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Midler Draws Record Numbers

1996 Wisconsin AIDS Walk Tops Million Dollar Mark

-Bette Midler backstage at the Summerfest grounds, photo: Cabal

by Jim W. Lautenbach of the In Step Staff

On Sunday, September 22, one state team produced some impressive numbers. But this had nothing to do with football.

While the Green Bay Packers were losing to the Minnesota Vikings, the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW)—the team that heads AIDS Walk Wisconsin—had their best showing ever. They put up numbers that made the 1996 AIDS Walk the most successful yet.

Behind the appearance of its special quarterback, national celebrity Bette Midler, the 1996 AIDS Walk raised over \$1 million. A record-breaking crowd of 12,614 people turned in unprecedented numbers of pledges, raising more money than any other AIDS fundraising event ever held in Wisconsin.

"After 15 years, many tire of the battle against AIDS, but not in Milwaukee," Midler said. "I am proud to stand before you and amongst you."

Looking radiant in a stunning lime green pants outfit, Midler addressed a sold-out crowd at a pre-Walk breakfast held at 9:30 at the Italian Community Center. Later she spoke at the Summerfest grounds for the Walk's opening ceremonies, where the crowd warmly and enthusiastically welcomed her. After speaking, Midler cut the Walk ribbon and led participants as they began the 6.2-mile (10 kilometer) trek along Milwaukee's lakefront.

Midler remained at a foot bridge over the Walk route so she could wave and acknowledge the thousands of walkers who passed by.

In total, the Walk raised \$1,005,042 to fund AIDS care, prevention, advocacy and research throughout the state. Doug Nelson, ARCW's Executive Director, said this amount illustrated the deep concern people in Milwaukee and Wisconsin reserve for fighting AIDS.

"Today's turnout and dollars raised clearly shows an even deeper commitment from the people of Wisconsin and offers a greater hope for progress in the fight against AIDS," he said.

"As Americans go to the polls this November, they have confirmed they do not want another 15 years of the AIDS epidemic," Nelson added at the opening ceremonies. "The time is right for the government to get behind AIDS and stop this epidemic."

Organizers reported that hundreds of volunteers participated in the planning process and more than 600 volunteers worked the day of the Walk.

The money raised this year topped the \$766,464 raised last year and the goal of \$935,000, which organizers had set prior to the Walk. In total, AIDS Walk Wisconsin has raised more than \$4 million since it began in 1980.

Hotel Washington Complex Unlikely to Be Rebuilt

By Jamakaya and Jim Lautenbach of the In Step Staff

Madison — Almost eight months after a fire destroyed the historic Washington Hotel complex, an entertainment mecca for Madison's gay and lesbian community, owner Greg Scheel says it is unlikely that the hotel will be rebuilt.

"We're really sad here," Scheel told In Step. "We fought so hard. We spent hundreds of thousands of dollars just getting the plans together [for rebuilding]. There comes a point where you have to stop paying the money."

Scheel said he paid his management team for the past eight months but finally had to lay them off a few weeks ago for lack of money. He said many were sad and upset and hoped they would still be working. "They've been through the whole process with me," Scheel said, "and I think they understand."

A combination of factors have contributed to a financial shortfall that is preventing the rebuilding of the complex at its former location at West Washington Avenue between Regent and Bedford Streets.

Initially, Scheel had to overcome a deed restriction placed on the land by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The restriction dated back to a loan the hotel had obtained from HUD several years ago for remodeling ten residential units. The loan was subject to rent limits being maintained on those units for ten years. This condition was secured by a deed restriction placed on the land.

Before any financing could be obtained for rebuilding the Hotel Washington, that deed restriction had to be lifted. In May, the Madison City Council passed a resolution in support of a waiver of the deed restriction which was forwarded to HUD in Washington, DC. But HUD did not approve the waiver until late July, further delaying the rebuilding process.

Scheel conceded that the government's slow response "may have had an effect on the banks' commitment to lending the money needed to rebuild. We certainly lost momentum the more things got delayed."

In addition, "We were working with four or five financial institutions. Trying to pull all those people together was very difficult," Scheel told In Step. "Just when most of them were lined up behind the project, one would say they needed some kind of additional guarantee."

The bottom line, Scheel said, is that "the banks and the mortgage brokers didn't believe the project would be able to pay back the money lent."

A few weeks ago, city officials notified Scheel that either rebuilding must begin at the Hotel Washington site or the hole at the site must be filled in by November 1. Building inspectors determined the empty property could be a safety hazard and should be secured before the ground freezes.

Fourth District Alderman Mike Verveer expressed the sadness of the gay and lesbian community at the prospect that the hotel will not be rebuilt. He also said the city did its best to support the project.

"The City did everything it could to assist the Scheel family in their plans to rebuild," Verveer told In Step, "everything from okaying a liquor license to approving the building permits to recommending waiver of the HUD deed restriction. We also recommended a financial package worth \$590,000 to aid in the rebuilding. It's really unfortunate this hasn't worked out."

Scheel had paid architects to design a new Hotel Washington incorporating



With only 5 minutes until the start of the AIDS Walk, Wilbur encounters God's punishment for self-appointed arbiters of moral correctness.

all of its former features: Rod's, The New Bar, Cafe Palms and more. But revised plans, in light of the monetary shortfall, call for something more modest.

There is still some hope that the Hotel Washington will be rebuilt, though on a much smaller scale, with perhaps just one bar. Scheel is also looking into building a bar that will cater to the Hotel Washington's gay clientele, but at an alternative location. "I'm sure we'll be able to find someplace," he said.

In the meantime, Scheel said that anyone having donated money for the rebuilding of the Hotel Washington can have their money reimbursed by contacting him in care of Hausman Insurance, 700 Regent Street, Madison, WI 53703. 608/257-3795, ext. 134.

"Queer Program" Co-Host and Veteran Activist Dan Fons Moves to San Francisco

by Jamakaya of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — Dan Fons, one of Milwaukee's most visible gay activists for the past seven years as a leader of Queer Nation and co-host of the public access cable show "The Queer Program," moved to San Francisco in late September. In Step interviewed Fons just a few days before he left town, asking him about his many activities and accomplishments here as well as his future plans.

"Let me just answer the three questions everybody's asking me right off the bat," Fons said when contacted by In Step. "No, I don't have a job there. No, I don't really have a place to live, and no, I'm not moving because of a man."

After a few chuckles, Fons described

his motivation.

"I've always lived in Milwaukee. I was born here, was raised mostly in Cudahy and have spent most of my adult years in the city. But I don't really want to spend my whole life in Milwaukee," said the 33-year-old Fons. "I stayed here the last few years and helped my brother through his illness. I'm not in a relationship right now and it seemed like a good time to start my life anew."

Fons referred to his younger brother Christopher, an outspoken AIDS activist who succumbed to the disease



-Dan Fons

in 1995. The Fons brothers were key members of ACT UP Milwaukee and Queer Nation, two groups known for their aggressive, confrontational styles of gay and AIDS advocacy.

"I can't be the only 'Big Fag' in Milwaukee anymore," Fons said. "In San Francisco, I'll be just one of many people. I'm sort of curious to see how that will affect me and my attitudes and involvement."

Fons says he is most proud of his work with ACT UP and Queer Nation, "working with my brother and others in this city, demonstrating how simple it is to get our issues into the mainstream press."

FONS' RAP SHEET

During his years of activism, Fons was arrested six times: for handing out condoms to prom-goers at his alma mater, Marquette High School; in Madison for protesting the State Department of Corrections' neglect of prisoners with HIV/AIDS; in Kenosha at the opening of a Cracker Barrel restaurant; in Atlanta at an AIDS protest outside the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; at a speech given by President Bush's Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan at Bruce Hall; and, perhaps most notably, when he interrupted Mayor John Norquist's 1992 "State of the City" speech just days after Norquist had veroed city funds for the Gay Pride Festival.

Fons recalls: "Norquist was standing in front of all these people making a speech, saying how Milwaukee is such an 'inclusive' community. He mentioned race and ethnicity and then sexual orientation. This was just days after he vetoed funds for the Pride celebration! I walked right in front of the podium and yelled, 'How can you talk about sexual orientation?' considering how he had abandoned our community."

Fons was arrested, along with his co-conspirator Patrick Flaherty (who was apprehended before he could heckle), and they spent several hours in a holding cell. The charges were dropped when the city attorney didn't show up in court. (All other charges were eventually dropped as well.)

"Norquist has really gotten a free ride from the gay and lesbian groups in this city," Fons says. "They've repeatedly endorsed him and worked for his campaign and gotten nothing in return.

He actually stabbed us in the back."

Fons then expressed his views about the inadequacies of Milwaukee's gay organizations.

"I think all the gay political groups here are way too timid and afraid to take on any one issue and really follow through. And I say this having watched their development and activities for years. I have never seen the Lambda Rights Network [now defunct], the Human Rights League or the Lesbian Alliance identify any one issue and really demand action."

"Simply judging the politicians at election time and encouraging the queer community to vote Democratic is not a useful function and doesn't justify their yearlong existence," Fons asserted. "Politicians respond to real hard pressure, to threats — not to coffee klatches."

Fons says that one thing ACT UP and Queer Nation have proved over the years is how easy it is to raise issues and get publicity. "It doesn't take a big organization, hundreds of members and a huge bank account to get attention. Anyone can do it."

"Look at the recent demo against Sen. Kohl. [Wisconsin's Democratic Senator voted in support of the Defense of Marriage Act.] Me and Patrick Flaherty spent \$10 and maybe an hour sending out press releases. More than 25 people showed up at the Reuss Plaza. It was covered by all the TV stations, and the Shepherd Express followed up with a cover story about Kohl."

OUTING CONTROVERSY

Fons says he sees the protest against Kohl and the subsequent media coverage about Kohl's sexual orientation as a "turning point" in the local debate about "outing" public officials. It's an issue he's been pushing for the past four years on the weekly "Queer Program" along with co-host Michael Lisowski. They have routinely mentioned the names of politicians who are perceived to be gay as a "public service" to viewers, reporting on their election victories or defeats and how they have voted on issues of concern to the gay community.

"I've always held that identifying a person as gay is not slander or "mudslinging.' However determined some of these people are to stay in the closet, our community has a right to know whether they are representing our interests."

Over the years, Fons and Lisowski conducted dozens of interviews with movers and shakers in the gay community, courted controversy on many gay and lesbian issues and fielded hundreds of phone calls from "Queer Program" viewers.

Fons says he's most gratified with his TV work when he receives notes, like the one he got recently, from a longtime viewer who said the program has helped him deal with his sexuality and made it easier to come out. "To know that we've been there for people and helped them out, that feels pretty good."

Although Fons is best known as a front line gay activist and TV host, he's also won kudos for his professional worklife.

"Dan Fons is an outstanding individual, one of the hardest workers I've ever seen and one of the best federal grant writers I've ever met," says Doug Nelson of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. "Dan is almost singlehandedly responsible for securing millions of dollars for AIDS programs and services in Wisconsin. His moving is a big loss to us but a huge gain for whoever is lucky enough to hire him."

While Fons has often been a thorn in the side to politicians like Mayor Norquist and to leaders of more "establishment" oriented gay groups, several leaders agreed If It Concerns You, It Concerns Us!

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with Doug Nelson's assessment that "the integrity of his advocacy has never been compromised" and that his leaving is a "big loss" to Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community.

"If anything, I hope my leaving will encourage others to come forward and organize," Fons said. "There is still so much to be done."

Madison Fire Commission Defends Hiring of Amesqua

by Jamakaya of the In Step Staff

Madison — Attorneys for Madison's Police and Fire Commission have submitted a report refuting the contention that Fire Chief Debra Amesqua received preferential treatment because she is female, Native American and lesbian. Amesqua was appointed Fire Chief in January.

The 29-page response to a complaint lodged by Assistant Fire Chief Philip C. Vorlander was filed with the Wisconsin

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Equal Rights Division in September. Vorlander charges that he was passed over for the position of Fire Chief by the allegedly less qualified Amesqua because of Amesqua's gender, heritage and sexual orientation. Vorlander wants the Commission to fire Amesqua, appoint him Fire Chief and provide him with monetary damages.

In its response, the Commission dismisses Vorlander's allegations about Amesqua's preferential treatment as based on "rumor and innuendo." It notes that Vorlander was not even among the finalists for the position.

The Commission shows a direct comparison of Vorlander's and Amesqua's qualifications for the job and states: "The biggest difference between the two individuals on paper is that Chief Amesqua achieved her qualifications in about half the time taken by Mr. Vorlander." Amesqua spent 13 years with the Tallahassee Fire Department, while Vorlander has worked on the Madison Department for 26 years.

Amesqua has not spoken openly about her sexual orientation, but most members of Madison's gay and lesbian community believe she is a lesbian. Madison firefighter Ronnie Greer, who moonlights as a fundamentalist minister, has targeted Amesqua and distributed anti-Gay literature during work hours. His activities are the subject of an internal investigation.

Meanwhile, Amesqua is trying to win the loyalty of her department, a job made more difficult by the fact that many members of the current management team lobbied for Vorlander's appointment as Chief.

The next step in the complaint process Vorlander initiated is for an Equal Rights Division official to determine whether there is probable cause to hold a hearing on his charges or whether to dismiss the case altogether.

Serpe at Town Hall Meeting

by Jim W. Lautenbach of the In Step Staff

If progress were measured by applause, the approximately 40 people who attended last Thursday's Town Hall Meeting for the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Community Center project must have thought that Center organizers have come a long way.

The attendees clapped enthusiastically throughout the evening as they were asked to review the initial policies and procedures that organizers have set up to guide the creation of the Center. However, they reserved the biggest round of applause for Ralph Serpe, the Executive Director of the Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center in San Jose, Calif.—the largest gay center in northern California and one

of the largest in the country-who delivered an inspirational guest speech and predicted that organizers "will change the city of Milwaukee forever."

