaugh, who has a previous police record on more minor charges. McCall's mother and friends will be allowed to give an "impact statement," outlining how the crime and the loss of McCall has affected them. Flinchbaugh's family may also be allowed to speak.

"I will be arguing for a very, very long prison sentence," Assistant D.A. Berg told *In Step*. Judge Sykes has the reputa-

tion of being one of the toughest judges in the area, frequently issuing maximum sentences. State law requires that Flinchbaugh serve at least two thirds of his sentence in prison.

State HIV Infections Rise To 5,339

Madison — The AIDS/HIV Program of the Wisconsin Division of Health reports that as of March 31, 1996, 5,339 state residents have contracted HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and there have been 3,239 cases of AIDS itself.

Seventy-eight more people died of AIDS complications in the first quarter of this year, bringing the total of AIDS deaths in Wisconsin to 1,927.

Of the 5,339 people who contracted HIV since statistics were compiled in 1982, 13.3% are female, a number that has been slowly but gradually rising. Of all those with HIV infection, 61.6% are white, 29.7% are black, and 6.9% are Hispanic.

Of the total number of AIDS cases, 64% were contracted through male to male unprotected sex with an infected partner. Injection drug use contributed to 12.9% of cases. The combination of unprotected male to male sex and injection drug use accounts for 6.2% of cases, and 6.8% are due to unprotected heterosexual relations with an infected partner.

The national statistics issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are increasingly grim. As of December 31, 1995, 513,486 Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS, and almost 320,000 have died from AIDS complications.

Legislature Overwhelmingly Approves Viatical Reform Bill

Madison — On May 9, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed a bill reforming and regulating the viatical industry by a vote of 98-0. In March, the State Senate had also passed the bill by a unanimous 33-0 vote. Gov. Tommy Thompson is expected to sign the measure into law.

The law regulates (in the state of Wisconsin) the selling of life insurance policies, known as viatical settlements. The viatical industry boomed in the late 1980's with the AIDS epidemic. Today, almost 90% of life insurance policies sold involve people with HIV or AIDS.

The bill, introduced by State Rep. Tammy Baldwin (D) and State Sen. Peggy Rosenzweig (R), had wide bi-partisan support. Lobbyists for people with AIDS credited the Log Cabin Club, in particular, with rounding up Republican votes.

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The legislation requires state licensure of viatical settlement providers and brokers. It requires "above the board" operations, background checks and access to financial records of people working in the viatical settlement industry. The law helps consumers by requiring minimum payment amounts based on the face value of the insurance policy and disclosure of the settlement's impact on the policyholder's medical assistance so that such medical assistance is not withdrawn. It also

provides for complete exemption from state taxation to maximize the amount of the viatical settlement available to the person with a terminal illness.

Mayor Norquist to Appoint New Liaison to Gay Community

Milwaukee — A spokesman for Milwaukee Mayor John Norquist has told *In Step* that the mayor plans to appoint a new liaison to the Gay and Lesbian community. Marge Beil, who has served in that capacity for the last four years, has moved from her job in the Mayor's Office to a position in the Department of City Development.

"Lots of personnel changes are going on in the wake of Mayor Norquist's re-election, and not all of those decisions have yet been made," said Norquist aide David Metz. "As of now [May 10], no one has been appointed to take over Marge's responsibilities in that area, although that appointment will be made soon."

Metz said that during the interim, anyone in the Gay and Lesbian community with concerns should contact Mayor Norquist's chief of staff, David Reimer. He can be reached by calling the Mayor's office at 414/286-2200.

"Marge Beil took our community very seriously and did everything for us that was in her ability," said Stephanie Hume, a Board member of the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays and the Gay community's liaison with the Milwaukee Police Department. "She was a good link, always available. She helped us gain access to important meetings. As the Mayor's first-ever assigned liaison to our community, she did a good job."

"The community will be watching very closely for the appointment of the next liaison," said Hume. "Mayor Norquist has several Gay and Lesbian members on his staff. That [choosing a Gay or Lesbian person] would be ideal."

As reported in *In Step* two issues ago, newly re-elected Milwaukee County Executive Thomas Ament has appointed the county's Community Relations Counsel, Gerard Randall, his liaison to the Gay community. Randall can be reached at 414/278-4211.

Man Assaulted After Leaving Milwaukee Gay Bar

Milwaukee — Dennis Bunch, known in Milwaukee's Gay community for his involvement in various political and leather groups, was assaulted in an apparent Gay bashing after leaving a bar in the early morning hours of April 20.

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Bunch told *In Step* he left the 1100 Club, 1100 S. First Street, at about 1:30am and proceeded to walk north along First Street. Outside the French Quarters at 828 S. First, three men shouted anti-Gay slurs at Bunch. The men were white and in their late 20's or early 30's, wearing casual, "collegiate" attire. Bunch says he brushed off the insults and kept walking but the three men began to follow him.

Approaching the intersection of S. First and National Avenue, Bunch says he began to walk in the street, hoping it would keep the others away from him or at least make any attack on their part more noticeable to others.

At about this point, "before I knew what was happening," Bunch says, one of the three men drop-kicked him and then kicked him two more times when he was on the pavement. He sustained a black eye, a bruised shoulder and a sprained thumb. The assailants fled when they saw police approaching. The police were arriving in response to another call about trouble in the area when they saw Bunch injured in the street.

Bunch said the police officers were "very professional" and responsive to his plight. He sat in a patrol car and gave them details so they could file a report. They then drove him to Wisconsin Avenue where he proceeded home on his own.

In addition to the police, Bunch reported the assault to the Gay Bash Hotline, 414/444-7331, and the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, 414/264-2600, which also compile reports and submit them to local and state law enforcement authorities. He urges Gays and Lesbians walking in the south side bar district to be cautious and, if possible, to travel in groups.

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Congressional Bill Targets Gay/Lesbian Marriages

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Washington, D.C. — On May 8, Republican Congressman Bob Barr (R-GA) has introduced a federal legislation that would outlaw future gay marriages by defining marriage as a "legal union between one man and one woman." The bill, "The Defense of Marriage Act" (H.R. 3396) is co-sponsored by Wisconsin Republican Rep. James Sensenbrenner and Rep. Steve Largent (R-OK).

If passed, the legislation would also give states the authority to reject the legality of same-sex marriages performed in

regarding same-sex marriages and 17 states have legislative action pending.

"This anti-gay attack, pushed by religious-political extremist groups like the Traditional Values Coalition, is a throwback to ugly, not so long-ago chapters of American history. Fair-minded Americans can remember how less than thirty years ago, interracial couples were arrested for marrying the 'wrong' person in the 'wrong' state, and how people had to 'go to Reno' to get a civil divorce," stated Evan Wolfson, Director of the Marriage Project Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is co-counsel on the Hawaii marriage case.

According to Wolfson, "the bill is an election-year attempt to poison the discussion beginning in this country about equal marriage rights for all Americans."

Rep. James Sensenbrenner represents Wisconsin's 9th Congressional District and he failed to return *In Step's* calls regarding his co-sponsorship of the bill. The Congressman can be contacted via e-mail at sensen09@hr.house.gov or by phone in Washington, D.C. at 202/225-5101, or at his Wisconsin office at 414/784-1111.

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any other state. The bill would insert the federal government into an area traditionally left to state governments.

Reverend Lou Sheldon, chairman of the Anaheim, CA based Traditional Values Coalition (TVC) stated that he helped draft the bill in response to a court case in Hawaii that could make the state the first to recognize gay marriages.

"This is the beginning of a cultural meltdown if you have homosexual marriage sanctioned by the court," said Shelton.

Lesbians and gays are currently denied the right to marry in all fifty states. However, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled in May 1993 that the denial of marriage licenses to three same-sex couples was discriminatory under the state's Equal Rights Amendment. Limiting the right of marriage to heterosexuals can be justified only if the state can prove a "compelling government interest," the Hawaii court said.

While a resolution to the Hawaii case is still forthcoming, it has set off a flurry of legislative efforts in 33 states attacking same-sex marriage. Eight states have enacted prohibitions

Congress Re-Authorizes the Long-Delayed Ryan White CARE Act

Washington, DC — In early May, both houses of Congress passed the Ryan White CARE Act, a measure that will provide \$738 million this year alone for the care and treatment of people with HIV and AIDS. The bill, stalled in a conference committee since last fall, passed the House by a vote of 402-4, and the Senate unanimously. President Clinton signed the bill a few days later.

The bill extends the Ryan White Act for another five years



Winnie Stachelberg, HRCF Senior Health Policy Advocate

and allocates a record \$738.5 million for AIDS care in the 1996 fiscal year. Cities hardest hit by AIDS will receive \$391.7 million for medical and support services. States will get \$260.8 million in grants. Early intervention programs will receive \$56.9 million, while another \$29 million is allocated for the treatment of women and children with AIDS.

"This money is desperately needed in the provider community, which has been struggling to manage ever-increasing caseloads at last year's funding levels," said Winnie Stachelberg, senior health policy advocate with the Human Rights Campaign.

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC) attempted to attach an anti-Gay amendment to the bill, prohibiting federal funds from going to Gay organizations that "encourage or promote homosexuality."

"This was a vindictive, discriminatory measure, considering that a large number of organizations providing care to people with HIV and AIDS are based in the Gay and Lesbian community," said Stachelberg.

But the Helms amendment was replaced by language proposed by Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, (R-KS), prohibiting the use of Ryan White money to directly promote intravenous drug use or

sexual activity, either hetero- or homosexual.

HRC and other AIDS advocacy groups opposed a provision of the bill that directs states to institute mandatory HIV testing of newborns if states cannot demonstrate by the year 2000 that they have significantly reduced mother-to-child HIV transmission.

"Mandatory testing is the wrong response to the problem, and we will continue to fight against it," Stachelberg said. "Instead of attracting women and children to seek health care, mandatory testing drives women and children away."

Dornan Litters Defense Bill With Right Wing Issues

Washington, DC — Led by California Republican Rep. Bob Dornan, extremist members of Congress are again using a defense authorization bill to push their right-wing social agenda rather than dealing with the nation's vital defense interests, according to the Human Rights Campaign.

"These members are abusing their power as legislators, with the tacit approval of Republican House leaders," said Daniel Zingale, HRC's political director. "These issues have absolutely nothing to do with the national defense, and do not belong in legislation authorizing the Defense Department's 1997 budget."

Dornan and other right wing colleagues on the House National Security Committee have attached the following measures to the 1997 defense authorization bill:

1. A mandate to discharge, within two months of diagnosis, all members of the armed services with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. A similar measure, enacted in January, was repealed

by Congress;

2. A ban on abortions at overseas military hospitals;

3. A reassertion of the blanket ban on Gays in the military, including reinstatement of the policy of asking recruits their sexual orientation and sanctioning witch hunts of suspected Gay men and Lesbians;

4. A ban on the sale of "adult" magazines and videos on military bases.

"Extremist Rep. Robert Dornan, who is author of the HIV provision and the measure to reinstitute the old ban on Gays in the military, is clearly motivated by spite and bigotry," Zingale added. "These provisions serve no purpose other than to give him a public forum in which to bash Gay men and Lesbians."

The House defense bill is likely to be modified before passage by the full House and will face further revisions when a House-Senate conference committee iron out differences between the two chambers' versions of the bill. Nevertheless, lobbyists for Gays and Lesbians believe that Dornan has once again opened up to debate these many contentious issues.

New Survey Demonstrates Power of LesBiGay Vote

Washington, DC — A new survey released by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) provides the first statistically reliable picture of self-identified Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual voters and offers some insight on where the Gay vote is likely to go in the 1995 election year.

"Power At the Polls: The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Vote" is based on exit polling data from the 1992 and 1994 elections. The data was originally collected by Voter News Service (VNS),

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a national polling organization. The survey analyzes Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual voter demographics, political persuasions and voting patterns.

"We are releasing this report at this critical time because Gay issues have exploded into the 1996 presidential campaign in an unprecedented way," said John D'Emilio, NGLTF Policy Institute director and author of the report.

The VNS 1992 exit polling data is based on a nationally representative sample of 15,488 voters. The poll allowed Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals to identify themselves for the first time in a presidential election. Some of the major findings include:

- Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual self-identified voters constituted 3.2% of the total voting population in the 1992 election. That is roughly the size of the national Latino vote in the same year, more than double the size of the Asian vote, and slightly less than the Jewish vote.

"Because we know that fear still keeps the majority of Gay people in the closet, this figure of 3.2% must be considered a floor rather than a ceiling, and a basement floor at that," said D'Emilio.

- The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual vote can be decisive in

urbanized states. The self-identified Gay vote is not evenly distributed throughout the population, but is heavily concentrated in cities. In towns with 5,000–10,000 people, the self-identified vote is slightly more than 1%. But in cities with 250,000–500,000 people, the figure rises to more than 8%.

