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DOMA, Yes — ENDA, No Senate Says “No” to Marriage and Job Protections

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Washington, DC — The Senate gave final congressional approval by an overwhelming margin on September 10 to a measure that would deny any federal recognition of same-sex marriages and give states the right to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages, even if legally performed in other states. In a separate vote, the Senate also narrowly rejected by a 50-49 vote another measure that would have banned employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Despite a last-minute lobbying effort by rights activists, the Senators voted 85-14 for the so-called Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA). The House overwhelmingly passed the bill in July, and President Bill Clinton has said he would sign the measure.

“I said back in '92 ... that while I believed that gay partners could have certain contractual rights and other considerations ... that the term marriage should not be applied in

law,” Clinton told reporters in Kansas City, Missouri.

DOMA would not in itself bar states from legalizing gay marriages, but states would not be obligated to recognize such marriages performed in another state, effectively circumventing the Constitution’s “full faith and credit” clause.

“This further demonstrates that the Defense of Marriage Act is really about the politics of fear and division and about inciting people in an area which is admittedly controversial,”

— SEN. CAROL MOSELEY-BRAUN

The bill was introduced by anti-gay conservatives alarmed over a gay rights court case - that also got underway on Sept. 10 - that could lead to Hawaii becoming the first state to legalize same-sex marriage.

Senate supporters of the anti-marriage bill said it was a common-sense response to the Hawaii lawsuit. “The traditional family has stood for 5,000 years,” said Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas. “Are we so wise today that we are ready to reject 5,000 years of recorded history? I don’t think so.”

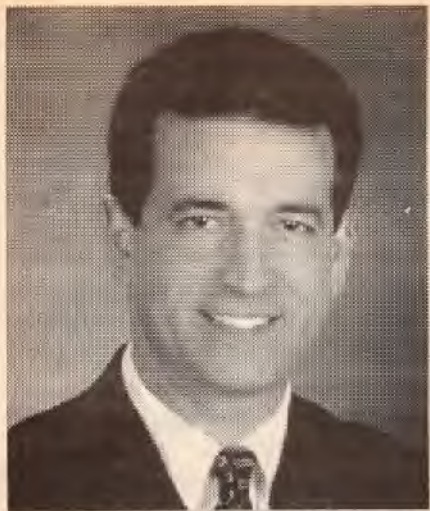
But bill opponent Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, D-Illinois, said the bill violates the constitutional “full faith and credit” requirement that states must recognize legal contracts in other states.

“This further demonstrates that the Defense of Marriage Act is really about the politics of fear and division and about inciting people in an area which is admittedly controversial,” she said.

Gay and lesbian couples would remain ineligible for



—Milwaukee Activists Protest Kohl's DOMA Vote. Photo: Cobal of the In Step Staff



—Senator Russ Feingold, (D-WI)

spousal benefits under Social Security, Medicare or any other federal benefit program reserved for married couples under the just approved law.

In American society, marriage "is the way in which partnerships are recognized," said Melinda Paras of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. But the Defense of Marriage Act would deny that recognition to "millions of gay and lesbian Americans," she said.

Paras said she was disappointed that President Clinton has promised to sign the bill, but she primarily faulted "right-wing religious extremists who are using this issue to try and divide our constituency."

Gay rights advocates had been more optimistic about winning the battle over the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a separate Senate measure that would prohibit workplace discrimination against homosexuals, which President Clinton also said he would sign.

The bill's sponsor, Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) originally had intended to introduce ENDA as an amendment to the Defense of Marriage Act in a political move aimed either to assure the passage of ENDA or the defeat of DOMA. But Republican Senators objected, insisting that the anti-discrimination language was unacceptable to conservatives and would kill the marriage bill's chances for passage.

After several days of negotiations earlier in the month, the Republican leadership agreed to have the Senate vote separately on the two measures. The House has yet to act on ENDA and is unlikely to before Congress recesses.

Elizabeth Birch of the Washington, D.C.-based lobbying group, Human Rights Campaign, said she was "saddened" by the failure of ENDA to win passage, but said the close vote on the

"This legislation is intended to be divisive and unnecessarily arose people's emotions..."

—SEN. RUSS FEINGOLD

measure "represents a small but profound victory" for the gay rights cause.

"The U.S. Senate, for the first time in the history of this country, debated and voted on a major piece of civil rights legislation for gay people," Birch said. "Though the outcome is not what we had hoped, it lays a strong foundation for work in the next Congress."

DOMA Protesters Arrested at White House

Nine gay activists were arrested at the White House on September 13 1996, at a mid-day protest calling upon President Clinton to veto the so-called 'Defense of Marriage Act,' which effectively prohibits Gay and Lesbians couples from gaining legal recognition of their relationships.

"We will continue to stand up for Justice. We call upon the President to open his mind, show some courage, and not sign this terrible bill into law."

Said Rev. Mel White, a former Christian Coalition minister turned Gay activist. Rev. White has led a daily vigil and hunger strike for two weeks preceding the Congressional vote.

Those arrested include Rev. White,

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his partner Gary Nixon, ACT UP's Wayne Turner and his partner Steve Michael, the owners of Lambda Rising bookstore, Jim Bennett and his partner Deacon Maccubbin, Will Brennan, the Executive Director of the National Association of Black and White Men Together, Rev. Ken South of the AIDS National Interfaith Network, and Rev Harry Stock, Pastor, Church of the Disciples. The DOMA-9 were charged with demonstrating without a permit, and were released.

Similar protests were held across America, including New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Milwaukee.

Wisconsin Reaction

A day after the passage of the bill, over 20 Milwaukee activists gathered in front of the Ruess Federal Building in downtown Milwaukee to protest Senator Herb Kohl's vote for DOMA and his vote against ENDA.

According to protest organizer Dan Fons, "We're here to express our anger at Senator Kohl for his vote on the Defense of Marriage Act. That act enshrined anti-gay legislation in a way that has never been done before ... we see now that his

[Senator Kohl's] closet is dangerous to us... and that he is willing to vote against us in extreme ways so he needs to come out or get out."

"I'd call Senator Kohl's vote an insulting attack on our community, When he voted for it, the reason he gave is that the bill really did very little. That is a huge insult to all of us who this bill affects, including himself. It says our love is not valid, our relationships are not valid." Fons continued.

Another protester, Carmen Murgia, activist and well known poet disagreed with the vote as well, "As a Latina lesbian, I feel my rights have been violated ... I'm going to continue to be out and continue to try to mobilize people through my work."

Senator Kohl declined to speak with *In Step*, but his office did fax this statement regarding his vote, "The Defense of Marriage Act in the Senate in all likelihood simply grants states the power they already have. Currently, a state can refuse to recognize a marriage that is contrary to its public policy. So this bill really does very little."

In Madison, State Representative Tammy Baldwin stated that DOMA was election gimick intended to divide the



country on gay and lesbian issues.

In contrast Kohl's vote, Senator Russ Feingold, made an strong plea against DOMA, stating in part, "This legislation is intended to be divisive and unnecessarily arose people's emotions. It is a political statement at a time when what we need is a commitment to address real problems that impact the lives of our citizens, not to set people against each other."

Sen. Moseley-Braun, suggested that same-sex marriages would eventually be legal. Moseley-Braun, the only black member of the Senate, recalled that when she was a girl one of her relatives was married to a white person, an act illegal in 16 states.

"As a child that did not make any sense to me," she said, adding such laws were finally overthrown in 1967 by the Supreme Court.

"That kind of restriction may seem unbelievable today but it was a reality of life not too many decades ago."

"Here we are faced with the exact same arguments against domestic relations of another order," she said.

William Attewell and Manuel Kortright of the In Step staff contributed to this story

Tim Carpenter Wins Big in 9th District Assembly Primary

*by Jamakaya
of the In Step Staff*

Milwaukee — State Rep. Tim Carpenter, dogged by efforts to out him as a gay man by Wisconsin Christians United and his Democratic opponent, won 70% of the vote in the September 10 primary election. With no Republican challenger in the November run-off, Carpenter is a shoe-in for his seventh term in the State Assembly.

In August, Wisconsin Christians United which boasts of its anti-gay agen-

da, circulated fliers in Carpenter's south side Milwaukee district asking "Is He or Isn't He?" and accusing Carpenter of "very enthusiastic support of the homosexual agenda." Carpenter's Democratic opponent, Jim Sanfilippo, then fanned the flames of speculation with press releases to the media challenging Carpenter to reveal his sexual orientation.

Carpenter refused to respond to the allegations and instead focussed his energy on canvassing his district, meeting constituents face to face, and touting his 12-year record in the state legislature. His victory was characterized by many political observers as a repudiation of "mudslinging" tactics.

In Step Founder Ron Geiman Undergoing Chemotherapy

*by Jamakaya
of the In Step Staff*

Milwaukee — Ron Geiman, the founder and former publisher and editor of *In Step Magazine*, began undergoing a course of chemotherapy at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Milwaukee September 16 after being diagnosed with a case of acute leukemia.

Geiman gave *In Step* permission to report on his condition in the interest of both rumor control and for the purposes of community education. He asked for people's thoughts and prayers.

Geiman tested positive for HIV in 1986 and has fought off several health crises related to AIDS complications in the past few years. But he says his doctors believe the leukemia that recently developed was not necessarily brought on by AIDS. At the same time, he recognizes that his immune system, weakened by AIDS, could have a hard time fighting the leukemia.



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The initial plan is to keep Geiman on his AIDS medications (which had stabilized his condition through much of this year) during the course of chemotherapy. He is expected to be hospitalized for almost a month.

Geiman asks that people not send him gifts or flowers. But greeting cards can be sent to the Zablocki VA Medical Center, Attn: Ron Geiman, Room 6-A South, 5000 W. National Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53295 or to In Step at 1661 N. Water Street, Suite 411, Milwaukee, WI 53202. All correspondence will be forwarded to Geiman.

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MAP's Park Outreach Focuses Attention on Public Sex Environments

by William Attewell
of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — A new HIV prevention outreach program launched by The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) that targets men who have sex with men in public places such as Milwaukee area County parks has come under sharp criticism by some public officials and has received widespread attention in the non-gay media.

Concerns regarding the program were levied publicly from a number of sources, including Susan Baldwin, Director of the Milwaukee County Parks, Recreation and Culture Department

"For anybody to be in the parks after 10pm is a violation of County ordinances, and while we understand what they [MAP] are trying to do, we can't condone the breaking of County ordinances," Baldwin told *In Step Magazine*.

Baldwin added, "I feel it has been blown way out of proportion, but ideally you'd like to have no sexual activity occur in the park system and we take measures to diminish and irradicate that kind of behavior whether it is homosexual or heterosexual."

Baldwin feels the issue of public sex in County Parks and the distribution of condoms and safer sex materials in the parks to be separate issues, but that the public sees them as joined. Baldwin stated the County has received numerous calls protesting the MAP program only after the extensive coverage by Milwaukee's non-gay media.

While Baldwin was supportive of MAP's efforts to stop the spread of HIV and AIDS, she felt the program went too far. "The Milwaukee AIDS Project and I don't agree that we

"Many people are very concerned that the Milwaukee AIDS Project is giving tacit approval to this kind of behavior."

—SUSAN BALDWIN, MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS

are overreacting. Many people are very concerned that the Milwaukee AIDS Project is giving tacit approval to this kind of behavior."

Andy Bagnall, manager of MAP's Gay and Lesbian Outreach Program which oversees the Public Sex

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Environment Outreach believes this type of reaction is typical, "Any time you bring up the issue of men having sex with men, it raises this type of concern due to the homophobia that is present in this society."

Bagnall reaffirmed his strong support for the program and indicated the program would continue, "I think it comes down to MAP's Mission Statement, it's an issue of life and

"...this must be an issue of AIDS prevention, not of stereotyping a community."

—DOUG NELSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF MAP

death and this is a program to reach a population that historically has never been reached before. Here is a portion of our community that is at high risk for HIV and AIDS and as a community we need to help educate the men in the parks so they and their partners can remain HIV negative. This is a community issue and as a community we need to respond accordingly, without judgment."

The Public Sex Environment Program is modeled after several successful programs existing in Seattle, Santa Cruz and Chicago. Outreach by MAP staff and volunteers consists primarily of risk reduction conversations and a needs assessment.

Interventions may include promoting HIV and AIDS prevention; providing safer sex literature; distributing condoms; suggesting MAP's anonymous HIV antibody counseling and testing program; and referring services such as mental health therapy for issues of self-esteem, sex addiction or alcohol and drug treatment programs.

Despite the initial problems in Milwaukee, a similar outreach program administered by the Maricopa County Health Department in Arizona has met with more cooperation with local law enforcement, government officials and local community groups.

The Man Power Project was begun nearly a year ago, and according to the program's Director Tory Martinez, it has been a success, "We have worked primarily with one law enforcement organization and because of the positive media attention, we have begun working with a second police

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department and the program is working very well."

According to Martinez, the Man Power Project was begun after the police department in the area became concerned about the rising visibility of public sex environment arrests and realized that traditional law enforcement was not working.

"When people were arrested, the offenders would come right back to the public sex environments," Martinez told *In Step*. "The program focuses on identity issues and not so much the symptoms, which we considered to be the public sex."

Martinez disagrees with those who say this type of outreach program encourages public sex. "The National Institute of Health (NIH) has written data which shows that this type of outreach does not promote that type of behavior, the NIH has research that completely disproves that type of theory."

Doug Nelson, Executive Director of MAP believes much of the controversy is based on misconceptions. "There has been a broad brush perception that this is entirely a gay issue. First, and foremost, this must be an issue of AIDS prevention, not of stereotyping a community. Our primary mission with this program is to save lives and that mission of saving lives supersedes every other concern."

Nelson, asked the community to stand behind MAP in its efforts. "As a gay community we need to have solidarity on the fact we are going to deal with this rough issue of public sex environment risk successfully and aggressively ... and none of us should be apologetic that we are taking on a tough issue within our community."

AIDS Walk Set for September 22

by Jim W. Lautenbach
of the *In Step* Staff

Milwaukee — Every year there are signs that AIDS Walk Wisconsin is approaching soon: People mill about to collect last-minute pledges, the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) becomes crowded with tee shirts and assorted papers and signs and workers and volunteers at the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW), compulsively monitor the weather, praying for a prediction of a perfect day with no rain.

