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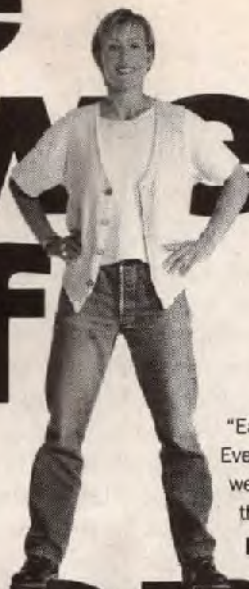
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Clinton Endorsement

Dear Editor:

We are writing to inform you of the decision of the Human Rights League for Lesbians and Gays (HRL) Board to endorse President Clinton as the presidential candidate for the November 5, 1996, election.

This decision was carefully weighed and discussed by the Board strictly on the basis of Clinton's record on issues of importance to members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities.

Please understand that this decision was not a "given." There were several distressing and critical issues surrounding the Clinton endorsement:

1. His signing of "DOMA" (the so-called "Defense of Marriage Act" that bans legal protection of same gender relationships)

2. Non-fulfillment of his 1992 campaign promise to create an "AIDS Manhattan Project"

3. Clinton administration (i.e. Justice Department) refusal to file a "friend of the court" brief on behalf of the plaintiffs against Colorado's "Amendment Two" when it was before the Supreme Court Against this backdrop of troublesome points, there were an equally impressive list of counterpoints:

1. His endorsement of "ENDA" the Employment Non-Discrimination Act which would outlaw job based discrimination at the national level.

2. Fighting successfully to repeal the "Dornan Amendment" which would have required the expulsion of all HIV-positive military service members without regard for their current health.

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3. Appointing the most inclusive Administration in history with over 100 openly lesbian and gay appointees.

As the Human Rights League Board is ruled by consensus, it was after great agonizing that those opposed to the endorsement volunteered to abstain to allow passage.

In the final analysis, concerns about inevitable Supreme Court appointments between now and the end of the decade as well as a strong sense of HRL's role in the LGBT community compelled the Board to take this public stand.

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News

Organizers Clarify Efforts Toward Milwaukee Community Center

By Jamakaya
of the *In Step* Staff

Milwaukee — A recent fundraising letter sent out by the G/L Community Center Trust Fund has caused some confusion within Milwaukee's gay and lesbian community about whether the Trust Fund is associated with the ongoing effort, initiated earlier this year, to establish an LGBT Community Center in the city.

Callers to *In Step* *Newsmagazine* and to several local organizations have asked for clarification on whether the efforts are connected or are independent of each other. *In Step* interviewed representatives of each group, who did their best to explain the situation.

According to Si Smits, owner of the Boot Camp saloon, the G/L Community Center Trust Fund was established by members of the group Beer Town Badgers. The Beer Town Badgers inherited money from some members who passed away and are using that money as the basis for a trust fund whose purpose is to support the founding and operation of a community center in Milwaukee.

The funds currently being raised by the Trust Fund are not earmarked specifically for the LGBT Community Center

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— Si Smits

Initiative, the organizing drive begun earlier this year after Erv Uecker and Ross Walker pledged \$100,000 toward such a community center effort.

"It's not that we won't give them the money," says Smits. "We plan to wait and see how things develop. We want to

provide assistance to a gay and lesbian community center — whoever runs it — as long as it serves the whole community."

Smits expressed some frustration with the slow pace of organizing by the LGBT Community Center Initiative. He said: "Some of my friends won't give any money to them

"We're creating an institution we hope will last far into the future, so we have to make sure its foundation is sound."

— JIM SCHLIEF

until they make some solid decisions and plans. The Trust Fund can raise and hold that money in reserve until sometime in the future when their plans or someone else's for a community center really come about."

Smits says that the Trust Fund's Board of Directors will eventually decide who will get the money based on criteria the Board itself establishes. The names of seven men along with the Beer Town Badger Corporation appear under the heading "Board of Directors Trustees" on the Trust Fund's stationery. A brochure included in the recent fundraising mailing indicates the Trust Fund has applied to the IRS for 501(c)3 non-profit status.

At a benefit for the Trust Fund on October 26, some concerns were aired about letting people know more clearly exactly what the money will be earmarked for. Smits says a new brochure with more specifics will be designed for 1997, and the Trust Fund will make a more formal statement to the gay press by the end of the year.

LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER

Jim Schlieff, co-chair (along with Karen Gortler) of the LGBT Community Center Initiative, told *In Step*: "The LGBT Community Center Initiative is not currently doing

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fundraising.”

