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PUBLISHER'S NOTE: We are very pleased to welcome four new additions to our staff. Jim Lautenbach is rejoining the *In Step* team, this time as a writer covering events and news in the Milwaukee area. As part of our commitment to cover LesBiGay Wisconsin, Cheryl Myers has joined us as well. Her beat will be the Green Bay and Appleton areas. Check out her story Green Bay's Angels of Hope MCC Church on page 5. Richard White, an Ohio transplant, has come on board as our intern, a first for *In Step*, and we are grateful to have him. And finally, Manuel Kortright rounds out our full-time office staff as the Assistant to the Publishers. Welcome aboard one and all!

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Carpenter Remains Mum After Outing Attempt

By Jamakaya

Milwaukee — State Rep. Tim Carpenter, responding to an attempt to “out” him as a gay man by Wisconsin Christians United and his opponent in the fall election campaign, has told *In Step* that “it is a personal, private matter” and that he will make no other comment at this time.

Wisconsin Christians United (WCU), which is based in Monroe, created a flier headlined “IS HE OR ISN’T HE?” which was distributed on August 9 to many residents in Carpenter’s 9th Assembly District, located on Milwaukee’s south side.



—Tim Carpenter

The flier referred to Carpenter’s “very enthusiastic support of the homosexual agenda” and noted his attendance at many gay “functions” over the years. The reverse side of the flier featured a copy of a guest editorial Carpenter wrote for the *Wisconsin Light* in 1993. In

the article, he encourages readers to become involved in local and national gay organizations but does not comment on his own sexuality.

The flier says: “In this day and age when families are falling apart and children are exposed to so many morally decadent influences, how sad it is that the 9th District is represented by a man who apparently believes there is nothing wrong with men sodomizing one another or with women ‘burning with lust for one another.’”

The flier ends by saying that the WCU is “far too busy to deal with speculation” about Carpenter’s sexual orientation, but encourages his constituents to ask Carpenter directly, “Is he or isn’t he?”

Last year the leader of the WCU, Ralph Ovadal, asked openly Lesbian State Rep. Tammy Baldwin to resign because, he argued, “the lifestyle you flaunt violate[s] the very precepts this nation was founded upon and meant to be forever governed by, the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God.” Baldwin,

“It is a personal, private matter.”

—REP. TIM CARPENTER

in a letter published in the December 21, 1995 issue of *In Step*, refused to resign and responded to Ovadal’s many slurs and misperceptions about gay people.

In April, Ovadal sponsored several appearances throughout Wisconsin by Scott Lively, the author of an anti-Gay tract called “The Pink Swastika,” which purveys the false notion that many of the leaders of the Nazi hierarchy were gay. Various mainstream church groups, civil liberties advocates and the Lesbian Avengers picketed at each of Lively’s stops. Ovadal has also vowed to organize a campaign to repeal the “sexual orientation” clause in Wisconsin’s civil rights statutes.

“SMEAR” TACTIC?

After the WCU fliers about Carpenter were distributed in his district, Jim Sanfilippo, who will oppose Carpenter in the Democratic primary for the 9th Assembly District seat this fall, sent press releases to the mainstream media demanding that Carpenter tell his constituents the truth about his sexuality and “let them decide if it matters or not.” The story was then given major coverage in the mainstream press.

Sanfilippo ran against Carpenter in 1994 as a Republican but lost the race. Carpenter won 59% of the vote to Sanfilippo’s 41%. Apparently believing he may have a better chance to defeat Carpenter by changing parties (the district is overwhelmingly Democratic), Sanfilippo filed nomination

papers this summer as a Democrat.

Carpenter, first elected in 1984, is seeking his seventh term as a member of the State Assembly. He has consistently spoken out and voted in favor of civil rights protections, including those encompassing homosexuals. According to

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— Democratic Legislators

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Carpenter has been very helpful in securing funds and legislation essential to the AIDS community.

Carpenter is widely respected by Democratic and Republican colleagues alike. Assembly Majority Leader Scott Jensen, a Waukesha Republican, condemned the "smear" campaign being conducted against Carpenter. He told the press that while he often disagrees with Carpenter's stands on issues, he is a respected and diligent representative.

Eight Democratic colleagues also rose to Carpenter's defense in a letter sent out on the stationery of Rep. Rosemary Potter, the Democratic Caucus Chair. The legislators denounced as a "scurrilous attack," "mud-slinging," and "character assassination" the WCU/Sanfilippo campaign against Carpenter. They questioned the legality of the WCU's interference in the campaign since the group is not registered with the Wisconsin Elections Board.

The letter touted Carpenter's work as an "outspoken champion" of affordable housing, home care services for the elderly, the plant closing notification law and his "unswerving dedication to civil rights."

"The choice in this primary election will send a clear message around the state about true character," the letter concluded. "Throughout his legislative career, Rep. Tim Carpenter has demonstrated the fine quality of his character. Ovadal and his hate group have just as clearly demonstrated its lack."

OUTING CONTROVERSY

The leaflet campaign against Carpenter stirred much discussion in Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community. Several gay activists, who have been trying to "out" Rep. Carpenter for years, were angry that he did not take this opportunity to come out as a gay man. Many others, wanting to protect his political position and not feed into

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—Dan Fons

the anti-Gay schemes of the WCU, spoke off the record or refused to have their names published.

Everyone interviewed by *In Step*, however, asserted their personal beliefs that Carpenter is indeed gay. Often, they based this contention on Carpenter's frequent attendance at gay bars and political functions and his own verbal acknowledgement of the fact when among gay and lesbian people.

Dan Fons, co-host of Milwaukee cable TV's "The Queer Program," and Yuri Keegstra of Q-Action, an offshoot of ACT UP Milwaukee, were most vociferous in their views. They expressed anger with both Carpenter and the WCU, with the use of the terms "smear" tactic and "character assassination" and with the media's exploitation of the story.

"It's very unfortunate for Tim Carpenter to have let it [revealing his sexual orientation] go this long," Fons said.

"Being called gay when you're not is an error, but it's not an insult."

—DAN FON

"He could have been so much more constructive about it and come out in a very pro-active way. Instead, he's got this group of Christian idiots biting at his heels."

"We're really letting the right wing control this issue, instead of just coming out and dealing with it. And what is all this stuff about 'smear' tactics and 'character assassination'?" Fons asked. "Being called gay if you're not is an error, but it's not an insult."

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Keegstra said that he has seen Carpenter at gay bars in Milwaukee and Chicago many times. Once when Keegstra and his lover, the late Christopher Fons (who was a 9th District constituent), ran into Carpenter at a bar, Chris Fons asked him why he wasn't out yet. Keegstra reports that Carpenter's response was "I am out."

"He should come out," Keegstra said. "We're in the 1990's. It's okay to be gay. Everybody knows he's gay — it's a fait accompli. Once he's out, it'll feel much more free and rewarding."

Both Fons and Keegstra are angered that the straight media gave so much publicity to the story. "We out him and nobody — including the Gay press — prints anything," Keegstra said. "They do, and it's big news!"

"The mainstream press has consistently ignored our attempts to encourage people to come out," Fons said. "Why does it only become news when the right wing launches a negative campaign?"

OUTING HISTORY

Fons told *In Step* that initial efforts to out Tim Carpenter date back to February 1991 when Queer Nation sent Valentines to various politicians (including Sen. Herb Kohl, who has denied he is gay) asking them to come out.

Fons and his "Queer Program" co-host Michael Lisowski made a decision to talk openly about the sexuality of public figures when it was relevant to a story. So they discussed Carpenter on the air in late 1993 after he wrote the guest editorial for *Wisconsin Light*, and they included him among several other names when they reported on the gay and lesbian officials who won election and re-election in 1994.

In a January guest commentary in *Q-Voice Magazine*, Fons again called for Carpenter and several other allegedly gay politicians to come out. Fons charges that following the publication of that piece, Rep. Carpenter called his employer, the Milwaukee AIDS Project, and put pressure on officials there to silence him. Fons has refused to be silenced.

"I think he really stepped over the line there and showed me he was willing to behave unethically to protect his closet," Fons said. "That's just plain wrong."

Four other people interviewed for this story agreed that Carpenter is expending enormous amounts of energy to hide his true identity and that it would be much easier for him in the long run if he just comes out.

"Look at that Congressman in Arizona [Rep. Jim Kolbe]," at source at the State Capitol said. "He issued a dignified statement saying that, 'Yes, I'm gay,' and that it has never interfered with his service to his constituents. He was praised. Everyone came to his support. They love him! And

he's a Republican!"

"I think what people don't like is someone they perceive as being duplicitous," a longtime Lesbian activist commented. "That's where you really get in trouble. It's too bad Tim didn't just come out and say, 'Yeah I'm gay, but I'm still as good a person and representative as I was before you knew that.' I think everyone would extend their compassion and support."

"It's very frustrating that his friends are having to muzzle themselves to protect his little secret," said another longtime Milwaukee activist, "who has met and spoken to Carpenter at many Gay events, said. "It's misguided and a little sad."

In Step interviewed several public officials who are colleagues of Carpenter's. They spoke at length off the record and then struggled for a long time about what they could actually say for publication that would not compromise Carpenter's privacy or give ammunition to the WCU or his opponent. They each finally declined to comment except to compliment Carpenter's legislative abilities and to wish him luck with his campaign.

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Green Bay's Angels of Hope Find New Home

by Cheryl Myers

The Universal Fellowship of the Metropolitan Community Church of Green Bay—Angels of Hope MCC—has found a new home. Once a struggling church that the MCC district office considered closing, Angels of Hope is now a growing congregation serving the needs of the lesbian and transgendered community in and around Brown County.

"We began ten years ago at the Napalese Lounge, then moved to Center Project, then for a brief period, we met at the Union Congregational Church," states Rev. Kenneth Hull, pastor of Angels of Hope, "After that, church was at the Best

"Some MCC congregations also have heterosexual members, but we don't have that here. But who knows what the future may bring?"

—REV. KENNETH HULL

Western Downtowner Hotel for a long time. I came to Green Bay about a year ago, and June 2 of this year, we moved into our own building."

The church is a converted storefront at 614 Forest St., and Rev. Hull and his spouse, Harry, live upstairs, "I actually had to purchase the building because the congregation could not get a loan. So I bought it, we worked to bring it up to code, and the church leases the space downstairs for services," says Rev. Hull.

The front door, framed outside with live flowers in planters, opens onto an entrance hallway papered with bulletin boards and posters. The main body of the church is a long, rectangular room with a draped altar, podium, comfortable seating, a large crucifix, and a rainbow flag. It boasts both a piano and organ. Near the



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entrance stand tall, ivory candles with red ribbons.

"Candles with red ribbons represent those for whom we pray: those living with AIDS or HIV, their loved ones and families and their caretakers," reports the church bulletin. Services are held at 11:00 A. M. every Sunday, and begin with a song. Next comes a welcome and announcements. The group is small and Rev. Hull encourages informality. Many of the members use this time to share their thoughts and concerns. The rest of the service is somewhat more formal, sprinkled liberally with music.

"We do a lot of singing. I believe people will remember the message and emotion of the music long after they forget my sermon," the Rev. Hull says.

The MCC practices open communion in which anyone, member or visitor, may participate. Rev. Hull states they always make a special effort to be inclusive, whether it be in welcoming visitors or making sure their hymnals and prayers are gender neutral.

"Some MCC congregations also have heterosexual members, but we don't have that here. But who knows what the future may bring?" he states.

The MCC was founded by the homosexual community to further Christian fellowship amongst those who were often excluded or even persecuted by their own denominations. After services, the congregation either goes out to lunch or has a carry-in meal. Attendance fluctuates between 15 and 23 people, and most stay for this fellowship.

Debbie, a lesbian and member since 1988, says she values the social as well as the spiritual part of their get-togethers. "Where else can you go to meet people if you're gay? I don't have anything against the bars, but I'm not really into that scene. And I really like the non-judgemental atmosphere here at the church. Everyone accepts you just as you are," she says.

A more recent member, Stephanie is a transgendered person who joined about a year ago. "I was a member of the Moravian Church, but as I began hormonal therapy in preparation for this change, the congregation became uncomfortable with me. The ministers were very supportive, but the others were not. They threw me out," she reports. "But my minister got me in touch with Ken (Rev. Hull) and he was wonderful. He really helped me through a lot. He's a wonderful minister, and things have really taken off since he's been here."

"One of the best things about the church," Stephanie continues, "is that it teaches that we are all a part of God, we are all important. It helps you to feel good about yourself." Rev. Hull reiterates this sentiment in sharing his own life story of how he came to the MCC and an acceptance of himself as a gay man.

"I was a pastor for the Disciples of Christ for over forty years. I was married to a lovely woman and had two children. Yes, I knew I was a homosexual, but I prayed that God would change me. I saw it as a struggle, and I suppressed and rejected that part of myself."

"Both my children became pastors in the Disciples of Christ. Then my son began to acknowledge his own homosexuality, and moved in with his lover. He was fired from his position. When my son came out to me, it was very difficult for him. But at that time, I had not come out. I tried to be supportive, to learn what I could."

"My son became a pastor at the MCC in Sarasota, Florida and he invited me down. We sang a duet together, and afterwards these young men came to me with tears in their eyes and told me how much they wished their fathers could be as loving and supportive as I was. You see, they all assumed I was a heterosexual parent. I felt just terrible, like a hypocrite."

"A year after my son came out to me, I came out to him. I began attending the MCC in Indianapolis, and the pastor, Rev. Marilyn Marr, helped me to sort things out." "I felt



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ridiculous, coming out at my age. But she was very encouraging and reassuring. My wife had recently passed away, and I pursued becoming a minister for the MCC. In fact, my ordination was last spring. My daughter and son and I all have a wonderful relationship, and it was a very freeing experience. Now I understand that we are all equal and valuable in God's eyes."

An unusual distinction was recently bestowed on Rev. Hull. The Brown County Clergy Association, which represents a wide variety of denominations, elected him as their president. Rev. Hull believes he is the first MCC pastor to serve in this capacity.