"As time goes on and more small-town residents come out, this figure will grow. But the urban concentration means the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual vote can be the margin of victory in key states," said D'Emilio. "It can also make the critical difference in many Congressional races and in state and local elections as well."

- The self-identified Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual vote is also a younger vote, and will grow in size.

"Because of the changes provoked in American life by the Gay and Lesbians movement, younger votes are significantly more likely to self-identify than are older voters," said D'Emilio. "Gay voters already constitute 5% of the under-30 voters," said D'Emilio. "As our issues continue to have high visibility in national and state politics, there is every reason to believe the proportion of self-identified voters will get larger over time."

- The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual voter displays a clear



political profile, leaning heavily toward liberal positions on key issues. The Gay voter is more likely to favor more government services and higher taxes to pay for them; downplay the importance of deficit reduction; support greater access to health care; blame government neglect rather than a decline in moral values for social problems; and support continued legalization of abortion.

The survey also details who Gay voters vote for. In 1992, Clinton received 43% of the total popular vote, but 72% of the Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual vote. Only Jewish voters and African-American voters provided Clinton with larger margins. The Gay vote for Clinton surpassed the percentage of votes he received among union households and Latinos.

But, cautions D'Emilio, the Gay vote is not guaranteed to any candidate. "If the only two options in 1996 were to vote Democratic or Republican, the story would seem to be over. But Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual voters have a third option: they can stay home."

Whether voters stay home in 1996 or rush to the polls depends on several factors. Will the Democratic party actively court the Gay vote, or simply take it for granted? Will the Republican Party castigate the Gay community like it did in 1992, or try to avoid polarizing social issues? Will the

extremist Christian Right make Gays the target of their rhetoric, and thereby galvanize Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals to come out and vote? Will Gay organizations succeed in their massive voter registration drives?

"To a degree, the survey confirms what we have known only intuitively — but never had statistically viable data to prove," said D'Emilio. "There is a Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual vote. It is growing, it is concentrated, and it is still untapped."

Pianist Van Cliburn Hit With Palimony Suit

Fort Worth, TX — World renowned pianist Van Cliburn, who shot to fame in 1958 by winning the Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow, has been sued by a former partner who claims that Cliburn exposed him to the AIDS virus and owes him millions in compensation from their 17-year relationship.

Cliburn, 61, called the lawsuit "a shocking surprise." His attorney said Cliburn "categorically denies the charges" and suggested the lawsuit was an attempt at extortion.

Thomas E. Zaremba, 48, a former Board member of the Van Cliburn Foundation, claims that he and Cliburn became lovers in 1977. For the next 17 years, Zaremba says, he served as Cliburn's personal and business manager and lived in a state of common-law marriage with the pianist.

The relationship ended about two years ago. Zaremba is seeking half of the property and business assets acquired during the course of their relationship.

In filing the lawsuit, Zaremba also accused Cliburn of exposing him to the AIDS virus by having unprotected sex with other people who had HIV. When pressed, his attorney said Zaremba has not tested positive for HIV and that he has no idea whether Cliburn is HIV-positive. Cliburn said he is not.

The suit is bringing major unwanted publicity to Cliburn who, after reaching the heights of fame in the 1960's and touring worldwide for several decades, has chosen to withdraw into semi-retirement, doing only limited concerts each year. Cliburn has been haunted by extreme stage fright throughout his stellar career.



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Sexual Misconduct Charges Rock Gay Youth Agency

Los Angeles, CA — *The Los Angeles Times* reports that an agency offering services to Gay youth is under investigation by the California Department of Social Services for alleged sexual abuse of some of the boys placed in the agency's group homes.

The state is taking action to revoke the license of Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (GLASS). GLASS operates five group homes and two foster care agencies which offer shelter and support to homeless and abused Gay teens. GLASS is the largest and one of only a few such agencies in the country.

The state charges that several boys under GLASS's care were the victims of sexual abuse by male staff members. The incidents occurred between 1991 and February of this year. The abuse allegedly ranged from sexual innuendo to fondling to oral sex. One youth reportedly ran away after being propositioned by a staff member, another placed a chair against his door at night to ward off unwanted sexual advances.

Teresa DeCrescenzo accused the state of conducting a witch hunt against her agency because it is Gay-owned and operated. She called the allegations "a pack of lies."

But Lisa Hightower, an attorney for the state, said: "This has nothing to do with being Gay. This has to do with having sex with kids. And I certainly hope GLASS isn't suggesting that the state not follow its responsibility to protect children simply because these children are Gay."

DeCrescenzo is herself accused of failing to take action when informed of the alleged abuse and of double-billing the state for group home residents. She is currently on leave, having been prohibit-

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ed by the state from working at GLASS or at any other state licensed care facility until the charges are resolved.

American Legion Found Guilty of Anti-Gay Bias

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco Human Rights Commission has ruled that the California American Legion discriminated against the Alexander Hamilton Post, a local affiliate with mostly Gay and Lesbian members. The Commission recommended the Legion institute staff training to eliminate homophobic attitudes.

The Commission acted on a complaint filed by the Alexander Hamilton Post in 1993. It found that the California Legion refused to allow the Post to run an ad in support of Gays in the military in its Legionnaire newspaper, that the California Legion distributed anti-Gay "hate literature" on city property and that it did nothing to stop its employees' derogatory comments about Gays and other minorities.

Because state law takes precedence

over San Francisco ordinances and administrative codes, the Commission can do no more than recommend that the California Legion change its actions. But the Alexander Hamilton Post has the option of filing suit against the Legion or seeking relief from the State Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Also on the Newswire...

New York, NY — New York Gov. George Pataki took two actions on Gay rights recently, one praised, the other condemned by Gay activists. Pataki signed an order allowing the military to recruit on State University campuses, voiding a court ruling banning such recruitment. But he also signed an executive order prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals by state agencies in hiring or contracts. This renews a policy initiated by Gov. Mario Cuomo in 1983.

New York, NY — A health fund has been formed to help meet the medical bills of Leslie Feinberg, author of Stone

Butch Blues and Transgender Warriors. Feinberg has been seriously ill since December, has no insurance, and lives in a state that has eliminated Medicaid. Checks, payable to the Column Foundation, can be sent to: Leslie Feinberg Health Fund, c/o William Sachs Esq., Column Foundation, 370 7th Avenue, 7 Penn Plaza, Suite 830, New York, NY 10001.

Washington, DC — Boxes for the *Washington Blade*, the weekly Gay newspaper of record in our nation's capital, have begun appearing in the Rayburn and Longworth House Office buildings on Capitol Hill. The *Blade* is the first Gaypaper to be approved for distribution inside the US Capitol. Its dispensing boxes now sit alongside of those for the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* in lobbies and hallways inside the Capitol buildings.

New York, NY — During the commemoration of Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Remembrance Day, in April, Howard Hurwitz and his Committee for Holocaust Truth protested plans by a new Jewish Museum in New York to include information about the oppression of Gays in its Holocaust exhibit. Hurwitz claims homosexuals were not victimized by Hitler but were instead prominent members of the Nazi party. Montpelier, VT — The Gay monthly *Out in the Mountains* reports that the Vermont teddy Bear Co. has drastically rethought its advertising campaign. After being disappointed with slow sales following ads on Rush Limbaugh's conservative talk show, the company designed a campaign aimed at Gay men. Ads in large gay papers nationwide include a homoerotic image of a hunky guy embracing a teddy bear with the inscription, "He wants something special."

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Jerry D. Kennedy, 39, died on April 22nd due to complications from AIDS.

Jerry was born in Ft. Smith, Arkansas on June 10, 1956. He lived there with his parents until about age 12, when they moved to Fairbanks, Alaska.

While in Alaska he worked in construction. One of the jobs he was on was the Alaskan Pipeline. He lived for a total of 14 years in Alaska, before he set out to travel around the United States, seeing many interesting areas, one of which was Washington, D.C. He said that it was one of his favorite places, as well as Minneapolis and Seattle.

Jerry was preceded in death by his three older Brothers (Willie, Tommy, & Lee) and his older Sister (Susie).

Jerry is survived by his Mother (Christine), Brother-in-law (Jim Bill), and his good friend and partner Bob Walters.

A memorial will be held on Memorial day at St. Camillus Health Center, where he spent his last days, in conjunction with the dedication of the Memory Garden.

Final resting place will be in Ft. Smith, Arkansas at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The date is still to be determined.

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South Africa Enshrines Gay Civil Rights in Constitution; Canada Moves To Revise Human Rights Charter

By Jamakaya

Cape Town — In an event of historic proportions, South Africa has become the first country in the world to enshrine the concept of civil rights protections for Gay people in its Constitution. At the same time, the Canadian House of Commons voted to add the words "sexual orientation" to its Human Rights Charter.

On May 8, South Africa gave final approval to its new Constitution, a joyous event that puts a final end to the racist apartheid system and ushers in a new era of democratic freedoms.

President Nelson Mandela spoke of South Africa's "rebirth ... cleansed of a horrible past and reaching out to the future with confidence. Our pledge is: Never and never again shall the laws of our land rend our people apart or legalize their oppression and repression."

To guarantee that pledge, the Constitutional Assembly adopted a document that has far-reaching guarantees of freedom, among them the government's commitment to ban all forms of discrimination based on race, gender, age, religion, ethnicity, disability, marital status, language and sexual orientation.

Although several other nations have statutes forbidding discrimination based on sexual orientation - Norway,

Sweden, the Netherlands, Slovenia, and Israel - South Africa is the first nation to include sexual orientation protections in its Constitution, its fundamental governing document. American Gays can only wonder how or if our own Constitution could ever be amended to incorporate sexual orientation.

The sexual orientation provision was included in the draft constitution adopted by the African National Congress several years ago. This occurred after extensive lobbying by the Equality Foundation, a group of Gay and Lesbian attorneys in South Africa, aided by a coalition of other Gay and Gay-friendly civil rights groups.

The only controversy occurred at that time when several conservatives questioned the use of "sexual orientation," suggesting it could be interpreted to include bestiality and pedophilia or could confer "special rights" on Gay people. But legal experts presented evidence from other laws already in existence elsewhere that the term applies clearly and equally to heterosexuals, homosexuals and bisexuals.

Given the almost universal desire articulated by Mandela that the wrongs of the past not be repeated and that everyone's rights be secured, there was

very little continued debate on the sexual orientation clause. The Constitution also guarantees visitation rights to the unmarried "partners" of prisoners or those hospitalized or otherwise institutionalized.

Meanwhile in Canada, just a day after the events in South Africa, the House of Commons voted by a decisive margin, 153-76, to add sexual orientation to its Human Rights Act.

But the House vote came only after hours of heated debate, with conservative members arguing that the law could sanction same-gender marriage and require employers to provide benefits to the partners of Gay and Lesbian workers. Proponents dismissed these issues as "scare tactics."

The Senate must still approve the measure, which is considered likely, and the Queen must give her assent, which is merely a formality.

The law prohibits discrimination in jobs and promotions for all those employed by the government or in government-regulated businesses, including railways, airlines, banks and TV and radio broadcasting. At least 10% of the Canadian workforce will be covered by the law. The national law mirrors similar statutes already in existence in seven of Canada's provinces.



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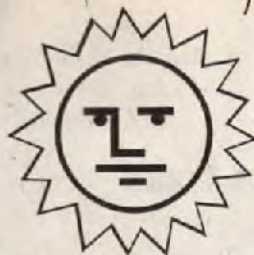
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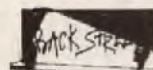
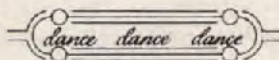
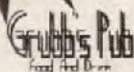
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Group Notes

ARCW Cancels MAPFest In Wake of PrideFest Sponsorship

Milwaukee — After a ten year run, The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) announced it has canceled its popular MAPFest fundraiser. ARCW cited declining attendance, coupled with increased costs as a major factors in their decision.

With the MAPFest cancellation, ARCW also announced it would make a major, long-term financial and volunteer investment in PrideFest, Milwaukee's annual LesBiGay celebration. This year, ARCW will sponsor the PrideFest Laser Light Show and the festival's Harvey Milk stage.

PrideFest Co-Chair, Susan Cook sees the ARCW investment in PrideFest as a way for ARCW to reach out to more individuals, "I think MAPfest had 2,000 attend last year, but PrideFest will have 20,000 people attending this year and it will be a great way to sign up more people for the AIDS Walk. I'm glad we can be together," said Cook.

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of ARCW stated, "We will be a long term, reliable source of support for PrideFest. we will continue to increase our investment to help assure the success of PrideFest."

As part of the working collaboration between ARCW and PrideFest, people will be encouraged to bring non-perishable food and personal care items to PrideFest to place in MAP food pantry barrels to donate to people affected by AIDS.