“There are about 70 volunteers behind the LGBT Community Center Initiative,” said Schlieff. “We are working hard to build a diverse Board of Directors so that all sectors of the LGBT community are represented. We are conducting a feasibility study to determine the needs of such a center, its location, what services and programs it might offer. We are beginning to meet one-on-one with organizations and businesses to incorporate their interests. We are also developing fundraising plans. All of this takes time.”

Schlieff said the feasibility study is expected to be completed by late January. “Once our needs are determined and specific plans have been adopted, that’s when we’ll begin a seri-

ous fundraising campaign. We don’t want to ask people for money before there is a specific plan and a timeline for implementation. We see this as very responsible fundraising.”

He said any confusion about the Community Center Initiative and the Trust Fund is “unfortunate.”

“But we’re having discussions and hoping all our efforts will be joined in the future.”

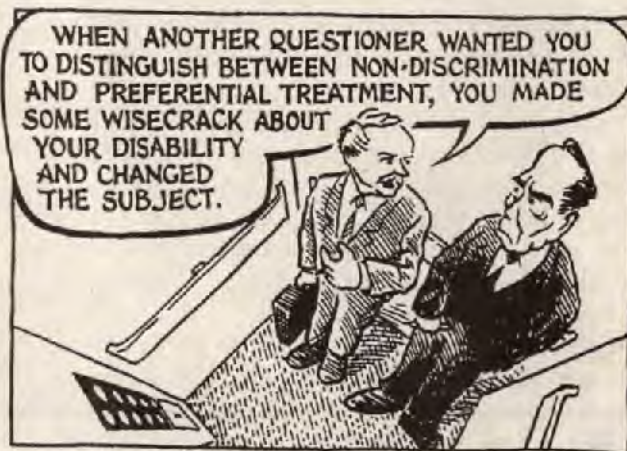
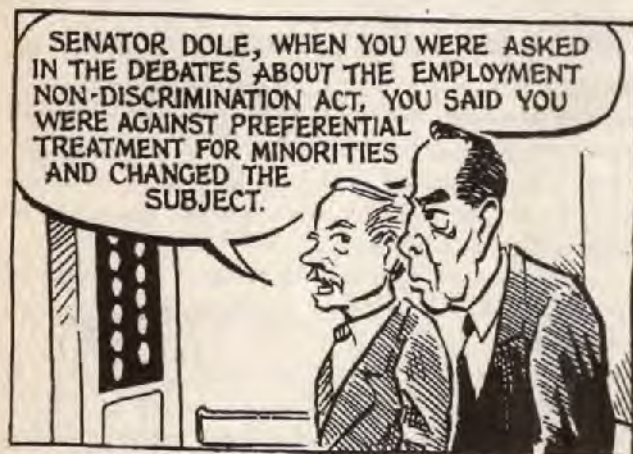
Schlieff commented too about the impatience being expressed by some gays and lesbians about the community center’s organizing process.

“I know some people are wondering: why does this have to be so intense and thorough? Why is it taking so long? Believe me, we sometimes ask the same questions of ourselves. But we’re con-

vinced of the importance of a community-based approach, making sure everyone is represented and all considerations are carefully reviewed. We’re creating an institution we hope will last far into the future, so we have to make sure its foundation is sound.”

Meanwhile, separate from the efforts of either the Trust Fund or the Community Center Initiative, Senior Action in a Gay Environment (SAGE) has been negotiating for the rental of a meeting space.

“We’re hoping to open a SAGE Senior Center so we have a place to call our own,” SAGE/Milwaukee spokesman Eldon Murray told *In Step*. “We’re not in any competition with the community center and we don’t rule out working with them in the future. I



hope the community center can get going, but it may take quite a bit of time and we feel we can't wait. We've been looking for a meeting place for some time."

People wanting to get involved in the LGBT Community Center Initiative can call 414/483-4710. The next Town Hall meeting for the Community Center is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 at 3pm. To contact the G/L Community Center Trust Fund, call 414/643-1562. To connect with SAGE, call 414/271-0378.

Wisconsin Reps. Neumann, Roth and Petri Get "Zeros" on HRC Report Cards

By *Jamakaya*
of the *In Step Staff*

Washington, DC — The Human Rights Campaign has issued its final "Scorecard" on the 104th Congress, and only one member of Wisconsin's Congressional delegation, the openly gay Steve Gunderson, received a 100% rating. Three other Republican Congressmen — Mark Neumann, Thomas Petri and Toby Roth — earned grades of zero (-0-). Neumann and Petri face re-election November 5. Roth is retiring.

