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News

by Jamakaya

Roller Coaster Ride for Gay Civil Rights

Supreme Court Victory Followed by Clinton's Pledge to Sign Anti-Gay Marriage Bill

The week of May 20-25 was a lurching roller coaster ride for Gay and Lesbian Americans. It began with a major legal victory when the US Supreme Court struck down Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, but ended with President Clinton promising to sign into law a federal bill prohibiting same gender marriage. Some of the drama unfolded in Milwaukee during Clinton's visit May 23.

Although many legal experts believe the marriage bill is likely to be found unconstitutional and that the high court ruling will prove to be an enduring victory with implications for many other Gay-related issues, Clinton's apparent eager-

ness to sign the bill was seen by many as a political expedient way out.

"A SLAP IN THE FACE"

"He would rather sign this unconstitutional bill than have this debate continue," Andrew Sullivan, a prominent Gay conservative, told the Times. "It's a real slap in the face of Gay Americans and their families."

"If the President appears to be a completely cynical individual who has no principles, then it's going to hurt him politically," Sullivan said. "You can be against same sex marriage and still be against this bill. But he isn't leaving anything to chance."

Stung by the criticism of Gay leaders, Clinton struck back at a news conference in Milwaukee during his summit with German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

"Look at my record," Clinton urged. "Name me another President who has been so pilloried for standing up for the fact that we shouldn't discriminate against any group of Americans, including Gay Americans, who are willing to work hard, pay their taxes, obey the law and be good citizens."

Clinton blamed GOP Presidential candidate Bob Dole and the Republicans for raising the Gay marriage issue at the federal level.

"Some people live

"Amendment 2 classifies homosexuals not to further a proper legislative end but to make them unequal to everyone else."

—JUSTICE ANTHONY KENNEDY

ness to be rid of the Gay marriage issue this election year cast a pall over celebrations of the court victory and left many of the President's Gay supporters disillusioned.

David Mixner, a top fundraiser for Clinton's 1992 campaign, called the President's action "appalling" and "an act of political cowardice."

Mixner told the *New York Times*: "Both Harry Truman and JFK were reluctantly drawn into the civil rights battle, but when they had to choose between political expediency and the moral high ground, both chose the moral high ground. Regrettably, this President has not."

Elizabeth Birch of the Human Rights Campaign said: "This is a capitulation to political religious extremists. The [marriage] bill is a ploy by the floundering Dole for President campaign to drive a wedge between the Gay community and



President Bill Clinton

and breathe to divide the American people and keep them in turmoil all the time. This is hardly a problem that is sweeping the country," he said of Gay marriage. "We all know why this is in Washington now: it's one more attempt to divert the American people from the urgent need to confront our challenges together."

Clinton left himself some room to wiggle on the issue by saying that if any additional anti-Gay riders are attached to the marriage bill, he will veto it.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

The bill as it stands is entitled the "Defense of Marriage Act." The House bill is HR3396, the Senate bill is S1740. The proposal defines marriage as the "legal union between one man and one woman." It limits the word "spouse" to a male or female partner of such a union, and allows individual states to refuse to recognize any same gender marriages that might be sanctioned by other states. A leading sponsor of the House bill is Wisconsin Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R).

In a telephone interview from his Washington office, Sensenbrenner told



Rep. James Sensenbrenner

In Step Magazine that the Defense of Marriage Act is the "ultimate state's rights bill".

"It is not an anti-gay bill," said Senenbrenner, "This is a bill that defines

the legal issue of couples of the same-sex being married as something to be decided at the state level."

Marriage between two individuals of the same sex is not currently legal anywhere in the US. In Hawaii, courts are



David Mixner

considering whether the state will extend equal marriage rights to same gender couples. The trial will take place this fall, but a final decision by the Hawaii Supreme Court may not come until 1997 or later.

Meanwhile, in a pre-emptive campaign which Gay leaders say is being orchestrated by religious conservatives, 34 states have seen legislation introduced which would ban recognition of same gender marriage. An anti-Gay marriage bill in the Wisconsin legislature died at the end of this year's session in May. The issue will not be raised again until the 1997 session begins.

But GOP leaders are putting the federal marriage bill on the fast track. A hearing was already held before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution May 15 at which proponents claimed the law was necessary to protect "the traditional American family," while opponents argued it was unconstitutional. One highlight was a shouting match between HRC's Elizabeth Birch and Rep. Bob Inglis (R-SC), who infuriated Birch with his contention that homosexuals in America have a "privileged" position in society.



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Many legal observers believe the law, if passed, will be found unconstitutional. And ironically, it may someday be voided because of principles enunciated by the US Supreme Court in its May 20 decision striking down Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2.

In November 1992, 53% of Colorado voters approved a statewide initiative called Amendment 2. The measure would have repealed laws in Denver, Boulder and Aspen which prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation. It would have further prohibited any local, county or state body from adopting civil rights protections for Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals at any time in the future.

Amendment 2 was never implemented because it was immediately challenged in court. A Denver court struck it down, saying it violated the equal protection clause of the Constitution. When proponents appealed that decision, the Colorado Supreme Court sustained the lower court ruling by a 6-1 vote. They then appealed to the US Supreme Court, which heard oral arguments last October in the case called *Romer v. Evans*.

On Monday morning, May 20, in what one Lesbian leader called "the single most positive Supreme Court ruling in the history of the Gay rights movement," the high court struck down Amendment 2 by a 6-3 vote. Justice Anthony Kennedy, who wrote the majority opinion, was joined by Justices John Paul Stevens, David Souter, Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer. Justice Antonin Scalia was joined in the dissent by William Rehnquist and Clarence Thomas.

Justice Kennedy called "implausible" the argument of Amendment 2 proponents that all it did was ensure that homosexuals did not obtain "special rights."

"We cannot accept the view that Amendment 2's prohibition on specific legal protections does no more than deprive homosexuals of special rights. We find nothing special in the protections Amendment 2 withholds. These are protections taken for granted by most people either because they already have them or do not need them; these are protections against exclusion from an almost limitless number of transactions and endeavors that constitute ordinary civic life in a free society."

Amendment 2, Kennedy wrote, "identifies persons by a single trait and then denies them protection across the board," a situation that is "unprecedented in our jurisprudence." The state argued that Amendment 2 was necessary to protect the "traditional moral values" of Coloradans and to ensure citizens' freedom not to associate with homosexuals.

"The breadth of the Amendment is so far removed from

these particular justifications," Kennedy noted, "that we find it impossible to credit them." He wrote that such a drastic measure seemed to be "born of animosity toward the class of persons affected."

"We must conclude that Amendment 2 classifies homosexuals not to further a proper legislative end but to make them unequal to everyone else. This Colorado cannot do. A state cannot so deem a class of persons a stranger to its laws."

In his dissent, Justice Scalia called Amendment 2 "a modest attempt by seemingly tolerant Coloradans to preserve traditional sexual mores against the efforts of a politically powerful minority." He compared it to laws passed a century ago outlawing polygamy, practiced by some Mormons.

Scalia also cited the 1986 *Bowers v. Hardwick* ruling that upheld the right of Georgia (and, by extension, other states) to implement its anti-sodomy law. "If it is constitutionally permissible for a state to make homosexual conduct criminal, surely it is constitutionally permissible...for a state to adopt a provision merely prohibiting all levels of state government from bestowing special protections on homosexual conduct."

But Suzanne Goldberg, attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, said the high court's majority decision finally "shatters the 'special rights' rhetoric of those who oppose equal treatment for Lesbians and Gay men."

"The Supreme Court decision makes clear that Gay bashing by ballot initiative is unconstitutional...that a majority cannot trample the rights of an unpopular minority by amending the rules of political participation."

Goldberg also said the court's ruling "marks an important shift in Supreme Court responses to anti-Gay discrimination. Just ten years ago, the court relied on the 'moral disapproval of homosexuality' to justify upholding Georgia's sodomy law...the court has [now] said that anti-Gay sentiment does not justify government discrimination."

Matt Coles of the Gay and Lesbian Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union said the ruling "marks a sea change in the struggle of Lesbian and Gay men for equality in America."

"It should bring an end to the anti-gay initiatives that have been proposed in states, cities and towns across the country," said Coles. "As important, it establishes as a general principle that Lesbians and Gay men are entitled to the same constitutional protections granted to everyone else."

Both Goldberg and Coles agree the Amendment 2 ruling could have positive ramifications for a number of Gay issues which are to be resolved by the courts. These include the Pentagon's ban on openly Gay service members, anti-marriage legislation, domestic partnership benefits, adoption/custody issues and more.

Judge Gives "Mandi McCall's" Killer the Maximum Sentence

Milwaukee — Calling the murder of drag performer Mandi McCall a "hideous, terrible, vicious and brutal murder," Circuit Court Judge Diane Sykes sentenced Joseph P. Flinchbaugh to the maximum allowed for a first degree reckless homicide conviction — 45 years in prison. He's expected to serve at least 30–35 years before parole eligibility.

Flinchbaugh stabbed and strangled McCall (whose real name was Timothy Mande) in mid-January at McCall's Riverwest apartment. Flinchbaugh, described by McCall's friends as the victim's "on again-off again boyfriend," had been drinking and became enraged during a dispute with McCall over money.

Flinchbaugh, who has a previous record of robberies and fraud, was initially charged with first degree intentional homicide. To ensure a conviction

and to spare McCall's ailing mother the stress of a trial, Flinchbaugh agreed to plead guilty to a reduced charge of first degree reckless homicide.

At the emotionally-charged sentencing hearing May 20, McCall's friend and employer Wade Twamley told Judge Sykes McCall was "an inspiration to the community" who is "going to be missed a lot." In the years he knew McCall, Twamley said, "he took everyone under his arm and just cared and cared and cared." According to Twamley, it may have been that caring that led McCall to trust the wrong person and become victimized by Flinchbaugh.

McCall's elderly mother, Florence Mande, was present in a wheelchair. She had prepared her own statement for Judge Sykes, which was read by a tearful Kelly Cauffman, a friend serving as her power of attorney. It read, in part:

"Dear Judge Sykes: Before you sentence my son's murderer, I want you to know a little about Tim. He was a happy person who shared his life with many, many people. There was something about his presence that would

make people laugh. More than 200 people came to pay respects to my son. Why? Because he added so much joy and laughter to their lives."

"HE WAS MY WHOLE LIFE"

"My son was Gay, and he was a performer. His most favorite [thing] was to dress up and perform for fundraisers, especially those to help fight AIDS. I loved watching him get ready for the show, and I loved watching him perform. We used to talk and laugh about everything. He brought me so much joy and happiness."

Mrs. Mande told of how her son supported her after she became disabled due to a car accident and a stroke. "He was the only child that I had," she said. "He was my whole life. I leaned on him for both physical and emotional strength. I know many people look with anger upon Gay people, but there is no justice in them dying."

"Please give Joe the maximum sentence," she advised Judge Sykes. "It would not be fair if he is allowed to walk around free, when my life, and that of Tim's, are gone."

Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Berg reinforced Mrs. Mande's views, asking for the maximum sentence. He cited Flinchbaugh's failure to take responsibility for the crime, his past criminal record and history of "using" people, and his refusal to cooperate with substance abuse and other rehabilitation services previously made available to him.

Flinchbaugh's public defender, Denise Stodiker, said her client had been sexually abused as a child and had a history of alcohol abuse dating to when he was 13. He is now 27. She said that although he could not remember everything that happened the night of the murder, he did accept responsibility for the crime. His expressions of concern for his two children, ages 3 and 5, suggest, she said, that "there is a good

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person inside Joe."

Flinchbaugh then got a chance to speak. He said he didn't remember much about the "night of the accident," but that "I am truly sorry, you know, for taking Tim's life." He said that he wished that he could change what happened, because "I've lost everything that really means anything to me — my

"Because you were victimized as a child does not excuse you from victimizing another person as an adult. It does not excuse your conduct." —JUDGE SYKES

wife, my kids." He said alcohol treatment programs hadn't helped him in the past, and he didn't expect prison programs would help either.

Judge Sykes then responded to Flinchbaugh. She chided him for "treating this crime in a casual sort of way...It was an incredibly vicious and brutal murder, and you characterize it as an 'accident.' This was hardly an accident. You stabbed Mr. Mande numerous times and strangled him with a tie." She described the victim's last minutes struggling for life as "unimaginable."

The judge acknowledged Flinchbaugh's history of child abuse and alcoholism but said: "Because you were victimized as a child does not excuse you from victimizing another person as an adult. It does not excuse your conduct." She also said: "You have been given many opportunities to adjust [your behavior]. You have not done so."

Because of the gravity of the crime, because Flinchbaugh is likely to re-offend, and because of the need to protect the community, Sykes issued the maximum 45 year sentence, to be served consecutively after prison time for previous sentences.

Throughout the hearing, a woman seated next to this reporter continually cursed and threatened Flinchbaugh. She was Connie Hubbell, the defendant's sister-in-law, who called Flinchbaugh "a sorry excuse for flesh." She said he had previously threatened his wife (her sister) and that "if I have anything to do with it, he'll never see his kids again."

Meanwhile, a handful of McCall's friends who attended the sentencing expressed relief that Flinchbaugh would be behind bars.

"I'm satisfied that he got the maximum, but I wish that he would have been prosecuted for first degree intentional homicide, because I believe it was intentional," said Henry Kokemueller, better known in the Gay community as Baby Jane Hudson. In memory of McCall, Hudson wore a pin fea-

turing an image of Glinda, the Good Witch from "The Wizard of Oz," a character McCall loved playing.

"You know, Mandi and I talked many times about growing old together," Kokemueller said. "One thing we were proud of is that we were both HIV-negative, and that we'd survived the baths and all that. We had all these plans. And then this happens..."

"The loss to our community will never be fully realized," Wade Twamley said. "Mandi was always there for so many people. You need a dress for the show? ? Here's a dress. You need a wig? ? Here's a wig. Make-up? ? Here's some make-up. Whatever. He was always doing for others — inside and outside our community. Plus he had his mom to care for, and she's been sick for a long time."

"If there's anything to be learned from this," said Kokemueller "It's to be careful who you trust and who you become friends with. Take care of yourself and don't let anyone use you."

Fire Damages Raphael House, Home for PWA's

Milwaukee — A fire on Monday, May 20 caused more than \$25,000 in damage to Raphael House, a residence for people with AIDS located in Wauwatosa. The residents were evacuated safely and are being temporarily housed in another facility on the campus.

"We're very thankful that nobody got hurt," Brother Stephen Braddock told *In Step*. "The Wauwatosa Fire Department did a fantastic job. They responded almost immediately and did their best to limit the damage."

The fire apparently started in an electrical ceiling light in an upstairs bathroom. A smoke detector went off, waking a resident who looked to see where the problem was. Brother Braddock says when this resident went into the bathroom he could see the color of the walls change as the fire began eating through the walls and ceiling. He quickly woke the others, evacuated them and called 911.

Fire damage was contained to the attic and the second floor where two bathrooms were completely destroyed. The rest of the house sustained water damage from the fire hoses.

Brother Braddock said the insurance company, St. Paul Insurance, had an agent at Raphael House before the last fire truck left. He said they have been very helpful in authorizing the clean-up and re-building. A full crew is busy with the renovation, and Raphael House could once again be open within the next month.

Madison Common Council Approves License for New Gay Bar

Madison — On May 21, the Madison Common Council approved a liquor license for a new LesBiGay bar, R Place, which will be located next to another Gay pub, the Shamrock, at 121 W. Main Street. The owner of R Place is Daniel Neuman, formerly a bartender at the Shamrock. R Place will have a small dance floor and a capacity of 99. Its Grand Opening is scheduled for June 1.

Just a month ago, the Council approved expansion plans for the popular dance bar Manoeuvres at 150 S. Blair Street. Manoeuvres previously had a capacity of 99, but the remodeling plans will at least double the size of the bar and its capacity.

The opening of R Place and the expansion of Manoeuvres are seen as attempts to fill the void in Gay night life in Madison after fire destroyed the Hotel Washington Complex in February. Destroyed in that fire were two of the city's most popular Gay pubs, Rod's and the New Bar, along with Cafe Palms and other Gay-friendly businesses. The few

remaining bars have been packed, and some Madisonians have been traveling to Milwaukee and even Chicago to participate in the night life in those cities.

Meanwhile, Greg and Sherry Scheel continue to await word on whether the Department of Housing and Urban Development will issue a waiver of a deed restriction on the land on which they plan to rebuild the Hotel Washington. The Scheels want to break ground in June or July, but must first obtain approval from the federal agency.

"New Harvest of Art" Event Marks Launch of New Endowment

Madison — Madison's foundation for the LesBiGay community, the New Harvest Foundation, begins a new era in its development with an art auction and endowment kick-off event on Wednesday, June 5th from 5-8pm at Madison's Olbrich Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue. The "New Harvest of Art," an art show and auction, will be the centerpiece of the evening. This annual event features a variety of talented local artists who have donated their work.

The event also marks the launching of New Harvest's first endowment campaign, "a landmark development on the road to our long-term stability and maturity as a foundation," says New Harvest co-chair John Fernsler. "Several generous contributors have laid the base for the endowment, which will eventually be a major source of ongoing revenue for the foundation, and the work we fund."

The event signifies a brand new look for the organization, exemplified by the unveiling of a new logo. Begun in 1984, the foundation has contributed over \$160,000 to numerous Madison area LesBiGay community groups.

A \$10 donation is suggested. The evening begins at 5pm with a social hour featuring hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and a cash bar, with entertainment by a jazz pianist and bassist, followed by the "New Harvest of Art" auction at 6:45pm.

"We issue a general invitation to the community to come and socialize with us, enjoy some great art and music, and learn more about the important work in the lesbian, gay, and bisexual community that we're privileged to support," says New Harvest co-chair Cris Derrick. "While we'll be celebrating our new endowment, it's a no pressure affair, a chance to come together in a beautiful setting to enjoy each other's company."

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Madison's United Names New Executive Director

Madison — De Ette Tomlinson has been named the new Executive Director of the United, Madison's lesbian, gay and bisexual center. Since its founding in 1978, to help support an anti-discrimination ordinance, The United, a largely volunteer organization, has continued to serve lesbian, gay and bisexual people of Madison, Dan County and the rest of Wisconsin.

For the past five years, Tomlinson has been Collective Manager of the Mifflin Street Community Cooperative. She has also been Business Coordinator at Feminist Voices newspaper and a member of Her Turn on WORT-FM.

"Her collective experience and management skills will be a great asset



De Ette Tomlinson, Executive Director of The United

to the United," said Richard Kilmer, President of the United Board of Directors.

The United offers a range of services, including support services, information and referral, a speakers bureau and office space for organizations. It also houses the Madison Gay/Lesbian Resource Center Library. The United has offices on Madison's Capitol Square at 14 West Mifflin Street and can be reached at 608/255-8582.

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National News

ARCW Officials Attend White House Signing of Ryan White Act

Washington, DC — Milwaukeeans Doug Nelson and Michael Gifford were on hand in the Roosevelt Room of the White House May 20 as President Clinton signed into law the re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act. Nelson is the Executive Director and Gifford is the Public Policy Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW). Among the other guests were Ryan White's mother, Jeanne.

Nelson and Gifford were especially gratified to be present because they had waged a two-year campaign to revise certain formulas in the CARE Act to ensure a more equitable distribution of funds to AIDS service organizations. Previous formulas had delivered as much as five times more federal funding per AIDS case to California and New York than Wisconsin and most other midwestern states.

With the new equity formulas, Wisconsin will receive \$1,813,000, an immediate increase of 70% in CARE Act funds. Over the next five years, the measure will provide state AIDS groups with an additional \$3 million.