St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry Receives \$30,000 Grant

Milwaukee — St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry has received a \$30,000 grant from the Siebert Lutheran Foundation. This grant will enable the Ministry to significantly increase its educational outreach efforts to the Lutheran community in southeast Wisconsin and to provide additional pastoral services to persons infected or affected by HIV disease.

Although the Siebert Foundation generally only funds projects of Lutheran organizations and associations, the Board of Directors decided to partner with St. Camillus, a Roman Catholic organization, in order to most effectively participate in the fight against AIDS.

"HIV disease is a concern of us all, regardless of religious affiliation. I see our new relationship as a model of collaboration and cooperation between denominations. I am deeply grateful to the Siebert Foundation for launching this vital expansion of our Ministry," said Brother Stephen E. Braddock, Executive Director of St. Camillus Ministries.

The Siebert grant is the second major grant St. Camillus has received in the past several weeks. St. Camillus was recently the beneficiary of a \$25,000 grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

PrideFest Preparations In High Gear; Admission Prices Set

Milwaukee — PrideFest '96, Milwaukee's ninth annual LesBiGay festival, kicks off its three-day celebration on June 7, 1996 with a full slate of entertainment and events.

Tickets to the festival, to be held at the Henry W. Maier Festival Grounds (Summerfest) June 7, 8 and 9, will be available for \$4. Advance three-day passes will be sold for \$8.

PrideFest begins at 6pm on Friday June 7th with a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony. Also scheduled for



Romanovsky and Phillips

Friday is a performance by nationally-known singers/comedians, Romanovsky and Phillips at the Miller Main Stage (Alyn Hess Stage).

The Saturday entertainment line-up includes a Broadway-style review by popular Milwaukee theater

producer Dale Gutzman. Also scheduled for Saturday are performances by actor/comedian Jason Stuart, Jeff Krassner and dance music performer, Gillette.

Other acts scheduled to appear are Don't Records recording artist, The Yell Leaders, the Cream City Chorus, the Fest City Singers, comedienne Tracey Rose, Chicago's Theatre Q. The evening will be capped with fireworks and a laser light show.

The Sunday schedule begins with its annual interfaith service starting at 10:30am, followed by the Pride Parade at noon. A ceremonial wedding will be held at 6:30pm.

A six hour country music line-up is an entertainment highlight, featuring the talents of Nashville's Jeff Miller. Also appearing on Sunday will be comedian John Berg and the BJ Daniels Revue, which includes the best female impersonators from across Wisconsin.

PrideFest will also play host to the Miller-PrideFest Volleyball Tournament, a classic car show, book readings along with many other events.

June 1, 1996 is the deadline for those wishing to participate in the Pride Parade. To register, persons are encouraged to send a letter to: Pride Parade, 1221 E. Brady St., Milwaukee, WI 53202

General admission to PrideFest can be purchased on the festival grounds, members of the Proud Crowd can also wear their official 1996 PrideFest t-shirt and get free admission to the festival until 2:30pm both Saturday and Sunday. Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Press Card holders may get free admission on Sunday from 3pm to 4pm.

Three day advance tickets are available by mail. Interested persons should send a check or money order to PrideFest Ticker, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. For more information about PrideFest call, 414/272-FEST.

Rainbow Over Wisconsin Launched

Appleton — Rainbow Over Wisconsin, a new, non-profit organization has been formed in the Fox Valley/Green Bay area. Sponsored by Blue Lite, Brandy's II, Madhatter, Napalese, Pivot Club, Rascal's SASS and Za's the group was formed to promote the growth and stability of the LesBiGy community through charitable and educational activities and programs.

Rainbow Over Wisconsin will produce the Rainbow Over Wisconsin Pride Weekend as well as many other fundraising events throughout the year. The Pride Weekend will include a bowling tournament on August 31, 1996 at the Riviera Lanes in Green Bay and a picnic Sunday, September 1, 1996, tentatively schedule at Memorial Park in Appleton.

Anyone interested in learning more about the organization is invited to attend an informational meeting on

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The one day cruise event will include round trip transportation by coach bus, a "Broadway" lunch buffet and two cruise packages with light snacks and beverages served on the return trip. There will also be games with prizes played on the bus trip. Cost for the event will be \$40 per person. For more information contact Jeff W. at 332-9414 or Rick S. at 482-1964.

Wisconsin "Care Quilt" to be Displayed at AIDS Candlelight Memorial

Milwaukee— Wisconsin's AIDS quilt, the Care Quilt, will be displayed in its entirety at the 13th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization to be held at the Miller Pavilion in O'Donnell Park on May 19th starting at 7pm.

The Memorial, which supports persons living with HIV/AIDS and honors the memory of those who have died. The event is free and open to the public.

The Care Quilt was created in 1990 at the first AIDS Walk Wisconsin, by a group of volunteers who were inspired by friends who had died of AIDS. There are now approximately 50 panels which are displayed annually.

Participating organizations in the Candlelight Memorial included the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW), BIM Productions, Brady East STD Clinic, Catholic AIDS Ministry, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Dignity/Milwaukee, Milwaukee AIDS Project, Milwaukee Metropolitan Community Church, Rainbow Community

Health Centers, St. Camillus AIDS Ministry, St. Joseph Hospital, S.E.T. Ministries, STD Specialties Clinic and Wisconsin HIV Primary Care Support Network.

For more information contact, Jerry Lishawa at the ARCW, 414/225-1595.

"Old Lesbian Gathering" Set for August 16

Minneapolis — Old lesbians will be getting together from all parts of the United States and Canada in what is anticipated to be the largest old lesbian gathering ever held, this August 15 to 18 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Billed as the Summer of '96 Old Lesbian Gathering, participants will have an opportunity for three days to examine their lives, confront their challenges and celebrate their strengths. The conference format is geared to maximize participation by planning many small conversation groups, as well as major panels to deal with all aspects of old lesbians' lives.

The event is open to lesbians 60 years of age or older (and their partners who may be under sixty). Fees for the event are set from \$175 (for early registration) to \$200 and includes University dorm and cafeteria accommodations (three nights lodging, three meals a day), banquet, dance and conference registration.

For more information, contact Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC), P.O. Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098; or call Vera Martin, at 602/983-6462.

"Community Coffee" Held with Milwaukee Politicos

Milwaukee — Local public officials and leaders from LesBiGay organizations met on April 25, at the Brady East STD Clinic, for what was termed a "Community Coffee," a thank you/congratulation gathering of local elected officials.

County Supervisors T. Anthony Zielinski, Elizabeth Cogg-Jones and Dorothy Dean along with Alderwoman Marlene Johnson were among those politicians who attended the event.

Organizations that make up the sponsoring Community Election Coalition include Action Wisconsin, Human Rights League, Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Lesbians of Color/Women of Color and Sherman Park Rainbow Association. Organizers hope to make the "Community Coffee" an annual event.

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Funds from the raffle and cruise support AIDS care and prevention services in Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth counties. Raffle tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$3 or ten for \$15. Cruise tickets are \$45 per person. For further information or to purchase cruise or raffle tickets, call SEWAP at 800/924-6601.

Chicago Web Site Debuts May 1st

Chicago — Gays and Lesbians now have a central location on the Internet for information on Chicago area businesses, nightlife, organizations, support groups, and on-line publications. Courtesy of the newly formed Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, *OutChicago*, an on-line index of Chicago area Internet resources for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities can be found at <http://www.outchicago.org/>.

The World Wide Web site catalogs electronic resources to make it easier for Internet browsers to find information. *OutChicago* provides links to a variety of resources from non-profit organizations and community calendars to gay-owned and operated businesses and on-line publications. There are also links to local gay nightlife and a place for Chicagoans to list their personal home pages.

OutChicago was developed and is maintained by community volunteers and is sponsored by the Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce.

According to Tom Jevak, a member of the *OutChicago* project team, "Nine months ago, we held a community meeting to survey the Chicago-related resources on the Internet that were available to the gay and lesbian community. We found that though there was a great wealth of information, no one seemed to know where to find it or where to get started. *OutChicago* is a community based project designed to make that information more accessible."

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LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Attorney Arlene Zarembka

Is Physician-Assisted Suicide a LesBiGay Issue?

What do the assisted suicide decisions have to do with Lesbian and Gay issues?" More than one person has asked me this question. Two things make the issue an important one to the Lavender community. First, when the Supreme Court rules on assisted suicide (as it is likely to do), its decision probably will affect the continuing viability of the Hardwick decision. Second, the assisted suicide debate provides an opportunity to resuscitate the ailing doctrine of a right to privacy, if not in the Supreme Court, then in the court of public opinion, which is the court, in the long run, that matters the most.

The 1986 Hardwick decision put a screeching halt to the expansion of the right to privacy under the Federal Constitution. The Court stated in Hardwick that it would not recognize as fundamental any new rights or liberties that are not specifically mentioned in the text of the Constitution, unless the right "is implicit in the concept of ordered liberty ... [such that] neither liberty nor justice would exist if [that right] were sacrificed," or unless the right is "deeply rooted in the Nation's history and tradition."

The 2nd Circuit, citing Hardwick, ruled that there is no fundamental right to assisted suicide, because it's not implicit in the notion of liberty nor deeply rooted in the traditions of the United States. Instead, it used the Equal Protection clause to find a constitutional right to medical assistance in suicide (because the law already allows doctors to withdraw life-sustaining procedures from terminally ill patients).

The 9th Circuit, by contrast, got around Hardwick in its assisted suicide decision by noting that the decision had been "highly controversial" and that Justice Powell later stated that he regretted his vote with the 5-4 majority. It called Hardwick "aberrant," and said it appeared to turn on the "specific sexual act at issue." The 9th Circuit decided that there is a "liberty interest" in suicide, and a Due Process right for terminally ill patients to receive "life-ending medication" from their doctors.

THE SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court could approach the Hardwick angle to the assisted suicide issue in at least one of four ways: 1) It could rule that there is no "liberty interest" in assisted suicide, relying on, and reaffirming, the Hardwick decision. Regardless of one's feelings about assisted suicide, a reaffirmation of the Hardwick decision would be devastating to the Lavender community.

2) It could rule that there is a "liberty interest" in assisted suicide, and limit the Hardwick decision to the act of sodomy. This result would not be much better for the Gay and Lesbian community than the first one, for it would reaffirm the "Gay exception" to liberty.

3) It could avoid mentioning Hardwick, deciding the assisted suicide cases only on Equal Protection grounds, and punting on Due Process.

4) It could rule that the constitutional right to privacy includes the right of the terminally ill to physician assistance in suicide. In the process, it could indicate that the Hardwick decision is of questionable validity, paving the way for an eventual overturning of Hardwick.

The fourth option — relying on a constitutional right to privacy — unfortunately seems the least likely, in light of the 1990 Cruzan case. In that case (the only decision to date by the Court addressing the "right to die" issue), the Court, cit-

...the decision of a terminally ill patient to end his or her life and to get assistance, if necessary, in doing so, is, like sexual expression...

ing the Hardwick case, stated that the right to refuse treatment should not be analyzed as a matter of a constitutional right to privacy.

Although the Supreme Court may not be willing to expand the right to privacy, and may remain ossified in limiting its vision of liberty to what it deems the Nation's "history and tradition" dictate, the public is unlikely to be so rigid in its thinking. Not only has the reality of Big Brother made the public (if not the Court) increasingly concerned about privacy, but anti-government sentiment is at an all-time high (often unjustifiably so).

RIGHT TO PRIVACY

With the trials of Dr. Kevorkian underway, and the likelihood of a Supreme Court ruling on assisted suicide, both assisted suicide and privacy will be hotly debated in the media and over coffee throughout the country.

We need to argue that the decision of a terminally ill patient to end his or her life and to get assistance, if neces-

sary, in doing so, is, like sexual expression, and control over reproduction, a matter of privacy, rooted in the right to control one's body and one's most intimate choices. We need to point out that the Hardwick decision's inexcusable retrenchment on the right of privacy is a major obstacle to expansion of the right to privacy to such matters as assisted suicide.

In making these arguments, it's important to acknowledge that society can place some restrictions on privacy. The right of assisted suicide is not limitless. Those who are suicidal, but not terminally ill, need help in living, not help in dying. Accordingly, it makes sense to limit assisted suicide to the terminally ill. The right of a woman to control her reproduction through a method of her choice (contraception, sterilization, or abortion) is not unfettered? the government legitimately can refuse to license dangerous contraceptives, for example, in order to protect women from injury. Likewise, the right of sexual expression is not unrestricted. It is appropriate to prohibit sexual relations with those unable to consent (i.e. children or those who are mentally incapacitated) and sexual activity in public.

Even though the Supreme Court has been suffocating the constitutional right to privacy, we need to bring it back up for air. The assisted suicide cases provide an opportunity to do so.