"I was amazed. I had given a program on Angels of Hope to the group, and they were all aware I was in a committed relationship with a man. After the program, there were some tough but respectful questions from the Missouri Synod Lutheran Minister about reconciling homosexuality with biblical teachings, but overall, it went well. So they all knew what I was about when they elected me. I like to think it is a signal of greater acceptance."

When asked about his plans for the future, Rev. Hull states he intends to add evening message and discussion

groups beginning Oct. 13, and a special service is scheduled Aug. 26th at 7pm for the affirmation of his ordination. He plans special Christmas Eve and Easter programs, and an AIDS vigil. He will also continue to perform Holy Unions, and hopes to add infant baptisms when the need arises.

"I also very much desire to make this church building a place where all the lesbigay/transgendered community can meet. I want everyone to have a permanent structure they can depend upon," Rev. Hull adds. As for the current status of Angels of Hope, Rev. Hull reports that their membership has tripled this past year, and they are no longer in any danger of closing. "I'm thrilled. We welcome and appreciate visitors. You know, the MCC in Dallas has 1,000 members. We probably won't ever be that big, but we will certainly continue to grow," he states. "We have also had no threats and no harassment. I am very pleased with our church community here."

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National & World News

by Keith Clark and William Attewell

Large Gay Presence at GOP Convention Liberal Gays Protest, Republican Gays Endorse Dole

Special Report by Rex Wockner

San Diego, CA — Gays and lesbians endeavored on numerous levels to make their voices heard before and during the Republican National Convention here Aug. 12-15. If they did not at all times succeed, it was not for lack of trying.

The gay Log Cabin Republicans, a national organization with 10,000 members, got the ball rolling with their national convention held in San Diego's University Heights neighborhood Aug. 9-11.

In an unexpected move, LCR's 200 conventioners voted Aug. 11 to delay a decision on whether to endorse Bob Dole's candidacy. At a minimum, spokesmen told reporters, LCR wanted Dole to ask for the endorsement. The group did not endorse George Bush in 1992.

"Bob Dole as a presidential candidate has repeatedly compromised, retreated or reversed himself under pressure from the extreme right," LCR Executive Director Rich Tafel said Aug. 11. "Despite our best efforts, Bob Dole has passed up a critical opportunity to demonstrate that he truly wants to lead a party which welcomes the participation of gays and lesbians. [For him to request our endorsement] would be somewhat historic, and we're very aware of that."

For hours later, the Dole campaign responded. "The Dole campaign would welcome the endorsement of Log Cabin Republicans as a sign that they too share the same beliefs, as Bob Dole has always held the belief that the GOP is an inclusive party," said spokeswoman Christian Martin.

By Aug. 15, Tafel was singing a very different tune. "Bob Dole has a long and honorable record when it comes to civil rights for all Americans," he said in announcing that LCR's endorsements committee was recommending that local chapters endorse Dole. The chapters will now vote by mail.

"The gay and lesbian demonstrators, many of whom are working closely with the Democratic National Committee to support President Clinton this fall, have not told the full

story of Bob Dole's record," Tafel charged, citing Dole's votes for AIDS funding and a ban on discrimination against HIV-positives, along with the policy in his Senate office that prohibited job discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Several national gay leaders who were among those demonstrators nonetheless quickly denounced LCR's pre-endorsement, citing other Dole votes and Republican policies. But LCR was not dissuaded. The group's mission is clear, its leaders said: To work with the GOP from within.

"We are like Dorothy in Oz," said Brian Perry of Log Cabin California. "In our journey, we're going to run into a few scarecrows, some people who just don't have a brain, and our role is to help them understand and educate them. There are the tin woodsmen who don't have a heart, and we have to present ourselves as real people and make them understand that it's about caring — and concerning our lives about each other that is so important. And there's the toughest ones of all, the cowardly lions, who just need that courage. We talk to them privately and they do the right thing most of the time but when push comes to shove, when it's really on the line, they need that extra courage."

Log Cabin Texas President Dale Carpenter suggested, however, that Bob Dole may not fall into any of these categories.

"Dole is so beholden to the far right of our party that it's unrealistic to think when he's president he'll change his colors," Carpenter said.

Openly Gay Delegates

There were three openly gay delegates to the GOP convention, all Log Cabin members.

"I was elected an openly gay delegate," said Abner Mason of Boston, LCR's national board vice-chair. "I had to get to my congressional-district caucus enough people to elect me. I got enough people to Belmont High School on a Saturday in

April to get elected."

Mason said he was pleased with Dole's selection of Jack Kemp as his running mate. "Jack Kemp is Mr. Big Tent; he defines inclusion," Mason said.

Rumors flew all week about alleged homosexuality in Kemp's past but nothing was proven. But in an indication of just how run-of-the-mill the once-controversial tactic of outing has become, even the Associated Press reported matter-of-factly on the rumors, which revolve around a cabin Kemp apparently co-owned with some homosexuals in 1967 near Lake Tahoe. Numerous gays posting in cyberspace claimed to have second-hand information on Kemp's alleged gay sexual escapades.

The Platform

Gays and lesbians were disappointed with, but not surprised by, the final GOP platform document. It stated:

"The sole source of equal opportunity for all is equality before the law. Therefore, we oppose discrimination based on sex, race, age, creed or national origin and will vigorously enforce anti-discrimination statutes. We reject the distortion of those laws to cover sexual preference and endorse the Defense of Marriage Act to prevent states from being forced to recognize same-sex unions. Because we believe rights inhere in individuals, not in groups, we will attain our nation's goal of equal rights without quotas or other forms of preferential treatment."

"We oppose Bill Clinton's assault on the culture and traditions of the Armed Forces, especially his attempt to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. We affirm that homosexuality is incompatible with military service. ... We reaffirm our support for the exemption of women from ground combat units."

"We remain committed to, and place a high priority on, finding a cure for HIV disease. We support increased funding for research targeted at conditions that touch the families of most Americans, like Alzheimer's, breast cancer, prostate cancer and diabetes. We call for an increased emphasis on prevention of diseases that threaten the lives of women. This requires dramatic expansion of outreach and education to expand public awareness."

The platform also calls for constitutional amendments to ban abortion, balance the budget, prohibit burning of the U.S. flag, and end the guarantee of citizenship to any child born on U.S. soil.

VOICES '96

The main gay presence at the convention site was VOICES '96 — Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Voters Organized In Coalition for the Elections '96 — a coalition of the large national gay organizations and local San Diego activists.

They set up a Media Center in an abandoned restaurant a stone's throw from the Convention Center front door and staged a series of demonstrations, rallies and press events.

Sunday night, Aug. 11, about 250 VOICES folks carpooled 30 miles north to Escondido, Calif., to picket "The Man and the Movement: A Tribute to Pat Buchanan."

When they arrived, they found the California Center for the Arts complex sealed off by temporary fences. So they chanted across the fence, in the general

Also on the Newswire...

Melissa Etheridge and Lover Expecting Baby

New York, NY — Lesbian rocker Melissa Etheridge and her lover, Julie Cypher, are expecting a baby. Cypher is four-months pregnant, Etheridge revealed Aug. 19. The baby is due in January. "Both Julie and I have been planning this for a long time and we couldn't be happier," Etheridge said.

Phoenix Gay Paper Ceases Publication

Phoenix, AZ — The *Western Express*, Phoenix's longest-published gay and lesbian news journal, closed its doors earlier in July after the death of co-founder Don Pintacura. Pintacura had made no provision for the continued publication of *Western Express* and his family said they no plans to continue the 15-year-old publication.

SF Officials OK \$1.2 Million for Gay Center

San Francisco, CA — The San Francisco board of supervisors voted unanimously to lay out \$1.2 million in city funds to buy property for a five-story proposed Lesbian and Gay Center. The board approved the funds to purchase a rambling Victorian house in the city that center backers will renovate to house the community facility. Total costs for the proposed center, which is planned to have a book store, gift shop, meeting rooms, and a 200-seat auditorium, are expected to run about \$7.3 million.

Judge Oks Pact to Pay AIDS Hemophiliacs

Chicago, IL — An agreement that would pay at least \$600 million to hemophiliacs who contracted the AIDS virus from tainted products was given preliminary last week by a U.S. District Court judge. The agreement was



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direction of the auditorium: "Racist, sexist, anti-gay, Pat Buchanan go away," "Equal marriage rights for all" and, in Spanish, "Here we are and we are not leaving."

2,000 March Through Downtown

The evening of the convention's opening day, VOICES '96 staged its major gay-specific event, a march from a downtown park to the convention's so-called free-speech site. The site was directly across the street from the Convention Center — the result of a lawsuit filed by VOICES, the ACLU and others. Before the lawsuit, GOP organizers had succeeded in pushing the protest site several blocks away from the convention.

The noisy, colorful march — 1,000 people strong — was led by national gay-movement leaders, including Urvashi Vaid, Elizabeth Birch, Candace Gingrich, Robin Tyler, Eric Rofes, Tom Ammiano, Melinda Paras, Donna Red Wing, Lorri Jean, Robert Bray and Joe Zuniga.

By the time marchers reached the fenced-in free-speech site, police estimated the turnout at 2,000 people. That number then dwindled as speakers carried on for a full two hours.

AIDS

On Tuesday, Aug. 13, gays and lesbians mounted a march and rally focusing on AIDS issues. When the rally ended, 400 protesters led by ACT UP/Los Angeles broke free of the designated-free-speech site and marched an additional block to the Convention Center main entrance.

They halted behind several strands of yellow "Police Line Do Not Cross" tape, just a few feet from the convention's metal detectors, and began shouting at the thousands of

Republicans who were leaving the convention hall following the close of the evening's events.

They chanted, "Racist, sexist, anti-gay — born-again bigots go away." Many Republican delegates chanted, "Dole, Kemp" in return. Others smiled, ignored the protest or shouted insults back at the gays.

Police eventually formed a line between the two groups and, after about 40 minutes, the gays started drifting away. About 60 protesters headed for the Planet Hollywood restaurant in the downtown Horton Plaza mall where Republican VIPs were partying with actor Charlton Heston. Police quickly intervened in that protest action and it ended after half an hour.

"The purpose [of our protests] is to increase visibility around HIV and AIDS to the Republican delegates," said NGLTF's Robert Bray. "The platform for the 1996 Republican National Convention has one sentence on AIDS — and, actually, it's not bad; it talks about their support for a cure for HIV. Unfortunately, it doesn't talk about ... how to fund that cure, how to keep people alive through life-prolonging drug therapy, and how to fund effective preventative education."

Jon Arterton, a member of the Flirtations gay singing group, was more philosophical about his participation in the protests.

"I think we can actually be here not just to be visible people — to show the Republicans that we do in fact exist and that we do in fact breathe the same air and walk the same earth that they do — but I think it's also important for those people who are here just for themselves to re-assert to their spirits that what they do is important and that in fact they do have a voice and some say in the governing body of this country," Arterton said.

An Attempted Outing

There was one unexpected moment in Tuesday's protests. During the rally at the free-speech site, actor William Baldwin showed up and briefly addressed the crowd. As soon as he took the stage, former CBS News producer and ACT UP co-founder Ann Northrop of New York City began chanting, "Come out, come out."

Baldwin replied, "You've heard, huh?" But after he left the stage, he walked over and confronted Northrop.

"They always say that about my brother too," Baldwin told Northrop. "And they say that about Sean Penn. Why would you stand here and yell that out unless you knew, unless I told you that I was gay? ... If I were, I would tell you. I just don't understand."

Northrop said she was sorry if she was wrong about his being gay and Baldwin replied, "I accept your apology."

Fisher Addresses Delegates

HIV-positive Republican Mary Fisher addressed the convention itself again, as she did in 1992.

"I mean to live and die as a Republican," Fisher said. "But I also will live and will die in the AIDS community, a community hungry for the evidence of leadership."

Elsewhere inside the convention hall, *Out* magazine columnist Michelangelo Signorile was busy chasing Phyllis Schlafly, newly out Arizona Congressman Jim Kolbe, allegedly closeted Florida Congressman Mark Foley and assorted anti-gay

reached between the Committee of 10,000 representing the hemophiliacs, and Baxter Healthcare Corp., Alpha Therapeutic Corp., Armour Pharmaceutical Co. and Bayer Corp. Hemophiliacs who contracted the AIDS virus from blood-clotting agents processed and distributed by the companies from 1978 through 1985 would be eligible to receive \$100,000 each under the proposed settlement.

San Jose to Establish Gay/Lesbian Registry

San Jose, CA — Santa Clara County could become the latest government body to recognize the partnerships of unmarried couples, gay or straight. The Board of Supervisors will vote today to establish a registry for domestic partners.

Bottoms Drops Long Custody Fight

Richmond, VA — Sharron Bottoms announced at the beginning of a court custody hearing that she was giving up the prolonged legal proceedings aimed at regaining custody of her five-year-old son, Tyler. State courts have given custody of the boy to Bottoms' mother, Kay, because Sharon has acknowledge she is a lesbian. In making the announcement, however, Bottoms gave no reason for her withdrawal from the case she had been fighting for three years.

Intel Benefits Available to Domestic Partners

Silicon Valley, CA — Starting January 1, 1997, U.S. Intel employees with same-sex domestic partners will be allowed to enroll their partners, as well as any eligible children, in the Intel medical and dental plans, and in other benefits programs. "The decision to extend benefits eligibility supports Intel's goal to provide competitive benefits that attract top talent and retain key performers in a highly competitive and changing business environment," said Kirby Dyess, Intel's Vice President of Human Resources. Intel joins a number of other companies that have already made the move.

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GOP shakers-and- movers. Signorile said Schlafly grew positively exasperated with his daily inquiries about how she reconciles her brand of conservatism with the fact that her son is openly gay — and she finally told him, “My son John is right over there; go talk to him yourself.” As for Foley, who was recently outed on the radio program “Out In New England,” Signorile said the congressman very clearly cruised him for several minutes on the convention floor Thursday night — at a time when Signorile was blocked by the crush of the convention crowd from moving a few feet closer to Foley and introducing himself. The remainder of Signorile’s adventures will be recounted in an upcoming issue of *Out*.