The remainder of the Wisconsin delegation in the House of Representatives received these grades: Scott Klug (R), 56%; Gerald Kleczka (D), 67%; Tom Barrett (D), 89%; David Obey (D), 50%; and James Sensenbrenner (R), 11%.

In the Senate, both Sens. Herb Kohl and Russell Feingold garnered grades of 89%. Both men are Democrats, but neither faces re-election this year.

The Human Rights Campaign (HRC), the nation's largest gay and les-

bian advocacy organization, issues its scorecard annually to inform constituents of how their representatives have voted on an array of gay and AIDS-related issues. The latest report covers key votes during the biennium of the 104th Congress, which recently adjourned.

In compiling its scorecard, HRC chooses nine important votes on gay or AIDS-related issues in both the House and Senate. It then gives each senator or representative a "plus" or "minus" grade based on whether he or she voted in support of HRC's position.

THE HOUSE

The nine votes in the House on which HRC based its scorecard included: an amendment to insure accurate information about HIV transmission in training for federal workers; an amendment to repeal the District of Columbia law extending benefits to domestic partners; an amendment to increase funds for the Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS program; and three different votes related to the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Also included in the grade was a request of each representative that he or she voluntarily adopt a non-discrimination policy regarding sexual orientation in the hiring and promotion of their office staffs, a vote on the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) which would have outlawed anti-gay bias in employment, and a vote to repeal an earlier measure which required the discharge of all service members testing positive for HIV.

Reps. Neumann, Petri and Roth voted against HRC's position on each one of these issues, while Gunderson supported all of HRC's positions.

On November 5, Neumann faces a tough challenge Lydia Sportswood, a former member of the Kenosha City



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The only issue Tom Barrett voted on in opposition to HRC was the Defense of Marriage Act, earning him his 89% rating. Barrett is being challenged for re-election by the GOP's Paul Melotik. The 4th district's Jerry Kleczka earned a 67% rating for his two votes in support of DOMA and against ENDA. He is running for re-election against Republican Tom Reynolds, an openly anti-gay, Christian Coalition-backed candidate.

Scott Klug, facing a strong re-election challenge from Madison Mayor Paul Soglin, earned a 56% rating for his votes against housing funds for PWAs and ENDA and two votes in support of the Defense of Marriage Act.

The 50% grade earned by the usually liberal and pro-gay David Obey surprised many political observers. He voted "present" rather than "aye" or "nay" on housing funds for PWAs. He cast two votes in support of DOMA and against ENDA and the repeal of compulsory discharges for service members with HIV. His conservative opponent in the November 5 race, Scott West, is not likely to vote any better

than Obey of gay or AIDS issues.

Finally, the staunchly conservative James Sensenbrenner achieved his meager 11% grade for his vote in support of ENDA. He is expected to win re-election for his tenth term in Congress.

THE SENATE

The issues on which the Senate scorecard was based included DOMA and ENDA, re-authorization of the Ryan White CARE Act and the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, guarantees of Medicaid coverage for people with AIDS, the repeal of the discharge provision regarding HIV-positive service members, the voluntary non-bias policy on sexual orientation in Senatorial office staffing, and an amendment to the Ryan White Act (sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms) that would have prevented any Ryan White AIDS funds from going to gay community health centers.

Despite recent criticism from some members of the gay community for his voting record, Wisconsin's senior Sen. Herb Kohl earned a grade of 89% from the Human Rights Campaign. The one vote that cost him 11 points was his vote in support of the Defense of Marriage Act. Kohl was re-elected to a six-year term in 1994.

Sen. Russ Feingold also received a grade of 89%. His only lapse, in the view of HRC, was his vote against re-authorization of the Hate Crimes Statistics Act. Feingold, even during his years in the Wisconsin legislature, opposed hate crimes laws. He has repeatedly stated that although crimes based on hatred of another's race, religion or sexual orientation are abhorrent, laws punishing the motivation behind some crimes may create potential infringements on civil liberties, including that of free speech. Elected to the US Senate in 1992, Feingold faces re-election in 1998.

The Human Rights Campaign is encouraging gays and lesbians and their families and supporters to vote on November 5 and to use the voting record of their representatives on gay and AIDS-related issues as a guide to choosing the proper candidates.