This year things aren't all that different—except for the fact that a few of the signs say "Sold Out."

More than 14,000 individuals and 1,200 teams already have pre-registered for this year's Walk, which will be held this Sunday, September 22. Bette Midler, the Walk's Honorary Chairperson, will be present throughout the day and may be the reason several of the festivities have sold out

for the first time in the Walk's seven year history, according to organizers.

The Divine Miss M will speak at an AIDS Walk breakfast at the Italian Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and will appear at an 11 a.m. "Divine Reception," at which 15 individuals or groups of people have paid \$500 to meet and have a picture taken with the celebrity. Both events are sold out.

However, organizers have created a waiting list for the breakfast and are trying to see if they will be able to accommodate more people than they had anticipated. About 570 people have purchased tickets already, a number that clearly puts the room capacity at its maximum, said Roland Hoffmann, ARCW's Special Events Coordinator.

"We're at our max right now. We're working with the Italian Community Center and seeing if we can add more tables or maybe decrease the size of the stage," Hoffmann said. "The response to the breakfast has been incredible."

People who have their hearts set on getting a glimpse of Midler still will have their options. At noon she will address all the participants during the opening ceremonies. At 12:30 p.m. she will stand in a vintage Thunderbird convertible at the Summerfest grounds to cut the AIDS Walk ribbon and then will begin to lead the Walk. In addition, she will reign as the honored guest at an AIDS Walk reviewing stand, sending thousands of participants on their way across the 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) route along Milwaukee's lakefront.

Everyone who turns in \$100 in pledges will receive a tee-shirt signed by Midler, and everyone who turns in \$250 will receive a sweatshirt. In addition, everyone who turns in a minimum of \$10 in pledges will receive a Bette Midler memory book that boasts a color photo of Midler and her autograph on the front and a certificate of completion on the back.

"That's the newest thing that we've added," Hoffmann said. "For people that have completed the Walk, they'll get a little sticker and they can put their name on it."

According to Hoffmann, Midler has been extremely committed to helping the AIDS Walk this year.

"She's been great. She has worked on other functions throughout the country, but this is the most she's ever been involved with any AIDS Walk or any other fundraising. She has really put great effort into this."

Besides Midler, a host of other performers and entertainers will attract participants. Organizers are billing the event as an "entertainment walk." Said Hoffmann: "It's a great day of entertainment for the whole family and for all walks of life."

The gates to Henry W. Maier Festival Park (the Summerfest grounds) will open at 10:30 a.m. for people to register and hand in pledge money, and from then on enter-

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tainment will play immediately and constantly. Strolling performers, stilt walkers, clowns, mimes and musicians will greet participants. The popular local band, "The Yell Leaders," will perform on the Miller Stage prior to the opening ceremonies. Participants also will have opportunities to enjoy massages, have their faces painted, do aerobics and create panels for MAP's AIDS quilt.

The entertainment will continue well after the Walk begins at 12:30 p.m. There will be six rest stops along the route with acts featured at each. Featured performers will include the bands "Exhibit A," "The Grinders" and "Mook;" singers Lu Shanti, Mari Hang and Mia Montenegro and the Cream City Cloggers. The 11-piece 50s/60s band, "Sweet Cheeks" will entertain participants as they approach the Walk's finish.

"There's something going on all day," Hoffmann said.

Beyond that, organizers have taken pains to get everyone—even armchair quarterbacks—to participate.

"For Packer fans, we're going to be posting the scores along the route, and we'll have a TV at one of the rest stops and on the Summerfest grounds," Hoffmann said.

Organizers hope to attract as many as 17,000 people to participate. Last year there were 10,028 participants. With 14,200 individuals already pre-registered, organizers already are closing in on their goal. Hoffmann feels confident they will be close by this Tuesday, the deadline for teams to register if they want to qualify for a team photo and table to use as a meeting place.

"We're way above where we were last year," he said. "This week (September 8 to 14) alone we took in over 2,000 registrations. Last year, the last week of the Walk we took in 1,900, so if we are able to do over 2,000 again next week we'll be very near that 17,000."

Hoffmann said over 1,200 teams have registered already so far, up about 100 from last year.

"The response has been so incredible," he said. He attributes the healthy increases to stepped-up efforts to recruit participants statewide and Midler's popularity.

AIDS Walk Wisconsin is sponsored by the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. and the following co-sponsors: the Milwaukee AIDS Project, Madison AIDS Support Network, Center Project, Inc. in Green Bay, Southeast Wisconsin AIDS Project in Kenosha, Northeast Wisconsin AIDS Project in Eau Claire and the Wisconsin AIDS Research Consortium.

Last year's AIDS Walk raised \$766,464. This year organizers hope to raise more than \$935,000 from pledges and corporate sponsorships to benefit 16 AIDS education and service providers throughout the state. In total, the Walk has raised more than \$3 million since it began in 1990.



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Family Dumps Congressional Candidate Because He's Gay

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Oklahoma City, OK — A brother and six other family members of openly gay Democratic congressional candidate Paul Barby have given their endorsement to Rep. Frank Lucas, R-Okla., Barby's opponent in the Nov. 5 race.

But Barby, 61, said he was still supported by his mother, sister and several other family members. The brother, Stanley

Barby, announced his support for Lucas in a letter to Democratic leaders in the 6th District that he is homosexual. He is believed to be the state's first openly gay major party candidate for Congress.

In the letter he sent out earlier this year, Barby said, "I am gay. Always have been. It has not held me back as I have worked for causes to help my fellow Americans."

Barby's letter goes on to state: "Gay is not an agenda item for me to defend or to promote. This is a very private matter for me, but I should be the person to tell you and not someone else. It will not be mentioned again by me unless the course of debate demands it."

Referring to the so-called Defense of Marriage Act that Congress has been considering, Barby added that he believes in the civil rights of every American and that marriage is a civil right.

He was unopposed for the nomination.

The Barbys are a pioneer western Oklahoma family, which has ranched in the Panhandle for 100 years. They also operate an oil and gas company based in Woodward, Okla.

The statement by Stanley Barby, which was faxed to news outlets, praised Lucas' farm background, his voting record and his "proven record of sound family values."

More is involved in the election than a choice between congressional candidates, the press release said. "It represents a clear choice in the direction of our country," the statement said. "Frank Lucas supports traditional family values."

The endorsement letter said that Lucas is the only farmer and rancher in the race and a man who "represents our family's values," adding that "we will be voting for Frank Lucas and encourage others to do the same."

The endorsement was signed by Stanley Barby, a different Paul Barby, Junetta Barby, Rodney Barby, Vickie Barby, Allen Barby and Paula Barby.

Stanley identified the Paul Barby who signed the letter as "the real Paul Barby," a cousin of the candidate.

Junetta Barby is Stanley Barby's wife. Rodney Barby is the candidate's nephew, and Vickie Barby is his wife. Allen Barby is a cousin, and Paula Barby is his wife.

Stanley Barby told reporters: "We feel Paul's views don't represent the family's views. We couldn't have supported him



—Democratic congressional candidate Paul Barby

J. Barby, issued a statement that repeatedly extolled the virtues of "traditional family values" but that did not mention his brother by name.

Paul Barby, the Democratic nominee in the 6th Congressional District that stretches from the Oklahoma Panhandle to northeastern Oklahoma City, is a member of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma Colleges and been active for the past few years in state and local politics.

But he stunned many Democrats in the fairly conserva-

even if he wasn't gay. Frank [Lucas] represents our views on family values."

Candidate Paul Barby once was active in the family oil business, his brother said, adding that he did a good job. However, he no longer is actively involved, Stanley Barby said. His brother also isn't part of the family's ranching operations, he said, describing those who signed the statement as "the ranching Barbys." The family owns and operates the Bar-B Ranch, a large spread in the Panhandle, and B-L Cattle Co.

Stanley Barby did not say directly whether there are hard feelings between the candidate and other family members. "I'm not looking for a family feud," he told reporters at a press conference. He added that his brother was aware of the planned endorsement and had not attempted to dissuade the relatives from publicly backing his Republican opponent.

The candidate Paul Barby was a delegate to the recent Democratic National Convention in Chicago and said members of his family have "strong opinions" and have disagreed with him on politics and issues many times.

Paul Barby said relations between himself and some members of his family have been strained for a long time, but said he believes it has more to do with religion than his sexual orientation.

"They've known I was gay since the '60s," he said. "I didn't think it was a problem. They're uncomfortable with my religious faith. Some think I don't have any religious faith. Nothing could be further from the truth."

He acknowledged that he and his brother have had problems communicating. "We haven't been able to talk for a year," he said. "It's been difficult for both of us."

But the candidate said he was surprised to hear that his brother had said he wasn't involved in the family oil business much anymore. "It's news to me that I'm not involved," Paul Barby said during a press conference, adding that he and his brother are still partners in an oil business.

He also took exception to Stanley Barby's statement that Lucas, of Cheyenne, is the only rancher in the campaign. Paul Barby said he leases land to his brother and other family members for their ranching operation and that he runs another ranch for which he is a trustee.

And, despite the opposition of those who signed the statement, Paul Barby said his mother, sister and several cousins are "strongly supportive" of him.

Local Groups Pulling Out of Philly AIDS Rides

Philadelphia, PA — Two of Philadelphia's three AIDS agencies that originally benefited from the first AIDS Ride fundraiser held in June, have announced they are withdrawing from the event, which has been sharply criticized over finances, lack of local control, and charges of racism.

Both the Philadelphia Community Health Alternatives and the AIDS Information Network announced they wouldn't participate in any more of the Philadelphia-to-Washington, D.C., bicycle rides designed to raise funds for participating agencies.

The AIDS Ride event is put on in several major U.S. cities by Pallotta & Associates in Los Angeles, a for-profit event promotion firm.

The Philadelphia-Washington event raised some \$1.6 million this year, but about \$1.3 million of that went to cover expenses of the 3-day event, a return of only about 21 cents on the dollar according to local activists.

In announcing its withdrawal, PCHA also said it had serious concerns that minority AIDS agencies in the area wouldn't be adequately represented in next year's AIDS Ride.

In August, the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition, another benefi-

Also on the Newswire...

More Women Being Tested for HIV

Atlanta, GA — The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the number of women in the U.S. who are being tested for HIV has been rising dramatically for the past few years. Between 1991 and 1993, the percentage of women 18 to 44 years of age who had been tested for the virus increased some 60 percent. The agency reported that a 1993 survey of more than 6,000 women indicated that 31.8 percent said they had been tested. A similar survey in 1991 of 13,000 women found that just 18.8 percent said they had been tested at the time.

AIDS Walk Chicago Warns of Street Solicitors

Chicago, IL — Organizers of AIDS Walk Chicago, slated for Sept. 29, have warned that there are apparently a number of rip-off artists on the city's streets who are soliciting funds in the name of the fundraiser but who are simply keeping the money themselves. Paul Hook, head of AIDS Walk Chicago, noted that the event has no one soliciting funds on the city streets. "It's not door-to-door fundraising," Hook said at a news conference.

New Jersey to Offer 3 Protease Inhibitors Free

Trenton, NJ — New Jersey state health officials announced the state will make three important AIDS drugs available without charge to patients who earn less than \$30,000 a year and are either uninsured or do not have adequate insurance coverage. The drugs include three of the new protease inhibitors: saquinavir, indinavir, and 3TC. The drugs have been shown to be able to reduce detectable levels of HIV



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ciary of this year's event, announced that it was withdrawing from future AIDS Rides as well.

Lawsuit Follows 1995 Kentucky Beer Distributor Boycott

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Louisville, KY — According to a report in *The Letter*, a Kentucky lesbian and gay paper, the family of one of the state's most prominent conservatives has filed a massive and complex lawsuit against nearly every gay and lesbian business and organization in the Louisville area over a 1995 boycott launched against River City Distributing.

Nine local gay bars and restaurants launched the boycott in August 1995 because of what activists called the "right wing activities" of Donna Shedd, whose husband David was president of River City Distributing Inc. which distributes products of the Miller Brewing Company, but is not owned by Miller.

River City Distributing was targeted for the boycott, bar owners and activists said, because of Mrs. Shedd's involvement in Kentucky's Eagle Forum, the anti-gay group headed by Phyllis Schlafly. They also noted that Mrs. Shedd served on the state Republican Party's executive committee the year before when it unanimously passed a resolution in favor of recriminalizing homosexuality in the state.

In addition to the bars and restaurants involved in the protest, the boycott was also being supported by Kentucky's Fairness Campaign, the Pro-Choice Coalition, the Metropolitan Community Church and the Louisville chapter of Parents-Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG).

Organizers said at the time that the boycott could cost the distribution com-

pany as much as \$15,000 per week in lost sales.

Months after the River City boycott was announced, Shedd's relationship with the distributor was severed. Shedd is also suing Miller, charging the brewery used its influence to have him removed from his position with the distributor. The boycott itself was ended earlier this year after the organizers declared it had been a success.

Now the Shedd family has filed a wide-ranging suit, charging the bars, restaurants, and organizations with conspiracy, interference with contractual relations, criminal harassment, defamation of character, and other actions that the family is seeking unspecified damages for.

New AIDS Clinic Announced for Chicago

Chicago, IL — Cook County health officials have announced plans to begin construction early next year for what they described as a "state of the art AIDS clinic and research facility" in Chicago.

The new facility is expected to be open in mid-1998 and will consist of a 4-story building with some 60,000-square-feet of space.

Health officials say there are about 34,000 people in Chicago who are infected with HIV and that a tenth of all the beds at Cook County Hospital are now used by AIDS patients.

The new facility will include facilities for testing, counseling, drug treatment, research and clinical care.

California Hearings Begin on Limited Adoptions by Unmarried Couples

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

Santa Ana, CA — At a public hearing, the California state department of social services listened to testimony on Title 22, a proposed regulation that would recommend adoptions in California only for married couples.

Despite the obvious restrictions on gay and lesbian couples the proposed regulation would impose, state officials denied it was anti-gay. "We're not talking about sexual orientation," said Janice Ploeger of the state health and welfare department. "This has to do with marriage and what's in the best interest of the child."