Back in the streets, the gay protesters took a day off on Wednesday, Aug. 14. Local activists staged a \$50-a-head “Honoring Our Voices Reception” in the gay Hillcrest neighborhood, presenting awards to national gay leaders Urvashi Vaid, Elizabeth Birch, Joe Zuniga, Robert Bray, Donna Red Wing, Candace Gingrich, Frank Buttino, Jack Campbell, Melinda Paras, Ann Northrop and others. The event was hosted by Christine Kehoe, an openly lesbian member of the San Diego City Council. Later in the evening, gay groups converged on the hip gay nightclub Rich’s for the VOICES ‘96 “Politics of Dancing Party.”

There is no question that the 1996 Republican National Convention was kinder and gentler than the party’s 1992 affair in Houston. And some observers — the gay Log Cabin Republicans among them — believe it was not just a facade. They say the GOP learned the hard way over the past four years that it cannot let fundamentalist Christians dominate the party’s discourse or policy-making on social issues.

Many other gay analysts, though, were having none of it. The GOP has not changed, they said, and one need only read the party’s 1996 platform — which Bob Dole says he hasn’t — for confirmation.

“The Republican Party proved something when the television lights went on in San Diego,” said syndicated lesbian columnist Deb Price. “It’s learned to smile without showing its fangs. The political animal that frightened fair-minded voters four years ago is more clever now. It knows it must disguise itself to be appealing. And that makes it all the more dangerous.”

Even Reuters was of a similar mind. In an analysis piece, the news wire service said: “Is this the real Republican party? Or did it go into hiding during a four-day convention of touchy-feely videos, speeches dripping with concern and scarcely a controversial remark? ... The Republicans seemed to be playing a game of ‘Where’s Waldo?’ only it was ‘Where’s Newt Gingrich? Where’s the Christian Coalition? Where’s Pat Buchanan? Where’s the ‘Contract with America?’”

‘The Men Who Can’t Catch AIDS’ Genetic Mutation Causes Immunity to HIV

by Keith Clark

New York, NY — Erich Fuchs, 40, and Steve Crohn, 49, both live in Manhattan, both are gay men, both had lovers who died of AIDS, and both for years thought they, too, had been infected with HIV and would die as a result.

Both men were wrong. And as a result, the important clue their genetic make-up has contributed to fighting the epidemic is dramatic. Fuchs and Crohn, who became medical celebrities overnight in July are, as one British tabloid headline luridly (but accurately) screamed: “The Men Who Can’t Catch AIDS.”

Feds Sue Nevada Casino for HIV Bias

Sparks, NV — The federal government has filed an HIV discrimination lawsuit against the Nugget Casino under the Americans with Disabilities Act. The suit charges the popular casino-resort wrongfully fired an unnamed employee after he filed an insurance claim for medical treatment associated with HIV.

Judge Rules Former Jail Security Chief Sexually Abused Inmate

New York, NY — A federal judge has ordered the county to pay an inmate \$750,000 in damages after determining that the former chief of security at Suffolk County Jail repeatedly sexually abused the prisoner at the facility in 1990. U.S. District Court Judge Arthur Spatt called the evidence against former corrections Sgt. Roy Fries “overwhelming” and said that the inmate, Maurice J. Mathie, had proved by “a preponderance of the credible evidence” that he was sexually abused by Fries during a four-month period at the Riverhead, N.Y., jail.

GLAAD Launches National Defamation Hotline

New York, NY — The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) has set up an automated toll-free telephone hotline to report anti-gay media defamation anywhere in the U.S. The toll-free number to report defamation in print, television, film or on radio is: 1-(800) 429-6334 (the number also spells out “GAY-MEDIA”).

Advocate Editor Out

Los Angeles, CA — Jeff Yarbrough, who served for four years as editor-in-chief of *The Advocate*, has left the gay news magazine. Word in the industry has it that Yarbrough was discharged, but Yarbrough said he had resigned. Yarbrough has been succeeded by Judy Wieder, previously the executive editor of *The Advocate*, which publishes 26 issues a year.

Crohn is the first person scientists have identified who is genetically resistant to HIV, and Fuchs is the second. And in early August, researchers at New York's Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, announced that about 1 percent of Caucasian Americans of western European descent have a defective,

mutated gene that makes them immune to HIV infection.

The discovery has stunning possibilities, researchers say. But it was virtually a coincidence that led the two stubborn men, who kept trying to find out why they were not despite all the odds infected with HIV, to scientists at Aaron Diamond, where researcher were independently working on identifying the genetic "gateway" in the human body that allows HIV to invade.

Fuchs and Crohn had both been trying to find doctors, clinicians, scientists - anyone in AIDS researcher - who could explain why they had not been infected with HIV when so many of those around them had died.

Crohn's longtime lover died of AIDS in 1982, making him in fact the first person to officially die of the disease in Los Angeles. "When you live in homosexual America, you think there's no way in the world I shouldn't be dead," Crohn said.

During the following years, as more and more friends died of AIDS, Crohn, a freelance editor, said he started to feel like a war survivor. But the HIV blood tests continued to come back negative for the virus.

Fuchs, a management consultant, didn't have as many friends die of AIDS, but in 1988 when his lover died of the disease, he says he just assume he too must be infected and started visiting an physician who specializes in AIDS treatment. "One close friend is enough," he said. "One is too much."

Although he says every time he went to see his doctor he expected to be told he had contracted one of the many opportunistic diseases — pneumocystis, Kaposi's sarcoma, inflamed lymph nodes, thrush - that strike people with HIV/AIDS, but nothing medically ever happened. Finally, his physician ordered a complete set of HIV blood tests. And like Crohn, everything was negative — and continued to test nega-

tive over the years.

Fuchs says he doesn't understand biology and genetics, and it might have all stopped with the "miracle" of him not being HIV-positive.

But Crohn, who had met Fuchs along their mutual search for an explanation of why they weren't infected, is far from intimidated by medical and scientific jargon. In fact, his uncle, Burrill Crohn, discovered the genetic colon disease that bears his name: Crohn's disease. Tapping into his family's scientific connections, in 1994 he eventually was sent to the Aaron Diamond Center, where Dr. Bill Paxton was collecting blood sample from people who had been exposed to HIV but had not become infected as part of a long-term study.

Paxton did what he does with all such blood samples he collects: he isolated the white blood cells and exposed them to fixed amounts of HIV to evaluate how quickly they became infected. Instead he found the white cells appeared unaffected by the virus.

So he increased the HIV dosage tenfold — but no infection. Then he jumped it up 100 times. To his astonishment, Crohn's white blood cells remained impervious to the virus.

Finally, Paxton increased the dose 1,000 times above what is considered lethal to human cells, but Crohn's lymphocytes remained uninfected. Stunned, Paxton and other researchers at the center repeated the experiment at the 1,000-fold exposure with the same results.

Within days, Fuchs had also contacted Paxton and gave a blood sample as well. The results were identical: Fuchs' white blood cells, like Crohn's, were immune to HIV infection no matter how high an exposure they got.

But at the time Paxton had no answer to why the two men were apparently immune to HIV.

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drama that sounds more like a Hollywood movie than the arcane world of AIDS research, Dr. Ned Landau, who was working at a lab across the hall from Paxton at the Aaron Diamond Center, found a crucial protein receptor that he had been searching for. Known as cc-CCR5, the protein receptor functions as a gateway for HIV into human cells, the genetic mechanism that allows the virus to actually invade. The receptor was identified at about the same time in five other laboratories around the world.

"The next day," Landau says, "I went across the hall and we amplified [Fuchs' and Crohn's] genes and this fell out. It's amazing how fast this fell out."

What "fell out" was a vital finding that some scientists now say opens a whole new direction in AIDS research. While most people carry a gene that produces the protein receptor properly, allowing plenty of HIV gateways to be present on their lymphocytes, some people — like Fuchs and Crohn — have mutant genes, genetic defects that essentially save their lives.

In early August, the Aaron Diamond Center researchers announced that Fuchs' and Crohn's cc-CCR5 genes were missing 32 crucial pieces of DNA. As a result of that inherited defect, their receptors were "invisible" to HIV and could not function as gateways for the usually fatal virus.

Further studies by the Aaron Diamond Center and scientists at the Free University of Brussels in Belgium have indi-

cated that about 1 percent of European-descendant Caucasians carry two copies of the anti-HIV gene, meaning that they inherited the trait from both of their parents.

They simply cannot get infected with HIV.

About 22 percent of this ethnic group, the scientists also found, have only one set of anti-HIV genes inherited from one parent, which means they can get infected but apparently live longer lives than other infected individuals who don't carry any copies of the mutated gene.

The researchers say identifying the cc-CCR5 receptor, along with having two healthy, live examples of people carrying the mutated gene, should lead scientists toward working on possible vaccines based on the cc-CCR5 receptor along with drug therapies that would destroy the receptor, thereby closing HIV's gateway to infection.

Both Fuchs and Crohn say they're overwhelmed by the significance of what the findings may mean, although both say they're struggling just to comprehend what the scientists have been telling them. "I don't understand the genetics," Crohn said. "But I do see that if somebody had my blood system, they couldn't get AIDS. The potential is enormous."

An important aspect of having two people with the mutated gene, the researchers say, is that it gives them an opportunity to study what — if any — impact lacking the cc-CCR5 receptors actually has on people who are born with the mutation.

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For both Fuchs and Crohn the mutation has no negative side-effects — and in fact may be connected with some positive benefits.

Both men are not only healthy, but they are also unusually disease-free. Fuchs had a cold last year — his first in 25 years. He smokes, regularly eats fatty and high-cholesterol foods, but his blood pressure remains low and his cholesterol level is normal. Crohn has a similar above-average health profile, with unusually low cholesterol levels despite a fairly typical urban American diet that should produce the opposite.

So important do the Diamond Center researchers believe the two men's genetic structure is that they're patenting Fuchs' and Crohn's anti-HIV genes, with both men included as co-patentholders.

Disney Targeted by Second Christian Group

Springfield, MO — The Walt Disney Co. was the target of another Christian group when the Assemblies of God said it was urging its 1.4 million members to stop buying Disney products or attending its theme parks.

The group expressed dismay that productions of the Disney corporation are abandoning the commitment to strong moral values, and "have noticed this moral shift in a number of Disney-sponsored films and events." The group singled out the book, "Growing Up Gay," a book for teenagers published by Disney-owned Hyperion Press, and Disney's acquisition of Miramax, which then distributed the movie "Priest," a film about a gay cleric.

In June, the Southern Baptist Convention also voted to have its 16 million members boycott Disney because the company extends benefits to companions of gay employees and releases R-rated movies.

UK Gays Seek Compensation Over Aversion Therapy "Cures"

London — Aversion therapy administered to gay men as a "cure" for homosexuality in the 1960s and 1970s caused lasting psychological damage and one death, the British Broadcasting Company reported in a television documentary last week. The documentary, "Dark Secret," detailed the cases of three men — one of whom died after treatment — and prompted demands from gay pressure group *OutRage* for compensation and new rules to stamp out the treatment.

The therapy involved showing the men homoerotic images while subjecting them to electric shocks and drug-induced nausea in an effort to arouse unpleasant associations with homosexual attraction. An article preceding the broadcast in the gay magazine *Thud* said former tank captain Billy Clegg-Hill, then 29, "died from coma and convulsions resulting from injections of apomorphine, a potent vomit-inducing drug."

Clegg-Hill was sent for aversion therapy in 1962 after being arrested for homosexual activity, but died only days into the treatment. His death certificate recorded a verdict of "natural causes," but this was disputed more than 30 years later by the doctor who conducted the post-mortem and by Clegg-Hill's sister.

British Columbia Lesbian, Gay Couples Get Legal Costs Underwritten


Victoria, Canada — Same-sex couples who want to adopt children in the Canadian province of British Columbia can have their legal assistance costs paid for by the government, but straight couples will have to pay their own legal expenses in adoption cases.

The provincial Legal Services Society, an independent agency, recently decided in favor of gay and lesbian couples and the new policy will become effective November 4 of this year.

The province's attorney general, Ujjal Dosanjh, said he didn't agree with the society's new policy, but added that the British Columbia government would not infer.

"This minister and this government support no discrimination," Dosanjh said.

The society declined to formally comment on the policy, but a memo from the Canadian Bar Association on the subject noted that, "because adoption is the only way for same-sex couples to get legal rights for their family members, they are in a different position than heterosexual couples."



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The CBA memo also noted that most same-sex adoption cases involved lesbian couples where one woman was the natural mother of a child that the second woman wanted to legally adopt so both partners would have legal guardianship.

Jury Finds Dentist Not Guilty in Assault on Patient

Salt Lake City, UT — A jury has found dentist Robert Plymale innocent of charges that he inhaled nitrous oxide (laughing gas) and then sexually assaulted a male patient for three hours.

The jurors said they simply didn't believe the "preposterous idea" that any sexual assault took place — or that if Plymale did have sex with patient Kevin C. Miles, 19, it was with the young man's consent.

Miles had testified that he "couldn't move" from a dental chair while Plymale inhaled laughing gas and sexually assaulted him for nearly three hours in his office. He also said he couldn't remember whether he or Plymale removed his pants and underwear during the incident.

Plymale's attorney had also argued that Miles had been attempting to extort money from the dentist, who has been in practice for 30 years, noting that Miles had gone to an attorney to file a civil lawsuit against Plymale the day after the dentist was arrested.

Raid Forces Patients to Oakland, Santa Cruz Cannabis Clubs

Oakland, CA — Ever since state narcotics agents raided a marijuana buyers club in San Francisco, sales have reportedly skyrocketed at similar clubs in Oakland and Santa Cruz.

