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Letters

Ralph Nader for President Supported

To the Editor

As an activist in this community for over 13 years, I have to express my concerns about many issues that effect our community. I have personally worked on many political campaigns and many community organizations. So, when I recently received a letter from the Democratic National Committee soliciting me to support the President's re-election campaign with both my time and money, I felt I had to write.

While it is true that President Clinton has done many things for this community, he has also done many to this community.

I do not know about anyone else, but I am tired of being treated like a second class person. President Clinton with on hand tried to raise us up, while wit the other hand he holds us down. A real friend would not just throw platitudes and parties for our community, but would make sure that we are treated and respected the same as everyone else. This mean supporting Gays and Lesbians in the military, gay and Lesbian marriages and having a real AIDS program for this nation.

The bottom line to all of this is that our community should no longer support President Clint; we also can not support Bob Dole. The only thing to do is to support a third party candidate, for my part that will be Ralph Nader.

If supporting Nader would lead to Dole being elected; Well I have survived through eight years of the most regressive administration in my lifetime, that of Ronald (I cannot remember that I killed thousands of people

by ignoring the AIDS pandemic) Reagan. I think I can survive four years of Bob Dole. Just maybe, the Democrats who say they support us, might just understand that we want real support, not just slogans.

Scott Gunkel
Milwaukee

Holocaust's Victims Remembered

To the Editor

After attending PrideFest, I noticed there was not mention or commemoration to honor the men of Nazi Germany who were forced to wear "The Pink Triangle".

Thousands of gay men were brutally beaten, tortured, and systematically murdered because of their sexual orientation.

Within the real of Holocaust research, a gay man belonged for a long time to the so-called group of forgotten victims; the mentally and physically handicapped, prostitutes, alcoholics, victims of forced sterilizations, and all others who were alienated from the people.

Gay Holocaust survivors were never legally acknowledged as victims of the Nazi regime. The post-war German government did not simply forget about them, it actively continued to persecute them. It was not until 1969 that the German government made it illegal to discriminate against gay people. Even today, the German government refuses to give reparation to the men who wore the pink triangle.

It has taken five decades for a museum or memorial to officially recognize the truth.

This museum is the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C. It will take even longer to counteract the damage inflicted by fifty years of official, scholarly and social neglect.

May they never be forgotten,
these multitudes of dead
our anonymous immortal martyrs.

Gary Bieganski
West Milwaukee

Oral Sex Perspective

To the Editor—

What a great way to attract attention in our erotophobic society! This particular study ("HIV Transmission Risk Seen in Oral Sex", Vol. 13, #11) demonstrated that infant monkeys were infected with the alleged monkey equivalent to HIV (SIV, simian immunodeficiency virus) when large viral loads were placed on the tongues of newborn monkeys— is convincing evidence that one should not let a newborn monkey have oral sex with you!!

Not surprising that it was released a month prior to the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver rather where it could be convincingly critiqued and peer reviewed. The study does not explain one central epidemiologic fact that undoubtedly will be discussed by researchers in Vancouver: If HIV is so easy to transmit via oral sex, than why so few hetero cases, and why so few same sex cases in those who only engage in oral sex, and why despite intensive field investigations, have so few cases been positively attributed to this mechanism?

And can we talk about the gay and mainstream press's responsibility in uncritical-

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

It has been almost three months since we took over the helm of *In Step Magazine*. As promised, redesign work on the magazine is nearly complete. *In Step* now has a fresh, more readable design. We've added exciting new features and increased our news content, while maintaining the essence and spirit that is *In Step Magazine*.

Speaking of spirit, we are very pleased to announce that Ron Geiman, *In Step's* founder (I like to call him *In Step's* "publisher emeritus", but he thinks that sounds like some kind of nasty rash) will again be contributing to this magazine. His column, "Tribal Talk" is a very welcome addition to the magazine. I urge everyone to read it on page 38. Welcome back Ron.

We've also beefed up our already comprehensive news department with the addition of Keith Clark. His award-winning work on national and international news will compliment the hard work already being done by our news editor, Jamakaya. As always, you can count on *In Step* for impartial, professional reporting of news and events of importance to our community.

Additionally, we've added the talents of Atlanta attorney, Kevin Isom, his appropriately titled column, "Tongue in Cheek", showcases Isom's flair for humorous observation. Starting with this issue, our reader of the stars, Charlene Lichtenstein will present her "Out in the Stars" horoscope in each and every issue. Look for future additions to our stable of writers, columnists and cartoonists, which already includes some of the very best in the country.

In Step will continue to grow over the coming months with more interesting and important changes on their way. As with any transition, there have been bumps along the way. We would like to express our gratitude for the support of our advertisers, subscribers and our readers during this period. And again, we'd like to express our commitment to Wisconsin's LesBiGay Community... *In Step Magazine* will remain your comprehensive news, information and entertainment resource.

Jorge L. Cabal
William Attewell

Publishers

Letters

ly reporting such stuff without at least a teeny-wienie disclaimer, suggesting that readers are critical? What are the sociologic and psychological implications of generating more anxiety and paranoid delusions among men or women who engage in oral sex??

Yes, we sex educators and primary care providers have always maintained that oral sex has some degree of risk for HIV transmission (far greater for herpes, hepatitis B, syphilis, I would think, than HIV), but hey, no one ever promised us a rose garden. Crossing the street could result in our being killed from a speeding car; looking both ways greatly decreases but does not entirely eliminate the risk!

Let's keep this study in the right perspective!

Mark Behar
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News

by Jamakaya

In AIDS Ride Dispute, ACT UP Launches Boycott of Tanqueray

Milwaukee — ACT UP/Milwaukee is urging taverns and individuals around the state of Wisconsin to boycott Tanqueray products after the liquor manufacturer organized an AIDS fundraising bike ride through the Badger state which will not benefit any AIDS service organizations here.

Up to 2,000 riders are expected to participate in Tanqueray's Twin Cities to Chicago AIDS Ride between July 1 and 6. Promoters say the ride "will raise \$4 million for AIDS services in Minneapolis/St. Paul and Chicago" and will "generate a tremendous amount of AIDS awareness throughout the Midwest."

The conflict has arisen because more than half of the bike route is on roads and trails in the state of Wisconsin, but none of the benefit's proceeds will go to AIDS groups here, a fact ACT UP's Yuri Keegstra finds "unconscionable."

On Day 1, bikers will leave the Twin Cities and travel 98 miles to Wabasha, Minnesota. The next day, they'll go from Wabasha 84 miles to Sparta, Wisconsin. Day 3 will take riders 58 miles down the famed Sparta-Elroy bike trail and then to Reedsburg. On Day 4, bikers will travel from Reedsburg to the outskirts of the state capital, Madison. The next day, they'll ride 97 miles from Madison south across the Illinois

"This is not an issue that is going to go away,"

—Yuri Keegstra, ACT-UP

border to McHenry. On the final day, they'll arrive for closing ceremonies in Chicago.

Beneficiaries of the Tanqueray-sponsored ride include AIDS Care Chicago, Chicago House, the Howard Brown Health Center and, in the Twin Cities, Samaritan House, the Archdiocesan AIDS Ministry, Open Arms of Minnesota and Agape Home.

"It's outrageous that they can take advantage of our state's scenery and hospitality, ask our people to participate, but

then offer nothing back to our AIDS groups," Keegstra told *In Step*.

Doug Nelson of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin agreed. He said that while the announced beneficiaries are all deserving groups, it is "disappointing" that the Madison AIDS Support Network, the Center Project in Green Bay and the Milwaukee AIDS Project, all of which are dealing with increasing caseloads, were not even notified.

Dan Pallotta, President of Pallotta & Associates, a Los Angeles-based fundraising firm producing the AIDS Ride for Tanqueray, called ACT UP's criticisms "unfounded and unwarranted."

TANQUERAY RESPONDS

Pallotta said that for all past AIDS Rides as well as the five scheduled for this summer, "origin and destination cities and beneficiaries were selected only after an extensive research process by Pallotta & Associates. Beneficiary agencies are asked to meet strict qualifications criteria as well as supply start-up costs for the event ... many of the benefitting agencies first approached Pallotta & Associates, wanting to be included in a Ride."

"We have never been contacted by ACT UP or any AIDS service organization (ASO) in Wisconsin," Pallotta said. He says he's open to discussions about "initiating a Wisconsin partnership" for the 1997 AIDS Rides and invites interested agencies to contact him. The press release did not, however, give his phone number. The number of the AIDS Ride's publicity firm is 310/274-7800.

Pallotta said: "To date, we have raised over \$23 million for AIDS service organizations in just five Rides...Tanqueray has obliterated the standard for corporate leadership in the battle against AIDS — no other company even comes close."

Keegstra objected to Pallotta's boast about Tanqueray's leadership on AIDS as a "blatant public relations lie," and cited Milwaukee's own Miller Brewing Co. for its lengthy and generous commitment to AIDS education and services.

COMMENTARY

by Jamakaya

Planning for Milwaukee Community Center Shows Strong Forward Momentum

In 20 years of writing about Milwaukee's LesBiGay community, this reporter has covered literally hundreds of meetings. It's a necessary but thankless task because more often than not, organizational meetings are long, bureaucratic, uneventful, sometimes argumentative, and frequently just plain boring.

But on Saturday morning, June 22, I attended a meeting of the Interim Steering Committee planning Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Community Center. For the first time in quite a while, this jaded reporter was very impressed with what she witnessed.

Rather than writing a report reciting the dry facts of who was appointed to which committees, I thought I'd comment on what I perceived to be the most newsworthy aspect of the meeting: the simple but notable fact that the organizing toward this major community effort is proceeding in an open, orderly, committed and good-humored fashion.

The positive energy was best expressed by Bob Hignite who declared: "We're pumped, and we're ready to go!"

About 25 people attended the June 22 meeting, which was co-facilitated by Jim Schleif and Naomi Guzman. They ably led the group through a prepared agenda during which sub-committee chairs reported on progress in specific areas and talked about unmet needs and how to fill them. Discussion was constructive and decisions were made. One got the sense of a powerful forward momentum.

"We've taken a wonderful idea and we're pursuing it in a mature and organized fashion," said Jim Schleif. "The community response has been overwhelming, and there's some great people helping to make this dream come true."

The Feasibility Sub-Committee is in the process of distributing a survey to determine community opinions on where the center should be located, what services it should offer and how it should be funded. The Public Relations Sub-Committee is planning more outreach to the community through the Gay and straight media and special events. The Board Development Sub-Committee is formulating a process for identifying and nominating candidates to sit on the Center's Board of Directors. Members of committees on Membership, Volunteers and Finances are rolling up their sleeves and getting to work as well.

UNITY TOWARD COMMON GOAL

All of this committee work constitutes the nitty-gritty of effective organizing. And judging from the attitudes and views expressed at the June 22 meeting, almost everyone

seems to be having a great time. I got the sense that many new friendships are forming, different skills are being shared, and everyone is excited about the common goal.

"I've never really been involved in anything in the Gay community before, and it's been great," said Bob Hignite. "We've got some experienced leaders here and some newcomers, but we're all on the same footing. We leave our egos at the door."

Says Naomi Guzman: "Whenever I come to meetings, I'm reminded how exciting this all is. The ideas start popping out and we really get going. The process is as exciting as getting the facility, and that's a good reason for others to get involved rather than just reading about it."

"An important part of the organizing process is creating excitement and lots of opportunities for people to get involved," veteran Lesbian activist Karen Gotzler commented. "The more grass roots support we have the more

"We're pumped, and we're ready to go!"

—Bob Hignite

truly community-based the center will be. At every step, we will be continually inviting people to provide input and get involved."

All members of the LesBiGay and Transgender community, from all areas in and around Milwaukee, of all ages, and from all racial groups, economic classes and educational levels, are encouraged to volunteer their time and ideas to the L/G/B/T Community Center. To volunteer, call 414/483-4710.

On Saturday, July 13, a general Town Hall Meeting on the Community Center will be held at 10am in Room 300 of the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 N. 4th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212. It's an opportunity to be updated on the progress of Community Center planning and to express ideas. Everyone is welcome.

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He also said ACT UP's criticism was not unfounded. A similar conflict erupted around Tanqueray's Philadelphia to Washington, D.C. AIDS Ride. In that case, none of the beneficiaries were minority AIDS organizations, despite the fact that the vast majority of people with HIV/AIDS in the origin and destination cities are people of color. After protests and negotiations, Tanqueray agreed to give 25% of the proceeds of the Philly-DC AIDS Ride to minority AIDS groups.

In addition, Keegstra said: "It should not be up to ASO's to contact the AIDS Ride, rather the AIDS Ride should publicize their event and invite grant proposals to be submitted."

"This is not an issue that is going to go away," Keegstra said. "These corporate suits on the coasts will not be able to come to the Midwest, run their little charities, and then distribute the money to whomever they wish. Locales where these AIDS Rides are occurring must have input."

"I invite and encourage all of Wisconsin," said Keegstra, "to take their Tanqueray bottles and empty them into the nearest gutter."

Madison Council Kills Public Sex Ordinance

Madison — On June 18, in what Alderman Mike Verveer calls a "tremendous victory for civil liberties," the Madison City Council voted to file a proposed parks ordinance aimed at giving police additional authority to curb public sex in the city's parks. The Council's action killed the measure.

In an interview with *In Step*, Verveer made clear that he does not condone the behavior the ordinance was meant to stop. But he said the proposal raised serious civil rights concerns and, in the light of other laws already on the books governing disorderly conduct, would have been redundant.

The ordinance was first proposed late last summer after the police received complaints about sex going on in public places, particularly in Olin Turville Park on Lake Monona.

The proposal forbade "indecent exhibition or exposure" by anyone of his or her person or the procuring of any other individual to "indecently exhibit or expose" their person. It would have made that offense as well as "violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous or unreasonably loud or otherwise disorderly conduct" in the parks punishable by fines of \$50-\$500.

Its most controversial provision, revised three times, allowed law enforcement officers to banish from the parks for six months anyone found engaging in such behavior. The six months provision was reduced to 24 hours and then dropped entirely in the final version of the law.

Verveer said banning people from a public facility was the most "questionable" part of the proposal. "My sense, and that of the Mayor [Paul Soglin, who opposed the ordinance] and many Council members was that we were getting into dangerous, uncharted territory by banning people from public places, and that we were probably setting the city up for a lawsuit."

He also opposed the measure because he believed it was targeted solely at Bisexual and Gay men, and expressed doubt that the police would enforce it equally against straight couples found in parks and lovers' lanes.

Verveer warned: "The police have reiterated their intention to continue to utilize the current ordinances they have at their disposal — against lewd and lascivious behavior, disorderly conduct, etc. — to deal with problematic behavior in the parks."



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He said police were likely to step up patrols in Olin Turville Park this summer. The park is the site of two summer day camps for children. It was complaints that such youngsters were exposed to inappropriate conduct in the park last summer that led to the drive to pass the proposed ordinance.

PrideFest Assessing '96 Event, Preparing Financial Report

Milwaukee — After a few weeks off to recover after this year's weather plagued PrideFest at Maier Festival Park, organizers are busy assessing the event and preparing a financial statement.

Attendance at this year's Pride festival was lower than last year's, due, almost everyone agrees, to the unusually cold and rainy weather that bedeviled the three-day event. But PrideFest Co-Director Susan Cook reports that while attendance was down — the official figure was 9,628 — people stayed on the grounds longer and spent more money. She bases that contention on the larger "money drops" collected periodically over the weekend.

Some community members have expressed an interest in

seeing a financial statement about the festival, and PrideFest Treasurer Chris Klein told *In Step* that such a report will be forthcoming, probably in later July after all the payables and receivables for this year's fest have been processed.

Michael Hall, Vice President of the PrideFest Board and Security and Operations chief at the festival, told *In Step*: "Considering the obstacles we had to endure, it went fairly well. If we had been at the old location [Veterans Park], we would have been completely flooded out."

"Summerfest officials seemed impressed with how organized we were and that we were one of the few fests that knew what we were doing," said Hall. "One guy told me he was glad they didn't have to 'babysit' us."

On Sunday night, as the festival closed, Summerfest Director Elizabeth "Bo" Black met with PrideFest leaders and congratulated them on their first festival in Maier Park.