"We fought hard for equity and we won," said Nelson. "The new CARE Act embraces the principle that everyone with AIDS deserves an equitable amount of care and support regardless of where they live in the country."

Gifford told *In Step*: "Walking through the hushed halls of the White House to see President Clinton endorse the Ryan White bill with our equity provisions was very fulfilling."

FDA OKs Home-Testing Kit for HIV

by Keith Clark

Washington — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the first home-testing kit for detecting HIV, the virus generally believed to cause AIDS.

The kit - known as the Confide HIV Testing Service - will be marketed initially at pharmacies in Texas. It will also be available through a toll-free telephone number based in Florida.

The FDA said it approved the home-testing kit for people who would prefer the privacy of having their test results mailed to their homes instead of using clinics or medical facilities.

There's no word yet on exactly how much the kit will cost, but it is expected to be priced at about \$40. The new testing system will comprise 3 integrated components: a home blood collection kit, HIV antibody testing at a certified laboratory, and a center that provides test results, counseling and referrals as needed.

The FDA noted that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 60 percent of Americans at risk for HIV have never been tested for the virus.

The test is manufactured by Direct Access Diagnostics of Bridgewater, N.J., a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson.

Critics of home testing, however, say the kit is too expensive and that counseling services via phone in such a situation seemed hit-or-miss.

Candace Gingrich, Chastity Bono Chastize Newt and Sonny

Washington, DC — Candace Gingrich, the Lesbian sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-GA), and Chastity Bono, Lesbian daughter of Rep. Sonny Bono (R-CA), have made public statements expressing dismay at the anti-Gay rights stands taken by their brother and father, respectively.

Candace Gingrich, currently working as a spokesperson for the Human Rights Campaign, the national Gay and Lesbian lobbying group, held a press conference on Capitol Hill to decry recent anti-Gay legislation making its way through Congress and, more specifically, her brother's role in it.

"Gay people are being used as election-year fodder to score political points," Gingrich charged, "all with the tacit approval of my brother and Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole."

Gingrich cited the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act," which will prohibit same gender couples from marrying, and provisions in the 1997 defense bill that will reinstate the ban on Gays in the military and force the discharge of service members who test positive for HIV.

"Doesn't Congress have anything better to do? Why are they not focusing on the business of the nation, instead of the obsessions of a few extremists?" Gingrich asked. "I am here today to simply call upon my brother to stop this Congressional Gay-bashing — before intolerance becomes the legacy of the 104th Congress."

Meanwhile, upon learning that her father is co-sponsoring the "Defense of Marriage Act," Chastity Bono said of her father: "I really feel disappointed and angry. It obviously shows that he is not all that supportive of me or of our [Gay and Lesbian] issues."

Rep. Bono had previously stated, in an interview with his daughter in *The Advocate*, that he would support same gender marriage. He said: "That seems fine if that's what they want to do. Yeah, I'll support that unless there are any costs involved, but there don't appear to be any."

Of the elder Bono's turnabout, Chastity Bono said: "It's just very disappointing to me that my father would put aside personal convictions for a political party."

Gunderson Exposes "Smear" of Gay Community on Floor of the House

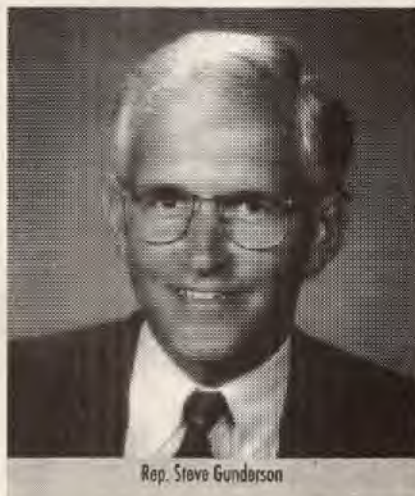
Washington, DC — Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI), the only openly Gay Republican member of Congress, took to the floor of the House of Representatives May 14 on a point of personal privilege to challenge a colleague's efforts "to smear the Gay community."

The alleged "smear" campaign was contained in a "Dear Colleague" letter sent to the other 434 members of the House by Rep. Bob Dornan (R-CA). In the letter, Dornan, who is well known for his attacks on Gays and people with AIDS, charged that an AIDS fundraising dance called "Cherry Jubilee," held in the Mellon Auditorium, a federal facility in Washington, DC, had featured "illicit sexual activity, public nudity and illegal drug abuse."

Organizers of the fundraiser, which

raised almost \$60,000 for AIDS programs at the Whitman-Walker Clinic, said they were unaware of any such activity taking place and that they had received no complaints.

Gunderson, outraged that Dornan was spreading misleading information, including the charge that Gunderson



Rep. Steve Gunderson

had sponsored the event, asked to address the House. He denied that he was a sponsor, but then defended the dance. He reported that organizers had followed all the proper procedures and paid for use of the Mellon Auditorium. Furthermore, he said, "Security reported no fights, no harassment, no drugs, no smoking nor any sexual activity. Security made no reports of illegal activity or trouble."

Dornan, Gunderson said, "has every right in a free society to pursue his opposition to those who happen to be Gay. He has no right to misrepresent the facts nor distort information in a desperate attempt to smear an element of society he dislikes."

He then praised the motives and methods of Cherry Jubilee organizers, saying: "They pursued a Republican solution to a domestic problem. They didn't demonstrate on the Capitol steps for more federal funds. They didn't ask for more federal mandates upon the

local community. Rather, they took it upon themselves to become a part of the solution. They did it on their own."

Pro-Gay Bishop Cleared of "Heresy"

Wilmington, DE — An Episcopal Church Court has ruled in a 7-2 vote that Bishop Walter Righter did not violate the "Core Doctrine" of the church when he knowingly ordained a non-celibate Gay man a deacon in 1990.

Last year, ten bishops of the church charged Bishop Righter with heresy and violation of his ordination vows for presiding over the ordination of Rev. Barry Stopfel. Stopfel, who has since been ordained a priest, lives with his longtime companion, Will Leckie, and serves as a parish priest in Maplewood, New Jersey.

The heresy charge against Bishop Righter garnered massive publicity and became a symbol of the push for acceptance by Gays and Lesbians within their churches.

Righter had faced two charges: that he signed a statement saying he supported the ordination of non-celibate Gays to the priesthood, and that he participated in the ordination of Stopfel.

The Episcopal Court ruled: "The Court finds that there is no Core Doctrine prohibiting the ordination of a non-celibate, homosexual person living in a faithful and committed sexual relationship with a person of the same sex."

Bishop Righter praised the decision, saying that he hoped it meant "there are no outcasts in the Episcopal Church." But the head of a conservative branch of the Church called Episcopalians United told the Associated Press that the court ruling was "a prescription for ecclesiastical chaos," ensuring that

debate over the ordination of Gays will continue.

Latino Group Protests Exclusion From National Forum

Washington, DC — During the annual "State of the Movement" forum held at the National Press Club in May, representatives of the National Latino/a Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO) angrily denounced their exclusion from the panel of Gay and Lesbian leaders and walked out of the event.

Further escalating the tension that night, according to the Washington Blade, was a telephoned bomb threat which brought the event to an abrupt close. Worse yet, much of the argumentation and chaos was captured on C-SPAN.

The event is sponsored by the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association. This year, representatives of eight Gay and Gay-related groups were invited to sit on the panel discussing the "State of the Movement." Among them were Melinda Paras of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), Sandra Gillis of Parents, Families and Friends of

Lesbians and Gays, Cornelius Baker of the National Association of People with AIDS, and Keith Boykin of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum.

After the panelists had made opening comments, Carmen Chavez walked to the podium and began delivering a statement from LLEGO. "For the third year in a row," she said, "Latino and Latina Lesbian and Gay leaders find themselves blatantly excluded from [this] significant discussion."

"We find ourselves again fighting racist tactics that keep us from our rightful place at this table. We have heard many times before the exclusionary criteria that rationalizes the disrespect for our lives by dismissing the importance of our struggles."

Chavez and other LLEGO members declined sudden invitations to join the panel, instead walking out of the Press Club. Panelists spent the remaining time agonizing over what had just happened.

"This is the state of the Gay and Lesbian community, right here," Keith Boykin said. "There is a cultural problem when we have white men and other people who entirely ignore an entire group of people. To me, that's exactly what's



wrong with the Gay and Lesbian movement."

The NGLTF's Melinda Paras commented: "Our movement is being dragged down by itself."

School System Sued for Gag Order on Gay Subjects

Merrimack, NH — A coalition of teachers, parents and civil rights groups has filed suit in federal court charging that a school board regulation forbidding the discussion of Gay topics in the Merrimack County, New Hampshire schools is unconstitutional.

The Merrimack County school board passed a resolution, called the "Prohibition of Alternative Lifestyle Instruction," by a 3-2 vote last fall. It forbids any discussion or activity within the schools that can be construed as "encouraging or supporting homosexuality as a positive lifestyle alternative."

The lawsuit contends that the policy violates First Amendment guarantees of freedom of expression and is unconstitutionally vague.

Since the resolution was adopted, a video about Walt Whitman has been withdrawn from schools for fear it might initiate discussion of the poet's homosexuality. Shakespeare's

Twelfth Night has been banned because its classic plot involves gender-bending characters and cases of mistaken identity. In addition, the letters to the editor section in a student publication were censored because they discussed Gay rights.

Teachers are erring on the side of caution, scrupulously avoiding any topic related to homosexuality, even AIDS. Violation of the school board policy constitutes insubordination and is grounds for dismissal. "Our discussions have been stifled. Education has been hampered," says English teacher Tom Gotsill, a plaintiff in the case.

At least one of the three board members who supported the policy, Shelly Uscinski, is a member of the Christian Coalition. The Christian Coalition has been increasingly active in school board races in New Hampshire.

Seattle Mayor Confronts Far-Right Radio Rumors

by Keith Clark

Seattle — After years of ignoring innuendo, rumors and finally outright broadcast statements aired by Mike Siegel, a right-wing radio talk-show host on station KVI, Seattle Mayor Norm Rice, who is a Democratic candidate for governor, got fed up and held a news conference denouncing as "vicious rumors" that he is gay or has ever had a sexual liaison with another man.

The rumors aired by Siegel that tipped Rice over the edge were allegations that in 1993 Rice had been "shot by his wife while engaged in a sexual liaison" with another man at their home. Rice called Siegel's statements "ludicrous, outrageous and completely untrue," although he refused throughout the press conference even to mention Siegel's name.

Rice said that instead of calling the radio show "hot-talk" that "it's more like 'hate-talk' radio."

His wife, Constance, was with him at the news conference and said she supported her husband's decision to confront the radio station, and said the "last thing I would do is pick up a gun and use it against any human being," noting that her father had been murdered with a gun.

Rice and other Seattle politicians have said in the past that the bizarre story had been started a few years ago by a disgruntled city hall employee who had been fired.

Within a few hours of Rice's press conference, Siegel apologized on air. "I want to apologize for allowing a rumor to surface on my program that caused Mayor Rice and his family pain and suffering." Siegel said that he was "only trying to get the mayor to confront what were widely circulated rumors."

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Notre Dame OKs One Gay Group — With Conditions

South Bend, IN — After years of agitation by Gays and Lesbians, administrators at Notre Dame University have agreed to formally recognize a Gay student group. But the group will be subject to special controls, and a more prominent Gay/Lesbian group active for several years has again been denied official status.

Patricia O'Hara, Notre Dame's Vice President for Student Affairs, said the university would follow the recommendation of the administration-appointed Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs by formally recognizing Notre Dame Gay and Lesbian Students and naming advisors for the group. This differs from other student groups, which are allowed to choose their own advisors.

The official Gay group, O'Hara said, will "stand in special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs [to] assist Gay and Lesbian students in coming together to find mutual support and in exploring common issues within the context of this community and the teachings of the Catholic Church."

Left in limbo is the more longstanding and independent group, Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College, which administrators have continually refused to recognize. Members say their long battle for recognition forced Notre Dame to set up the new group, which administrators will be better able to control.

NBC Nixes Louganis as Olympics Commentator

New York — NBC announced it has decided against using former Olympic diving champion Greg Louganis as a commentator at the



Greg Louganis

Atlanta Games, according to a report in the *New York Post*.

"Just say I'm pretty disappointed," said Louganis, who had let it be known he was eager to work the Olympics for NBC.

Louganis, 35, announced in 1994 he was gay. Last year, he disclosed he

has AIDS. An NBC spokesman who wasn't further identified told the newspaper the network would use Cynthia Potter as a diving analyst because she was considered the best in her field.

Louganis, a four-time Olympic gold medalist, was still expected to be in Atlanta for the games, the *Post* said, to help open a new Speedo store in July. Of his health, Louganis said: "The T-cell levels aren't great. But I'm still OK, overall. I'm taking good care of myself, eating right and working out in the gym."

South Carolina, Illinois Adopt Anti-Marriage Laws

Columbia, S.C. — While gay rights activists around the country were celebrating the May 20 ruling by the U.S.

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Supreme Court overturning Colorado's Amendment 2, with many predicting it would make winning same-sex marriage rights easier, South Carolina Gov. David Beasley and Gov. Jim Edgar of Illinois signed into law measures barring such marriages in their states.

The newly-signed measures makes South Carolina the ninth and Illinois the 10th states to adopt anti-marriage bills out of concerns by lawmakers that Hawaii courts would make gay and lesbian marriages legal there, enabling same-sex couples to wed in Hawaii and then move back to their home states where their marriages might also have to be considered legally binding.

The other eight states that have already enacted similar laws are: Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Utah.

Maximum Sentence for Person with AIDS in Biting Case

Toronto — Robert Thissen, who police say is a transvestite prostitute, has been sentenced to 20 months in jail

for biting an undercover police officer, knowing that he was infected with HIV and therefore was threatening the officer's health.

The judge in the case handed down the maximum sentence permitted after the court heard testimony that when the undercover officer tried to arrest Thissen on soliciting charges, the two became involved in a struggle in which Thissen bit the policeman.

According to court testimony, Thissen bit the officer severely enough to draw blood and then told him, "The joke's on you. I've got AIDS."

The police officer has so far tested negative for the virus.

Also on the Newswire...

Los Angeles, CA — Richard Rouillard, who was editor-in-chief of *The Advocate* from 1990 to 1992, died of AIDS complications in his West Hollywood home on May 8. He was 43 years old and is survived by his partner, Bob Cohen. During his tenure as editor, Rouillard expanded *The Advocate's* content and circulation, converted to glossy magazine-style paper and attracted many new national advertisers.

San Francisco, CA — Responding to ACT UP protests about comments he made about AIDS several years ago, actor Eddie Murphy issued this statement: "I deeply regret any pain all this has caused. I know AIDS isn't funny...I think it's unfair to take the words of a misinformed 21-year old and apply them to an informed 35-year-old man...I want to once again go on the record as saying that I'm not homophobic and I'm not anti-Gay." The statement was signed: "Peace, love and condoms, Eddie Murphy." The ACT UP protest coincided with a guest appearance Murphy made on the David Letterman Show, which was on the road in San Francisco in May.

Philadelphia, PA — The Philadelphia Convention and Visitor's Bureau is now publishing *Philadelphia Gay and Lesbian Travel News* on a quarterly basis. The newsletter highlights events of interest to Gay and Lesbian travelers and includes a list of Gay-operated businesses in the Philadelphia metro area. It is part of a new effort on the Bureau's part to "cater to the Gay and Lesbian travel market."

Spartanburg, SC — Just days after it passed an anti-Gay resolution and challenged the Atlanta Olympic Committee to reroute the torch relay past its borders, the Spartanburg County Council voted 4-1 to rescind the measure. The resolution was initially passed to show solidarity with Cobb County in Georgia, which is being denied Olympic events because of an anti-Gay law passed there.

Washington, DC — Mitzi Henderson, President of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, recently attended a meeting with Tipper Gore at Blair House, the Vice Presidential residence. She was part of a delegation of leaders from family and education groups invited to share their concerns with the Clinton administration. Henderson talked about Gay teen suicide and the need for schools to be free of anti-Gay violence.

London — Evan Sutherland, a 19-year-old gay student, has been given the go-ahead by the European Commission on Human Rights to challenge the British age of consent laws before the Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg if Parliament doesn't change the law.

Sutherland's legal challenge is expected to be joined by another gay youth, Chris Morris, 16, shortly.

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Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium Initiates Vaccine Trial

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin's statewide AIDS research program began screening and enrolling participants for REMUNE, the largest clinical trial of an immune-based therapy in the history of the AIDS epidemic.

The goal of the new therapy is to detain or prevent the progression of HIV infection to AIDS by stimulating the activity of an individual's T cells to attack HIV and thus keep HIV under control.

REMUNE consists of two components. The first is the inactivated, or killed, HIV that has been stripped of its outermost protein, called gp120. One advantage of using an inactivated, gp120-depleted viral preparation like REMUNE, is that it contains most of the common HIV proteins that can be recognized by the immune system. By including most of the HIV proteins, REMUNE may help the body learn to respond more broadly to HIV.

ARCW Executive Director Doug Nelson said "Enthusiasm for the vaccine trial is very high among physicians and individuals with HIV." Nelson also added "Seldom has there been as much optimism on treatment options and we are proud to be contributing to it by bringing the vaccine trial to Wisconsin. We are all hopeful that we are gaining ground against HIV."

BESTD Clinic Expresses Gratitude for Donations

Milwaukee — BESTD Clinic's President Ross Walker, along with Brady East STD Clinic (BESTD) volunteers and staff expressed their appreciation at the generous donation made from recent "The Possum Queen" contest. The donation totaled \$8,200.00 and was delivered by the Possum Queen coordinator Max Barnett on May 13th, the day after the finals.

According to a press release from BESTD "It is unsolicited and unexpected affirmation and gift such as this one that motivate the BESTD Clinic's volunteers to give additional time and energy for providing sensitive and sensible free care to all who come to the clinic."

Walker indicated that the generous spirit of selflessness was very much in evidence at the finals on Sunday and reflects that which is great in the LesBiGay Community.

Additionally the BESTD Clinic has recently received gifts or proceeds from: Hillel Foundation of \$200.00, Jon Reich Art Exhibit of \$400.00, Memorials for John Pelzer of \$300.00, Nomad Club Benefit of \$205.00, Holiday Invitational Tournament of \$200.00, After Words Louganis Nite "Free Coffee" of \$34.07, Milwaukee Symphony Benefit of \$92.58, UWM Post of \$25.00 and Faulkenberg Exhibit of \$1000.00.

Jerry Grillo Booked for SEWAP AIDS Cruise

Kenosha — Popular Milwaukee entertainer Jerry Grillo will lend his cabaret-style vocals to the Geneva Lake cruise boat "Lady of the Lake" to entertain patrons of the sixth annual fundraising cruise for the Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW).

"Jerry's musical style will fit right into this year's 'Le Jazz Hot' theme," says SEWAP Fundraising Chair Don DeBeare. "He provided the entertainment for our cruise two years ago and his unique mix of new and old pop and jazz standards and show tunes really contributed to the sell-out success of the event."

The annual SEWAP twilight cocktail cruise of Lake Geneva will leave the Riviera docks in downtown Lake Geneva at 5:30 pm on Saturday, June 15. Cruise tickets are \$45 per person, and pre-cruise raffle tickets are \$2 each, three for \$5, or ten for \$15.

Call SEWAP at 1-800/924-6601 or 414/657-6644 for more information or to purchase tickets.

Chicago Parade Set for June 30

Chicago — As of May 18, the 1996 Pride Month Calendar lists 86 pride-related events during the thirty day June celebration--topping last year's 80 events. Although a few cities concentrate their Pride events during one weekend or one week, many cities including Chicago, spread the events over an entire month. This enables people to attend some or all of the events at their leisure.