"I have spent the day with one of the best community center projects in the country," said Serpe, who has worked with other center projects, helping with strategic planning and providing technical assistance, since he became involved at the DeFrank Center in 1991.

Thursday's Town Hall Meeting, the third since March when organizers formed an interim steering committee, was held at the Milwaukee Enterprise Center. Before they introduced Serpe, organizers presented a docket of business items they said they wanted to present in order to keep community members abreast of the plans for the Center as well as to get their feedback regarding them.

"What we want to do tonight is get additional input from those of you who are interested but not necessarily active on a committee," Karen Gotzler, co-chairperson of the steering committee, told the attendees. "We want to get your feedback and your blessing for us to be able to move forward with our process as it now exists."

The first item was a review of the policies that will govern the process throughout the interim period, which organizers define as lasting until February 28, 1997. Co-chairperson Jim Schleif presented a document that detailed the Center's organizational status, mission statement, structure and other features and asked audience members to voice their approval or disapproval. The attendees gave unanimous approval to the document as a whole.

"It was a very good document. It was very well-written," one of the attendees told Gotzler and Schleif during the meeting.

Later, Larry Stocks, co-chairperson of the financial committee, reported about the project's budget and expenses since March. Since the last Town Hall Meeting last July, Stocks said, a finance committee has been formed that has two chairpersons, a treasurer, two at-large members, an advisor and a legal advisor.

Stocks also reported that the biggest expenditures for the project so far have been for telephone use, postage and photocopying costs. He explained that the figures for telephones costs, which some audience members said seemed high, were the result of the members of the feasibility committee calling other centers across the country to research and share information.

When asked by Gotzler whether they give consent to the financial procedures and budget Stocks described, attendees offered another bout of enthusiastic applause.

Stocks asked for a second round of applause to thank the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM), which, he reported, has become one fundraising source for the Center. LAMM recently announced that they will make the Center one recipient of their upcoming Creating Change GAY'LA Gala and Auction to be held November 9.

The most mixed moment of evening was when Henrik Christensen of the feasibility committee detailed preliminary results from a needs assessment survey that was taken at PrideFest in July. Christensen said that the results were skewed in favor of people who attended Pridefest and that it was obvious that more input from minorities was necessary. Several members of the audience challenged organizers to make the sample more diverse and questioned how organizers will plan to do so. Christensen said the preliminary results were simply a starting point and that more effort will be made to include diverse communities by outreaching specifically to them.

"We have to start with what we have and work toward what we want," he said.

"We still have more work to do," Schleif said.

Despite the controversy, audience members still applauded the survey, which preliminarily revealed that people would like the Center to be located somewhere in the northeastern part of the city, somewhere within the east side, Walker's

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The evening was brought to a close by Serpe, who told the audience that what's happening in Milwaukee—the progress as well as the challenges—is happening in other cities throughout the country.

"What's happening in Milwaukee is

not an anomaly. More than half of the (gay) centers that have been created have formed since 1991."

"I believe community-based centers are the engines of social change in our neighborhoods," he said. "The impact they have is phenomenal,"

Serpe encouraged organizers to

always keep in mind the wants and needs of members of the community in creating the Center. He applauded the Town Hall forums as an effective way to keep the community involved.

Serpe's talk led to more applause and an increase of energy in the room. Both attendees and committee members felt Serpe's talk encouraged them to make sure the process keeps going.

"I think he set the tone for the whole process—to make it a positive thing and to encourage us to keep plugging along," said Jane Baudelaire, who is on the feasibility committee.

"I think you are poised at a unique point in your history," Serpe said. "You're following a trend that is sweeping the country.

Lesbians Adopt Milwaukee Highway

by Jim W. Lautenbach of the In Step Staff

Milwaukee — While the debate regarding whether gays and lesbians should adopt children rages on, one Milwaukee group has found it's an easier road to travel to adopt something else: a highway.

As a new participant in the state's Adopt-a-Highway program, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) now will take care of a two-mile stretch of Highway 41 (also known as South 27th Street) that spans from College Avenue to Howard Avenue. On September 28, LAMM members, board members and friends gathered for the group's inaugural effort at clearing trash from the sides of the roadway there.

"I think this is pretty significant," said Cathy Priem, LAMM's Fundraising and Special Events Manager. "It impacts the entire community—not just LAMM, not just lesbians, but the entire community."

Priem said she wanted to pursue this type of project to demonstrate that

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gay and lesbian people are concerned about the broader community that extends beyond the gay community.

"My belief is that the straight community sees (gay and lesbian people) as more selfish kinds of individuals, or that we're out for ourselves," she said. "However, this is a real self-less act to say we're going to pick up trash. It's not about us serving just our own community—it's about serving the community and the world at large."

People will be aware that a lesbian organization is keeping the road tidy through a sign posted at the intersection of 27th Street and College Avenue. Priem said the sign has been up for several weeks already and is very visible.

"I thought it would be really cool to see 'Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee' on an Adopt-a-Highway sign because (the Highway Department already has) that rainbow highway (as the logo) on their signs," she said.

LAMM applied to adopt a highway in April by contacting the Highway Department. After the group was accepted, they choose the highway in which they would be interested from a list of available roadways. Priem said there were four or five choices, and LAMM wanted a road that was well traveled and not too far from the city.

"Ideally, because the LAMM office is located in Wauwatosa, we would have liked to have something closer to the office, but we also wanted something that would be very, very visible," she said. "We're just really happy and pleased that we have it where it is, and we're excited about having our first clean-up."

LAMM now will be responsible for cleaning the roadway about three to five times each year. If for some reason they wouldn't follow through, the Highway Department would redesignate the road. Priem said LAMM was able to get such a visible stretch of road because the previous organization was not diligent in keeping it clean. Priem said she believes LAMM will be more conscientious.

"LAMM takes its commitment to doing this very seriously. We're required to pick up trash three to five times per year, and we're going to make sure we do that."

As it does with all Adopt-a-Highway participants, the Highway Department paid for the road sign and will provide trash bags, safety vests and equipment for free. Said Priem: "Virtually, it costs us nothing other than our time and our energy."

Still, Priem balks at the suggestion that LAMM is getting something for nothing. "We're really doing the city and the community a service," she said.



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National & World News

by Keith Clark, Jamakaya and William Attewell

Magazine Reveals Far-Right GOP Consultant is Gay

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

Washington, DC — Arthur J. Finkelstein, one of the most successful political consultants for Republicans in the country, not only has earned his reputation as a tough political strategists for many leading anti-gay Republicans in U.S. Senate races, he is also in a "semi-out" gay relationship in Massachusetts' affluent North Shore area, Boston Magazine reports.

One of the Republicans Finkelstein has worked successfully to get re-elected is Sen. Don Nickles (R-Okla.), viewed by many as one of the most anti-gay members of Congress and the Senate sponsor of the Defense of Marriage Act that excludes same-sex couples from the federal definition of marriage and allows states to refuse to recognize same-sex marriages performed legally elsewhere.

Ironically, Finkelstein who received more than \$150,000 to help with Nickles' 1992 re-election campaign, and his male partner are raising to adopted children together in an image of domestic bliss that clashes sharply with Finkelstein's political work for many intensely anti-gay senators.

In addition to Nickles, Finkelstein has also worked for such noted anti-gay Senators as Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth, both North Carolina Republicans, as well as Bob Smith (R-NH). Finkelstein was in fact responsible for helping get the fanatically anti-gay Helms first elected to the U.S. Senate back in 1972.

In fact the Boston Magazine article generally credits Finkelstein with helping establish many of the most anti-gay

Nationwide Hotline Launched

New York, NY — The Gay and Lesbian National Hotline, a toll-free telephone hotline, is slated to begin operations on Oct. 1 with telephone information, referrals, peer counseling and just plain talk. The telephone service will initially be available from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. (Eastern Time). The number is: 1-888-THE-GLNH (1-888-843-4564).

far-right politicians who have held office during the past 15 years or so, mostly by targeting liberal Democrats.

In addition to Helms, Finkelstein also worked during the 1970s for a trio of GOP candidates to unseat three important liberal Democratic Senators: Frank Church of Idaho,

"Finkelstein helped elect leading voices of the Christian Right in the eighties and nineties In essence, he was electing men whose policies struck at the core of his sexual identity."

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George McGovern of South Dakota, and Birch Bayh of Indiana. Bayh of course was replaced by the then-littleknown Republican Dan Quayle.

More recently, in the 1994 New York election, Finkelstein was behind the successful bid by Republican George Pataki to unseat Mario Cuomo from the governor's office. And more recently Finkelstein masterminded the Likud Party candidacy of conservative Benjamin Netanyahu to become prime minister of Israel. With the recommendation of Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-NY), Finkelstein was for a while being considered to run the presidential campaign of Bob Dole.

Instead Finkelstein is now working for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. The NRSC helps such GOP candidates as Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), who in 1993 was one of three members of the House of Representatives who said they would absolutely refuse to hire anyone they believed was gay on their congressional staffs.

Assessing his overall political influence on the rightward trend in U.S. politics, the Boston Magazine article concludes that "Finkelstein helped elect leading voices of the Christian Right in the eighties and nineties In essence, he was electing men whose policies struck at the core of his sexual identity."

Texas Gay Newspaper to Cease Publication

by Keith Clark of the In Step Staff

Houston, TX — Continuing a declining trend that has been plaguing much of the gay press in the past few years, the *The Texas Triangle*, a weekly gay newspaper with major markets in Austin and Houston, will cease publication with its October 10 issue, editor/publisher Kay Longcope announced last week.

"We won the battle with Wyatt Roberts and the Texas branch of the American Family Assn.," said Longcope, "But lost the war to increased printing costs."

The Triangle's printing bill jumped 33 percent last January, Longcope said. Despite increased revenues that came from Roberts' campaign against The Triangle, with many from the mainstream community taking ads to oppose perceived bigotry, the weekly could not overcome the increased cost of printing, she said.

Roberts a year ago initiated a campaign against *Triangle* advertisers, using an hourlong program he had on KIXL, a Christian radio station. Before the campaign ended last spring, with Roberts' contract not renewed by the station, his supporters picketed First Texas Honda, a prime AFA target. First Texas Honda retaliated by renewing a yearlong contract with the *Triangle*. The dealership said that Roberts' campaign, which was not publicized until last December, boosted sales at a time of year when sales usually declined.

On Saturday, First Texas Honda will be among recipients of awards to be presented by former Gov. Ann Richards at the annual Austin Black Tie Affair benefitting the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest political organization fighting for gay/lesbian civil rights. The award, for corporate courage, will be accepted by Mark Haworth, new car sales manager, and Jim Olmstead, general manager.

The Triangle, which began publishing in October 1992, ceases publication on its fourth birthday.

Marijuana Buyer's Club Reopens in West Hollywood After Closure

Los Angeles, CA — Two days after it was shut down, the Cannabis Buyers' Club reopened in an undisclosed location to sell marijuana to terminally ill cancer and AIDS patients in West Hollywood.

The club's management said it was disappointed that they were shut down by sheriff's deputies Monday, Sept. 16, but that marijuana is a "necessity" for people who are terminally ill.

"We intend to regroup and reopen to fulfill our mission as best we can," said a source connected to the club.

Authorities arrested Rusty Gygax, 24, Donald Howell, 28, Jeffrey Farrington, 27 and John Babji, 30 for criminal possession of marijuana in Monday's raid but all four were released on their own recognizance.

No charges have been filed in the case, said Scott Ilmer, who is close to the club management.

A ballot measure on the November ballot would legalize marijuana for medical use, but it faces strong opposition both in and out of the medical community.

In August, California Justice Department officials shut down a cannabis buyer's club in San Francisco where the pot hand-outs have been taken over by area churches.

Also on the Newswire...

Uncircumcised Men at Greater AIDS Risk

New Orleans, LA — A new study of immigrants to Israel found that uncircumcised men harbor more bacteria in the intact foreskin, including more microbes for sexually transmitted diseases, compared to circumcised men. Sexually transmitted diseases are known to boost the chances of catching the AIDS virus, so the high levels of microbes in the foreskin may explain previous studies that linked uncircumcised men to a higher risk for AIDS according to the study.

Atlanta Partner Benefits Blocked by Suit

Atlanta, GA — The Southeastern Legal Foundation, a far-right organization that focuses on legal issues, has blocked an Atlanta ordinance extends health care benefits to unmarried partners of city workers in a lawsuit challenging the new measure. The suit charges that the partnership measure is financially unsound and that it conflicts with the Georgia legislature's recently approved ban on same-sex marriages in the state.

Denver Council OKs Partner Benefits

Denver, CO — Denver's city council has vated 11-1 to extend health insurance benefits for the partners and families of gay and lesbian municipal workers, despite fierce opposition from anti-gay conservative religious groups. In approving the measure, Denver joins other cities such as Minneapalis, Seattle, San Francisco and West Hollywood, in recognizing some form of domestic partnership for same-sex couples. The measure must be approved by Mayor Wellington Webb, who has already indicated he will sign it.

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List of HIV/AIDS Patients Given to Florida Newspaper

Tampa, FL — Florida officials say they have begun investigating whether someone illegally got hold of a confidential list of Pinellas County residents infected with HIV and distributed the names on computer discs.

The state decided to investigate after the _Tampa Tribune_ reported it had received a computer disc and an anonymous letter claiming that an employee of the Pinellas County Health Department had been distributing the disc in a local gay bar.

State health officials said they hadn't seen the letter or the computer discs and had no idea whether the incident was a hoax or not. But the confidentiality of files containing names of people with AIDS or HIV is so controversial and sensitive that officials decided to investigate immediately.