But rights advocates strongly disagreed and insisted the proposed change has everything to do with sexual orientation and anti-gay bias.

Tara Rose, 31, testified at the hearings on the regulations that she was raised by two mothers, but adoption was impossible while she was growing up and she sees the regulation as a big step backward in California.

"If we're talking about marriages only that's one issue," said Rose. "But this is discriminating against gay and lesbian parents."

The new rule could go into effect next October around the time partners Lisa Pratt and Julie Thompson will be adopting a second child, six-month-old Kary. They told the hearing that they're concerned the child won't get the same benefits as their daughter Elizabeth, whom they were able to jointly adopt under existing regulations.

Even if the new regulation goes into effect, the final decision will be made by the judge in each adoption case, state officials say. But rights advocates say the new

dramatically in many people infected with the virus. State warned, however, that if demand for the drugs outstrips the state's ability to underwrite the giveaway program, some restrictions - such as co-payments or deductibles — may be added.

China Ups AIDS Budget

Beijing — Chinese health ministry officials have announced that they will triple the country's budget for fighting AIDS in the country of some 1.2 billion people this year as the epidemic continues to grow in the nation. This good news was undercut somewhat, however, by news that the budget hike only means the Chinese will allocate about \$1.8 million during the current fiscal year to battle the epidemic - a figure that is smaller than the municipal AIDS budget for the U.S. city of Indianapolis, population 750,000.

PREVENTION CLASSES OFTEN FAIL TO TEACH CONDOM USE

Atlanta, GA — More than 80 percent of U.S. schools teach middle and high school students how to prevent AIDS, but teachers often do not explain how to use a condom correctly, according to federal health officials. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 39 states and the District of Columbia required AIDS-prevention education in 1994, up from 13 states in 1987.

"Different for Girls" Wins at Montreal Film Festival

Montreal — Richard Spence's transsexual romantic drama, "Different for Girls," has won the Grand Prix of the Americas for best film at the 20th annual Montreal World Film Festival. The British film stars Steven Mackintosh ("Memphis Belle" and "Princess Caraboo") and Rupert Graves ("A Room with a View" and "The Madness of King George") as two school chums who meet 20 years later. In the intervening two decades, however, Mackintosh's character, Karl, has undergone a sex-change operation.

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regulation would have a strong anti-gay influence in most courts and that there is no reason for it being instituted.

There were some 6,000 adoptions in California in 1995 according to state officials, and about a fourth of them were by single parents, straight and gay.

Report: Conservative Challenges to School Materials Continue Unabated

Washington, DC — According to the 14th annual report on school censorship, People for the American Way says there were a record 475 attempts last year to restrict books, classes or educational procedures that opponents claimed were too sexually explicit, too violent, too racial, anti-religious, anti-family, unAmerican - or all these things.

According to the report, the things objected to last year ranged from accepted classics in literature to school Halloween parties.

In 41 percent of the cases, the reports says, school officials bowed to objections and removed materials or restricted activities.

The report, "Attacks on the Freedom to Learn," cites conservative Christians and especially members of the Christian Coalition as chief objectors in most of the cases it reported on.

California, which has the largest number of public school students of any state in the country, also led in the number of attempts to restrict materials or classes, with 56 incidents reported by the group.

Carole Shields, president of People for the American Way, noted that many of the school materials objected to mirrored national debates on issues, such as racism, poverty, homosexuality, crime, drug and alcohol abuse, and AIDS.

"We must analyze this report and decide as a nation: Will we bequeath to

our children the tools and information they need to address these complex issues as they grow into adulthood?" Shields asked. "Or will our gift to them be ever-narrowing horizons of thought and speech?"

HIV Found to Infect More Blood Cells Than Previously Believed

London — According to a report in the medical journal *Lancet*, researchers at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland have confirmed that a second set of blood cells - CD8 cells - is also vulnerable to infection by HIV and may play a crucial role in how the virus develops.

It has for some time been known that HIV progressively destroys CD4 T-lymphocytes, the cells that the body produces to fight off infections. But scientists had previously believed that CD8 cells were immune from HIV infection, possibly because of structural differences in the cell itself.

The Scottish researchers report, however, that 5 of 16 people with AIDS that they studied had CD8 cells infected with HIV at high levels. The researchers said the next step is to discover whether the virus destroys the body's CD8 cells or simply invades them until they become active later.

Gay Surrogate Birth Sparks Controversy

St. Louis, MO — Two homosexual men seeking to have a child have sparked controversy in Great Britain after it was revealed they hired a surrogate mother to give birth for them, the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* reported last week.

The *London Daily Express* has identified the mother of the infant as Andrea Gibson, a 27-year-old who

Age of Consent Equalized in Russia

Moscow — Russia's parliament has equalized the age-of-consent for gay and straight sex at age 16, reports the Austrian organization Homosexual Initiative Vienna. The new law will take effect Jan 1, 1997.

"Creating Change" Conference Set

Washington, DC — The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute will present its 9th annual Creating Change Conference, a national conference for the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender movement. The Conference is scheduled for November 6 - 10 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Alexandria, VA. Keynote speakers include: Rep. Barney Frank, June Jordan, and Carmen Vasquez. For more information and to register: E-mail to: cc96@nglftf.org, Voice: 202-332-6483 ext. 3329, Fax: 202-332-0207 or visit their web site at: <http://www.nglftf.org/cc96>

Transvestite Teacher Comes Out of the Closet

Santa Rosa, CA — Mathematics teacher Dick Giles finally decided to stop pretending to his students, so he came to class last week as "Diane." Giles, a father of 10 who teaches at Santa Rosa Junior College, revealed this week that he is a transvestite. "I accept what I am," Giles told *The Press Democrat* of Santa Rosa. "I just decided I needed to quit living a lie." Administrators at the school 50 miles northeast of San Francisco said Giles can continue to teach as long as his lifestyle does not interfere with his duties.

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reportedly lives a hardscrabble life in a trailer park near Dupon, Ill.

"I know her two dads are going to be good for her," the *Daily Express* said Gibson told a reporter in St. Louis. "They are already a couple of Mr. Moms. They spend hours spoiling her, taking turns to change her nappies.

The newspaper said two gay men in Edinburgh paid her 10,000 English pounds or about \$15,600 for her newborn baby girl, Sarah Clare, now 6 weeks old.

The news broke last week in Great Britain, where tabloid headlines screamed: "Fury As Gay Men Buy Baby Daughter" "Stop This Evil Baby Trade" "Crisis Talks on Gay Dads' Baby." The case is considered the first of its kind.

The newspaper gave the following account: Gibson, who is unmarried, had put one of her two sons up for adoption nearly five years ago. The boy was adopted by a couple in Switzerland.

It was a good experience for Gibson, who decided to become a surrogate mother. She began reading the personal ads in the *Post-Dispatch*.

Over a year ago, one ad caught her eye. It said: "Loving couple wishing to

bear children."

Gibson began to correspond with William Zachs, who grew up in Connecticut and moved to Scotland over a decade ago. Zachs told her that he and his companion, Martin Adam, wanted to have a baby.

Eventually, she agreed to meet Zachs. She became pregnant with Zachs' sperm on the second try.

Sarah Clare was born at a clinic in New York on July 22. Gibson spent three weeks before the birth at an apartment in New York that Zachs provided.

The sealed birth certificate in Manhattan lists Zachs and Adam as the two fathers.

"I have no claim on Sarah Clare," says Gibson.

The girl lives with her two fathers near Edinburgh. Gibson declined to be specific about how much she was to be paid and said she hasn't received any money yet. But money, she said, wasn't a factor.

"I did this for them."

Zachs' and Adam's admission of homosexuality would have blocked their efforts to become parents. Their only alternative was to find a woman willing to become a surrogate.

Their actions have prompted an outcry in Britain. Church leaders and members of Parliament spoke out against the arrangement. The Church of Scotland condemned it, but social workers said they had no grounds to investigate the two men.

Anya Palmer, a gay rights advocate, said: "Surrogacy for gay men is extremely rare. This case in Scotland is the first I have heard of in Britain."

A professor of law at Glasgow University sounded a cautionary note, warning that if the surrogate mother sought the return of the child, a Scottish court would almost certainly grant it.

Worker Upset by Male Stripper Prank Had Planned Similar Joke with Drag Queen

London — Gail Steele's claim against her former employer, the London optical firm of Optika, for discrimination, sexual harassment and unfair dismissal may have suffered a bit of a setback after an industrial tribunal hearing the case was told she had tried to organize almost an identical prank that she says caused her to be humiliated in front of staff members.

Steele was handcuffed by a professional male stripper hired by the company for her office birthday party. He was wearing only a G-string at the time and after cuffing Steele, he hoisted her up on his shoulder at the office celebration.


But Optika staffers told the tribunal that in 1993, Steele had planned to hire a male transvestite for the company's Christmas party for a mock sexual assault on one of the company's directors. The drag prank was cancelled after the other director learned what was being planned and confronted Steele about it.

Maine Agency Cuts AIDS Services

Portland, ME — Budget constrictions from both frozen state funds and a fall-off in private donations has forced Maine's AIDS Project to drop some services to clients with HIV/AIDS in two counties in the state.

Stephen Moskey, AIDS Project's executive director said, "We simply need to fit the services to the money available."

Moskey said the agency, which has served HIV/AIDS clients in the two west-central counties for six years, doesn't receive enough state funds to cover




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the costs and said "donor burn-out" was increasingly limited the private contributions the agency has been receiving.

Hawaii's "Marriage" Trial Begins

Honolulu, HI — The court hearings that are expected to decide at least the next legal phase in Hawaii's four-year battle over whether same-sex couples can or cannot legally marry in the state resumed on Tuesday, Sept. 10, only to be interrupted the next day because of a bomb scare at the courthouse where the hearing where being held.

The trial was interrupted for more than two hours during the second day of expert testimony when a bomb threat was received by the cashier's office in the circuit court building.

After the building was emptied and searched, and no bomb found, the proceedings resumed.

Much of the testimony in this stage of the case is from psychologists and social scientists who are giving expert testimony on the issue.

The state is required by a Hawaii Supreme Court ruling to prove a "compelling interest" in denying gays and lesbians marriage license under the state's constitution.

In a related development, Court TV began airing one-

day-delayed taped coverage of the trial weeknights at 8 P.M. (Eastern and Pacific Time) on Sept. 11.

The court trial phase is expected to last about a week.

S.F. Bus Hate Crime Charged

San Francisco, CA — Wordy Joubert, a bus driver with the city's Municipal Railway, has been arraigned on charges he shouted anti-gay epithets at a gay couple on a bus he was riding on while off-duty.

Joubert, 42, didn't enter a plea on four counts of assault with an enhanced hate crimes charge in the July 12 incident.

According to the charges, Joubert was riding in uniform, but while off duty, on a city bus and apparently become upset when a gay men on the bus gave his male friend sitting next to him a kiss on the cheek.

Prosecutors charge that Joubert began shouting anti-gay remarks sprinkled with biblical references at the two men until one of the two men left the bus. The man who had just gotten off the bus told police he saw Joubert hitting his friend who was still on the bus and ran alongside the bus until it stopped. He is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail.

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Club Cheeks Newest Addition to Green Bay Club Scene

by Cheryl Myers
of the In Step Staff

Green Bay has a new face on the bar scene as Club Cheeks opened its doors at 232 South Broadway in late August. Designed to be three facilities in one, Club Cheeks incorporates a dance bar, game room and sports bar, and a gourmet restaurant all under one roof.

"We haven't opened the restaurant—the Tarot Room—yet, but we expect to be serving food in 30 to 60 days," states Lecia Sams, one of the three club owners.

When not in use for dining, the Tarot Room will be a quiet cocktail lounge where patrons can get together and talk with some privacy, she explains. Club Cheeks owners are as diverse as its offerings.

Lecia Sams has years of experience in the Green Bay area bar scene, and works at the club full-time. Becky Callies is a gourmet chef who has worked for such local restaurants as the Mona Lisa and Zimanni's, both renowned for their excellent gourmet Italian cuisine. Dennis McGuire is in charge of maintenance and construction, and manages the dance bar. He designed the Club's triangle pink lighting fixtures, and built the castle-like half-walls that separate table areas in the Tarot Room.

"Dennis is also responsible for our

name," says Lecia, "For years he always wanted a club named 'Between the Cheeks' but we told him it was too male-oriented, and one thing we all agreed on was that we wanted our bar and restaurant to be appealing to both men and women. We want a 50/50 mix. So after some more discussion, I said 'How about just Club Cheeks' and we all liked the name. It's not gender specific at all—I mean, we all have cheeks!"

When planning the club, Lecia and her partners did an extensive survey on the preferences of the area LesBiGay community.

"We found that number one on the list was privacy and atmosphere. Second was a request to keep the hours the same so customers will always know when we're open. Third was a safe ride home service for a flat fee. We've managed to incorporate all three."

The dance floor is large, with variable lighting systems and plenty of speakers. The DJ area is enclosed with chain link.

"We are interested in spinning vinyls as well as using tapes and CDs. We have a huge record library. We welcome requests, and I tell all the DJs to try to get requests on as soon as possible," says Sams.

A few steps up leads to the Tarot Room, the site of the restaurant and cocktail lounge. The walls are decorat-

ed with murals in a mystical motif, painted by artist JoAnn Blohowiak. Lantern-style amber lights hang low from the ceiling, and there is a bar in the corner accented by plants and small trees.

"This is the room for people who don't want the music quite so loud, who want some privacy and conversation. Our waitstaff serves the tables in here, so you don't have to go to the bar. And this is where our restaurant will be. In addition to Becky's gourmet food, we have an organic vegetarian chef who will work with her. Both will be on our menu, so if one person is a vegan, and the other is not, they can still go to the same restaurant," Sams explains.

Cheeks has a safe ride home service through a contract with Astro Taxi. For a flat fee of five dollars, the taxi will take up to six people to a location in the Green Bay area. Club Cheeks pays the remainder of the bill, states Sams,

"Because we want our customers to come back alive." They also have a flat fee service to surrounding communities so patrons can leave their cars at home, if they wish. One-way trips for up to six people range from \$30 in Appleton to \$100 in Milwaukee. As for any concerns about competition with three gay bars in close proximity, Sams states she sees that as an asset. "It's a lot of fun to go from place to place — I used to do it myself, visiting three bars in an evening. And we are all different, and each has something to offer. I think there is room for all of us."