Cook felt good vibes from park personnel too. "The security people loved our festival. They couldn't believe how orderly we were. The only problems were with the fundamentalists protesting outside the gates."

There were a total of three arrests, all apparently among the protesters organized by Wisconsin Christians United and Robert Braun's so-called Christian Civil Liberties Union.

Cook actually saw a benefit to this year's lower attendance. "We might have been too overwhelmed if the weather had been good and the attendance was twice what it was. It was our first time there, so it was kind of like an opportunity to do a good test run. We can look at what worked and what didn't and make changes for next year."

The PrideFest Council, which consists of Board members and the organizers/managers who supervised specific areas of the festival, will meet in July to evaluate this year's festival, discuss changes, and plan for next year. There's already been talk of menu changes, a stronger entertainment line-up and possible use of the Transit System's shuttle bus service along Wisconsin Avenue.

Persons interested in organizing or participating in next year's PrideFest, call 414/272-FEST.

Re-Building of Hotel Washington Remains on Hold

Madison — In a telephone interview with *In Step* from the Hotel Washington's temporary headquarters, Greg Scheel reports that plans for the re-building of the Hotel Washington complex are "still in limbo."

The hotel, which housed numerous Gay and Lesbian social spots like Rod's, The New Bar and Cafe Palms, burned to the ground last February in a fire determined to be accidental in origin. Its loss has left a big gap in the social lives of

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Madison's queer community.

Plans for re-building are on hold while Scheel awaits approval by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) of a waiver on a deed restriction on the parcel of land on which the hotel is to be re-built.

"We've called every prominent politician who deals with Washington — Senator Kohl, Senator Feingold, Gov. Thompson, [Congressman] Scott Klug — and no one seems able to get HUD to move on this," Scheel says.

In 1992, the hotel received a \$174,000 loan from HUD to re-hab 10 residential units on the condition they would be subject to rent limits to provide affordable housing to low income individuals for the next ten years. The condition was secured by a deed restriction on the land. To succeed in re-building, the hotel needs to charge market rate rentals on all its units in the future.

In May, the Madison City Council went on record as supporting the waiver of the deed restriction, but Scheel must await final approval from HUD before proceeding with re-building.

The delay with HUD and a further delay in receiving the final payment from the hotel's insurance company is having a ripple effect, with other financial institutions waiting to see what happens before they commit their own financial assistance to the re-building project.

"Every time we think we've got things lined up," Scheel said, "we get a call saying, 'We need this, we need that. We need more collateral, more equity' — whatever. It's not a done deal by a long shot. The longer it takes, the harder it will be to build before winter sets in."

But Scheel remains confident that the hotel will indeed be rebuilt and he is especially upbeat in promoting the 23rd annual MAGIC picnic, part of Madison's Pride weekend, to be held in

Brittingham Park on Saturday, July 20. It is sponsored by the Rodney Scheel Family Fund for PWA's and benefits local LesBiGay and AIDS service organizations.

There is one MAGIC Picnic-related crisis that readers can help with. The

costumes and accessories that are the highlight of the Picnic's infamous High Heel Race were burned in the hotel. Donations of dresses, high heels, wigs and purses can be made by calling Scheel at 608/257-3795, ext. 134.

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National News

House Vote on "Defense of Marriage" Act Expected

Washington, DC — Continuing its rapid move through the House of Representatives, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which essentially outlaws same gender marriage, was approved by the House Judiciary Committee 20-10 in mid-June and sent on to the full House for a vote.

President Clinton has indicated he will sign the bill, which defines marriage as the "union of one man and one woman." It allows states to refuse to recognize as legal same gender marriages which may be sanctioned by other states and denies federal benefits associated with married couples, such as joint tax returns and Social Security and Medicare benefits, to homosexual couples who marry.

Committee debate became emotional, with Gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) saying the commitment of same gender couples in marriage does not diminish heterosexual marriages and accusing supporters of the bill of homophobia and discrimination.

Rep. Sonny Bono (R-CA), whose daughter Chastity is a Lesbian, responded: "I'm not homophobic. I'm not a bigot.

"...I love my daughter. But I simply cannot handle it yet,"

—Rep. Sonny Bono, (R-CA)

I'm not pandering. I like Barney and I love my daughter. But I simply cannot handle it yet, Barney. I can't say to my son, 'It's OK.'"

The full House was prepared to vote on DOMA as In Step went to press. Lobbyists with national gay groups were attempting to have an amendment added to the proposal when it is considered by the Senate. They have asked Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) to attach the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), which forbids job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Because many conservative proponents of DOMA say they are not anti-gay, attaching ENDA to the bill would force them to show their true colors.

"DOMA is an out-of-control freight train and we can't

stop it," said David Smith of the Human Rights Campaign. The strategy of attaching ENDA is to broaden Congressional discussion of gay issues and, with luck, get a pro-gay civil rights protection passed along with the larger anti-gay bill. Gay leaders acknowledge their goal is a long shot.

Lesbian Couple Killed on Appalachian Trail

Luray, VA — The FBI and National Park Service are investigating the brutal slaying of two women, a lesbian couple, who were killed at their campsite along the Appalachian Trail in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park June 1. Gay and Lesbian leaders are asking authorities to determine if it might be a hate crime.

The women are Julianne Williams, 24, of Burlington, Vermont and Lollie Winans, 26, of Unity, Maine. The women, described by friends as lovers who planned to move in together soon, were on a five-day hike on the Appalachian Trail. The women met last year when they both worked for the Minnesota-based group Woodswomen, Inc. which trains women in outdoor activities.

Park Rangers found the women's bodies at their campsite a day after Williams' father reported them missing. Their throats had been slashed. As of press time, the Park Service and FBI declined to make any comments on the case, saying the investigation is ongoing. The Park Service called the double murder an "isolated" incident and said nature lovers should not shun the trail.

But the *Washington Blade* reports that two women, also in their 20's, were slashed to death in a similar manner in the Colonial Parkway near Williamsburg, Virginia in 1986. In 1988, Rebecca Wight died of multiple gunshot wounds after she and her lover, Claudia Brenner, were attacked along the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania. Wight's killer is serving life in prison.

Claudia Brenner, who has written a harrowing book about Wight's murder called "Eight Bullets," sent a message to a memorial service for Williams and Winans in Burlington, Vermont.

Brenner said: "We all know intimately that the victims of any hate violence could have been us - for hate violence by definition terrorizes all members of the targeted group. Who hasn't thought, 'It could have been me in the place of

Rebecca, or Claudia, or Julianne, or Lollie? How much danger am I in today?"

"But we can't let our fears paralyze us," Brenner said. "Any step backwards, any retreat in terms of our full freedom and civil rights would be a victory for the perpetrators and voices of hate."

Federal Court Declares Internet "Decency Act" Unconstitutional

Philadelphia, PA — A three-judge federal panel has declared major parts of the new Communications Decency Act, meant to curb "indecent and patently offensive" speech on the Internet, unconstitutional. They issued a temporary injunction blocking its enforcement.

Five of the 20 plaintiffs in the case challenging the law were gay or AIDS organizations who feared that open discussions of Gay and Lesbian issues and safe sex education could be made illegal. People found guilty of transmitting "indecent" material on-line where those under 18 years old could access it, could receive two years in prison and be fined up to \$250,000. The American Civil Liberties Union was the coordinating plaintiff in the case.

Calling the Internet "the most participatory marketplace of mass speech that this country - and indeed the world - has yet seen," the judges called the law a "profoundly repugnant" affront to First Amendment free speech rights.

"Just as the strength of the Internet is chaos, so the strength of our liberty depends upon the chaos and cacophony of the unfettered speech the First Amendment protects," Judge Stewart R. Dalzell wrote. "As the most participatory form of mass speech yet developed, the Internet deserves the highest protection from governmental intrusion."

Judge Dolores K. Sloviter wrote: "The bottom line is that the First Amendment should not be interpreted to require us to entrust the protection it affords to the judgment of prosecutors. Prosecutors come and go. Even federal judges are limited to life tenure. The First Amendment remains to give protection to future generations as well."

The Communications Decency Act was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Clinton earlier this year. It was prompted by concerns that children using on-line communication could access sexually explicit discussions and images. The Justice Department is likely to appeal the ruling to the Supreme Court.

Supreme Court Orders Review of Cincinnati Ordinance

Washington, DC — In light of its recent ruling striking down Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2, the US Supreme Court has vacated a lower court ruling which found that a similar referendum passed by residents of Cincinnati was constitutional. The high court, without comment, sent the Cincinnati measure back to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals for reconsideration.

Cincinnati's anti-Gay referendum, called Issue 3, was approved by voters in November 1993. It would amend the city charter to bar officials from ever passing legislation that protects Gay and Lesbian citizens from discrimination in jobs, housing and other areas. It would have also repealed all such existing laws.

It was immediately appealed, and a lower court judge struck it down as a violation of the First and 14th Amendments. But the Court of Appeals reversed that decision and upheld Issue 3, saying it was a legitimate expression of voters' preferences. The US Supreme Court did not issue an opinion on the case but sent it

Also on the Newswire...

"Longtime Companion" Director Dies

New York, NY — Norman Rene, who directed the AIDS-themed film "Longtime Companion," died of AIDS complications at New York University Medical Center May 24. He was 45. Rene founded the Off Broadway acting troupe called the Production Company. He collaborated with playwright Craig Lucas on the stage and movie versions of "Reckless" and "Prelude to a Kiss." Rene is survived by his partner, Kevin McKenna.

Former Partner Granted Rights

St. Louis, MO — A Family Court judge has ruled that the former lesbian lover of a mother is an "equitable parent" and is entitled to equal time with the mother's two-year-old son and a role in all decision-making regarding the child's future. Judge Thomas Frawley ruled that the mother's lover had raised the child since infancy and separating her from the child would harm the boy emotionally.

Gay/Lesbian Visitors Center Open in Atlanta for Olympics

Atlanta, GA — A Gay and Lesbian Visitors Center has opened in Atlanta just in time for the rush of athletes and spectators expected for the Summer Olympics. The Visitors Center is just outside the Olympic Ring along West Peachtree Street. The idea for the center came out of the dialogue local gay and lesbian activists have had with the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. For more information on the Center, call 404/681-5354.

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back to the lower court to be reviewed in light of the recent Colorado ruling. Legal experts say the appeals court will have little choice but to strike it down.

While the Supreme Court did not render an opinion on Issue 3, three justices who dissented in the Colorado case objected to sending the Cincinnati case back to the appeals court for reconsideration. They said the Colorado ruling should not be interpreted beyond the statewide context.

Justices Antonin Scalia, Clarence Thomas and William Rehnquist stated: "The consequence of holding this provision unconstitutional would be that nowhere in the country may the people decide, in democratic fashion, not to accord special protection to homosexuals."

Court Strikes Down Tennessee Sodomy Law

Nashville, TN — On June 10, the Tennessee Supreme Court refused to hear the state's appeal of an earlier decision that found the state's sodomy law unconstitutional. "This is the end of the line for the Tennessee sodomy law," Suzanne Goldberg of the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund declared.

The law was revised in 1991 to apply only to sodomy between same-gender partners. Five plaintiffs came forward to challenge the statute as a violation of their rights to privacy and equal protection of the laws. A judge ruled that unless Tennessee could show a "compelling state interest" in overriding individuals' privacy rights, the statute should be struck down.

In January, an appeals court rejected the state's claims that the law was necessary to prevent the spread of disease, to promote "moral values" and to discourage homosexual relationships. It agreed instead with the plaintiff's

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arguments, saying: "An adult's right to engage in consensual and non-commercial sexual activities in the privacy of that adult's home is a matter of intimate personal concern..."

By refusing to hear the state's final appeal, the Supreme Court has sustained the lower court's ruling that the law, called the "Homosexual Practices Act," is unconstitutional.

After the Tennessee decision, twenty-one states still maintain sodomy laws. Six states prohibit same-gender sodomy only, while fifteen states outlaw both heterosexual and homosexual sodomy.

Lesbian Loses Bid for Congressional Seat

Portland, ME — Dale McCormick, an openly Lesbian State Senator in Maine, has lost her bid for a seat in the US House of Representatives, losing a close primary race to her Democratic opponent, former Portland Mayor Tom Allen. McCormick garnered 48% of the votes to Allen's 52%.

McCormick has endorsed Allen and called for unity in the fight to defeat ultraconservative GOP incumbent James Longley. Longley has scored high ratings from the Christian Coalition, and his anti-Gay record in Congress has earned him a zero rating from the Human Rights Campaign and a "hostile" rating from the National Log Cabin Republicans.

McCormick was one of two openly Gay people running for a Congressional seat this year. The other is Rick Zbur who will face off against a GOP incumbent, Steve Horn, in California's 38th District this fall. With openly Gay Reps. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) and Gerry Studds (D-MA) retiring from the House, the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund had put many of its resources behind the McCormick and Zbur candidacies to ensure that Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA) is not the only openly Gay person serving in the next Congress.

McCormick was elected to the Maine Senate in 1990 and worked hard to get civil rights protections for Gays and Lesbians passed by the legislature (the effort fell short). She also helped lead the opposition to an anti-Gay ballot initiative in the state. She gave up her Senate seat to run for Congress.

David Clarenbach, Director of the Victory Fund, paid McCormick this tribute: "Dale McCormick[s]...visibility as an openly Lesbian candidate - who is also a loving parent, a devoted partner, a professional carpenter, a dedicated public official, an outstanding advocate for education and healthcare and a good neighbor - did more to dispel the stereotyped images of Gay people than any public relations campaign could. And that is a major victory for our community."

Disney Stands Firm Against Boycott Threat by Southern Baptists

Anaheim, CA — The Walt Disney Co. is standing firm against the threat of a boycott of its films and amusement parks by Southern Baptists, who recently passed a resolution condemning the entertainment giant for its pro-gay policies.

The overwhelming majority of the 14,000 delegates attending the Southern Baptist Convention in New Orleans in mid-June gave their support to a resolution attacking Disney for its allegedly "anti-Christian and anti-family trends" and threatening a boycott if such trends continue.

The resolution specifically cited Disney's policy of granting health insurance benefits to the partners of gay and lesbian employees and its allowing Gay people

Miami Football Players Arrested for Assault

Coral Gables, FL — Three members of the University of Miami football team have been arrested on charges they assaulted two other students. Jammi German, a wide receiver, Jeffrey Taylor and James Burgess, both linebackers, were arrested after witnesses alleged the three were members of a group of four to six men who entered another student's apartment, where they accused fellow student Maxwell Voce of spreading rumors that German was homosexual.

Arrest Made in Transgender Murders

Halifax, Canada — Police have arrested Marcella Palma, 30, on charges of the execution-style slaying of three street prostitutes, two transgendered and one woman, in Toronto in May. Authorities said only that Palma apparently had targeted prostitutes in the killing spree he's charged with, but declined to discuss details of the case — including any motive in the murders.

Historian, Berube Receives "Genius Grant"

New York, NY — Allan Berube, the award-winning gay historian who wrote the book "Coming Out Under Fire: The History of Gay Men and Women in World War Two," has received a prestigious "Genius Grant" from the John D. and Catherine T MacArthur Foundation. Berube has been given a \$300,000 grant which he can use in any way he desires. He was one of two dozen artists, writers and academics who were given large grants for their ongoing work.

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to gather at Disney World in an annual "Gay Day" outing each June. The resolution also criticized Disney for producing more adult-themed movies like "Priest," about a gay priest, which some Christians found offensive.

Disney issued this immediate response to the Southern Baptist Convention: "We find it curious that a group that claims to espouse family values would vote to boycott the world's largest producer of wholesome family entertainment."

Later, Disney spokesman John Dreyer emphasized that despite the boycott threat, "We will not drop our new health program" and "We will not discriminate against people who come to our parks."

The resolution is only advisory on the 37,000 Southern Baptist congregations, and some convention delegates, like Rev. Mark Caldwell of Nashville, expressed their disagreement. "I don't believe in singling out Gay and Lesbian people to be ostracized from anything," he told the press. Southern Baptists need to be "more Christ-like in this regard," he said.

Hewlett-Packard, FOX to Offer Domestic Partners Benefits

Los Angeles, CA — The Hewlett Packard Co. and the FOX television network have become the latest companies to announce their intention to provide benefits to the domestic partners of employees.