"We don't know what's happened yet. We don't know if the allegations are true yet," said Tony Welch, a state health department spokesman.

"But the allegations are incredibly serious and that's why the immediate investigation." The employee named in the letter has been placed on paid administrative leave until investigators determine whether there is any truth to the charges.

Oklahoma Diocese to Dump Disney Stock

Oldahoma City, OK — Joining with conservative Protestant church organizations, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Oklahoma City has announced that it will sell some 3,400 shares of Walt Disney Company stock for actions by the entertainment firm that the diocese called "blatantly anti-Catholic" and "objectionable to Christians."

Earlier this year, the Southern Baptist Conference urged its members to boycott Disney's films, parks and products because, among other things, of the company's decision to extend benefits to the domestic partners of gay and lesbian workers.

The Assemblies of God also endorsed a boycott of Disney films and parks because of the company's partnership move.

The Disney Company had no comment on the diocese's move.

IBM Extends Partners Benefits

New York, NY — IBM has become the largest U.S. business - but one of the last major high-tech firms in the country - to extend health insurance benefits to the domestic partners of its gay and lesbian workers.

The new policy, which takes effect January 1, 1997, specifically does not apply to unmarried opposite-sex couples, the company said, because they have the option of getting the same benefits from IBM through marriage - which same-sex couples currently do not.

The computer and high-tech giant employs some 225,000 people around the world, with 110,000 workers in the U.S.

Oregon Slaying Suspect to Change Plea

Medford, OR — Robert James Acremant, the man who is charged in the execution-style slaying of a lesbian couple active in local gay rights campaigns, has

Drug Manufacturer to Give Away Experimental AIDS Drug

La Jolla, CA — An experimental protease inhibitor, called nelfinair (Viracept), will be given without charge to patients in the advanced stages of AIDS by the manufacturer, Agouron Pharmaceuticals Inc., through its expanded access program. The drug, which has not yet been approved by the Food and Drug Administration, will be distributed starting Oct. 1 on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients and physicians can call the company at 1-800-621-7111 for information about the program.

2 Men Face Charges in HIV Extortion Attempt

London — Two men are on trial on charges they tried to extart some \$160,000 from Sainsbury's, a British food market chain, under the threat that if they weren't paid they would leave HIV-infected needles among food at stores around the country. Barry Dixon, 47, and Lee Ellison, 21, are facing charges of conspiracy and attempted extortion in connection with the case.

Maine AIDS Agency Keeps Service After Increase in State Funds

Portland, ME — Maine's AIDS Project has reversed its decision to stop case management services in two counties, after the state increased funding to the agency for the service. The state agreed to pay \$39,000, with Maine's AIDS Project contributing another \$6,000. The money will fund case management services for about 40 HIV/AIDS patients in the two rural counties.

London's "Pink Paper" Torched

London — The offices of Britain's main gay newspaper, The Pink Paper, were torched Sept. 7. Thirty separate fires were set in the building. Damage was estimated at \$350,000. The paper appeared on schedule Sept. 13 com-



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changed his plea to guilty in the case.

Acremant, who had earlier pleaded not guilty in the kidnapping-murders and robbery of Roxanne Ellis and Michelle Abdill, told the judge he had "nothing to say" in changing his plea in what the accused man himself has called a hate crime.

Acremant has also told reporters that he wants to be executed by lethal injection

for the killings.

PFLAG Anti-Hate Campaign Launched in Minneapolis

Minneapolis, MN — Project Open Mind, a campaign to combat anti-gay hate speech and bias crimes sponsored by PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays), has gotten the endorsement of a prominent family name in

politics, Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III.

Humphrey, son of the 1968 Democratic presidential candidate, said, "On behalf of our public officials, I stand behind PFLAG as they launch this important educational campaign for the purpose of shocking the good people of Minnesota out of their silence, so that they can join with us in condemning anti-gay violence and harassment."

The campaign, which got started in 1995 in Houston, Atlanta and Tulsa, Okla., uses 30-second television spots. It made national headlines at that time when Pat Robertson threatened lawsuits against TV stations that aired the PFLAG spots that featured comments by the anti-gay televangelist.

This year's campaign focuses on Minneapolis/St. Paul and later this year will include Seattle and St. Louis.

Pension Benefits for Partners Stalled in Canada

Ottawa, Canada — Canada's Human Rights Tribunal has ruled that businesses in the country are not required by law to extend pension benefits to the partners and gay and lesbian workers - although the court also made it clear the federal government should change legislation that keeps companies from doing so.

The court determined that a business is justified in not offering pension benefits "to same-sex spouses when it is prohibited from doing so in equal fashion by the

provisions of federal legislation."

But the court pointed out that Canadian federal law regulates corporate pension benefits, and called on the government to "act swiftly to amend the legislation that prevents employers ... from extending pension benefits" to the partners of gay and lesbian workers.

Navy Board Reviews Helvey Parole

Washington, DC — The U.S. Navy's Parole and Clemency Board has heard testimony on whether the sentence of condemned killer Terry Helvey should be reduced.

Helvey is serving a life sentence for the brutal 1992 bludgeoning death of fellow shipmate, Allen Schindler, who was gay.

Such reviews are automatic each year for military personnel found guilty of certain serious crimes, but the brutal beating death of Schindler has so shocked and enraged many activists that they insist Helvey should serve the full life sentence. plete with photos of melted computers and charred ruins. "Clearly this was a carefully planned arson attack," said a police spokesman. The company also publishes the weekly Boyz and the monthlies All Points North and Positive Times.

San Francisco Working to Assure Insurers Cover Sex Changes

San Francisco, CA — City health, human rights and political officials have begun discussions with the city's insurance providers about covering treatment and surgery for transsexuals who work for the city. The city approved an anti-discrimination ordinance two years ago that bars bias based on gender identity, including discrimination employment.

"Ellen" Coming Out Slowly; Advertisers Sticking — So Far

Hollywood, CA — Advertisers with the ABC sitcom "Ellen" haven't defected since word broke that the title character may come out as a lesbian this season, but there seems to be no massive defection by sponsors after reports that the character portrayed by stand-up comic Ellen DeGeneres was coming out of the closet over several episodes that have now begun airing. Among the show's advertisers, J.C. Penney, Toyota, Pepsi-Cola and Coca-Cola said they would take a "wait-and-see approach" before deciding if they should change their plans. Computer giants Microsoft and Intel said they would advertise with the show regardless.

Army Dental Hygienist Sent Back to U.S.

Frankfurt, Germany — The U.S. Army has sent a dental technician who has tested positive for HIV back to the U.S. Army officials in Germany said they had begun notifying some 1,100 American soldiers and their families who had been treated by the hygienist at a post in Germany during the past year and a half that the military would offer them testing and counseling if needed.

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Europeans Outraged Over New Romanian Anti-Gay Laws

Starssbourg, France — Following the Sept. 10 approval by Romania's Chamber of Deputies of a new law that



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continues to criminalize homosexuality and membership in gay rights groups, the European Parliament adopted a resolution condemning the Romanian government's "decision to introduce stiffer penalties for any homosexual relations between consenting adults" and called on Romanian President Ion Iliescu to prevent the law from taking effect or being enforced.

Amnesty International and the Human Rights Helsinki Group joined the European Parliament in condemning the Romanian action as a violation of basic human rights conventions.

"Romania remains the only member state of the Council of Europe which continues to prosecute same-sex relations," said a representative of the Bucharest-based Human Rights Helsinki Group.

The new Romanian legislation carries jail sentences for private, consensual same-sex relations of six months to three years in prison.

Acts considered "propaganda, associations or any other forms of proselytizing" are also punishable by one- to five-year prison sentences.

Hate Crime Suspected in Spray Painting of Montana Church

Great Falls, MT — The Metropolitan Community Church, where a high percentage of worshipers are gay or lesbian, was the focus of what is suspected of being a hate crime, officials said last week.

Silver-paint graffiti was sprayed on the front door and north wall of the church. It included the symbol "666," a swastika, a five-pointed star surrounded by a circle, and other markings on the north wall and an upside down cross on the front door. No arrests have been made and the case may be investigated as a possible hate crime according to the Cascade County sheriff's office. The graffiti is similar to that sprayed on the Mount Olive Christian Fellowship church in November. Mount Olive's congregations is mostly black.

Vandals sprayed "666" and racial slurs on the door and stoop of the church. The incident outraged community and church leaders, and the congregation and local residents held a rally decrying the vandalism.

No arrests have been made in that case.

The Rev. Gina Hartung, minister of the Metropolitan Community Church, says there could be a correlation between the two acts.

Paras to Leave NGLTF

Washington, D.C. — Melinda Paras, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), has announced she will step down from the helm of the nation's oldest gay and lesbian civil rights group, upon completion of her term, to pursue personal goals.

Paras' two-year term will end December 1, 1996. The NGLTF Board of Directors announced that Kerry Lobel, NGLTF Deputy Director, has been named new executive director, effective December 1. As second-incommand of the Task Force and a former chief executive herself, Lobel brings years of grassroots and national expertise and leadership to her new role.

"Melinda has been instrumental in stabilizing the Task Force and in setting a new vision for NGLTF," said Joe Hall and Sue Anderson, NGLTF board co-chairs. "She distinguished herself by reinvigorating the Policy Institute—the movement's think tank—stabilizing the organization and its management team, and emphasizing NGLTF's commitment to building a stronger grassroots movement."

Paras, 43, said she and her partner,

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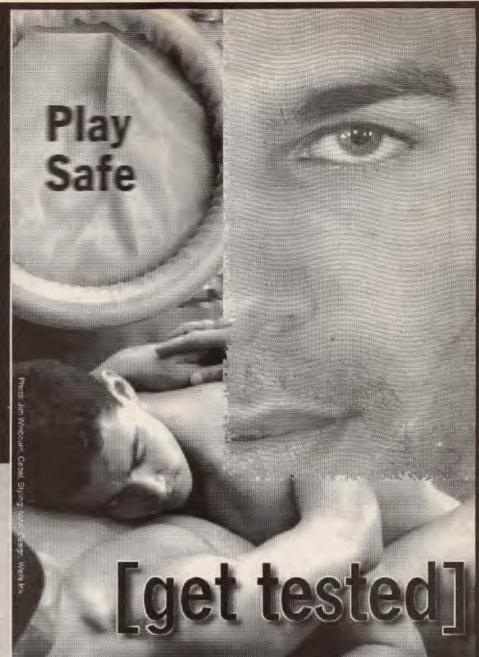


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Barbara Englis, will move back to their home in San Francisco to have children, build a family and pursue other personal and professional goals. Englis is returning to her work on behalf of homeless veterans.

Paras is scheduled to appear in Milwaukee on Thursday, October 17 at a "Town Hall Meeting" sponsored by the Human Rights League in conjunction with this month's National Coming Our Day activities and appeared earlier this year as part of Madison's pride celebration.

Report: Protease Inhibitors Continue to Show Promise

New Orleans, LA — Researchers at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy have reported that a double-drug combination of the new class of protease inhibitors continues to show promise in reducing HIV levels in patients.

Dr. Calvin Cohen of the Community Research Initiative of New England reported that during a three-month period, HIV viral load was reduced by 99.9 percent among patients given a combination of Abbott Laboratories' Norvir (ritonavir) and Hoffmann-La Roche's Invirase (saquinavir).

Cohen's initial findings after the first six weeks of study were released in July at the International AIDS Conference in Vancouver, B.C. The second six-week phase of the trials show even greater improvement, Cohen said

"The response in these dosing regimens demonstrates that saquinavir and ritonavir appear to work synergistically," Cohen said. "These drugs interact in a way that clearly results in high therapeutic blood concentrations of both agents and increased antiviral activity."

Cross-Dressing High Schooler Located

Burlington, VT — Matt Stickney, the 15-year-old Burlington High School student who created an uproar by insisting on his right to wear a dress, wig and makeup to school, has been located by authorities after he briefly being listed as a runaway.

A rally at the school called by students in support of the high school sophomore earlier in the month became violent and Stickney was attacked by a fellow student at the school. Shawn Stevens has been charged with a bias-based assault in the incident.

But the enormous media attention Stickney's insistence on wearing the dress and wig to class also attracted enormous national attention in what activists called a "media circus" that young Stickney reportedly was having trouble coping with. On Sept. 17 he failed to show up for a scheduled meeting with officials trying to settle the dispute and was listed as a runaway.

On Sept. 19 police located Stickney. One police officials said the young man is "safe and ... where he needs to be."

Stickney has been upfront about being gay throughout the controversy and describes himself as "a drag queen."

But school officials have insisted that his cross-dressing is disruptive and have refused to let him in the school when he has shown up in drag.

British Child Care Agency Seeking Gay Foster Parents

Rotherham, England — While American courts and state child agencies may still be uncertain if gays and lesbians should be allowed to adopt children, the social services agency in this city of some 95,000 people east of Liverpool in England's Midlands, was actively encouraging homosexuals to become foster parents.

Foster placement officials have begun advertising in local papers inviting gays and lesbians especially to apply to become foster parents because they are under-represented in placements of children needing homes.

"We recognize that all kinds of families can care for children," the ads state. "We would particularly welcome inquiries from people from ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, single people and lesbian and gay people, who are all under-represented as carers."

Michael Clarke, Rotherham's only Conservative Party town councilor, however, said he disagreed with the policy. "Children should be brought up by a father and mother," said Clarke. "It's a more natural way of life. If children saw two men or two women in bed together they might think of that as the natural way."



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Grapevine "Family Reunion" Set for October 13

Milwaukee — Grapevine, one of the first lesbian organizations in Milwaukee, is holding a "Family Reunion" Sunday, October 13 at 4pm at the Humboldt Park Pavilion, 3000 S. Howell Avenue (entrance on Pine Avenue). The event includes a potluck dinner at 5pm. Old Grapevine members and newcomers are welcome.