On Aug. 4 state agents effectively

closed the San Francisco's Cannabis Buyer's Club where people with terminal illnesses - cancer and AIDS patients - could buy the drug to help ease their pain or stimulate failing appetites. But authorities say the club was really a distribution money-making part of a drug ring in Northern California.

Following the San Francisco raid state Justice Department officials also obtained a court order barring the club's reopening.

That's forced hundreds of the club's estimated 12,000 members to drive - sometimes in carpools with other ailing patients - to Oakland or Santa Cruz, where local Cannabis Buyers' Clubs are still in operation and accepting the San Francisco CBC membership.

Montreal Offering Hepatitis Vaccine to Gay Men

Montreal, Canada — Because of recent dramatic increases in the number of gay men who are being stricken with hepatitis A, health officials in Montreal are urging sexually active gay men to get

government paid-for vaccinations.

Health officials say the number of hepatitis A cases reported among gay men has quadrupled during the past two years. The government will also spend \$750,000 for a public service ad campaign to encourage sexually active gay men to get the vaccinations.

Snail Drug Tested For AIDS Patients

Menlo Park, CA — Researchers at the biotech firm Neurex Corp. are testing the pain-killing abilities of the venom of an exotic snail from the Philippines, the *Conus magus*, as a possible way to help alleviate pain among cancer and AIDS patients suffering from advanced stages of the illnesses.

The snail uses its venom to kill its prey, mainly small fish, by paralyzing their nervous systems, and Neurex scientists believe the same venom can be used in humans to block pain. Neurex is directing 30 clinics around the country in the final testing phases of the compound.

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Clinton Given Warm Welcome at OutVote '96

by Keith Clark

Chicago, IL — Just when you thought you'd recovered from an overdose of political speeches, election promises and red-white-and-blue balloons following the conclusion of the Republican National Convention in San Diego, the next wave of politicking got underway in Chicago with the Aug. 16-18 OutVote '96, what the sponsoring Human Rights Campaign calls the "first lesbian and gay national political convention"

OutVote was held just a week before the Democrats hold their national convention in Chicago Aug. 26-29, where President Clinton will officially become the party's candidate for re-election.

And there was little doubt that most of those attending OutVote would be backing the President in this November election — or that Clinton was again courting the lesbian and gay vote, after a somewhat rocky political relationship.

But despite past tensions over gays in the military and more recently the so-called Defense of Marriage Act which the President said he would sign, it was clear that the Clinton White House still considers itself allied with gay and lesbian Americans.

And judging from the reception given a videotaped message from the

President to the more than 500 conference-goers in Chicago, it seems the right movement's movers and shakers have also put their differences with Clinton aside.

HRC, for example, already endorsed Clinton's re-election bid even before the Republican presidential primaries and caucuses indicated the GOP's nominee would be Bob Dole.

"I'm proud of the accomplishments we've made," Clinton said in the videotaped address. "My administration has taken more steps than any other to bring the gay and lesbian community to the table."

Clinton's videotaped greetings drew loud cheers from the hundreds attending the HRC convention, many of whom considered the 1996 campaign the "election of our lives."

The Administration may also be mustering its political allies as polls show the gap between Clinton and Dole narrowing following the usual "jump" each nominee gets following his party's national convention.

Tacitly acknowledging the sometimes strained relationship Clinton and the country's gay and lesbian community have had, the President said in his videotape: "All Americans face a critical choice this November. I believe we must put aside our differences and focus on what unites us, on our common ground. When I ran for president



in 1992, I told you about my vision for America - a vision you were and are very much a part of. I'm especially proud to be the first president ever to endorse a civil rights bill that specifically includes gay and lesbian Americans."

In addition to the videotaped greeting from the President, the convention also was scheduled to hear speeches by senior Clinton advisor George Stephanopoulos and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros.

Even Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wisc.), one of only two openly gay GOP members of Congress, acknowledged that the Republican platform this year made the party look bad.

Gunderson, a close ally of the former U.S. Senator from Kansas, said he didn't believe Dole would feel bound by any divisive parts of the Republican Party platform. Gunderson said he believed Dole would "have a no discrimination policy in the White House."

But for the overwhelming majority of those attending the OutVote convention, Clinton was clearly the man of the hour — who also apparently are hoping he will be the man of the next four years.



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Rainbow Over Wisconsin Set for Labor Day Weekend

Green Bay — Final arrangements have been made in preparation for Rainbow Over Wisconsin's Pride Weekend to be held over Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, August 31 and Sunday, September 1. The weekend is the first major fundraising effort for the recently formed non-profit organization located in the Fox Valley.

Saturday, August 31 begins the weekend with a 9 pin tap bowling tournament at Riviera Lanes, 2450 University Avenue in Green Bay. Cost of this event is \$25.00 per bowler and includes the shoes, a buffet and a donation to ROW. Registration is 1 p.m. and bowling begins at 2 p.m. Bowlers from Milwaukee, Madison, Appleton and Green Bay are expected to participate.

Sunday, September 1 at Memorial Park in Appleton will be the annual Pride Picnic from noon until 6 p.m. This year there is no cover charge. Hamburgers, brats, soda and beer will be sold at the site and proceeds from the sales will go to ROW's fund for distribution later this year. A bus is available for Green Bay participants for \$3.00. The bus will leave Brandy's II parking lot at 10:45 a.m. and Napalese parking lot at 11:00 p.m. and will return to Green Bay at 6 p.m. Persons from Wausau, Green Bay, Appleton, Sheboygan, Milwaukee and Madison are expected to attend the picnic.

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ment is being provided by Wisconsin entertainers who have donated their talent and any tips they receive from this event. The roster includes nationally recognized comedian C.C. Rae, Mr. Gay Wisconsin, Jeff Jenning, Ronnie Nyles, Johnny B., and Du Wanna Moore's female impersonator revue featuring titleholders from pageants across the state.

A dance area will provide non stop dancing with live DJ's including DJ ZA from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. Tables will be set up from area groups to promote their activities and sell merchandise. Afterwords Bookstore indicated they will be selling merchandise as well.

Memorial Park entrance is on Ballard Road. From highway 41 take the Ballard Road (Business 41). The entrance will be on your right.

Later this year Rainbow Over Wisconsin will be distributing the proceeds from this event and the others previously held to area educational & charitable organizations that serve our Les-Bi-Gay communities including Center Project and Fox Valley AIDS Project. Your attendance will help ROW reach their goal of raising substantial dollars for these organizations.

2nd Annual LINKS Benefit Block Party Set for September 1st

Milwaukee — The 2nd Annual LINKS Benefit Block Party on September 1st, 1996 starting at 12 noon will unite the Les/Bi/Gay community and their friends through entertainment, food and shopping while helping to raise vital funds for the Milwaukee AIDS Project, United HIV

Services, Women's Breast Cancer Coalition, and the Cream City Foundation. The entertainment line-up will include two special guests Milton Bullock 'The Golden Platter' and Carolyn' Carolyn.

Milton Bullock feels "honored to be performing and begin a special guest for such worthy causes, while reviving the audiences' memory with his program 'Back Down Memory Lane'. Milton will close one of the stages with a musical melody of "Platter" tunes which include: Only You, My Prayer, Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, Twilight Time and the Great Pretender.

Included in the special guests is Carolyn Warren of the Carolyn' Carolyn show which in the past has brought down houses in the Skylight Opera House and the Steppenwolf Theatre in Chicago. Carolyn brings together a unique form of comedy with impressive vocal abilities. She sings her way through songs like 'I'm Sixty Going on Seventy' as Lisa VonTrapp and her rendition of 'I Think He's Gay,' just to name a few of her many side splitting performances.

Salsa style entertainment explodes on the stage with Josie Santiago's Production with high energy dance music sung by Josie along with her dance troupe, 'Men Who Play,' make this an hour of entertainment not to be missed. Josie states she is excited in helping these worthwhile causes for which the diseases are so devastating to the community.

Jene' is a strong up and coming female vocalist whom closed the Main stage at Pridefest and brings her unique but power laden voice to songs of Cher, Alanis Morissette, and Melissa Etheridge. She has performed locally in

Club 219, Club 94 and various venues in Wisconsin and Illinois.

Other acts include the Yell Leaders which recently released a CD 'Up for Steam,' and a single 'One Who Went Crazy' on the "Made in Wisconsin" CD will bring an alternative pop/soul sound to the stage. Their performance has originals with lush layered vocals and powerful songwriting along with a special rendition of "Church of the Poison Mind." Jody Hornsby brings a unique country style of musical sound, from your favorites with an original twist.

During the day food and drink will be offered by various local establishments like the 3 B's bar, George's Pub, Mama Roux's Bar and Grill, and Fannies. The food will include local favorites along with a vegetarian menu, along with lemonade, soda, waters, beer, and other drinks.

Numerous vendors will be present to offer their wares to the community with some giving a portion to the charities. Vendors still can become involved by contacting Bob at the number below. Throughout the day different games will be available for amusement and acts like clowns will be walking around the party, also the famous Ronnie Marks raffle will be held.

Like any major event there is a strong need for volunteers in order to make the day go without a hitch. If interested in volunteering for the day or part of the day contact Bob at Designing Men 414-389-1200 or Sharon at Fannies 414-643-9633 or 414-649-9003. This year, sponsorship has come from Miller Brewing and others and supported by Designing Men, Fannies, and Brandon Marsh Entertainment.

End of Summer Picnic Planned

Milwaukee — Planning for the Second Annual "United Under One Rainbow" end of the Summer Picnic is well underway. The first picnic, held last year, had a turn out of 200 people throughout the day. Co-sponsors last year included Club MUSE, LAMM, LOC/Women of Color, People of All Colors Together, PrideFest, Ujima and Wisconsin Outdoor Women.

The picnic, which is free, and will be held on Saturday, September 21, 1996 at Lake Park Area 4 from 11:00 am-6:00 pm. Sponsors to date include BiNet, LAMM, LOC/Women of Color and People of All Colors Together. Picnic planners are seeking additional co-sponsors from organizations, individuals or businesses. For more information contact Ray Grant at 414-362-4095 (daytime) or at 414-871-3084 (evening).

Waukesha Lesbian to Host Chemical Dependency Presentation

Waukesha — On September 8, 1996 The Waukesha Area Lesbian Network will host a presentation on chemical dependency in the lesbian community from 4-6 pm at the Maple Avenue Mennonite Church in downtown Waukesha. Emily

Whitacre, Chemical Dependency Specialist with Waukesha Memorial Hospital will present info on interventions and resources. For more info. call WALN at 414-297-9412.

The Gay Men's Discussion Group

Milwaukee — Offered through the Men's Support Group Program, the GMDG's goal is to provide information, ideas, and support to all men on a variety of issues that are of interest or concern to the gay community. The GMDG is designed to be a safe and supportive place for us to share with one another what our diversity of experiences as Gay men is and can be. Preregistration is not required, and the cost is a \$3 donation. All discussions meet from 6-8 pm. If you'd like more information, please call Bill Hanel at 414-271-2565.

August 25/ Turning Men into Sex with Gary Hollander, Ph.D.

The affirmation of sexual desire and the appreciation of the beauty of men is an important part of a process of self-acceptance among gay men. When seeing a handsome man at the beach or walking down the street many of us wander into sexual fantasy—a process that often includes sexualizing someone. This process, sometimes called "objectification"—making someone into an "object"—is seen by some as a normal and healthy part of our development as gay men. Others, both inside and outside of the gay community, criticize this as

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demeaning and offensive. What are some of the healthy aspects of sexualizing others? How might this behavior hold us back from further development and growth? Please join us for what promises to be a stimulating and interesting discussion. Gay Hollander is Director of Educational Services for Family Practice Residency at St. Luke's Medical Center and an area psychologist experienced in working with gay and lesbian people.

MAP Moves to Expand Client Services

Milwaukee — MAP has expanded their case management services to insure easier access to case managers and will provide the public with up-to-date answers to questions as they arise.

A case manager is now available at MAP from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday. A case manager will be available to answer your questions by telephone or in person. Appointments are no longer necessary. Case management will also continue its 24-hour emergency coverage.

All case managers at MAP are licensed social workers by the state of Wisconsin and offer two types of services. Primary services are provided to the HIV healthy patient. Intensive services are provided for those in need of more frequent support due to illness.

In addition, MAP offers two types of experts to guide patients in requiring public benefits. A Benefits Specialist will help evaluate the patients Social Security Disability and Medicaid eligibility. The Benefits Specialist will provide the most current information on any changes in legislation or changes in a patient's eligibility.

MAP's Legal Assistance Program provides an expert to help in areas such as when to convert a private insurance plan, when to sell a life insurance policy or when to take advantage of short or long term work-related disability.

The Consumer Information Center is located at 820 N Plankinton Ave. and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to anyone who is HIV-infected or affected. You may stop in and review up-to-date information related to HIV services, pick up benefit and service applications and talk

to case managers who work at the Center.

The Consumer Information Center also offers a Consumer Information Line staffed by a case manager able to answer any HIV-related service questions. It operates from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can reach the Consumer Information Line by calling 414-225-1523.

GLSTN-SCW Announces Fall Gathering

Madison — The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network of South Central Wisconsin and Interweave, a Unitarian Universalist church group, invite all members of the Madison area to a discussion/presentation on how you can help end homophobia in education today. The presentation will be on Wednesday, September 4th at the First Unitarian Society, 900 University Bay Drive. It will begin at 7:30 pm. The presentation and discussion will be lead by Kevin Jennings, national executive director of GLSTN.

Jennings has become best-known for his work in the fight for equality for gay and lesbian youth. In 1990 he founded the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network, which brings together gay and straight teachers, educators, parents, students and community members to fight homophobia in their schools. GLSTN is the largest organization of its kind in the United States, with chapters in over 40 cities. In 1992, Kevin was appointed to co-chair the Education Committee of the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth by Massachusetts Governor William Weld. He was the principal author of its report, Making Schools Safe for Gay and Lesbian Youth, whose recommendations were adopted as policy by the Massachusetts State Board of Education in May 1993. The Commission led the fight which

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made Massachusetts the first state in the nation to outlaw discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation against public school students in December 1993. Kevin is a founding board member of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual History Month Project, which has worked since 1994 to make October a time when

attention is focused on the contributions of lesbian, gay and bisexual people to America's development.