Club Cheeks is open seven days a week, the hours are 6pm to close for the dance bar, 8pm to close for the game bar, and 10pm to close for the cocktail lounge, though the cocktail lounge is open only on Fridays and Saturdays until the restaurant is up and running. There is a DJ every night.



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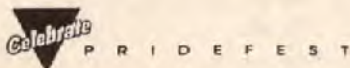
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HRL Seeks Nominations

Milwaukee — The Human Rights League for Lesbian and Gays is seeking nominations for its National Coming Out Day Awards to be bestowed on individuals on October 15, 1996 at the Public Officials Reception.

The awards are intended to "recognize the efforts of those who are promoting and reflecting a positive Gay/Lesbian image through participation in our community." Nominees must be out about their sexual orientation and active three

years or less. The categories for the awards are: Individual, business, and organization.

Nominees' names must be submitted in writing. Include the nominee's address and phone number and the reason for the nomination(s). Nominations must be sent in by October 1, 1996, mail them to: Human Rights League c/o Awards Committee, P.O. Box 92674, Milwaukee, WI 53202

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Dahmer Funds Disbursement Outlined

Milwaukee — Janie Hagen, spokeswoman for the families of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer, has outlined the disbursement of funds from the sale of some of the belongings of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer.

"The years, months and days have taken their toll. Without the unwavering commitment of Tom Jacobson, many of us may have lost our strength and fortitude. To reach success, and then donate \$85,666.68 of the Jacobson & Hupy, S.C., legal fees to the families of the victims, and the community, is almost too much to comprehend. We thank you and are forever grateful." Janie Hagen, spokeswoman for the families of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer. The \$57,111.11 donation, representing two-thirds of its fee, by the law offices of Jacobson & Hupy, S.C., to the families of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer continues the tradition the firm has to the community it serves.

The remaining legal fee balance of \$28,555.57, will be donated to community based charities. At the press conference the creation of the Jacobson & Hupy, S.C., Community Fund was also announced.

Nearly \$10,000 of the legal fees from the lawsuit against the estate of Jeffrey Dahmer has been placed in newly-created community fund. "We have set aside nearly \$10,000 to be donated to worthwhile community programs in the next six months. Organizations should submit a two-page funding request including how funds up to \$2,500 can be used to enrich the community.

Donations will be given in memory of the victims of serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer. Proposals should be submitted to Jacobson & Hupy, S.C. Community Fund, c/o Image Communications, Inc., P.O. Box 92061, Milwaukee, WI, 53201. It is our intention to deplete the fund by December

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31, 1996," said Managing Partner Michael F. Hupy. In addition to the community fund, another \$19,000 has been donated to the following groups and organizations in memory of the victims of Jeffrey Dahmer.

Radio 1290 Scholarship Fund, \$10,000; The Hispanic Scholarship Foundation, \$2,500; the YMCA Black Achievers, \$1,500; the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, \$2,500; Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, \$2,500. "The charities selected thus far represent a cross-section of the Milwaukee community. They are doing extraordinary work and providing tremendous resources for people in need. While our law firm has always given back to the community, it is important to remember that these particular funds stem from a sometimes bitter battle for justice."

"The name Jeffrey Dahmer strikes disgust in everyone, but we must not forget his name, because in so doing, we deny the victims' families compassion for the loss of their sons and brothers," said Attorney Tom Jacobson.

GAMMA Volleyball League Forming

Milwaukee — Saturday Volleyball League-GAMMA Milwaukee Cowles Volleyball League begins Saturday, October 19th at U.W. Milwaukee, Engelmann Gym located on Hartford Ave. across from Columbia Hospital. League play is 3 pm to 6 pm. Players should have workable knowledge of VB rules and recreational plus skills to compete in this league. We are looking for team sponsors and team players. Interested sponsors or players contact Michael H. at 414-365-3453 or write to GAMMA Milwaukee, P.O. Box 1900, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1900.

Miller LITE Puts Wheels On P.A.S.G.

Provincetown — The daily ride to Boston for people with AIDS has gotten a little smoother as an \$8,000 con-

tribution from Miller Lite gave the Provincetown AIDS Support Group (P.A.S.G.) the funds needed to trade in their old van for a brand new fully equipped six passenger van. P.A.S.G. makes daily trips to Boston, connecting people living with HIV/AIDS on Cape Cod to the medical resources in Boston.

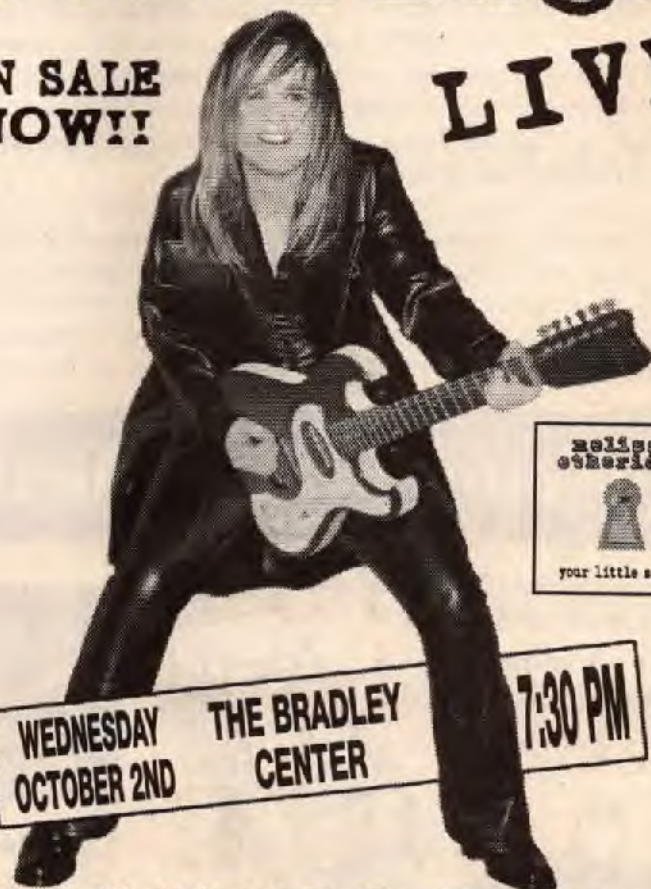
"Miller Lite has been a supporter of P.A.S.G. since 1993," said Jackie Freitas, transportation coordinator for P.A.S.G.

"This contribution will make a big difference in the lives of people living with AIDS in Provincetown." The contribution from Miller, along with contributions from J.J. Taylor Distributing Co., The Banner, Roche Pharmaceuticals, Elliott House and an anonymous donor, fully covered the cost of the new van. "We are proud to be part of the Provincetown community, and proud to support organizations like P.A.S.G.,"

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said Dave Otto, vice president of J.J. Taylor Distributing Co., the local distributor of Miller Lite and other Miller products. Miller Brewing Company and its parent company Philip Morris are the largest corporate supporters of AIDS organizations nationwide.

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GLSTN-SCW, LGBCC Invite Alumni Back to School

Madison — The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network- South Central Wisconsin and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Campus Center invite alumni to our Second Annual Back to School Campaign Event. The Back to School Campaign is a nationwide effort which has already produced over 5,000 letters to schools by former high schools students concerning gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender issues in

their alma-mater.

The kick off event will be held on Saturday, September 28, 1996 beginning at 11 am through 5 pm at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Memorial Union.

Community BBS Launched in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — A new computer network is now available to Milwaukee's Les/Bi/ and Gay community. This network is on Omnifest, which is a community computing service that's funded by local grants. The system will feature local events, a listing of establishments, organizations, out of town events, a discussion page for gay lesbian, and bisexual issues. Personal ads, and a penpal section to be added later.

The network will be run by Timothy Hanson, a Omnifest subscriber, and a member of Milwaukee's Les/Bi/Gay community.

"I felt that Milwaukee, could use a network that would cater to all ages

youth to older adults, and be an alternative to the club and bar scene." said Hanson.

Community members and any organizations from all over the First Gay Rights state are invited to send information to this network, and it will be sent free of charge. Comments, suggestions, and concerns to this new network can be sent to e-mail address (thanson@omnifest.uwm.edu).

"Off The Wall" BBS to Serve Madison Area

Madison — A new computer bulletin board, Off The Wall BBS, has recently opened its doors and offers a place for Madison's Gay, Lesbian, Bi, and Transgender on-line community to meet and discuss concerns and issues that affect GLBT people at the local, state, and national levels.

Off The Wall BBS offers many services to its members, including Internet E-mail, online gaming, matchmaking, personal ads, and much more. We also have feeds to the international message bases Fidonet and PrideNET. Fidonet is a network of bulletin boards throughout the world and offers its subscribers a place to communicate on a variety of topics. PrideNET is a specialized network made up only of Gay and Gay-friendly bulletin boards. The PrideNET discussion forums allow members to communicate with others on topics of interest to the GLBT community. Off The Wall BBS is proud to announce that we have been selected to be the PrideNET state host for Wisconsin.

Off The Wall BBS is also connected to the AIDS Education General Information System (AEGIS) on-line service. Through this service, we are able to offer our members updated information concerning AIDS and HIV. This information includes the AIDS Daily Summary from the CDC.

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An adults-only area is also offered on Off The Wall BBS. (Age validation is required for access.) In this area you will find the hottest in GIFS, JPEGS, and movies. Further information about obtaining adult access will be provided on your first logon.

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Street Beat Fashion Extravaganza to Benefit MAP

Milwaukee — It's time once again for "Street Beat!" Milwaukee's premier alternative fashion extravaganza held at Survival/Revival Resale Shop, 246 E. Chicago St. in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward. "Street Beat!" is taking place Saturday, September 28 from 8 pm to 11 pm with all proceeds benefiting the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP).

Included in the fund-raiser are the annual fashion show, a shopping spree, a raffle drawing, refreshments, comic relief by "Dead Alewives" and music provided by Milwaukee's own "The Spangle Makers." Commentating the fashion show will be Sister Cash Box with B.J. Daniels as the emcee.

More than 400 people attended "Street Beat!" last year raising over \$3,000 to benefit MAP. Admission to "Street Beat!" is \$6 for students and \$8 for the general public. For more information on this year's event, call Survival/Revival Resale Shop at (414)291-2856.

MAP is a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) which is dedicated to the fight against the worsening AIDS epi-

demio through prevention, care, research and advocacy.

Lake County HIV/AIDS Network

Waukegan, IL — On Tuesday, October 29th, the Lake County HIV/AIDS Network is hosting a pastoral care workshop entitled "Meeting people with HIV/AIDS at their point of need." The event will be held at the United Methodist Church, 429 Brainerd Ave., Libertyville from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm.

The seminar is open to clergy and any interested lay persons and registration is requested. The Reverend Dr. Jesus Rodriguez, a leading Chicago area expert on pastoral care for persons living with the virus, of the AIDS Pastoral Care Network will be the workshop leader. Some of the topics to be covered are: Differing theologies of pastoral and progression and the infected person's responses to the disease. The registration fee is \$5.00 and refreshments will be served.

Underwriting for this event has been provided by Merck and Co., Inc. and Starbucks. For more information and to register please contact Rev. Judith Sherk at First United Methodist Church, 128 N. Utica St., Waukegan, IL. 60085-4328. Phone 847-336-5368.

Community Center Town Hall Meeting Features Speaker

Milwaukee — Milwaukee's Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Community Center Development Project (CCDP) is pleased to welcome Ralph Serpe, Executive Director of the Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center, San Jose, CA who will speak at the upcoming town hall meeting at 6:00 pm, Thursday, September 26 at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center, Rm. 300.

The entire community is welcome to attend. The Enterprise Center is located at 2821 N. Fourth.

In addition to Serpe as a featured guest, the CCDP will be announcing initial feasibility results, a budget for the continued interim phase of the CCDP's organization, interim governance policies, a call for volunteers and pertinent updates on the committee's progress. The final results of the feasibility survey and technical research are expected on January 31, 1997.

Serpe's agency, the DeFrank Center, is the largest lesbian and gay center in northern California and one of the largest in the country.

Serpe also works with community center projects around the country helping with strategic planning and providing technical assistance. While in Milwaukee, Serpe will be spending the day in strategic planning with the CCDP's Steering Committee. For more information on the CCDP project or to become a volunteer, please call (414)483-4710.

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by Arlene Zarembka

Universal Health Care: The Only Real Reform

While teaching in a rural area in Kenya in the early 1970s, I came down with the beginning stages of pneumonia. I went to the nearest clinic, was given medicine, and recovered. I wasn't asked if I had insurance. I wasn't asked if I was a citizen. I was simply a sick human being who needed help, and I was given it.

Fast forward to the USA in the 1990s — one of the wealthiest countries in the world. Over 40 million uninsured people live with the daily question of whether they will get adequate care, or, for that matter, any care at all, if they are injured or become seriously ill. They rightly wonder if they will become one of the American "marginales," the marginal ones, as the castoffs of society are referred to in Latin America.

Even those with health insurance worry. A friend with AIDS who had to quit his job due to the progression of the disease, but who has health insurance coverage, said recently

that what is most stressful for him is not his having the disease, but rather navigating the health insurance/Medicaid labyrinth to ensure that he will be able to continue to get the treatment and medications he needs. His mind remains pre-

True health care reform will not occur until everyone is assured health care.

occupied with all the worst case scenarios that could happen should he be unable to keep health adequate insurance.

Our health care non-system is in shambles, and the new health care "reform" law won't solve the problem.

Granted, the new law allows those who are employed to change jobs and to continue getting health insurance coverage at their new job — but only if they had insurance on the first job and if their new employer provides health insurance as a fringe benefit. If their new job does not provide insurance, they are guaranteed the right to an individual insurance policy only if they had insurance for the previous 1-1/2 years. The law says nothing about the breadth of coverage that the individual policy must provide, nor does it place a cap on its premiums.

For the increasing numbers of Americans who work for companies that do not provide group health insurance, however, the law accomplishes virtually nothing. Those who lack group insurance still face the pre-existing condition barrier to coverage.