Some of the 86 events include: the annual "Proud to Run" (by FrontRunners/FrontWalkers; the Wedding (at GSP/MCC); a Prom (by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers network); an annual Picnic (by the Association of Latin Men for Action); and the second annual "Black BLACK Party" (by the Greater Chicago Committee). Other events this year include: theater presentations, dances, choral concerts, film fests/slide shows, dinners, book/autograph sessions, a boat cruise, variety show, workshops, fundraisers, picnics, and the 27th Annual Pride Parade and Rally on June 30th. For more information, call PRIDEChicago at 312/348-8243.

Q•Voice to Publish "Seniors" Issue

Milwaukee — *Q•Voice Magazine*, Wisconsin's Gay and Lesbian monthly has committed its entire September, 1996 issue to Gay and Lesbian Senior/Aging Issues. Ed Grover, Assistant Editor, and a 65 year old gay man, is in the process of gathering information and writing articles for the issue. Grover promises that there will be humor and information, along with some serious stuff aimed at the Gay and

Lesbian Senior Citizens of Wisconsin.

According to Grover, "There are exciting things happening nationally and here in the City of Milwaukee, to enhance the lives of gay and lesbian elders in our community. Much more needs to be done. Much knowledge is waiting to exchange hands. We need to awaken a sense of intergenerational dialogue so that there will be less, or none, of the ageism and discrimination that prevails within the gay and lesbian community."

Grover is seeking agay or lesbian couple who are 60 years old, or older, who have had a long-term relationship who would be willing to be interviewed for this publication. Also, on his "must find" list are pictures of LesBiGay seniors which depict a positive and active attitude to aging (joggers, bike riders dancers and anyone who is volunteering services to the elderly or is still actively employed), old (and by this he means before 1965) drag photos, and any other interesting tid-bits of information.

This information can be sent to his attention at The *Q•Voice* World Headquarters at P.O. Box 92385, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Lambda's Launches 4th Annual Dockside Party/Cruise

Chicago — Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund will celebrate its recent victory against Colorado's Amendment 2 and kick off Lesbian 7 gay Pride Month with "Lambda Launch IV." The annual dockside party and sunset cruise will be held Friday, June 7 aboard the "Spirit of Chicago." The benefit party will begin at 5:00 pm alongside Navy Pier and continue onto Lake Michigan from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

"The Spirit of Chicago" features three indoor and outdoor decks. There will be a buffet and bar." Lambda Launch IV" is expected to sell out the 600 available tickets; advance reservations are required. Proceeds from the dockside party and sunset cruise will benefit Lambda, a national organization committed to achieving full recognition of the civil rights of lesbians, gay men and people with HIV/AIDS through impact litigation, education and public policy work. For further information, call Mona Noriega at 312/759-8110

Community Center Steering Meeting Scheduled For June 1st

Milwaukee — A second steering committee meeting for the formation of a Milwaukee LesBiGay Community Center has been set for Saturday, June 1 from 11:30am to 1:30pm at the Enterprise Center of Milwaukee, room #300. The Enterprise Center is located at 2821 N. 4th Street in Milwaukee

The meeting will review recommendations for make-up of a Board of Directors and will finalize plans for a PrideFest booth.

The meeting will be chaired by Jim Schleif and Naomi Guzman. For more information contact the BESTD Clinic at 272-2144.

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VIEWPOINT

by Richard D. Mohr

Our Supreme Court Victory Against Prejudice

Knock me over with a feather! Like many Gay legal writers, I was worried over the pokiness of the Supreme Court's announcement of its decision on the constitutionality of Colorado's 1992 anti-Gay Amendment 2. The Gay legal community expected that even in the case of a victory, the Court would not speak in a clear, unified voice, that the victory would merely be technical.

Not so.

Justice Kennedy's opinion for six Justices could hardly have been stronger in its defense of Gays from prejudicial forces. Our win in *Romer v. Evans* specifically knocked down as unconstitutional the anti-Gay referendum initiatives that have swept the country from Anita Bryant's 1978 "Save Our Children" campaign through Cincinnati's 1993 Issue 3 Amendment. But the case portends major positive changes in Gay law and politics more generally.

If the decision is applied consistently in future cases, virtually all anti-Gay discrimination by governments will be struck down. Why?

Kennedy's brief but pointed opinion basically holds that governments cannot simply accumulate anti-Gay attitudes, hostilities, hatreds, and phobias in policy or law and also claim the laws and policies are rational. Laws "born of animosity toward the class of persons affected," laws that do nothing more than cobble together and give voice to prejudices, will be struck down. The Court also showed a robust willingness to examine the rationales that governments give for their anti-Gay laws to see whether they aren't simply fronts for prejudice.

Virtually all current legal burdens on Gays appeal directly or indirectly to prejudicial forces. Take judicial decisions that have removed custody of kids from their Lesbian mothers on the ground that social recriminations that come to the Lesbian mother will damage the child. These decisions simply bootstrap policy off of anti-Gay prejudice and now look to be unconstitutional. In 1986, the Supreme Court had upheld anti-Gay sodomy laws solely on the ground that they give voice to popular morality. Again such thinking now no longer looks to be good law.

OTHER APPLICATIONS

And take two biggies: Gays in the military and Gay marriage. The military defends the legal ban on Gays solely on the ground that non-Gay soldiers are made up-tight by the presence of Gay soldiers. The ban is based on nothing but

anti-Gay attitudes and so also looks ripe for judicial scrutiny.

In mid-May, President Clinton's press secretary explained that while Clinton was strongly opposed to Gay marriage, Clinton couldn't give any reasons for his opposition. Well, stronglyheld, quite specific beliefs for which one can give no reasons are exactly those which are prejudicial. Clinton is typical on the issue of Gay marriage; opposition to it is nothing but prejudice on stilts — and now judicially suspect.

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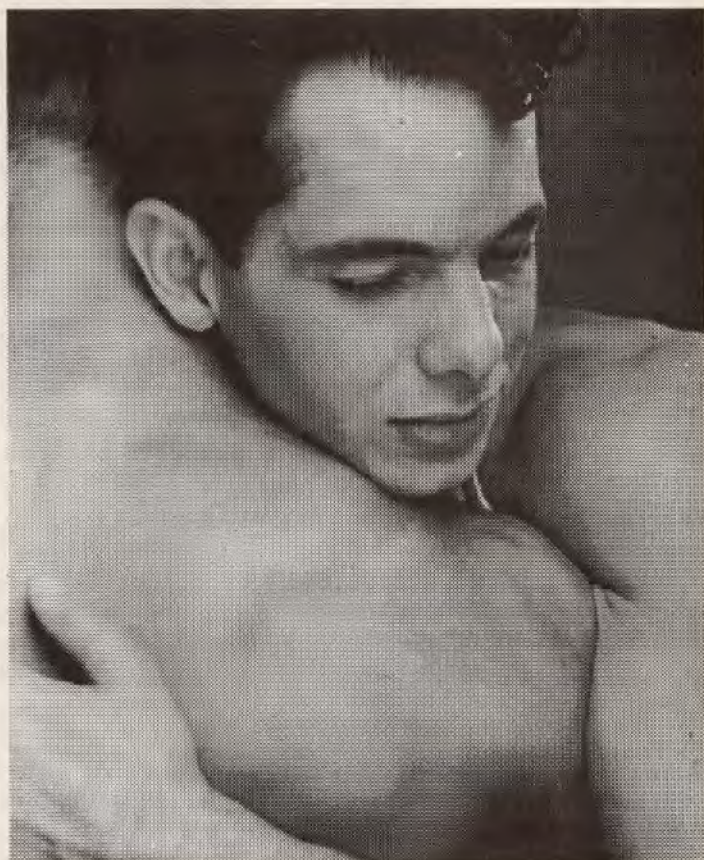
Court, while an appellate judge on the ninth federal circuit, Kennedy heard four Gay cases and voted against Gays all four times. In a case that blended marriage and immigration issues, he wrote a vicious and dismissive anti-Gay opinion. Clearly, conservatives can change and grow. Indeed a "constitutional" majority of the six judges in the *Romer* opinion are Republican appointees: Souter was appointed by Bush, O'Connor and Kennedy by Reagan, and Stevens by Ford.

We have less to fear from conservatives and Republicans than most Gay activists assume. In his three-man dissent, Justice Scalia rants about sexual degeneracy and decay, but his rages — those of the Christian Right? are impotent. The Gay movement should stop being obsessed by the far Right. In riveting its focus there, it blinds itself to the Gay future that is unfolding before us — with the Supreme Court's welcome assist.

*Richard D. Mohr is the author of Gays/Justice:
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Health News

Immune System Activation Boosts HIV Replication in HIV+ Persons

Washington — NIAID (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases) of the National Institutes of Health has released a report that states: In people infected with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), activation of the immune system by other stimuli boosts HIV replication, according to a study by investigators at NIAID.

The research, which builds on previous work at NIAID and elsewhere, helps explain why HIV disease typically progresses faster in areas of the world where a person's immune system may constantly be challenged by parasites and other microorganisms. Immune responses to persistent infections also may leave people more vulnerable to HIV infection.

"The normal activation of the immune system in response to microbes results in a transient increase in HIV replication, a phenomenon that we feel is important to the pathogenesis of HIV disease," says Dr. Fauci, senior author on the paper. "Chronic immune activation, or the cumulative effect of multiple episodes of immune activation and bursts of virus production, probably contribute to the progression of HIV disease."

Lesbian HIV Report Issued by CDC

San Francisco — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) this month published the first-ever federal government report on Lesbian HIV issues. The report, Report on Lesbian HIV Issues Meeting, reflects the current knowledge of the impact of this disease on women who have sex with other women and provides direction to the CDC on

developing appropriate research and prevention initiatives.

This historic report includes 25 recommendations under four major headings: research, surveillance, communications/publications and further meetings. The report is the culmination of a policy meeting held last April at the CDC that included numerous local community-based and national health organizations.

That initial meeting was organized by the CDC to convene lesbian HIV experts, community advocates and CDC staff to review what is currently known about the ways lesbian and bisexual women become infected with the HIV virus, to discuss the effectiveness of past prevention efforts and to begin assisting the CDC in formulating a plan of action for future research and program funding. The meeting was held in response to several organizing efforts — from the community pressure over the past decade, from concern expressed about this issue from staff inside the CDC, and from a letter writing campaign organized in 1994 by the National Center for Lesbian rights (NCLR), the Lesbian AIDS Project, the Women's AIDS Network and the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association.

For fifteen years of the HIV epidemic, the issue of lesbians and HIV has been ignored, misunderstood and outright denied by many in the gay and lesbian community, and in particular, the federal health department.

"There is research to suggest that lesbian and bisexual drug injectors may actually be MORE likely than other female drug injectors to be infected with HIV and/or engage in high-risk drug injecting behaviors or high-risk sex with men," says Marj Plumb, lesbian Health Consultant for the NCLR. "At the same time, there is no credible research on the epidemiology or biology of risk to female-to-female sexual transmission. This void dangerously leaves lesbian and bisex-



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ual women infected with HIV without safer sex guidance.

"The release of the report is good news," Plumb said. "Hopefully, it is just the first step in an ongoing federal response to this health issue." The meeting report can be ordered by calling the CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse at 1-800/458-5231.

St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry Offers Support Group for Women Infected by HIV/AIDS

Milwaukee — A support group for women infected and affected by HIV/AIDS is offered by the St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry weekly on Saturday mornings, 10:00 am until 12 noon. Meetings are held at the St. Camillus Health Center, 10101 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53226.

The purpose of the group is to provide a safe place where confidential conversation can take place and connections can be made. Childcare and transportation can be provided if you notify us at least 24 hours in advance. Pre-registration for attending the group is not required, and walk-ins are most welcome. For further information, please call Kathryn O'Connor Kuhn at 414/259-4664.

Lesbian and Gay Physicians Convene in Montreal

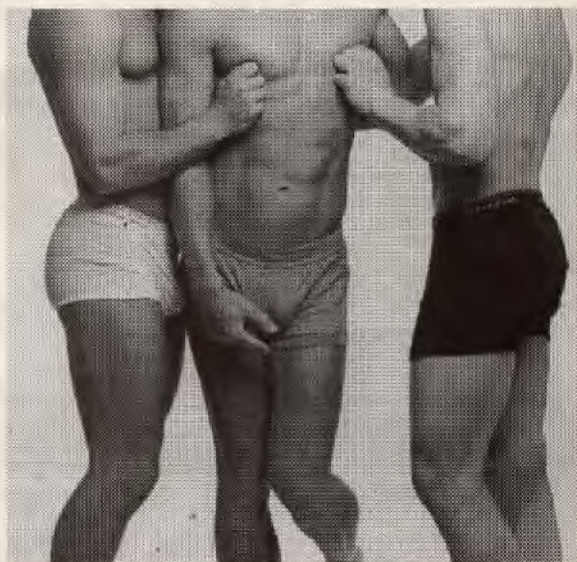
San Francisco — Members of the Gay and lesbian medical Association (GLMA), an organization of 1,800 lesbian, gay and bisexual physicians in the U.S. and 11 other countries, will convene in Montreal in August to tackle pressing health problems facing lesbian, gay and bisexual patients.

The three-day GLMA Symposium promises cutting-edge presentations on lesbian and gay health issues, speakers internationally known in their fields and a unique supportive professional environment.

The Symposium takes place August 22 to 24 at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal, Canada. Featuring the latest in lesbian and gay medicine and HIV treatments, presentations will also address the professional and personal challenges faced by lesbian, gay and bisexual physicians and medical students, and emerging sociopolitical challenges.

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PrideFest '96 Unfolds at the Summerfest Grounds June 7-9

Milwaukee — Anticipation is growing for this year's Wisconsin PrideFest celebration, which is boasting a three day schedule of events June 7-9 at a new, prestigious location — Henry Maier Festival Park, popularly known as the Summerfest grounds.

Pride festivals were initially held in Cathedral Square (1989-90), Juneau Park (1991-93) and then Veterans Park (1994-95). As the event expanded and crowds grew each year, organizers dreamed of someday using Maier Festival Park, where Summerfest and Milwaukee's many ethnic festivals are held each summer.

This year, after much hard work and negotiations, PrideFest will actually be opening the busy festival season at



Romanovsky and Phillips, scheduled to perform at PrideFest 1996

Maier Festival Park.

"Being there is definitely a feather in our cap," says PrideFest Co-Director Susan Cook. "There's no doubt about it, the Gay and Lesbian community cannot be ignored anymore."

PrideFest's coup in renting the Summerfest grounds means it is likely to garner even more media attention than usual, some of it potentially negative. WISN radio talk show host Mark Belling has already been railing against it, and some Christian fundamentalists are vowing to protest outside the park.

"What can I say?" asked PrideFest founder Bill Meunier. "Some people just don't like us and never will. All we can do is put on the best, most safe and entertaining and informative festival we ever have, welcome everybody down and hope we make a good impression — show everybody a good time."

To accomplish that, PrideFest '96 has booked a wide variety of entertainers, added a Friday night Rainbow Party to open the weekend's events, and is reprising the most popular

events of previous festivals: the Pride Parade and Rally; the mass Gay Wedding; the Miller PrideFest Volleyball Tournament; the Sunday morning Interfaith Service; The Lambda Car Club's Classic Auto Show; the bawdy B.J. Daniels Drag Revue; and the "Light Up the Sky with Pride" Fireworks and Laser Show, which promises to be even bigger and better this year thanks to a large grant from the Miller Brewing Co.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!

PrideFest this year boasts four stages featuring a diverse entertainment line-up. The largest, the Alyn Hess Stage, will be the site of the Friday night Rainbow Party, an opening night bash with the Gay music-comedy duo Romanovsky & Phillips, homegrown a cappella chorus Singsational, and Chicago's hard-driving dance band, The Pulsations.

Throughout the weekend, the Hess Stage will feature FWEEP, the Yell Leaders, Sweet Cheeks, Blue Deuces, Gillette, Josie Sanriago and the B.J. Daniels Revue. Saturday night's "Gayla" will feature nationally known comic Jason Stuart and recording artist Jeff Krassner along with the Cream City Chorus, the Banks Brothers and others.

The Harvey Milk Stage will be home to acts that require a more intimate setting. They include country singer Jeff Miller, Julie Darrough and Friends, Yolanda, Lu Shanti and the Cowgirl Sweethearts. The Fine Arts Theatre Stage will present Dale Gutzmann's Broadway Revue, Theatre Q, Spanish Dancers, Fest City Singers, a Poetry Slam and more.

The Shepherd Express Rainbow Cafe will offer a coffee-house-like setting with Ronnie Nyles, Tracey Rose, Jerry Grillo and Lojo Russo among those performing. In addition,

There's no doubt about it, the Gay and Lesbian community cannot be ignored anymore."

—PRIDEFEST'S SUSAN COOK

the Stonewall Tent will provide a forum for political meetings and speakers, and the AfterWords Literature Tent will sponsor appearances and book signings by such prominent Gay and Lesbian writers as Betty Berzon, Richard Isay, Mark Zubro and *In Step* columnists Shelly Roberts and Yvonne Zipter.

A greater variety of food, snacks and beverages will be available at PrideFest this year, and many festival-goers will be relieved? perhaps literally! ? at the large restroom facilities

with flush toilets and sinks. A large security force will be in place to ensure a safe and peaceful event.

New this year too will be somewhat higher admission prices, \$4 for a daily ticket when purchased at the gate, or \$8 for a three day pass available at AfterWords Bookstore, Designing Men, Brady's Bunch



Singer, Kathy Preistley to perform at PrideFest 1996

Antiques, or by mail to PrideFest, P.O. Box 93852, Milwaukee, WI 53203. Proud Crowd sponsors get in free until 2:30pm if they wear their Proud Crowd shirt. People who volunteer in advance for at least one 4-hour shift are given free admission the day they work.

PrideFest's Opening Ceremony is at 6pm Friday night with the Park closing at midnight. Saturday's hours are from 11am to midnight. Sunday's festivities run from 10am to 11pm.

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6:15 pm *Friday night Spaghetti Dinner at the Pride Grill*
6:30 pm *Singsational*
7:15 pm *Romanovsky & Phillips*
9:15 pm *Pulsations*



ALYN HESS STAGE

The Alyn Hess Stage is named for the Milwaukee gay activist who helped found Milwaukee's LesBiGay movement. It is PrideFest's largest outdoor stage and is commonly referred to as SummerFest's Miller Stage. The Hess Stage will offer not only entertainment, but will host most of the general political and special events of the festival, such as the PrideFest pre-Parade rally, the wedding and the interfaith Sunday service.

Saturday — June 8

- 11:00 am** *To be announced*
12:00 pm *Boys Entrance*
1:00 pm *Pulsations*
3:00 pm *The Yell Leaders* ● →
4:30 pm *Sweet Cheeks*
6:30 pm *Saturday Night Gayla - Banks
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Amy Armstrong, Jason Stuart, ● →
Rick Beech, Jeff Krassner.*
10:15 pm *Gillette*





Sunday — June 9

10:30am *Interfaith Service*

11:30am *Pre-Parade Rally*

Noon *Pride Parade*

1pm *Post Parade Rally and Award*

1:30pm *Blue Deuces*

3pm *Josie Santiago*

4pm *Dianna Jones and the Reign*

5:30 pm *To be announced*

6:30 pm *The Wedding*

7:00 pm *Singsational*

8:00 pm *B.J. Daniels Review*

9:30 pm *To be announced*

HARVEY MILK STAGE

Housed in its own tent, the Harvey Milk Stage was very popular last year. Perfect for smaller, individual acts which flourish in a more intimate setting.