Grapevine was initiated in 1974 or 1975 by a group of lesbians who wanted to participate in activities outside of a bar setting. Over the years, Grapevine held weekly meetings at the Women's Coalition. Sometimes a speaker was brought in to address a specific issue, but more often, the meetings were informal gatherings where lesbians could drop in, meet new friends and find out what was happening in the women's community. Once a month, a big potluck would be held.

In the late 1970's, Grapevine launched its Point Beach camping weekends during the summer months, drawing hundreds of lesbians to the outdoor events. The most recent camping trip took place over the Labor Day weekend last month. Another big attraction of Grapevine has been its softball team, playing in the Friday night municipal league at Wick Field since the late 1980's.

Members of Grapevine who remember its earlier days are invited to bring along any pictures, posters or other memorabilia to the October 13 celebration for use in a little herstory display. Admission to the event is free, though participants are asked to bring a dish to share for the potluck.

Grapevine ceased its weekly meetings around 1990 after the Women's Coalition closed and other sites didn't work out. One of the organizers of the "Family Reunion," Susan Cook, seeing the need for more social events for lesbians, would like to gauge interest in reviving weekly Grapevine meetings.

For more information on the Grapevine "Family Reunion," call Loraine at 414/258-2991

"Evening at the Races" to Benefit SEWAP

Kenosha — "Party with the Puppies" on Thursday, October 17, 1996, at Dairyland Greyhound Park in Kenosha, Wisconsin. All proceeds directly benefit the Southwest Wisconsin AIDS Project (SEWAP), which provides AIDS prevention and education services to Kenosha, Racine and Walworth Counties.

For a donation of \$25 per person or \$150 for a table of six, you can join the excitement. Your donation includes parking, clubhouse admission, a buffet dinner, a racing program and one raffle ticket to win one of ten great prizes. Dinner is 6 pm to 7:30 pm and the races begin at 7:15 pm.

For more information or to make reservations, call 414-657-6644 or 800-924-6601.

SEWAP is a service agency of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW), ARCW is dedicated to the fight against the worsening AIDS epidemic through prevention, care, research and advocacy. For information on AIDS, call the Wisconsin AIDSline at 800-334-AIDS.

Interweave of Dane County To Hold Organizational Meeting

Madison — Interweave, a Unitarian Universalist (UU) organization dedicated to the spiritual, political and social well being of individuals who are confronting oppression as lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and transgendered (LGBT) persons and their heterosexual allies will have a pot luck meeting on Sunday, October 27, 1996 at 12:30 pm at the lower meeting hours of the First Unitarian Society of Madison, 900 University Bay Drive, Madison, WI., to formally adopt its by-laws and to establish a board of directors for the next biennial.

Interweave of Dane County was created by consensus by the First UU Society of Madison, James Reeb UU Church and Prairie UU Society. Interweave members do not have to be a member of a UU congregation but must be respectful and supportive of the UU philosophy of affirming and promoting the inherit worth and dignity of every person.

Interweave's goals include creating opportunities for social and recreational activities for LGBT and heterosexual people to meet new friends and further understanding of differences, share joys and concerns; promoting the understanding of sexual diversity; creating support of LGBT individuals and their families, educating UU congregations about LGBT issues, needs and concerns; advocating for change in society at large with regard to homophobia and heterosexism; promoting dialogue with the church community on the needs of LGBT people and their families and building outreach with other religious and community organizations to provide a safe envi-

ronment for LGBT and their families.

Participation in Interweave events or receipt of the Interweave newsletter does not require payment of dues.

For a copy of the Interweave bylaws or to be placed on the Interweave mailing list contact Maytee Aspuro at 608-833-1237 or Richard Whitnable at 608-241-5014.

Integrity/Metro Milwaukee Schedules Meetings

Milwaukee — Integrity/Metro Milwaukee a recognized organization within the Episcopal Church which ministers to gays and lesbians has scheduled group meetings/services for the second Tuesday of the month in the church at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 914 East Knapp at 7 pm.

After the service there will be featured speakers and discussions and a short meeting in the parlor of the church. Everyone is welcome to attend regardless of race, religious affiliation, gender, or sexual preference. Membership anywhere is not required to attend group meetings. We are very flexible and lively group that enjoy socializing and having fun together. For more information call 414-276-6277 and leave

HRL to Hold "Out on the Job" Televised Forum

Milwaukee — "Out on the Job" is a featured part of a series of events presented by the Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) of the Human Rights League (HRL).

Taking the lead from national statistics continually showing that "coming out" is the single most effective act in overcoming stereotypes and homophobia, the LPPC has been putting on a series of events to talk about being "out." This particular event focuses the experience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons in their work environment. The event will be held as part of the series of events HRL has organized for National Coming Out Day.

This event will explore topics relating to the sexual orientation of employees in the work environment with particular emphasis on Wisconsin legal status, discrimination experiences, involuntary "outing" on the job, and strategies for becoming and "out" individual in the work place.

Panel discussion will take place on the above topics and we encourage studio audience participation as well as viewer call-in questions. Panelists will be Brenda Lewison, Kathleen Neville, and Paul Toonen.

The show will be held at MATA studios, 1610 North 2nd, on Thursday, October 10, 1996 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. It will be broadcast live on cable Channel 14. Viewers can call in



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during the show to 799-LIVE with questions or comments. For audience members, a short reception will follow the show at the studio.

Out of Solitude Jewelry Moves to Larger Quarters on Brady Street

Milwaukee — Out Of Solitude Jewelry is relocating to larger quarters on Milwaukee's east side.

Starting Oct. 1, Out of Solitude will service customers from its new location at 918 E. Brady St. The jewelry gallery, featuring the custom designs of owner Charles P. Bahringer, opened three years ago with a store and studio in Shorewood. The new store has double the space of the previous location.

To celebrate the move, a special grand opening will be held for the public at Out of Solitude on Saturday, October 5, from Noon to 3 pm

"The business is doing very well and we have outgrown our space in Shorewood," said Bahringer. "These are exciting times for Brady Street, We're pleased that we're going to be a part of the area's revitalization."

Bahringer's work has been showcased throughout the country and can be seen donned by the likes of Cher, Melissa Etheridge and Tori Amos.

In addition to Bahringer's designs, Out of Solitude also displays works by local artists.

Store hours are Monday through Friday, 11 am to 6 pm and Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm. For more information, call 414-223-3101 or 1-800-SOLITUDE.

Cream City Chorus Fund Raising Drive

Milwaukee — The Wisconsin Cream City Chorus kicked off a fundraising drive this month, asking local companies, organizations and individuals to support its goal of spreading the message of diversity through song.

There are several avenues of financial support open to interested persons. These include sponsoring a chorus member, underwriting concerts, community appearances or recordings, or donating to the chorus' general operating fund. Other financial needs include the New Music Fund to purchase or commission new music, and the Keyboard Fund to purchase a quality electronic keyboard for the chorus. Each of these fulfills a vital role in the chorus' quest to promote gays and lesbians throughout the community.

The chorus urges anyone interested in making a sound investment in the community to contract Matthew Pamperin, chorus president, at 414-344-9222. Donations can also be sent, along with a letter specifying the preferred use of funds, to the Cream City Chorus, P.O. Box 1488, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Women, Domestic Violence and AIDS Lecture

Milwaukee — A lecture and discussion on "Women, Domestic Violence and HIV: Issues in Common" will be presented as part of St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry Lectures Series on Oct. 10. The facilitator will be Rev. Dr. Bobbie Groth, and Education & Training Specialist with the Milwaukee Women's Center.

The lecture will be held at St. Camillus Health Center, Education Room, 10101 West Wisconsin Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI. All invited to attend. No fee to participate. For more information call (414) 259-4664.

GLADE and GLSTN to Premiere "It's Elementary"

Madison — Gays, Lesbians, and Allies for Diversity in Education (GLADE) and Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN)



Group Notes

will present the premiere of It's Elementary in Madison on Tuesday, October 22, 1996 at the Barrymore Theater, 2090 Atwood Avenue, starting at 7 pm. A short program will precede the 80 minute film, which features teachers and students from Madison's Hawthorne Elementary School. A reception in the lobby of the Barrymore will follow the film.

Tickets (\$10; \$5 for students) will go on sale at the Barrymore outlets (The Exclusive Company on State Street, The Exclusive Company in the High Point Center, Magic Mill on University Avenue, Star Liquor on Williamson Street, and Green Earth next door to the Barrymore) and at A Room of One's Own Bookstore on September 19, 1996.

Proceeds from the premiere will help fund distribution of the film and the GLSTN scholarship fund for high school students. For more information call 608-233-1846.

UW Madison Scheudles Coming Out Week- '96

Madison — The Ten Percent Society, the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Campus Center, and other campus organizations present: Coming Out Week-'96, a celebration of LGBT pride at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

All events (unless otherwise noted) will take place in the Memorial Union at 800 Langdon Street in Madison. All events except the dances are free and open to members of the university community. Please check Today in the Union (TITU) for event locations. All events are accessible to people with disabilities and the hearing impaired. Please call 608-262-7365 at least one week prior to the event to request a speech interpreter. Please remember that the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus is smoke-free.

A synopsis of events follows:

Monday, October 11, 7am to 6pm: Rainbow Flags on Bascom Hill: Celebrating National Coming Out Day Bascom Hill will be adorned with a rainbow flag to symbolize gay pride. Look for the traditional pink triangles, as well as banners around other parts of campus.

Monday, October 7, 7pm at the Memorial Union: AIDS in the 90's

An informative hour long session dealing with the latest research and current health guidelines concerning HIV/AIDS. Speakers from Madison AIDS Support Network and University Health Services will discuss the risks of oral sex, woman to woman transmission of HIV, and the different ramifications surrounding HIV testing.

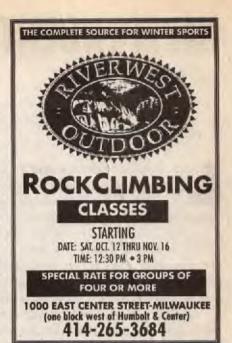
Tuesday, October 8, 7pm in the Memorial Union Town Hall Meeting: A discussion of LGB issues on the UW-Madison campus.

Students who don't usually have a hand or a voice in UW-Madison campus. Lead by Tammy Baldwin.

Raphael House Marks 1st Year Anniversary

Milwaukee — October 1st marks the first year of operations for Raphael House. The supportive residence for HIV+ persons is one component of a variety of services provided by St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry.

Raphael House offers a home-like environment to access physical, spiritual and emotional care provided by according to the Deputy Director, Jeff Miller. "There is always a waiting list. Brother Stephen and myself are now negotiating to open another facility in the central city, hopefully by the end of the year, "Miller said. Anyone wishing to donate furnishings, dry goods, linens, appliances, or their skills and talents, are encouraged to call the HIV/AIDS Ministry at 414-259-4664.



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INDEPENDENTLY SPEAKING

by Marvin Liebman

Losing Faith

isteners will probably not detect it in his numerous oncamera appearances. Nor, of course, will readers note it in the pages of his new book, "Active Faith." But Ralph Reed, my one-time protege and now executive director of the Christian Coalition, is developing a case of laryngitis on gay issues. It's not that Ralph's vocal cords are ailing, as his torrid interviewing schedule and repeated opposition to the homosexual "lifestyle" certainly attest. I'm speaking of the scratchiness of speech that affects the deeply doubting soul.

Like many of his "conservative" allies, Ralph Reed was never a full-throated homophobe; he was far too intelligent. But the malady afflicting him these days is draining the authority from his normally astute, unbroken tone. What ails him is a dawning sense that gay people are slowly overcoming prejudice by speaking in an unapologetic, honest voice about their lives. And maybe, just maybe he is realizing that his group's intemperate rhetoric on gay issues has backed his organization and its followers into a rhetorical corner and left them a little hoarse.

I first met Ralph back in 1984 when he was executive director of the College Young Republicans. "He looks so well- scrubbed," I remember thinking as I shook his hand. And, as I would come to see during several further meetings, he was ambitious and articulate, a good candidate to take the reins of the new conservative student group I was then trying to assemble. This group, soon to bear the name that Ralph suggested for it, Students For America, would rise from the ashes of another group, Young Americans For Freedom (YAF), which had foundered and lost all sense of relevance in the years since I had organized it in 1960.

Ralph made the most of our conversations, moving ahead with the group throughout the next year. He even heeded my advice not to locate its headquarters in Washington, a city I still believe scalds too many optimistic young men and women in the cauldron of American politics. Based in North Carolina, the group quickly became entangled with Jesse Helms's political ambitions, helping him to reelection in 1984. Still, it thrived.

The next - and last - time I saw Ralph was in 1985, when we met for lunch. With Ralph was the new chairman of Students For America, David Fazio. It was a warm, celebratory meal, although, in retrospect, difficult issues were already tearing at the picture. It was only five years later that I came out publicly as a gay man, acknowledging an identity I had kept quiet while mentoring Ralph and so many other young conservative activists over the years. A short time later, David Fazio left the organization, eventually becoming an official in the Guiliani administration in New York City, and also openly gay.

But in his book, Reed is hard-pressed to mention David, me, Terry Dolan, Arthur Finklestein, or any other actual gay people, including those who knew him well, both personally and professionally. Instead, he continues the condemnatory sin-vs- sinner split, issuing a bland call for "tolerance" of gays while deploring "government-sanctioned approval or promotion" of homosexuality. On the same page where he criticizes Jerry Falwell's inflammatory statements on gays, Reed invokes the Bible as the basis for his own anti-gay diatribes.