About the only thing the new law does provide to those without group health coverage is a break for terminally and chronically ill people with life insurance. It allows them to sell their policies to a viatical company without having to pay income taxes on the proceeds. This is a typically capitalist solution to the health care crisis: a reduction in taxes, putting more money in the hands of ill consumers so that they can cover a higher percentage of their medical care, thereby reducing the demand on "socialist" programs like Medicare or Medicaid.

Even for those with insurance, there is no guarantee of access to health care. The new law does not regulate managed care groups or restrict the increasingly common phenomenon of managed care groups refusing to authorize treatment recommended by a patient's doctor. It does not assure that there will be medical facilities that provide abortion, as well

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as insemination for unmarried women. It does not assure that facilities will be located in or near low-income communities.

True health care reform will not occur until everyone is assured health care. Neither of the two major parties' platforms calls for such guarantees. Indeed, the Democratic Party tellingly has curtailed its health care platform from 1992, when it called for universal coverage.

Conspicuously missing from the health care reform debate has been any serious attention to the only logical solution — a single payer plan. A single-payer system could build on the existing Medicare system, extending it to all people, and adding coverage for prescription drugs, in-home care, nursing home care, and alternative treatments such as homeopathy. Co-payments could be eliminated for those unable to afford them.

Under a single-payer plan, the federal government becomes the one insurer of all, eliminating the need for private insurance. At the same time, patient choice of doctors and doctors' independence can be maintained.

The General Accounting Office has estimated that eliminating private insurance companies from the health care equation would save about \$100 billion annually in administrative costs, enough to finance insurance coverage for all who are presently uninsured. (Medicare's administrative costs typically run about 2 percent, while overhead and profits for private insurance companies average about 13 percent, and are even higher in large managed care plans. Add to that the administrative costs placed on doctors' offices by the present system, which has over 1,500 companies providing health care coverage — most doctors must hire staff persons who deal exclusively with billing and insurance.) If this \$100 billion savings in administrative costs turns out not to be sufficient, one can always cut the bloated military budget (almost \$300 billion annually) to help fund universal

health care.

Coupled with universal coverage must be provisions that prohibit discrimination in the provision of services based on the usual laundry list of characteristics (race, sex, etc.), plus sexual orientation, gender identity, source of income, and chemical or alcohol dependency.

Woven into true reform also must be a resurrection of public hospitals and

clinics, scattered throughout the community, so that they are accessible. In addition, wasteful and costly duplication of high-tech machines (such as MRI or CT machines) needs to be controlled, to stop the ever-escalating cost of health care.

None of this will be easy. But it is essential that health care become once again, a right, and not a privilege.

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Stonewall: the movie

by Dale Reynolds



The well-documented, but still disputed, events over the three days of rioting in late June, 1969, is of some import to gay peoples: it was, after all, our Bastille - our Ft. Sumter - our Bunker Hill - our October Revolution. The gay historian, Martin Duberman, wrote a fine non-fiction book last year ("Stonewall"/Dutton) which examined in detail the events leading up to, during, and from the momentous riot in which drag queens, druggies from all over the sexual map, and furious bystanders eventually made homosexual rights an significant part of the American scene.

It would have made perfect sense to create a film-documentary (many of the participants are still with us, as Eric Marcus found in his seminal contemporary history of the U.S. gay rights movement, "Making History" (Harper/Collins/ 1992), but lesbian-American film producer Christine Vachon ("Swoon"; "I Shot Andy Warhol"), gay British director Nigel Finch (who died from AIDS just after the editing process) and Brit drag-queen playwright Rikki Beadle Blair created a fictional version of what took place the day of the funeral of gay-icon Judy Garland. That it isn't the critical success one might have wished for doesn't dismiss the credible work which did go into it, especially the acting.

Vachon, 34, has been extremely fecund in the low-budget, G&L film arena. Director Finch called her from London asking if she'd like to work with him on "Stonewall." When she said yes, they hired first-time screen-writer Blair, who was known to Finch as he has been extensively produced in Britain.

At that time, no one knew of Finch's HIV status, and especially not when he progressed into full-blown AIDS. It wasn't until the end of the shoot, during the final week, when vertigo overcame him, that cast and crew found out.

As Vachon remembers, "he was worn out as it had been a tough shoot. I was taken by surprise by how swiftly and

quickly he declined." The well-regarded Finch was known to American audiences primary for his work on the BBC-produced film version of David Leavitt's "The Lost Language of Cranes" (for the PBS version, he was forced to film his actors getting out of bed in their jockey underwear, instead of nude as for the European and British audiences—go America!).

The casting process took awhile as Finch didn't know many American actors. At first, the director only wanted gay actors because he thought it would be easier if he didn't have to explain gay life to non-gays, but Vachon convinced him to go for "the best actors," which they did and the acting is indeed the strongest element in their film. Vachon says they never questioned the sexual orientation of the cast.

Only one of the leads, Duane Butte, is out as a gay actor, although apparently one of the other leads was gay but remained closeted. "An actors' sexuality never comes up for me as an issue. I just assume they're auditioning because they want the role, not because they're gay or straight. Oh, I'm so dull, I don't think about their why's or why not's—I just don't look at actors as being gay or non-gay." Both Guillermo Diaz, as Latino/a drag Lamiranda, and Frederick Weller, as gayboy-just-off-the-bus Matty Dean, identify as out-straights and they're as credible as Boutte as is Bostonia, the mother-drag of them all.

The filming took six weeks, in wintertime. Because the current owners of the original Stonewall Inn refused permission to shoot onsite, the production company was forced to create the bar further south in lower Manhattan, a not-happy location as it turns out: the combination of shooting out-of-season and the different look of the Sheridan Square section of Greenwich Village leaves a lot to be desired, but those who weren't there then will never notice. A lot of period songs are

used as prop-music for the drag acts and the quartet of mimers (Boutte, Diaz, Matthew Saber as Miz Moxie and Dwight Ewell as Helen Wheels) in the fabulous drag outfits of the day, sing directly to camera. The script gets the drag attitudes correct, especially in the nether-world they inhabit as reaction to being hated by straights and condescended to by more conservative gays. (Lesbians only function peripheral in the script.)

Actor Boutte is currently touring in the road company of "Carousel." "Stonewall" is his first lead in a film and he proves himself to be a perfect choice as actor. The powerfully-built black entertainer, unusual in the extreme, has no trouble being open about his homosexuality, but refuses to give his age (much more common), willing only to say that he was born somewhere in the late 1960's.

"I was surprised I got cast as no one had ever known me before my agent submitted my picture. As I was born close to the event itself, I knew it as a name in Gay History, but not really how important it was to us. We watched some documentaries, and of course I read Martin's book," said Boutte

Non-gay actor Frederick Weller, 27, is from New Orleans, educated at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and at Julliard, (that is until he sickened of the academic restrictions on a budding career, and quit). By his own admission he wasn't too aware of gay concerns, let alone its history, but he also wasn't one to shirk from new adventures in filming, especially when a paycheck accompanied it. He had four callbacks before he was cast. But he blew the third callback by being "too jock-like. I had latched too hard onto one of Matty Dean's lines, 'I lost my sissy gene' and had sacrificed the sensitivity.. So, my management team, talked Nigel into giving me another try").

For Weller, however, the fact that the script and character and journey were so rich and so full of colors, that he couldn't NOT want to play it. "Matty Dean's rebelliousness and adventure and love; and that he's such a deeply passionate fighter, meant you'd have to be pretty uptight to not take it. While I had some trepidation [about playing gay], I never really considered not doing it." He also had no trepidation about the nude scenes, either. "When I was at Julliard, they used to groan when I'd do another naked scene in class."

Weller, handsome and slender at just under 6'2", says he comes from a fairly enlightened background as his parents were lawyers. "My friends in my college fraternity were not artsy and most of them will chortle at me playing 'the fag'—I'll be a gag to them for years to come. But in playing the sex scenes with Guillermo, I just thought of women I knew. Besides, no one spoke about anyone's sexuality on the set. But there was no homophobia on my part. With Guillermo, I tried to foster a friendship with him which included great respect—he's a great actor. But the film's not a gay equivalent of *Fatal Attraction*; it's more about the undercurrents of deep love. I was trying to tell a story of a guy who'd found the One Person in his life."

Boutte had three callbacks before he was given the role, but for him, drag wasn't the issue; being gay in a time of opprobrium was. "AIDS came along when I was a teen, and we had to watch our behavior and question the moral underpinnings of our lives. I was fortunate in that I have always had a lot of older gay friends, so in marching their personalities, I was able to bring it all together."

Boutte's performance is rock-solid and entirely knowing of his character, a man who is in his power while dressed up as a high-level woman. "I had never done drag before, except once at Halloween; plus, I'd been to a few Wigstock Festivals in NYC. But it was a bit frightening: could I pull it off as a good drag queen? Or bring an appropriate personality while creating an amalgam of a number of queens? I do wish [Blair] had stuck around during the shooting—it would have made it somewhat easier as he's a drag artiste."

Director Finch kept his condition from his cast until the final week of shooting, when the disease wreaked disaster with his back. The cast realized that, with the wrapping of the film, it was the beginning of the end for him. For Boutte, it seemed only that Finch had a cold, in addition to the back problems, but since they were all working under brutal conditions, what with the actors dressed to look like a humid summer night while shooting in an icy rain and wind reality, he faded fast.

"The nicest thing I noticed about Nigel was how much he cared out this project and how well he worked with the actors. He had an excellent eye and was able to communicate well with us."

The company worked five-day weeks, unusual on location shooting, which gave everyone down-time to rehearse properly and to recuperate. Vachon, a non-descript-looking short woman has produced or co-produced ten features to date. Her next one is to do with the famous pin-up girl from the 1950's, Betty Page, "a real woman of her times. I think Mary Harren [who directed Andy Warhol] will direct for me, as it's her script." Vachon, interestingly enough, doesn't consider her body of films as necessarily gay or lesbian, even though all of them have either dealt with the subject or had creators connected who were homosexual. "I'm a producer of Independent Film. Part of the problem for all of us in the indie movement is how fewer theatres than ever there as outlets. It's hard for small films to get theatrical releases, and make money, but video is proving to be a lifesaver as it has brought more people into the process; some of my films have done much better in video than in theatres."

And how has Martin Duberman reacted to the fictionalization of his historical opus? He is, after all, a historian. According to Vachon, "Martin's OK with it. Rikki took three weeks to write it and we never felt we needed re-writes. It's not that unusual for me to work that way—I don't do pre-production if the script isn't there." So, there you are—stories of the beginning of the revolution, For all to see. So see it.

"Stonewall" and "Everything Relative" Debut at Milwaukee Lesbian/Gay Film Fest

by Jamakaya
of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee's annual Lesbian and Gay Film and Video Festival, sponsored by Great Lakes Film & Video, is taking place September 27 through October 3 at the UW-Milwaukee Union Cinema, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. The festival, which has previously been held in mid-winter, was moved to the fall to avoid possible inclement weather.

Since the last gay film fest took place just eight months ago, the new scheduling may take film buffs by surprise. But the fresh line-up includes several long-awaited feature film premieres — "Stonewall" and "Everything Relative," numerous quality documentaries, including Barbara Hammer's "Tender Fictions," and the usual round of often wacky and sometimes inspired shorts.

A special event at this fall's event will be the appearance of Bruce La Bruce for the screening of his feature "Hustler White" at 9pm Saturday,

September 28. The movie stars Madonna's former boy-toy, the hunky Tony Ward, in a tale of "pimps, punks, pornographers and perverts" along Santa Monica Boulevard. La Bruce will be attending a Film Fest Opening

All screenings during the festival are at 7pm and 9pm at the UW-Milwaukee Cinema, on the second floor of the Student Union. Tickets are \$6 (\$5 for students and seniors) for each program. Festival passes, covering all shows, are



—The cast of "Everything Relative," a movie about a lesbian reunion, serenade a newcomer.

Night party Friday, September 27 at approximately 11pm at Mama Roux, 1875 N. Humboldt Boulevard.

\$40 (\$35 for students and seniors).

Some films and videos were available for preview. Following is a review of some highlights along with the full schedule.

"RELATIVE" & "STONEWALL"

Bracketing the festival are two feature film premieres. "Everything Relative" opens the festival on Friday, September 27 at 7pm, and "Stonewall" closes the festival at 9pm Thursday, October 3.

"Everything Relative" is the new lesbian feature that won favor at the Sundance Film Fest earlier this year. It's about a reunion of lesbian thirty-somethings who attended college together.

The action begins when the women come together for the bris (circumcision) of Katie and Vickie's newborn son. To the ceremony come these old friends: Maria, who has just lost her own children in a bitter custody dispute

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with her husband; Josie, who is still suffering unrequited love for Maria; Gina, a singer who used to turn tricks; Luce, a stuntwoman obsessed with a dead lover and unable to make a commitment; Sarah, their token straight friend who longs to have a baby; and Candy, Luce's younger lover-of-the-moment. Katie is a therapist who helps sort out their problems while facing her own with her partner Vickie.

A delightful cast of actresses, many new to the screen, bring the right mix of mirth and pathos to the proceedings as the women share a weekend in the country and a stroll through their old college town of Northampton, ("Lesbianville, USA"). The movie concludes with a series of scenes of couples and individuals (!) making love that's worth the price of admission.

Sometimes the dialogue is a bit heavy-handed and some of the characters verge on stereotypes, but lesbian viewers are likely to see bits of themselves and their friends and lovers in the circle of friends on screen. "Everything Relative" also suffers from some clumsy film and sound editing, but overall it's a welcome addition to the increasing body of films about lesbians.

"Stonewall" is the long-awaited movie based on the 1969 Stonewall Inn Rebellion in Greenwich Village, the event that helped to usher in the gay rights movement. "Stonewall," directed by Nigel Finch (who died of AIDS complications before filming was completed), is a fictional account of some of the denizens of the Stonewall Inn who helped launch the gay revolution.

The story is told through the eyes of one Matty Dean (Frederick Weller) a young Gay man from Hicksville fresh off the bus in New York City, and the soft-hearted but defiant drag queen La Miranda (Guillermo Diaz) who hangs out at the Stonewall Inn. Matty has a rude awakening on his first night in the Big Apple when the police raid the Stonewall Inn and brutalize its customers. He gallantly comes to La Miranda's aid and soon develops a relationship with her.