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Sheneska Jackson Reading Scheduled for May 16

Milwaukee — Sheneska Jackson, the author of the impressive debut novel "Caught Up In the Rapture" dismissed a pop singing career to focus on writing.

The work of Maya Angelou inspired Sheneska Jackson to move from her dead-end job to pursue a career in music. The words of Terry McMillan inspired her to write. The results is gutsy, contemporary love story that begins in the 'hood of South Central Los Angeles, soars to the brink of music stardom and comes crashing down again.



Sheneska Jackson

"Caught Up In the Rapture" is realistic look at the violence of the gangsta street familiar in film and headlines but it is also the frequently hidden story of love, faith, strength and hard work by two people determined to survive.

Sheneska Jackson grew up in South Central Los Angeles and has a B.A. in Journalism from California State University where she also interned with 60 Minutes and E! Entertainment. Her quest for a TV career did not work out and she began taking writing classes at UCLA and finished "Caught Up In the Rapture" in six weeks.

Ms Jackson will read from her LA-based rap-rock-romance at the Schwartz Bookshop located at 4093 North Oakland Avenue in Shorewood on Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. For additional information call 414/963-3111.

Art for AIDS Auction Set for June 2

Milwaukee — Over 300 works of art will be auctioned off at the Art for AIDS auction and brunch on Sunday, June 2, 1996 at the Italian Community Center, 613 East Chicago Street. The brunch and silent auction begins at 10:00 a.m. The voice auction commences at 12:30 p.m. Tickets including brunch and a catalog are \$25. Proceeds benefit the health

The Arts



L-R, Jason Rohlf, Paul Mandracchio, Lisa Quinn and Cace Murphy, Art For AIDS Auction participants

and social services of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW).

Milwaukee artist Jason Rohlf created "Simple" for this year's promotional materials. Rohlf studied drawing and painting for seven years at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has worked with 3-dimensional masks and has used masks in his paintings since 1993.

"A lot of people just see bright colors," said Rohlf. "Ideally, you don't just see the mask, but the message that transcends it."

For tickets or more information, call 414/273-2729. Art for AIDS is sponsored by Miller Brewing Company with additional support from Herbert H. Kohl Charities, Milwaukee Insurance and Sterling Optical- Grand Avenue.

McInerney Scheduled to Read from "The Last of the Savages"



Jay McInerney

Milwaukee — Jay McInerney, the writer who is frequently compared to F. Scott Fitzgerald, hit the literary scene in 1984 and became the darling of readers and gossip columnists, then the critics began to take aim. Known for "Bright Lights, Big City", which is required reading in some contemporary literature classes, has a new novel "The Last of the Savages".

McNerney's new novel,

"The Last of the Savages", tells the three decade story of an intense friendship between two unlikely people: Will Savage, a rich Southern bad boy, and Patrick Keane, a humble, hard working Northerner. Together they move from the fevers of youth to the uneasy truths of middle-age often diverging but predictably reconnecting as events and their complex bond dictate.

Jay McNerney is schedule to read from "The Last of the Savages", at Schwartz Bookshop located at 4093 North Oakland Avenue in Shorewood on Friday, May 17 at 8:00 p.m. For additional information call 414/963-3111.

Madison's "Art in Bloom" set for May 17

Madison — Experience a beautiful display of over 75 floral arrangements coupled with works of contemporary art at The Art League's sixth Art in Bloom, a biennial fund raiser held in the Art Center's galleries. The public is invited to view and vote on the results of creative floral artistry by some of the area's best floral arrangers, designers, and horticulturists. Participants will compete to produce the most striking and original interpretation of a piece of art from the permanent collection of the Madison Art Center. The People's Choice Awards and accompanying cash prizes will be presented for the top three entries.

A variety of other attractions will be offered throughout the weekend. The Art League will host a guided preview tour of the show and a luncheon on Friday, May 17. Lectures and demonstrations will take place on Friday and Saturday, featuring C. Colston Burrell of Minneapolis, a nationally recognized landscape architect, specializing in woodland and prairie communities; Judith Stark, a landscape architect who lectures on the gardens of England, Italy, and Japan; and Kent whealy, co-founder and director of Seed Saver

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Carole LaFavor at Room of One's Own

Madison — Mystery author Carole LaFavor is schedule to read from her new novel "Along the Journey River" Friday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own.

A Native American lesbian mystery, "Along the Journey River," follows the trail of sacred ceremonial objects stolen from the Minnesota Red Earth Reservation's Ojibwa tribe.

Carole LaFavor is a Two-Spirit Ojibwa living in Minneapolis. A Room of One's Own is located at 317 W. Johnson Street. The reading is free and open to the public. For more information call 608/ 257-7888.

Alternating Currents Live at Woodland Pattern

Milwaukee — Ellsworth Snyder will perform a solo piano recital including new music by John Cage, Christian Wolf, Cornelius Cardew, and Steve Nelson-Raney. Snyder has long been a champion and outstanding interpreter of the avant garde piano literature.

In addition, he is considered an expert of the traditional repertoire. He has performed recitals in Alica Tully Hall at Lincoln Center in New York City, Wigmore Hall in London and Concertgebouw Recital Hall in

Amsterdam. He has performed for music "From Almost Yesterday" programs and numerous new music events in Milwaukee.

Snyder's performance will be held at Woodland Pattern Book Center on Sunday, May 26, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. located at 720 East Locust Street, for more information, contact Anne Kingsbury at 414/ 263-5001.

"Reviving the Tribe" Author to Appear in Madison

Madison — Author and gay activist Eric Rofes is schedule to read from his book "Reviving the Tribe: Regenerating Gay Men's Sexuality and Culture in the Ongoing Epidemic."



Eric Rofes

"Reviving the Tribe," creates a rich and honest portrait of contemporary gay men's lives amid AIDS epidemic; it offers both autobiographical self-examination and a critique of current sexual politics within the gay community.

Rofes will be reading on Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at A Room of One's Own located at 317 W. Johnson Street. For more information call 608/ 257-7888.



l-r, Tia Carrovetta, Andrew John Heinrich, Mark Fetko, Mary Jane Dodds, in the Lakeside Players production of "Later Life"

Kenosha's Lakeside Players Present "Later Life"

Kenosha — Lakeside Players, Inc., Kenosha's community theater, will draw the curtain on its 22nd theatrical season with a production of "Later Life," the critically acclaimed 1993 comic drama by American playwright A.R. Gurney.

The play is directed by Michael Craft Johnson and will open Friday, June 7, and run through Saturday, June 22. Eight performances will be held at 8:00 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:00 p.m. Sundays, at the historic Rhode Opera House, 514 56th Street in downtown Kenosha.

The author, A.R. Gurney, is a prolific master of topical adult comedy, probably best known for "The Dining Room" and "Love Letters." In these and most of his plays, Gurney tenderly chronicles the loves and foibles of the upper-middle class in which he was reared. The New Yorker said of him, "There is no dramatist like him on either side of the Atlantic."

Evening tickets are priced at \$9.00, matinee tickets at \$8.00. Youth (16 and under) and seniors (65 and over) may purchase \$7.00 tickets for any show. Tickets are available at the door, at

Roger & Marv's SuperValu, and at several other ticket outlets in Kenosha. For further information or to reserve tickets by phone, call 414/ 657-PLAY.

"In the Life" Unveils June Gay Pride Special

New York — For its June Gay Pride Special, *In the Life*, the award-winning gay and lesbian newsmagazine on PBS, examines the rapidly expanding world of gay and lesbian film and video.

Highlighted in a special sneak preview excerpt is "It's Elementary," a new documentary by Academy Award winning director Debra Chasnoff ("Deadly Deception," 1993), that shows what happens when grade school teachers address gay issues and homophobia in the classroom. This powerful documentary is sure to be controversial in light of high-profile, right wing efforts to keep any mention of homosexuality out of schools. "In the Life" presents the first national look at this important new film.

Correspondents Tanya Barfield and Charles Busch join *In the Life* host Katherine Linton for these stories and more on the June Gay edition of *In the Life*.

Charles Busch talks with John Schlesinger, writer/ actor Charles Busch interviews Academy Award winning and openly gay director John Schlesinger about his long, successful career which includes some of Hollywood's most innovative and commercially successful films including "Midnight Cowboy" and "Sunday Bloody Sunday."

Backstage Background for "Birdcage", when club singer and performer Rick McKay approached director Mike Nichols about assisting on the film "Birdcage," he never suspected his assignment would be to grab a hi-8 camera and get the real scoop on drag queens— a community Nichols admitted he knew nothing about.

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Feature

Michael Feinstein seems like old times



The music on which Michael Feinstein has built his successful recording and concert career calls to mind long-past times, the classic Tin-Pan Alley period of the '20's through the '40s. Maybe it's just nostalgia that frames the era in our minds with a golden glow, but Feinstein's breezy supper-club style wrapped around these tunes evokes the elegant sophistication and witty banter of the high life, the days when cafe society shimmered to the sounds of Gershwin, Porter, Arlen and the rest.

With such an affinity for the time, you wonder if Feinstein was born 40 or 50 years too late and would rather have been part of that age. But while he may be musically bound to a certain part of our cultural past, he says his home is very firmly in the present.

"I like being alive now. I think it's an exciting time to be here, for better or worse," he says, "and I have the luxury of having all the music that came before."

And perhaps no one is currently doing quite as much to keep that music alive. In 1977, Feinstein was introduced to Ira Gershwin, who soon hired him to catalog his music and act on his behalf in publishing and performing negotiations. This unique access to the songwriter's vault started Feinstein on the

road to becoming a sort of historian, seeking pieces that haven't been heard in many years unpublished songs, numbers dropped from musicals, less well-known versions of popular tunes.

"It's always fun to be able to find new songs or unknown songs by the classic songwriters, because it's like finding another diamond in a diamond mine you thought was cleaned out a long time ago," he said. But although the gems Feinstein unearths may be rare and forgotten, one shouldn't mistake them for composers' rejects.

"Some of the songs were actually used in shows produced in the twenties. If they weren't published or recorded at the time, then there was no way for them to survive. But they were not throwaway," he explains. "In the case of 'Ask Me Again'

(off his latest release, "Nice Work If You Can Get It", on Atlantic), which was Ira's favorite unpublished song, he kept trying to find the perfect project for it. It was going to go in the 'Goldwyn Follies' in 1938 and again in a movie called 'The Shocking Miss Pilgrim' in 1946. He wanted desperately to use that song in something, but he never found the right place for it."

Feinstein recalls with relish the process of discovery and research that results in some of his favorite recordings.

"On the 'Isn't It Romantic' album, I recorded a very famous song called 'I'll Get By.' That one was printed once in the 1920s and again when it became famous during World War II, because it was used as the theme for the Spencer Tracy/ Irene Dunne movie 'A Guy Named Joe.' The composer wrote a new verse for the forties' version. So I recorded both the early verse and the revised lyric. I was probably the first person to do that."

"In the case of 'A Fine Romance' by Jerome Kern and Dorothy Fields, I found an old unreleased Fred Astaire recording I got from Johnny Green, who had made the record with Astaire in the thirties. I recorded this verse that had never been recorded."

Although not one to trash contemporary pop music, Feinstein can't help being a little more biased towards the music he says he was "obsessed" with for most of his life, even as a child growing up in Columbus Ohio.

"The songs I sing were primarily written for show. The songs that are popular now are created by singer-songwriters for albums in a completely different context. They serve a different purpose. A lot are created for dancing. The lyric isn't as important. And rap or songs of social commentary aren't written as love songs.

"I don't think the level of quality is the same today, but I think there's a lot of significant work going on, although that doesn't usually end up in the Top 40. That material has really gone hay wire." It's notable that the music

"The other day a friend told me a famous personal manager in Hollywood said I was destroying my career by having come out,"

—MICHAEL FEINSTEIN

Feinstein cherishes is, as he says, primarily from shows.

Feinstein officially came out in print last year in his book "Nice Work If You Can Get It" (Hyperion). It's rather a cliché, of course, this thing about gay men and show tunes (at least from a certain generation—Feinstein is 39). Why is that? Feinstein ventures a very gay response.

"Because they're Faa-aa-abulous!" he laughs, then offers a more sober analysis: "I think they express a wide range of emotions gay men can relate to. Show tunes are songs that uplift the human spirit. They represent the joy of being alive. They are the energy of life, at least for me.

"I think larger-than-life personalities—Merman, Mary Martin, Carol Channing—we relate to their spirit and unique personality. When I was growing up...discovering these personalities and these songs made me feel I wasn't alone, because I connected with them emotionally in a way I wasn't able to connect with other songs. This music connects in many ways to gay spirit. Many of these songs have been written by gay men and women and by people with very keen gay sensibilities. Theater is created with a very gay sensibility."

Often, though, that gay sensibility is masked in a very heterosexual boy-meet-girl context. Feinstein himself has recorded songs in that standard context, even changing the Judy Garland classic "The Boy Next Door" to "The Girl

Next Door." Will we ever hear him perform or record the standards in the way he must have sung them as a child, pronouns unchanged?