Kevin has written two books *Becoming Visible: A Reader in Gay and Lesbian History for High School and College Students*, the first book of its kind designed specifically for a high

school audience, and *One Teacher in Ten: Gay and Lesbian Educators Tell Their Stories*, the latter of which was a finalist for the 1995 Lambda Literary Award for best anthology. Kevin was recognized as one of 1995's top 100 "Newsmakers and Earthshakers" in *Out Magazine*. Kevin was also named 1995 Man of the Year by *In Newsweekly*, New England's largest gay and lesbian publication.

September 4th's talk will focus on how homophobia limits educational opportunity for both gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and straight students. Topics will include the particular problems faced by gay youth such as the increased likelihood of dropping out, substance abuse and suicide, how homophobia and heterosexism affects all students, and effective ways of creating change in schools.

In additions, a discussion by recent and current high school students who will relay their experiences with hate and homophobia in education today.

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.

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POLITICALLY SPEAKING

by Richard D. Mohr

I will be voting for Bob Dole in November. I will do so not because I think Dole is such a good guy on gay issues—though at least he is struggling with them—but because I think Clinton deserves to be punished for his treatment of gays. Indeed Clinton has been uniquely evil in this regard.

He is uniquely evil in his role as President of the United States and leader of the First World. When he puts his imprimatur on anti-gay legislation, he impresses the whole of Western Civilization's condemnation upon gays. No senator, no televangelist, no pundit can do that. Only the President can.

Clinton has been distinctively evil, because the anti-gay legislation he has been calling into being attacks gays' very dignity and moral agency, not just our interests and happiness. When Clinton's apologists say that the President has simply been "disappointing" on gay issues, they misrepresent the price of milk goes up. I'm disappointed when my happiness and interests are not advanced in ways I reasonably hope they might be.

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Voting Against Clinton

Clinton's actions are worse in kind. In signing Don't Ask Don't Tell into federal law and in craving to sign the so called Defense of Marriage Act, Clinton has degraded and humiliated gays. Don't Ask Don't Tell institutionalizes the degradation of gays in the very instrument by which the country takes the measure of citizenship, the military. The policy's specific form is that of a shaming

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ritual by which society designates things, like excrement or pus, as loathsome and abject, as the unmentionable, the unspeakably gross. The policy enshrines the view that within the public sphere, gays are less than human, gays are scum.

DOMA does the same for the private sphere. Marriage is the institutionalized ideal governing the realm of body and bedroom, hearth and home. In barring gays from marriage and military service, Clinton tells the world that there is no proper place for gays either in the public sphere of citizenship or the private sphere of family life. Clinton's actions establish gays as exiles in their own country.

In protesting Clinton at the ballot box, one does two things. First, by placing one's interests imminently at risk for the sake of what is right, one's dignity, the very value Clinton would deny gays. In this way, one acts like Martin Luther King Jr and other civil disobedients who put themselves at risk of arrest in order to let their human worth shine forth as a moral witness to what is right. Second, protest votes aim at the future—the next election, and the one after that. Protest votes tell political parties, "We will not be taken for granted. You have to do better at fielding candidates." Remember that the problem with being taken for granted by someone is not that his enemies will write you off, but that he will. This is what Clinton has done to gays. After getting the endorsement of the Human Rights Campaign, Clinton turns right around and tells the country how eager he is to sign

DOMA "to strengthen American families." For a protest vote to work as moral witness, one needs to tell people what one is doing— friends, political organizations, exit-poll takers. Doing so will require courage. For in general gays have debased themselves for so long at the altar of the Democratic Party that they have lost any sense of themselves and their values. The Human Rights Campaign has groveled under the Democratic table for crumbs so long that it has become a dog. David Mixner says he is going to vote for Clinton even though he compares his doing so to a battered wife returning to the husband she knows will batter and humiliate her again. Something is obviously wrong here. We can do better than this.

Still, in lifting our consciousness, rising up from these debased stations, and voting in protest, gays will appear as traitors in some quarters and be dismissed as crazy in others. But that is only because so many gays have been snookered for so long by smiling devils speaking the words we wanted to hear when words were the only thing on the political menu.

Now is the perfect time for gay protest votes on the federal level. Substantial national legislative reform on gay issues is a generation off. It will take that long for the cultural transformations now underway around gay issues to soak into the interstices of national politics. As a guide, remember that the federal Civil Rights Act, twenty-two years in the making, passed in 1964 only after it had the support of 85% of all Americans and over 50% of every sector and demographic category in America.

In a protest vote, one looks to the future, but must be willing to live with what one's vote might effect in the present. Gays can live with Dole. He is no more conservative than George Bush. And George Bush was better on gay issues than Clinton has

been. He wrote anti-gay legislation out of existence—when in 1990 he signed a bill lifting the ban on gay immigration — while Clinton hasn't seen a piece of anti-gay legislation he couldn't embrace.

If you want to help hold gays' dignity and pride in trust, the vote for Dole. Or vote Libertarian—they support gay marriage. Or simply skip voting for President. But if you wish

to participate in your own degradation — to kiss the rod that beats you, to prepare the mud in which your face will be ground yet still again— then, yes, by all means vote for Bill Clinton.

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by Jorge L. Cabal

New Home For 2nd Annual Midwest Womyn's Autumn Fest

DeKalb — Illinois' only outdoor womyn's music and culture festival is back again for its second year. Headliners are Jamie Anderson, Alix Dobkin, Susan Herrick and Diedre McCalla. Last year's debut of this one-day festival held outside of DeKalb drew over 750 womyn from places as far away as Florida, Maryland, Germany and Sweden. The second annual Midwest Womyn's Autumn Fest will be Sunday, September 1st, in DeKalb. DeKalb is approximately a 90 minute drive west of Chicago and 2 hour drive from Milwaukee and Madison.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the festival will be at a different location than was advertised on flyers already distributed at the National Women's Music Festival in Bloomington, Illinois, PrideFest in Milwaukee, and Chicago's Pride Parade. However, maps and directions are available at all ticket outlets.

The Midwest Womyn's Autumn Fest is a celebration of womyn's friendships. Festival producers are energized and looking forward to this year's earlier date. Tickets are on sale now at selected ticket outlet: People Like Us and Woman Wild in Chicago; Prairie Moon in Arlington Heights; Pride Agenda in Oak Park; Once Upon a Time in Bloomington, Illinois; Room of One's Own in Madison, Wisconsin; and Afterwords in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. You can also order tickets on your Visa or Mastercard by calling Athena Productions, a \$2.00 service fee will be added to each ticket.

The Midwest Womyn's Autumn Fest is still looking for volunteers and craftswomyn. Please call (815) 748-5359 or write Athena Productions, 217 S. 2nd Street, Ste. 193, DeKalb, Illinois 60115 for an application.

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—Alix Dobkin



James Strange from Dale Gutzman's *Macbeth*.

Local Gay Actor's "Macbeth" Takes Odessa By Storm

Milwaukee — Milwaukee gay actor, James Strange recently performed Shakespeare's "Macbeth" in Odessa and received some of the best reviews in that city's history. "An extraordinary performance," The Odessa news raved about Strange's powerful and contemporary interpretation of one of Shakespeare's most famous characters. Strange spoke his lines in English but worked with a cast who spoke Russian. His lines were translated for the audience.

Gutzman, Strange's life partner, produced and directed the production which followed the world famous Moscow Art Theatre into Russian Drama Theatre of Odessa. The multi-lingual effort received more press and television coverage than any theatre event in the last twenty years, and every performance was sold out before the show even opened.

Now James Strange will perform "Macbeth" in

Milwaukee with an American cast.

The cast includes Leslie Fitzwater from the Skylight Theatre as Lady Macbeth; and David Flores as Ross, a clever politician. Gutzman himself appears as one of the witches. This production of "Macbeth" is unlike any ever done before. It is contemporary in feeling and yet retains the classic beauty of Shakespeare's words.

Gutzman says, " 'Macbeth' is a play about violence, power, political manipulation, assassination, and retribution. It crackles with commentary on issues as potent as today's news headlines. It is a play about our world and our time. And we think it makes thrilling theatre."

"Macbeth" will play at Vogel Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts, Friday and Saturday, September 6th and 7th, 13th and 14th at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$17.00, special student tickets are \$12.00, or call (414) 273-7206.

Indian Summer Festival Brings Excitement to Milwaukee's Lakefront

Milwaukee — Indian Summer Festival kicks off September 6th through the 8th at Milwaukee's lakefront Henry Maier Festival Park, marks its tenth anniversary with the theme "Circle of Nations." This anniversary coincides with the City of Milwaukee's sesquicentennial, and special displays and events will explore the lives of Native Americans and their interactions with settlers 150 years ago. Adding to the excitement of the 1996 festival is the addition of the Tewa dancers from New Mexico and dance groups from Alaska.

A family affair, Indian Summer always offers something for everyone. The three-day competition pow-wow draws dancers and drums from throughout North America. Cultural



—Ricky Lynn Gregg

demonstrators from many different American Indian nations create arts and crafts while visitors watch, and there is story-telling and activities at the authentic, life-sized tribal villages. Enjoy lacrosse demonstration game and a tournament, fine arts area, environmental area, traditional entertainers and dancers, authentic tribal foods, and dazzling fireworks displays. More than 70 vendors sell their wares in the festival's marketplace. On Sunday, there is a non-denominational religious ceremony.

Contemporary musical entertainment ranges from rock to jazz to country. Popular entertainers who will be featured in 1996 include singer Joanne Shenandoah, flautist Douglas Spotted Eagle, and comedians Williams & Ree. A true crowd-pleaser is the annual fiddle and jig contest. New to the festival this year is country music sensation Ricky Lynn Gregg.

Unique to Indian Summer is Education Day, when the festival grounds are opened specifically for school-aged children. Kindergartens through eighth graders learn about Native American culture and life by observing and participating.

Festival hours are 5:00 p.m. until midnight, Friday, September 6; noon until midnight, Saturday, September 7; noon until 10:00 p.m. Sunday, September 8. The prayer ceremony is

scheduled for 10:30 a.m. at the Marcus Amphitheater. Admission to Indian Summer is Adults/\$6 in advance, \$7 at the gate; Children 6-12 and seniors (over 55)/\$3 in advance, \$4 at the gate; children under 5 are free. For information, call (414) 774-7119.

"Hauptmann" at Madison's Rep

Madison — In 1934, Bruno Richard Hauptmann was executed for the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr. For over 2 years, the Lindbergh baby kidnapping and Hauptmann's trial consumed the nation. In John Logan's riveting examination of the "trial of the century," we view the story from the eyes of the accused. Was this German immigrant guilty of this heinous crime or was he the victim of miscarriage of justice?

Madison Repertory Theatre presents "Hauptmann" a play by John Logan, directed by D. Scott Glasser. "Hauptmann" opens September 6th until 22nd at Isthmus Playhouse in Madison Civic Center located on 211 State Street. Tickets are \$17 for Wed., Thurs., and Sun. \$20 for Fri. and Sat. Groups of 15 or more can receive a discount. Call (608) 256-0029 for details. Call the Civic Center Ticker Office at (608) 266-9055.

A series of post-performance "talk-backs" will be held to explore the case. Discussions will be led by professionals from the fields of law or the media. All discussions are free and open to the public.

GLAMA Awards Announces Nominations

New York — Hundreds of music lovers were in attendance last night as the nominees for the 1st Annual Gay/Lesbian American Awards (GLAMA) were announced at Luna Park in Los Angeles. Widely recogniz-

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able names such as Melissa Etheridge, kd Lang and Gregory Gray were listed as well as independent acts like Extra Fancy and the Turtle Creek Chorale. The standout however, was Michael Callen's posthumously released album *Legacy* which pulled in 9 nominations in 6 categories, including Male Artist, Album of the Year and Original Out Song.

A full listing of the award categories and 41 nominations for the inaugural event follows.

"While we at GLAMA have been waiting for 18 months for this night, there are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered recording artists who have been waiting for a night like this for their entire careers," said GLAMA executive producer Michael Mitchell.

"This announcement marks the first time that this body of artists has been formally recognized, let alone honored," He and fellow executive producer Tom McCormack announced the names as part of "Come Out and Play", GLAMA's national concert series

"We felt it was important to showcase the music of up and coming queer talent as part of GLAMA and announcement of nominees," stated McCormack. "GLAMA is not just about mainstream artists nor is it about one particular sound or style of music. It's about great music being made by out

musicians regardless of the genre or level of visibility."

McCormack and Mitchell created GLAMA in 1995 as the first and only national music awards program to celebrate the work of queer recording artists. The ceremony on October 6, 1996 at New York City's Webster Hall will be the culmination of a yearlong schedule of music events presented by GLAMA across the country that began last fall when the organization honored pop star Boy George and women's music veteran Cris Williamson at a special concert celebration called "A Night Of GLAMA."

Nominees for each category were chosen by judging panels comprised of music industry executives, music and gay media personnel, recording artists and others in the record industry. All nominated recordings are by self-identified gay, lesbian, or bisexual artists and were commercially released in the United States between June 1, 1995 and May 31, 1996.

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TRIBAL TALK

by Ron Geiman

It's the Platform, Stupid!

The '96 Republican Convention was a masterpiece of deception, orchestrated to cover up the fact that the GOP has slid even further to the right since the '92 confab. Back then, we knew where we (the LesBiGay community) stood. Pat Buchanan made it perfectly obvious in his prime time speech that mortified party moderates with his talk of a "religious and cultural war".

There was no Buchanan-style hate mongering or gay-bashing this year (they were not allowed to speak) on the convention podium. But if you read the official platform, it's obvious Buchanan was victorious.

The platform still supports a total military ban on gays and says it is a "distortion" to include sexual preference in discrimination laws.