Saturday — June 8

Noon *To be announced*

1:30 pm *Drag-o-Rama*

3:15 pm *Diva Time with Yolanda, Lu Shanti, Dataciaous*

4:15 pm *From the Valley With Love*

5:15 pm *Latino Pride*

6:30 pm *Les/Bi/Gay Radio Presents*

7:45 pm *Julie Darrough and Friends*



Sunday — June 9

1:30 pm *Jeff Miller*

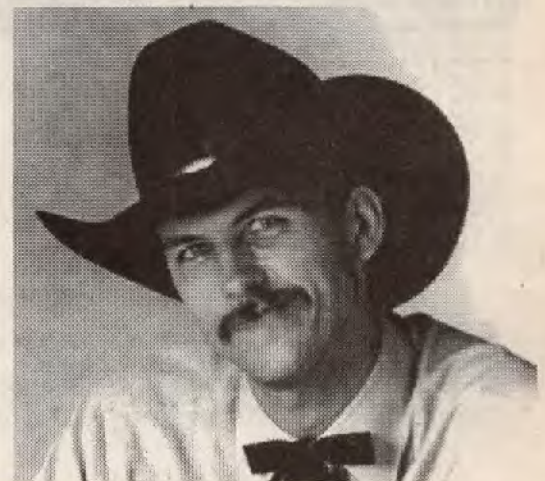
3:30 pm *The Cowgirl Sweethearts*

4:45 pm *The Shoreline Dancers*

5:30 pm *Country Jamboree*

6:30 pm *Just Country Dance Time*

7:45 pm *Julie Darrough and Friends*





FINE ARTS THEATER STAGE

The Fine Arts Stage debuted in 1995 and offers theater troupes, musical reviews, classical music and dance.

Saturday — June 8

2:00 pm Dale Gutzmann's Broadway Revue

3:30 pm TheaterQ

5:00 pm Fest City singers

6:00 pm Women's Song

Sunday — June 9

2:00 pm Dale Gutzmann's Broadway Revue

5:00 pm Poetry Slam

6:00 pm Spanish Dancers

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PrideFest's newest entertainment venue at the Channel 12 Stage includes an espresso bar in back. The cafe offers coffee-house style entertainment, such as poetry slams, folk music, acoustical blues, and other quieter types of music - along with comedy.

Saturday — June 8

1:00 pm Mia Montenegro

2:15 pm Judii Lowe ●

3:30 pm Jerry Grillo

4:45 pm Ronnie Nyles

6:00 pm Tracey Rose

7:00 pm Terry Frank's Delta Blues Show

8:45 pm Booze Hags

Sunday — June 9

1:30 pm Kathy Priestly

3:00 pm Dykeappella

4:15 pm Jeff Jennings

5:30 pm Lojo Russo

7:00 pm John Berg

8:15 pm To be announced



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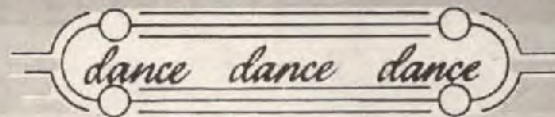
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AfterWords PrideFest Literature Tent Showcases Authors

Milwaukee — Over the course of two days, AfterWords Bookstore & Espresso Bar will bring some of the finest gay and lesbian authors to Milwaukee for appearances at the Ninth annual Wisconsin Pride Celebration.

Headlining at the AfterWords literature tent on Saturday is noted author Betty Berzon. Dr. Berzon is an activist and psychotherapist and the author of such classic lesbian and gay self-help titles as: *Permanent Partners* and *Setting Them Straight: You Can Do Something About Bigotry and Homophobia in Your Life* (Plume Pb \$10.950 is Betty Berzon's recently published title. In *Setting Them Straight*, Dr. Berzon offers a prescriptive program for dealing with homophobia in the workplace, in family relationships, in casual settings or anywhere else. Drawing upon her own experiences and in workshops she has conducted with gay men and lesbians on coping with bigotry, Berzon offers useful and compassionate suggestions on how to manage anger, religious prejudice, and other manifestations of homophobic or bigoted behavior constantly being exhibited in our society today. Dr. Betty Berzon will be speaking at 2:00 pm on Saturday, June 8 at the Literature Tent.

Richard Isay, author of the classic gay title *Being Homosexual: Gay Men and Their Development*, has recently published with Pantheon, *Becoming Gay: The Journey to Self-Acceptance* (HC \$23.00). Richard Isay's appearance at 1:00 pm will headline the AfterWords PrideFest literature tent on Sunday, June 9.

Since publication of his first book, Dr. Isay has been widely recognized both within professional circles and the larger gay world as the leading authority on the psychological development of gay men. Known as a pioneer in his field, Richard Isay in *Becoming Gay* studies the process of accepting one's own homosexuality and developing a positive gay identity at any stage in life.



Dr. Richard Isay, author of "Becoming Gay"

Opening the Literature Tent on Saturday, June 8 at 12 Noon will be the best-selling Naiad author and AfterWords favorite, Jackie Calhoun. *Changes* (Naiad Pb \$10.95) is the most recent of Jackie Calhoun's six novels. As a premier chronicler of lesbian life in the nineties, Jackie Calhoun's other titles



In Step's own Yvonne Zipter will be appearing at Afterwords PrideFest Tent

include *Lifestyles*, *Second Chance*, *Sticks and Stones*, *Triple Exposure* and *Friends and Lovers*. Ms. Calhoun is hard at work on her newest book, due out from Naiad later in 1996.

Following Jackie Calhoun on Saturday is first-time author, Carol Guess. In March, Carol published *Seeing Dell* (Cleis Press Pb \$12.950, a gifted new writer who positions her character in the heart of the American landscape: a small Midwestern town. Carol Guess will read from *Seeing Dell* at 1:00 pm on Saturday.

Following Betty Berzon at the Literature Tent at 4:00 pm will be popular syndicated columnist Yvonne Zipter. Yvonne's column, "Inside Out" is found in *In Step Magazine*. In her recent book *Ransacking the Closet* (Spinster's Ink Pb \$9.95), Ms. Zipter details the often hilarious, everyday foibles of the ordinary 1990s lesbian.

Horror is the theme for Elaine Bergstrom who will read at 5:00 pm. Elaine's "Daughter of the Night" was included in Pam Keeseey's first collection of lesbian vampire stories, *Daughter of Darkness*. Under the exotic name Marie Kiraly, Elaine has recently published, *Leanna: Possession of a Woman* (Berkeley Pb \$5.99).

AfterWords is especially delighted to bring to Milwaukee another nationally syndicated columnist, Shelly Roberts, who

will present the hilarious program at the AfterWords Literature Tent on Saturday at 7:00 pm. The author of *Hey Mom, Guess What!* and *The Dyke Detector*, Roberts has just completed a take-off on the popular "little instruction books", *Roberts Rules of Lesbian Living* (Spinster's Ink Pb \$5.95). Shelley has brought her wit, wisdom and wonderfully skewered perspective to her column, Roberts Rules, appears in *In Step Magazine*.

Local author Will Fellows will have his first book published by the university of Wisconsin Press in September. The book is titled: *Farm Boys: Lives of Gay men from the Rural Midwest*. At PrideFest, Will Fellows will read passages from his upcoming book at 12 Noon on Sunday and will relate experiences of growing up gay outside of urban areas.

At 2:00 pm, the AfterWords Literature tent will be the scene of a poetry slam hosted by local poet, Tim Grair. Everyone is welcome to come and listen and to participate for a variety of prizes in this unique event.

Following the Poetry Slam will be noted gay mystery writer, Mark Zurbo. Mark will be promoting his newest mystery, *Rust on the Razor* (St. Martin's Press HC).

Rust on the Razor is the sixth book in Mark Zurbo's extremely popular Tom Mason/Scott Carpenter series. These books are set in Chicago and feature as sleuths a gay high school teacher, Tom and his lover Scott, a professional baseball player. *Another Dead Teenager*, mark Zurbo's most recent Paul Turner mystery has been recently released in paperback (St. Martin's Press \$9.95).

AfterWords PrideFest Literature Tent Schedule

Saturday, June 8

- 12 noon Jackie Calhoun, *Changing*
- 1:00 pm Carol Guess, *Seeing Dell*
- 2:00 pm Betty Berzon, *Setting Them Straight*
- 4:00 pm Yvonne Zipter, *Ransacking the Closet*
- 5:00 pm Elaine Bergstrom,
Leanna: Possession of a Woman
- 7:00 pm Shelly Roberts, *Roberts Rules of Lesbian Living*

Sunday, June 9

- 12 noon Will Fellows, *Farm Boys*
- 1:00 pm Richard Isay, *Becoming Gay*
- 2:00 pm Poetry Slam
- 4:00 pm Mark Zurbo, *Rust on the Razor*



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Milwaukee — Award-winning author, performance artist, Craig Hickman, comes back to Milwaukee for his first official public appearance since he left for Harvard to pursue a degree in government ten years ago. On Tuesday, July 18, 7pm at Afterwords bookstore, the once-aspiring lawyer turned "Diva" will read/performance work from his critically



Craig Hickman

acclaimed book, *Rituals: Poetry and Prose* along with award-winning author and activist Leslie Feinberg, who will be promoting her new book, *Transgender Warriors*.

"Coming home as an out Black gay writer, trans/performance artist is very important to me," asserts Hickman.

"The intense legacy of the racial and economic struggles for which Milwaukee is known have influenced my work as a writer, artist, and activist, human being. I'm proud to be returning and giving back some of what I have received. With the powerful Leslie Feinberg at my side, I can do no wrong."

Hickman, who still lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has won numerous awards for his writing, and has performed his solo performance piece *Craig Hickman in Concert and skin & ornaments* at many venues around the country, including the tearing-down-the house keynote performance at *OutWrite*, the national G/L/B/T writing conference in Boston earlier this year. He is also a frequent contributor to *Q•Voice Magazine*.

The appearance at Afterwords is the first stop on his Midwestern tour that includes three full performances at Bailiwick Repertory Theater, 1229 W. Belmont St. in Chicago (Sat. June 22, 10pm, June 23 & 24, 8pm, with a booksigning at People Like Us, 6:30pm on June 24).

8th Annual Lambda Literary Awards Finalists Named

Washington, DC — from the unprintable to the spiritual, the 8th annual Lambda literary award finalists once again bear witness to the depth and range of gay and lesbian books. A collection of lesbian fiction with a four-letter word in its title was honored in two categories, while the Gay and Lesbian spirituality category debuted with an impressive list of books, all from mainstream houses.

The book with the incendiary title — *The New Fuck You* (Semiotext) — was among a set of Gay and Lesbian Fiction Anthology finalists that itself demonstrated the field's range. Also selected in the category were *Forbidden Passages* (Cleis), a collection of gay and lesbian fiction banned in Canada until a recent lawsuit placed limits on the ability of Canadian Customs to censor gay and lesbian books, *Afrekete* (Anchor), a collection of writings by African-American lesbians, *Tasting Life Twice* (Avon), another collection of lesbian fiction, and *His*, a collection of gay male writing issued by the venerable publishing house of Faber and Faber. (There's an irony in this category: *Tasting Life Twice* editor E. J. Levy made her criteria for inclusion in the anthology writing "By

lesbians," drawing an explicit distinction with the Lambda Literary Awards, which recognizes books based on gay and lesbian content.)

The finalists in the Spiritual category also demonstrate the range of gay and lesbian writing. *Queer Spirits* (Beacon) is a rebuke to those who regard gay men as purely physical, demonstrating a long tradition identifying "queer" men as lovers, healers, artists and teachers in cultures as disparate as ancient Babylon, native Hawaiian, and contemporary San Francisco. Peter Cashorali's *Gay Fairy Tales* (Harper Collins) likewise looks at Gay men in terms of past tradition, reinterpreting many "magical" stories with a gay twist. Wrestling with the Angels (Riverhead) details the struggles of gay men with mainstream religions in which they grew up. Catholic priest John McNeil's *Freedom, Glorious Freedom* (Beacon) and MCC minister Nancy Wilson's *Our Tribe* (Harper San Francisco) look at the ferment, excitement and promise of the thriving contemporary gay and lesbian religious movement.

As if there were cosmic fate determined to highlight just how much the phrase "gay and lesbian" can include, two books with very similar names and very different agendas were selected in the Lesbian and Gay Men's Studies Categories. *Virtual Equality* (Anchor) comes from former National Gay and Lesbian Task Force executive director Urvashi Vaid, and argues that the gay and lesbian movement will never succeed until it gives up its dream of assimilation and sees its struggle as one to radically change society to make it tolerant of diversity and difference. *Virtually Normal* (Random House), by new Republic editor Andrew Sullivan, argues that the gay and lesbian movement will never succeed until it gives up its dream of radically restructuring society, and instead places its hope in winning for its members the same rights and opportunities—such as marriage—enjoyed by the rest of society.

The Lambda Literary awards have a three tier selection process. A list of nominees is assembled from ballots sent in by readers: this year, nearly 300,000 ballots were distributed nationwide. The books nominated were narrowed down to five finalists in each category by a finalist committee that included gay and lesbian book professionals, members of the lesbian and gay press and others. One hundred four judges, representing a broad cross-section of the entire lesbian and gay literary community will select a single book in each category from among the finalists.

Award recipients will be announced at a gala banquet in Chicago, Illinois, on Friday, June 14, 1996 during the American Booksellers Association Convention. For further information about the awards program or banquet tickets, please contact Lambda Book Report, 1625 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009-1013 or at 202/462-7924.

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"John Singleton Copley in America" at Milwaukee Art Museum

Milwaukee— World renowned portraitist of pre-Revolutionary America, John Singleton Copley's work is currently on display until August 25th at Milwaukee Art Museum. The first exhibition in 30 years to focus on Copley (1738-1815), about 50 works by Copley including paintings, miniatures and prints, along with 18th-century furniture, costumes, silver and ceramics once owned by Copley's patrons or similar to those depicted in his famous portraits, are for public viewing.

The exhibition was organized by The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Curate in Milwaukee by Cheryl Robertson, consulting curator of decorative arts, and Jody Clowes, acting curator of decorative arts. Sponsored in Milwaukee by Northwestern Mutual Life Foundation and Marshall & Ilsley Corporation.

Time Magazine called the exhibition "a thoroughly absorbing affair," and said that Copley's straightforward style "proved the very basis of his best achievement as a painter."

For more information regarding the Copley exhibit, contact Milwaukee Art Museum at 414/ 224-3200 during business hours.

Gala Showhouse Preview Party "A La Francaise"

Milwaukee — Friends of the Milwaukee Symphony invite Milwaukee's leading interior designers and landscapers to design and decorate the rooms and gardens of a prestigious area home. The home is opened for public viewing in June as a major fund raiser for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra. This year's showhouse is a French Chateau on the shore of Lake Michigan. The house was designed and built in 1911 by Alexander Eschweiler for Orrin Robertson and has, through the years, served as both private residence and religious retreat.

This year's preview party theme is "A La Francaise" and will be held on Friday, May 31st, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This event offers an opportunity to view the showhouse before it opens to the general public.

The French theme and the lush grounds overlooking Lake Michigan will provide just the right ambiance for savoring French delicacies, wines and champagnes, and an assortment of French pastries. Preview party reservation are \$65.00 per person. For more information call Symphony League office at 414/ 291-6010.

"Sing Don't Sign" Fights Idaho Anti-Gay Initiative

Boise — A limited edition compilation of sixteen tracks performed by Gay and Lesbian artists, "Sing Don't Sign", has been assembled by Reprise Records. The limited edition will be available to raise consciousness and funds for the Idaho Decline to Sign Campaign, a grassroots coalition of citizens and organizations opposing placement of the anti-gay initiative Proposition One on the 1996 Idaho general election ballot.

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President of Reprised Records, Klein, commented, "As with last year's 'Fiddlehead Salad' compilation, which we put together for the Maine Won't Discriminate campaign, we see 'Sing Don't Sign' as an excellent way to draw people's attention to this critical civil rights issue as well as offer them some great new music."



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kd lang

New York — During the Summer dates of k.d. lang's current "All You Can Eat" tour, the Grammy-winning vocalist and songwriter will sponsor a food collection drive to help feed the hungry, administered under the auspices of USA Harvest.

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McGovern to Promote New Book: "Terry: My Daughter's Life-and-Death Struggle With Alcoholism"

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee Public Library's Literary Society, the Milwaukee Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (MCADD), and the Harry W. Schwartz Bookshops will present a talk by former Senator, Presidential candidate and father, George McGovern on Tuesday, June 4 in the Library's Centennial Hall, located at 733 North Eighth Street. Senator McGovern's will talk regarding his loving and painful memoir of his daughter, "Terry: My Daughter's Life-and-Death Struggle With Alcoholism." He is also schedule to sign books at 6:00 p.m. followed by the talk at 7:00 p.m. This Literary Society Lecture Series event is free and open to the public. Attendees may give a free will donation to MCADD to be used for its youth alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs.

The Fireside Theatre Presents The Will Rogers Follies

Fort Atkinson — The Fireside Restaurant and Playhouse is currently running its most lavish musical productions of the season this month, Will Rogers Follies. The play enjoyed a three year run on Broadway and has earned six Tony Awards including Best Musical.



Danny Pickett as Will Rogers

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A variety of extras such as a trick roper and the original Broadway show's acclaimed dog act-Tom Brackney and the

Madcap Mutts-add an element of fun to the proceedings as well. And following the tradition of the Broadway production and the National Tour, on Saturday evenings the role of Wylie Post, Will Rogers' friend and fellow aviator, will be played by different celebrities from around Wisconsin and Illinois.

The production is directed by Ed Flesch with musical direction by Douglass Lutz. Danny Pickett stars as Will Rogers with a supporting cast of 16 selected from The Fireside's New York auditions. Shawn Partlow, the roper, has been spinning rope in productions of The Will Rogers Follies across the country since 1994. The show runs through August 4th with nine performances weekly Wednesday through Sunday. For more information call 800/ 477-9505.

Faulkenberg Retrospective Continues at BESTD Clinic Gallery

Milwaukee — Following on the heels of the BESTD Clinic's much talked about Jon Reich exhibit, a well attended opening inaugurated the run of Faulkenberg, a Retrospective. The May 3rd opening reception drew a crowd of admirers, many of whom knew the late artist personally. It proved to be a sentimental reunion for those who remembered Jim Faulkenberg as a vibrant, charming, and effervescent talent. The prime contributor to the show, Mary Faulkenberg-Schultz, generously donated three original Faulkenbergs to benefit the BESTD Clinic, all three of which sold on opening night.

During his lifetime Jim Faulkenberg lived out a world of fantasy through his meticulous drawings and paintings. The show features a handful of his mythologically inspired paintings, such as The Great God Pan is Dead, and Poseidon. The exquisitely drawn Bacchus is one of two nearly identical drawings Faulkenberg executed on the same subject. Medieval fantasies are seen in Briar Rose. Faulkenberg never limited himself in the world of fantasy, drawing from sources as diverse as the Bible, The court of King Aurthur, and the cartoons of Betty Boop.

As a portraitist Faulkenberg excelled, drawing to perfection. Two self portraits are found in the show, one drawn shortly before his death to AIDS depicts Faulkenberg kneeling at the feet of an angel. In the window of the BESTD Clinic hangs the Portrait of Richard Waswo and Eugene Cook.

Faulkenberg won the League of Milwaukee Artists' Best of Show award three separate years, designed covers for Dungeons and Dragons and In Step magazines, and did the cover artwork for more than one New Age CD. He was a talented doll maker who was once lucky enough to have an article concerning his work appear in Barbie Bazaar magazine.

Faulkenberg—a Retrospective continues through the end of June at the BESTD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady Street. The

works in the show were contributed by William Koehn/Dan Austin, Richard Waswo, Chris Anderson, Cheryl Rossman and Mary Faulkenberg-Schultz.