"It's possible. I usually sing the traditional context because I look at love as a universal emotion that doesn't have to be gender specific. But I did a Gershwin show recently with the Turtle Creek Chorale (Dallas' gay men's chorus). When I finished the concert the first night, I got an encore, and I had nothing prepared. Someone yelled out 'The Man I Love,' so I sang 'The Man I Love.'

"Some people make such a big deal about that. I've done it, but I don't think it's such a big deal. I once talked about doing a dance version of 'The Man That Got Away.' Atlantic talked to me about doing something like that. It would be fun. I don't know what it would do for my career. Many people may or may not know I'm gay, but they just don't care. But some of the oldsters who come to see me in Florida, I don't know how they'd take to that."

It seems almost ridiculous to think anyone would take exception to an openly gay man singing show tunes. Certainly anyone with even a small clue knows the story behind some of our greatest composers. Take Cole Porter or Lorenz Hart. Then again, the truth about the multitude of gay contributions to American pop culture has been entirely suppressed in history. And even in these more "enlightened" times, apparently it's still an issue.

"The other day a friend told me a famous personal manager in Hollywood said I was destroying my career by having come out," Feinstein said. "It's true that lately I haven't been able to get on certain TV shows, and it makes me wonder if there's a connection.

"But I can't worry about that. I'm not going to change anything, and I wouldn't do anything differently."

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Wednesday, May 15

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing: At Mama Roux, 1875 N. Humboldt Ave. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP, from 9pm to 12am. FMI call 414/225-1502 or 414/272-2144.

LAMM Volunteer Night (Milwaukee): At the new LAMM Resource Center. FMI call 414/264-2600.

GAMMA volleyball (Milwaukee): Open volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym, 8pm, FMI call 414/425-2146.

Frontiers (Madison): Film circle "Tales of the City", part I, 7:30 p.m., for locations and membership information please call David at 608/274-5959.

Thursday, May 16

GAMMA Sheephead (Milwaukee): An evening of sheephead card playing for everyone, FMI call 414/425-2146.

1100 Club (Milwaukee): Thursday nights sheephead (5 handed call an ace), 6:30 p.m., FMI call 414/647-9950.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): Milwaukee Warner cable channel 47, special guest, Kevin Quader will discuss "to be Catholic and Gay", show airs at 7pm.

Friday, May 17

Domestic Violence Workshop (Milwaukee):

"Addressing Domestic Violence in Lesbian Relationships" at Centennial Hall of the Central Library. Starting at 1pm, 733 N. 8th St. FMI call 414/332-3331

GAMMA Dining Out (Milwaukee): a fabulous meal at Pasta Tree, set for 7:30 p.m., reservations needed, FMI call 414/425-2146.

Madison Art Center (Madison): garden lecture series, "Art in Bloom 1996", guest lecturers are: C. Colston Burrell and Judith Stark, for more information and to make reservations, call Barbara Banks at 608/257-0158.

End of Life Workshop (Milwaukee): Clinical Ethical Issues workshop presented by Elena Lugo, PhD. Starting at 8am at the St. Camillus Campus. FMI call 414/259-4664.

Saturday, May 18

Cream City Squares (Milwaukee): Dance held at 1028 S. 5th Street from 1pm to 3:30pm. FMI call 414/643-5597.

Women's Investment Planning (Milwaukee): Workshop sponsored by Prudential at the Wauwatosa Library. FMI call 800/558-7703
Club 94 Folly Girls (Kenosha): Annual Spring Show. At Club 94, 9001 120th Ave., Highway C & 194. FMI call 414/857-9958

GAMMA fun run (Milwaukee): a 30-40 minute jog through the fashionable east side, followed by a stop for eating, begins at 9am at the base of the Water Tower, FMI call 414/425-2146.

AfterWords Bookstore (Milwaukee): author Eric Rofes will read from his recently released book "Reviving the Tribe: Regenerating Gay Men's Sexuality and Culture in the Ongoing Epidemic," 7pm at 2710 N. Murray Avenue.

University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee): at 8:30 am to 3pm in the fourth floor conference center of the Golda Meir Library, lecture on "Labors Impact in Wisconsin Politics: Looking at the

Progressive and Socialist Eras...and the Future," is the 15th annual conference of the Wisconsin Labor History Society, FMI call 414/449-4777.
Madison Wrestling Club (Madison): wrestling practice and instruction, no experience required, 8:00 p.m., FMI call Larry Kneeland at 608/244-8675 (eves).

Sunday, May 19

Cream City Square (Milwaukee): UWM Student Union Ballroom, Dance from 1pm to 3:30pm. FMI 414/643-5597.

GAMMA Hike (Milwaukee): a mid-day hike through the beautiful Kettle Moraine South, FMI 414/425-2146.

Frontiers (Madison): brunch at Old Country Buffet, begins at 11:30 am, FMI call David at 608/274-5959.

A Concert of Organ Music (Milwaukee): Karen Beaumont and musical guests will be performing at 4:00 p.m. at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 East Knapp Street, the concert is free and open to the public.

Monday, May 20

GAMMA Book Club (Milwaukee): discussion starting at 7:00 p.m., FMI call 414/425-2146.

Frontiers (Madison): activity planning meeting starting at 7:30 p.m., FMI call Gene at 608/831-4711 or David at 608/274-5959.

University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee): 5:30 p.m. reception, 6:30 p.m. dinner, UWM School of Education's 11th annual Gala Tribute to Teaching. Five prominent people with Milwaukee area ties honor one of their "teachers who made a difference." While the former students talk about their teachers, the teachers share insights about what set these people apart in the classroom. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the School of Education, FMI call 414/229-6554.

A Room of One's Own (Madison): Eric Rofes will read his recently released book, "Regenerating Gay Men's Sexuality and Culture in the Ongoing Epidemic," 6:30 p.m., at 317 W. Johnson Street, Madison.

Wednesday, May 22

Frontiers (Madison): film circle "Tales of the City" part II, 7:30 p.m., FMI call Gene at 608/831-4711 or David 608/274-5959.

GAMMA volleyball (Milwaukee): open volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym, 8pm, FMI call 414/425-2146.

Rainbow Association Meeting (Milwaukee): Starting at 7pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3617 N. 48th St. Guest Speaker: Stephanie Hume. FMI call 414/777-3986.

Thursday, May 23

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): Susan Cook of "Pridefest '96", is the schedule guest on on Warner cable channel 47 at 7pm.

University of Wisconsin (Madison): The Ten Percent Society is sponsoring at 8pm at the Concourse Hotel Ballroom located at 1 W. Dayton Street in Madison, May Dance, admission is \$3, FMI contact Don Elmer at 608/255-9449 (eve).

Saturday, May 25

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing: at the Wreck Room. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP, from 5pm to 8pm. FMI call 414/225-1502 or 414/272-2144.

Saturday, May 25

The Milwaukee Classic (Milwaukee): Annual softball tournament. Games held at Wick Field (52nd & Vliet). FMI call 414/454-9204.

GAMMA Fun Run (Milwaukee): a 30-40 minute jog through the fashionable east side, followed by a stop for eating, starts at 9:00 a.m. at the base of the Water Tower, FMI call 414/425-2146.

Frontiers (Madison): bike around Lake Mendota, begins at 9:30 a.m., FMI contact Gene at 608/831-4711 or David at 608/274-5959.

1100 Club (Milwaukee): Milwaukee's original

gay sheephead tournament (5 handed call an ace), registration 3:30 p.m., FMI call 414/647-9950.

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison): "Trance" and "The Matinee Idol", begins at 8pm, FMI contact Larry Kneeland 608/244-8675 (eves).

Sunday, May 26

The Milwaukee Classic (Milwaukee): Annual softball tournament. Games held at Wick Field (52nd & Vliet). FMI call 414/454-9204.

Tailgate Party (Milwaukee): In Between hosts its first annual Tailgating Party. Sunday, May 26. 625 S. 2nd Street. FMI 414/273-2693.

Frontiers (Madison): the 15th anniversary picnic-socializing with dinner at 6:00 p.m., FMI contact Gene at 608/831-4711 or David 608/274-5959.

GAMMA river rafting (Milwaukee): a day spent on the Peshtigo River rafting through the spring waters, FMI 414/425-2146.

University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee): Jacqueline Hayden's and Corpus Cartographia's work will be on display at UWM Art Museum, 3253 N. Downer Avenue, FMI call 414/229-5070 or 414/229-5858.

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day Commemoration (Milwaukee): in honor of those who lived courageously with AIDS

and those who journey with them. Starting at 11am at St. Camillus Campus, 10101 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Tuesday, May 28

Frontiers (Madison): man to man rap, 7:30 p.m., FMI contact Gene at 608/831-4711 or David at 608/274-5959.

Queer Program (Milwaukee): starting at 7pm on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 47 with co-hosts Michael Lisowski and Dan Fons.

Wednesday, May 29

GAMMA volleyball (Milwaukee): open volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym, 8:00 p.m., FMI call 414/425-2146.

Thursday, May 30

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): Karen Gatzler and Bill Dempsey "Reflections from the Trail" will be the topic, cable channel 47 at 7:00 p.m.

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FILM

by Sheila Walsh

"When Night is Falling" Celebrates Lesbian Love and Passion

Simply put, *When Night is Falling* is one of the most sensual films about Lesbian passion ever made. It's a hypnotic love story between Camille (Pascale Bussières), a vaguely bored mythology professor at a Christian college, and Petra (Rachel Crawford), an uninhibited performance artist in a traveling circus. When they meet one day in a Laundromat, the ensuing attraction serves as a catalyst for great change in Camille's life.

With this film, Canadian filmmaker Patricia Rozema takes a sharp departure from her 1987 hit, *I've Heard the*



Camille (Pascale Bussières) and Petra (Rachel Crawford)

Mermaids Singing. The grainier, quirkier *Mermaids* featured a more memorable heroine, the delightfully dreamy and clumsy Polly. But *When Night is Falling* is lush, slicker and sexier.

Refreshingly, politics takes a back seat in this film. All the characters — whether Gay, heterosexual or "other" — are likable, yet believably flawed. They're people who love deeply and nobly. Rozema doesn't villainize the heterosexual characters, nor does she idealize the Gay characters.

Camille's handsome boyfriend and fellow professor at the Christian college, Martin (Henry Czerny), passionately loves her. Marrying her would help both their careers, but he tells her she is more important than any job. As Petra sensually

awakens the restrained Camille, Martin notices and likes the change. Even the college chaplain, Rev. DeBoer, shows genuine concern for Camille as she grapples with her "persistent desire."

PERSISTENT DESIRE

When Camille and Petra finally act upon their attraction, the result is a tastefully portrayed yet shockingly vivid moment of Lesbian passion. Talk about women's energy! Their bodies almost seem to glow as their limbs entwine in the red satin sheets.

This woman-on-woman sex scene earned *When Night is Falling* an NC-17 rating. Whether or not it was justified is debatable. After all, Hollywood has seen heterosexual love scenes in R-rated films that are just as graphic. Remember the scenes from such movies as *9-1/2 Weeks* and *Basic Instinct*? Go figure. October Films unsuccessfully appealed the rating, then released the film unrated.

Sex aside, *When Night is Falling* addresses other issues such as religion and the human capacity for change. Living life by the religious book would be safe and stable for Camille. But, like many safe endeavors, it proves stifling. As Petra says, "If you wait for what's called for in life, nothing happens." Placing Petra in the pagan, physical atmosphere of the "Sircus of Sorts" provides the perfect contrast to Camille's cerebral, Christian milieu.

Camille's impending change is foreshadowed in the beginning of the film when she discusses the importance of transformations in mythology. Sometimes these "transformations" prove hard to believe. A professor at a Christian college runs away to the circus? What happens a year later when they finally notice the other's morning breath? Is it really possible for a dead dog to come back to life?

But those who suspend disbelief will find that such questions matter little. Rozema uses all of a filmmaker's tools to create a dream world where it's easy to suspend disbelief.

Anything can happen when night falls.

"When Night is Falling" is completing a run at Madison's Majestic Theatre and opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theater May 24.

Review

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Years Ago in In Step Magazine

In first weeks of May in 1988, Natalie Cole's *Pink Cadillac* was driving up the music charts, the Israeli Knesset legalized homosexual acts between consenting adults and the US Senate passed a major AIDS bill targeting research, patient care and public education. Here's what else was happening in LesBiGay Wisconsin according to *In Step Magazine*.



Milwaukee's 1988 Pride Logo

The ML/GPC Committee also unveiled its logo designed by **Shafer Design**.