The gay and straight domestic partners of up to 59,000 employees could receive health insurance benefits under Hewlett-Packard's plan. Company chairman Lewis E. Platt said the policy is part of an "ongoing effort to create an inclusive environment. We are also enhancing our competitiveness as a great place to work so we can attract and retain

top talent."

Meanwhile, the FOX network has joined ABC as the second commercial TV network to offer health care benefits to the same-gender partners of employees. The policy, which went into effect June 1, could impact up to 3,500 employees of FOX Television and FOX Film Entertainment.

Other cable networks and film studios offering domestic partner benefits at this time include: MGM and DreamWorks SKG, the Discovery Channel, Home Box Office, Lucas Films, MCA/Universal, Paramount, PBS, Showtime, Viacom, the Walt Disney Co. and Warner Bros.

Gay Political Convention Set for Chicago, August 16-18

Chicago, IL — As part of its drive to make a difference in federal, state and local elections in 1996, the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is holding its first national political convention, "OutVote '96," at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers from August 16-18.

"OutVote '96 promises to pull together major political figures, the best campaign experts in the business and HRC professionals to motivate and train HRC members," said Executive Director Elizabeth Birch. "The goals include helping to elect a Congress supportive of Lesbian and Gay equal rights, re-electing the first President in history who has endorsed a gay and lesbian civil rights bill and defeating anti-Gay ballot initiatives."

The convention will include appearances and presentations by Sens. Barbara Boxer (D-CA) and Carol Moseley-Braun (D-IL), Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros, Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-WI) and GOP strategist Carol Whitney, as well as celebrity spokespersons Candace Gingrich and Chastity Bono.

Workshops will focus on teaching critical campaign skills like fundraising, voter registration, canvassing and phone banking to gay and lesbian activists to assist them in electing gay-friendly candidates in November. HRC's staff will outline the important issues in races across the nation.

In the week preceding OutVote '96, HRC is also sponsoring its first Youth College for Campaign Training. Twenty-six young activists will learn campaign skills which they will then utilize when they return to their communities.

For more information on OutVote '96 or HRC's Youth College, call 202/628-4160, ext. 8933, or visit HRC's Web site: <http://www.hrcusa.org>.

MTV's "Singled Out" to Feature Gays and Lesbians

New York, NY — MTV's popular "Dating Game" update, appropriately titled, "Singled Out" will feature same-sex couples for the first time on a show airing Friday, June 28. Viewers locally can tune in at 6pm or catch the rebroadcast at 10pm.

Meanwhile, on June 23, MTV's alternative music program, "120 Minutes" featured the video "Sinnerman" starring the openly gay band, Extra Fancy and queer actor Alexis Arquette, who plays a preacher who eventually seduces out singer Brian Grillo. The video contains two same-sex kisses with the subtext of a religious figure acting out his homosexual feelings.

Michigan School Board Can't Decide on Harassment Question

Detroit, MI — In a delay that angered many, the Allen Park School Board decided not to decide yet on whether gay and lesbian students — or even students who are just believed to be homosexual — should be protected under the district's anti-harassment policies.

The mother of a 14-year-old student at Allen Park High School asked the trustees in May to include anti-harassment policies that prohibit gay and lesbian students from being attacked or harassed on school grounds by other students.

According to his mother, the boy had been repeatedly harassed by other students at the school, including having stones thrown at him because he is "effeminate."

But the school board decided it wanted to take "more time to study the issue" before making a decision.

Raymond Salliotte, an attorney represent the student and his family, told the board members they should be ashamed of themselves for even having to take this long to decide on such a basic issue. "It's a sad day in Allen Park," Salliotte told the board.

Canada Gay Rights Bill Moves One Step Closer to Reality

Ottawa — Largely considered a formality, Canada's Senate has followed the May 9 lead of Parliament's House of Commons and approved federal legislation outlawing bias based on sexual orientation.

The bill now only requires the assent of the governor general, representing Queen Elizabeth II as Canada's titular head of state, to become part of the Canadian Human Right Act. The governor general's assent to the measure is also expected to be a formality.

Oregon Initiative Called Off in Wake of Amendment 2 Ruling

Portland, OR — Lon Mabon, head of the anti-gay Oregon Citizens Alliance, announced at a press conference that the organization will discontinue gathering signature to put a new ballot measure before state voters this year in an effort to block civil rights protections for homosexuals.

Oregon rights activists said the OCA move wasn't surprising in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in May declaring Colorado's Amendment 2, which the OCA had used as a model, was unconstitutional.

Charges of Police Interference Dropped Against Texas Activist

Houston, TX — Authorities dropped charges of interfering with a police investigation against prominent Texas gay rights activist Ray Hill after concluding they didn't really have a case to make against him.

Hill, 54, had been arrested last year after he showed up at a gay bookstore where he had gone to advise customers who were expected to be arrested of the legal rights. The police officers at the store also arrested Hill at the time and charged him with interfering with their investigation. Hill said police did in fact arrest several men at the store where they handcuffed him and arrested him.

Psychiatrist Gets Probation in Sex Abuse Case

St. Paul, MN — Dr. George Lunzer, a 68-year-old psychiatrist in private practice, has pleaded guilty to one felony count of criminal sexual conduct for sexually abusing a 14-year-old boy in 1990 who had come to him for therapy dur-

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ing his parents' divorce.

Lunzer was sentenced to three years probation with a string of conditions, including: that he not practice medicine or psychiatry anywhere during the period; that he have no contact with any juveniles; that he must not contest the revocation of his Minnesota medical license; and that he undergo and cooperate fully with psychological counseling. In addition, Lunzer must pay civil penalties and restitution to the young man he abused. If he fails any of the conditions of his probation during the next three years, Lunzer could face 10 years in prison.

In 1987, Hill successfully challenged a Houston city law that made giving verbal advise to people being arrested a crime. The U.S. Supreme Court ultimately agreed with Hill and struck down the law.

Employee Charges Firm's Partners Benefits Biased Against Straights

Minneapolis, MN — Peg Daluge has filed a complaint with the Minnesota human rights department charging that her employer, HealthSystem Minnesota, discriminated against her because she is heterosexual when it refused to add

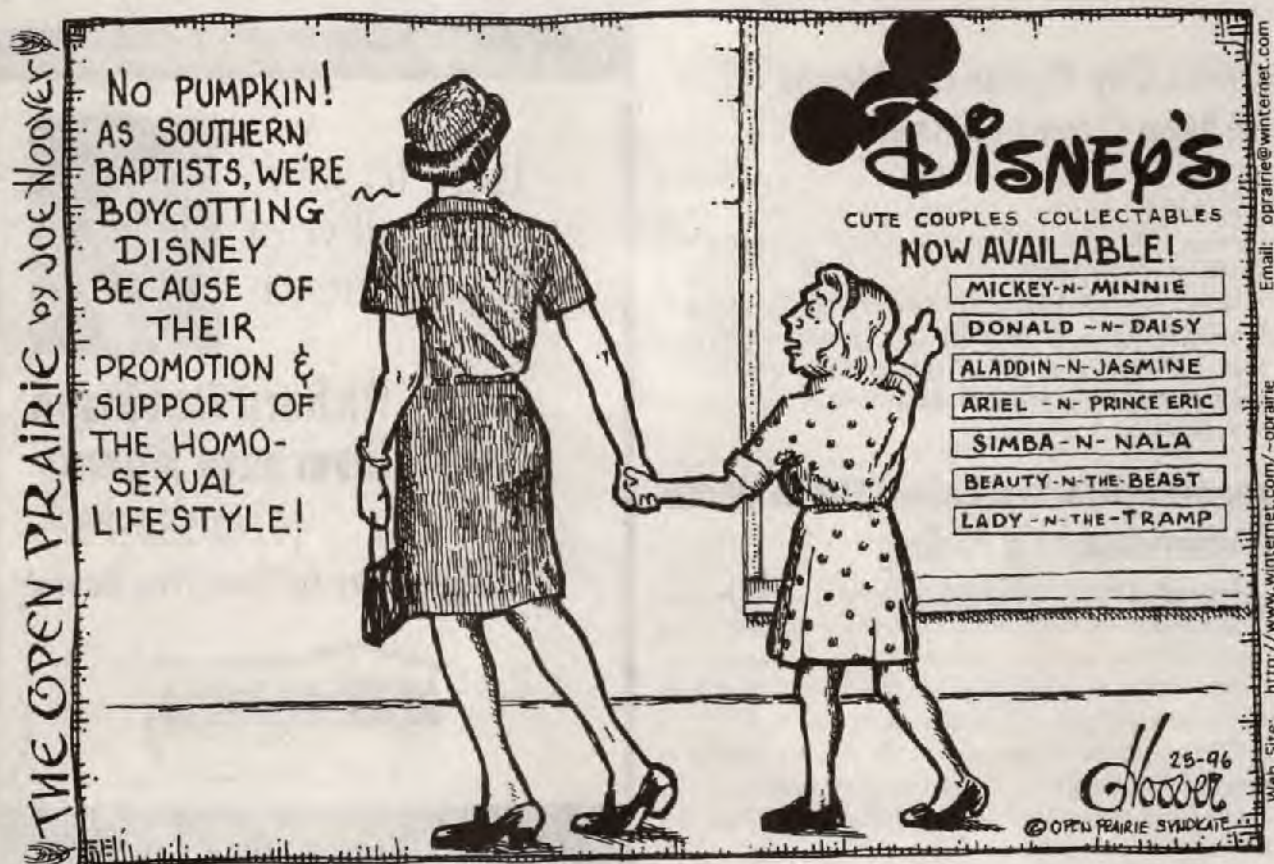
her longtime companion, Dean McCurdy, to the firm's domestic partner health benefits program.

HealthSystem Minnesota's domestic partner benefits package is restrict by the firm's policy to the same-sex partners of its workers, and specifically excludes opposite-sex couples from the benefits program.

A spokesperson for HealthSystem Minnesota declined to comment on the complaint itself, but told local reporters that the company decided to limit the benefit package to same-sex partners because herosexual couples can legally marry, making them eligible for an equivalent spousal benefits package.

But Daluge and McCurdy, who are both in their 50s, have no plans to get married even though they own their home together, are named as beneficiaries on the other's life insurance policies and have shared their lives together for a number of years.

Minnesota is one of the few states in the U.S. which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, and Daluge says that's exactly what the company's policy does, although against heterosexuals who choose not to get married.



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Local ASOs See Pros and Cons to HIV Home Test Kits

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — Last month, the Food and Drug Administration gave its official green light to a new HIV home test kit. Leaders of AIDS service organizations in Wisconsin see both advantages and disadvantages to the new test.

The home test kit, called Confide, was developed by Direct Access Diagnostics, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. The FDA approved Confide's initial use in Texas and Florida. Once the pilot program in those two states is deemed safe and effective, Confide is expected to be approved for use throughout the country.

One of the primary arguments in support of the home testing concept was a finding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that less than 18% of Americans have been tested for HIV. Surveys indicate many people who fear for their privacy in clinical settings look with favor upon the HIV home test kit. It could also be helpful to those in isolated areas who do not have easy access to testing sites. Those testing positive can then receive early intervention.

Confide, which costs \$40, works in this way:

The Confide kit contains a sterile needle for users to draw blood from their finger and blotting paper on which to smear the blood specimen. The blood sample is then mailed in to a

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—CASEY REILLY, STD SPECIALTIES CLINIC

laboratory for analysis. The specimen is identified through an anonymous code number. Individuals use this number when they call a week later to receive their test result over the phone.

If the test proves negative for HIV antibodies, the person is given the negative result by a recorded message which also offers HIV prevention tips. If the test result is positive, a trained counselor will deliver the news and provide information on various medical and social support services available. A second test to confirm the result is also arranged.

REAL SUPPORT NEEDED

The biggest concern about the HIV home test kit expressed by local AIDS service professionals is the lack of direct person-to-person pre-test and post-test counseling.

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—DOUG NELSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ARCW

real devastating to people who are found to be HIV-positive," said Casey Reilly of the STD Specialties Clinic.

"It can be very, very scary for people who may not be in the best state of mind anyway. I believe we catch a lot of people who could be right on the brink — almost suicidal. It's very important for them to get real support immediately upon their diagnosis."

"I don't want people who test positive to go into hiding," Reilly said. "We often have to do a lot of support work to convince people there is hope, there are new treatments, they can live quite a long time with this."

"It almost seems like it will be an underground thing," Reilly said of the home test kits, "like we're putting HIV back in the closet."

"I would hope for the best, but I don't think it's going to affect a lot of the people who need it most. We reach mostly



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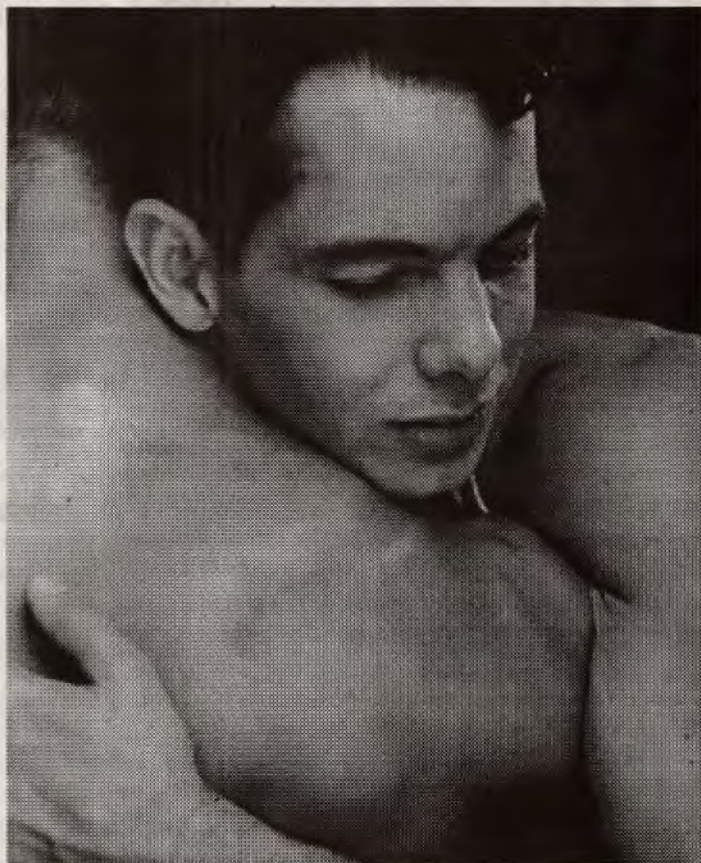
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Ross Walker of the Brady East STD Clinic agreed that the cost will be a drawback.

"My concern is that at \$40 a shot, it's still going to miss many of the people who need the test the most. I'm not sure it has any place at all in Wisconsin where we have plenty of free and anonymous testing sites."

"And it doesn't provide for the counseling and information you get on a one-to-one, person-to-person basis. We've found that the reinforcement of prevention information and risk behaviors is crucial in helping HIV-negative people remain HIV-negative. And for somebody who is found to be HIV-positive, they could be left floundering."

"Frankly," said Walker, "I don't think it's going to reach the real at-risk people. The people that we see I'm sure

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—ROSS WALKER, BESTD CLINIC

we'll continue to see because they just don't have the \$40."

"As far as the test itself, it is a very accurate test and I have no concerns with that at all."

SAFEGUARDS NEEDED

Doug Nelson of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) expressed qualified support, saying that after much discussion and debate among health professionals and AIDS activists "the time has come for the home test concept for HIV."

"It's likely to facilitate greater HIV testing so more people will have knowledge of their HIV status," said Nelson, "but we are very concerned that it be properly administered in Wisconsin."

Nelson says the ARCW hopes to

work closely with the State Department of Health to "ensure guarantees of anonymity in the administration of these tests; to adopt strict rules to prevent the abuse of the home testing concept, particularly by employers; and to provide mechanisms to ensure immediate referrals into AIDS service organizations and community-based organizations that offer good counseling and health and social services."

Nelson anticipates that unless major flaws are discovered in the current pilot program, home testing could become available in Wisconsin within a year.

When he announced government approval of Confide in May, FDA Commissioner David Kessler said: "Science and technology have evolved to the point where we believe the benefits of this new product outweigh the risks."