American Modernist, Abraham Walkowitz at David Barnett Gallery

Milwaukee — Abraham Walkowitz was one of the first Americans to bring the aesthetic of European modern art to



Isadora Duncan, water color and ink by Abraham Walkowitz

the United States. Described as "John the Baptist of pre-Armory days, returning from Paris to preach the gospel of modern art".

Walkowitz received his formal art training at the National Academy of Design in New York at the same time as Marsden Hartley, winning the medal in Men's Life Class at the National Academy of Design.

The exhibition of Abraham Walkowitz entitled "Paintings, Watercolors & Drawings", will be showcased June 15 through July 31, at the David Barnett Gallery located at 1024 East State Street. For more information call 414/ 271-5058.

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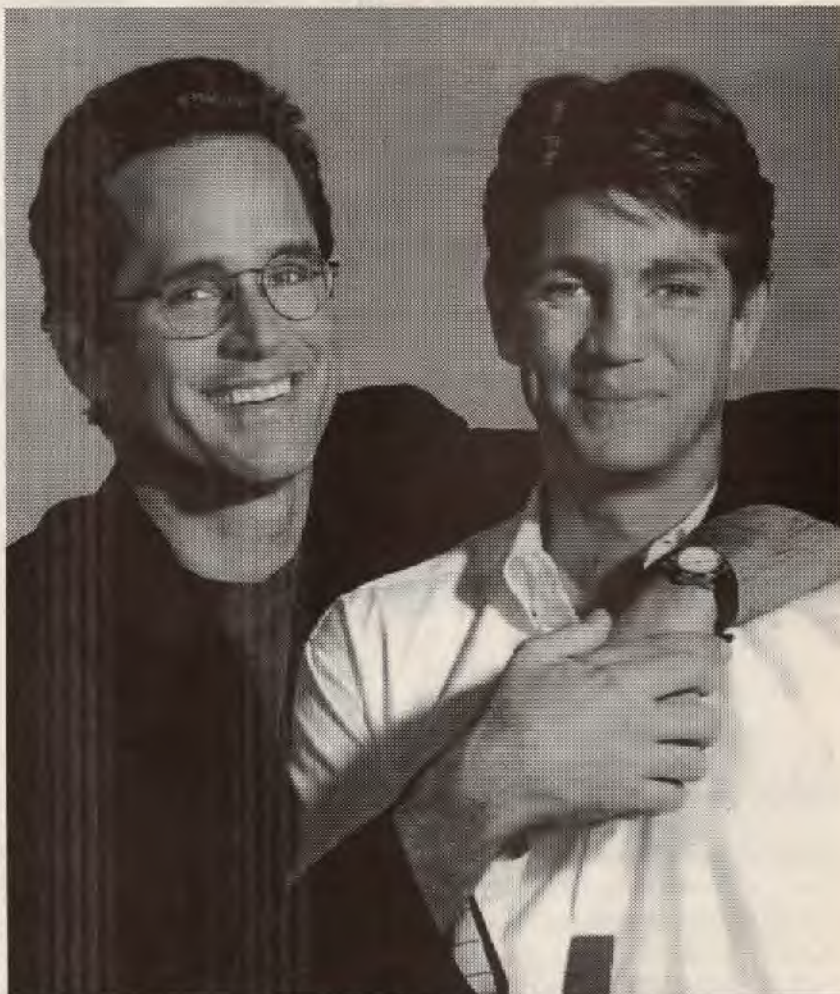
Director Randall Kleiser Puts Very Personal AIDS Story On Screen

By Dale Reynolds

There's a phenomenal amount of quality Gay cinema being released these days. Thank God — and about time, don't you agree? Comedies and dramas, mostly; no adventure flicks yet but hey, give the film industry time to recognize money-making situations, and that'll happen, too. Our films have mostly dealt with drag queens, sex partners, and AIDS? it's kind of hard to deal with homosexuals these days and not have to confront the specter of the Plague, which is right because we as a Community do have to deal with it.

So going along with that trend is a new Gay AIDS film, *It's My Party* — perhaps the weepiest film in years, and a labor of love which cost peanuts when compared to the average Hollywood film: \$2.9 million vs. \$20 million for the average film made in the studio system.

Party was conceived by newly-out-Gay director Randall Kleiser, 49, who's first film, *Grease*, John Travolta's second.



Brandon (Gregory Harrison) and Nick (Eric Roberts) from the movie, *It's My Party*

feature which solidified his stardom, is the largest-grossing film musical in history. The film stars Eric Roberts and Gregory Harrison, and a host of famous actors who willingly worked for bare minimum on the six-week shoot: Lee Grant, Marlee Matlin (both Oscar winners); George Segal and Bruce Davison (both Oscar nominees), Hollywood veteran Roddy McDowell, American TV's Bronson Pinchot, Margaret Cho, and Paul Regina.

The reason so many well-known actors volunteered to do the film is best summed up by producer Joel Thurm: "Each and every one of them has lost someone they loved to the disease."



Nick (Eric Roberts) and Rodney (Bruce Davison)

ERIC ROBERTS

Eric Roberts, a handsome and winsome actor who turns 40 this year, has been a movie star since the late 1970's, when he electrified audiences in *King of the Gypsies* opposite Susan Sarandon and Shelley Winters. Since then, he has been an adventurous actor, winning praise for his work in *The Pope of Greenwich Village*, Australia's *The Coca Cola Kid* (opposite Greta Scacchi), the late Bob Fosse's disappointing *Star 80* (co-starring Mariel Hemingway) and his Oscar-nominated performance in *The Runaway Train* (with Jon Voight). After that Roberts' film career turned sour amidst drug and alcohol-abuses.

Now clean and sober, he talks to the press with much less anger than in years before and exhibits the best acting he's done in a decade. Clean-cut and nervous, he speaks in a quiet voice, incessantly smoking during his interviews. Born and raised in Atlanta, Georgia in 1955, Roberts and his two sisters (including film star Julia) were abandoned by their mother when Eric was 13 (she returned two years later and claimed the two younger daughters, but not her son). He came from what is now fashionably called a dysfunctional family. He had developed a stutter and was extremely shy. His father was from the theatre and encouraged his son to get into the arts as it helped his speech impediment.

As Roberts grew to maturity in age, size, and acting ability, and after a year at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, his career began to unfold, with his first film being the lead in *Gypsies*. But his life of alienation and anxiety had already begun. He hung around with young folk who were unhappy and anti-social, leading him into drugs and alcohol abuse. After his highly publicized arrest for spousal abuse last year, the resulting embarrassment for both he and wife Eliza contributed to his bottoming-out, and his subsequent cold-turkey quitting. Today he still smokes cigarettes, but has eschewed all other vices.

Roberts was one of several names approached about starring in *It's My Party*. According to producer Thurm, they sent scripts to several stars, including the half-dozen or so known major Gay actors, all of whom turned it down.

Roberts himself had decided, after talking with his advisors, against it as too risky until Thurm politely, but bluntly, said to the actor, "I'm not totally objective but you need this film as much as we need you. You've been doing all those crappy movies and you have to let people know you're an actor once more." I went on in that vein and he listened patiently and said 'let me call you back.' Ten minutes later he called and said 'I'm in.'"

TEARFUL GOODBYES

In the film, Roberts' character, Nick Stark, is a successful architect with looks, humor, friends, and vitality whose marriage to film director Brandon Theis, played by Gregory Harrison, is terrific until Nick contracts AIDS. Harrison leaves him and, emotionally shattered, Roberts moves into a small house in Topanga Canyon. When his doctor informs Nick that his untreatable brain lesions (PML) will take away his power to think in less

than a week, Nick decides to say goodbye to all his friends and family, at the tail-end of a two-day farewell party.

The family, headed by mother Grant, sister Matlin, and divorced father Segal, rally around to see Nick off. His friends, Gay and straight, come to eat, drink, cry, and say goodbye. Then in a highly emotional scene, he reconciles with ex-lover Harrison.

The six-week shoot was, apparently, wonderful but difficult. The major second-half of the film, in which all Nick's friends and family come to say goodbye, was shot on the sound stage, which allowed them to control the essential lighting of time and mood. As they got closer to the actual dying sequence, and the characters began to say their private goodbyes to Eric's Nick, the separation anxiety which attends every film increased because one of the protagonists was checking out. The atmosphere on the set gradually changed to sad and somber, whereas before it had been party-like.

As a result of the quality of the writing, directing, and acting, *It's My Party* takes its place in history as one of the great weepers of all time. Roberts himself feels it to be one of his all-time favorite films.

The genesis of the film is as highly personal as you will ever find a project to be. Writer/director Kleiser drew from his own life to compose the script. He had been in an eight-year relationship with an architect named Harry Stein, who requested just such help from his friends when the disease took its final course with him.

"I spent two years writing it and six weeks total to shoot it," said Kleiser.

Producer Thurm argues that even though it's a Gay-intensive film, the themes transcend sexuality. "The script was developed with an eye that this movie should appeal to everyone and not remain ghettoized; if it crosses over even a little bit, we will have been successful in what we set out to do."

What they've been most successful at, actually, is filming an "A" movie on a "C" budget.

"United Artists said they'd release it if we cast it a certain way. They were ambiguous about that, but when we found a way to cram as many stars in as we could, they jumped." And that happened once Eric Roberts was set as the lead.

"Randall and I know a lot of people in this business," said Thurm. "We gave many stars boosts up in their early careers, including Olivia Newton-John, Bruce Davison, and Gregory Harrison — in fact, I cast Gregory in his first TV movie, which Randall actually directed, which won an Emmy. Nowadays, he is never offered anything even remotely as good as this; he wanted to do it because of that."

THE BIG KISS

Harrison (who plays the character based on Kleiser himself) and Roberts are non-Gay men who have plenty of Gay friends, so research, apparently, wasn't that difficult. The film was shot in sequence, most unusual, and the Big Kiss, which is the emotional highpoint of the film, was at the end of the shoot, although they rehearsed it early on.

The way Thurm tells the story, both men are aggressive tonguers with their women, so when they sat down and took each other into their arms and planted big ones on each others' mouths, both did automatic tongue-action. They then immediately sprang apart, apologizing and laughing, and Kleiser rushed to assure them that that was what he wanted. By the end of the shoot, when both actors had bonded and trusted each other completely, and it came time to film The



Tipton (Bronson Pinchot) and Charlene (Margaret Cho)

Kiss, they cleared the set and let the men go at it. As both are strong actors, heart and soul went into it — it looks real, and gives the film a needed sexual and emotional charge.

It's My Party, in which all the actors (Gay and not-Gay) shine, was very much a labor of love for Kleiser. All of the principal creators took major salary cuts while the film was in production, and the actors all worked for Screen Actors Guild minimum wages, thus keeping the budget low.

In addition, having been in major network casting for two decades, Thurm feels that one of the reasons they landed such good actors overall was his belief that actors should always be taking risks in casting: "Especially if you're successful. How much money do you need anyway? Most actors generally like taking risks, but they quite often get talked out of it by their advisors. I told Eric he had nothing to lose except three months of his time."

Kleiser turned down all other work for the three years it took to write and finish editing as, "I needed to get it out of my system and hopefully change people's thinking about the choice of suicide as an option, allowing others to assist those who deserve it, Gay relationships in general, and the sense of how families can help their Gay children and siblings."

As to why they all tackled this movie, at this time, Thurm says, "This was a continuing story which needed to be told. This phenomenon of people taking their own deaths into their own hands happens all over the place, but no one talks about it. It's an important issue for everyone, not just Gays? Dr. Kevorkian is right, and we've helped bring some understanding of the problem."

It's My Party is currently playing at the Downer Theatre in Milwaukee.

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FILM

by Catherine Burgoyne

Review

"I Shot Andy Warhol" Recreates The Factory Days and an Unforgettable Misfit

I Shot Andy Warhol is the first feature film by director/screenwriter Mary Harron. It is a jarring and vivid recreation of the late 1960's and The Factory studio/scene created by pop artist Andy Warhol.

Lili Taylor plays the intense, intelligent and raging Valerie Solanas, a self-described "butch dyke" who shot Andy Warhol. She careens through skid row scenes to Warhol's Factory to militant counterculture groups, presenting her SCUM (Society for Cutting Up Men) Manifesto to anyone who will listen, but rarely is she heard. Lili Taylor is truly magnetic as Valerie. At times unstable and hysterical, at other times frighteningly lucid, she is the eye of a storm around and within her.

The film opens with the shooting of Warhol, played by the deathly pale and deadpan Jared Harris. From there, it traces Valerie's life to that point, presenting tragic, sordid episodes in a clinical voice-over by a dry, matter-of-fact white-coated health professional.

After earning a college degree in psychology, the brilliant but troubled Valerie ekes out an existence in New York City through panhandling and prostitution. Her friends are mostly drag queens and Lesbians, existing on the edge of society and providing willing ears for her beliefs and actors for her never-to-be produced play, *Up Your Ass*.



Lili Taylor as Valerie Solanas

When Candy Darling (played as a soft Southern belle by Stephen Dorff) gets an invite to The Factory, Valerie insists on tagging along. The drug-hazy party, emphasized with a loud rock beat, is one of the best episodes in the movie. The film's rapid shot sequence of this party/scene transports the viewer into The Factory with its hyperactivity and "anything goes" sexuality. Only Valerie Solanas and Andy Warhol seem strangely unmoved by the commotion, isolated



Jared Harris as Andy Warhol

on the fringes of this riotous scene.

VALERIE GETS A GUN

Warhol soon moves to a bigger gallery. Valerie, meanwhile, descends into a paranoid delusion revolving around her publisher and Warhol. She fits easily into the militant underground movement blossoming at that time, acquiring a weapon in the process.

Valerie finally becomes unhinged when her Gay friend, Jeremiah, sets her up on a TV talk show hosted by a bigoted white man who hurls insults instead of questions at Valerie, who has been asked to speak out for Lesbians. In a wickedly funny scene, she ends up chasing him around his own studio and then storming out.

Valerie's anger at Jeremiah and Candy Darling for their superficial views of what it means to be a woman conveys the inherent friction that exists between some Lesbians and drag

Photo: Christopher Makos

Photo: Joyce George

queens to this day.

The actual shooting of Warhol by Valerie is portrayed as cold-blooded and oddly passionless. A coda at the end tells what became of all the major characters.

I Shot Andy Warhol is a graphic and



Stephen Dorff as Candy Darling

Photo: Christopher Makos

well-drawn depiction of The Factory scene, with its sex, drugs and rock and roll. Taylor's Valerie Solanas is as fierce as she is funny, often presenting her outrageous doctrines with a sly smile. It's a movie worth seeing not only for its unusually strong heroine, but for its honest depiction of an artistic and political milieu now passed away.

"I Shot Andy Warhol" opens at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre May 31st.

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Not Just In Newspapers Anymore; "Roberts Rules of Lesbian Living" Hits Bookstores

by Andrea L.T. Peterson

Many have had the pleasure of reading Roberts Rules—columnist Shelly Roberts' rules for lesbian living in any one of 50-some gay and lesbian newspapers around the country. The good news is that Roberts has gathered a collection of rules—mostly one-liners into one handy little volume [Spinsters ink; PB; \$5.95].

"It's really hard to say at any given time," says Roberts, just how many papers carry her regular column. "I usually judge," she explains, "by the poundage of checking copies the post office delivers." The problem that Roberts and other independent writers confront is that there "is no lesbian/gay syndicate, so each paper has to be approached separately, and tracked separately—" and enormous task for the average writer who is struggling to write full time, but who is forced to work a "paying" job to make it possible.

While she has been actively writing what she calls her "humor/observation column" for about a decade, she's been "writing funny stuff," she says, "since I was three. Or so my family says." *The Weekly News* in Florida was the first paper to pick her up.

After about a year she sent out "queer-y letters" and a dozen papers picked her up. On a regular basis she

would "send out another inquiry... and by late '92 I was beginning to be a fixture in papers as big as *Southern Voice*, and as small as a four-pager out of central New Hampshire, *Northern Voice*."

Roberts is pretty sure she hasn't "hit the same subject more than a couple of times in all those [six+] years." She looks, she says, "for surrealism in every day lesbian and gay life. Like when the Log Cabin Republicans got the media in a frenzy about Bob Dole returning their \$1000 contribution check. I was the only one who wondered what on earth a gay group was doing writing a check to him in the first place."

She's taken on "republicans, butches, femmes, Steve Gunderson, the PC police, lipstick lesbians, drag queens, piercers, just about every self-identifying gay or lesbian group at one time or another. I like to think of myself as an equal opportunity offender.

"That way nobody gets too ragged or riled at me, because they know that in two weeks [with her next column] it will be somebody else's turn."

Although she has "always written funny," she selected this particular audience because, as everyone knows, "lesbians aren't supposed to have a sense of humor."

Asked if she writes full-time, she says "5 a.m. to midnight. Now if I could only get PAID full-time." When she isn't writing—writing humor, that

is—she's writing advertising. "I came out of the biggest ad agency in the world," she explains, so getting work isn't that hard for her.

She "would love to write lesbian/gay full time, but," she quips, "I have this nasty desire to eat and pay the mort-



—Shelly Roberts

gage in the same month." Now there's a common dilemma for writers!

In her so-called spare time, what does she do? "Sleep. Go to the bathroom. Pet the dog. Go back to work." Oh, and she "plays e-mail. It's an overwhelming addiction," she says during our e-mail interview.

"What about the new book?" she repeats the question. "I thought you'd NEVER ask. *Roberts Rules of Lesbian Living* is available in your local "rainbow and mainstream bookstores even as you read this. Go ahead," she urges, "ask for it by name out loud. Startle someone at a Barnes and Noble near you."

The new book is "kind of a dyke's little instruction book, designed to give gay men a clue about what to give their lesbian friends for birthdays, anniversaries, St. Swithens Day or as a simple thank you gift for fixing a) the roof, b) the back deck, or c) the dog."

It is a collection of "one-line observations on everyday lesbian living. Since that's what I've been doing now



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for over 20 years, I guess that's how long I've been collecting [material for it]."

One basic rule: "well, it's hard to argue with "I Love you" is not a question," but she says, I think the biggest Rule would have to be "It is not okay to ask someone to marry you BEFORE the first date."

Spinsters Ink, she says, is considering doing a series of the little books with titles or themes like *Roberts Rules of Gay Divorce*, *Roberts Rules of Lesbian Friendship*, *Roberts Rules of the Christian Wrong*, or *Roberts Rules of the Universe*. Rule #1: Never look inside of an egg roll. West Coast version: Never look inside of a burrito."

"We just get to taking ourselves so seriously," she half-complains. And sometimes we just need to let it down and laugh at ourselves. That's what *Roberts Rules of Lesbian Living* is for.

Besides, at that price, it's the cheapest, most fun you can have in the bathroom using one hand—that you can tell your mother about."

It's hard to imagine Roberts having much spare time—even to go to the bathroom or pet the dog. Not with all of the projects she "in the middle of." There is the backlog of books she's working on. "There's a great flip book called The Burch/Femme Scale which is really two books in one. Anytime you feel like changing the spark plugs in the 4 x 4 and making lemon chiffon cookies, you can weigh yourself on both scales. You could be like a 7/3 or a 5/2. It's a whole new way of looking at a phenomenon that most lesbians claim doesn't exist while simultaneously proclaiming that they are, personally, a definite 5. Go figure."

Next is Baby Dykes. "This one" says Roberts, "has been the most fun." This work in progress is an attempt to show not what lesbians really look like as revealed thanks to *New York Magazine*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, Oprah, and Phil, but what lesbians looked like as babies.

Included will be one unidentified heterosexual baby. "So you can hand this book to your mother and say, 'Okay, Smartie, you tell me which is the straight baby.'"