(It's interesting to note that an ICR Survey Research Group report published August 14 in *USA Today* showed

85% of adults agreed Gay and Lesbian Americans should be treated equally with others in the workplace.)

The platform also supports DOMA, the Defense of Marriage Act (although so does Clinton, who has agreed to sign it once passed).

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of 1,990 delegates. In '92 there were two gay alternates. The gay delegates were vastly out-numbered by the 590 delegates who were card-carrying members of the Christian Coalition. One coalition member boasted to ABC-TV "we own 80-85% of the delegates."

One of the gay delegates, Boston's Abner Mason, commented on CNN that an "extreme religious jihad" runs the GOP. Mason, who is African-American, is also a member of the Log Cabin Republicans, a LesBiGay political group that held their own mini-convention the weekend prior to the Big Gig in San Diego.

The 200 Log Cabin members at their 6th annual confab were pleased when a statement was issued by a Dole spokeswoman August 12 that said, "The Dole campaign would welcome the endorsement of LCR as a sign that they share the same beliefs as Bob Dole. Bob Dole has always held the belief that the Republican Party is an inclusive party."

Gunderson called it a "positive sign" consistent with what Dole had said to him in the past year. LCR waited until the last day of the GOP Convention to endorse the Dole/Kemp ticket.

All of the Religious(?) Right's biggest names were at the Republican Convention, but were not given time on the podium. Rev. Pat Robertson's christian-oriented Family Channel ran gavel-to-gavel coverage of the show under the name of GOP-TV. Originally, a \$1.3 million donation from Anyway was to pay for the telecast, but after Democrats

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questioned the legality of that, the GOP opted instead to use taxpayer campaign funds.

Right wing talk show stars were there in force, giving their political slant on things, and interviewing all their political heroes. Milwaukee's WTMJ Radio's Charlie Sykes broadcasted live every morning from his private booth over-looking the convention floor.

BIG TENT?

The buzz-words on the convention floor and podium were "inclusion", "diversity" and the "Big Tent". (Yea, right!) In reality, lurking in the platform language were the themes of "mean-spirited" and "extremist". It was a fully-choreographed show.

Less than 3% (50) of the total delegates (1,990) were African-American, yet blacks make up 11% of voters.

The Republicans rolled out a number of women to the podium, several whom were pro-choice, including keynote speaker Rep. Susan (give me a hit) Molinari of New York City. Her selection was a blatant attempt to broaden the GOP's appeal and help close the gender gap. She never mentioned choice once in her speech. (An AP survey showed 66% of delegates were men.)

Hard-line anti-choice language in the platform says the GOP wants a total constitutional ban on abortion; pro-life judicial appointments; and laws to prosecute those who perform abortions. (A minor appendix to the platform, did, however acknowledge that there were "honest convictions that divide us on the question of abortion".)

In San Diego another survey showed 72% of the delegates think abortion should be illegal in all or most cases. In the country overall, only 33% agree with that stance.



While there weren't many dissident voices within the San Diego Convention Center, across the street, the official "Police Designated Protest

Zone" was a far different story. Queer protesters included the LesBiGay Student Union, Queer Policy Institute, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, ACT-UP and numerous others. But few gained media coverage, much less attention from the delegates from behind their 8 foot cyclone fence enclosure.



V.P. hopeful Jack Kemp verbalized how great it would be to re-elect a Republican Congress along with electing a Republican President.

I don't know about you, but it scares the bejesus out of me! Last one out — turn out the lights!

Jorge Cabal

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The Calendar

Wednesday, August 21

"Strawberry & Chocolate" film circle (Madison): Frontiers social organization for gay & bisexual men. Movie begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Gene (608) 831-4711. FMI call David (608) 274-5959.

"Face of a Stranger" by Anne Perry is the topic for the Mystery Group. Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop (Mequon) 10976 N. Port Washington Rd. at 7:00 p.m. For more details call (414) 241-6220.

Thursday, August 22

Living Hope Prayer Service (West Bend): pray for those affected in any way by HIV/AIDS at St. Frances Cabrini Church located at 1025 S. 7th Ave. Prayer begins at 8:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 338-2366.

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

"The Gay Lesbian Block Party" (Milwaukee): BESTD Clinic Live on cable channel 47 at 7:00 p.m. Guest Bob Mazzacone and Sharon Dixon.

Auditions for Milwaukee Symphony Chorus (Milwaukee): the Milwaukee Symphony Chorus will audition singers in all voice parts from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Audition held at 929 N. Water Street. For more information contact Glen Klotz at (414) 764-1905.

Anonymous HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The Triangle from 9:00 p.m. until Midnight. Sponsored by the BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information call (414) 272-2144.

GAMMA Sheephead (Milwaukee): An evening of sheephead card playing for everyone at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

Friday, August 23

"Clamnation" Great Acoustic Jazz & Blues (Milwaukee): Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd St. Performance begins at 9:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

GAMMA Dining Out (Milwaukee): A fabulous meal at Miro's Restaurant, set for 7:15 p.m. Reservation needed, for details call (414) 425-2146.

Anonymous HIV Testing (Milwaukee): La Cage from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. Sponsored by the BESTD Clinic and MAP. For more information call (414) 272-2144.

"High Tea & Talk" (Madison): SAGE'S weekly meeting at Monty's Blue Plate Diner at 2089 Atwood Ave. For more information call (608) 241-2500.

Mr. Great Lakes Drummer Contest (Columbus, OH): Tradewinds II. FMI call (614) 470-0231.

Robert Nugent Jones (Madison): 8:00 p.m. at Steep N Brew located at 544 State Street. For more information call (608) 278-9106.

Saturday, August 24

Music in the Cafe (Shorewood): presents jazz with Paul Silbergleit. Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop 4093 North Oakland Avenue, at 8:00 p.m. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Farmer's Market around the Square (Madison): Shake It Up. FMI call (608) 241-2500.

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

GAMMA Dog Day Hike (Milwaukee): Hike for dogs dragging their humans at Estabrook Park at 12:30 p.m. FMI: (414) 425-2146.

"John Schneider & Orchestra" (Milwaukee): Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd St. Performance begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission \$3.00. For more details call (414) 291-9889.

"The Sway" (Milwaukee): Shoreline at Just Us located at 807 South 5th Street. 7:00 p.m. FMI: Michael Roman at (414) 224-6075.

"Slim Pfeiffer's Boyhood Scrapbook" & "Night Walk: A Bedtime Story" (Madison): Madison Gay Video Club meets at 8:00 p.m. FMI(608) 244-8675 (eves).

Sunday, August 25

"Turning Men into Sex" (Milwaukee): The Gay Men's Discussion Group will discuss "Turning Men into Sex" with Gary Hollander, Ph.D. FMI: (414) 271-2565.

Trip to Door County (Madison): Shake It Up trip to Door County via sail boat. Departure is at 7:00 a.m. from 4701 Judy Lane. Cost is \$25.00. For more details call (608) 241-2500.

GAMMA Trip (Milwaukee): Trip to Chicago Botanical Gardens leaving at 9:00 a.m. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

Monday, August 26

"Shilling for Matches" by Josephine Tey (Shorewood): Mystery Group meets at 7:00 p.m. at Harry W. Schwartz Book Shop located 4093 North Oakland Avenue. FMI: (414) 963-3111.

Tuesday, August 27

"Sheila Spargur & David Carroll" (Milwaukee): Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance begins at 8:00 p.m. Admission \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

GAMMA Fun Run (Milwaukee): Open volleyball tonight at UWM Engelman Gym, 8:30 p.m. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

Wednesday, August 28

"Paul Silbergleit" (Milwaukee): Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance begins at 8:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Hump-night eat-out: Weisenheimer's Muskie's Lounge & Crab House (Madison): Shake It Up sponsored. FMI: contact Eric (608) 258-1777.

Thursday, August 29

"The Galano Club" on BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): BESTD Clinic Live on cable channel 47 at 7:00 p.m. Guests Roy B. and Gina M.

"LaChazz" (Milwaukee): Cafe Melange located at 720 Old World 3rd Street. Performance begins at 9:00 p.m. Admission \$3.00. For more information

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Friday, August 30

"High Tea & Talk" (Madison): SAGE's weekly meeting starts at 3:30 p.m. at Monty's Blue Plate Diner at 2089 Atwood Avenue. For more information call (608) 241-2500.

"Minneapolis Field Trip" (Madison): Minneapolis Field Trip ending with inner tubing on the Apple River in Wisconsin on the way home. This trip is planned as a FUSION with the Rainbow Community Collective. FMI: call (608) 241-2500.

Saturday, August 31

Robert Nugent Jones (Madison): 12:30 p.m. at Link Peace Park, 400 block of State Street. For additional information call (608) 278-9106.

"Watermelon Crawl" (Milwaukee): Just Us at 7:00 p.m. sponsored by Shoreline. For additional information call Michael Roman at (414) 224-6075.

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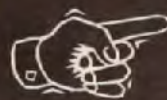
Tuesday, September 4

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INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

Queer Colored Glasses

I have always known that the slogan *We Are Everywhere* is meant to be a clever bit of hyperbole: we queers are not literally *everywhere*, but it is certainly true that we're in a whole lot of places where one wouldn't necessarily expect to find queers, like the Republican Party.

Personally, though, I have to confess that I have tended to take the "we are everywhere" thing a little too seriously. For years now, I have viewed the world through queer-colored glasses. The two women that Jonathan Pryce undresses with his eyes at the end of that jazzy Lexus commercial? Lesbians.

Every other Olympiad we saw during the televised games? Queer. Chandler on *Friends*? Gay but just hasn't figured it out yet.

I suspect that this penchant on my part for assuming that everyone is queer unless they're proven otherwise is due to some combination of my chronic optimism and my pathological desire to think the best of everyone. In my heart of hearts, though, I know I'm just indulging myself in some wishful fantasy.

But recently, I have been coming to think that *We Are Everywhere* is not as hyperbolic as I'd supposed. My first

evidence to support this change of perception was found at a concert at Ravinia, that genteel outdoor concert venue in a swank northern suburb of Chicago. My gal and I were there to see Nancy Griffith, who, as it turned out, had canceled, leaving only the Chieftains—a Celtic folk-type group—to perform.

We knew in advance that it would only be the Chieftains and might have skipped the show except for the fact that we had already arranged to meet Kathy's parents there: Kathy's father is a rabid Chieftains fan, Kath is a fan of Nancy Griffith—it seemed like a good bonding experience could be had. But without Nancy Griffith there, we were left surrounded by thousands and thousands of people wearing green, or green, orange, and white, or imprints of shamrocks, leprechauns, or "Erin go bragh"—people who, it would appear, terribly missed their homeland, in spite of the fact that many had been born right here, including Kathy's Dad.

Wading through the Guinness-guzzling masses, as we made our escape from another Chieftains-related story from Kathy's father, we suddenly spotted two old friends, a lesbian couple we hadn't seen in years.

After marveling together that we should have found each other in this massive crowd, we said our goodbyes. A short time later, during a second great escape, I spied a friend of mine and his boyfriend. Then awhile later, on the other side of the grounds, a complete stranger stopped me and asked if we had seen another woman, a well-known lesbian about town. I hadn't seen so many queer folk in a crowd

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since the Pride Parade! But I chalked it up as being one of those weird coincidences, that we should encounter a half dozen gays and lesbians in the midst of all this Irish revelry.

A few weeks later, we were on vacation in the little town in Michigan where Kathy's family owns a lake cottage. A custom in the area seems to be to post, at the entrance to one's

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place, a green street sign with one's family's name in white lettering, like O'Neill Dr. or Bob & Tracy's Pl., and so on.

Naturally, when we came across a sign reading "Mary & Barb's Pl.," our suspicions were aroused—fueled by the fact that friends had told us that there were other lesbians in the area, though we didn't know who or where they were exactly.

Then, on an excursion to the tiny local cemetery, which is bordered by woods on one side and corn fields across the road on the others and where most of the tombstones showed birth dates in the mid- to late 1800s, we spotted the names of two women on one grave stone, women born in this century.

Of the two, who had different last names, one had already died; the other was still living. We were convinced we had found yet another lesbian couple, and went so far as to drive by her house, hoping for—we didn't know what. I told myself there could be a dozen other explanations for these two names on this one gravestone, and yet we clung to our original supposition. And having just read *Farm Boys* by Will Fellows, which details the lives of gay men who grew up on farms, has not helped in any way to alleviate this delusional state.

We stopped, after that, at the local ice cream/gift shop, which features t-shirts bearing the names of the lakes in the area, beach toys, shellacked cedar boxes etched with rustic sayings, and Candyland games for parents at their wits' end after a string of rainy days in a tiny rented cottage. While I searched for souvenirs to take back to my long-suffering co-workers (I settled on tiny corked bottles inscribed "Own your own piece of Michigan lakefront property"), Kathy was perusing the earring displays. Among the moons and hearts and stars—a sterling silver representation of Lucky Charms, apparently—she found some entwined women symbols! And not just one set, but maybe a half dozen. This, of course, entirely confirmed our suspicions that there was definitely a lesbian presence there, in spite of our vivid imaginations.

This should not have come as such a surprise, though,

given the town is called Sister Lakes—which clearly seems like a magnet for lesbian feminists everywhere.

Provincetown, Mass., and Saugatuck, Mich. ("the Provincetown of the Midwest") are all well and good, but why not go with names that seem tailor-made for us? On that basis, I have also wondered about the gay populations of Sugarbush, Vermont, and Queensferry, Scotland.

I seem to be afflicted with some sort of polar opposite to paranoid tendencies. I don't know what to call it, but I'm glad I've got it: life is so much more exhilarating when you see queer people everywhere you look.

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Wired

After 20 years of knowing I needed my teeth fixed, I am finally having it all done. My real job has an excellent dental program and I'm going to take advantage of it. A couple of weeks ago I went in to get my teeth wired. Yup, I at my age I'll be sporting a set of braces for the next 8 to 12 months.