I understand, for the sake of purity and convenience, why openly gay people's names must not appear, either in Active



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Faith or Ralph's first book, Politically Incorrect. In his quest for clout in American politics, with the Republican Party as his vehicle, he seems to resist any urge to look back in humility at the gay men who helped get him his license in conservative politics.

What I object to is that Ralph has lost the ability to refrain from anti-gay pronouncements that have become the basis of his organization's fundraising appeals and its rise to power. The self-inflicted paralysis - and the perverse discourse it leads many anti-gay leaders like him to voice about gay people - are a downright tragedy. I'm not the first to say so. This simple, electric insight is at the core of Chris Bull and John Gallagher's new book, Perfect Enemies, a sharp analysis of this decade's battles over gay issues from coast to coast.

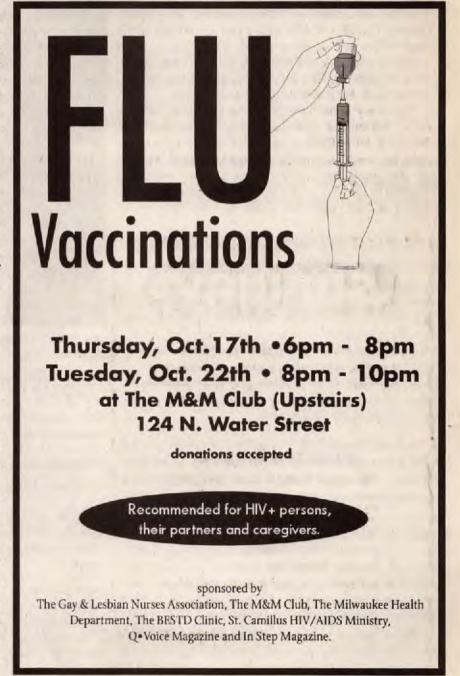
While anti-gay leaders rant about homosexuality through the mail, on the air, in the churches, and even, sometimes, in their own books, their voices often quaver or give out on the subject of actual gay people, or in response to the concerns of those members of their organizations with gay loved ones. If supporters of gay rights - and of more humane treatment of gay people generally - are serious in claiming the middle ground in America, they must seize the moment while opponents like Reed are still clearing their throats.

This does not mean ranting back at Ralph, his boss Pat Robertson, or their adherents. Gay rights advocates must respond to their opponents in a way that shows respect and conciliation towards their most deeply held beliefs, not simply spite and indignation.

Nor does it mean speaking in just any voice. If gay rights advocates are earnest in their quest to sway the hearts of America's ambivalent middle, they must embody the virtues of tolerance and compassion they often espouse. This means bridling any impulse to ridicule religious conservatives, especially in the practice of their faiths. It means learning to speak a moral voice, one committed to educating the disengaged, one which honors debts and forgives adversaries.

As he moves closer and closer to the helm of the "conservative" movement, Ralph Reed seems to draw farther and farther away from some of the central lessons of the Christian teachings on which he claims to stand. "This is a huge string of victories for the pro-family movement," he said in the wake of the Senate's twin votes in September

banning gay marriage and defeating a workplace anti-bias bill. "These are the bricks in the wall that allow you to build the turnout of religious conservatives." But has Reed forgotten the spare warning of Matthew 8:36, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"



State Senator Fred Risser a Strong Supporter Gay Rights

Interview by Christopher Krimmer of the In Step Staff

ays and lesbians across the state have reason to celebrate. On September 10 citizens in the 26th Senate district elected Fred Risser to his ninth full term in the state Senate. (He will run unopposed in the November elections.) Risser has been in the Senate since 1962 and continues to hold the powerful office of President of the Senate. As president, Risser helps set the legislative agenda, refers bills to "friendly" or "non-friendly" committees and presides over floor debates.

Risser makes no apologies for using this enormous amount of power to help safeguard the rights of gays and lesbians across the entire state.

I met with Senator Risser to find out more about this relatively unknown but powerful ally of the gay and lesbian community in Wisconsin.

In Step: What is your general position on gay and lesbian equality?

State Senator Fred Risser: I have always felt that my position is parallel with the position of those who believe in gay and lesbian rights.

Q: What do you perceive as being the more pressing concerns of the gays and lesbians in your constituency?

A: I think one of the things they are concerned about is this wave of anti-gay and anti-lesbian legislation that is being pursued. We have to, of course, keep this bigoted legislation from going anywhere. One of the most important parts of being a legislature is killing bad bills rather than passing good bills. I spend much more time killing bad bills than I do passing good bills. A lot of people don't realize this aspect of being a legislature. As President of the Senate, I'm in a pretty good position to kill these bad bills.

Q: You represent the entire 26th District which includes a portion of Madison as well as some of Madison's more suburban communities. Do you believe that there is a divisiveness on the issue of gay and lesbian rights between the more liberal Madison and its more conservative surroundings?

A: I have never bothered to break it down by demographics. I have my strong feelings on this issue and I don't care what the suburban break down is. As I say, I believe very strongly that they [gays and lesbians] are entitled to equal rights and any of this gay bashing legislation should be defeated. I have no problem with that belief and I don't care what different pockets of my constituency feel on that issue.

Part of being a politician is that we have to decide some issues on philosophy and some issues on pragmatism and



constituency feelings. And on this issue it is a philosophical belief that controls.

Q: Have you ever been contacted by Ralph Ovadell and the Wisconsin Christians United?

A: Yes, sure, I know about that group and have been contacted by them.

Q: How much credence do you afford them?

A: Nothing. I don't pay any attention to them.

Q: Several weeks ago the U.S. Senate defeated an anti-discrimination employment bill for gays and lesbians by a very narrow margin. Do you believe that this bill will be introduced again and enacted into law in the near future?

At It will come in over and over again and sooner or later it will be passed. It will really depend on who you elect in the coming election. I personally view it as a matter of fairness and equality. However, many others do not view it the same way. There is a lot bigotry in certain segments of

this country.

Q: You were in the State Senate when Wisconsin passed a similar anti-discrimination employment bill for gays and lesbians. How did you vote?

A: That [Wisconsin] bill would not have gone through the senate had it not been for my efforts. As President of the Senate I shepherd the bill through the Senate and used some parliamentary maneuvering to help get it through.

The bill was sponsored several years ago by then assemblyman Clarenbach. Governor Dreyfuss did sign the bill but there was building opposition to the bill once it had passed the Assembly and made its way to the Senate. Had I not been the President of the Senate it would probably not had gotten through the Senate and into the hands of the governor.

Q: Do you recall the political debate on the bill and what argument was most persuasive to the legislatures in getting the bill passed?

A: The truth is that we didn't debate it in the Senate. I was able to use parliamentary maneuvers to get the bill through without a debate. As I remember the circumstances, I held that bill until we had a very busy afternoon in the Senate and the bill went through on a voice vote.

Again this represents the power of the President of the Senate. I was able to schedule the bill to come up at a time when the Senate was bogged down on other matters. I don't remember there ever being any substantive debate on it.

Q: Several weeks ago the U.S. Senate passed the Defense of Marriage Act which is expected to be signed by President Clinton. [President Clinton signed the bill on September 21, 1996, a few days after this interview.] United States representative Tom Barrett (D) said that he voted in favor of the

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Open 7 days a week • 8am to midnight 225 North Water St. • Milwaukee • 278-0636 hill because he saw it essentially as a "definitional" issue and that it will have little impact on how Wisconsin conducts its marriages. Do you agree?

A: Well, if I had been in the U.S. Congress I would have voted against the bill. I have not read the bill, but as I understand it, the bill is saying that even though we have a Full Faith and Credit Clause in the Constitution, the states do not have to give full faith and credit to certain marriages that are legal

in other states. Of course, what it is focused on is what might happen in Hawaii. If same-sex marriage is approved in Hawaii and in other states then this bill allows for other states to not afford full faith and credit to them. Well, as I say, I would vote against the bill if I had been in the U.S. Congress.

You asked me about its impact on Wiscońsin. I don't know if it will have any impact on Wisconsin or not. As I



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understand it, the State would need to take affirmative action to apply this bill. In other words, if we did nothing we would continue to accept legal marriages from other states. Here is another example of where a lot of our efforts as legislatures is spent on killing bad bills.

I would oppose a bill that would have Wisconsin implement this law, as I understand it.

Q: In the last Wisconsin legislative session Rep. Serrati (R) introduced a bill that would have prohibited Wisconsin from recognizing another state's same-sex marriage. If this bill was reintroduced in the coming legislative session do you see it passing the Assembly and the Senate?

A: Well that bill didn't get anywhere and if it had gone to the Senate I would have killed it. And it isn't going to get anywhere so long as I am President of the Senate.

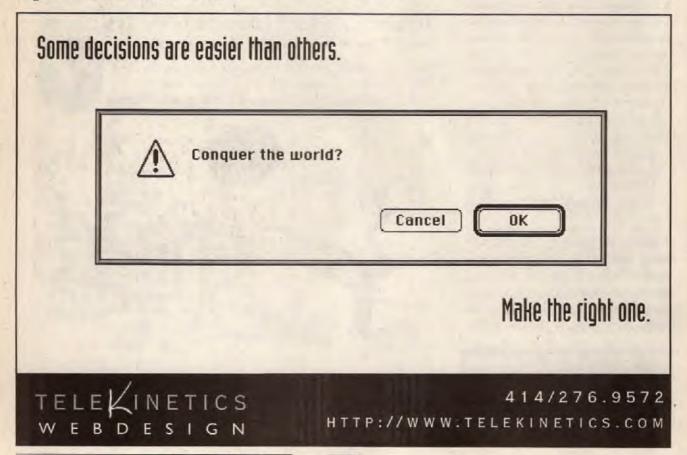
State representative Tammy Baldwin (D) has told me that she is working on a draft for a same-sex marriage bill as well as a draft for a state domestic partnership bill. Do you believe that a domestic partnership statute which would afford gay and lesbian couples all of the same legal entitlements as a heterosexual marriage would suffice for same-sex couples?

As I understand it, the [gay and lesbian] community is split on this issue. As a lawyer, I handle divorce cases and I can tell you that heterosexual marriages are not necessarily the greatest thing on Earth in many cases. Quite frankly, most of the gay couples I know are very committed and excellent citizens. I once attended a so-called marriage between two men. It was very interesting. I made some good friends in that community and let me tell you that some of them are better citizens than those bigots on the other side of the sexual aisle.

So I guess I really didn't answer your question but I answered it the best that I can. I got the impression from Tammy [Baldwin] that the gay and lesbian community is split on this issue.I don't know. I would have to say that the bottom line is that I would vote according to what they feel is the best for them.

Q: I recently saw you and your wife at the Ten Percent dance, was it your first gay and lesbian dance?

A: That was the first dance that we attended. I, however, have been to other Ten Percent functions. I went to these events to basically let people know that I am supportive of their lifestyle. As a person who represents people in this community it is important to let people know where I stand on certain issues. I have been supportive of their viewpoints and I want people to know that. I don't consider myself a member of the community but I do consider myself a representative of that community. I certainly have no hesitation to let people know that I support them.



FILM REVIEW

by Jamakaya

"Girls Town" and "Grace of My Heart" are Great Women's Films

've just seen two movies I'd like to recommend. They couldn't be more different in terms of subject matter, but they both offer great viewing for movie buffs, especially women.

"Girls Town," opening at Milwaukee's Downer Theatre October 4, focuses on four tough talking teenage girls as they negotiate the demands of high school, parents, and boyfriends in the intense and gritty urban jungle of New York. Because it's rare for a movie to depict the intimacy of girls' friendships and their solidarity' through thick and thin, this one is quite gratifying. "Girls Town" is frequently somber, but has some deliriously giddy moments.

The story focuses around the suicide of one girl, Nikki, whose three best friends discover afterward that she had been raped. This leads to an extraordinary scene in which the three survivors, Patti (Lili Taylor), Angela (Bruklin Harris) and Emma (Anna Grace), reveal their own experiences of abuse. The three very fine actresses are credited as co-writers of the movie, and their close collaboration (and, most likely) improvisation during this pivotal scene make it as memorable as it is wrenching.

The rest of the film takes the girls on a campaign of revenge against the guys who done them wrong. It starts with gleeful vandalism of the car prized by Emma's rapist. Then the girls rob the apartment of the bum who fathered Parti's child and still slaps her around. The climax comes when the girls confront the man who raped their friend Nikki. They leave him lying in the street, kicked and beaten.

There are a few vicarious thrills watching the girls turn the tables on their tormentors, but "Girls Town" goes deeper than that. It shows Patti's struggle to raise her baby, graduate from school and become a mechanic — with all the odds stacked against her. It shows Emma's painful estrangement from a decent guy who just doesn't get it. (He's played by Guillermo Diaz, La Miranda of "Stonewall.") And it reveals the college-bound but conflicted Angela to be quite a gifted poet/observer.

Special mention must be made of the incredible Lili Taylor, who recently wowed moviegoers as Valerie Solanas, the would-be lesbian assassin in "I Shot Andy Warhol," Either of these performances should garner Taylor an Oscar nod next year. She's just riveting. Also outstanding is a great hip-hop score including songs by Tyte, Nenah Cherry, Luscious Jackson, PJ Harvey and Queen Latifah, who contributes a stirring ode to female self-respect, "U.N.I.T.Y."

An added pleasure is that the theme of "Girls Town" is taken verbatim from the essay "The Transformation of Silence Into Language and Action" by renowned lesbian poet Audre Lorde, Go sistas!

"GRACE OF MY HEART"

"Girls Town" shares many similarities with "Mi Vida Loca," the independent film about members of Latina street gangs in Los Angeles, directed by Allison Anders, one of our most promising women directors. But Anders, having estab-



-Illeana Dpouglas stars as singer/songwriter Denise Waverly in "Grace of My Heart."

lished her filmmaking chops, and with a larger budget and backing by Martin Scorcese, has opted for a complete change of pace with her latest, "Grace of My Heart."