Green Bay Police Chief and Sheriff Meet with Gays

by Cheryl Myers
of the In Step Staff

Green Bay — Positive Voice of Green Bay, a local gay organization, was host to a recent program entitled "Gays, Lesbians, and Law Enforcement." Police Chief Jim Lewis and Brown County Sheriff Mike Donart were invited to meet

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with members of the lesbian community on October 21 at the Brown County Library. Lloyd Schaefer, President of Positive Voice, said he wanted to open a dialogue between gays and law enforcement, and was very pleased that both the Police Chief and Sheriff accepted his invitation to the informal panel discussion.

"What a wonderful opportunity this is to discuss our issues," he said.

The vast majority of those in attendance were gay men and members of Positive Voice, but two lesbians were also in the audience. The local news media were not in attendance.

Sheriff Donart began the program with a history of the origins of the office of Sheriff. He then went on to explain, at length, the structure of his organization, and the types of prisoners housed in the Brown Co. jail. He focused on the future needs of Brown Co. with regards to creating more jail space to serve the area.

Donart, who had been sharply criticized this past summer after a successful prisoner escape that resulted in firings at the jail, stated, "I trusted my employees, and some of them let me down. I am still responsible, but I also believe we have now fixed the problem and learned from our mistakes. Brett Favre might throw two interceptions in a game, but he needs to go on and lead his team to victory. He can win the game."

After a description by Donart of the extensive training given his uniformed officers, *In Step* asked what, if any, special training in combatting homophobia or other gay-oriented issues his deputies received. "Well, I believe those issues are covered, not in a course titled that per se, but in broader classes at school that deal with sensitivities to alternative lifestyles. All my employees learn to treat members of the public with respect."

"This area has not addressed the issues of your community as well as other areas," Donart continued. "I know that in larger cities, there is more being done. But I believe that there's a lady called Liberty, and she wears a blindfold for a reason. We cannot discriminate. We must apply the same standard of fairness to everyone."

When asked if any of his officers had "come out," Donart replied that one of his female deputies was in a committed relationship with another woman.

"Do you remember the adoption issue that was in the news where two women wanted to adopt Angel? One of the women involved was this deputy. That got a lot of publicity, and she is very open, and she has no problems in our department," Donart said.

A gay man in the audience volunteered that he had been in law enforcement training and had encountered teachers with racist, sexist, and homophobic attitudes. He asked if the

Sheriff had an opinion about any improvements in the educational process.

"In my opinion, the recruits are better prepared and of a much higher quality than 10 years ago. They usually have two or four-year degrees, and have been exposed to teachers who emphasize sensitivity and listening skills when dealing with the public," Sheriff Donart replied.

When asked what to do if one felt one had been treated unfairly by an officer because of sexual orientation, Donart said that either he or his senior deputy should be contacted to report the incident. However, he did not outline a process for dealing with this type of complaint, other than to say that he might address this once with an officer and give him another chance, explaining that his officers are seldom in "situations with alternative lifestyles, and they might, through ignorance, not know how to react. But they would only get one more chance, and maybe not that, if it was serious enough."

The next speaker was Green Bay Police Chief Jim Lewis. Chief Lewis is new to Green Bay, having come here from the Bakersfield, CA, police department eleven months ago. Lewis was quick to point out the differences in his role versus that of sheriff.

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"First, I don't have to run for office every two years, and second, I don't have to run the jail," he said.

Lewis went on to address points brought up by Sheriff Donart's, "I agree with the sheriff about the improvement in our recruits. I have been extremely satisfied with the high quality of officers in the Green Bay Police Department. Are any of them bigots? Maybe. We hire from the society we live in, and we bring our baggage with us. It is our job to educate, reach and reinforce what is acceptable behavior. And if someone truly is a bad apple, it's our job to eliminate that person from the force."

"One thing I have noticed," Lewis continued, "is a reduction in the amount of jokes and cartoons of a questionable nature in the office and locker room. Ten years ago, it wouldn't have been unusual to find offensive jokes displayed. Now, they show up rarely, and are dealt with quickly. Society seems more ready to say 'This is not acceptable.' And that has an impact on people. If that kind of behavior is not accepted—not encouraged—it sends a clear message. Hopefully, the result is increased respect and tolerance for differences."

Lewis stated he did not know if any officers were out, "I

don't know. I don't ask. I do feel that lesbians are more likely than gay men to be out in a police department. There are a lot of lesbian officer associations, but I only can think of two gay male police associations—one in L.A., and one in San Francisco," he replied.

Addressing the issue of hate crimes, Lewis states, "We keep statistics on hate crimes, and sexual orientation is one class of hate crime. To prove a hate crime, you have to prove the perpetrator was acting because the victim was gay or lesbian, or another protected class. I suggest that if you are having even minor problems, you call them in. Document each step of the way. If a neighbor is shouting, calling you names, call it in. Even if no action can be taken, it builds a case so the next time something happens, we aren't starting over from square one. And if you're afraid the report wasn't properly done or done at all, call and ask for a case number. I can't stress enough the need for consistent documentation."