But Matty is also drawn to a guy named Ethan, who is involved with a homophile group — the Mattachine Society — which is beginning to organize well-dressed and well-behaved pickets in support of homosexual rights. "Stonewall" shows the contrast between the more respectable, assimilationist gays taking the first tentative steps toward asking for civil rights and the overtly queer sub-culture of drag queens that is ready to explode with justifiable rage.

In its eagerness to recount the way things were, parts of "Stonewall" are somewhat ham-fisted and verge on lecturing. The character of Matty Dean, meant to be a sort of gay Everyman, is woefully undeveloped. But Diaz's performance as La Miranda is outstanding, and a trio of queens who act like a Greek chorus, singing old songs by the girl groups of the '60's, add gusto to the story.

La Miranda notes that there are as many Stonewall stories as there are drag queens in New York, and this is just one



—Three drag kings star in the Japanese documentary, "Shinjuku Boys".

of them. Despite its flaws, it's worth seeing.

OTHER FILMS & VIDEOS

Friday, September 27: The 7pm program features "Everything Relative" and the 9pm program is a screening of director Seth Michael Donsky's "Twisted." Very loosely based on Dickens' "Oliver Twist," "Twisted" is the tale of a young boy caught in the seedy underworld of New York hustlers.

Saturday, September 28: At 7pm, a program of lesbian shorts called "Grrrls on the Verge" includes "World of

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Women, "Dike," "The Adventures of White Trash Girl," "Grade AA Butt," "Impact Zone," "Fingers and Kisses" and "Black Glove." At 9pm "Hustler White" will be shown.

Sunday, September 29: "Shinjuku Boys," a documentary about three popular drag kings in Japan, will be screened at 7pm along with two shorts, "The Ballad of Johnny Jane" and "Can't Help Lovin' Dat Man." At 9pm, an evening of boys' shorts called "Rumble in My Shorts" includes "Egg Man," "A New Flag," "First Year," "Popularity," "Brunch" and "Not Alone: A Halloween Romance."

Monday, September 30: Two compelling documentaries are scheduled at 7pm. "Legacies" tells the stories of four gay Mormons and their struggle with the church, and "Better Dead Than Gay" tells the story of young Simon Harvey, an Englishman who killed himself over guilt that his homosexuality was incompatible with his Christian faith. At 9pm, in a program called "Honey, I Made the Kids Gay!" a nervous girl comes out as a bisexual to her lesbian mom in "Mom, I Think I'm..." Then Jessica Bega's documentary "Worthy Mothers" tells the true story of two lesbian families as they adopt the children of their brothers.

Tuesday, October 1: At 7pm, lesbian filmmaker Barbara Hammer's latest film "Tender Fictions" offers her own autobiographical statement along with many provocative images and ideas about just what constitutes family, memory,



—Tony Ward stars as Monty Ward in "Hustler White."

chronology — history itself. It's shown with "Jody," director Prabitha Parmar's take on the actress Jodie Foster as a lesbian icon. The 9pm program features John Greyson's "After the Bath," an in-depth look at a child porn scandal in England that led to a witch hunt against gay men. Greyson previously directed "Zero Patience." Also on the 9pm bill, "Jim Loves Jack: The James Eagan Story," the true story of Canada's pioneering gay rights advocate.

Wednesday, October 2: The Cuban film "Butterflies on the Scaffold," described as "a fascinating portrait of a working class community in Havana whose inhabitants include a vocal and prospering group of drag queens," screens at 7pm. "Sex, Work and My American Family," about an erotic masseur, screens at 9pm.

Thursday, October 3: "Butterfly Kiss" at 7pm is the controversial lesbian-killers-on-the-road movie starring the always edgy Amanda Plummer, with Saskia Reeves as her naive sidekick. Mainstream critics praised it as "profound" and "anguished" while some gay and lesbian critics attacked it as "shallow" and "exploitive." All agree it's "intense." At 9pm, the festival concludes with the showing of "Stonewall."

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Nakai, Eaton and Clipman at Alverno on September 20

Milwaukee — The world's premier Native American flutist, R. Carlos Nakai, will perform with guitarist-luthier, William Eaton, and percussionist extraordinary, Will Clipman, on September 20. This one-night-only performance will be held at 8 p.m. in Alverno College's Pitman Theatre, 39th & Morgan.

Nakai, of Navajo-Ute heritage, quickly mastered the traditional melodies of the plains and woodland tribes and soon began adapting them to fit his own style. Over the past two decades, Nakai has melded his classical training with his expertise on the cedar flute to form a complex, sophisticated sound that not only reveals the flute's uniqueness, but covers the spectrum of musical genres. Additionally, Nakai creates new sounds for the flute using electric technology, such as synthesizers and digital delay. The Oakland Tribune says of Nakai, "This is music that in



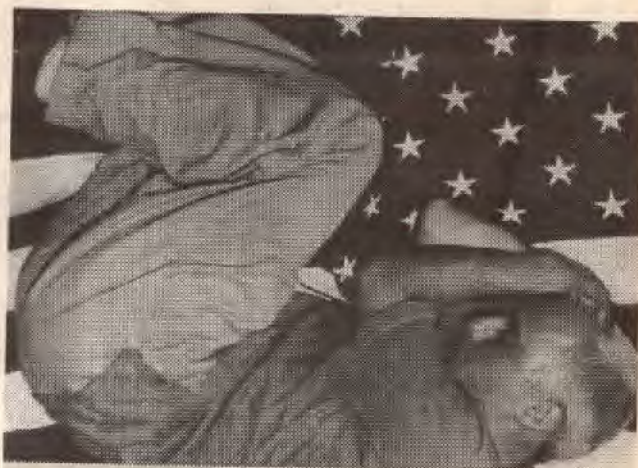
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all its quierude forces one to listen, and be moved by its beauty."

A prolific musician and composer, Nakai has 23 albums in commercial distribution. He was a 1994 Grammy Award finalist for "Best Traditional Folk Album" with "Ancestral Voices," a collaboration with William Eaton. Nakai has written and performed scores for film and television including selections for Fox Television, the Discovery Channel and the National Geographic Society. In 1992, Nakai received the Governor of Arizona's Arts Award, the second Native American so honored. Tickets are available for \$18/15, with discounts for students and seniors. For more information call (414) 382-6044.

Chicago's LeftEye Productions Presents "Sweet Land of Liberty"

Chicago — LeftEye Productions is currently running a dark gay & lesbian comedy by Christi Stewart-Brown, "Sweet Land of Liberty." The production premiered September 13th and runs through October 19th. Fridays



—Edward Dzialo, from "Sweet Land of Liberty." Photo: Matt Garzo and Sacha Katz.

and Saturdays at 8 pm. at the "O" Bar & Cafe on 3343 N. Clark in Chicago. Tickets are \$10.00. Voter registration available at performances. For more information call (312) 802-9167.

"Sweet Land of Liberty" takes place in a not-too-distant future where blonde is the national hair color and urine tests are routine. Two couples, one gay, one lesbian must swap partners to protect themselves from an intrusive government. The play is directed by Nadine C. Warner; cast includes Edward Dzialo, J.J. Fenza, Jim Floyd, Burgandy Kahout, Geryll Robinson, Brett Sears, Craig Shaynack and Sherman Shoemaker.

Novelist Siri Hustvedt Explores Secrets in New Novel

Shorewood — Siri Hustvedt is obsessed with secrets. A native Minnesotan explores the secrets of a small town in her new novel, "The Enchantment of Lily Dahl." The novelist will read from her book of innocence and obsession at the Schwartz Book Shop in Shorewood, Wed., September 25 at 7 pm. This is a free event and for more details call (414) 963-3111.

Vogue magazine describes Siri Hustvedt as "a tall, rail-thin Norwegian beauty" who enjoys the



—Siri Hustvedt

"comforts and satisfactions" of being "a wife, mother, scholar and writer."

But as she herself says, "There's something about secrets. Intellectually, I'm obsessed with the idea that there's an underneath to everything." This "underneath" is the subject of her second novel, "The Enchantment of Lily Dahl." Lily is a 19-year-old with a tough-girl innocence working as a waitress in tiny Webster, Minnesota. When a handsome painter arrives in town, Lily becomes obsessed with her. The story has the drive of a mystery but is also filled with a fully drawn cast of unconventional characters. Publishers Weekly says, "Hustvedt has created a charming and scrappy heroine in Lily Dahl."

Siri Hustvedt grew up in Northfield, Minnesota. She is the author of "The Blindfold". Portions of this first novel were included in "The Best American Short Stories 1990 and 1991." She has also written a book of poetry, "Reading to You." Siri Hustvedt has a Ph.D in English and resides in Brooklyn, New York with her husband, the novelist Paul Auster, and their daughter.

Voices from Vietnam

Shorewood — Of the 57,000 Wisconsin residents who served in Vietnam, 1,239 were killed. Their common experience is heard in the letters and diaries from the 92 veterans that make up "Voices from Vietnam," a State Historical Society project.

Five contributors to this deeply personal and moving chronicle of war will read at the Schwartz Book Shop in Shorewood on Thursday, September 19 at 7 p.m. They include: Michael Stevens, Kriston Foster, John Koeppen, Nicki Johnson and Dave Daley. This event is free and open to all. Call (414) 963-3111 for more information.

The "Voices from Vietnam" project began when State Senator Bob Jauch, himself a Vietnam veteran read "Letters from the Front, 1898-1945" and saw a need for a similar book for Wisconsin's

Vietnam veterans.

With state funding, Wisconsin State Historical Society staff began collecting material. More than 230 veterans and their families donated over 12,000 items. The letters and diary entries included represents the range of the Vietnam experience. The innocence of youth contrasted against the horror of war is captured in the thoughts and feelings of the people who served in Vietnam at the moment events were happening.

"Damn this war and everything that's put us here. If I'm to die here, I only wish it were for something I believed in." Steve Plue, 1970-Fort Atkinson

"How could I have explained to her (his daughter) so that she understand why other little girls' daddies got together to fight other little girls' daddies and after it was all over a lot of little girls would be without daddies." Joseph Pilon, 1967-Fond du Lac

"American Pewter" Featured at Milwaukee Antique Show

Milwaukee — Bette and Melvyn Wolf, from Flint, Michigan, dealers of American antique pewter, will speak

9:30 a.m. Saturday on "Collecting American Pewter" at the 14th annual antiques show and sale. This event is sponsored by the Milwaukee County Historical Society.

The show/sale will be Friday through Sunday, Oct 4th through the 6th at the historically refurbished Grain Exchange Room of the Mackie Building, 225 E. Michigan Street. \$10.00 ticket covers the Wolfs' lecture, continental breakfast, and admission to the "show/sale." Those attending are invited to bring a piece of pewter for critique by the Wolfs. For reservations, call (414) 273-8288.

Tickets to the show/sale are \$5.00, giving patrons continuous admission. The hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The show/sale is the only event each year in which the Grain Exchange Room is open to the public.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" at Fireside Theatre

Fort Atkinson — The high-stepping athletic dancing, joyous musical, with its side-splitting good humor, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," is currently running through October



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20th with nine performances weekly Wednesday through Sunday at the Fireside Restaurant and Playhouse in Fort Atkinson. For tickets or additional information, call 1-800-477-9505.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," is the story of mountain man Adam Pontipee and his six unruly brothers, who decide that what they lack in life are wives. The topsy-turvy course of their romantic pursuits sets the stage for a rollicking musical comedy.

Harper, Hart and Zimmerman to Read at AfterWords Bookstore

Milwaukee — On Friday, September 20th AfterWords will welcome lesbian humor columnist Jorjet

Harper for an author appearance. Harper is a self-described "lesbomaniac," a term she has coined to express her enthusiasm and delight for all things lesbian. Described by Allison Bechdel as "smart, hilarious and depraved", Jorjet Harper is the author of the recently released, *Tales From the Dyke Side* as well as the delightful *Lesbomania*. Both books prove that her writing is sharp and insightful and flows with a delicious sense of irony and bubbles over with humor.

Ms. Harper will be appearing at 7:00pm and will read from her new book and present a slide presentation based on the two books.

Saturday, September 27th novelists Ellen Hart and R. D. Zimmerman for readings of their newest books. Ellen Hart is the author of the popular series of Jane Lawless mysteries which include

Hallowed Murder, *Vital Lies*, *Stage Fright*, *A Killing Cure* and *A Small Sacrifice*. Joining Jane in her crime-solving adventures is the always funny and flamboyant, Cordelia Thorn.

Hart's visit to AfterWords coincides with the publication of the newest Jane Lawless mystery *Robber's Wine* (Seal Press HC \$21.95). In this latest outing, Jane and her chum Cordelia Thorn are all set to vacation in Northern Minnesota when their friend Anne asks for a lift home. Their plan to stay with Anne's mother, Belle and her lover Helvi. But when Belle is discovered dead, Jane and Cordelia must extend their stay to find the murderer.

Reading with Ellen Hart on Friday, September 27th is the Lambda Literary Award-winning mystery writer R.D. Zimmerman who has just published his second Todd Mills mystery, *Tribe* (Dell Pb \$5.50). "Closet" is the title of R. D. Zimmerman's first mystery which was also Edgar nominated. Ellen Hart and R.D. Zimmerman will be reading at AfterWords at 7pm.

On October 19th AfterWords welcomes Achy Obejas who will read from her debut novel, *Memory Mambo* (Cleis Pb \$12.95). From the author of *We Came All the Way from Cuba So You Could Dress Like This?* comes the story of Juani Casas, a twenty-four-year-old lesbian struggling with violence, desire and the meaning of love. Having escaped from Cuba with her irresistibly imperfect family of "cousins", she is fixated on memory, of extracting the truth of her life from the nostalgic mythology of exile. Achy Obejas will read and sign copies of *Memory Mambo* at 7pm.

For further information call (414) 963-9089.

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TONGUE IN CHEEK

by Kevin Isom

Someone's in the Kitchen

Most stereotypes are offensive. Most are absurd. But every now and then, you run smack into a stereotype that supposes gays are better than average in one way or another. Like good taste. Ability to accessorize. Sensitivity. Community minded-ness. And cooking.

Cooking?