"Grace" is a slickly produced confection about the early days of pop music when girl groups like the Ronettes and Shangri-las topped the charts. The story is loosely based on the life of songwriter Carole King, who penned zillions of pop tunes for other acts before coming into her own with the classic album "Tapestry" in 1970.

"Grace" stars the appealing Illeana Douglas, who was so winning as the sister of murder victim Matt Dillon in the queer director Gus Van Sant's "To Die For." She plays the ambitious yet vulnerable Edna Buxton, whose first employer immediately renames her the more hip, sale-able "Denise Waverly."

The movie takes Denise from her first break singing in a talent show to her hiring by a Phil Spector-like pop

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producer named Joel Millner. Joel, played as alternately obnoxious and lavable by John Turturro, installs Denise in her little office in Broadway's famed Brill Building, where hits like "One Fine Day," "Up on the Roof" and "Leader of the Pack" were churned out every day. Some of the best scenes show Denise composing songs and holding impromptu rehearsals with girl and guy groups. The energy of the creative process is palpable.

One really funny subplot concerns a singer who is apparently modeled on Lesley Gore. Denise and her songwriting partners make fun of the woman's goody-two-shoes image until they realize she's a 1-1-1-lesbian! The funniest moment in the movie has a technician trying to hit on the lesbian's girlfriend during her recording session. You'll roar with laughter!

The plot follows Denise's personal life less satisfactorily than it does her work. She marries a fellow songwriter (Eric Stoltz) who proves unfaithful, has a doomed affair with a married man, and then marries a successful musician (Matt Dillon, in a character similar to Beach Boy Brian Wilson) who soon goes bonkers. Denise's personal life becomes increasingly melodramatic, but it all leads to a triumphant conclusion which celebrates her strength as a sur-

There's a lot of great original music in "Grace," much of it modeled on the pop styles of the 1960's. There's one standout anthem we're likely to be hearing on the airwaves for some time: "God Give me Strength," written by Elvis Costello and Burt Bacharach and sung by Costello.

"Grace of My Heart" offers a real star turn by Illeana Douglas, and it captures the energy and innocence of a very special era of pop music. It's not meant to be terribly profound, it's just pure entertainment.

"Grace" is completing a run at the Downer Theater but is likely to pop up elsewhere. Check your local listings.





Patti (Lili Taylor, left), Emma (Anna Grace), and Angela (Bruklin Horris) in "Girls Town." photo: Phyllis Belkin.

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The UWM PTTP Set to Kick-Off 1996-97 Season

Milwaukee — UWM Professional Theatre Training Program (PTTP) will open its 1996-97 season with two classic European dramas in rotation repertory at the UWM Fine Arts Theatre, on the UWM campus. August Strindberg's "Miss Julie" opens Oct. 3rd and Anton Chekhov's "The Three Sisters" opens Oct. 10th. Both productions continues through Oct. 26th. Tickets for "Miss



—(L to R) Mally Hayner and Michael Brown from "Miss Julie."

Julie" and "The Three Sisters" are \$12.00 (\$14.00 on Friday and Saturday evenings) for adults and \$8.00 (\$10.00 on Friday and Saturday evenings) for students and are available at the UWM Fine Arts Box Office, in the UWM Fine Arts Theatre lobby or by phone at (414) 229-4308.

"Miss Julie" is set in a country mansion on a midsummer's night where Julie, a young lady of noble birth, seduces-or is seduced by, depending upon one's perspective-Jean, her father's servant. When their plans to elope are thwarted, Julie is forced to confront the abyss separating master and servant. Revolted by what she has done, but unable to deny her desire for Jean, Julie takes drastic measures to end their affair. "Miss Julie" so shocked Strindberg's contemporaries that his publisher initially rejected it, as did all Swedish theatres. First produced by the Copenhagen University Students' Union in 1889, it had to wait eighteen years for its first professional production in Sweden.

"The Three Sisters" was originally produced in Moscow in 1901; and written by Chekhov expressly for the Moscow Art Theatre. Chekhov disagreed violently with director Konstantin Stanislavsky's interpretations and convinced the play would be a failure, Chekhov vowed never to write for the Moscow theatre again.

But "The Three Sisters" scored an overwhelming triumph with this tender, rueful account of the decline of an upperclass family who long for the bright lights of Moscow. Defeated by their own charming, weak and snobbish natures, three sisters and their brother are certain that happiness lies in an escape from the small Russian town where they have stranded by the death of their father.

"Miss Julie" is directed by J.R. Sullivan, founder of the New American Theater in Rockford, Illinois, a company he led as Producing Director from 1972 until 1994.

"The Three Sisters" is directed by Bryna Wortman whose directing credits include a twice-extended production of "The Cherry Orchard" at The Actor's Studio in New York.

Boulevard Ensemble Opens Season with Puccini's Opera Gem "Gianni Schiccchi"

Milwaukee — The Boulevard Ensemble, Milwaukee's premiere studio theatre, will again introduce Milwaukee audiences to challenging the entertaining theatre by staging Giacomo Puccini's famous comic opera" Gianni Schiechi."

This fifty minute musical gem will be sung in English and will play October 18 through November 10 at the Boulevard Ensemble Studio Theatre, located 2252 South Kinnickinnic. Veteran director Timothy X. Troy will stage the production with Steven Folstein contributing his talents as Musical Director. Ticket prices will prove to be an exceptional value, as tickets for Thursday performances remain at \$9, Fridays & Sundays are only \$10, and Saturday evenings will be priced at \$12. And student and group rates are available (for as little as \$5!) Curtain times vary (Sunday, October 20 and Sunday, October 27 are 7:30 pm, while Sunday, November 3 and Sunday, November 10 are 2:30 matinees). For reservations or further information, please call the Boulevard Box Office/Voice Mail at 414-672-6019.

"Schicchi" tells the tale of a greedy family attempting to overturn the final will and testament of their late patriarch. In order to get their hands on the palatial estate, the disappointed heirs throw their luck in with a crafty lawyer (the title character, Gianni Schicchi) who proves to be craftier than the hapless family could have ever predicted. Add a pair of star- crossed lovers and a surprise ending and a charming evening is the result. And, of course, Puccini's beautiful music marries seamlessly with the complicated plot twists and broad character humor.

The production will be directed by Timothy X. Troy, who has previously directed at the Boulevard (Machiavelli's "The Mandrake," William Saroyan's "The Time of Your Life," Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot") and has directed theatre and opera at the Evergreen Theatre, DuPage Opera Theatre, UW Madison Theatre, among many other organizations.

The cast contains many new faces to both the Boulevard audiences and the Milwaukee community (Janet Riordan, Julie Alonzo-Calteaux, Jessica Hlavacek, Shawn Murphy, Greg Flegel, and James Skiba). Production Stage Manager Mary Bailey will stage manage the entire production. For reservations or information, please call 414-672-6019.

Lakeside Players Opens Season with Comic Thriller Postmortem

Kenosha — "Postmortem" premiers Friday, October 11 to a benefit audience and runs for three weekends closing Saturday, October 26. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m. Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m. For ticket information, contact Lakeside Players at 414-657-PLAY.

"Postmortem" is a clever thriller by the author of "Lend Me A Tenor," Ken Ludwig. The story of "Postmortem" cen-



-Philip Jeager is featured in "Postmortem."

ters around William Gillette, the real-life actor best known for his popular portrayal of Sherlock Holmes. He has invited the cast of his latest revival for a weekend retreat at his home in



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Connecticur. It is one year since the murder of an actress he loved, and Gillette has arranged a seance, hoping to unmask the killer, as Sherlock Holmes would have done.

The principle players of "Postmortem," includes: Philip Jeager, Diane McFarlin, Katie Johnson, Matthew Specht, Heidi Jenkins, Robert Allen and C. Lynn Allen.

Space Dance Company to Stage "Wild At Heart"

Milwaukee — Wild Space Dance Company presents "Wild At Heart." Show dates are Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12 at 8:00 p.m. "Wild At Heart," performance is at Stiemke Theater (in the Milwaukee Center) located at 108 East Wells Street. Ticket price is \$15,00 and \$13.00 (students and seniors). Tickets available at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Box Office (414) 224-9490.

"Wild At Heart" features a sardonic portrait of love and passion entitled "Suite & Sour," a series of dances set to the music of Kurt Weill, The Tango Project and Amy Denio.

"Suite & Sour" is an updated version of a piece performed on Wild Space's 1987 debut performance. Premier choreography includes a collaborative work by Artistic Director Debra Loewen, Allyson Green (NYC) and Janet Lilly of the UWM dance faculty entitled "This Is A True Story and He, She, You, It" a dance parody of pronounced importance accompanied by dog barks.

Performances of "Wild At Heart" will also feature a free ballroom dance lesson for audience members following the show. For more information call Wild Space Dance Company at (414) 271-0307.

Photography Exhibition Reveals 150 Years of Life in Milwaukee

Milwaukee — In celebration of Milwaukee's Sesquicentennial, an unprecedented collection of photographs from Milwaukee's first 150 years are currently on display at the Milwaukee Art Museum through December 29. "City Stories: 150 Years of Photography in Milwaukee" is sponsored by Foley & Lardner, a law firm founded in Milwaukee in 1842 and a major lender to the exhibition.

Tom Bamberger, MAM adjunct curator of photography, and his assistant Tim Evans have gone through more than a quarter-of-a-million photographs from nearly 70 private and public collections to assembled the exhibition. "City Stories" is comprised of more than 250 photographs drawn from the collectives and archives of other organizations as diverse as Allen-Bradley Company, Inc. and Harley Davidson, the Italian Community Center and the Archdiocese of

Milwaukee, University School of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Jewish Federation, Wisconsin State Historical Society, H.H. Bennett Foundation and the Milwaukee Public Museum.

"Photographs haunt us because they automatically grow in significance over time," Bamberger said. He added that photographs were used more than to simply record an event; they were used to create value. These moments-in-time were made with every kind of camera and process, every level of sophistication, and for every purpose.

"City Stories" is also about the development of photography in Milwaukee, and includes examples of nearly every kind of medium and technology used in the last 150 years, from daguerreotypes and tin types to digital prints. "Very little of consequence in the history of Milwaukee escaped the attention of photographers," Bamberger said. "And looking at these photographs, we are struck by the presence of what will never be again. There is an innocence here, the ease of simply knowing we existed, a poignant beauty to what so gracefully passes before our eyes. The men and women who stare back at us from these pictures have completed their story. And ours remains in their wake."

"In The Life" Receives Two National Journalism Awards

New York — "In The Life" has received two awards for excellence in journalism from the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association, or the NLGJA. This is the second year in a row that the NLGJA has recognized the work of staff producers from "In The Life." Katherine Linton, Senior Producer for "In The Life," and Desireena Almoradie, Associate Producer, each received recognition for segments produced during the 1995- '96 television season.

Katherine Linton, won top honors in the electronic media area, receiving the prestigious "Seigenthaler Award" for a story she did last February about a young man who endured extreme oppression in Romania for being gay.

Desireena Almoradie received the "NLGJA Honors" awards in electronic media for a story she produced last December on the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and the persecution of gay men in Nazi Germany.

The awards were given at a coremony September 7th during the national convention of the NLGJA in Miami. Three producers were recognized in electronic media, two awards going to ""In The Life" and the third to the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

BOOK REPORT

Will Fellows "Farm Boys" Explores Rual Gay Life

by Christopher Krimmer of the In Step Staff

Madison — Will Fellows, the author of Farm Boys: Lives of Gay Men from the Rural Midwest, recently read excerpts from his book to a packed crowd at Borders Book Store in Madison. Fellows' Farm Boys is a rich array of stories about the life experiences of gay farm boys from the Midwest.

The presentation served as an opportunity for people to receive a brief overview of what it is like to grow up in the rural Midwest as a young gay man. Fellows read his favorite excerpts from the book while photographs of these boys childhoods flashed on a screen. Many in the audience easily could relate to the stories of these men's childhood experiences on the farm. Others were simply entertained and amused.

Fellows' own life similarly parallels the men featured in his book. Fellows grew up on a dairy farm in a small rural town. He participated in the local 4-H Club and went to church "religiously" every Sunday morning. Eventually, he left the farm to attend college in Madison. Fellows soon began to feel like an outsider, not only because he was a gay man in mainstream society, but because he was also a rural gay man in an urban gay community. Later Fellows began to wonder if other gay farm boys experienced similar experiences once they had moved into a more urban environment.

Farm Boys should not to be read as a scientific survey or a true representative sampling of gay men in the rural Midwest. Rather, the book serves as a conduit for the stories of about three dozen gay men, ranging in age from 24 to 84, who grew up in Midwestern farm families. Each person's story unveils how they had come to feel like an outsider in their city's gay community even after years of urban living.

Several themes of life on the farm ran throughout these men's stories. Gender roles were strictly enforced. Men proved their masculinity by doing the hard labor and the women did the more feminine house and garden variety of chores. Nevertheless, the gay farm boy defied these gender roles by being more inclined to pursue the "woman's" role on the farm, such as helping with the dinner, cleaning the barn or milking the cows.

Most of the men interviewed experienced a strong sense of isolation. Some of the factors that helped contribute to this sense of isolation includes the far distance between neighboring farms, the homogenous nature of the community, how strangers are looked upon with distrust, and the lack of discussion on the topic of sexuality - especially homosexuality. Fellows admits that these characteristics are not exclusive to

the gay farm boy but rather seem to be more pronounced in the rural communities.