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Gay Pride/MAGIC Picnic Weekend Announced

Madison — Make Madison your destination for the weekend of July 19 - 21, 1996 for a spectacular fun-filled weekend. Madison's Gay Pride/Magic Picnic was announced for The Capitol City of the nation's Gay Rights State. The Magic Picnic Committee has announced that the 23rd Annual M.A.G.I.C. Picnic will be held on July 20th from noon until 6 pm at Brittingham Park on the beautiful shores of Lake Monona.

Long considered Madison's best Les/Bi/Gay social event of the year, the Magic picnic attracted over 1,600 men and women from across the state and midwest last year. The event promises a chance to darken that tan, while enjoying the company of family and friends, great food and beverages, raffles, organizational booths, vendors, music and the infamous high-heel races are planned throughout the afternoon. The event is \$8 and includes a picnic meal and unlimited beer and soda.

The picnic is sponsored by The Rodney Scheel Family Fund for PWA's, and area Les/Bi/Gay organizations provide the much needed people power to run this great summer event. All proceeds benefit member organizations, which include MASN, Bi/Shy/Why, Campus Womyn's Center, Frontiers, Lesbian Parents Network, The United, PFLAG, Womyn's Transit Center, MGLCR, Galvanize, The unicorns, The Rodney Scheel House for PWA's, Apple Island and Dairyland Cowboys & Cowgirls.

Galvanize has also announced that the 3rd Annual Madison Gay Pride Parade will be held on Sunday, July 21st at 1 pm. The parade will start off with a rally at the Capitol entrance to state Street and proceed to library mall, on the university of Wisconsin campus.

For more information or hotel reservations, contact Mark, Greg or Sherry at 608/256-3360 at extension 134.

United's Community Awards Set

Madison — The United, Dane County's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual social service agency, has been holding this event annually since 1993 to honor individuals and organizations making a difference in our community. Five awards will be presented, to the Organization, United Volunteer, Woman, Man and Ally of the Year.

Debra Amesqua, the Chief of the Madison Fire

Department will be this year's keynote speaker. A special award will be presented to the Hotel Washington to commemorate and recognize the contributions of the hotel and its staff to the community through the years.

Tickets are available by advance purchase only. Call the United at (608) 255-8582 to purchase tickets and for further information. Reservations must be received by July 8.

Meunier Resigns From PrideFest Board of Directors

Milwaukee — Bill Meunier, a Co-Director of the PrideFest submitted a letter of resignation to the PrideFest Board, effective June 23, 1996. The move by Meunier was expected since he had informed the board his intention to submit a letter of resignation after this year's festival.

"I have already paid a high personal, emotional and financial price for my involvement. I can afford to do so no longer," Meunier stated in his letter of resignation.

The PrideFest Board of Directors had issued a written directive to Meunier seven weeks prior to the festival after members of the PrideFest Board lost confidence in Meunier's ability to represent the organization or enter into contract negotiations on behalf of the festival. The directive clearly removed all administrative and managerial responsibilities from Meunier, although he did remain on the Board of Directors. Meunier offered to assist in various festival tasks when asked or consulted by other Council members to do so.

Susan Cook, Co-Director, said, "The entire council recognizes that Bill was instrumental in getting PrideFest to the Henry W. Maier Festival Park, and we have not denied him that credit. Regardless of the many rumors that have circulated throughout the community, the decisions made by the Board were business related. We felt that this extremely difficult decision was in the best interest of PrideFest Inc. as an organization and as a community festival."

GLSTN-SCW Issues Mission Statement to Gay and Lesbian Community

Madison — the South Central Wisconsin Chapter of GLSTN (Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network) was formed in May 1996. GLSTN was started by teachers in the Boston, MA area in 1990, and since then more than 20

chapters have been formed nationally.

GLSTN-SCW is committed to making sure that every member of the school community is valued and respected regardless of sexual orientation. All members of the community are invited to join GLSTN-SCW. GLSTN-South Central Wisconsin Mission Statement says:

"We believe that an atmosphere that engenders a positive sense of self is the basis of educational achievement and personal growth. Since homophobia and heterosexism undermine a healthy school climate, we work to educate teachers, students, and the public at large about the damaging effects these forces have on youth and adults alike. We recognize that forces such as racism and sexism have similarly adverse impacts on communities, and we support schools in seeking to redress all such inequalities.

For information concerning membership: please write GLSTN-SCW, PO Box 259502, Madison, WI 53725-9502. Or call Larry Palm at 608/284-1508. Or e-mail to: dix46@aol.com.

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Commitment '96: Recovery Round-Up

Milwaukee — Hundreds of gays and lesbians will converge in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on the weekend of September 6, 7, and 8 for the Eleventh Annual Commitment '96: Wisconsin and Northern Illinois' 12-Step Recovery Round-Up. The weekend is open to anyone involved in, or having the desire to become involved in, a 12-Step program and their guests. "Commitment '96" caters to many 12-Step programs including AA, ALAnon, SCA, CODA, NA and many others.

Workshop and keynote speakers dealing with the theme, "Conscious Contact: Opening the Door" along with a variety of other topics will highlight the weekend. A Friday night

Social Hour will provide ample time to become reacquainted with old friends and meet new ones. Saturday night a Pizza Party and Dance will give attendees the opportunity to socialize. The weekend event concludes with a Spiritual Breakfast and Keynote Speaker.

The Milwaukee County War Memorial, located in downtown Milwaukee, will once again provide a scenic and serene site for the weekend's activities. Parking is available at the War Memorial for \$2 per day.

Out of town guests can secure lodging at the Park East Hotel, located just a few blocks north of the War Memorial. Reduced room rates will be available for those mentioning "Commitment '96" when making their reservations. Reservations must be made by or before August 6, 1996 to qualify for the rate reduction. Additional lodging information can be obtained by calling the Park East Hotel at 414/276-8800 or 1-800/255-8899.

The cost for the weekend's activities is \$38 if you register before August 10. After that date the cost is \$48. This cost includes all workshops and speakers, Saturday's Pizza Party and Dance and the Spiritual Breakfast on Sunday morning.

Scholarships for those with financial difficulties or additional information, including registration forms, can be obtained by writing to "Commitment '96", PO Box 92794, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, Or, if you prefer, you may call Carl or Rick at 414/830-1742 or Sandi G. at 414/476/5848.

CORRECTION:

In our last issue, there was a one-digit error in the address of State Rep. Tammy Baldwin's World-Wide Web homepage. The correct address is: <http://badger.state.wi.us/agencies/willis/assembly/asm78/>

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VIEWPOINT

by Marj Plumb

Emergency Room Visit Holds Lessons for Queer Couples

I saw a picture the other day of my lover, Amber Hollibaugh, which was taken about one week before she almost died. I look at that photo now and see the color of death in her cheeks and forehead and wonder how I almost missed it. I still can't believe that at the time that picture was taken, she was just days from slipping into a diabetic coma.

This all happened over a year ago while we vacationed in Provincetown. She had developed a migraine and lost a great deal of energy. We waited a day to see if it would pass; when it didn't, we packed her and the two dogs in the car for the long ride back to New York.

She slept the entire trip. By the time we got to Manhattan it was late and all four of us were tired and cranky. Soon after we went to sleep though, she started what we thought was hyperventilating, but found out later was "blowing off ketones."

Unknown to either of us, my partner was in "diabetic ketoacidosis," quickly approaching death. At 3am, we realized her condition was not going to stop and headed for an emergency room.

This is not usually a comfortable trip for anyone; for us it became incredibly precarious. Besides being troubled by her condition, three issues paramount to any Lesbian - or Lesbian couple — in this situation came to mind: Can we afford the medical care? Will the medical staff be OK with our Lesbianism? And what legal protections do we have as a Lesbian couple if they aren't?

Luckily for us, Amber had health insurance. We do not take this for granted. A study has found Lesbian and Bisexual women two times more likely to be uninsured than the general population of women. Two possible reasons may be that we usually don't have access to our partner's insurance, if she has it, and job discrimination may cause us to work in lower-paying jobs which often do not provide health insurance. Amber and I were fortunate to be fairly well covered.

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What we did not have were any of the legal documents that are critical to our non-legally recognized relationship: durable power of attorney for health care, hospital visitation authorization, or durable power of attorney for finances. I know, I know — not good. We were reminded of this the hard way.

Because we lacked legal protections, the decision of which

hospital we should go to took on greater significance. Provider homophobia, discrimination, and anti-Gay bias in medical care is well documented.

In 1992, researcher Pat Stevens reported that "from the findings of the nine studies (between 1970 and 1990) that specifically explored health care providers' attitudes toward Lesbians, it is clear that prejudice is alive and well in present-day clinical practice and health care provider education."

Stevens found that health providers often pathologize Lesbianism, making it a factor in whatever illness we experience, are often uncomfortable providing care to us, and generally believe Lesbian health issues should not be taught in the medical classroom and that Lesbians themselves should not be allowed as medical students or teachers. Little wonder

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many of us will do anything to avoid a medical interaction!

Stevens also reviewed 18 studies of Lesbian perspectives on health care and found little change in Lesbians' beliefs over the past 20 years that it is not safe to "come out" to providers. Many believe medical providers would be ignorant of their lives and condemn their sexuality, and that they should fear for their safety if medical providers found out they were Lesbian.

"SIGNIFICANT OTHER"

Standing on a deserted corner in lower Manhattan, my partner near collapse by my side, I questioned out loud what emergency room we should go to. Amber's response was not based on proximity to our home, on where we could find decent care, or on which hospitals had the best emergency rooms. The hospital she named had only two things going for it. It was in an area of the city that served a lot of Gay people, and she knew the head of a major department in the hospital who was also Gay and felt secure that if we got into trouble, he would help us out. Hours from death, my partner chose a hospital based on a power analysis to protect us from homophobia!

By the time we got into the ER she was very ill. I remember the physician saying, "You are really lucky you got here

when you did." So when the nurse finally tried showing me to the waiting room, I was not too keen on leaving. But I knew I had to, so I mustered up my butchest bravado and said, "Fine, I'll go in the waiting room, but I demand to have my name on her chart." At which point the nurse opened Amber's chart and moved her pen about halfway down the first page, where a line read: "Spouse/Significant Other."

Significant Other.

I couldn't believe it. I didn't have to fight for recognition of who I was in this person's life. I didn't have to explain or worry about the hospital staff knowing who I was. I began gushing about "Significant Other" being on the form. The nurse looked at me matter-of-factly and said: "Oh well, we're really good about that here." I could go to the waiting room and know, with a fair degree of certainty, that I would have access to my partner and be considered essential in her ongoing care.

Amber survived. Strong and ever the survivor, my girlfriend has taken this on as she has many of life's twists and turns. And I am re-energized in the fight against medical provider homophobia, looking forward to the day every Gay man, Lesbian, Bisexual or Transgender person will hear "We're really good about that here" in a health care setting. Then maybe we can choose medical providers for their competence and knowledge, not out of fear for our safety.

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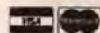
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LEGALLY SPEAKING

by Attorney Arlene Zarembka

Using the Gay Marriage Debate to Our Advantage

It's not just the Republican right that is to blame for the anti-marriage movement that is sweeping across the country. Too many Democratic politicians have been willing to join forces with Republicans on anti-marriage bills for us to blame only the Republicans for this round of Gay-bashing.

In state legislatures that have voted on anti-marriage bills, the votes generally have been lopsidedly in favor of bans on same-sex marriages, indicating that many Democrats have voted for them. Among the seven original sponsors of H.R. 3396, the anti-marriage bill introduced in the US House of Representatives, two are Democrats.

Although President Clinton refused to sign the pledge of support for the National Campaign to Protect Marriage, he

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seems to consider marriages between same-sex couples as somehow anti-family. In explaining why the President opposes same-sex marriage, White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry stated on May 13 that it is because Clinton believes we need to strengthen the American family. So, we can add President Clinton to the list of politicians using "family values" rhetoric to bash our community.

In light of the apparently overwhelming opposition by both Republican and Democratic politicians to marriage

between same-sex couples, it is easy either to concede defeat or to withdraw from the fight in despair.

It's also easy to dismiss marriage as of no real importance to the Gay and Lesbian community. We've survived and thrived even without marriage. Marriage is an institution that was founded on patriarchy. Moreover, getting the right to a marriage license from the state wouldn't mean an end to anti-Gay bigotry. It wouldn't ensure that one has a job with any benefits to provide to a spouse, or that judges would treat Gay and Lesbian families the same as heterosexual families in matters such as custody and adoption.

But we don't have to agree on whether marriage is an important issue or not. Whether we like it or not, it is the battle of the day.

To withdraw from the marriage debate, whether in despair or because of marriage's supposed irrelevancy, would be a colossal mistake.

A STEPPING STONE

First, the debate provides a stepping stone from which to expose the anti-Gay "family values" rhetoric for what it is. The radical right has decided to make Gay men and Lesbians one of the main scapegoats for problems that beset heterosexual families. And, unfortunately, far too many people who do not consider themselves supporters of the right wing buy into this notion on one level or another.

We can use the marriage debate to point out the fallacy of blaming non-married adults (of whatever sexual orientation and of whatever relationship status) for the marital and family problems of married couples. The marriage issue can be used to educate the public about anti-Gay scapegoating.

Second, by engaging in the debate over what the heterosexual world considers the "radical" issue of same-sex marriage, we succeed in moving forward on other goals. At the same time that our opponents draw a line in the sand on marriage, they often feel forced to concede ground on other matters. Opponents of same-sex marriage may find themselves saying (as did the prime sponsor of one of the anti-marriage bills in Missouri) that they don't really care what people do in their own homes, but that they think the state should not legally sanction Gay and Lesbian relationships. That provides an opening to demand their support for repeal of sodomy laws. Or, if marriage opponents say that they believe Gay men and Lesbians should have the right to equal treatment on the job, or that they shouldn't be beaten up for



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who they are, we can use their statements to demand their support for anti-discrimination laws or policies.

Thus, even if we lose the battle now on same-sex marriage, the debate itself will gain us ground on other fronts. Moreover, it's not impossible that sentiment even on same-sex marriage could turn around in the future.

KEEP HOPE ALIVE

Third, the anti-marriage campaign by the right wing is not, ultimately, about marriage at all. In addition to raising money for right wing coffers, the anti-marriage campaign is really about trying to push the Lavender community back into the closet. It's about winning so big on this issue that we will give up the fight on other issues. It is about trying to make us lose hope of the dream of equality, as we see politicians lining up against the idea of

treating Lesbian and Gay relationships and families with the same respect as heterosexual ones.

Hopeless people don't rebel. Hopeless people turn their anger inward, on themselves and on each other. Hopeless people get depressed, or become alcoholic or addicted to drugs, or engage in reckless sexual activities that risk death, or commit suicide.

Rather than succumbing to despair when we lose crucial votes, we need to take advantage of our newly-won momentum from the exhilarating Supreme Court victory in *Romer v Evans* (striking down Colorado's anti-Gay Amendment 2) to press forward with our demands for equal rights for members of the Lavender community, whether the issue is marriage, employment, the school system, custody, adoption, or military service.

We don't have to agree on what

the most important issue is (there isn't one). The crucial thing is that each of us participate in the struggle for equality on an issue that is near and dear to our hearts. Progress on any issue that promotes equal rights for Lesbians and Gay men will help achieve progress on other issues.

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Author Jane Mendelsohn to Read at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop



Jane Mendelsohn

Brookfield — The author of this summer's surprise hit, "I Was Amelia Earhart," will read from her intriguing book at Schwartz Bookshop in Brookfield on Friday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m.

It was almost exactly 59 years ago that Amelia Earhart was reported missing over the Pacific on her attempt to fly around the world. And it was about four years ago that Jane Mendelsohn saw an article in *The New York*

Times about the discovery of a piece of airplane believed to be part of Amelia Earhart's. The result of these two events is Ms. Mendelsohn's imaginative fictional account of what might have happened to the mysterious, determined and possibly careless aviatrix.

Mendelsohn was born and lives in New York City with her husband, filmmaker Nick Davis. She is a Yale graduate and has attended Yale Law School before embarking in a writing career.

Will Rogers Follies at The Fireside

Fort Atkinson — The Fireside is currently featuring the funny and richly produced "*The Will Rogers Follies*." A musical extravaganza that enjoyed a three year run on Broadway and won six Tony Awards including Best Musical.