In Wausau, the **Central Wisconsin AIDS Support Group (CWASG)** selected its leadership committee representing Portage, Marathon and Wood counties. The committee also received word that funding will be made available for emotional and volunteer training from the recently formed, **Center Wisconsin AIDS Support Network**.

R. Richard Wagner, openly gay **Dane County Board Supervisor for District Six**, was elected as Chairperson of the Dane County board by a 25 to 16 vote in a hotly contested election. Wagner previously served as co-chair of Madison's **New Harvest Foundation**, a gay and lesbian philanthropic organization serving the Dane County area.

Milwaukee's **The Cream City Foundation's** held its 2nd annual fundraising **Casino Night** in the newly restored Grain Exchange. A wide cross section of the community was in attendance to help the Foundation raise money that they then, disbursed to community causes.

After a shaky start, **Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay Pride Committee (ML/GPC)** established an outline of how it will be governed. The Steering Committee recommended guidelines covering policy statements, general meeting protocol, including rules of order, voting privileges and organizational activities.

The **Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP)** announced its 2nd Annual **"Make a Promise"** dinner for May 15th. The schedule of events called for the evening to begin with cocktails at 6:30pm, followed by a prime rib dinner. **Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin, Laffey & O'Hara, The Cream City Chorus** and **Fest City Singers** were scheduled to perform.

The **Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL)** held opening day on April 30th at the Mitchell Park softball diamonds (behind the domes).

IN CLUB NEWS...

The **Wreck Room's** swimsuit contest packed the bar — "it looked like **Bradford Beach** on a hot Sunday afternoon." Fourteen men competed with **Joseph Stier** winning the \$100 cash 1st prize.

Grant Dixon's "Victims of Desire" male dance revue was a huge hit at their encore performance at Madison's **The New Bar**.

The YP's 2nd annual **Fearsome Foursome Baby Bull Birthday Bash** was an extravaganza, celebrating birthdays of **BJ Daniels, Jeff, Su** and **Dean**. In his **Steppin' Out** social column, **Ron Geiman** expressed amazement that, "BJ was still sober enough to do the show at **219** later that night." The party was a fundraiser for **MAP** and raised over \$500.

On the cover for the issue was an original pencil drawing by Milwaukeean **Eddie Carver**.

—Compiled by William Attewell

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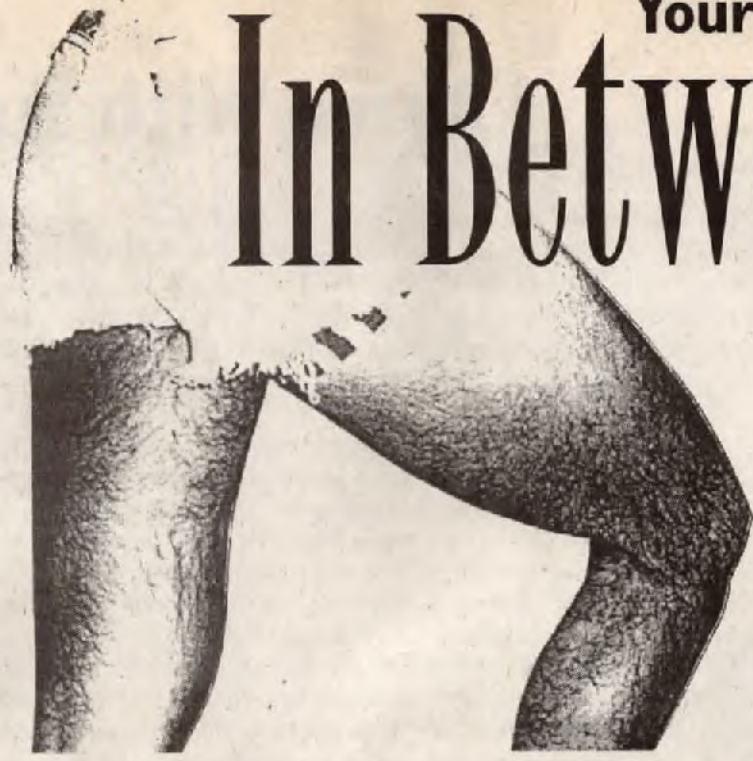
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WANDERINGS

by Mary Shafer

I Agree With Suzanne

Recently, I had the opportunity to experience a Suzanne Westenhoefer live performance. At the end of the show, Suzanne spoke rather at length about the necessity of gays and lesbians coming out. She stated very poignantly her own belief that we need to be seen and dealt

with as gay people. Her belief is backed up by her choice of vocation, and her ability and willingness to be out there as a visible mouthpiece for many of our issues is something I'm grateful for. And I agree with her.

Of course, we can't all be lesbian comics for a living, but we can make a difference

where we have the opportunity. We may not be able to stand onstage and spout our outrageousness at people who pay to listen. But we can let the people around us — families, friends and co-workers — know that they do, indeed, know at least one gay person, and gee, just look what nice people we are. We actually have lives, just like you. We laugh, we cry, we have children and we are childless; we are single, we're in couples, we go to restaurants and we shop in grocery stores. We even do laundry!

This is important because prejudice starts with ignorance. You'll rarely hear someone bigoted against a certain gay person and not others. You'll hear them be generally bigoted against gays because they think they don't know any, and it's always easier to hate an enemy without a face.

I'm not advocating that anyone go running around with a neon sign on their foreheads or become the Camille Paglia of Queerdom. In-your-face confrontation and the shock value they carry should be saved for circumstances that require them. The successful struggle to come out is a slow process. It is frightening and shouldn't be looked upon lightly. However, it is so important to the wellbeing of us all.

You might ask, "What difference will it make to anybody whether I come out or not?" For the most pointed answer I can think of, just consider where we would all be today if those drag queens and street dykes of Stonewall had felt this way. Granted, we may not be where we'd like to be, but we

sure as hell are as far as we've come thanks to them... and to all who came after them who threw off the tyranny of being closeted. They may not have been thinking about us when they did these things, but we've benefited nonetheless. We can't repay those people for their bravery. Don't we then owe that much to those who will come after us... those we CAN help?

We can now go to our own bars and dance with each other, sit close, talk about queer things, all without the fear of unjustified police raids and harassment. We can even walk down the streets of certain cities holding hands. Big deal? It is to me. I like being able to be who I am, wherever I am, whenever I want to. I don't think it's any more shocking for me to do that than it is for any straight couple. And if someone else does think so, it'll only become less so if we do it more and more, until it's the norm and not the exception.

You might be one of those people who believes it's no one else's business whom you sleep with...and I'd agree with you except for one thing: it ceases to be a private matter as soon as it intrudes on your freedom. Just like the legal precept that someone else's rights end where yours begin.

So, if you can honestly say: you've never substituted a "he" or "she" pronoun (untruthfully) when referring to your significant other at work (or church, or wherever); you've never lied to your co-workers or family about what you were doing over the weekend, afraid you might have to discuss what you're really doing, and whom you're doing it with; you've never avoided family gatherings because you wanted

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to spend time with your lover and couldn't bring him or her along, even though you very much wanted to go; or that your desk isn't the only one in the office without your S.O.'s photo on it... Well, then you can honestly say it's never affected your freedom.

But if you can't, then it very much IS the business at least of those with whom you share a large portion of your time. Because it's not fair in the social contract to lie to those peo-



Suzanne Westenhoefer

ple about who you are. Even worse, it's not fair to you...to say nothing of the betrayal of that person whose love you deny every time you deny her or his importance in your life.

I'm a writer. I believe in the power of words to create reality. If we invest our thoughts and words in creating a reality that imprisons and hides us, then we deserve to live in that dark, gloomy place. But if we instead concentrate on creating a world of light and truth, we can take our rightful places at the table of life, where we're no longer seated in the hidden back corner. We can be recognized for the first class patrons we are, and be served from the plate of abundance, and drink from the cup of fulfillment.

It may sound a little grandiose, but I think it's an apt metaphor. If you want steak, you don't order hamburger because, as the saying goes, "You get what you pay for." If we're not willing to take some risks, to pay the price to be able to live as free people, we will remain enslaved. If we don't demand to be treated like first class citizens, we'll continue to be considered less. It's your choice.

As for me...pass the Moët & Chandon, please.

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Vince

In Step has accepted a new back-up photographer and yes, his name is Vince. I had been covering everything by myself for the past 9 months or so, trying to be everywhere. As much as I'd like to think so, I just can't do it all.

I met Vince about 12 years ago at a real estate company we both worked at. The first time I saw him I instantly fell in love with him. He was the most gorgeous man I had seen in a long time, not to mention his perfectly shaped ass! He has curly brown hair, beautiful brown eyes and a smile that could make anyone melt.

There was only one problem; He was (or so it appeared to be) straight. So I just admired him from a distance.

Over the past couple of years I have seen Vince out in the Gay bars with a guy on his arm. I couldn't believe it... I have since gotten over the puppy love. Vince is still gor-

geous and is happily attached to a very cute boyfriend, so hands off.

I chose Vince as back-up photographer because he has a pretty extensive background in photography and he has the warm friendly personality that is required to represent In Step. I'm sure all of you will welcome Vince in the same way you have made me feel welcome.

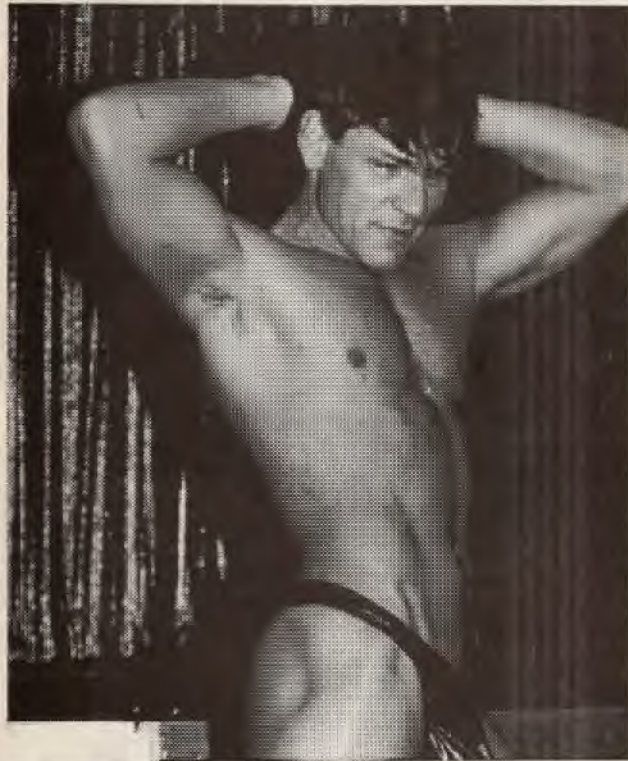
OK, lets move on the what's been keepin' this town busy.

April 26th it was **"LIGHTS OUT"** at the **TRIANGLE**. At 11:00 pm the only illumination came from flashlights that were given to you at the front door. Unfortunately (for obvious reasons) I do not have any photo's to share with you. You will have to watch for the next **LIGHTS OUT PARTY** at Triangle.

That same night over at the **1100 CLUB** was the **1996 "DADDY" CONTEST**. Daddys from all over came to show what it takes to be "Daddy". The "Boy" contest was held a week later at the **WRECK ROOM**. **JP** is "Daddy" and **CORTEZ** is "Boy" for 1996.

JUDI LOWE was a late cancellation for **3B'S** Saturday the 27th, so it turned out to be a quiet evening that night. Remember that if you are into country music and dancing check it out at 3B's.

A drag show at **TRIANGLE**? That's right. Sunday April 29th was a **BENEFIT DRAG SHOW FOR THE TENANT RELIEF FUND**. One more thing: the construction is finally done. The "Old Girl" looks great!



Yummy Stripper at Club 219. Photo: Jamie



Photo: Jamie



Another Yummy Stripper at Club 219. Photo: Jamie



Possum Queen fundraiser at La Cage. Photo: Jamie

THE FIREBIRDS sponsored a "**TOM OF FINLAND**" party at the **BOOT CAMP** on May 4th. Events at the party were Prizes from the Tom of Finland Company, boot blacking and tattooing. The main event for me was **KURT**. He can park his boots under my bed any time!