Fellows set out to write a book which would tell the stories of gay farm boys in a thoughtful, informative and entertaining manner. He succeeded. If your still not convinced this is a book that should be sitting on your night stand, come join Will Fellows and some of the men featured in the book for "An Evening of Fabulous Farm Boys" on Thursday October 24 at 7:00 pm in the First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ at 1609 University Ave., Madison.

The United and New Harvest are hosting the event which will include readings from the book, a slide presentation and country-style refreshments. The book will be available for purchase along with Fabulous Farm Boys apparel. Tickets are \$8,00 in advance and \$12,00 at the door.

Advanced tickets may be purchased at Community Pharmacy, Williamson Street Co-op, The United and Border's Book Store. Purchase of admission entitles the ticket holder to a \$5.00 discount on the book at this event.



September 18 to October 2

The Calendar

Wednesday, October 2

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:00 p.m. Spoken Poetry. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee students Ann Liska, Amy Bejrlais and Stacy Seivert will read original material. For more details call (414) 351-9140.

Shake It Up (Madison): "Queer Family Politics" a presentation by Judith Stacey in rethinking family values. Located at 8417 Social Science Hall & sponsored by The ,Havens Center. For more information call (608) 831-4711.

Milwaukee Art Museum (Milwaukee): 10-2 p.m. Free Senior Day for those 50 or older features "City Stories" tours, live music and snacks. For more information call (414) 224-3220.

UWM Symphony Band/Wind Ensemble (Milwaukee): 12:30 p.m. UWM Union, 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd. For more information call (414) 229-4452.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): "Lil Rev" scheduled performer. 8:30 p.m. Admission S2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.



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Thursday, October 3

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:00 p.m. Espresso Poetry. Jane Mead is featured. For more information call (414) 351-9140.

Friday, October 4

OUTreach: Walker's Point Cafe (Milwaukee): HIV testing from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Walker's Point Cafe. Sponsored by BESTD and MAP For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:00 p.m. Dr. Sylvia Rimm will discuss her new book "Smart Parenting, How to Raise a Happy, Achieving Child." For more information call (414) 351-9140.

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 8:30 p.m., until 11:30 p.m. Live music! Jim Waller and Lori Giese will entertain you. For more information call (414) 351-9140.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): 9:00 p.m. Performer Amy Rohan is scheduled to entertainment. Admission S3.00.

University of Wisconsin-Madison: "Light in the East: New films from Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan and China," series continues. 7:30 p.m. "The Red Detachment of Women," will be shown. For more details call (608) 262-2543.

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: 8:00 p.m. in the Marcus Center's Uihlein Hall. Lou Rawls and MSO. For more information call (414) 273-7206.

Robert Nugent Jones (Milwaukee): 9:00 p.m. PrideFest Volunteer Appreciation at LaCage/dance-dance.

UWM Fine Arts Gallery (Milwaukee): Art Department Student Scholarship Exhibition. For information call (414) 229-5070 or (414) 229-5858.

Saturday, October 5

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison): 8:00

p.m. Young Men's Night (18-30). "Aussie Dreams," "No Ka'oi" and "Download." For more information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Milwaukee Dance Theatre (Milwaukee): 8:00 p.m. Opening Concert at Alverno College-Pitman Theater. Admission \$12.00. For more information call (414) 382-6044 or (414) 224-9490.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): 9:00 p.m. "Clamnation." No cover. For more details call (414) 291-9889.

Singsationals at M&M Club (Milwaukee): Starting at 9pm. For more information call: (414) 347-1962

Unicorns of Madison: Open Meeting for all eligible men at 2pm at R Place, 121 W. Main Street. For more information: Unicorns of Madison, P.O. Box 536, Madison, WI 53701

Sunday, October 6

Families, Friends and Allies (Milwaukee): Special event sponsored by Human Rights League. Entertainment, refreshments, activities. FMI Call: (414) 228-1921.

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:10 p.m. Scrabble. Join other word enthusiasts for a round of scrabble. FMI call (414) 351-9140.

Monday, October 7

OUTreach: This Is It (Milwaukee): HIV testing from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at This Is It. Sponsored by BESTD and MAP For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): 8:30 p.m. Burt Guibord. Admission \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Harry W. Schwartz Book Shop (Brookfield): 7:00 p.m. The NEW mystery reading group will discuss "Booked to Die," by John Dunning.

Barbara and the Carousels (Milwaukee): Live music at the M&M Club. "Polka 'til you puke!" starting at 7pm. For more information call (414) 347-1962

Tuesday, October 8

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): 10:00 p.m. Dave Monroe. Admission \$2.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Wednesday, October 9

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:00 p.m. Meet Elizabeth Trinal author of "Mary Surratt: An American Tragedy." For more information call (414) 351-9140.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): 8:30 p.m.
 Mississippi Cactus & Open Mike. Admission \$2.00.
 For more information call (414) 291-9889.

Thursday, October 10

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: 7:30 p.m. Silvia Marcovici and Hans Graf will perform. Marcus Center's Uihlein Hall. For more details call (414) 273-7206.

UWM "Music from Almost Yesterday": 8:00 p.m. People's Books. Improvised music with guests Matt Turner (cello) and Hal Rammel (percussion). For more information call (414) 962-0575.

Out on the Job (Milwaukee): Live Call-in an Channel 14, MATA. A discussion on being out on the workplace. Starting at 7pm. Call in to express your opinion at 799-LIVE.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): Take another step toward freedom! Guest Linda Plagman, PhD. On Worner Cable Channel 47 at 7 pm

Harry W. Schwartz Book Shop (Brookfield): 7:00 p.m. Milwaukee Chamber Theatre preview. For more details call (414) 797-6140.

Friday, October 11

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): 9:30 p.m. Acoustic Warriors. Admission \$4.00. For more information call (414) 291-9889.

OUTreach: Ball Game (Milwaukee): HIV testing from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Ball Game. Sponsored by BESTD and MAP For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

The Ten Percent Society (Madison): 8:00 p.m. Coming Out Week Dance. Great Hall-Memorial Union. Admission \$3.00. For more information call Don Elmer (608) 262-3763 or (608) 255-9449.

Frontiers (Madison): 7:30 p.m. Dining out at "The Flamingo." For details call David at (608) 274-5959.

Come Out and Dance (Milwaukee) The Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Community at UWM presents this dance at the UWM Union Terrace. 2200 E. Kenwood Blvd., starting at 8pm, \$4 at the door.

Saturday, October 12

Follie Girls Auction (Kenosha): At Club 94 to benefit SEWAP. Guest appearances, donatations accepted. Starting at 10:30pm. For more information call (414) 857-9958.

Frontiers (Madison): 8:00 p.m. The process of "coming out." For more information contact David at (608) 274-5959.

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): 8:30 p.m. John Schneider. Admission \$4.00. FMI call (414) 291-9889.

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:30-11:30 p.m. Live Music: Mark Rattner. For more information call (414) 351-2563.

Patterson Trio (Milwaukee): Live music at M&M Club starting at 7pm. For more information call (414) 347-1962.

Madison Gay Video Club (Madison): 8:00 p.m. "A Very Natural Thing," "In Man's Country," and "IML Initiation." For more information call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Sunday, October 13

Madison Wrestling Club (Madison): 1:00 p.m. Practice/Instruction (beginners welcomed). For details call (608) 244-8675 (eves).

Grapevine Reunion (Milwaukee): starting at 4pm at the Humboldt Park Pavilion, 3000 S. Howell Avenue (entrance on Pine Avenue). The event includes a potluck dinner at 5pm.

UWM/Fine Arts Quartet: 3:00 p.m. UWM Fine Arts Recital Hall. For details call (414) 229-4308.

Angels of Hope MCC (Green Bay): 7:00 p.m. "Homosexuality and The Bible." For more information call Rev. Ken Hull (414) 432-0830.

Monday, October 14

Cafe Melange (Milwaukee): 8:30 p.m. Russ Bickerstaff. Admission S2.00. For details call

(414) 291-9889.

Tuesday, October 15

Public Officials Reception (Milwaukee): at the Village Church, 130 E. Juneau starting at 5:30pm. For more information contact HRL at (414) 228-1921.

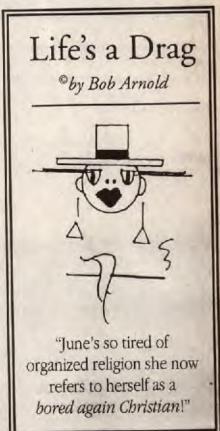
Milwaukee Dance Theatre (Milwaukee): 10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra Youth Concerts. Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. For more information call (414) 273-1999.

Audubon Court Books (Milwaukee): 7:00 p.m.
Tom Nitzsche lectures "Career Management." For more information call (414) 351-2563.

Wednesday, October 16

OUTreach: Mama Roux (Milwaukee): HIV testing from 9pm until 12am at Mama Roux. Sponsored by BESTD and MAP For more information call (414) 272-2144 or (414) 225-1502.

Harry W. Schwartz Book Shop (Brookfield): 7:00 p.m. Reading group will discuss "Mr. Vertigo" by Paul Auster. For details call (414) 797-6140.





ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Is There a God? (or Goddess, depending)

Consider the following:

Non-gays now apologize to us for not knowing.

The President of the US saying the word "Gay" in hopes of getting elected.

Aunt Mary's 52 year companion invited to family weddings. Uncle Buddy's "friend" included in family reunions.

Families that sign the Christmas card to both of you.

Straight women pretend to be lesbians.

We can't get on a talk show unless we killed more than three people.

Or won the Nobel and Pulitzer prizes.

Nearly half the senate voted in our favor.

Christian Coalition members are questioning why they're being called "Bigots"

Pat Bucanan wasn't allowed on the platform at the Republican Convention by other Christian Coalitioners.

They don't raid our bars.

Our colorful recognition sign has nothing to do with nazis.

Queer Resources Directory on the Internet.

An out lesbian was appointed and approved for the Federal Cabinet.

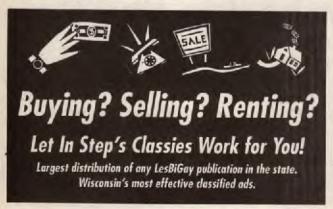
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k.d. lang, Janis Ian, Melissa Etheridge (In no particular order)

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Lesbian chic.

The 1993 March on Washington.

Telling your mother.

Stonewall 1994.

Ellen DeGeneris' producers even considering an outting story line.

The Roseanne kiss.

We win local elections on a 52% to 48% average.

We put the Religious Political Extremists in Congress on the defensive about their marriages.

Toyota and IKEA think we're as much a market as all the booze and condom mfrs.

Hundreds of thousands come to our parades in big cities.

Tens of thousands come to our parades in small towns.

We are now actually surprised when celebrities don't come out.

The city sanctioned gay and lesbian visitors center at the Atlanta Olympics.

Your father understanding lesbian divorce.

Your mother telling you that she knows it wasn't her fault. (It was your father's! -a mom joke)

The size of PFLAG.

The best proof of the idiocy of the Speaker of the House: his own sister.

The best argument for mixed marriages: Chastity Bono

The best question to ask a stranger and expect a positive answer: Who in your family is gay or lesbian?

And finally, one of my all time favorites, which may or may not have any thing to do with being lesbian or gay, but, hey, what the heck, it is my list:

Spaghetti and mashed potatoes are now considered healthy food.

Amazing. And in our lifetime. And you thought things looked empty. Guess it depends on how you hold the glass.

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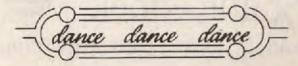
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KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

Show Us Your Tits

emember the last column? At the end of the column I mentioned that my boyfriend was taking me on a mini wacation. I knew about the trip for a little over two months. What I didn't know, was where we were going. It was all very exciting... wondering where we would be spending 4 days together... very exciting not knowing what we would be doing... very exciting just not knowing. That is until the night before we were to board the airplane. Everybody knew where we were going but me. It was... well.. just a bit nerve racking. But I handled it pretty well. After all, everything was already all set up. All I had to do was pack.

So there we are, standing at the ticket counter at the airport. Of course Joel wants to keep our destination a secret for as long as he can. He even told the lady at the counter not to mention the final destination. She lasted about 90 seconds before she "slipped" and mention the words, New Orleans. My first reaction was relief that I finally knew where we were headed. It took a minute so sink in but my second reaction was excitement. We were goin' to New Orleans. Yes, the city of Mardi Gras, the city with some of the best food in the United States. The city that parties 24 hours a day. The city with the slogan "Show us your Tits". What more could you ask for.

We checked into the Fairmont Hotel around 5:30 p.m. By 7:00 we were headed down to the French Quarter. More specifically, Bourbon Street, just 2 blocks from our hotel. We



-Peaches Peril Johnston, Jamie and Leah-Leah at Lucky Chengs in New Orleans

really didn't have a plan, we were just going to play it by ear. We walked north on Bourbon street just taking in the sights and sounds when off in the distance we saw the Pride Flags we were hoping to see.

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Scenes from the 1996 AIDS Walk Wisconsin

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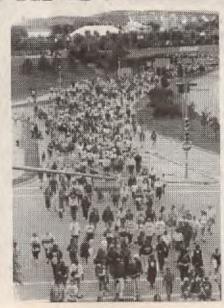


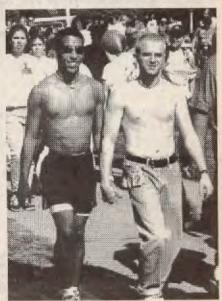














-Spotted at the Boot Camp during a recent fundraiser. Photo: Jamie

Our first stop was Bourbon Pub. We ordered our drinks and before you know it we were talking to Joey. He is a New Orleans native, so he was wealth of information. He told us were to go and where not to go. The 2 bartenders we liked the most were Lisa and Dave.