This current production is directed by Ed Flesch. Danny Pickert stars as Will Rogers with Michelle Smith as Betty Blake, Parisa Ross as Ziegfeld's Favorite, Jeff Wolf as Clem Rogers, and a supporting cast of 12 dancers selected from The Fireside's New York auditions.

"The Will Rogers Follies" across the country since 1994. The production will run through August 4th with nine performances weekly Wednesday through Sunday. Discounts are available for the July 4th holiday week on all performances from July 3-7. The Fireside is located on Business 26 on the south side of Fort Atkinson. For tickets or additional information call (800) 477-9505.



The Will Rogers Follies now playing at the Fireside Theater in Fort Atkinson.

African American Poet, Quincy Troupe to Read at Woodland Pattern Book Center

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern Book Center has scheduled a poetry reading by leading African American poet Quincy Troupe, Saturday, July 6 at 8:00 p.m. Located at 720 East Locust Street. Admission is \$5.00 for general public and \$4.00 for members. Due to limited seating, advanced ticket purchase is strongly recommended. For more information please call (414) 263-5001.

Quincy Troupe is the author of ten books, including five volumes of poetry, the latest of which is "Avalanche," from Coffee House Press, 1996. Troupe has edited "James Baldwin: The Legacy," and co-authored, with Miles Davis, "Miles: the Autobiography, Miles Davis with Quincy Troupe," both published by Simon & Schuster in 1989. Quincy Troupe is the winner of two American Book Awards for "The Miles Davis Radio Project," which he wrote and co-produced. Bill Moyer's portrait of Quincy Troupe on the "Power of the Word" series won an Emmy in 1990.

Quincy Troupe is Professor of Creative Writing and American and Caribbean Literature at the University of San Diego. He currently lives in La Jolla, California.

David Barnett Gallery Showcases Artists at the Federal Plaza

Milwaukee — A group exhibition of 43 selected artwork from the David Barnett Gallery is currently showcased through August 31, at the Federal Plaza, Mezzanine Level, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue. The exhibit hours are Monday through Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. These artworks are available for sale and may be viewed at the David Barnett Gallery located at 1024 East State Street at Prospect Avenue after August 31.

The Wisconsin artists include: Pat Andre, Valerie Christell, Joseph Ferrara, and Dan Muller. Making their Wisconsin debut are Chicago artists: Renee McGinnis and Matthew Schaefer along with Indiana artist, Michael Medynsky. National artists featured: G. Antreasian, Joseph Fagan, Grant/Raubicheck, Lester Johnson, Roy Lichtenstein, James Rosenquist, Helen Rundell, Carol Summers, as well as Canadian artist, Richard Shorty. European artists includes: Berny & Peigno, Ducelier, Fix-Masseau, Andre Masson, Theo Tobiasse, Victor Vasarely and Claude Weisbuch.

Highlights of the exhibition include two colorful contemporary mythical landscapes by Carol Summers titled "Wild Palms" and "Hellespont". This internationally known artist is one of today's most innovative producer of woodcuts, the oldest print making technique. On display are several art deco posters as well as two delightful turn of the century French posters.

Established in 1966, the David Barnett Gallery is Wisconsin's oldest gallery and has the broadest range of art available in any Wisconsin gallery, including works of more than 300 artists ranging from established masters to "emerging" Wisconsin artists. With a national reputation for its extensive collection of Picasso ceramics and Milton Avery oil paintings, the Gallery also provides professional art consultation,

appraisals, restoration and conversation, framing, lighting delivery and installation services. The Gallery's Van Go mobile art service brings artwork to residences and offices for "on location" selection. For more information, please call (414) 271-5058.



Webb Wilder

Webb Wilder to Perform at Milwaukee Summerfest

Milwaukee — Webb Wilder, a unique musical hybrid not just of the American South, but also of Liverpool and London, is set to celebrate the release of his first album of new material in five years, "Acres of Suede," on Watermelon Records. Webb will perform at Milwaukee Summerfest, Sunday, June 30th at the Henry Maier Festival Park, located at the lake front. Web takes the Leinie Lodge/ New Rock 102.1 stage at 7:30 p.m. Some of the others scheduled to play at the 11 day festival are the Radiators, Wilco, and Blue Rodeo. For more information call 1 (800) 273-FEST.

Wilder has won critical praise for his four roots-rock albums, including last year's "Town & Country," on Watermelon. He has also elicited critical acclaim from B-movie maven Joe Bob Briggs for his acting work in the

postmodern video classics "Paradise Park and Cornflicks." On the wide screen, Webb Wilder has appeared opposite Sandra Bullock in Peter Bogdanovich's "The Thing Called Love."

Girl Scout Exhibit at Historical Society

Milwaukee — The Historical Society is helping Milwaukee area Girl Scouts celebrate their 75th anniversary this year with a specially designed museum exhibit.

In 1921, seven independent Girl Scout troops incorporated as the Girl Scouts of Milwaukee County. Today, nearly 13,000 girls belong to 900 Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior troops that make up the Girl Scouts of Milwaukee Area, Inc.

Alice Chester of the prominent Chapman Department Store family became the first commissioner of the local council. She was the largest contributor to the first Milwaukee Girl Scout camp at Booth Lake, near East Troy, which today bears her name.

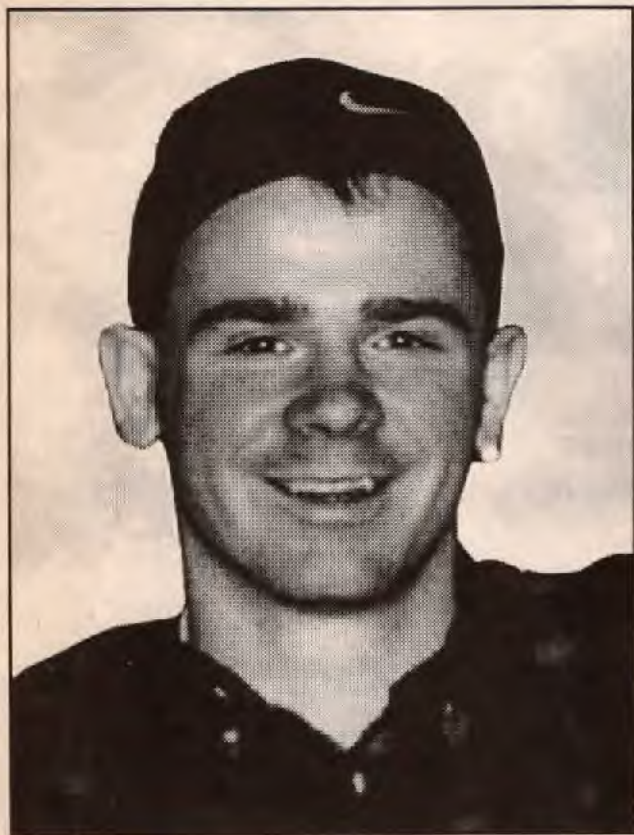
Girl Scouting is the largest voluntary activity of its kind for girls, ages 7 to 17. Membership gives girls from different cultural, ethnic, and economic backgrounds the opportunity to share their heritages, develop self-esteem, and become active, informed citizens.

Exhibit objects and photographs—both old and new—are blended together to bring local Girl Scouting to life. Uniforms from the 1920s, handbooks, colorful magazine covers, and a metal Girl Scout cookie tin are highlighted.

The exhibit will continue through September 1996 at the Milwaukee County Historical Center located at 910 North Old World 3rd Street. Museum hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m., and Sunday 1:00 p.m. through 5:00 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated. For more information call (414) 273-8288.

Feature

An Interview with Stonewall Award Winner Jamie Nabozny His Court Case Challenges Anti-Gay Violence in the Schools



Twenty-year-old Jamie Nabozny and his parents, Robert and Carol of rural Ashland in northern Wisconsin, were awarded Stonewall Awards at PrideFest this year. Jamie Nabozny is the plaintiff in a potentially precedent-setting federal lawsuit charging that the Ashland public school district failed to protect him during years of violence and verbal abuse directed at him by other students because Jamie is Gay.

The abuse occurred almost daily over four years and included being kicked, spat upon, urinated on and subjected to a simulated rape by male students. Some injuries required medical treatment,

and Jamie attempted suicide several times. At age 17, he quit school and moved to Minneapolis, where he was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Throughout his ordeal, Jamie's parents stood by him. They demanded action by school administrators (one of whom said that if Jamie was going to be openly Gay he had to "expect that kind of stuff"). When that failed, they allowed him to leave home to seek freedom and safety elsewhere. More recently, they have supported his legal case, and begun a Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) chapter in Ashland.

Jamie Nabozny spoke to *In Step* about his case, which was heard before the US Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago in this spring.

In Step: Do you know when the Appeals Court might rule?

Nabozny: No. I guess that much like the Supreme Court they have no limitation as to when they can rule. It could be a year. The decision, no matter what it is, is going to be precedent-setting, so they have to be very careful about what they're doing. But with the questions they asked and how respectful they were at the hearing itself, I think that we've got a good chance.

In Step: So you're just sort of waiting?

Nabozny: Yeah. The decision could also come tomorrow. Usually the media finds out before we do. And we find out when they call us and say, "How do you feel about the ruling?" And then we're like Aaaargghh! The media stuff is tricky. I have had people try to do interviews that are from the radical right, representing themselves as mainstream press or even Gay press. So I'm really careful about that. That's why I have Lambda screen them all and Lambda calls people they know in the area to find out what the publications are and the kind of stuff they run.

In Step: Well, I'm glad you're talking to us.

Nabozny: [laughs] It's a lot easier talking to you. I mean, I did an interview with *People* earlier this week, and it gets very nerve-wracking because different shows and different

places have different agendas. I mean, Oprah has always been one of my favorite shows, and she is somebody that I trust. But I was dealing with a producer there, and they wanted to do a show on bullies, and they never told me this. I realized it when they started to ask me how to contact the students who had hurt me.

In Step: There's a real distinction between what happened to you and bullying...

Nabozny: Typical bullying on the playground. Very much so. That's one of the biggest things that happened at this [Appeals Court] hearing that I was very surprised about. The other lawyer tried to compare [Nabozny's abuse] to typical playground bullying, and said "If we let this case go through, everybody's going to be sued because of kids getting bullied." There were three or four judges on the panel and one of them interrupted and said, "This wasn't even close to that. This is very different, so don't even try to make the comparison." That's the kind of thing they said. They seemed very sympathetic and concerned about me. I was very surprised about that. I expected them to be kind of firm.

In Step: Did People magazine have a particular angle?

Nabozny: Well, they're actually doing an overview on violence towards Gay people, which was really good. And *Newsweek* is going to be doing something on schools, which are considered the next battleground of the Religious Right. Another one was [NBC's] *Dateline*, and *Dateline's* thing is going to be violence in schools, period. They're going to have an African American student experiencing violence because of his race, and a girl who is Vietnamese in California and who was beaten up and has had a lot of problems because of that.

In Step: What are you specifically seeking through the case?

Nabozny: I want to get my diploma. I wish I had been able to go through the

graduation ceremony, and being able to do that now will really kind of add closure to my whole high school experience and to the whole thing. I also wanted help applying to college, but I don't need that anymore. I will be attending college next fall again [at St. Cloud State] so I've got that underway. And the other thing, monetary damages, is very confusing, so I have no clue. Different papers are quoting different amounts. I've seen half a million. I've seen \$50,000.

In Step: Don't spend it yet.

Nabozny: No way. I've learned a lot. Before, I was really attached to the lawsuit, thinking I have to win this to go on with my life. After losing that first time [in federal district court in 1995], I realize now that I have a lot more to go on for than just my lawsuit, that I'm going to go to school, that I want to get a Ph.D. in Social Work and work with Gay and Lesbian youth. That's my goal, and I can do a lot of good work there. Whereas this is important in the fact that it changes the laws and sets precedents so that other kids don't have to go through what I went through. But if I lose, there's enough cases now? I think there's 20—some cases now in different courts all over the country with Gay kids suing their schools for what happened to them and the school failing to protect them. So it's happening, and somebody's going to win if it's not me. So I'm not worrying. And it's kind of become a front burner issue in the whole country.

In Step: You quit school and moved out of Ashland when you were 17. Did you leave because there was pressure not only in school but in your whole community?

Nabozny: Correct. We actually lived about two miles outside of Ashland. But I went to town every day whether it was to rent a movie or get groceries for my mom, and there was always something said, you know, and I was always afraid to be there, especially at night or alone.

In Step: So you literally needed to get out of town.

Nabozny: Yep.

In Step: Did you know someone in the Twin Cities?

Nabozny: I knew one person, and that's who I was able to stay with for a couple of days. And then I got in contact with the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council, who put me in touch with All God's Children Metropolitan Community Church. And they set me up in a foster home situation through one of their deacons and his partner. After that, I got a job and later got my own apartment. I went on to college the following year, but I was having a lot of problems, and that's when I was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) related to what happened to me in high school. It was just the classroom environment? Logically, I knew there was nothing to be fearful of. I knew that nobody was going to beat me up. Nobody here even knew I was Gay. But it was just the idea that I was sitting in a classroom, and I could-



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n't understand it myself. I started talking to my therapist about it. He wanted me to see a psychiatrist, and that was when I was diagnosed with PTSD.

In Step: So it was actually after you were out of there that it really hit you?

Nabozny: Yeah. Thinking about it now, I realize I was very numb during my whole school experience because I had to be in order to get back up in the morning and go back to that school. I couldn't think about the pain it caused

you in school?

Nabozny: Well, I did have my best friend, Jesse, who I've been best friends with since we were ten years old, who is also Gay. We were friends during middle school and high school.

In Step: When did you start realizing you might be Gay?

Nabozny: Actually, I knew I was Gay very early. I mean, I knew when I was seven years old what I was, and the only name that I had for it was homosexual, because I did have a Gay uncle, and so

"...every time somebody said "Fag!" or "Queer!" it really hurt, but I couldn't think about that pain."

me. I mean every time somebody said "Fag!" or "Queer!" it really hurt, but I couldn't think about that pain. I've been doing public speaking for the last three years since I've been down here about what happened to me and about being Gay in general, and it wasn't till the last year that I started having problems talking about it. I'd get in front of this group of people, and normally I'm fine and really together, and all of a sudden I'm crying in front of people and I didn't understand why. Finally, I realize I'm in a comfortable enough place where I can start dealing with that. And I think doing all the stuff that I've been doing, especially with Lambda and the opportunities they've given me, I've been realizing the magnitude of not only what I'm doing but the impact it has on other people. Because I get phone calls and letters and e-mail saying how much this means to certain people, even people who are adults who say, "You know, I went through this in school and I know that it's too late for me to sue or do anything, but it makes me feel good that somebody is, so that this doesn't have to happen to other kids."

In Step: Was there anyone at all, besides your parents, who stood by

when he would come to visit, I knew. I mean, I started putting things together, I think, in kindergarten, and I had no clue what it meant. I knew I liked being a boy. [laughs] I mean, there was no doubt about that, I didn't want to be a girl. But nobody understood why I wanted to play house and be a boy and marry a boy! [laughs] Once I figured it out, I didn't really tell anybody until I was eleven, and that's when I came out to my parents.

In Step: Wow. How did they respond?

Nabozny: Well, I think my mom, the first thing she said was, "I knew. I've already known." She said she'd known since I was very, very young. My dad was very upset, and it took my dad about two years, really, to start talking about it. At that point it wasn't an issue about me being Gay or not being Gay, it was an issue about me being protected in school. So it kind of went from that to beyond that. My dad had to work through a lot of stuff really quickly to get to a point where he said, "Well, it doesn't matter that he's Gay, he still shouldn't have to be going through this." At the time I came out to them, I'm sure my parents thought that this was a bad thing. And I know they don't anymore. I mean they came

down here for Pride and they were saying, "He's a cute boy," so they're very supportive now. They recently started northern Wisconsin's first P-FLAG group.

In Step: Have your brothers given you support?

Nabozny: My youngest brother Travis has been extremely supportive, to the point where he actually beat a kid up because this kid had said something about me. I told him, "Don't do that, that's not okay!" [laughs] He's very defensive about it, like, nobody better say anything bad about me, you know? My other brother, Corey, is very quiet. He's extremely smart, he's a genius practically. He doesn't really talk about it. I think Corey got a lot more grief from it in school than TJ did, probably 'cause TJ'd beat 'em up, I don't know. And Corey kinda just ignored it. But at the same time, he always says it doesn't bother him. My family's always been very close. Whenever I go up there everybody still hugs me and tells me they love me and they care about me. That's never been an issue.