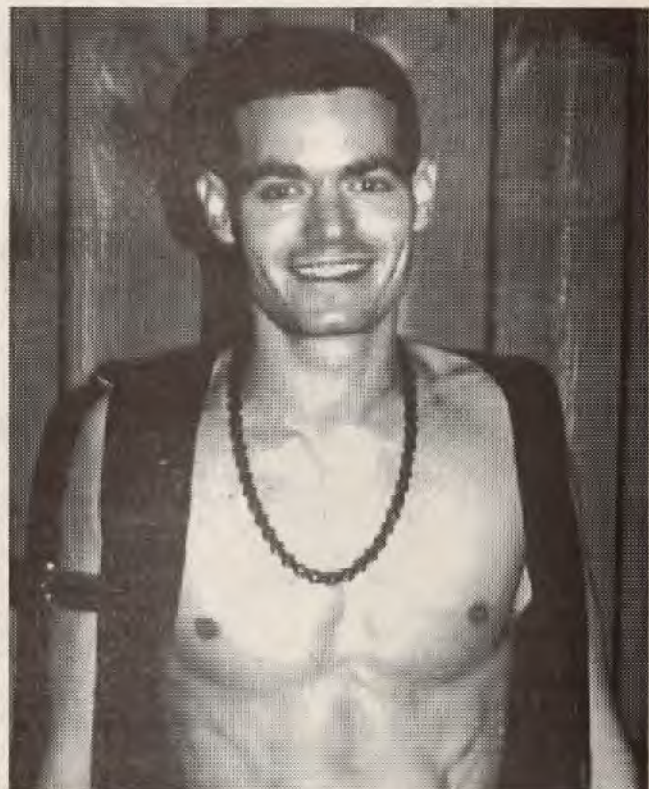
There were **POSSUM QUEEN** contests and fundraisers all over town. **DANCE DANCE DANCE** had a **POSSUM QUEEN/BENEFIT** featuring **CONNIE LINGUS**, **BLUE CHEESE** and Company, April 27th. May 4th it was a "**MONA FOR POSSUM QUEEN**" benefit at **JUST US**.

Over at **MAMA ROUX**, there was mud and Possum Queens flyin' all over the place for the **MUD WRESTLING CONTEST**, May 5th.

In the parking lot at **M&M**, the **POSSUM QUEEN** event was **WEENIE DOG RACES**. By the next time I have to write this column again, I will be able to tell you who will hold the 1996 Possum Queen title.

In closing I would like to thank Bill Attewell and Jorge Cabal for keeping me as part of *In Step Magazine*. *In Step* has been a huge part of my life over the past 5 years. As the new owners they have made me feel wanted and appreciated. Thanks guys.

Remember **PRIDEFEST** is coming soon so keep your eyes peeled for more info and as always, slower traffic keep right.



Hey Kurt, can I be a daddy? Photo: Jamie



TONGUE IN CHEEK

by Kevin Isom

Wicked

I was thinking the other day about writing a screenplay for a science fiction porn flick. About a bunch of astronauts trapped in a life-pod hurtling through space, with nothing to fill their time but— you know. Smooth dialog like, "Prepare for reentry!"

"Quick!" the emergency restraints!" and, "Sirs! Hull temperature is rising— so am I!" The film's tag line: "In space, no one can hear you moan."

I know I'm wicked. In fact, I'm pretty sure Hell has a special place reserved for me. I just hope it comes with Tiffany handcuffs. Only kidding about the handcuffs. I'm really not into M & M's.

It all started at an early age. My sister and I are both wicked. We used to engage in battle on a regular basis. My dad says that once my mom came into a room where we were in heated conflict, threw up her hands, and wailed, "why do you two fight all the time?"

The trend would continue. It was I who taught my sister the joys of calling Jehovah's Witnesses, identifying myself as someone I didn't like, and saying, "I've been reviewing your promotional materials, and I was wondering if you could send out a couple of missionaries to explain my personal salvation to me? Saturday morning around eight would be perfect. And be persistent. Remember, the devil's got me in his grasp..."

Wickedness is badness with a humorous twist. Style joined with substance. I'm proud to be wicked. The world can be a

dull, sometimes even cruel place, without a little evil wit thrown in to balance the scales. You can be wicked and still be a perfectly lovely, kind, and generous human being. Look at Audrey Hepburn. Bette Midler in her earlier years. Murphy Brown on any given Monday night. In men, there's

Gore Vidal, the novelist. Mr. Blackburn, of Worst-Dressed List fame— if he were on lithium. Al Franken, best known as Stuart Smiley on Saturday Night Live, who wrote the new book, Rush Limbaugh is a Big, Fat Idiot.

People who are not wicked but might be confused for being wicked? Michael Jackson. He's just bad. Ellen Degeneres. Too goofy to be wicked. Too closeted as well, if she really is a lesbian. Jerry Seinfeld. Too odd to be wicked. Hillary and Bill Clinton. Just plain careless. Wickedness requires intent, and they don't even inhale.

Madonna. Close, but you're never quite sure if it's just a marketing ploy. Though if she ever came out with a life size Madonna blow-up doll, I'd have to revise the estimation, based on sheer humor points.

Being wicked is about living life in an interesting way. About aspiring to be the best person you can be, but permitting yourself to be imperfect along the way.

Among gay folks, there is often a tendency to try to be an exemplary human being by way of "showing" the world what a truly good and worthwhile gay person is like. The effort is admirable, but it's a bit misplaced. Though I'll admit that I succumbed to it at one point in my life. Being on the advance guard and setting the example seemed so terribly important to me. I couldn't allow myself the luxury, indeed the gift, of human imperfection.

Then wickedness drew me back to itself. I realized that I could still be a damned good gay person and be interesting, too. My inherent wicked tendencies began to resurface more frequently. I could enjoy telling an obnoxious biker, "Hey! The louder the bike, the smaller the —" And that I'm looking for a guy with a very quiet bike.

I sometimes wonder what life would be like if I didn't occasionally interrupt sex with a pizza delivery, someone else's sex, that is. Or if I didn't every now and then page the Big Women Are Us escort service to the White House. Life would be a lot less fun.

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The Milwaukee Classic

Applications are still being accepted for the Milwaukee Classic Softball Tournament which will be held over the Memorial Day weekend, May 25th and 26th. About 24 teams from Chicago,

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by Shelly Roberts

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She talks to no one, and, for her, that is great progress.

She used to come early, visit quickly and go. Asking no questions, she'd scour the bulletin board, lifting day-glo flyers, searching for nothing in particular but comfort and wisdom thumb-tacked into the rainbow array.

She never asked a question at the desk. Well trained, the receptionist gave her her proper reception. When "May I help you?" met a half-shrugged nay, she

was helpfully left to whatever devices would sustain her stay.

She'd roam the entrance shelves, lovingly tracing important outlines over community news. Dropping dollars in the donation pot. Making note of events she'd never attend. Once she picked up the mini-book of goods and services in the neighborhood. Took it to a sofa, and silently, softly clucked and chuckled her way through chiropractors and ace financial planners, carpet cleaners and florists, hairdressers and pet groomers, priests and healers she'd like to try. And painters and plumbers and piercers, oh my. If you'd been watching closely, you'd have seen her pupil's millimeter dilation in surprise at the rich tapestry she'd never imagined. Among people who might be just like her. Though till she came here, she'd never imagined there could be anyone just like her.

She, crossing the threshold, studied. And took her leave. Puzzling out as best she could. Too nervous of the unknown consequences to make connection. Long ago she'd learned at his table the dangers of asking.

Getting grunt confirmation that her questions were stupid, she mastered Edith Bunker imitations and stifled. Then, stifling, she sought the center.

She stood, awed, here, of such confident young men and women who had surfaced without the damage and lived to tell. What was their secret?

What did their parents know that hers hadn't? And the Men her own age. And the same-aged women. Of whom she seemed so terrified. Yet so drawn. They had come so far, she saw. From her. Wearing defiance on their shirts, in ears, on cars she saw outside. She'd never get that brave.

She knew what she was. And she

wondered why they didn't know too. Wondered what magic had made such a difference. Wanted some for herself. Came back more often.

She told *him* and the kids that she "volunteered" Knowing they wouldn't ask as long as she left a casserole in the fridge and the *TV Guide* nearby, chocolate ripple ice cream for dessert, with nuts, and, of course, some handy, not-too-healthy snacks. She was usually

...I'm not advocating that anyone go running around with a neon sign on their foreheads or become the Camille Paglia of Queerdom...

back before bedtime to do the youngest's tucking in routine. She'd have thought of something to answer about where she'd been if they'd ever bothered to ask.

Soon she sat in the back. On the folding chairs. When she found there were speakers and talkers to absorb. She used to leave earlier then. Straining to capture the ends of critical sentences wafting through the closing door.

She came back seeing solace, and no one questioned her right to. Pretty soon *he* put the kids to bed, and she stayed to find herself useful with the chairs.

Sometimes now, she shy smiles back. But mostly still, she pushes her invisibility button and disappears.

Everyone knows she's adding it up. They in turn award her the luxury of her own time. Everyone suspects, past the fear, she'll speak, then follow, then

Life's a Drag

©by Bob Arnold



"Is there someone else? Darling, there's *EVERYONE* else!"

lead. And the universe will need to find a slightly different order to its orbit. For now, she tends to the folding chairs. And her own unfolding needs. Maybe next week, she'll move up a few rows.

Recently a Rainbow Center Director, married to her work, her work, married to her life, said of her own dedication to helping the folding-chair ladies "When they took away my kids, I swore I would dedicate my life to our people and I do not underestimate this call." Daily, she doesn't.

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We have traveled down the road a piece, my friend. A great journey to start with. But if you are here, reading this, your lavender sunglasses may be shielding you for some nearby reminders. If we are, together, to keep our his- and her-story from its awful repetition, we must never forget how many more chairs there are for us still to fold.

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GWM, 46, 252, 6'2", hazel eyes, brown hair, balding, varied interests, interested in crocheting and knitting, seeks others, with similar interests, for fun and friendship. Give me a call. (Appleton) **20138**

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DOWN GWM, 23, very attractive, 6'2", 170, long brown hair, blue eyes, into fantasy fulfillment, seeks body builder's for massage only. Leave me a message (Central) **48364**

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HUMILIATED

GWM, submissive, 150, 5'10", brown hair, smooth body, into total nude domination and heavy discipline. If this interests you, pick up that phone and dial. (Central) **48134**

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YOU GWM, 20, 5'8", 170, light brown hair, blue eyes, straight appearing and attractive, seeks others into friendship first and then possibly more. Give me a call. (Columbus) **19397**

BI AND BI Bi WM, good looking, 43, 190, 6'3", retired Navy man, dark hair and eyes, good body, seeks same, 30-55, for fun, pleasure and more. You be masculine, small to average end'wd and HIV-. Give me a call. (Eastern) **16988**

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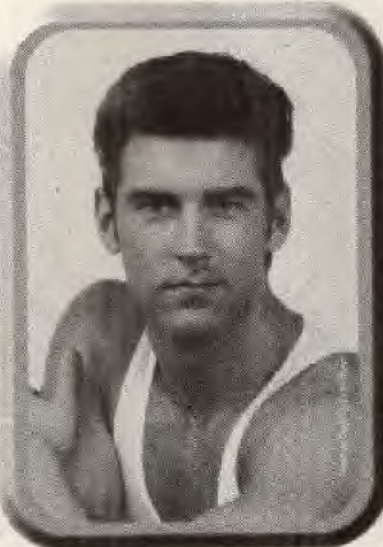
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GWM, 28, 5'8", 150, brown hair, green eyes, alot of interests, seeks others, 18-30, for fun and more. Give me a call. (Eau Claire) **49605**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

GWM, artist and poet, seeks others into honesty and relationships. Give me a call. (Eau Claire) **49633**



LOOKING FOR

GREENBAY PACKERS GWM, 27, 5'6", 140, brown hair, blue/green eyes, into alot of things, seeks others, local preferred, for fun and friendship. Call me. (Green Bay) **48286**

MY FIRST TIME

Jack, like to have my first guy to guy action, give me a call- (Greenfield) **34174**

READY TO LEARN

GWM, 6'2", 210, 24, brown hair, blue eyes, biker, varied interests, seeks others, 25-60, disease free, dominant only, for teaching and training in the art of Master/Slave relationships. Give me a call. (Madison) **49557**

IN SEARCH OF LEIF

ERICKSON GWM, 36, 5'7", masculine, seeks GWM's or Bi Norwegian males only, for fun and more. Don't answer this ad if you don't meet the criteria. (La Crosse) **48861**

UNIVERSITY OF

WISCONSIN GAM, student, seeks GWM, 25-35, fit and intelligent only, for fun and more. Call me! (Madison) **8873**

DADDY

LOOKING FOR BOY GWM, 40, daddy type, seeks young son for relationship. Please leave a message. (Madison) **14349**

MADISON

MISCHIEF GWM, 27, 5'2", 120, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks others, 21-31, for fun and good times. Call me. (Madison) **49849**

SUSHI FOR YOUSHI

GAM, 18, 5'8", 155, slim, good shape, seeks other GAM/GWM under 25, for fun and friendship. Leave a message (Green Bay) **48403**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

GWM, 6', 20, 160, blonde hair, green eyes, average build, seeks others for fun, friendship and possibly more. Please give me a call. (Madison) **49231**

GROUP GROPE

Todd, 28, subm btm, looking for one or more for group fun, if you are interested leave a message- (Kenosha) **34451**

LEATHER LOVER

GWM, 46, 175, 5'7", firm and furry, into body shaving and more, seeks others for friendship and possibly more. Leave me a message. (Madison) **48343**

MY NAME IS ERIC

GWM, 23, dark blonde hair, blue eyes, 6'2", 230, seeks others for friendship and possibly more. I am a smoker with a wide variety of interests. Call me. (Madison) **48606**

LONG BROWN HAIR

Scott, 23, 6'2, 170 long brn hair/blu looking for friends, have a lover, looking for some people to hang out with- give me a call- (Milwaukee) **34416**

YELLOW HANKY FUN

Bob, GWM, 40s 5'8, 190, looking for dam tp man, GWM or GBM or GHM under 40 who likes it regular, also into Jock Straps and Yellow hankies. (Milwaukee) **34585**

JUST A GOOD TIME!