"Your son must be a good cook, you know, being gay an all," one of my mother's straight male friends said to her recently.

"You obviously don't know Kevin," Mom replied.

To my astonishment, I've discovered after talking with a number of informed sources that straight folks, for whatever reason, generally conceive of gay men as flaming gourmet chefs. Like Julia Childs, with extra plumbing.

As with all stereotypes, it made me wonder: where did they get this idea? Yes, I am gay. No, I am not Martha Stewart. Especially not in a kitchen.

To me, a kitchen is the handy room with the electric box for re-heating take-out. My stove is pearly white from non-use. My refrigerator has enough vacant space to house a small immigrant family. And on my partly-occupied first refrigerator shelf are the essentials: milk, liquid egg protein, fat-free yogurt, and a spray bottle marked "lemon juice for hair."

But the stereotype exists, and since it's a positive stereotype, it's one I feel I should live up to. If I can't, then I must be inadequate somehow. It would be like discovering I was French but incapable of being rude. Or a politician and unable to lie. Or a blond who's not having more fun. How humiliating!

I am convinced that my aversion to—and complete lack of talent for—cooking began at an early age. Perhaps it's even genetic. But there may be some environmental factors as well. In my teens, for instance, I once tried to make crepes for my family upon returning from a summer in France. Who knew there were venting fans over the stove? Who knew the smoke from burning butter would turn wallpaper a funky shade of brown? When the kitchen had to be repapered, Mom was not thrilled.

So I tried to make it up to her by baking cookies. I followed the recipe meticulously: "Pour sugar into mixer. Turn mixer to high speed." Have you ever seen your kitchen covered with snow? After the kitchen-winter-wonderland incident, Mom banned me from the kitchen.

But I'm usually an optimist, and when my sister and nephew flew down for a visit recently, I resolved to cook for them. Since my nephew refuses to eat baby food from a jar, my sister makes dishes to puree for him, wholesome foods like squash casserole. I, the gay uncle, could certainly do no less. After all, I had a stereotype to live up to.

With some trepidation, I went to the grocery store. As I squeezed the zucchini squash for freshness, I had a strange feeling there should have been some candlelight and soft music, instead of the bright lights of the produce department. Then suddenly, just as I tweaked a particularly nice one, the automatic mister popped on. My initial alarm gave way to enjoyment, as I remembered some people pay good money for Evian misters, and this was effectively the same thing. Passing shoppers stared as I stood in the spray, oohing and aahing.

Next, I took my vegetables home, only to discover that the vegetable crisper in my fridge was full. Where else do you store your important documents? It's the most fire-safe place in your house.

Finally, I prepared the casserole, only to discover that my flesh felt just like the onion I was slicing. No distinction, except for the searing pain. The stereotype about Ginsu knives is, unfortunately, correct. So now I'm sporting a lovely bandage around my left thumb. Which, if I were left-handed, might raise some interesting questions about the origin of the injury.

As I nursed my bleeding thumb and called the cafeteria take-out line to order squash casserole, I decided that this was one stereotype I simply couldn't live up to. I admire anyone who can cook, but for me, take-out will do nicely, thank you.

And my motto? Someone's in the kitchen, but it sure ain't me.



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Wednesday, Sept. 18

Frontiers (Madison): Film circle at 7:30 p.m. "Apartment Zero." For more information call Gene (608) 274-5959.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): Paul St. Germain will perform at 8:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

City Grille on Brady and Van Buren (Milwaukee): Jerry Grillo will perform at 7:00 p.m. No cover.

Thursday, September 19

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): Cable channel 47 at 7:00 p.m. "Gay Youth Wisconsin Hot line." Guests "Hot Line Staff."

BESTD Clinic/MAP (Milwaukee): HIV testing from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Boot Camp. For more information call (414) 272-2144.

UW-Madison: "Light in the East" series continues. Hong Kong Cinema of the 1990s 3:30 p.m., 4070 Vilas. A lecture by Li Cheuk-to. For more information call (608) 262-2543.

UW-Madison: "C'est la Vie, Mon Cheri" (Xi Bu Liao Qing, 1993), will be shown. For more information call (608) 262-2543.

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 8:00 p.m. "The Reading Choir." Live performance by Gayen, as heard on public radio. For more information call (414) 351-9140.

UWM (Milwaukee): Views of post modern love from two eras and continents is theme for "Vive L'Amour" (Taiwan, 1996) 7:00 p.m. and "Tous Les Garcon S'Appellent Patrick" (France, 1957) 9:00 p.m.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): "La Chazz" 9 person Latin jazz ensemble will be performing, 9:00 p.m. Admission \$3.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

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

Friday, September 20

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m. live music. Lou Cucunato plays jazz piano. For more information call (414) 351-9140.

UW-Madison: "Light in the East" celebration continues with the showing of the film "Ashes of Time" (Dangxie Xidu, 1994). For more information call (608) 262-2543.

St. Camillus AIDS Ministry (Milwaukee): "Embracing the Mystery: HIV/AIDS & The Spiritual Life." Retreat design to help participants to reframe their negative experiences of living with HIV disease. For more details call (414) 259-4664.

AfterWords (Milwaukee): Lesbian humor columnist Jarjet Harper will read from her new book and present a slide presentation. Reading is schedule for 7:00 p.m. FMI! (414) 963-9089.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): Fund-raiser for "Biolystock & Bloom" Theatre company a cabaret of music & theatre to raise money & promote their 1st show "Boys in the Band." Performance is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. Admission \$10.00. For more details, call (414) 291-9889.

Saturday, September 21

Club 94 (Kenosha): Vickie C. and Kylie West-US of A Benefit Show. Show time is 11:00 p.m. For more information call (414) 857-9958.

UW-Madison: As a continuation of the Asian film celebration, the film "A Chinese Feast" (Jin Yu Man Tang, 1995) will be shown. For more information call (608) 262-2543.

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

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:30-11:30 p.m. live music. Karen Howland accompanies herself on guitar, while singing original and contemporary pieces. FMI call (414) 351-9140.

Frontiers (Madison): Bridge Club will meet at 7:00 p.m. FMI call Larry at (608) 233-9008.

Harry W. Schwartz Book Shop (Shorewood): Music in the Cafe presents Acoustic Warriors (contem-

porary Native American music). Performance is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): The Great Lounge Show with "Jerry O'Brien & Bedlam Follies", "Sheila Spargur & David Carroll", "Chris Tishler", & "Guy Fiorentine". Performances is scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Meet David Mixner (Milwaukee): VIP Benefit Reception \$40.00 a person from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at Broadway Theatre Center. For reservation call (414) 276-6355.

Sunday, September 22

AIDS Walk (Milwaukee): Along Milwaukee's Lake Front with Bette Midler. For more information call 1-800-348-WALK.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): "Hotel Milwaukee" a radio variety show. Scheduled performances are 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. Admission \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

OT! OM! Productions (Milwaukee): "The Broken Jug" a play by John Banville (after Kliest), performance reading by Milwaukee Irish Arts. For more information call (414) 273-5253.

Monday, September 23

Harry W. Schwartz Book Shop (Milwaukee): The Mystery Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. & discuss "Recoil" by Jim Thompson. For more information call (414) 274-6400.

The Black Shamrock (Milwaukee): "The Importance of Being Oscar". For more details contact (414) 291-9655.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): Poet's Monday fr. "Raymond Mess". Reading starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission \$2.00.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Melrose Mondays!

Tuesday, September 24

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

Frontiers (Madison): Rap Group will meet at 7:30 p.m. For details call Gene (608) 831-4711.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): "Sheila Spargur & David Carroll" old show tunes. Performance is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Admission \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 10:30 a.m. Animal Crackers. Share an animal cracker during preschool & kindergarten story time. For details call (414) 351-9140.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

City Grille (Milwaukee): Jerry Grillo will be the guest vocalist accompanied by Jack Grassel on guitar. Performance is schedule from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. No cover charge.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): "Paul Wall" scheduled performer. 8:30 p.m. Admission \$3.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Thursday, September 26

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:10 p.m. Chess with Russian master Leonid Aranovich. For more details call (414) 351-9140.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): "La Chazz" 9 person Latin jazz ensemble. Performance scheduled 9:00 p.m. Admission \$3.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Harry Schwartz Book Shop (Shorewood): 7:00 p.m. Public Policy Debate Series. For information call (414) 963-3111.

Milwaukee Art Museum: Exhibition Opening "City Stories: 150 Years of Photography in Milwaukee." For more details call (414) 224-3825.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): "Reflections from the 6 Wisconsin HIV/AIDS Conference". Guest Bill Reiser, RN MSN. Cable channel 47, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 27

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): Jerry Grillo & Jack Grasse will perform. 9:00 p.m. Admission \$3.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:30-11:30 p.m. Live Music. John Zaffiro plays guitar, and dynamic Marcia Cunningham performs jazz vocals. For more information call (414) 351-9140.

GAMMA Bike Camping (Milwaukee): Weekend camping and biking. FMI call (414) 425-2146.

AfterWords (Milwaukee): AfterWords is pleased to announce a reading and signing with mystery writers

Ellen Hart & R.D. Zimmerman. Schedule readings begins at 7pm For more details call (414) 963-9089.

UWM: Nineth Annual Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. UWM Union Theater, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., For more information call (414) 229-6971.

Saturday, September 28

Community Center Town Hall Meeting (Milwaukee): Open to the public at The Milwaukee Enterprise Center, 2821 North 4th St., Room #300, starting at 6pm.

Club 94 (Kenosha): 9" Males Dance Troupe. Performance 11:00 p.m. For details call (414) 857-9958.

Harry W. Schwartz Book Shop (Shorewood): Music in the Cafe presents Rande Plemons & John Peter. Performance is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

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Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): Tomie DePaola, author of "Strega Nona Her Story", will read from and discuss his book. 11:00 a.m. For more information call (414) 351-9140.

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INSIDE OUT

by Yvonne Zipter

Mixing Sex and Politics

The 1996 campaign for president of the United States is well underway. Of course, as I write this, it's actually barely September, and August is fresh in my mind — August, when top presidential adviser Dick Morris resigned from Clinton's campaign because he had allegedly been having a long-time relationship with a prostitute, letting her listen in on his conversations with the White House. My girlfriend sagely asks, "Couldn't he have just masturbated until after the election was over?"

And then I flip through a mental index card file of presidents and senators and other rising stars: there is Bill Clinton and Paula Jones; Bob Packwood and half the women in Washington — D.C. and the state;

Bill Clinton and Gennifer Flowers; George Bush and his mistress (a rumor/story that the press never broke for some reason); Gary Hart and Donna Rice; JFK and Marilyn Monroe; Illinois Congressman Mel Reynolds and his teenage

girlfriend. There is Jimmy Carter, who once confessed to having lust in his heart, though he did not, apparently act on it, unlike most of his counterparts. As for

Reagan, I suspect that reliving past affairs — ones he'd portrayed in the movies, for instance — was titillating enough for him.

Still, restraint does not seem to be a quality common to such men. Or any men, for that matter: even Martin Luther King, Jr., who was a visionary and practically a saint in many regards, was known to have numerous affairs during his marriage to Coretta Scott King. What is the problem with these guys? A friend of mine once suggested a plan for world peace: hook all the men in the world up to a milking machine (and I don't mean by their nipples). This would make them *very* happy, and voil?! — peace on earth. I think she may be right.

I also think that, once women are candidates for president, these political sex scandals will all but end. I mean, when was the last time you saw photos in the *Star* of Diane Feinstein in black lacy undies playing with some guy's jock strap — while he was still wearing it? Or heard tapes of Geraldine Ferraro talking dirty to some gigolo? Or watched as a Senate panel investigated Ruth Bader Ginsberg's alleged comments about her porno collection to a law clerk? Or saw Ann Richards wearing leather? Well, okay, there was that one time, on the cover of *Texas Monthly*, but she was riding a motorcycle in that picture, not some hunky office boy.

I don't mean to imply that women don't have sexual urges or even that they never get kinky. I was, after all, just a room away when porn star Seka was spanking the bare butts of a couple of submissives on her radio show in Chicago, so I know better than to make a claim like that. It's just that it has been such an uphill fight for women to get any recognition at all in the political arena that they are not going to be so stupid as to screw themselves out of the political opportunities they've earned.

I have been talking, so far, about heterosexual women. Now if we introduce lesbians into the picture, it might be a different picture. Not that lesbians aren't capable of going without sex for the length of a campaign or an entire presidential term, even in their own relationships; the term "lesbian bed death" did not, after all, come into existence to describe the demise of a bed as a result of wild lesbian sex.

But LBD comes about, if we are to believe the lore, only

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after a couple of years of being in heat, during which time, lesbians are liable to do almost anything, including get involved with someone with a completely different political ideology. Oh man: the next thing you know, Roberta Achtenberg will be having a tryst with Bay Buchanan (Pat's sister and former campaign manager) and going to dinner parties at Rush Limbaugh's.

That sort of thing *can* happen when you're in LIP, or the "lesbian insanity period," a term coined by Joann Loulan. I myself once dated a woman who wasn't a feminist. During LIP, it seemed entirely possible that this was a relationship that could last.

Nevertheless, in spite of the capricious nature of one's emotions when stricken with LIP, I think that lesbians, like Bill Clinton, are more likely to be haunted by past indiscretions because lesbians can stay very focused on the task at hand when they need to. Take Martina Navratilova, for instance. Those few years there, you'd never guess by her performance on the tennis court that she was simultaneously being sued for galimony. And that's just the sort of past indiscretion

I'm talking about: ex-lovers oozing out of the woodwork to tell who ever will listen about their relationship with you. Look at Kristy McNichols's supposed ex, sharing with some reporter the "fact" that Kristy liked to bark like a dog during sex. And people wonder about the origin of lesbian bed death...

At the other end of the extreme are those lesbians who have turned their exes into an extended and ongoing family. Then you'd end up in a situation where you've got Madam President and the First Lady — and the Second Lady and the Third Lady and so on. *USA Today* would be in its glory, putting together all sorts of pie charts and graphs to illustrate who was connected to who and how. But that's not so much about *sex* as it is about not being able to say goodbye very effectively.