In Step: What was it like sitting in court in Chicago during the appeal?

Nabozny: That was very interesting. I was told that I was supposed to sit there and I wasn't supposed to have a reaction because they're not supposed to know that I'm there. But it was very, very, very difficult, especially because of the fact that they were supportive. That's something I didn't expect. And I wanted to cry...But it felt very fulfilling just to get my day in court, to feel that finally someone is going to say, "Yes, he deserves to go to court." It was fulfilling just to see that something was happening with it because till then, I'd never been to court. You know, all I see is these documents I get in the mail.

In Step: You recently got an award from the Gay/Lesbian/Straight Teachers Network. What was that like?

Nabozny: It was an incredible feeling

because what happened to me happened to me in high school and here I am sitting in front of all these high school teachers who are trying to make a difference. It was an incredible feeling just to be there with them, knowing the kind of work they're doing. A lot of them told me it was very courageous. One guy said he looked at me like a hero, but I said, "But you guys are the ones who are really on the front lines every day in the schools trying to make a difference."

In Step: But you're making a difference too through your speaking engagements.

Nabozny: I hope so. One of the most amazing speaking things I did was to a private school of a whole ninth grade class. It was amazing because there were boys in this group crying because they couldn't believe what I had gone through, and I ended up having two kids from there come out and come to District 202, which is the Gay and Lesbian Youth Center here in Minneapolis. I do like speaking to schools and to groups of kids because I think it makes a big difference as far as the impact that you can have when you can talk to them directly and say, "This is how it affected me, and when you're calling somebody else a name, when you're saying somebody else is a 'fag,' that's the kind of impact you are going to have on their life. Nobody deserves this." It is very empowering and it makes you feel like you're making a difference. I wish I would have had a young Gay person speak when I was in school to help me think, "Yeah, I can't be too bad."

In Step: You're familiar with In Step?

Nabozny: Yeah, it was actually up at Northland College. They had both Gay papers from the Cities and the ones from Wisconsin. That was one of my only outlets when I lived up there, the things I read. Another thing is that that college itself was a lifesaver because they had a [LesBiGay] group up there. It was very nice to be able to find that and go

talk to people. It was almost all Lesbians though. I always get teased because everybody says I dress and I act like a Lesbian [laughter]. That's how I learned to be Gay, through Lesbians! Yeah, I like flannel shirts like most Lesbians, I like the outdoors and hiking and biking. Northland College is mostly an environmental college and they did a lot of outdoor stuff, so when the group there did activities, I participated.

In Step: Your parents lived in Ashland all their lives?

Nabozny: On my dad's side of the family, they're considered one of the founding families of the town. One of the comments from somebody in my town was that "these people" come here and they're trying to raise their kid who's Gay and all this stuff. And my parents are like, "No, we've been here since the beginning of this town, it wasn't like we came here to raise our Gay child." You know, not only is there this battleground in schools across the country, but in rural areas people are just tired of being invisible. We've now got Out Up North, which is a Gay and Lesbian social support group in Ashland, and there's also a newsletter that's come out in Ashland. I mean, Ashland's 8,000

people! That's a small town. A lot of it has to do with the awareness that my lawsuit has brought. I mean, National Coming Out Day last year, they had six articles in the paper about Gay and Lesbian issues, and only two of them had to do with my case — in the mainstream paper, the *Ashland Daily Press*. The business reporter did a story about how Gay people affect the businesses of Ashland. I think they went out on a limb to support me, which is amazing.

In Step: It sounds like you're having a real impact up there.

Nabozny: Yeah, I think also for my parents being as out and as supportive as they are. Even before my lawsuit came out, my mother wore Gay Pride pins to work? so they've always been that way, out there to support me, and so people knew they could come to them. That's one of the biggest reasons my mom wanted to start this P-FLAG group, because they were getting phone calls from people, anonymous phone calls, people just wanting to talk. And so now my parents actually run the crisis line for Gay youth or parents or whoever. That's kind of an amazing thing. My parents have been labeled activists as well as me. Neither one of us are comfortable with that term. Because when

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screaming at politicians, and I guess that activism can be done in a lot of different ways, like my parents starting P-FLAG and doing all the things they're doing — they are activists themselves.

In Step: The number of people you're affecting through this case is sort of like the ripples of the stream effect. It just keeps moving outward and outward?

Nabozny: It's very overwhelming to me, because I sit here in Minneapolis and it's hard for me to imagine that I have *People* magazine calling me. It doesn't really hit me until after I get off the phone with them who these people are. And now I'm negotiating book and movie deals! I have an agent in New York now who does all this stuff. Sometimes it'll just hit me. You know, I'll be sitting here at night thinking, "Oh my goodness, someday there's gonna be a made-for-TV movie about me." Whoa! That's pretty big!

In Step: So who would you like to star as you?

Nabozny: I don't know. There's one person I'd like to star as me just because I'd like to meet him? Chris O'Donnell. [laughter]

In Step: I think he's getting too old. He's like 25.

Nabozny: Yeah, but he's still sooo cute. Somebody else said it should be Drew Barrymore so we could at least get somebody Gay because they probably won't hire a Gay man to play my part. It could be a cross-gender, cross-sexual role! [laughter] The only thing I worry about is I don't want my story to be too sensationalized.

In Step: Anything else you'd like to share about yourself?

Nabozny: Well, one thing people are always surprised about when they meet me is that they always expect me to be very effeminate, and I'm not. And I tell them that even if I was, that doesn't make this [anti-Gay abuse] right. People always connect that and somehow they make a justification that if I was effeminate that it was OK for what happened to me. But because I'm not, they have to question that in their mind: "Well then how did this happen? Is it OK? He's like my son..." One woman said to me, "Well, you're like my son, why did they do this to you?" It's been interesting how everyone has this perception of me before they meet me and then they find out it's not true. Then they kind of have to rethink what it's all about. It's mostly the mainstream press. I know when I met the woman from NBC News, she was just very shocked. And I was like, "Did you expect me to come in here in a dress?" It's been an interesting thing. It's been so much bigger than I'd ever imagined it would be, and my mind doesn't ever keep up. When I went to Chicago, NBC News was there, FOX, all the local stations were there, the LA Times, the New York Times? all these major newspapers were there. It didn't hit me till I got home, and I'm thinking, "Oh, my goodness. What have I done?"

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"Benefit for the Women's Network,"
at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), located at 720
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York Newsday and currently a contributing editor
to Martha Stewart Living. Decaro is schedule to

read at 7:30 p.m., at Unabridged Bookstore
located at 3251 North Broadway. For more infor-
mation, call (312) 883-9119.

The Wolfe's Den (Eau Claire): Buck night!
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Thursday, June 27

Shake It Up (Madison): Rainbow Community
Collective, a GLBT group, at the Wilmar
Neighborhood House (old church next to tennis
courts) 953 Jennifer St. For more information
contact, Dave Runyon (608) 241-2500.

"La Chazz" at Cafe Melange
(Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd
Street, performance begins at 9:00 p.m., charge
is \$3.00. For more information, call (414) 291-
9889.

BESDT Clinic Live (Milwaukee) on cable
channel 47, at 7:00 p.m. will have special guest
Patrick Flaherty "Some New Rainbows Over
River West".

Friday, June 28

SAGE High Tea (Madison): S.A.G.E. meets
every Friday, 3:30 p.m. at Monty's Blue Plate
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MTV's Singled Out (Statewide): Features
same-sex dating, shown at 6pm, repeated at
10pm on MTV.

GAMMA Camping (Milwaukee): weekend
camping at Point Beach Camping Grounds. For
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Saturday, June 29

Shake It Up (Madison): the Farmer's Market.
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Miss Central Gay Wisconsin US of A Pageant (Wasau): Starting at 10:30pm for more information call The Madhatter where the event will be held.

Riverwest Rummage (Milwaukee): The Riverwest Rainbow Association's rummage will be held at 3492 N. Humboldt in the alley.

Shake It Up (Madison): Tom Gibson has volunteered his late grandmother's house up in the woods of Door County—there's room for only 7. There's all sorts of flora and sites to explore, including Washington Island. For more information call (608) 241-2500.

Drag Show (Eau Claire): Starting at featuring Stephanie Brook, Ki-Ki and The Diva at Wolfe's Den. FMI call (715) 832-9237.

Sunday, June 30

Chicago Gay Pride Parade (Milwaukee): Starting at 2pm at Belmont and Halsted in Chicago followed by a rally in Lincoln Park. For more information call (312) 384-8243.

Monday, July 1

Poet's Monday Fr. John Kush at the Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance is schedule for 8:00 p.m., charge is \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

In Step Deadline: At 7pm for issue appearing July 10th covering the MAGIC Picnic. For more information call 414/278-7840.

Tuesday, July 2

GAMMA Volleyball (Milwaukee): open volleyball tonight at Kern Park 7:00 p.m. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

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

Milwaukee Art Museum: Gallery Talk—John Singleton Copley in America. Informal Copley exhibition tour led by Jody Clowes, acting curator of decorative arts. The tour begins at 1:30

p.m. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

"The House By the Sea" (Shorewood): the in-store general reading group will discuss the book by May Sarton at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop 4093 North Oakland Avenue in Shorewood. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Sheila Spargur & David Carroll & musical open mike at Cafe Melange (Milwaukee), performance begins at 8:00 p.m., charge is \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Wednesday, July 3

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men Group (Madison): concert on the square. For information please call David at (608) 831-4711.

Teasers at Club 219 (Milwaukee): Male Dancers. For more information call (414) 271-3732.

GAMMA Circle and Fireworks watch (Milwaukee): an enjoyable evening starting at 6:00 p.m. After a barbecue, we will walk the short distant to Juneau Park for the fireworks. For more details call (414) 425-2146.

Rachel Raven at the Cafe Melange (Milwaukee) located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance is schedule to begin at 9:00 p.m. cost is \$3.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

La Cage Light Show (Milwaukee) Unveiling of their new light system at midnight. FMI call (414) 383-8330.

Thursday, July 4

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee) on cable channel 47, at 7:00 p.m. guest Jon Aceto "A Message for Teens".

4th of July Picnic (Eau Claire) Starting at noon at the Island in River View Park. Sponsored by The Wolfe's Den. For more information call (715) 832-9237.

LAMM-EF (Minneapolis): 17th Annual Gay and Lesbian Parents Coalition International Conference. For more details contact (612) 924-3049.

9-Inch Males at Club 219 (Milwaukee): Male Dancers. For more information call (414) 271-3732.

Friday, July 5

GAMMA Rainbow Summer (Milwaukee): meet during the noon hour at the PAC outdoor stage for the Kids of Wisconsin Performance. For more details call (414) 425-2146.

Saturday, July 6

Tosnu Mah with Celtic harp at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop (Shorewood): at 8:00 p.m. music in the Cafe presents Tosnu Mah with Celtic harp, located at 4093 North Oakland Avenue in Shorewood. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

GAMMA SummerFest Visit (Milwaukee): join as a group in red shirts to enjoy the many sites and sounds of SummerFest. For more details call (414) 425-2146. At 9:00 a.m. is the 30-40 minute jog through the fashionable east side, followed by a stop for eating.

DJ Ruben at the Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): Schedule for 8:00 p.m., no charge. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Frontiers Fireworks (Madison): Gay/Bi Men Group: food, fireworks & friends. For more detail call David at (608) 274-5959.

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Sunday, July 7

219 Girls at Club (Milwaukee): Female

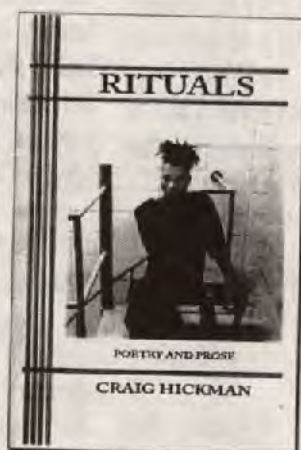


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Monday, July 8

LAMM-EF Camping (Milwaukee): Grapevine camping weekend at Point Beach. For more information call (414) 276-6721.

Poet's Monday, open mike at the Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): Performance begins at 8:30 p.m. cost is \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Tuesday, July 9

GAMMA Volleyball (Milwaukee): open volleyball tonight at Kern Park 7:00 p.m. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

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

Sheila Spargur & David Carroll & musical open mike at the Cafe Melange. Schedule performance begins at 8:00 p.m. cost \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Wednesday, July 10

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men Group (Madison): concert on the square. For more information call David at (608) 831-4711.

OUTreach Anonymous HIV Testing at the Mama Roux (Milwaukee): From 9pm to 12am. Sponsored by BESTD Clinic and MAP. FMI: Call 414/225-1502 or 414/272-2144.

Thursday, July 11

"Spock's World" (Shorewood): for Trekkies only. The Star Trek reading group will discuss "Spock's World" by Diane Duane. The group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop, 4093 North Oakland Avenue in Shorewood.

LAMM-EF Volunteer Night (Milwaukee): volunteer night, LAMM Resource Center. For more details contact (414) 276-6721.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee) on cable channel 47, at 7:00 p.m. guest Dr. Mike Thomas "Impotence: Causes and Cures".

Milwaukee Art Museum: an exploration of American colonists' allegiance to English fashion presented Linda Baumgarten, curator of textiles at Colonial Williamsburg, VA. Rick Hill and Frances Burroughs Loba, also of Colonial Williamsburg, will dress in stunning costumes they made, based on Copley's portraits. For more information call (414) 224-3200.

La Chazz at Cafe Melange. Performance begins at 9:00 p.m. cost \$3.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.



TONGUE IN CHEEK

by Kevin Isom

As an attorney, I try never to get caught with my pants down. But sometimes it's unavoidable, and you just have to stand there in the cold wind, very much surprised. As when I recently learned of a Georgia Court of Appeals decision holding that, without being tongue in cheek, rimming is not a crime under the Georgia sodomy law.

It seems that the esteemed court reads the sodomy law as applying only to oral-genital contact (in addition to genital-anal contact, the usual thrust of the statute). Since the court does not view the dark side of the moon as "genital," oral-genital contact does not occur when the tongue does go a-traipsing. The tongue is free to explore, with the sanction of the court.

I wondered, as I read the decision, has the whole world gone mad, or is it just me? Am I the only one who finds this decision incredibly absurd? The pragmatic lawyer side of me realizes that this case is a step forward in narrowing the antediluvian Georgia sodomy law, and it enlarges the rights of tongues throughout the state of Georgia. From Dalton to Valdosta, people are probably enthusiastically cleaning their kitchens right now (for those of you not familiar with Southern expressions, I'll let you guess from context what that one means). All with the approval of the Georgia Court of Appeals.


Mind you, I mean no disrespect to the Georgia Court of Appeals. That court is one of the finest in the land, and they clearly made the right decision under the law as it is written. But I can't help wondering what those briefs must have been like. Or the motions that preceded and followed the submission of the briefs.

I would particularly have enjoyed witnessing the oral arguments in the case. They must have been real humdingers. It all turned on the definition of "genital." Where did the State find its definition of "genital"? Webster's? And where did the Defense look to rebut? Or did the State argue legislative intent, asserting that the original legislators intended the statute to include what had happened here? That is one argument that must have gone lickety-split, because I cannot imagine that the original legislators could have given much thought

to the matter. The court probably shafted the State on that one.

I used to think the only humor I'd find in law was in the limited rations that were doled out in law school. Like my classmates' tee shirts that said, "Make Love, Not Law Review" (very neo '60s). Or the time that the professor in Business Associations spoke about agents engaging in bonding activity, and I was laughing hysterically on the front row—because no else found it funny. The classmate who was sitting beside me at the time was straight, but because we spent a lot of time together, everyone thought we were a couple. So I bought a tee shirt that read "I'm Not Gay But My Boyfriend Is," and he made one that read "Nor His Boyfriend." His wife, not to be outdone, made herself one that said "The Lesbian Wife."