The first night I had them on it felt strange, but they really didn't bother me all that much. The next day was a little different. The brackets and wires started digging into my gums and my mouth always feels dry. Eating sandwiches without a knife and fork? Not likely. You're better off trying to keep as much food away from them as possible. Try as you may, you still wind up making your tongue raw from trying to get the little food particles out of the hardware. Brushing takes twice as long and flossing is a real treat.

Kissing, as you might imagine, is not the same either. It's very hard to really get passionate with plastic and metal brackets strung together with a thin steel wire glued to your teeth. The trick is to combine gentle with passionate... not an easy task. In case you are wondering about any other related activity, kissing is the only thing that is challenging.

I must admit that after a couple of days of wearing these things I got pretty bitchy. People would come up to me and ask if I was in a bad mood or mad about something. YES I WAS GRUMPY, I just had a mini-railroad installed in my mouth and committed to having it be there for a year. Added to that is the fact that every 3 weeks or so I have to make the trip back to the orthodontist to have my teeth re-tightened. Talk about being bitchy!

I am very grateful I have a great insurance plan, these things are costing me about 25% of the real cost of braces. I'm also

lucky with the length of time I have to put up with them. I've heard of people having to wear them for more than 4 years. No thanks! I will also keep in mind that (from what people tell me) when I have them removed I will be glad that I did it. I will keep you posted.

Moving on. Who has been snatching up all of the tiara's in town? **TRACY C** of Kenosha. It started with the **MISS GAY SOUTHEASTERN PAGEANT** at **CLUB 94** in Kenosha, August 3rd. There were 2 contestants workin' very hard to impress the judges and the crowd. The bar was packed and as always, we had a fabulous time. Thanks to the staff of **CLUB 94**, I really do appreciate your hospitality!

The next night at **MANOEUVRES** in Madison, out of 6 contestants, **VICKI C** worked over the judges again. Sources tell me that the competition was tough. All of the contestants did a fantastic job. (I don't envy the judges in some of these pageants.)

M&M continues it's celebration of 20 years in business. I stopped in there Saturday the 10th to catch **SINGSATIONAL** doing show tunes. After a slight glitch in the sound system the sounds of Broadway were filling the air. If you have not been to **M&M** for awhile, stop in to check out the new decor, the theme: **PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**. Whoever does the decorations there, always does a superb job.

Big fun, big talent and big girls. If you were at **CLUB 219** on the 13th, you know what I'm talkin' about. **THE MISS CONTINENTAL WISCONSIN PAGEANT** hit this town again. Because I was a little burnt out on the club scene I tried to assign this one to Vince but he wasn't available. Boy am I glad I wound up covering this event. With big talent like **MIMI MARX**, big girls like **GINGER GRANT** and of course the sexy **CEZANNÉ** (all from the **BATON** in Chicago), odds are it's gonna be a great show. And it was. Three contestants did their best to give a great performance but after the talent portion it was pretty clear to me that **LENA CAVEZ** would be walking away with the tiara. And she certainly did. You go gurl!!

I would like to thank my friend **CHRIS** for the computer I am writing this column on. The old lap top was cool for awhile but it was a bitch to see the LCD screen and I just couldn't recline and be comfortable keyin' away on the ol' lap top. Now I can kick back and get my work done without dealing with a neck ache for the next three days.

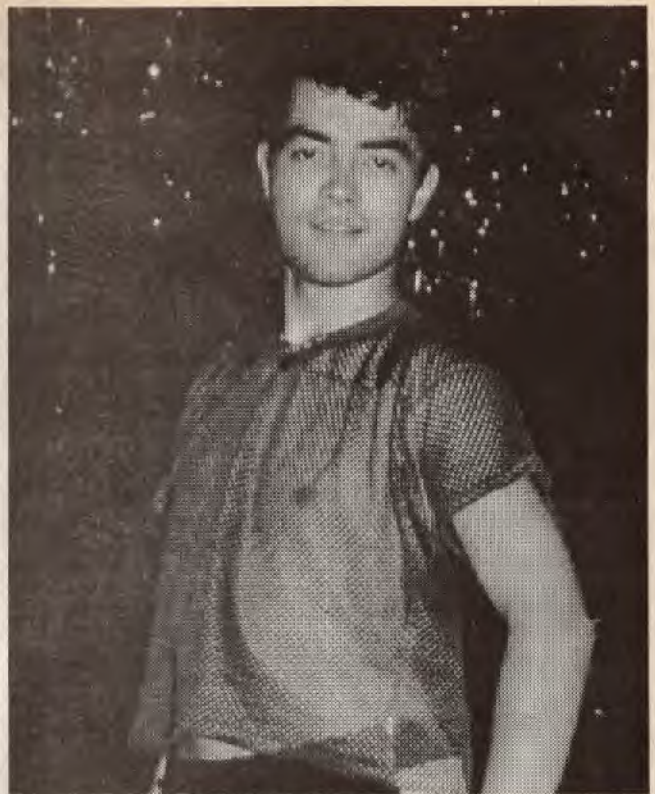
So until the next time around I will be seein' ya and remember, if you happen to be in the left lane and you see someone in your rear view mirror, the rule is slower traffic keep right.



Bob and some of the staff at the M&M Club. Photo: Jamie



Vickie C basks in glory as winner of Miss Gay Southeast Pageant at Club 94. Photo: Jamie



Pretty boy shakin' it at C'est La Vie. Photo: Jamie



Happy 8th Anniversary to Rob and Staff at the Triangle. Photo: Jamie



The one and only Mimi Marx at Club 219. Photo: Jamie



Vicki C crowned again at Manoeuvres in Madison. Photo: Courtesy of Z&L Enterprises



ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

I have met the enemy, and they are nuts.

This is, I've been told, a word-for-word account of a portion of a Bob Dole appearance at a cotton cooperative in Bakersfield, California:

"My wife was here six days last week, and she'll be back next week, and she does an outstanding job. And when I'm elected, she will not be in charge of health care. Don't worry about it. Or in charge of anything else. (Muffled crowd gasp.) I didn't say that. It did sort of go through my mind. But she may have a little blood bank in the White House. But that's all right. We need it. It doesn't cost you anything. These days, it's not all you give at the White House - your blood. You have to give your file. I keep wondering if mine's down there. Or my dog. I got a dog named Leader. I'm not certain they've got a file

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on Leader. He's a schnauzer. I think he's been cleaned. We've had him checked by the vet but not by the FBI or the White House. He may be suspect, but in any event, we'll get into that later. Animal rights or something of that kind. But this is a very serious election."

Jack Kemp said, in 1987: "I believe in civil liberties for homosexuals."

I bet he won't say that again any time soon.

Someone on the Internet, in the alt.rush.limbaugh

"I heard somewhere that Jack Kemp is gay...is this true? Not that it matters a hill of beans to me, but wouldn't a homosexual VP candidate give Ralph Reed the willies?"

—quoted from the internet

news group, a Republican, I suspect, because who else would go there, said: "I heard somewhere that Jack Kemp is gay...is this true? Not that it matters a hill of beans to me, but wouldn't a homosexual VP candidate give Ralph Reed the willies? I wonder how Dole got that one past the Christian Coalition, since they're obviously the ones pulling the strings in San Diego."

And at the first night of the Republican convention:

"I was born a Republican and I will die a Republican." said AIDS activist, Mary Fisher. Said White AIDS Activist, Mary Fisher. Said White, Female, Rich, AIDS activist Mary Fisher. Said White, Female, Rich, Republican, Poor Innocent Victim, AIDS activist, Mary Fisher, not yet learning the obvious lesson that she has become a safe, acceptable token, thinking, instead, she was doing something for her AIDS community. As proof, she summoned another "innocent token" to the stage. "I am America, And I have AIDS." Said the Adorable, Dismissable, Object-Of-Upper-Class-Condescending-Charity, Female, Black, Child Token.

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The Ballgame Rangers made a late season surge to take second with In Between dropping two to end up with a respectable third place showing.

Meanwhile, the M&M team rallied their record to move up to fourth place from fifth during the league's last games of the year. Even the young Triangle club played out a victory, giving the club promise for next year.

Club 219 will represent Milwaukee as one of the 67 teams in the Gay Softball World series to be held in Minneapolis from August 20 through August 24th.

B's Boys Grab Spring Hit League Title



The Spring HIT League is a fundraising league for the Holiday Invitational Tournament which is held over thanksgiving week-end and is in its 18th year. For more information on HIT, interested persons can contact Rick Steine, Director, at 414-482-1964.

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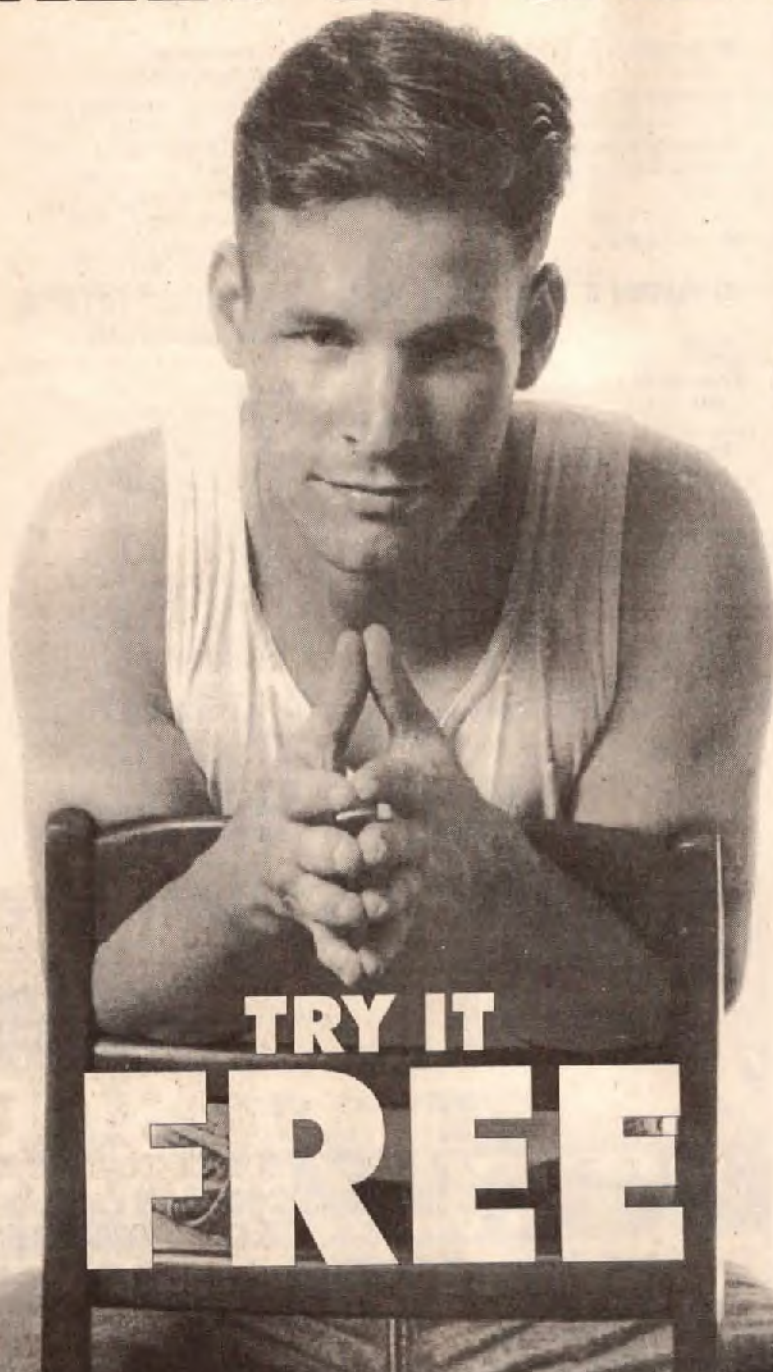
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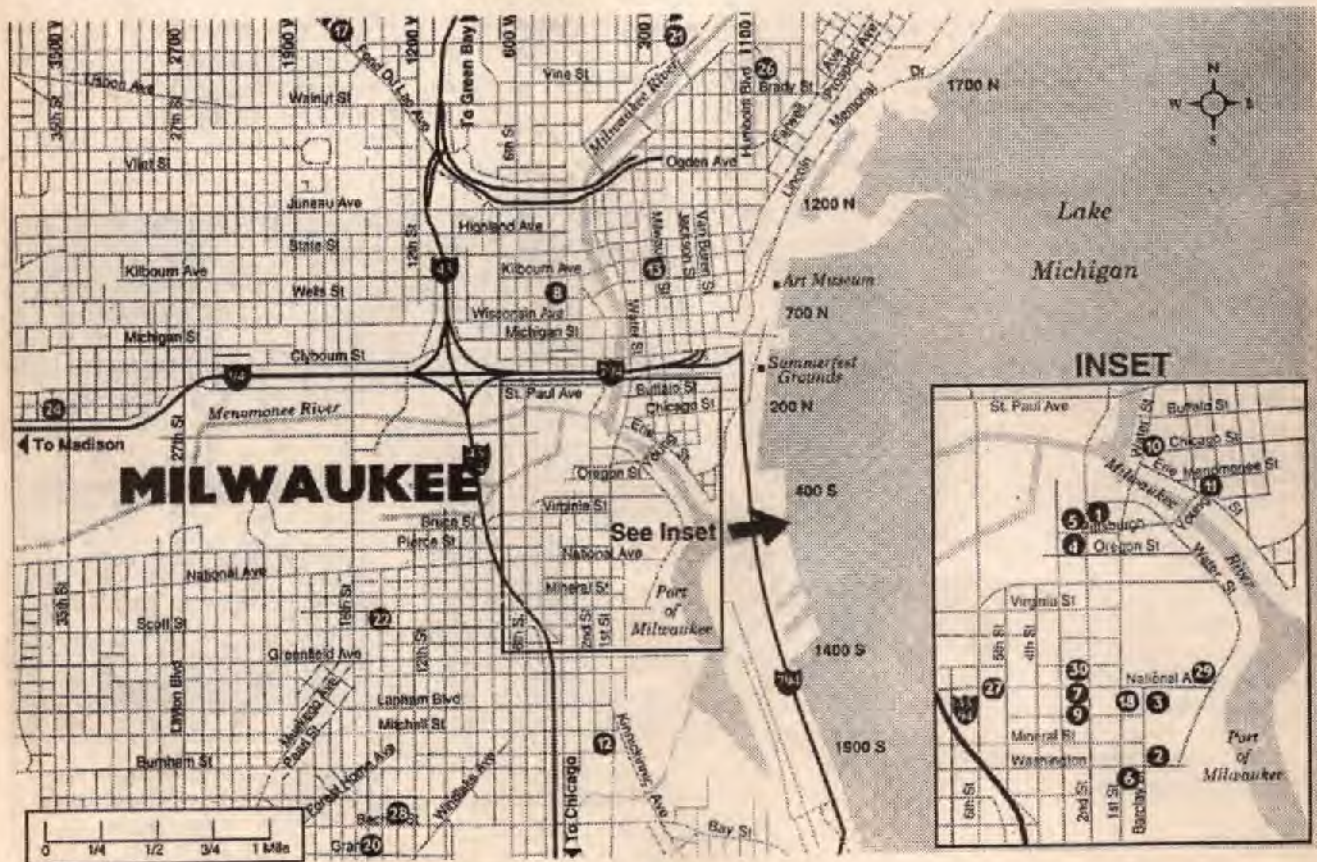
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I LOVE SUBMISSIVE OLDER MEN I'm a very attractive White male seeking older submissive males for movies, games, and fun. (Green Bay) #15123