The next stop was Oz, right across the street. This place was just as cool as Bourbon Pub. Both places have a great cocktail hour and after that they turn into even better dance clubs.

But, we didn't go to New Orleans to sit in Gay bars the whole time so we decided to check out the rest of Bourbon Street. A couple of places worth mentioning are New Orleans Blues Company. We spent much of our time there taking in great music from a band called Big Trouble (I can't wait until this band has a compact disc on the shelves). And yes, as much as I do not like the song Macarena, (when the band took a break one of the girls got on stage and kept the crowd entertained) I learned how to do the dance. Just don't tell anyone!

The other place is Lucky Cheng's. This place has Pan-Asian/Creole fare featuring Asian and American transvestite waitresses. Serving our food and playing with our tushes were Peaches Peril Johnston and Leah-Leah (also known as Cumoni Wannalayyah). If you ever visit New Orleans, you MUST make Lucky Chengs one of your stops. The whole dining experience was a total blast and the food was superb.

So if you're into great music, great food and a 24 hour party, New Orleans is the place to be. Make sure you check out as much of the city as you can. If you stay at a hotel downtown don't bother to rent a car, everything is within walking distance. Keep in mind that you could spend a week just in the French Quarter and still not see it all. And to Joel I say thanks; it was a complete surprise and definitely a great time.

Back here in Milwaukee, AIDS WALK WISCONSIN was a hit this year. With the combination of lot's of hard work by the ARCW (AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin); over 2,000 volunteers; 12,614 walkers and of course BETTE MIDLER, \$1,005,042.00 was raised.

This year was the first year the breakfast was sold out.

They even added more tables to accommodate the additional crowd. When **BETTE MIDLER** walked in the crowd went nuts! As she came up the center isle, the cameras were clicking like crazy, mine included. After she made a short speech and of course a few saucy jokes, she was whisked away to the festival grounds. There she made another speech (in a fabulous green suit) and was once again whisked away, this time for the ribbon cutting.

I made my way north to get photos of some of the walkers. Let me tell you that from my perspective, the stream of walkers seemed endless. At several spots along the way there were plenty of stops for water, some energy food and if you needed a little rest there was entertainment to keep your energy level high.

Kudos to every one that participated with this years walk! I would like to point out that our of all of the bars in Wisconsin, MAMA ROUX, by far, worked the hardest at registering people for the walk. They had over 200 people on their team. Hopefully next year all of the bars will get more competitive and sign up even more walkers.

Because this column ran on a little long, I will have to wait until next issue to tell you about my trip to Green Bay and get you caught up on the rest of the club news. Until then your comments are always welcome. You can send them to Jamie, C/O In Step Magazine 1661 N. Water Street, Suite 411 Milwaukee, WI 53202. And as always, slower traffic keep right.



-One last Bette, Photo: Jamie

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In Step Newsmagazine, Wisconsin's oldest and most respected LesBiGay publication seeks reporters and writers to cover local and regional news. Persons in Madison, Green Bay, Appleton, Northwestern and Western Wisconsin encouraged to inquire. Writers are paid for their work. Send samples or inquiries in confidence to:

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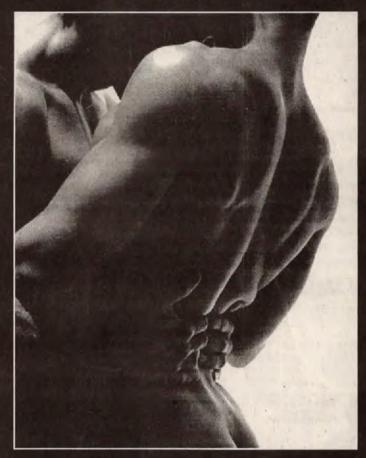
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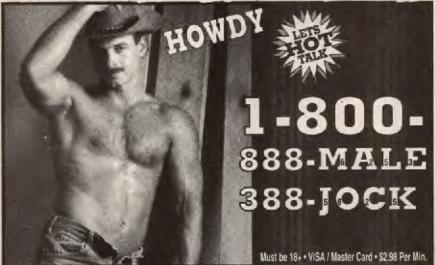
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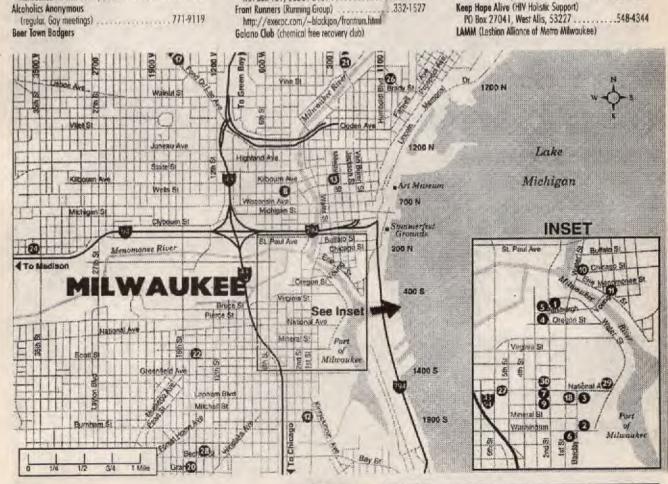
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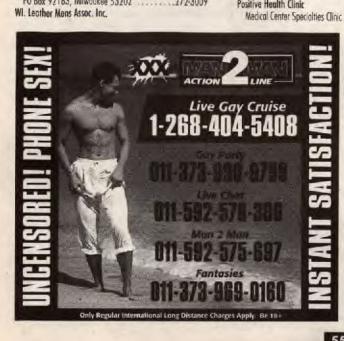
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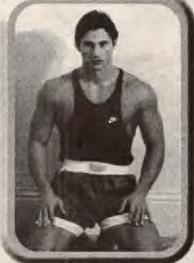
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[Chicago] #1747

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male interested in hot Black
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or alcohol. If you are good
looking and well endowed
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HEY GUYS I'm a 20 year old Gay White male, 5'10, 145lbs, good shape. I like the outdoors, shopping, and more. Call me. Lets talk. (Appleton) #18955

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46, 252, 6'2",
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hair, balding,
varied interests,
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crocheting and
knitting, seeks
others, with similar
interests, for fun
and friendship.
Give me a call.
[Appleton]
20138

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

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SHOW AND TELL I'm a 19 year old Gay White male looking for people to show me the Gay lifestyle, Call me. I'm new at this. (Kiel) 1366

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

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

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

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interested please call me.
(Madison) #42659

SOMEDAY WE'LL BE TOGETHER GAM, student, seeks GWM, 25-35, fit and intelligent only, for fun and more. Call me! (Modison) #8873

DADDY LOOKING FOR BOY GWM, 40, daddy type, seeks young son for relationship. Please leave a message. (Madison) 114349

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

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

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YOU I'm 27 years old, 5'10,
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looking for men around my
age for fun and more. Call
me. (Menonomie) #3939

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

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

OH NOI IT'S MR. BILL I'm 47 years old, 5'7 178lbs, and hairy. I'm looking for another hot leather man to be in touch with. I'm willing to experiment and explore. I like to dominate. Call me. (Milwaukee) #20606 CUMING STRAIGHT ON TO YOU I'm looking for straight acting friends to hang out with. I'm 24 years old, 6'2, 170lbs, Brown hair, Blue eyes. (Milwaukee) #19828

ARE YOU READY FOR A STEADY? I'm 33 years old, 5'11, dark Brown hair, Hazel eyes, 165lbs. I'm looking to meet a man for good times and a possible long term relationship. Please be honest, sincere, and caring. (Milwaukee) =18019

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

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

9 INCH NAIL I'm a 30 year old construction worker, 180lbs, very muscular, very well endowed, big biceps, lightly furry chest, Blond hair, Blue eyes, Bi, versatile. I'm married but I like getting it on with other guys. Call me. [Northwestern] #8037

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

LET'S TALK GWM, masculine and 23, 6', 165, sandy blande hair, hazel eyes, good shape, varied interests, seek local guys, 21-25, for friendship first then maybe more. (Oshkosh) #21232 THE TIME 15 RIGHT I'm looking for a friend. If you would like to spend some time together this summer call me. I have many interests, Lets talk. (Phillips) #1262

GOOD LOOKING WELL BUILT BLOND I'm a 22 year old college student. I like weight litting, travel, friends, dancing, etc. I have Bland hair and Blue eyes. I have a good body and I'm good looking. Call me. (Tomahawk) =8641

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

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

HOT AS HELL I'm a Bi guy looking for a male 18 to 30 who is in for a long term or short term relationship. [Wassau] #2950

NOTHING I WON'T DO FOR YOU GWM, 30, seeks others who are

seeks others who are muscular and/or body builders, over 18, for pleasure and anything you want. Call me today! [Waukesho] \$242

WE CAN WORK IT OUT I'm 25 years old, 6'1, 185lbs, medium build, Blande hair, Blue eyes. I enjoy tennis, movies, biking, and exercising. I'm looking for friendship and a possible relationship. Call me. (Wausau) #11144 THE LONG HAUL GWM, 45, 5'7", brown hair, green eyes, 'stache and beard, seeks others into settling down and monogamous relationships. If this is you, call me. (Wausau) =22674

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

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

LET'S PLAY GWM, 28, seeks same, for fun and pleasure. Call me and leave a way to contact you. (Wisconsin) #27268

LETS GET TOGETHER Gay White male couple, early 30's, seeks other Gay White couples or singles for get togethers and more. (Wisconsin Rapids) #9317

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE I'm 29 years old, 5'7, 140lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes. I'm looking for someone 20 to 35 who is interested in friendship leading to a long term relationship. Call me. #11234 OPEN TO NEW THINGS
I'm 26 years old, 6'1 Blond
hair, Hazel eyes, well built,
big guy. I like to party. I'm
looking for someone to hang
out with. Call me. \$\pi\$3143

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

USE AND ABUSE THIS BOTTOM I'm an inexperienced submissive

bottom looking for a physically dominant top for wrestling, bondage, S&M, and more. If you would like to use and abuse me pleas call. I'm 35 years old, 5'9, 190lbs, clean, and discreet. #21247

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



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OUT OF THE STARS

by C. Lichtenstein

Horoscope for October 2 through October 15



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Your closets are ruled by water signs which means that you're more emotionally involved with those areas of your life than most folks. You have

more attachments to family, home, deep sexual commitments and spirituality than you would care to admit in a public forum. (Your secret is safe with me!) Gather all kindred souls and create something for yourself that was denied to you by Morn and Dad.



TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

Accept me for who I am or tough luck! Gay Bulls who seem so emotionally committed to others can

turn off the spigot and go their own way if their needs are not supported. You probably never faced inner conflicts of who you are and if people would accept you. Instead, the fire in your closet houses enables you to seek the company of those who would accept you for who you are, hooves and all.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

You probably had a difficult time coming out. Part of the problem is the general fickleness of the Gemini nature which makes you unable or unwilling to settle down with one special person. In your case, chalk up the extra angst to dour Capricorn sitting in your sexual closet. You can run, but you can't hide, so why not do yourself a favor this October and talk to someone



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

Pink Crabs seem emotionally centered on the outside, but I would bet that all your closets are swirling with

hurricanes and tarnados. It must be all those air signs in there, stirring up your neuroses and making you try desperately to seek balance, harmony, justice and logic where none may exist. Crabs don't have a backbone, but you may find one tucked away on a back shelf. Try it on for size.



LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

Seek and ye shall find, pink Lion. All your closets are ruled by water signs which indicates that you

should allow your emotions free rein. Family restrictions never seemed to bother you; you are able to undermine the current regime rather easily. The pothole exists in your sexual expression. Dramatic as you are, there are some things that even you won't discuss openly.



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

You may not appear to be a firebrand, but don't let naysayers and homophobes get in your way! All

your closets are full of fire and it's evident that throughout your life, it's been your way or the highway. Remember that fire is not conducive to quiet contemplation. Try stepping back from the heat every so often and take stock of who you are body and soul



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

If you have any barriers preventing you from coming out proudly, it probably originates from family

baggage. Your closets are ruled by stable earth signs which provide you with ample common sense. However, Capricorn casts a pall over your iroots? and I suspect Mums. Dad and the clan are less than pleased with your lifestyle. Tough. You gotta live your



SCORPIO (OCT, 24 - NOV, 22)

Passionate Scorps glide into their lifestyle choices far easily than other signs. This is because all your closets

contain air signs which blow and cool off the hot embers of any raging temperamental fires. While you may play the sexual gayfly (after all, frivolous Gemini sits in the sex closet) you know how to handle family issues and are spiritually in harmony.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

What do you get when you combine a big mouth like Sag with closets filled with emotional water signs? A

lot of wailing and yelling perhaps, or maybe a sarcastic spot-on appraisal of where others a full of garbage. Your step out won't be quiet and dignified, but it will sure entertain audiences. Out loud and proud is always the best way, I think. Others will have to adjust.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23- JAN. 20)

Serious, conventional Capricorn is anything but where your closets are concerned. This is because they are

filled with rambunctious fire signs. You are regal and dramatic sexually, but probably need a lot of confirmation from lovers. Be aware that this ramrod energy will not take no for an answer when family dictates get in the way of your inner needs.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

The only closet that appears to creak is the one containing secrets, personal undoing and spiritual fal-

low. Ever hear of the old saving that you are your own worst enemy? It's possible that all the junk that you stuff away and hide is beginning to fester and smell. Open up and toss it out! Happily, other closeted potholes in your chart are less problematic.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Spiritual Pisces may feel at odds with the barriers in their closets, but thank goodness all those air signs

blow a clean breeze through every so often. The worst I see is fragmented nerves and related stress, but like everything else, this too shall pass and you will have the satisfaction that you are living your life openly, freely and unafraid.

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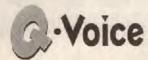




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