Classic humor, the likes of which I never thought I'd see again outside of law school. But then the Georgia Court of Appeals goes and decides that under Georgia law it's hunky-dory to send your tongue where the sun don't shine. Now that's legal humor of the sort befitting the best legal minds of yore, like the famed Judge Learned Hand (swear to God, that was his name). Which just goes to show that in Georgia, at least vigilance is the order of the day. Because if you're not always on guard, it's easy—and legal—to get licked.



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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

It has been a year since I last wrote a column, so it may take me a while before I get into the groove again. For those of you who don't know my story, there is an interview with me in the current issue of *Q•Voice Magazine*, which was done by Bill Attewell. Besides publishing *Q•Voice* with his other half Jorge Cabal, they also bought *In Step Magazine* in April and have been doing a great job continuing what I started over 12 years ago.

I tested positive for HIV in 1987. My exposure had to have been before '85, which correlates with the birth of *In Step*. It was also the same period when I began strict safe sex. I started HIV treatment in '88 and did quite well, with no AIDS-related complications, except for steadily dropping T-cells. When AZT became available, I was on that for a number of years until

I couldn't tolerate it any more.

Eventually, as the other anti-retrovirals became available, I tried them in combination with prophylactic meds. Eventually, I develop neuropathy in my feet. That's a problem that gets progressively worse. At one point, for about two months, my hands and fingers swelled and were red and itchy. I had developed some drug reactions, and my doctor took me off all meds. Then we added one drug at a time and figured out it was either Bactrim or Cipro that I had reacted to.

In '94, I started losing weight (thank God I was fat, it gave me some 'fighting weight') dropping from 240 lbs. to 170 by early '95. I was running the magazine mostly on my own, with Mary Maliborski and then Annabelle Havlichek doing the input for typesetting. Annabelle also was doing ad designs on an independent basis; Jamie Taylor was doing photos and Joe Koch

was my 'go-fer'. My last burst of energy was spent during *In Step's* '94-'95 holiday break, renovating the office across the hall and then moving into it. After that, my health really took a dive.

Meanwhile, the magazine had continued its growth and had gotten to the point where I had a hard time getting all the work done without spending extra hours in the office. The stress really had a negative impact. I started making dumb mistakes, like losing ads or forgetting to run them. Last July, I developed delirium, which everyone thought was AIDS dementia, which usually is a progressive thing, not like what I was experiencing.

My friends and my doctor insisted I go in the hospital. There, a blood test showed my potassium levels were almost off the scale. I also was having some heart problems related to the high potassium levels. After treatment, the potassium levels dropped and eventually I came around, but wasn't quite right until late fall.

Annabelle took it upon herself to run the magazine so it wouldn't fold after 12 years of my life. Eventually David Johnson, and then Jamakya started helping out in sharing the load. But it was too much for everyone. By late '95 we all decided it was time to deal with the fact I wouldn't be coming back to work, and had to consider selling my 'baby' to someone who would continue to run it in the same manner as I had. I knew I'd never be well enough again to take on the amount of work it would take to do it myself.

I set several guidelines for a new owner to meet —keeping the name, local ownership, and the same mix of news, features, humor and community spirit. After 3 serious offers, the newly

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formed GayMan Enterprises (I had been sole owner) decided to accept Bill and Jorge's offer.

Since I had retired, I faced up to reality and decided to apply for Social Security Disability. My medical status would have enabled me to apply for it several years prior, but I was always of the opinion that apply for it was like giving in to the disease.

Since all the new protease inhibitors became available earlier this year, I began a new treatment using Invirase and Lamivudine —the first anti-retroviral I had been on in at least two years.

In the last six months, I've gained 30lbs, have more energy than I've had in years, and all my blood levels are showing lots of improvement. My T-cells are up, but not by as much as others I know who are on different protease medications... but they also have more side effects.

I've been going out more frequently and I bumped into Bill and Jorge at PrideFest. Bill asked me (for the second or third time) to write a column again now that I'm feeling better and am getting darned bored in my retirement. I finally agreed.

This new column won't be a continuing saga about my health... I just wanted this first one to detail what's happened since last summer. Believe me, I know how rumors spread, and I wanted to get out the truth. I have nothing to hide... this column will be different each time —I'll just take it as it comes.

Thanks to all of you who have come up to me lately (and especially at PrideFest) and told me how good I looked, or how nice it was to see me up and about.

* * *

Speaking of PrideFest, wasn't it just a great moment to approach the festival grounds and see all those Rainbow Flags in the the wind and steady rain? Considering the nasty weather, over 9,000 people showed up. Sure, some of the acts were canceled due to the rain, but most people had a wonderful time,

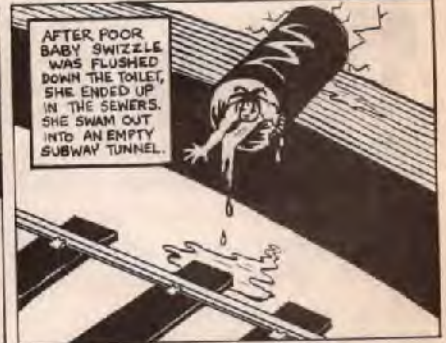
regardless. I was also impressed by the vendors in the marketplace, local region, and even national businesses offered a great array of merchandise. Organizers deserve a big round of applause for a job well done. Our entire community and our friend and families

should take pride that we have come this far. A special nod to Bill Meunier is also appropriate.

Now, if they would just get the Pride Grill staffed and supplied better, I wouldn't have anything to bitch about!

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Mother Nature

As far as I'm concerned, **Mother Nature** can clean out her desk, pick up her last paycheck and hit the door. She needs to find a new career. I don't know how you feel but after the hideous winter we already went through, it's only fair that we have a decent spring and summer. So far it just ain't happenin'. After **PrideFest**, I thought I should write this column right away, so I wouldn't forget how bitter I was that it rained on our festival. I thought that it was pretty rude that the last of the crappy weather happened on "our weekend".

I was wrong. With the exception of a couple of days here and there, we are still getting crappy weather. As I sit here plucking away at this keyboard, it is so foggy that I can barely see the house next door. It has been raining for so long that the guy next door is building an ark and the line of animals waiting for him to finish is

getting longer and longer. (Sorry about the bad joke, I couldn't help it.)

Despite the "less than desirable" weather, **Pridefest** turned out to be a great time. Friday night was pretty much a bust, due to solid rain and frigid temps. Some of the Friday night events were canceled and the attendance was almost non-existent. Saturday fared a bit better. Although it was cold it did stay relatively dry. People from all over the state came to celebrate **LesBiGay** lifestyle and it's many diversities.

And diversified it was. Just about anything that you were in the mood for was there. If you were hungry, there was plenty of great food to choose from. If you were thirsty, there was lots of beer, wine coolers and soft drinks. If you wanted coffee, you had to be a little more patient. At times it was well over an hour wait for a hot cup o'java.

For the shopper in all of us, there were three tents where you could spend your cash on anything from jewelry to computer on-line services. Me? I bought a sweatshirt and a cap. I looked for a silver necklace but when I found one I liked, the only Tyme machine on the grounds was eating everybody's card.

Although I don't have the silver necklace, thanks to a couple of **PrideFest** volunteers warning me about the Tyme machine, I still have a Tyme card.

What would a festival be without music and dancing? The last few hours of **PrideFest 1996**, I finally cut loose. I took my coat off and started dancing at the dance tent. It was me, **Rob** (from **Club 94**) and **Julio** for over 2 hours, dancing on a picnic table.

Other than seeing **Joel** (just back from Europe) earlier that day, it was the best time I had all weekend!

After all was said and done the official attendance was 9,628! Not bad considering the "mother nature mix-up". The **PrideFest** committee will be meeting soon to discuss this year's festival and to make some plans for the first festival of the season at the Henry W. Maier Festival Park, **Pridefest 1997**.

Yes, there were a few other things goin' on since the last issue... **Club 94** hosted the **Miss Gay Kenosha US of A Pageant** on Saturday June 8th. This is the first pageant I've heard of that actually had a theme. The theme was "**Evening in the Tropics**". I heard from several people that the stage was incredible. After

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Father's Day at Gargoyles. Photo: Jamie



The Father's Day Death March stopped at the Triangle. Photo: Jamie



Vikki Vicki done up in Jurassic Park drag at The Mad Hatter. Photo: Jamie



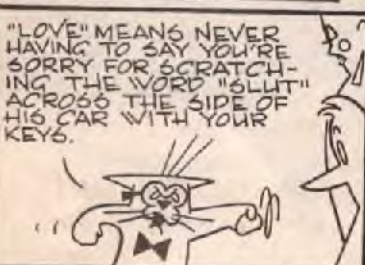
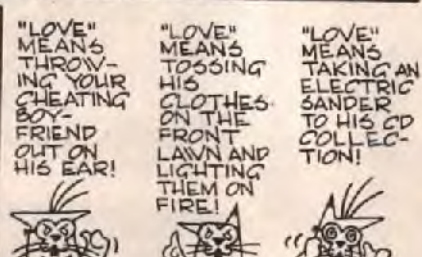
Kyllie West, winner of the Miss Gay Kenosha US of A at Club 94. Photo: George Friedl



Hey, Raffle Ticket Boy, it looks like an "innie" to me! Photo: Jamie

QUEER DUCK

by Hofmann



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5 contestants gave it their all, **Kyllie West** walked away as this year's **Miss Gay Kenosha US of A**. Many thanks to my friend **George Friedl** for shooting some photographs of the pageant for me.

SSBL is full swing. After the games Saturday June 15th, the **Madison Manoeuvres** held a benefit show at **Club 219**. Did you know that there are 8 drag queens on that team? No, not **219's** team.. the **Madison Manoeuvres!** Anyway, it turned out to be a pretty entertaining show. I even shot a couple photos of **Raffle Ticket Boy** showing us his very cute, fuzzy little naval.

The Father's Day Death March made it through all of the Milwaukee Bars again this year. You couldn't miss them. About 15 people started with brunch around 2pm and partied all night long. This year's guest of honor was **Delicious Latisha**, a mannequin that obviously needed to be carried from bar to bar. I was told that out of the 15 people that started, 7 made it until bar closing. I'm sure that hadn't it been for bar closing the march would have lasted a few more hours.

Well that's it for now. I have purchased 5 tanning sessions at my local tanning salon so that at least I will have some color this summer! Until next issue there are a couple of things to remember: Duct tape is not a good thing to use to repair bar stools and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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Years Ago in In Step Magazine

In late June of 1990, the AIDS drama, *Longtime Companion* has its Milwaukee premiere at the Majestic Theater, the US House of Representatives approved \$873 million to go to areas particularly hard hit by AIDS by a vote of 408 to 14, and 150 persons attended the first gay/lesbian conference in the USSR. Here's what else was happening in June of 1986 in LesBiGay Wisconsin according to *In Step Magazine*...



Scene from "Longtime Companion"

The offices of the **Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN)** moved July 1st to a new location at 303 Lathrop Street in a three-story house owned by the **First Congregational Church**. MASN signed a five year lease. MASN also announced the hiring of **Dave Rompa** as the agency's Director of Education and Outreach.

A new club was formed in the Milwaukee area, **The Gay Men's Yacht Club** which offered year around activities and events for members. Meanwhile, planning was in full gear for the annual **Lavender Hill Party**, with the theme of **Wild, Wild Lavender West**. The annual **MAP** fundraising event had a goal of \$12,000.

Milwaukee's Talking an afternoon local talk show airing on **Channel 12** featured representatives of local gay organizations and religious fundamentalists.

Also in Milwaukee, a **County Board** committee delayed action on a **fair housing ordinance** that would have covered **sexual preference** because of the cost of enforcement. However, the Board's Housing and Development Committee voted 4 to 3 to instead have staffers prepare a "statement of support" for such an ordinance.



In Club News...

Club 94 raised nearly \$1,500 at the South East Wisconsin AIDS Project (**SEWAP**) Benefit Auction. The event also marked the return on the **Club '94 Follies**.

Ginger Spice announced the **1990-91 Miss Continental Wisconsin Pageant** will be held on July 10, 1990. Special entertainers scheduled to perform include; **Lakesha Lucky** from Tampa FL, and the retiring Miss Continental Paula Sinclair from Atlanta.

The Pride Committee's **Medallion Hunt** was rained upon and according to **Ron Geiman's Steppin' Out** column, "I don't imagine they'll try that event again next year... even without the rain, I don't think they would have had a very big turn out.

M&M Peanuts softball team held their annual **Casino Night** team benefit and **Partner's** threw a birthday bash for **Paul and Lizzie Bordeau** and the **Triangle** prepared to celebrate it's **Second Anniversary**.

On the cover for the issue is an original water color by Milwaukeean **Frank Sadler** who was also having his work shown at the **M&M Club**.

—Compiled by William Attewell



ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Mirroring Our Pride

This month I am particularly blessed with a whole lot more pride than usual. No, not the puffy chested - We're here! We're Queer! Get Your Own Life! — everyday personal kind that keeps us individually going through the dog days all year long. I mean the kind that only comes to every city once in the midst of June. You know, the pride FEST/ GALA/ PICNIC/ CELEBRATION/ JUBILATION/ HOLIDAY/ SPREE/ REVELRY/ WHOOP-TI-DO we hold in parks, civic arenas, convention centers and circus tents every year.

The Sunday when we party while not-much-listening to speak-

celebratory lesbians move down a layer in the t-shirt bin for the festive cinnamons and emeralds instead of the everyday ordinaries in muds and olive drabs. (Hey, it's a party!)

Now usually, I just go to my own. A couple of thousand of us brave 90 degree sunstroke to hike a few blocks to the rainbow fest-spo. It's a grand hoot where you can collect all the colored condoms you can eat, pay way too much for a corn dog, and see friends you haven't seen since last month's meeting.

This year I had the privilege of being invited to Pride Parties across Rainbowland. And here's the surprising deal: *They're interchangeable.* Really!

be: HRC's Elizabeth Birch, NGLTF's Melinda Parras, Candace Chastity, Barney Frank, any state senator who voted against the same-sex marriage bill, any (redundantly, she said again) state senator running for re-election. Any Federal senator or rep who ditto'd in the big boys club. Any member of the Supreme Court willing to show up even though s/he's not running for anything but saint, who voted against the Colorado bigots. And this year's Fruit Of The Month: Rudy Galindo, the skater, or Little Miss Muffin, our (out) golfer, as often as they'll show up to take the honorarium. Plus in the reading tent, any of the two hundred thousand lesbian writers who got a book published this year (*moi aussi*).

Not appearing this year would be the minority (dis)Hon. (In)Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Rehnquist.

Also conspicuously absent will be our old news: Camemeyer, Louganis, Gunderson, any living Stonewall survivor. Not to mention (which heaven knows they hate!) Former (phew) Senator Bob Dole, Newty, Not-former-anything-yet-but-we're-hoping: Dornan, and Helms, k.d won't be there. Or Melissa either.

Local speakers include Presidents of the Democratic and Lincoln, Pride, gold-earring lesbian and red ribbon clubs, any local celeb every other year, the highest ranking decloseted g/l officer of any national business living local, NOW, ACT

The entertainment will consist of (choose any two) Romanovsky and Phillips, Lynn Lavner, Betty, Susanne Westenhoefer, Betty, Jeff Krasner, Kate Clinton, Ferron, Phranc, Chris Williamson and Tret Fure, Did I mention Betty?

ers exhort us about our dangers and damages. Where we can hear the year's catalog of grievances, losses, somebody else's idea of our responsibilities, and *their* to-do Lists. All delivered between consciously committed acts of humor, and lip synching by men in white plastic thigh high boots making me wonder when exactly I gave them that impression.

You know, Gay PRIDE! When

The entertainment will consist of (choose any two) Romanovsky and Phillips, Lynn Lavner, Betty, Susanne Westenhoefer, Betty, Jeff Krasner, Kate Clinton, Ferron, Phranc, Chris Williamson and Tret Fure, Did I mention Betty?, Lea Delerious, Charles Busche, Tori Amos, Janis Ian, and probably, Betty. And local groups with names like Sweet Cheeks or Wilde Bunche.

This year's national speaker will

OUT, er UP, Leather Men and Women United (shouldn;t that be "bound?"), and did I mention the Mayor (in election years) or the Vice Mayor. (all the other years) Mr. [BEGIN UNDERLINE] (Anytown USA) [END UNDERLINE] Drummer and Mrs/ Ms./ Miss/ Mizz Gay Oourtown will be crowned.