Christian, I'm, 24 6'2 blonde/blu, 165, looking for 18-24, in the area who want to have a good time on the weekends, leave a message! (Milwaukee) **34990**

UNIVERSITY OF

WISCONSIN GWM, 18, seeks same or older, college students preferred, into dinners, dancing and more. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) **16130**

BEAR HUNTING

GWM, 46, 175, 5'7", firm and furry, seeks Bear men into leather and more. Leave me a detailed message for a quick response. (Milwaukee) **6601**

THIS IS JIM

GWM, aggressive top, seeks submissive bottom guys, under 45, for pleasure. Give me a call. (Milwaukee) **49702**

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SOMETHING ON THE SIDE GWM, 31, seeks others around my age with a medium build, for extra curricular activities. Leave me a message. (Milwaukee) #48531

ARE YOU OUT THERE? GWM, 33, 175, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, variety of interests, seeks others, 25-35, with similar interests, for fun and friendship. Leave me a message and let's get to know each other. (Milwaukee) #48542

LET'S TALK GWM, masculine and 23, 6', 165, sandy blonde hair, hazel eyes, good shape, varied interests, seek local guys, 21-25, for friendship first then maybe more. (Oshkosh) #21232

MY NAME IS TOM GWM, very affectionate, retired military man, straight acting, 37, 6', 250 lbs of solid muscle, open to anything, seeks TV's and CD's for fun and pleasure. (Racine) #49168

GIVE IT A TRY! GWM, 38, let's hook up late at night, What the hell? 170 5'10, professional, like to snow ski, water ski, never done this phone thing before, give me a call- (Southeast) #34821

LET'S PLAY DRESS UP GWM, cross dresser, well endw'd, seeks same for fun. Leave me a detailed message. (Southeast) #48852

TOP ME OFF GWM, 20, 5'9", 175, brown hair, blue eyes, extremely submissive, seeks extremely dominant men for service. Your satisfaction is guaranteed! Call me soon. (WI) #17473

MY NAME IS CHARLIE GBM, 20, 5'8", 130, dark features, alcohol/drug/bar /smoke free, seeks other aggressive and dominant GBM's, 18-30 and very masculine, for fun and more. You must have the same characteristics as myself. Please call. (WI) #13034

NOTHING I WON'T DO FOR YOU GWM, 30, seeks others who are muscular and/or body builders, over 18, for pleasure and anything you want. Call me today! (Waukesha) #8242

ARE YOU FOR ME? GWM, 35, 6', 155, dark hair and eyes, 'stache, variety of interests, seeks others for friendship with possibility of something more. Leave me a message. (Waukesha) #48652

THE LONG HAUL GWM, 45, 5'7", brown hair, green eyes, 'stache and beard, seeks others into settling down and monogamous relationships. If this is you, call me. (Wausau) #22674

HI, MY NAME IS CHIP GWM, 28, 200, 6', seeks local guys, 21-35, for fun and more. Please be interested in intimacy. (Western) #49989

TWO FOR YOU GWM couple, 30 and 35, good looking, seek others, good looking and stable only, for fun, pleasure and friendship. Give us a call. (Wisconsin) #29474

LET'S DRESS UP GWM, 36, CD, seeks others with similar interests, for fun and friendship. Call me. (Wisconsin) #49615

MY NAME IS JIM GWM, 32, farmer, medium build, balding, seeks a significant other for life sharing and monogamy. You must like children and you don't have to be the perfect "10". Leave me a message and let's see what develops. (Wisconsin) #28694

LET'S PLAY GWM, 28, seeks same, for fun and pleasure. (Wisconsin) #27268

NON GAME PLAYER'S WANTED GWM, 23, 5'6", 120, attractive, brown hair, green eyes, varied interests, seeks same, under 30, slim and attractive, for the finer things in life. (Wisconsin) #5093

HIGH HEELS AND YOU Bi White TV, seeks same into footwear and more. (Wisconsin) #1469

LEVI/LEATHER LUST GWM, 24, 6', 185, seeks bearded and 'stached guys, 25-40, daddies, bear's, biker's and Leather top men preferred, for long term relationship. (Wisconsin) #29464

Illinois

NOT THE WHITE SOX Chris in Chicago- send me your dirty sox! like em smelly! I'm young and good looking, leave a message in my box- (Chicago) #30560

MEN OF COLOR AJ, live on the North side 27 5'7 155, African American, interested in communication, and communicating with Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and other African Americans if you are interested, leave a message- (Chicago) #33577

LOTS OF INTERESTS GWM 33, 160, brn/green, like fishing camping, eating out, hiking travelling, out to movies, bowling, dance clubs- looking for friendship, possible relationship- (Chicago) #21465

DISCREETLY YOURS GWM, 5'9", 160, dark hair and masculine, goatee, seeks local men for discreet fun and more. Leave me a message. (Chicago) #33500

ALL TIED UP GWM, brown hair, blue eyes, 135, 5'6", HIV-, seeks others into light and medium B/D. (Chicago) #33587

LET'S ENJOY EACH OTHER GWM, 22, 5'8", 165, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks GWM's, 21-25 and ego free, for cuddling, music and more. (Chicago) #33045

I'LL TOP YOU OFF GBM, 38, 5'8", 160, dominant, seeks bottom boy for pleasure. Call me. (Chicago) #32273

HOW DO YOU SPELL RELIEF? GWM, 45, 6', 170, brown hair, blue eyes, good body, seeks guys who are HIV+ for safe and exotic tension relief. Let me hear from you. (Chicago) #32530

I WANT TO BE BLACK MALED GWM, 5'8", brown hair and eyes, clean shaven, seeks GBM's, over 30 and 180, for pleasure. (Chicago) #32578

MASCULINE AND MUSCULAR ONLY! GBM, 5'11", 175, well built, muscular, varied interests, seeks others, athletic and masculine, for friendship and possibly more. No fat's or fem's need apply. (Chicago) #30195

BLACK TO BLACK GBM, top, 5'8", well endw'd, seeks GBM's, bottom's only, 21-35, serious minded, for fun, pleasure and much more. No fat's, fem's or white dudes need apply (Chicago) #30521

THIS IS CHRIS GBM, 6'4", 25, 195, varied interests,, seeks others for fun and more. (Chicago) #30557

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CAN YOU TEACH ME? Bi Curious WF, seeks others for first time fun. (Madison) **☎49566**

Wisconsin

ME AND MY KITTY CAT, DUSTY! Sol, have a kitty cat, just looking to make some friends, interests are playing outside, walks, rides in the car, going down by the river, like nutrition & fitness, classical music, golf and tennis, give us a call, we'd like to make some new friends! (Appleton) **☎33827**

LET'S SHARE OUR EXPERIENCES Bi Curious BF, 19, seeks same, 18-26, for first time fun and more. (Kenosha) **☎31404**

ROMANTIC WALKS looking for GWF age not important, race not important, looking for someone likes camping, outside, romantic walks, if this is you, let me know! (Milwaukee) **☎33748**

HOW DO I SOUND? Nomia, BF 5'5 115, interests are walking, talking, going out dancing, movies, bowling and darts, just like to take it easy, if my voice sounds nice, give me a call, color is not important, just want to be happy! (Milwaukee) **☎34065**

PLEASE TEACH ME Bi Curious WF, 32, 5'2", 125, very feminine, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks others women for learning experiences. (Milwaukee) **☎18685**

FAMILY GATHERINGS GWF couple, 20 and 24, seeks GF's or Gay Female couples for fun, friendship, dinner and more. Let's get together and play cards and have great conversation. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) **☎48506**

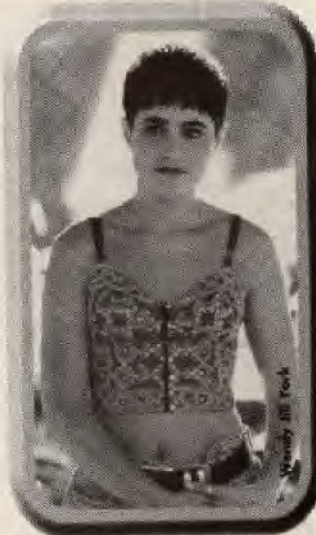
MY NAME IS LISA GHF, degreed professional, variety of interests, seeks other women, 22-45, very feminine and sensual, for fun, romance and possibly more. Leave a message. (Milwaukee) **☎48590**

LOOKING FOR LOVE GWF, 19, seeks others, 18-25, interested in a serious relationship. Please call and respond. (Milwaukee) **☎47394**

I'M HERE AND WAITING GWF, 29, no dependents, varied interests, seeks others for fun, pleasure and more. Race is not important! Kids are OK. Travel is possible. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) **☎4274**

READY FOR ROMANCE GWF, 28, seeks others interested in romantic walks, candle light dinners and more. If this is you, please give me call. (Racine) **☎49379**

MOTIVATED ATTITUDES GBF, professional, variety of interests, jazz lover, seeks others, 26-40, intelligent and educated, for fun, friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Wisconsin) **☎31728**



CAMPING AND ROMANCE GWF, 39, variety of interests, seeks others for fun, friendship and hopefully more. Leave me a message. (Wisconsin) **☎31885**

Illinois

ARE YOU READY? GWF, 24, 5'9", blonde hair, hazel eyes, very feminine, seeks same for fun, friendship and other possibilities. (Bloomington) **☎32939**

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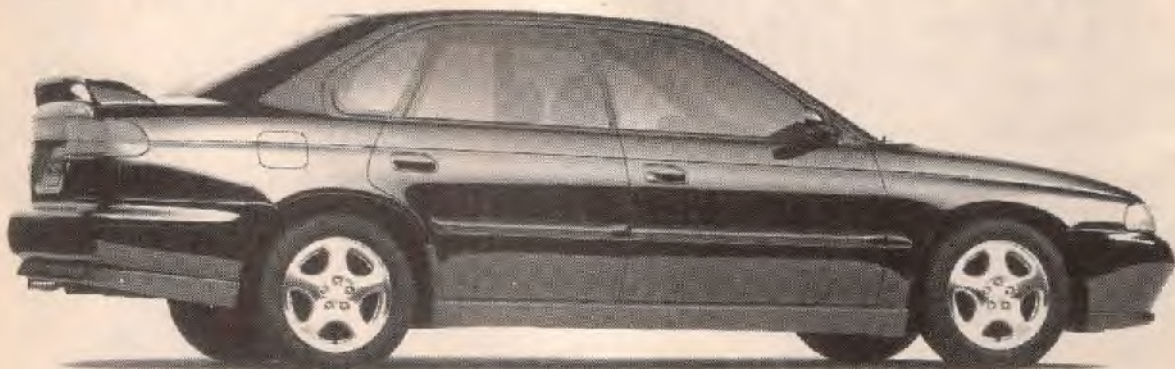
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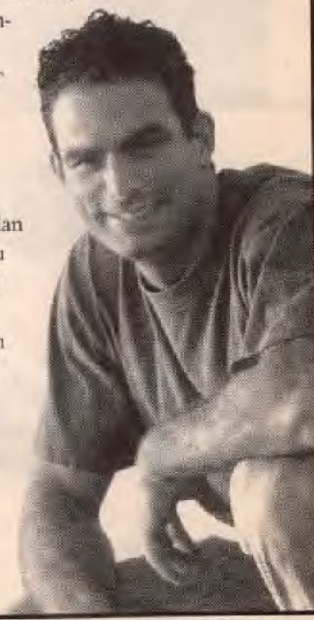
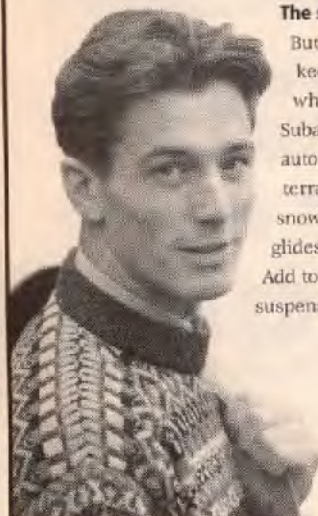
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