In the midst of all of this Roberts, like everyone else on the planet, is working toward her own, personal career goals. Careful to resist setting her sights too high, she modestly explains the all she really wants is "hmmm. The Nobel Prize for Lesbian Literature. World fame? Unlimited resources. A well-behaved schnauzer? All really tempting. [But] I think I'd really like to have the universe find gay men and lesbians so boring we can't get booked on a talk show, and to have the world take humor a little more seriously."

Toward that goal—toward all of those goals—Roberts is doing her part. Calling it as she sees it. Bi-weekly, but never weakly in newspapers and bookstores near you. Get out and get *Roberts Rules*. Help make it a hit, so the rest of the series can find it's way into print.

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Older Than Methuselah

Transgender Warriors: Making History From Joan of Arc to RuPaul

by Leslie Feinberg

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Transgender Warriors: Making History from Joan of Arc to RuPaul watermarks a turning point in the transgender liberation movement, the movement for gay, lesbian, and bisexual liberation, and, indeed, for the liberation of all peoples bound by oppression, shackled to apathy.

Part manifesto, part social theory, part pictorial history, part personal narrative, part revisionist history, part philosophy, part revolutionary tract, part poetry, part reference book, part liturgics—all blood, and spirit, and fire—Transgender Warriors defies categorization as vehemently as the sex/gender identities unveiled and explored within its pages. No book since Toni Morrison's *Beloved* gives so much and holds itself so well. History becomes art, the political becomes transformative, the personal becomes universal.

Responding to the news about the Stonewall Rebellion, Feinberg, author of the award-winning novel, *Stone Butch Blues*, begins hir* quest, asking in Part I, "Have we [transpeople] always existed? Have we always been so hated? Have we always fought back?" In searching for answers, Feinberg chronicles a world history dating back to the Paleolithic period, and finds evidence of transgender,

especially in ritual, on every continent on the planet. Feinberg argues that with the first division of society into haves and have-nots, the breakdown of feudalism, the rise of the Church, and the rise of industrialism and capitalism, the powers that be sanctioned the torture, murder, and oppression of all people who didn't fit neatly into male and female categories, and the roles generally associated with them.

Still, those of "ambiguous" sex/gender expression have led some of the greatest revolts in history, including Joan of Arc, "Rebecca and her daughters," a group of armed Welsh peasants, dressed as women, who, in 1839, led local constables and British troops in a revolt against turnpike toll taxes, and "General Ludd's wives," two male weavers, dressed as women, who led crowds of exploited workers in Stockton, England in 1812 to smash the looms and burn down the factory. In hir exhaustive research, Feinberg digs deep and cross references texts from a variety of disciplines in order to lay bare an understanding of human nature in an evolving world that not only oppressed people of all sexes, genders and desires, but also presented a history that suppressed transgender warriors and their contributions to making the world a safer place for all people as they fought against injustice and servility. As Kate Bornstein declares on the book jacket, "Women and men have had their histories. This is the history book for

the rest of us."

Feinberg's chronicle of fascinating facts, events and interpretations is interwoven with a personal narrative that gives the book its razor-sharp edge. In Part Two, s/he describes hir restriction from foreign travel because s/he refuses to change her birth certificate to Male in order to obtain a passport that reads Male, so as not to risk serious felony charges if the authorities were ever to discover that hir sex is Female. If all this sounds too complicated, that's because it is. But Feinberg would rather fight the policy of having to legally align sex with gender expression, than take the easy way out and secure access to other lands, a freedom many Americans take for granted.

Feinberg never backs down from hir quest as a living, breathing, transgendered/Jewish/butch/drag king/lesbian activist. Feinberg carries the reader with hir on hir journey, highlighting points where hir research nearly dead ended, or when clues for where to find answers seemed to fall from the sky. Consequently, *Transgender Warriors* reads like a good mystery; what s/he uncovers is mesmerizing, mind-boggling, revolting, inspiring, and always educational.

At one point, I forgot that I was actually devouring a book—I felt as if caught up in the epic sweep of a great documentary seasoned with the kinds of delicious insights and observations at which the film adaptation of *The Celluloid Closet* could only

hint, but never actually state in it's overly self-conscious, politically-correct agenda. Upon completing *Transgender Warriors*, one might view *The Celluloid Closet* as a film which, beneath the cover of examining the depiction of gays and lesbians in film, explores transpeople and transperformers—gay, lesbian, bisexual, heterosexual, asexual, or otherwise — and their realities in film.

For the benefit of the L/G/B/T movement, Feinberg asks us to reflect ignorance back to its source, and not use it to wound ourselves. In response to a newspaper editorial which baited, "What do these people want, men in high heels to be firefighters?" Feinberg insists that the only correct answer is, "Any cross-dresser would know to wear sensible shoes on a job like that! This is gender-phobia and job discrimination as well. We won't stand for it!" S/he goes on to state that, "A timid denial that 'we're not all like that' only serves to weaken the entire fight-back movement. We can never throw enough people overboard to win approval from our enemies. Should we try to argue that we're as 'normal' as those who organize against our civil rights? Forget it! I am queer and proud of it."

Such a recommendation stands as a welcome and refreshing antidote to the kinds of criticism some members of the community—many of them gay, white men concerned with keeping their ephemeral, pristine image untarnished—have launched against the transgender movement.

I could not close without making a remark about the extraordinary look of the book as well. Making wonderful use of historical images and photographs, many previously unpublished, Lucinda Hitchcock's design is visually stunning and metaphorically beautiful, giving the book the kind of flamboyant artifice a drag queen like me holds so dear.

Transgender Warriors is a seminal

work, a must-read, a powerful tract based on the "crystallized resin of experience." *Transgender Warriors* is a call to arms for all oppressed peoples to bind together against a common enemy. *Transgender Warriors* secures Leslie Feinberg's place at the helm of the transgender movement. Ultimately, s/he cannot, s/he will not move alone. This magnum opus will swell and grow in your mind and

heart, and, I dream, inspire action, instead of reaction, hope instead of despair, and unity instead of division.

**Throughout this review, the pronoun "hir" (pronounced "here") is used to replace "him/her", and "s/he" (pronounced "see") replaces "he-she" or "she-he."*

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ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

A Myth is as Good as a Mile

"But I liked you so much better as a stereotype." Manny said over his half-knised, half-empty coffee cup. "You know what I mean?"

Of course I did, or at least I thought I did, but since I already knew what I knew, now I wanted some info straight from this horse's mouth.

"No. I don't. Tell me."

Let me back up here for a second and tell you why Manny and I were working our way through a pot of diner decaf. Manny's in his forties.

He's married with five kids. Three his, and two borrowed brothers he and his wife couldn't split up when it came time to sign the adoption papers. Manny's been married mumble-something years to his first and only wife, Susan. And, though there's been a roller coaster ride now and again, they've settled happily into a smooth stretch which they think will take them to the end.

We became friends on some adver-

tising junket, and have been examining each other's roads-not-taken for years. This time it was my turn to go under the microscope.

"Well, when I thought about lesbians at all," He stopped and sucked on his teeth. "Hmmp. Well, as a stereotype you had a much better sex life than I did."

"Honey, you've been married to the same woman for three thousand years. Anybody had a much better sex life than you did."

"I mean, well, in my imagination."

"But, Manny, if your imagination were any good, you would have a much better sex life all by yourself. Without me, thank you very much."

"Okay," he laughed. "But when I didn't know you as anybody specific, you could be this mystery. I liked it better. I mean, I like you just fine. But I know you. I know your partner. I know how long you've been together. I've been up on the roof with you to help you clean your chimney. We'd had

bad barbecue in each other's back yards. How can I hold you as this extraordinary, elevated symbol of deviant sexuality when I've seen you without any make-up."

"Hey, pal, no problem here. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go put some make-up on. Geez. Who wouldn't want to be held up as a universal symbol of vaguely exotic, extremely erotic sensuality. That's it. No more barbecues."

"But why do you care what I think. I mean, you're a lesbian and I'm a guy."

"You're not all that much different than your own stereotype, Guy. What you think, lots of people think. And since it is my worldwide commitment and global obligation to give everyone a thoroughly boring image of what lesbians are really like, what changes me in your mind from a symbol to a flesh and blood human with needs and rights and wants and flaws, is what will do the same for huge lumps of the population."

"Oh, you've met my in-laws. Mr. And Mrs. Huge Lump. I'd like to introduce you to my pet lesbian. Sure, ruin the fantasies for everyone. I mean, can you see guys everywhere looking over their shoulders as they go into that XXX room at their video stores looking for the thrill of watching you and your partner cleaning out your swimming pool. Or playing bridge with another boring lesbian couple? Or us? Whooooo. Now there's a hot seller. Gotta get me some stock in that movie company."

"Yeah, but that's the point, Socrates. If all I am to everybody who makes laws is this tower of seething eroticism, (Oooh you know that does kind of have a nice ring to it.) If all I am is that, with no real life to speak of,

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then when it comes time for me to get, oh, let's say, um...health insurance at the office for my sweetie, the human resources department recommends me for immediate transfer to the lobotomy lab. And my honey can't get a discount nose job, or emergency electroshock because she's not working this month, and it messes up your fantasy life."

"Oh, yeah." He conceded grudgingly. "I see what you mean. I suppose you should have something to say about cemetery rights, if the worst happens. And you are about the only girl-person I can talk to who doesn't always seem to be coming on to me."

"You just don't know enough lesbians."

"Right. Could you introduce me to some sexy ones."

"You know, Pal, you're going to look amazingly sensual with raspberry jelly from my donut oozing down your forehead."

We laughed. The waitress poured another cup of coffee. And, much to his libido's loss, we knew each other just a little better than we did when we sat down. I know that the polls all show that it is much more difficult to be homophobic with people you actually know. And Manny and I seemed to be living proof. He knew I wasn't after his wife. And I knew I had a friend I could trust, even if it meant he had to let go of his idea of me, well, his mythical lesbian, as a sex goddess. <sigh>

It's a sacrifice, but, hey, somebody's got to do it.

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OUT IN THE STARS

by Charlene Lichtenstein

Your Pride Astrological Forecast

It's June, dear friends, which can only mean one thing—Pride Month. And what a fine out and about month it can be! The planets go all out for us with some beneficently nifty aspects for even dour old Pluto and stern old Saturn. All the heavens seem to be in greater harmony and celebration. My advice; be proud, be wise, be smart burdon't behave.

Aries (March 21 - April 20)

Feisty rambunctious Rams may surprise themselves this Pride Month when their careful and calculated actions produce far reaching and impactful results. Although the path of true love may not run as smoothly as you may wish (

beware the unintended slip of the lip...) platonic relationships are the source of extremely pleasant surprises and a sense of affirmation.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21)

Wild, woolly daydreams can lead to true lust for any proud Bull who lets their imagination run amok. Dig deep and dirty into the murky psychological depths to discover the true lavender you. It's all out or bust darling. Just don't wear your hot pink chaps to work; professional surprises are best met in a something a little less drafty. Unless, of course, some bosses like it that way...

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

Often it's a choice between friends or partners, but this prideful month brings a temporary truce to warring factions. Proud Twins can deftly play the angles to make both sides feel needed and inspired. How? By becoming a true birthday diva to your many adoring fans. Shine, shine, shine but don't wear your heart on your sleeve. Playing a little hard to get will get others a little hard.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

Queer Crabs will have to admit that this Pride Month offers ample payoff and a bounty of good cheer for all past hard work. Allow yourself some celebratory slack and let your imagination run wild. It will prove lucky; you never know who you'll meet in those dark, damp and throbbing recesses. What the heck, take it to the streets in a dramatic way. It always pays to advertise...

Leo (July 24 - August 23)

I can't help but think of Leos as the leaders of the pride parade. This June should be no exception, unless of

course they get sidetracked at the nearest party or bar. Proud, regal Lions wave the rainbow flag and turn on the charm. You'll attract a bevy of fans and followers. My crystal ball sees an exotic foreigner in a delicious outfit, ready to be eaten. Or is it a sushi dinner?

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Queer Virgins may find that lovers provide you with the impetus and incentive to open up your lifestyle to family members. This Pride Month, resolve to never let anyone rain on your gay parade. I always say that life is far too short to compromise and defer to others' values. Dramatic transformations are possible if you are willing to take up the banner. You will not carry it alone.

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

Live and lean, dear queer Libra. Sometimes a little sweet talk has a way of moving mountains or causing earthquakes. Keep in mind that this Pride Month provides you with an extra bonus in the gab department so rather than blow hot air or even kisses, put pen to paper or lips to megaphone and blast Out a manifesto. Don't forget to say pretty please with sugar on top.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Gay Scorps are not the dreamiest or creamiest of the signs, but they sure know how to pour on the charm when they are inspired. Do I smell inspiration in the air?? Make sure that this Pride Month comes in hot, heavy and lusty. There are almost too many planets spicing up your sexuality. Well, I guess there can never be too much of a good thing...

Life's a Drag

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"I think capitalism is a religion: we PREY on each other..."

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Relationships become the be all and end all for all gay Archers this Pride Month. Partners have a way of transforming how you appear to others either by suggesting some much needed style changes or providing you with that confident spring in your step that can beat down the world. Make you mark, but share the glory. They say two heads are better than one and I must agree.

Capricorn (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

Serious gay Caps have their work cut out for them. Be prepared to be the power behind the throne this Pride Month as what needs to get done winds up landing on your plate. Get involved in one of our charitable efforts; it may seem insurmountable but will eventually transform you. Take heart, dear friend, even a proud tribe needs an administration arm.

Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19)

It's hard to imagine a more creative individual than Aqueerians during Pride Month. Is it all those planets heating up your best partying instincts or is it delusional Neptune and lucky Jupiter blasting open your closet? If underwear comes flying out and off or if most nights you've tested the limits of your consumption, chalk it up to being out loud proud and leave it at that.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20)

Pink Fish are well advised to expect a surprise or two in their most secretive areas. If you're still in the closet, expect to be pushed out. If you're quietly toiling in a self sacrificing way for one of our charities, prepare to (finally) receive the recognition you so richly deserve. Pride Month provides professional opportunities and rewards for past efforts. Them that deserves, gets.

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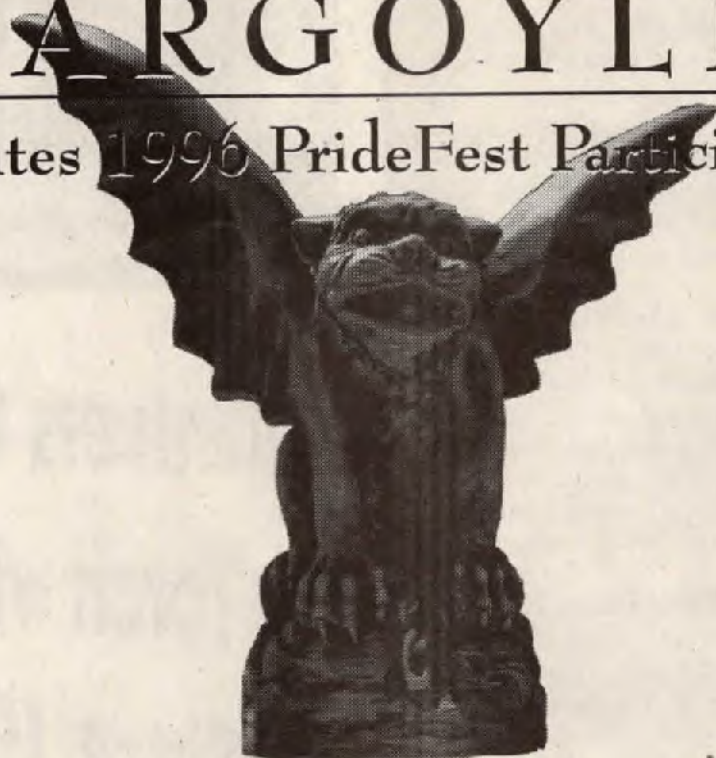


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Wednesday, May 29

Dan Hanrahan at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance is schedule at 8:30 p.m., there is a \$2 charge. For more information call 414/291-9889.

GAMMA Volleyball (Milwaukee): Open volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym, 8:00 p.m. For more information call 414/425-2146.

Thursday, May 30

LaChazz at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance is schedule at 9:00 p.m., there is a \$3.00 charge. FMI: 414/291-9889.

BESTD Clinic LIVE (Milwaukee) Co-hosted by Erv Uecker and Jeff Buckles on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 47 at 7pm.

Friday, May 31

S.A.G.E. (Madison) meets every Friday, 3:30 p.m. at Monty's Blue Plate Diner for "High Tea & Talk", everyone is welcome. For more information call 608/241-2500.

"Window Works" at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance is schedule at 9:30 p.m., there is a \$3.00 charge. For more information

call 414/291-9889.

Saturday, June 1

R Place Grand Opening (Madison) Mad City's newest gay bar grand opening gala. 121 W. Main Street. FMI call 608/257-5455.

9-Inch Males at Club 94 (Kenosha) Male Stripper starting at 11pm. 9001 120th Ave in Kenosha. FMI 414/857-9958.

Fourth Annual Tour of Homes (Waukesha) To benefit The Women's Center, Inc of Waukesha County, 3-8 p.m. FMI 414/547-4600.

Gay Prom (Chicago) Over the Rainbow Prom open to all 21 and over at the Bismark Hotel, 171 West Randolph from 8pm to 1am. Tickets are \$35 per person in advance; an additional \$5 at the door. FMI call 708/485-9057.

"Rachel Raven" at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance is schedule at 9:00 p.m., there is a \$3.00 charge. FMI call 414/291-9889.

Present Music Concert (Milwaukee): The nationally recognized ensemble will present composer Michael Daugherty's "Lounge Lizards" for two pianists and percussionists, "Jackie's Song" and "These Boots," a nod to Nancy Sinatra. Kamran Ince will present "Tracing," followed by a jazz concert by Terry Trio. Tickets \$18, \$12 or \$7.50; call Present Music 414/271-0711.

Saturday, June 1

Rafting the Peshtigo River on Saturday and camping-out. Return early Sunday to avoid traffic. Reservations for raft and camp-site a must, (reservation by Sunday, May 26th). For more information call Shake It Up at 608/241-2500.

Sunday, June 2

"Bridget's Fire", "Wisconsin Wind Orchestra", (Milwaukee) and the 8 year old child prodigy, pianist David Nie, at the Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd Street (Milwaukee). Performance begins at 5:00 p.m. and the charge is \$2.00, for more information call 414/291-9889.

Photo Exhibit: "Love Makes A Family: Living in Gay & Lesbian Families", (Madison) by Gigi Kaeser. This is the show that caused so much attention at Hawthorne Elementary School. The show is sponsored by Shake It Up, S.A.G.E. and The United. FMI call 608/257-4576.

Art For AIDS (Milwaukee) Fifth annual AIDS benefit auction for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin at the Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago Street starting at 10am includes brunch Cost: \$25. FMI call 414/273-2729.

Big Daddy and Paddy Cakes at Manoeuvres (Madison), performance is schedule to begin at 10:30 p.m. Benefit of Madison's representation in Chicago's Pride Parade. There is a \$3.00 charge, FMI call 608/258-9918.

Monday, June 3

In Step Deadline (Milwaukee) Classifieds, display ads, group notes and press releases due by 7pm for our huge July 4th issue. 1661 N. Water Street, Suite 411, Milwaukee, WI 53202. FMI Call: 414/278-7840, 414/278-5868 fax, or e-mail to instepwi@aol.com

Poet's Monday "Acoustic Warriors" at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance begins at 8:30 p.m. and there is a \$2.00 charge. FMI call 414/291-9889.

Tuesday, June 4

The Queer Program (Milwaukee) Co-hosted by Michael Lisowski and Dan Fons on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 47 at 7pm.