JUST FUN I'm 6ft, 155lbs, Blonde hair, Blue eyes, hairy, 21 years old. I'm looking for guys 18 to 23 in my area. I'm not interested in a relationship, just fun. (Kenosha) #28952

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OLD FASHIONED ROMANCE GWM, 29, 5'11", 150, non smoker/drinker, brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, varied interests, seeks others for long term friendship and more with similar interests. (Kenosha) #16009

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I'LL DO ANYTHING I'm a 19 year old Bi sexual male looking for open minded Bi guys for friendship. If you want more than friendship please be 18 to 28. Call me. (La Crosse) #22123

I NEED A HOT TOP MAN I'm 5'10, 180lbs, 34" waist, Brown curly hair, dark Brown eyes, football player build, very strong. I'm a bottom looking for a top. (Madison) #18377

YOUNG AND SMOOTH I'm 5'7, 150lb, Asian male. I'm solid, smooth, and toned. I'm looking for masculine White men for a casual friendship. If you are interested please call me. (Madison) #42659

MASCULINE ONLY GWM, 29, blonde hair, blue eyes, 6' 185, nice body, masculine and straight appearing seeks same, 21-39, for fun and more. Please leave a message. (Madison) #17406

LOCAL MOTIVE I'm a 34 year old Gay White male looking for friends in my area and a possible relationship. Call me. (Marion) #1989

LIGHT ME UP I'm a White male looking for friendship and whatever. I'm a smoker and I enjoy the outdoors. Call me. (Marshfield) #19302

FUZZY LITTLE LEATHER BEAR? I'm 47 years old, 5'7, 178lbs. I enjoy working out, hiking,

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BOTTOM TO TOP GWM, 5'9", 165, 30 something, brown hair, very good looking, aggressively dominant seeks submissive's only for mutual pleasure and excitement. Discretion a must. Call me now! (Madison) #14481

LETS GO ROLLERBLADING I'm looking for a man 18 to 22 in my area that's fun to be with and has a real good personality. If you like to rollerblade and have fun at home call me. (Manitowoc) #15998

MANS BEST FRIEND I'm a 40 year old Gay White male, 6ft, 185lbs, HIV positive. I'm seeking other men 30 plus for friendship and companionship. Call me. (Milwaukee) #4327

PLOW THIS BOY I'm 6ft, 190lbs. I'm looking for an interesting top man to plow me. (Menomonia) #20561

OH NO! IT'S MR. BILL I'm 47 years old, 5'7 178lbs, and hairy. I'm looking for another hot leather man to be in touch with. I'm willing to experiment and explore. I like to dominate. Call me. (Milwaukee) #20606

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

CHUBBY HUBBY WANTED I'm 5'9, 160lbs, 40 years old. I'm looking for a heavy set man for cuddling, movies, and popcorn. (Milwaukee) #19486

LET ME BE YOUR LITTLE GIRL I'm a Bi white male, 23 years old, shy, mature, and submissive. I'm looking for dominant men to make me submit. make me dress like a girl and use me. (Milwaukee) #19867

FOUR OR MORE IN THE FLOOR GWM, 26, black hair, brown eyes, 5'10", good shape, hairy and clean cut, seeks Bi or Bi Curious males, under 30 and dominant preferred, who are into group activities. (Milwaukee) #16665

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I NEED A FRIEND Married Bi WM, seeks friends for feeling exploration and more. Please be sincere and leave a message. (Milwaukee) #17610

LEATHER LOVER GWM, 150, 5'8", muscular, smooth, clean shaven, seeks very dominant Leathermen, smooth and muscular, for friendship and much more. Please leave a message. (Milwaukee) #13692

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

THE TIME IS RIGHT I'm looking for a friend. If you would like to spend some time together this summer call me. I have many interests. (Phillips) #1262

LET'S GO FOR A BIKE RIDE I'm a White male, 40 years old. I like country music, bike riding, and long walks. Call me. (Racine) #19586

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

HEY GUYS I'm a Bi guy looking for a male 18 to 30 who is in for a long term or short term relationship. Call me. (Wassau) #2950

MILITARY ORIENTED GWM, 27, 5'7, brown hair, blue eyes, ex-Marine, varied interests, seeks other straight acting GWM, 18-27, with similar interests. Please leave a message. (Wisconsin) #16491

FRIENDS OR MORE GWM, 26, 6'2", 180, brown hair and blue eyes, varied interests, seeks others for friendship and lots more. Please leave a message. (Wisconsin) #16691

WISCONSIN WINTERS GWM, 31, 5'10", 140, blonde hair, blue eyes, varied interests, seeks friends, under 31, for fun and possibly more. Please leave a message. (Wisconsin) #16794

RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED GWM, 24, 5'4", blonde hair, blue eyes, varied interests, seeks others, 20-27, for friendship and long term relationship. Please leave a message. (Wisconsin) #17624

ALL AMERICAN CREAM GWM, 30, 6'2" 200, brown hair, blue eyes, boy next door, seeks same, 25-45, for friendship and more. Please leave a message. (Wisconsin) #46088

OPEN TO NEW THINGS I'm 26 years old, 6'1, Blond hair, Hazel eyes, well built, big guy. I like to party. I'm looking for someone to hang out with. Call me. #3143

GOOD TOP WANTED I'm a bottom looking for a top. If you are good and would like to meet me, please call. #31407

TOP THIS BOTTOM I'm a Gay African American man, 5'3, 170lbs, Brown eyes, stocky, solid. I'm seeking a very dominant person who loves sports, walking, movies and more. #32768

SMALL TOWN BOY I'm athletic and I like to play sports. I live in a small town. I would really like to get to know some guys out there. #22493

USE AND ABUSE THIS BOTTOM I'm an inexperienced submissive bottom looking for a physically dominant top for wrestling, bondage, S&M, and more. If you would like to use and abuse me please call. I'm 35 years old, 5'9, 190lbs, clean, and discreet. #21247

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. #1889

Illinois

WRESTLING AND EROTICISM I'm a good looking 32 year old Hispanic male looking for other in shape men 18 top 34 for some down to the thong and in the nude crotch to crotch action. Lets get in on boy's. Pin me down. (Chicago) #3571

LEATHER MASTER/DADDY WANTED I'm German Italian, 5'9, 165lbs, goatee, crew cut, 44" chest, 30" waist, 30 years old. I'm looking for a long term relationship with a dominant leather daddy master who is serious about having a permanent relationship. (Chicago) #3546

GENEROSITY KILLED THE CAT I'm a 20 year old White male, 5'10, Brown hair, Brown eyes, boy next door look, 165lbs. I'm searching for a man of any race or age who is financially secure and would like to be taken care of. (Chicago) #2199

PASSIVE GENT I'm looking for a tall stud who is into all sorts of hot action. I'm a passive, well built, shaved guy. Call me. (Chicago) #2958

JUICE THIS JOCK I'm a hot college jock, 21 years old, 6'1, 170lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, very athletic, masculine, and attractive. I'm seeking hot men 18 to 25 who are masculine and attractive. (Chicago) #1801

BOUND TO PLEASE I have Brown hair and Blue eyes. I'm 5'6, 135lbs, dominant, 38 years old, into B&D and more. I'm looking for hot guys for serious fun. Call me. (Chicago) #2641

PUERTO RICAN MALE I'm a 32 year old Puerto Rican male looking for other Puerto Rican or Black men. (Chicago) #2780

LET'S GO BOWLING I'm a White male, 33 years old, 170lbs, Brown hair, Grey eyes. I like fishing, camping, hiking, bowling, travel, and more. I'm looking for friendship and possible relationship. (Chicago) #21465

SMILE FOR MY CAMERA I'm a Gay White professional male, 6'3, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 187lbs. I'm intelligent, kind, caring, well endowed top who knows how to please. I like acting, movies, photography, and more. I'm looking for guys for fun and more. (Chicago) #12462

GERMAN OR DUTCH TOP WANTED I'm a good looking, very submissive boy in Chicago looking for German or Dutch tops. The bigger the better. I want to be taken care of. Call me. (Chicago) #34072

QUIRKY BOTTOM masculine Black tops over 21 years old wanted for cheap dates, good conversation, and hot sex. I'm attractive, tattooed, quirky, White boy, 6'3, 165lbs, in search of something more. (Chicago) #34159



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Horoscope for August 7 thru August 20



Aries (March 21-April 20)

I want to be alone is the plaintive bleat of the week for proud Rams. The Venus/Saturn/Jupiter T-square pounds a few personal stakes in the soil and you may feel that you're not fit for human consumption. Chalk it up to a temporary lack of self confidence or personal epiphany. Whatever it is, it will be clear that you must live proudly for your own happiness and not bow to your family or corporate image.



Taurus (April 21-May 21)

The Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T-square is setting you up for a solo flight. Perhaps it's because you're particularly mouthy and paranoid that otherwise fellow travellers make other vacation plans. Proud Bulls should not feel disheartened by this lonely turn of events. The planets often serve the meal you nutritiously need. Obviously it's time to act up rather than blow the breeze. Take it to the streets. No; take it to the world.



Gemini (May 22-June 21)

The Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T-square continues the financial tug of war between what you have and what you covet from others. Gay Twins want to spend spend spend but shopping till you drop doesn't begin to dress the wound or the girl. Face facts; mixing friends and sex is a tasteless cocktail. The group think may not always think pink like you. It's not a tragedy. It's called growing up.



Cancer (June 22-July 23)

Excessive displays of affection are in the stars for pink Crabs in need of a hug or five. Relationships are the be all end all with the Venus / Saturn / Jupiter T square. Career prospects however take a backseat at this time. Perhaps your current professional path is heading in the wrong direction. No matter; take a breather from any momentous decision this week and contemplate the true pin-stripped lavender you later.



Leo (July 24-August 23)

A feisty roar reverberates through the cosmos this week during the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T-square. Intuitive ideas pile upon ideas and stir up the pot on the job. Expect your workload to increase with interesting and expansive projects. This is not a bad thing, proud Lion. Stay close to the grindstone for now and see projects through to fruition. Saturn screws up vacation plans anyway. There should be no escape for the weary.



Virgo (August 24-September 23)

Beauty may be only skin deep but who want to look under the skin anyway? Romance is in the air for gay Virgins who succumb to the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square. What a way to go cousin! Excesses abound in any fun related enterprise and you are party queen. The hitch (alas there is always a hitch) is that partners may be less than understanding during this festive free for all. Isn't the Lambada the forbidden dance?



Libra (September 24-October 23)

Diplomatic Libras have a dickens of a time balancing home and career during the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square. You have the midas touch professionally as dreams turn to reality. Life was not meant to run all that smoothly, dear queer Scales; the harder you strive to climb the corporate ladder, the less time you have for partners and home fires. A choice is presented; which door has the prize?



Scorpio (Oct. 24-November 22)

Even the most strategic gay Scorps will be amazed at how their grand schemes take on a global life of their own. Once uttered, twice careful I always say, especially during the Venus / Jupiter / Saturn T square. Great ideas need to be implemented quickly and the work may pile up faster than you can shovel it. Ever feel like a rat on a treadmill? It ain't no picnic buddy.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)

Randy Archers are not the most sensuous of signs but now, with the Venus / Jupiter / Saturn T square, sex is a spigot that cannot be turned off. And boy is it expensive! Wining and dining doesn't come cheap and neither will you. Poor baby, you'll just have to pay the piper, so to speak, and have a good time. Steer clear of alcohol and drugs, though. Remember; safe sex is next to godliness.



Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)

Sartre was correct when he said that in love, one plus one equals one. Now, with the Venus/Jupiter/Saturn T square, you'll have to see if everything adds up in your partnership. Balance is everything in this life, dear, queer Cap, so try to find yourself a little peace of mind and a place to call your own before you divvy it up with a significant other. Are you happy with yourself? Check yourself Out.



Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)

Mental health is everything to all Aqueerians in search of an inner purpose and equilibrium in this fair life. The Venus / Saturn / Jupiter T square fixates on charitable service to our community and what respectable Aqueerian can resist the call? Just don't overdo the Florence Nightingale routine and don't overpromise or overstate your abilities. You can't do everything yourself.



Pisces (February 20-March 20)

Friends and fun may be a costly combination during the Venus / Jupiter / Saturn T square. Pink Fish find that finances may have to take precedence over grand social times. Don't despair, it is possible to have a good time without spending a fortune. Definitely avoid overindulgence in food, drink or what have you. Go with the flow and know when to swim ashore when the water gets too deep.

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

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