Not appearing this year would be the minority (dis)Hon. (In)Justices Scalia, Thomas, and Rehnquist.

The Quire, Chorus, Chorale, GLEE Club, Mixed Chorus or the QueerChoristeers will hold a concert.

"Vampire Lesbians Of Sodom" will be playing in some part of town. So will The "Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me."

There will be a Bowl-a-thon called We've Got The Balls, or a Pot-Lack Supper called Supper Money, or a Disco-Fantasia with Miss Thing to raise money for (or against) AIDS, Breast Cancer, a new juke box for the back bar.

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PFLAG will, of course, staff a comforting Rainbow (M&M) Cookies and Lemonade booth for which we still can't ever thank them enough.

Sound familiar? Pretty much the same from county to county. Another shared experience not to be missed.

I sure hope you got to yours this year. Because, the way we're going, by the year 2000, with perfect equality and liberty and justice for all accomplished, soon, they just won't be the same.

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Manoeuvres, Wreck Room, Balesteri's and Triangle all trail the leaders. Following a position week on June 22nd, the teams will take a two week break. Several teams will participate in a July 4th tournament in St. Louis. Club 219 will represent Milwaukee in the Gay Softbal World Series, which will be held this year in Mineapolis from August 20th to the 24th.

Ozabooboo Golf Tournament

The annual Ozabooboo Golf Tournament was held on Saturday, June 15th. Forty-four golfers participated, with the foursome of Andy Anderson and Wayne Kaehler of Minneapolis, bob Crout of Fort Lauderdale and Bob Whalley of Milwaukee winning the tournament with an 18 hole score of 75. It was Kaehler's fourth win in a row, and Crout's 3rd straight win. Special awards went to Victor Minetti for the longest drive, Henry Fellner for the longest putt and Scott Burac for closest to the pin.

SSBL STANDINGS

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Club 219	8	0
Ballgame	5	2
M&M	5	2
In Between	5	3
Manoeuvres	3	5
Wreck Room	2	6
Balisteri's	1	5
Triangle	1	7

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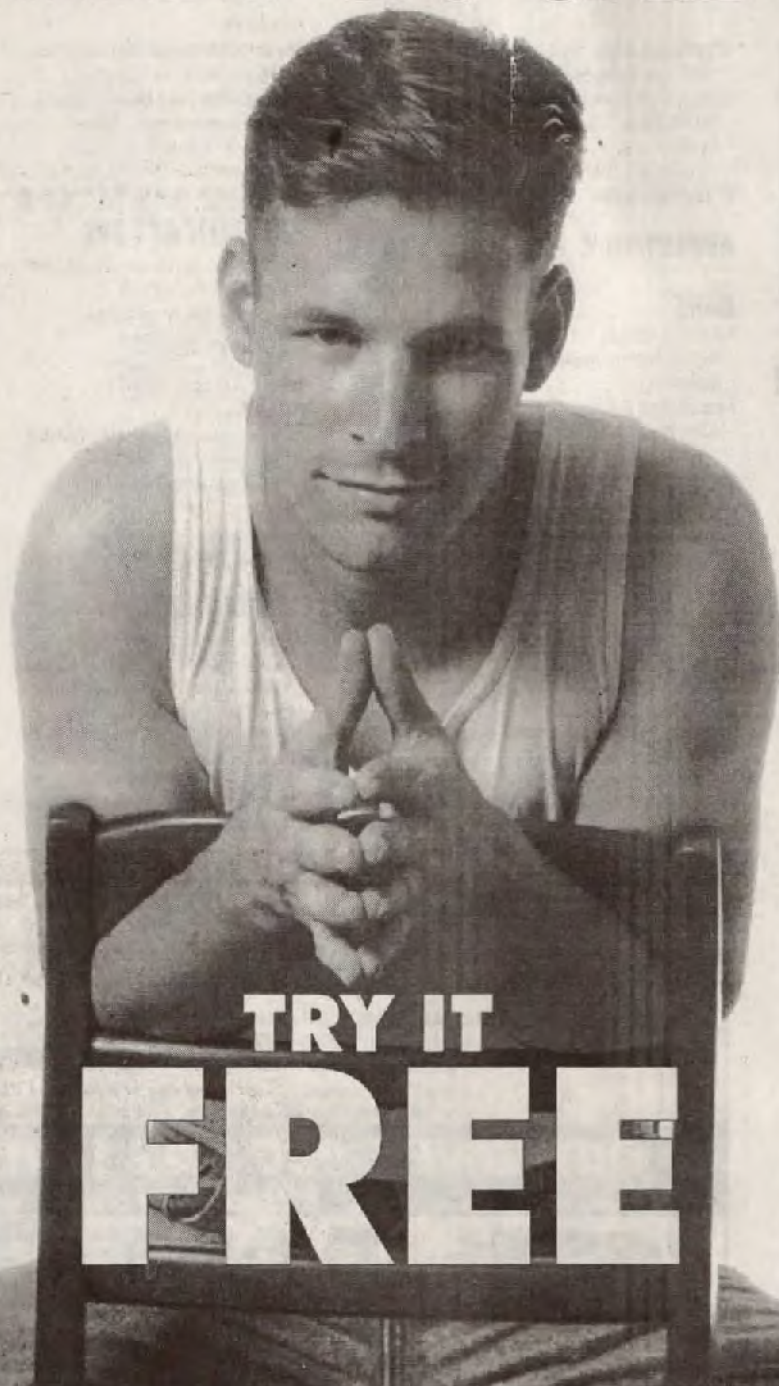
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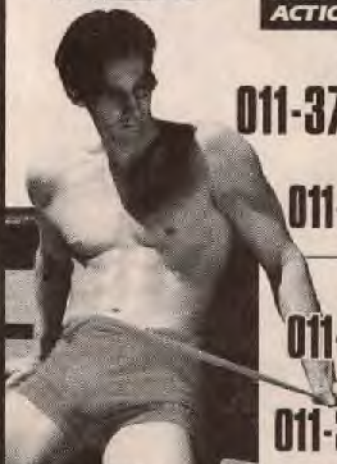
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Gay Information Svcs.	
(referrals)	444-7331
Gay People's Union Hotline	562-7010
Gay BASH Hotline (confidential)	444-7331
Helpline (Crisis Counseling)	271-3123
Pathfinders	
(24-hour Youth counseling/referrals)	271-1560
Wisconsin AIDS Info Line	273-AIDS
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PO Box 93626, 53203 (Fax 289-0789)	289-7777
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(CWAN) (HIV/AIDS Service Organization) 1200 Lake View Dr, Rm 200, Wausau, 54403	848-9060
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1932 Strongs Ave	
Stevens Point, 54481	342-0576
G&L Society/Wausau	848-0608
UWSP 10% Society	
Campus Activities Complex, Box 68	

UWSP Stevens Point, 54481	346-4366
LDS Brotherhood (Gay Mormons)	
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Mad Hatter (MW, DJ, V)	
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Marshfield Gay Lesbian Organ. (MGLO)	
c/o 117 W Jefferson St, Marshfield, 54449	
Vic: (715) 384-2613 Jim	384-6731
Platwood Club (MW, D)	
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Gay/Lesbian Support Group	
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Northern WI Lambda Society	
PO Box 802, Rhinelander 54501	362-4242
SHEM (Support, Heal, Educate) for Parents, Family, Friends of Gays/Lesbians/Bi's	359-7432
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Gay AA (Group 294 Meeting)	554-6611
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625 College, Racine 53403	634-0659
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c/o Unitarian Universalist	
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Eau Claire 54702 (800) 750-AIDS
Local Number 836-7710
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c/o Campus Ministry Center 784-7600
Leaping La Crosse News
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LaCrosse Parents & Friends of Gays 782-6082
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OUT OF STATE

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Gay & Lesbian Americans
PO Box 77533, Wash., DC, 20013 (800) 889-5111
Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) (202) 628-4160
National G&L Task Force (NGLTF) (202) 332-6483

Crossroads (LesBiGay Real
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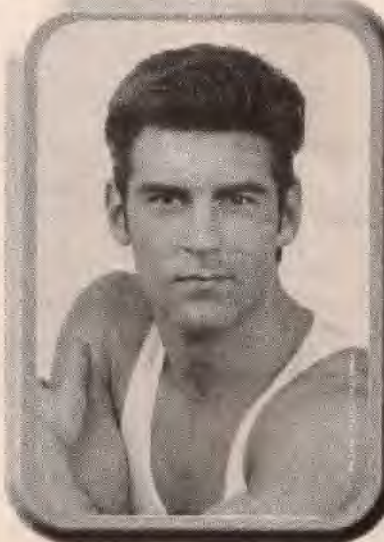
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GIVE AND GET LOVE I'm a Gay White male, 24 years old, 6ft, 205lbs. I seek attractive, straight acting men 18 to 32 for friendship, or a boyfriend for sport. Any hunks out there? I'm willing to travel. (Madison) #4267

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BUDDY BONDING GWM, 27, 5'2", 125, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks other GWM, 21-32, for fun and adventure. I have varied interests as I hope you will. (Madison) #11802

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CUMING STRAIGHT ON TO YOU I'm looking for straight acting friends to hang out with. I'm 24 years old, 6'2, 170lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. If you want to get in touch with me please call. (Milwaukee) #19828

SUB DUDE I'm 31 years old, 5'7, 140lbs. I'm an inexperienced submissive bottom looking for an aggressive top. (Milwaukee) #19337

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WHERE ARE YOU?

GWM, 5'9", 150, seeks other males for fun. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #14216

BOYS WILL BE BOYS

GWM, 26, 5'10", 165, blonde hair, blue eyes seeks GWM under 30 for friendship and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #11276

BI BOYS

18, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'9", BiWM, seeks other young WM's between 18-21, for friendship, camping and hiking. Other things possible as well. Please leave me a message. (Milwaukee) #11307

NOT TYPICAL

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SIR, THANK YOU SIR!

GWM, 27, 6'2", 230, brown hair, brown eyes, seeking a dominant master into CBT, TT, WS, FF, shaving, S&M, B&D, and humiliation. Nothing I won't do for you sir! (Milwaukee) #11529

DEEP NEED

GWM, 24, 6', 150, brown hair and eyes, seeks new friends with relationship possibilities. Please leave a message. (Northern) #12761

MORE THAN THIS

I'm a straight acting Gay White male, 29 years old, 5'7, 140lbs, Blonde hair, Blue eyes, clean cut, and attractive. I'm seeking a straight acting Gay White male 1 to 35 for a sincere relationship as friends or maybe more. (Osh Kosh) #19970

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I'm a Gay White male looking for someone 18 to 25 who are into everything. I'm a smoker looking for a nice good looking man. (Stevens Point) #10382

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I'm 25 years old, 6'1, 185lbs, medium build, Blonde hair, Blue eyes. I enjoy tennis, movies, biking, and exercising. I'm looking for friendship and a possible relationship. Call me. (Wausau) #11144

STRAIGHT TO THE

POINT I would like to meet some guys in my area for fun and more. Call me. (Stevens Point) #19640

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YOU AND ME

GWM, 27, 160, 5'8", enjoys sports, seeks GWM, 18-28, for outings and friendship. (Wisconsin) #12286

WHY CANT WE BE

FRIENDS I'm 23 years old, 6'2, 170lbs. I have long blonde hair, and Blue eyes. I'm looking for cool guys to hang out with for friendship only. Straight acting guys only. Call me. #1889

Illinois

GOOD LOOKS, CLASS

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LOOKING FOR

HONESTY I'm a Gay White male, 28 years old, 6ft, 245lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I like biking, walks on the beach, movies, dinner, etc. I'm looking for Hispanic or White men 18 to 32 for a possible relationship. (Chicago) #18834

MORNINGS IN THE

PARK I'm a 29 year old Gay Black male, 5'7, 180lbs, good shape, clean shaven. I'm interested in meeting other Gay men for friendship and possibly more. Call me. I like to go out for movies, walks in the park, good conversation, etc. (Chicago) #19227

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OUT IN THE STARS

by C. Lichtenstein

The majestic Sun moves from intellectual Gemini to emotional Cancer this week heralding in a new emphasis on our most private personal missions for the next month or so. Open your eyes and your heart but beware—the Crab has a very hard shell, but also a very soft and vulnerable center.

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)

Even the most rugged and pioneering of prideful Rams may feel the tug and pull of the old homestead. Blame it on the Sun in Cancer when you snuggle into your jammies on a Saturday night and plunk down in front of the TV. Call it recharging your batteries or call it a reflection and review of your private situation. Whatever it is, you'll emerge rested and far more in control of your personal agenda. Then go out and raise a little hell again.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Your mind is crystal clear and your communication is measured and thoughtful. It must be the Sun in Cancer weaving its magic in your words. Queer Taureans should use this time to either put their thoughts down on paper or take up a good gay cause, close to all of our hearts, and become the spokesperson du jour. At any rate, exercise your mind through study or witty and engaging repartee. You have it in you to become another Oscar Wilde, if you choose.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Is money the key to all success and happiness? It may be so for all proud Twins when the Sun is in Cancer. Power and self-worth is measured in dollars and cents now (preferably dollars . . .) so just lie back and enjoy it. The one drawback to all this crass materialism is that deep down you'll realize that an insecure personality is an insecure personality no matter how many bucks bolster it. But that will happen next month when the Sun moves on.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

The Sun in your own sign pushes you into center stage; be prepared to shine! Charisma hits a peak and even the shyest, pinkest Crabs can charm just about anyone now. Appreciation is sought for new ideas, but don't become dissuaded if folks don't jump on the bandwagon. It's an excellent time to begin new projects, so go with your gut. It may be time to retire that old wardrobe dear. We want you to make that perfect first impression.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

Proud, regal lions feel revived by the powerful energy of the Sun in Cancer. It's a time to explore your more spiritual side and discover who you really are beneath all that glamour and greasepaint. If your closet door squeaks open a bit, don't be afraid of opening it wider. There is nothing in there to worry about. The worry is, of course, when you hide your true feelings from the world . . . and maybe from yourself. Liberty!

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)

If proud Virgins feel like the great crusaders of gay rights, chalk it up to the Sun in Cancer. The planets demand that you become more involved in the greater group effort and develop a greater sense of identity and purpose. The danger here is that your desire to belong may cause you to sublimate your personal choices in order to coincide with the group think, but don't compromise cousin! Not all great gay crusaders have to think alike.

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)

Sun in Cancer lights a fire under you professionally. Gay Libras become more closely identified with career accomplishments and the need to "make it big" in the eyes of others. In fact, this solar placement urges you to make your mark on the world and seek approval from those in power. Dive into the corporate shark tank and swim with the suits. You may emerge unscathed and victorious.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)

Life becomes a pilgrimage for queer Scorps when the Sun enters Cancer. It's time to expand your perspective by perhaps traveling to new and exotic vistas or embarking on a brand new course of study. Although the sky is the limit, don't forget to focus on the tree as well as the entire forest. Live

for the here and now rather than deferring choices and trying to focus on some far distant philosophy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

Even amiable, gay archers become a little more intense and possessive during the Sun in Cancer phase. Deep psychological revelations and solutions are possible now for those who dare to explore their psyche. Sexually, you may dive into that passion pool and emerge refreshed and transformed. Seek a deeper connection to others, and I don't mean a warm handshake, friend. Don't forget to wear a bathing cap!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - January 20)

Relationships become the be-all and end-all for serious gay Goats. The Sun in Cancer highlights the importance of a significant other in your life. Cherish your partner with demonstrable actions. If you're still searching for that special someone, check out a few promising venues and look sincere. Give your heart freely, but don't give away your soul. We are looking for a partnership not a proprietorship.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)

Even perfect Aqueerians can use an extra dollop. What better opportunity to achieve the sublime than when the sun enters Cancer? It's work, work, work. Review your exercise regime . . . or begin one, you lazy thing! And about your diet? It's time to hone that fabulous bod. Energy is also right to accomplish day-to-day tasks. Sometimes we find the answer to life while we clean the bathroom.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

Sun in Cancer is said to be naturally placed in your chart now, which means even sensitive, achy pink Fish can't help but feel pretty darned good. Tap into the creative muse through active participation in the arts. Can't dance? Don't ask me, but try other outlets like sports. The most important thing is to relax and have fun. There is also the chance of a little feisty romance with this Sun, so be prepared!



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