Sheila Spargur & David Carroll & a musical open mike at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. For more details call 414/291-9889.

Gallery Talk — John Singleton Copley in America (Milwaukee): Informal Copley exhibition tours led by Jody Clowes, acting curator of decorative arts. Event schedule for 1:30 p.m., regular museum admission; free to MAM members.

Wednesday, June 5

New Harvest Foundation Fundraiser (Madison) between 5:00 p.m and 8:00 p.m. to support the Endowment Fund; Olbrich Gardens, cost \$10.00. For more information call Shake It Up at 608/241-2500.

"J. T. Booker" at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street, performance is at 8:30 p.m. and costs \$2.00. For more information call 414/291-9889.

Thursday, June 6

Lesbian author **Carol Dell** will read from her debut novel "Seeing Dell" at A Room of One's Own (Madison) at 6:30 p.m. located at 317 W. Johnson St. For more information call 608/257-7888.

La Chazz at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street, performance at 9:00 p.m. cost \$3.00. For more information

call 414/291-9889.

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Friday, June 7

PrideFest 1996 (Milwaukee) Gates open at 6:15pm. Open until Midnight at Milwaukee's Summerfest grounds. FMI call 272-FEST.

S.A.G.E. (Madison) meets every Friday, 3:30 p.m. at Monty's Blue Plate Diner for "High Tea & Talk", everyone is welcome. For more information call 608/241-2500.

The "Pin Wheels" at the Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street, performance begins at 9:30 p.m. cost is \$3.00. FMI call 414/291-9889.

Dr. Richard Isay (Chicago) The author of "Becoming Gay", draws on the varied experiences of his patients and his own odyssey to explore and illuminate the path from private acknowledgement of homosexual longings to open expression of gay identity. He will be at Unabridged Bookstore in Chicago, for more information call 312/883-9119. Dr. Isay is scheduled to appear at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Gay Kenosha US of A Pageant (Kenosha) Showtime: 10:30 pm at Club 94, 9001 120th Ave. in Kenosha. FMI 414/857-9958.

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"Young Hearts, Broken Dreams (Madison)

Plus "The Gangbangers" at Madison Gay Video Club, 8:00 p.m. is schedule time. For more information call 608/244-8675 (eves).

Oberon's Club Night at Wreck Room (Milwaukee). \$5.00 beer bust from 10:00 p.m.

until 1:00 a.m. located at 226 E. Erie St.

Farmer's Market. Meet at coffee vendors atop State Street (Victor's Coffee); we will be checking for late arrivals every time we pass the coffee corner (about 30-40 minutes). For more information Shake It Up (Madison) at 608/241-2500.

Members Come First Day at Woodland Pattern (Milwaukee) from noon to 5:00 p.m. an opportunity to browse through our used books prior to Sunday sale. For more details call Anne Kingsbury, Brooke Barker or Bill Embly at 414/263-5001.

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing at PrideFest from 12pm to 6pm. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP. FMI call 414/225-1502 or 414/272-2144.

One-day Copley Symposium (Milwaukee) Set Pictures, Patrons, and Politics: The Colonial World of John Singleton Copley at 3:30 p.m. Three leading authorities in 18th-century American Art and History—Richard L. Bushman, Paul Staiti and Carol Troyen—\$10 admission; \$5.00 MAM members. For more information call 414/224-3200.

Sunday, June 9

PrideFest 1996 (Milwaukee) Gates open at 6:15pm. Open until 11pm at Milwaukee's Summerfest grounds. FMI call 272-FEST.

Summer Evenings of Music at University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) Fine Arts Recital Hall, located 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Cost is \$14.00, for more information call 414/229-4308.

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Hotel Milwaukee fr. "Western Box Turtles", and "Collin O'Brien" at Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance time is 5:00 p.m., cost is \$2.00. For more information call 414/291-9889.

Monday, June 10

"Poet's Monday" fr. "Burton Guibord" (Milwaukee) at Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance time is 8:30 p.m., cost is \$2.00. For details call 414/291-9889.

Tuesday, June 11

Open Mike at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), for details call 414/291-9889.

The Queer Program (Milwaukee) Co-hosted by Michael Lisowski and Dan Fons on Milwaukee Warner Cable Channel 47 at 7pm.

Wednesday, June 12

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing at La Cage from 10pm to 1am. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP. FMI call 414/225-1502 or 414/272-2144.

Funny Ladies (Chicago): Mary Dugger author of "The History of Lesbian Hair", Jorjet Harper author of "Lesbomania, Tale From the Dyke Side", and Ellen Orleans author of "Can't Keep A Straight Face, Who Cares If It's A Choice", will be appearing at Unabridged Bookstore located at 3251 N. Broadway in Chicago at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 321/883-9119.

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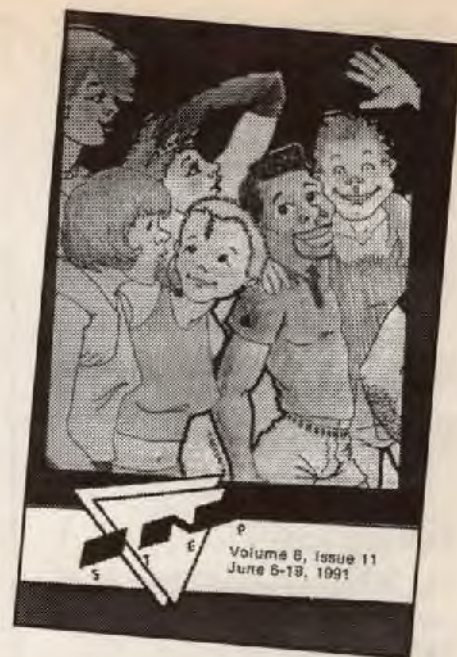
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Years Ago in In Step Magazine

In first weeks of June in 1991, Oliver Stone's *JFK* was a top draw at the box office, ABC's *Thirtysomething* was cancelled, a national hotline was established on behalf of disabled lesbian Sharon Kowalski after a decision denied guardianship to her partner Karen Thompson, and New Zealand OK'd the right of partner's of gays and lesbian to immigrate. Here's what else was happening in June of 1991 in LesBiGay Wisconsin according to *In Step Magazine*...



Milwaukee's 1991 Pride Logo

was provided by **Jose Santiago, Kelly Martin, Red Hot and Twisted, The Milwaukee Wild Boyz** and **Mr. and Miss Gay Wisconsin**.

Pride Week activities were in full swing as the **Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee's** second annual **Pancake Breakfast** was a major Pride Week event. Many wonderful prizes were raffled. **Queer Nation** began circulating a **Marital Rights Petition**. Copies of the petition will be given to the Wisconsin State Legislator, Attorney General Jim Doyle and Milwaukee County Clerk of Courts Rod Lancer.

Safer Sex was the featured topic on a special two-part episode of the **New Tri-Cable Tonight** featuring **Mark Behar** and **Michael Lisowski**.

Also on cable television was **On The Move**, a one hour highlight show of the 1991 **Mr. and Miss Black Gay Wisconsin Pageant** featuring the talents of **Mimi Marks, Echo Chambers, Vanessa Alexandre, Alicia Kelly, Alexis Bonet, Momma Rae, Sidney Johnson** and **Core**.

Despite rain delays, **The Milwaukee Classic** was won by the

Together in Pride is the theme for the **Third Annual Gay/Lesbian Pride Parade and Rally** to be held a Juneau Park. Featured speakers at the Rally included Madison Representative **David Clarenbach** and longtime gay rights activist **Perry Watkins**. Entertainment

Minneapolis Brass Rail and the **New York Black Sox** who came in first in the recreational and open divisions respectively. **The Wreck Room Spurs** came in second in the recreational division. Meanwhile, **GAMMA** hosted three events including roller-skating at **Rollaero**.

In Club News...



Pageant mogul Jimmy King posed with Larinda Kelly

It was a wave of high drag drama during the first weeks of June 1991. According to **Ron Geiman's** **Steppin' Out** social column, the **Pivot Club** hosted **Miss Gay Fox Valley** with **CC Rae** capturing the crown and **Tiffany Thomas** named first runner up.

Madison's **New Bar** hosted the **Miss Gay Capitol City Pageant** which was won by **Cassie Malone** with runner-up **Fawn Do-Daily**.

Racine's **JoDees** hosted **Sasha Mitchell** and **Illusions Femme Fatales** while the **New Leaf** presented the **Fantasy Girls**

On the cover for the issue was an original caricature study by retired then *In Step* cartoonist **Tom Rezza**.

—Compiled by William Attewell

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INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

When Gay is Newsworthy, and When It's Not

My first therapist — which sounds like it should be an entry in my baby book—was always making me think. But not, as you might suspect, about things like why I was depressed or why I had crappy self-esteem.

Well, actually, she *did* make me think about that stuff, but not nearly as hard as she made me think about what the hell she meant by the little statements she issued summing up my condition—statements such as “Somewhere inside of you, there’s a nun trying to get out,” and “You wouldn’t be happy if they hung you with a new rope.”

One might be tempted to think that these sayings were just the product of a colloquial mind. But given the reverence in which I have always held my first therapist, I maintain that her motivations for offering up these summations went far deeper.

For instance, isn’t it just possible that she rendered these cryptic assessments to get my mind off the fact that I was living in an apartment with a Murphy bed and which required a dozen buckets be set out each time it rained for more than an hour or so (which, in early autumn in Milwaukee was quite regularly)? If so, her plan worked so phenomenally well that I’m *still* thinking about some of these sayings.

But it is times like these—times when Dean Olds and Helmut Hofer get obscene amounts of mainstream media coverage (at least locally) and golfer Muffin Devlin-Spencer gets virtually none — that I begin to get an inkling of what Kay meant by, “You wouldn’t be happy if they hung you with a new rope.” Because, the truth is, I find myself being torn between wanting gays and lesbians to be treated just like everyone else — in this case, only making the news when they do something scandalous—and wanting something as basic as owning up to one’s sexuality to be considered newsworthy, treated like the act of courage it can still be.

Instead, what we find is that a pathetic old man like Dean Olds, implicated in the murder of his wife but never charged, was in the news constantly as he and the pretty, young Helmut Hofer—Olds’s former “gay lover,” as the media so redundantly calls him—go through a very bitter and very public war of words.

So it seems that, if Devlin-Spencer actually wanted people to *notice* that she’d come out, she’d have to wrap a golf club around her partner Lynda Roth’s neck or, at the very

least, she would have to be discovered making love to Roth at *the second hole* at Pebble Beach.

Maybe it’s just that the general public no longer finds the simple fact of someone being a lesbian titillating. That would explain why when Muffin Devlin-Spencer, three-time LPGA tourney winner, came out recently in *Sports Illustrated* the media didn’t even blink.

Outside of the gay and lesbian press, I didn’t see this momentous announcement—the first out lesbian golfer in the history of the LPGA — get picked up by any other media. If this is explanation of “gay is blase?” is true, then I should be happy, right? It would mean that mainstream America is finally beginning to accept us.

But it occurs to me that if, say, Shaquille O’Neal or Joe Montana were to “simply” announce they were gay, there’d

...Their electronic and print-media mouths salivated at the thought of a cat fight between [Rudy] Galindo and Elvis Stojka or one of them Russian boys...

be more than a little coverage on the late news and on the front page of the daily paper.

We’d be hearing the fans reactions to it, how the other players feel about it, whether the coach thought this would affect their playing, and so on.

In other words, such an announcement would make a difference to people because O’Neal and Montana are *men*.

And not just ordinary men, but certifiable sports heroes—professional team sports, along with combat positions in the armed forces, being the last bastions of “true” masculinity.

Perhaps I’m merely being cynical. After all, I did see several profiles of figure skater Rudy Galindo after he came out. But personally, I think that’s because the media’s collective eyes lit up on hearing that Galindo came from a trailer park: visions of a fairy-boy Tonya Harding danced before their eyes. Their electronic and print-media mouths salivated at the thought of a cat fight between Galindo and Elvis Stojka or one of them Russian boys, of a beefy little fag hag trying

to take out his closest competition with a crow bar to the knee, of knotted black skate laces and a tearful plea for "a do-over." Having discovered nothing but a consummate professional and a charming gentle-man lurks beneath the trailer park veneer, they are stuck with having to air their footage anyway.

Yes, I guess I am cynical. But if you had heard, as I did, that media helicopters with search lights one night followed Dean Olds all over the toney north shore of Chicago to keep tabs on his whereabouts, you might be too.

In some ways, no, Devlin-Spencer's coming out is no big deal, and it shouldn't be. And yet it took a tremendous amount of courage. I think we should re-embrace some of the customs around the earlier meaning of "coming out" and throw a party in her honor—a fancy dress ball, actually—and whip up some media coverage, even it's only in the society pages.

Because Muffin Devlin-Spencer has accomplished something to be proud of, something a little more difficult than turning a certain age or spending millions of dollars to buy the attention of a beautiful young lover.

I don't even especially like golf, but Devlin-Spencer is definitely a sports hero to me.

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

As a kid, I grew up with all sorts of assorted domestic and not so domestic animals. We had lots of different kinds of birds, dogs, ducks, turtles and even a monkey at one time. We did not, however, grow up with cats. The word from my parents was "this house is not going to smell like cats". Me? I had no objection to the "no cat policy". I have a very low tolerance for animal hair.

It's not medical... it's... well... I just can't deal with the hair all over my clothing, bedding and everything else. I'm



Her Royal Passum-ness, Dinah Thirst. Photo: Jamie

Cat Lady

pretty sure I will not be changing my mind on that issue any-time soon.

Mom on the other hand has done a one-eighty. As you know I went home for Mother's Day. Even though mom keeps a pretty clean house the first thing I noticed was the "presence" of cats. She now has 4 cats. Everything I touched had cat hair on it or in it.

I wouldn't sit on the couch and stayed away from any furniture that couldn't be easily wiped clean of cat hair before I sat down. I checked my food carefully before I would eat it and when it came to drying my hands after washing them it was fresh clean paper towel for me. I watched as my aunt Cheryl made the same faces as I did when she picked the cat hair from her shirt and was grateful that I was not alone. (The first time I met my aunt Cheryl I knew she was cool and that we were going to get along just fine.) So I made it through another "family thing". Mom and I got along just fine. OK enough about all that, let's move on to other things.

The trip up to my parent's house include a night out in Green Bay. My first stop was **SASS**. Yup, I missed **Sally** and **Sue** again. Maybe next time? My second stop was **Napalese**. I learned that Nap's has been sold. I am unsure of what the new owners have in mind for the place but rumor has it that it will remain pretty much the same. Next stop; **Brandy's II**. **Gloria Peehole** was there playing with a big-ol' sausage. Some things never change. I ended my tour at **Za's**. By then I was already feelin' pretty good so it was a good thing I snapped a couple photo's before **Greg** poured me the drink of the night. That drink was up-side-down mar-



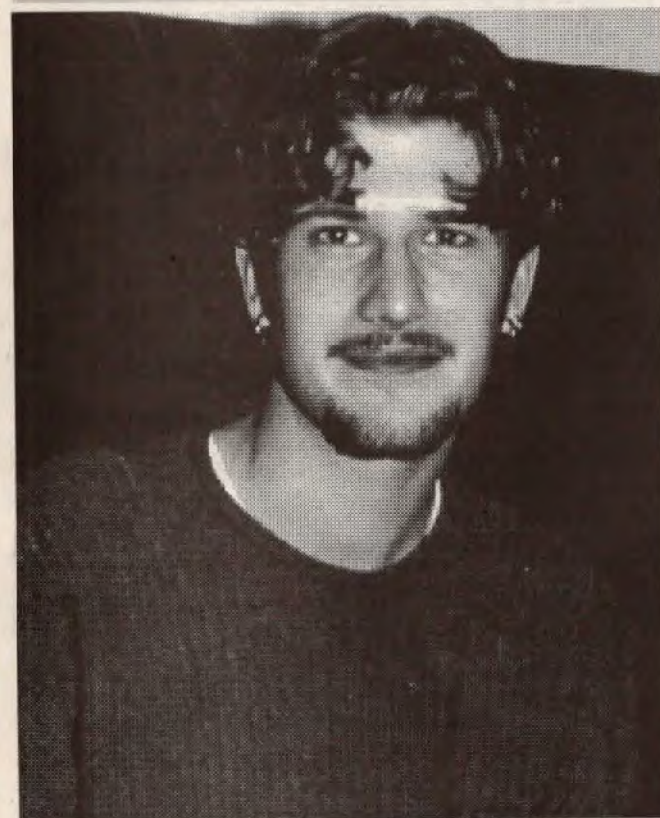
Some of the friendly crowd at Brandy's. Photo: Jamie



Curt from In Between freshens up. Photo: Jamie



This diva was spotted at Just Us. Photo: Jamie



One of the Pretty Boys at ZA's. Photo: Jamie



Madison's Entertainer of the Year Photo: Courtesy of Quest Magazine

garitas. I damn-near fell over after one of them. I hope I didn't make a fool of myself as I was babbling on and on to one of the guys there about how hot I thought he was and that he should do some modeling (**Q•Voice** is always looking for good looking guys and gals to model for the **Out if the Closet** section). Thanks to everyone in Green Bay for a great evening!

Possum Queen season is over for another year. The latest events were a **Drag Race** at **In Between**, a **Possum Queen Party** at the **Ball Game**, a **Weenie Dog Race** at **M&M's** and the **Possum Queen**

Finals at Just Us. All in all over **\$21,000** was raised this year. Not bad for a fundraiser that started out as a joke 6 years ago. Since then contestants have been raising lots of money to help with the care of HIV infected people, hoping to make their lives a bit more comfortable. **Dinah Thirst** from **Ball Game** raised the most amount of money this year and as a result will be wearing the **Possum Queen Tiara** for the next year.

The Entertainer of the Year Pageant was held at the **Paramount Music Hall** in Madison this year. Sponsored by the **Hotel**



Erv Uecker and Ross Walker of the BESTD Clinic enjoy the Possum Queen Finals. Are those real pearls boys?

Photo by Jamia

Washington, the event boasted entertainers **Simply Divine** and **Coco**; **Entertainer of the Year "95"- "96"**. Six contestants worked very hard to take home the 1996-97 title. And the winner is: **Paddy Cakes** from Madison.

June is upon us and that means **PrideFest** is also right around the corner. Let's show Milwaukee and the rest of the world how many of us there are and how proud we are!

My best wishes and a speedy recovery go out to **Rob** (owner of **Triangle**), he's been suffering with an ulcer the size of a walnut. I actually saw a picture of it, it's icky.

Also, best wishes to **Randy** as he goes off to Europe for the next 2 years. I will miss you a lot and if I don't get any letters from you, you are in deep shit!

Finally a big kiss from me to **Joel**, he made a tape for me with three songs on it; **I Could Fall in Love** by Selena; **Piano in the Dark** and **If Only for One Night** by Brenda Russell. Those three songs have a totally new meaning for me. I wonder if romance was in my horoscope. If it wasn't, it is now.

Remember 2 things. **PrideFest** and slower traffic keep right.

QUEER DUCK

PROTECT YOURSELF
SUNG TO THE TUNE OF
"EXPRESS YOURSELF"
MARY!
MA-MA-MA-MA
MARY!

GIRLFRIEND, DO YOU
BELIEVE IN "SAFE SEX?"
CUZ I'VE GOT A SONG TO
SING ABOUT IT AND IT
GOES SOMETHING LIKE
THIS...

REFRAIN:
DON'T TRY TO SECOND
GUESS, MARY!
PUT YOUR LATEX TO THE
TEST.
I KNOW YOU KNOW
YOU'VE GOT TO.
MAKE HIM PROTECT
FROM DISEASE.
HEY BABY THEN YOU
KNOW HE'S BOUND TO
PLEASE.