The thing of it is, I don't so much care about the sex life of my country's leader, as long as he or she doesn't roll over on the button that launches the missiles while they're having it. Of course, it *would* be nice to know that, when our leader is voting on a bill or amendment, his or her mind is on the proposals and *not* on making propositions.

At the moment, though, I'm thinking less about sex and gender and more about getting out to vote for the candidates we actually *have*. See you at the voting booths!

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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Here it is, deadline again, only a few days after I wrote the last column. There really isn't a lot of club stuff to talk about so, I have decided to take on a few issues that have been on my mind and run with it.

#1 I would like to know who decided those traffic lights installed at the express way on-ramps were a good idea. The whole idea of an "on ramp" is so you can reach express way speeds BEFORE you reach the end of the on ramp and merge into traffic. So, there you are, in your 1983 Escort (for the record, I have never owned one). This car doesn't have a lot of balls to begin with and now somebody has cut your time to get that poor car up to 55MPH in half. Me? I ignore those lights.

#2 Let me first say that 95% of the people I serve drinks to on Sunday afternoons tip me very well. It's the other 5% I would like to pick on. When I go out, I usually tip \$2 to \$3 per bartender. Maybe not all at once, but before I leave, I have left a sufficient tip. Bartenders sure don't make it on the hourly wage so, for me, and all the other bartenders in town I have a message for you... if you can't afford to leave at least buck for a tip, then STAY HOME. And if you insist on going out, don't bitch if you have to wait a while for a drink. Trust me, we know who you are.

#3 Gay marriages seem to be popping up all over the place. This, I do not have a problem with. The problem is when someone walks up to me with a great big smile on their face and announces their plans of marriage.

My first question is usually, how long have you known the person you plan on spending the rest of your life with? Most of the time the reply is 3

weeks...or 2 months... or even 6 months.

HELLO, are you people serious? Just because as a community, we are trying to get legally sanctioned marriages, does not mean it's time to get married to the first person that is stupid enough to say yes. Remember, if we do gain the right to be legally married, let's not make a bad example of ourselves by tying up the court systems with bad marriages and a bunch of ugly divorces.

#4 OK, it's time to lighten up just a bit. Are you into talk radio? I tend to go through stages of what I listen to throughout the day. A few weeks ago I stumbled across Dr. Laura. You might recognize her by her slogan; "I am my kid's mom" She has a show on WTMJ between noon and 3pm, Monday through Friday. People call in for advice on their personal problems. Anything from "My mom is sleeping with people half her age" to "I don't know how to tell my parents that I am gay".

Dr. Laura is cool. First of all she does not have a problem with homosexuality and is quite adamant about it. She also tells it like it is. She will stop some sobbing housewife, mid-sentence and say something like "I am so sick of you women (or men, whatever the case may be) that bitch and cry about every little thing that bothers you, life isn't always easy". That is just one example of how things go on her show, so if you are looking for some good radio, check it out.

Wow, it's kinda fun writing these kinds of columns. It feels great to be able to vent every now and then. So with that over it's time to get you caught up.

Faces: 1995-96 photo exhibit is on display at the **BESTD Gallery**. The photog-

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rapher is our own **Jorge Cabal**. If you like what you see in **Q-Voice**, you will want to see this exhibit, it runs through October 31st.

M&M has wound down the 3 month long celebration of 20 years of good times. Even though the celebration is over don't let that keep you from stoppin' in to do a little of your own celebrating.

Melrose Mania! Yup, it's a new season for all of you "don't bother to call me between 7pm and 8pm Monday unless it's during a commercial" people. If you would rather watch it with 20 or 30 of your closest friends, stop in at **Triangle**. That's what I did Monday the 8th. Let me tell ya, it's much more fun watching Amanda be a bitch with a bunch of other people.

After **Melrose** at **Triangle** I headed over to **In Between** for the **Packer** game. No I'm not much of a sports fan but there were plenty of 'em at **In Between**. A couple of them helped me through the game so I wasn't completely lost. My favorite part was the free shots every time the Packers scored.

With the absence of **Wreck Room**, other clubs like **Boot Camp**, **1100 Club** and **Gargoyles** have been picking up some extra business. I hear that **Gargoyles** is looking for a new name for the place so keep your ears open for developing news.

By the time this issue hits the "news stands" (thanks to my boyfriend) I will be back from a much needed mini vacation. At this point I still don't know where we are going but in less than 20 hours I have to be packed and ready to go. Until the next issue, I hope you found this column entertaining or at least interesting and as usual slower traffic keep right.



Melrose Fever at Triangle. Photo: Jamie



Packer Fever at In Between. Photo: Jamie



Rico dancing at the Office in during Rockford's Waterfront Festival. Photo: Courtesy of the Office



Kevin shows Christopher (the new bartender at Club 219) the ropes. Photo: Jamie



Catching the strippers at Club 219. Photo: Jamie



Crowd gathering at 1 of the 9 music stages during the Waterfront Festival in Rockford.



ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Long Time Passing

She had her head in her hands, and would have had to stand on a ladder to see an ant's underwear. I'd gotten there as soon as I could, because, on the phone, I could take coffee breaks between her intake and exhale. Some discussions demand face to face, and you usually don't have to listen all that hard to hear a silent wail. So I narrowed the distance and made eye contact.

"Yeah? So? How bad could it be?"

This time the intake and the out were consecutive, but so deep and long, they'd have done a veteran camel smoker proud. "What's the point?" she asked.

And I poised. Waited to find out if the political was personal. Or vice versa.

"I mean," she said, shedding no light whatsoever. "What IS the point?"

"You've broken up with, uh, whatsername?" We hadn't keep in all that close touch for the past year. We had different

agendas to attend in the political wars. We became fund-raiser friends. Not that we hadn't slathered bumperstickers together, crayon'd battle signs to decorate pickets and protests. We'd just fallen victim to the bane of the 90's increased-productivity-or-die craze: too much more to do. But we were still emergency friends.

"Could I buy a vowel, here?"

"Well, what did we get out of all this? I've spent, let's see, how long has it been since 1971? I've spent that long at this. And the net result is that the status, is quite well quo.

"The people who stand by the sidelines till the turn before the finish line still jump in at the last second, break the tape, and get the credit and the applause. Woman's nation is an angry little farm surrounded by hostile, intolerant neighbors in Mississippi. I have three kids who all grew up to be everything I've fought and worked against, perfect little traditional mommy & daddy couples, whose kids think of ME as a grandmother, and in the same way I used to think about Katherine Hepburn.. Old. Eccentric. Admirable. And a little shaky."

"Got it bad today, huh?"

"Do you know that in the past two weeks I've spoken to four groups, including a gold earring lesbian bunch that butter wouldn't melt in their mouths. Never been to a march. Spend Pride Day at home celebrating with each other. Still can't understand by we keep 'disturbing' them by asking them, if they can't actually come out in the open, to go behind closed curtains, and at least vote their own best interest. I don't know when I've been 'tolerated' better. Now I know how that bum Nick Nolte played, how he felt when he

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stumbled into that Beverly Hills house." They just don't get it. And they think I'm the one whose a little strange.

"Then I spent twenty minutes on the phone with a gay republican. Talk about your contradiction in terms. Who wanted me to vote for Bob Dull. I tried to explain the term 'beholden' to him, and he, in turn, tried to tell me that Ralph Reed was just a harmless little organizer.

And I asked him how tall he thought Hitler was? He accused me of changing the subject. You want some tea?"

"Hey I haven't been to a good pity party in a long time. Might as well have tea at this party. L_"

"And nobody ever says 'Thank you.' J'you notice that? They just expect it like it's our damn job or something. While they have brunches and can afford dry cleaning any more. She wasn't listening, so I just tuned in to hearing her talk.

"Not that I was ever in it for the Thanks. But, you know, it woulda been nice. Once maybe. So I ask you one more time, what exactly was the friggin' point? Maybe your memory's still working.

"Yesterday I was talking at the center to a bunch of newbies, and when I left, I heard a couple behind me saying, 'Wow, she must have been something in her time.'

"Oh, I get it now, it's the aging activist's mid-life crisis."

"I d' know," she shouted over the teacup. "How many hundred and six

year old activists have you met? Maybe I shoulda been a stewardess and married a doctor."

Before I could stop laughing, the doorbell rang. It was a fatally timed florist delivering a full box of daisies. She read the card, stared at the ceiling a long time, handed me the card, and let one tear roll slowly down her right cheek.

"Damn." She muttered "I was just beginning to enjoy this."

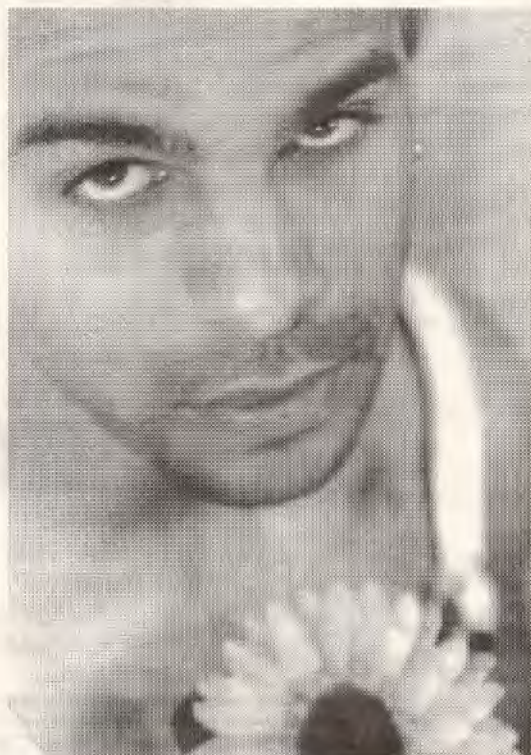
The card said: "I didn't think I could live through coming out. You made me laugh last night, so I could think. Maybe I won't jump just yet. Thanks."

We sipped the tea silently and both remembered what the point was.

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Wisconsin

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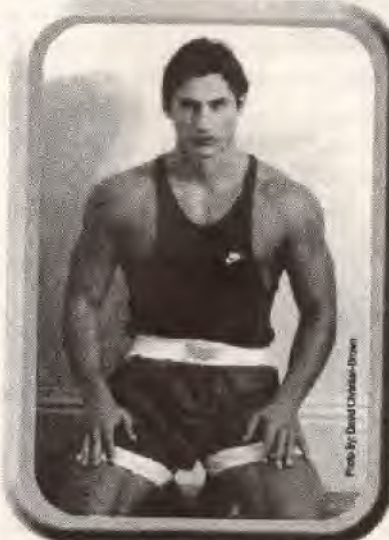
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OUT OF THE STARS

by C. Lichtenstein

Horoscope for September 18 thru October 1



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Now that retrograde Mercury has done its damage in partnerships and on the job it's now ready to make amends and go forward.

Feisty proud Rams may have to eat crow to repair any hurt feelings or reassemble any out of control project, but crow can be seasoned to taste. The worst is over for the most part and you can soon go back to being your charming old self later this month.



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

The path to diplomatic civilized conversation has not been running smoothly for old gay smoothie Taurus under retro Mercury. If it's not hoof in mouth on the job, it's the wrong party dress on the wrong day on the social scene. Poor dear queer Bull, you deserve better! Why not give it all a rest until the end of the month. Curl up with a good book and don't breathe a word.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Chatty pink Twins have had their work cut out for them with retro Mercury. You have not been able to charm the social set in your usual manner and, to make matters worse, the stinkweed has been scenting the air at home. If it all becomes too too much, I advise a quiet reassessment of the *iyu* said, I *soidt* scenario coupled with a willingness to forgive and forget. Go on; it's not that tough.



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Retro Mercury has swung through a few rather personal areas, but take heart dear queer Crab, the worst will soon be over. It might have seemed that you could not say anything right to family members. Tempers might have flared and raw emotions chafed. I know you detest confrontation but take it from this Sag astrologer; it's just too too bad if folks can't face reality. It's your life so live it to the proudest.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Proud Lions have probably roared once too often during this retro Mercury period. If you have inadvertently upset the applecart, chalk it up to a life lesson and go on. (Don't ya just hate life lessons?) The real warning now is to not throw good money after bad. Hold onto your pennies and your good judgement and weather the storm until the end of the month.



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Conservative queer Virgins may not be the most practical sign since Mercury went retrograde. If you've foolishly purchased the Brooklyn Bridge, try to depreciate it after Mercury flies right at the end of the month. In the meantime, avoid public speaking and glad handing. Meeting too many new, important folks increase the chances that you'll accidentally spit in an eye or, even worse, say the wrong thing.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Even the most diplomatic gay Scales will have a little international incident with retrograde Mercury. The temptation will be for you to hog the limelight but that is not advisable. It's hard for you to distinguish friend from foe so don't even try. Also, this is not the time to run with your intuition or go with your gut. My advice, avoid guts.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Poor Scorps have tried, lord knows they've tried, to do their part for the greater gay cause but retro Mercury shows that no good deed deserves to go unpunished. Don't give up the fight; just wait until wayward Mercury changes course and then get going again. In the meantime, watch what you say around friends. Mercury hurls a few rotten apples there too with accurate aim.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Even boisterous gay Sags are advised to keep a low tone with retro Mercury. That means no wild parties or social events designed to put you in the drivers seat. It's almost guaranteed that invites get lost in the mail or have the wrong date. Oh well. The real scare hits later when you manage to insult your boss but good. Say you're sorry and try to mean it.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Queer Goats are conservative, practical souls but all bets are off with retro Mercury. So much for planning your professional life! The path is foggy and treacherous so take a break from your corporate ascent. Of course, that doesn't mean take a vacation. It means take a short break. The time for action strikes again at the end of the month.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

So you've packed your bags, but forgot your ticket. You booked your hotel, but they lost the reservation. Poor Aqueerians are hounded by the bad vacation blues with retro Mercury. Take heart though, all this shall pass and you'll arrange that trip of a lifetime soon enough. Well maybe not soon enough, but soon. In the meantime, let your imagination soar.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Even the most romantic pink Fish can be fried with retro Mercury. Try not to promise the world to lovers or go overboard in the deep personal intimacy department. Feelings are bound to be trampled or misinterpreted and disappointment will be hard to avoid. My advice; Blame your bad communication on the stars, allow actions to speak louder and prouder than words and leave it at that.

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

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