YOU DON'T NEED A FISH
WITH CRABS
OR A BREEDER THAT
BREEDS DISEASE.
TO GET APPLAUSE FOR SEX
WELL DONE IS FUN,
BUT DON'T GET "THE CLAP"
NO, PLEASE!

WHAT YOU NEED IS TO
USE YOUR HEAD
TO LEARN THE LESSONS
THAT I'VE LEARNED.
A FLAMING QUEEN CAN
LIGHT YOU ON FIRE
JUST BE CAREFUL THAT
YOU DON'T GET BURNED.

REFRAIN

T HROUGH A MAN'S STOMACH
IS THE WAY TO HIS HEART.
BUT HE NEEDS TO START
WITH HIS DICK.
EXPOSED TO BODILY
FLUIDS?
WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU
GET SICK?



YOU DESERVE A LONG,
LONG LIFE.
SO IF THE RUBBERS
AREN'T AROUND, THEN
MOVE ON
TO SECOND GUESS IS
NEVER ENOUGH.
SEX IS SAFEST WHEN
YOU'RE ALL ALONE.

REFRAIN

PROTECT YOURSELF!
YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE
HIM PROTECT HIMSELF!
HEY! HEY! HEY! HEY!

SO IF YOUR HORNY AND
HOW!
AND YOU NEED IT NOW!
DON'T CATCH WHAT HE'S
GOT.
IF HE'S FLAWLESS OR
NOT.

AND WHEN HE'S GONE
YOU MIGHT REGRET IT.
HOW SAFE WAS THE SEX
YOU JUST HAD?
AIDS IS GOING 'ROUND.
YOU DON'T WANT TO
GET IT.

SO GET OFF YOUR KNEES
AND PROTECT YOURSELF!
YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE
HIM PROTECT HIMSELF!
HEY! HEY!

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by William Attewell

In Between, Club 219 Tied for First in SSBL



Consistent fielding and heads-up play have landed both Club 219 and In Between at the top of the SSBL standings after just two weeks of this year's softball season. Both teams will proudly carry their four game undefeated streaks into the next round of games scheduled on Saturday, June 1st.

In other SSBL action from week two, a surging M&M club suffered a stinging set-back at the hands of the Ballgame Rangers, giving the M&M team their first loss of the season. Meanwhile, a struggling Wreck Room club skidded to the bottom of the standings with back to back losses to M&M and Club 219.

The Triangle, losers of two straight to Madison's Manoeuvre's and a tough Ballgame team, are regrouping to make a run at first place Club 219 and the always tough In Between in the next round of action on June 1st.

Ray Arce, manager of the Triangle team stated, "We going to go back to basics, our team is brand new. We're going to work on our fielding and play good solid softball... we're having a good time and that's what really counts."

After an off-week on May 18th, seven of the teams participated in the Milwaukee Classic Tournament over the Memorial Day weekend. For full coverage of the tournament see the next issue of *In Step Magazine*.

Play resumes on June 1, at Sijan Fields, located at South Kinnickinnic at California. The teams have an off date on June 8th for PrideFest. For more information call the SSBL hotline at 414/454-9204.

FrontRunners Plan PrideFest Run



FrontRunners Milwaukee, a new gay running club has announced plans for a special run commemorating PrideFest on Saturday, June 8. Starting at noon, members will begin their usual fun run from the SummerFest entrance of PrideFest.

Upon returning, everyone will be heading into PrideFest to take in the sights and the sounds (and to replenish sorely-needed fluids). FrontRunners International is a loose affiliation of running clubs for gay men and women. The oldest club dates back to 1982; formed in response to Patricia Nell Warren's "The Front Runner". Throughout the month of June, FrontRunners Milwaukee will continue their Saturday morning tradition of an informal run starting at the base of the Water Tower (at the east end of North Avenue) promptly at 9am.

From there members take off for a 30-40 minute jog through Lake Park and the fashionable East Side. Immediately following the run, everyone heads off to a nearby eatery to chow down and socialize.

For further information call Brian at 414/332-1527 or John at 414/285-7645. Or you can send an e-mail to blackjohn@execpc.com or drop by the java'd up FrontRunners Milwaukee home page at <http://www.execpc.com/~blackjon/frontrun.html>

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TONGUE IN CHEEK

by Kevin Isom

Hard on Dole

It's always hard on Bob Dole. If it's not a vicious Republican primary, it's a Democratic block in Congress stalling his legislative efforts. And now journalists on the other side of the world are scurrying as they try to figure out how to cover the American presidential campaign. Because transliterated into their alphabet, D-O-L-E is their word for P-E-N-I-S.

Indeed, these journalists are stiff with fear over the prospects of headlines like PENIS WINS U.S. PRESIDENCY or ELECTABILITY OF PENIS QUESTIONED or PENIS APPEARS FIRM AT REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. But it's not just a case of prudery. After all, these folks write in parts of the world that take their women's rights seriously. They try to have as few as possible. In such places, if Clinton wins, a headline like AMERICA DECIDES: PENIS LOSES simply wouldn't do. No sense making it difficult to keep those women under veils.

Back in our corner of the world, the problems of a few foreign journalists haven't received much attention. Yet. When they do, it'll be one more headache for Bob Dole. On the heels of a dramatic and emotional departure from the Senate, he's being called a penis.

This is truly a sad state of affairs, because you can't help but like Bob Dole. He's someone you'd be pleased to have as your grandfather. Meanwhile, his wife, Elizabeth Dole, is

exceedingly likeable, easily whipping Hillary Clinton in that department. Though, of course, Elizabeth Dole can get a bit testy when you call her one of her old nicknames. After all, "Liddy" is childish sounding. And her nickname as Transportation Secretary in the Reagan administration, given for her ability to win over legislators to her points of view, was truly suspect: "Sugar Lips." Given the recent foreign alphabet imbroglio, it's even worse. Imagine the caption under the photo if Dole wins the election: JUBILANT PENIS EMBRACES SUGAR LIPS.

Yet perhaps this whole alphabet exposure is just the sort of raciness that Bob Dole needs to energize his campaign. Bill Clinton played the saxophone, an instrument whose sexual overtones cannot be ignored, on national television during the last election. In my mind, at least, a penis in the paper trumps a sax on the TV any day. Dole could end up holding his head high after all. Then after a sudden surge in the polls, the headline could be PENIS SURPRISES CLINTON FROM BEHIND.

Clinton, however, is not a man to take such things lying down. He has proven time and time again that reversal energizes him, and he would no doubt rise to this occasion as well. Perhaps he could find something illicit in Dole's past. Maybe something even Nixon-esque. CROOKED PENIS: SCANDAL EMERGES. But Dole is about the straightest arrow I've ever seen (I mean that entirely figuratively), so Clinton probably couldn't nail him there.

No matter. Clinton would simply call in more former Republican strategists (everyone knows there are plenty of penises there) to plan a comeback. The headline? BEATING PENIS: CLINTON HAS PLAN. Though I think that headline was already used during the Genifer Flowers controversy, and, in all fairness, none of her allegations ultimately stood up to close examination.

Either way the race ends up going, whether PENIS WINS or PENIS LOSES, at least some humor has finally been injected into the campaign. The only thing that could conceivably add more fun is if Bob Dole relaxes even more, doffing the jacket and slacks, and donning latex instead.

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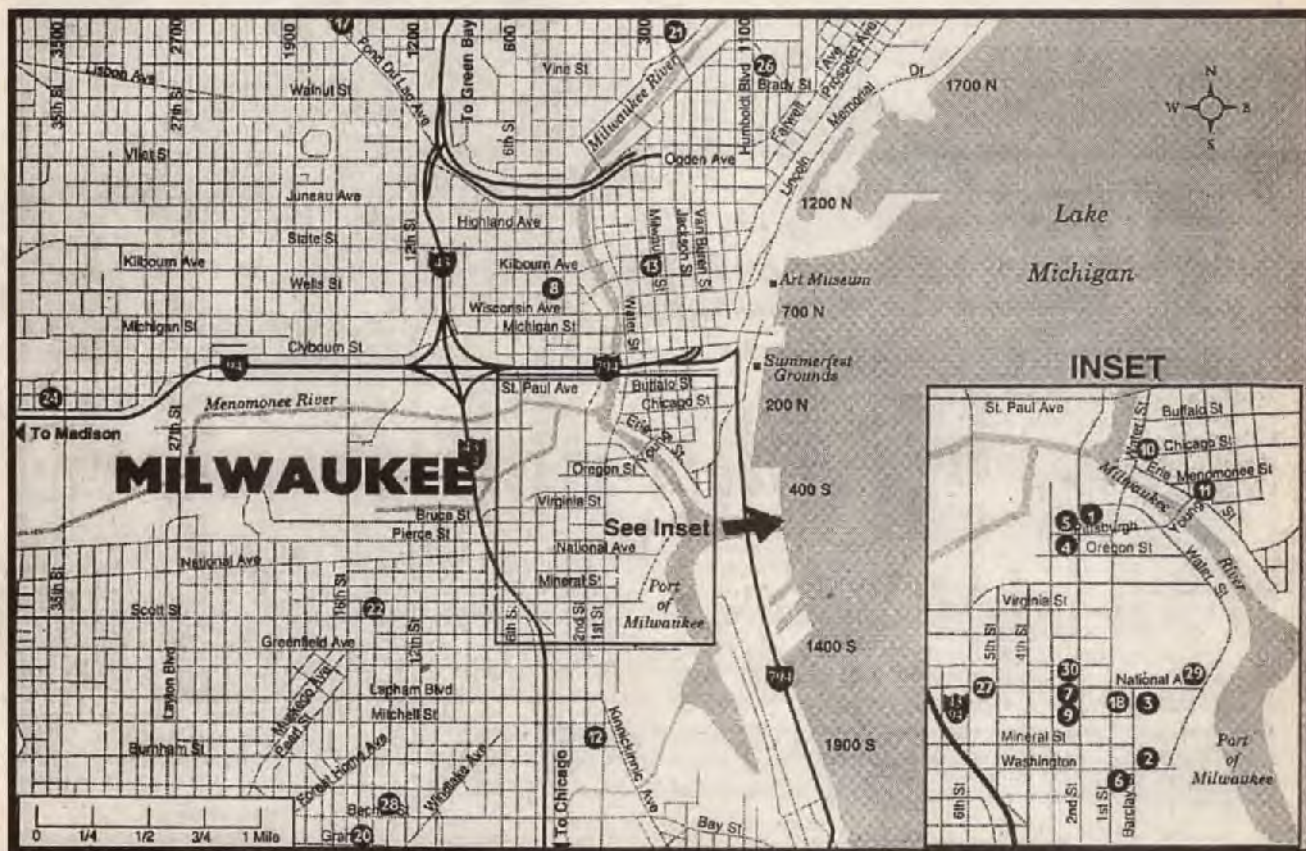
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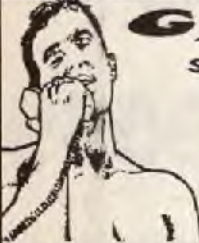
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GWM, new to area, good looking, 20, 5'10", 145, good shape, seeks others for fun, friendship and more. (Appleton) ☎33740

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GWM, 22, 6'2", 190, black hair and brown eyes, varied interests, seeks others, 18-30, for fun, friendship and possibly more. Please be self supportive and stable. Call me. (Central) ☎43085

THIS IS JJ GWM, 26, very attractive, 6', 190, very muscular, long blonde hair, into just about anything, seeks others for pleasure. I hope to hear from you sometime. (Central) ☎48341

LET ME RUB YOU

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

I'M 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

LOOKING FOR

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

BI AND 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-. (Eastern) ☎16988

I'M READY TO SETTLE

DOWN GWM, seeks others, 40-60, for friendship and possibly more. (Eau Claire) ☎4036

LET'S MEAT

GWM, Italian, 24, 190, 5'11", brown hair and eyes, shaved head, goatee, seeks others, 21-30, crazy and attractive, for fun, friendship and possibly more. (Eau Claire) ☎33747

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



SUSHI FOR YOUSHI

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

COLD IN GREENBAY

GWM, 24, 6', long brown hair, brown eyes, lots of interests, seeks others for friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Greenbay) ☎25766

GROUP GROPE

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

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. (Madison) ☎14349

MADISON

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

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

LEATHER LOVER

GWM, 46, 175, 5'7", firm and furry, into body shaving and more, seeks others for friendship and possibly more. (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. (Madison) ☎48606

CUB SANDWICH

GWM, 26, 260, 6'1", red hair, blue eyes, seeks other bear men for hibernation, cuddling and more. (Madison) ☎33656

LET'S HAVE FUN

GWM, 5'11", 170, clean cut, varied interests, seeks others for fun and more. (Madison) ☎27668

SAFE/SANE/FUN

GWM, new to area, seeks others into safe and clean action. (Madison) ☎31168

LONG BROWN HAIR

Scott, 23, 6'2, 170 long bm 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 dom tp man, GWM or GBM or GHM under 40 who likes it regular, also into Jack 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. (Milwaukee) ☎16130

BEAR HUNTING

GWM, 46, 175, 5'7", firm and furry, seeks Bear men into leather and more. (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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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**

CASUAL FUN GWM, 5'8", 145, 28, brown hair, green eyes, seeks others, 'stached, medium build and well endw'd, who are top's and are experienced in satisfying bottom boys. You must be masculine and dominant and ready to be pleased. (Milwaukee) **33954**

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. (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! (Wisconsin) **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. (Wisconsin) **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. (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**

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". (Wisconsin) **28694**

LET'S PLAY GWM, 28, seeks same, for fun and pleasure. Call me and leave a way to contact you. (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**

Illinois

THE POWER OF TWO I'm a 29 year old GBM, 5'7, 180lbs, clean shaven. I'm interested in meeting a GWM who is sensitive, caring, compassionate, and interested in a relationship. I enjoy movies, music, and good conversation. (Chicago) **19227**

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL I'm a GWM, 32 years old, 160lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes. I'm HIV negative, like camping, fishing, eating out, movies, bowling, dancing, and more. (Chicago) **21465**

PUNK JOCK I'm 21 years old, 5'7, 125lbs. I like punk music and all sports. I'm looking for people my age to get together and have fun with. (Chicago) **34812**

MASCULINE MEN ONLY I'm 5'7, have dark skin, a muscular build, and I'm smooth, masculine and versatile. I'm looking for a versatile or masculine top. If you are 25 and up please call me. (Chicago) **37052**

BALLS IN BOTH POCKETS GWM, 22, varied interests, pool player, seeks others to hang out with and see what comes up. (Chicago) **32096**

LATIN LOVER WANTED GBM, college student, 22, 6'2", black hair, brown eyes, 210, great body, 48" chest and broad shoulders, seeks GLM's, 22-35, for fun, adventure and much more. Please be level headed, career minded and focused. Please leave a message. (Chicago) **32302**

SERVICE THIS JOCK GBM, 6'4", safe and aggressive, smooth, 30, great body, seeks GAM'S, 18-25, studious, good shape and submissive, smooth and lean, to worship my body and more. I love to give warm and strong massage's to all Asian males. (Chicago) **32305**

WINE AND CANDLE LIGHT GWM, seeks others, 35-48, for fun, romance, pleasure and more. (Chicago) **32329**

FRIEND SEEKER GWM, 5'4", 140, seeks others for friendship, fun and more. Please leave a message. (Chicago) **32354**

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WANT TO LEARN ALL I CAN My name is Chris and I am a white male, 30, and I seek others, 20-25, who can teach me the finer things of this lifestyle. I am very new to this but I want to explore all the outlets and more. Please leave me a message. (Chicago) **32642**



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

BUBBLE BATHS AND MORE GBF, 29, seeks feminine females only for fun and more. Call me. (Madison) **☎3620**

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

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. Please get in touch with me. (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. (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**

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**

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

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**

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

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**



Illinois

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

GETTING TO KNOW YOU I'm a 20 year old single White female. I would like to get to know you. (Chicago) **☎35034**

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



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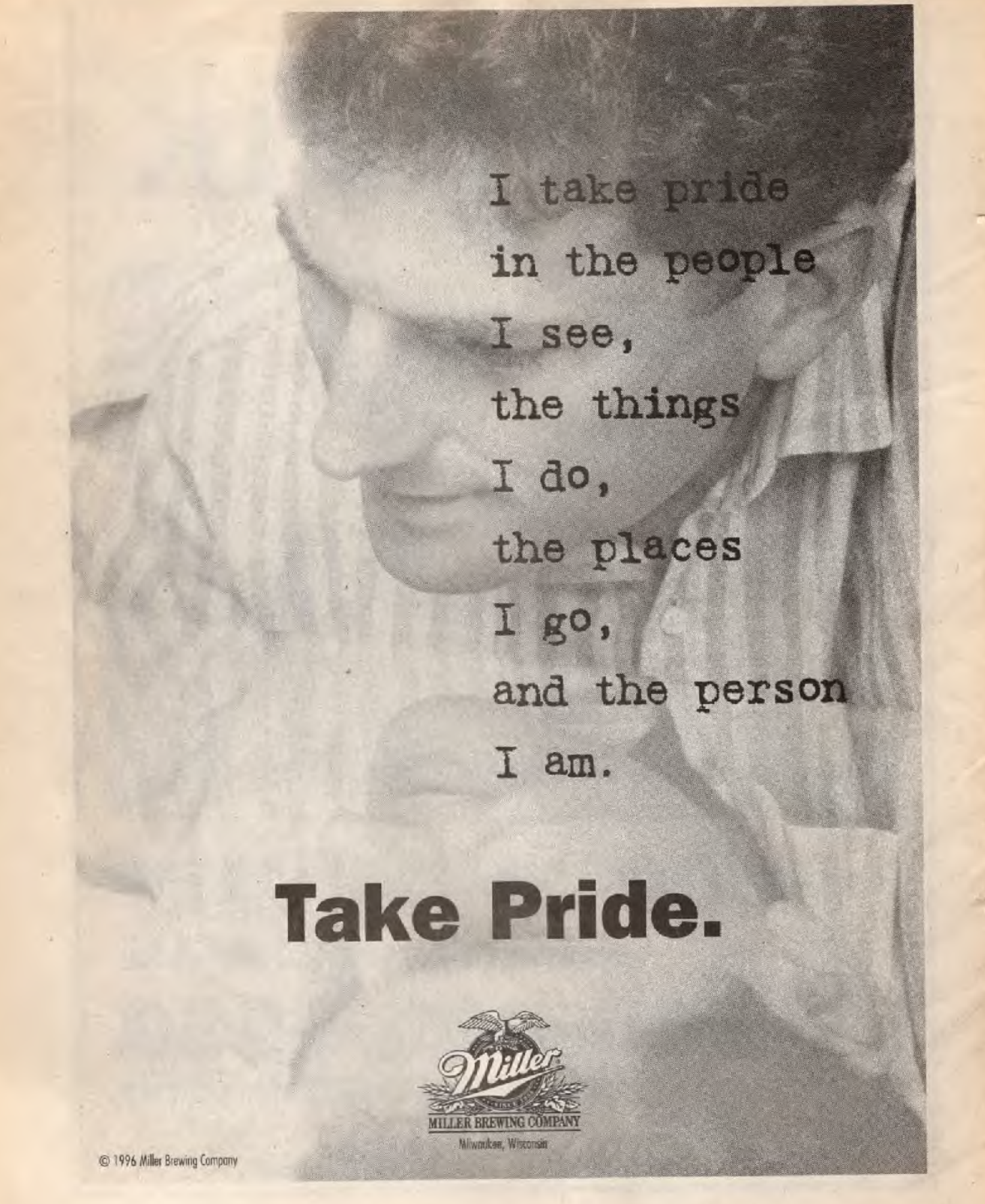
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