If citizens are unhappy with the way they are treated by the police, Lewis says he wants to know about it. "I have two people assigned to investigating this kind of complaint. Don't be afraid that you're getting an officer fired — complaints can be opportunities to turn someone around. If you intervene in a behavior early enough, you may save them from doing something irretrievable further on down the line. And if it's your word against him or her, we might not be able to do anything about it. But we will keep track of it, and if we get another complaint or two in the same vein, you can bet we will take action."

Lewis went on to describe changes in the Green Bay Police, "We also have a \$200,000 grant for domestic violence, which also affects the gay and lesbian community. Domestic violence is an issue of cohabitation and partners, not hetero or homosexuality. I asked one of my officers in the hallway right before I came here 'If you were called to a home, and two lesbians who live together are in a fist fight, what is it and how do you deal with it?' and he had the right answer—domestic violence, and you use the same resources, referrals, counseling agencies and safe houses you would use in any other domestic confrontation."

Lewis ended by saying that Green Bay was the safest city in America with an NFL franchise, then added that the Green Bay area truly is comparatively safe. "I read statistics that we are one of the safest, if not the safest, city of our size in the nation. And we want to build on that." Lloyd Schaefer thanked all the participants in the discussion, but expressed some regret that not all the topics affecting the lesbian community could be addressed in one setting.

Both Chief Lewis and Sheriff Donart volunteered that they or their staff would be willing at any time to attend meetings and forums on these topics, and wished for contin-

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ued communication.

"I think it's a sign of positive change that we can all talk to one another," Lewis added, "Fifteen years ago in the mid-west, law enforcement and the lesbian and gay community would not have had a meeting like this."

Middleton Includes Gay-Related Materials in School Curriculum

by Kathryn Kingsbury

Madison — The Middleton School district assistant superintendent, announced the decision at the District Administration Center on Friday, October 11. About twenty community members were present to hear the decision, which was reached by a Reconsideration Committee after a group calling itself Parents for a Responsible Curriculum complained to the district about gay-related materials being used in tenth-grade English classes.

Parents for a Responsible Curriculum are concerned because the materials provide a mostly sympathetic outlook on homosexuality. They felt that these texts should be complemented or replaced by writings that disapprove of homosexuality. Said one sympathizer of Parents for a Responsible Curriculum in response to the committee's findings: "The school board (is) succumbing to pressure from politically active groups and believing that homosexuality is normal I'm saddened by its response."

Other community members who were present agreed with the committee's decision. "I think it's a wonderful idea... In this century, the more we learn, the more we know, and the better we are able to make decisions for ourselves," said a mother of several graduates from Middleton High School.

Kaufman, in explaining the committee's decision to retain the materials, said that they "are not used to promote or condone any particular lifestyle." Rather, they are used to spark discussions on prejudice in a unit that also "discussed racism, sexism, and anti-semitism."

Kaufman said the committee resolved that, in accordance with already existing district policy, parents should be informed about controversial topics that arise in the classroom; parents have a right to object to aspects of the curriculum; and children may withdraw from lessons that contradict their beliefs or those of their parents.

The committee ruled that all the writing under question were "appropriate for intended use" and would not be removed from the curriculum. These materials include "What is Homophobia?", "Questionnaire for Heterosexuals," "What Do You Know About the Gay Lifestyle?," "Homosexuality: Myth or Reality?," "When You Meet a

Lesbian: Hints for the Heterosexual Woman," and two essays from the anthology *One Teenager in Ten*.

"The findings of this committee will stand," said Kaufman. According to district policy, the decision cannot be reconsidered unless most members of the committee agree that it should be.

Class discussion of the materials under questions takes about three days out of the year. Teachers of sophomore English may use their own discretion in deciding which materials to use.

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Clinton Pulls Radio Ad Boasting DOMA Signing

Washington, DC — After angry complaints from gay rights advocates, the Clinton campaign has replaced an ad running on religious radio stations that boasted of the president's signature on a bill banning gay marriages.

Campaign spokesman Don Foley said the new 60-second spot was "an improved version of the ad ... a more direct response to the scurrilous ad that the Dole campaign has been running."

After Dole ads on some 70 stations suggested Clinton approved of certain types of late-term abortions, the Clinton campaign responded with a spot pointing out specific reservations led him to veto a bill that would have banned the procedure.

The Clinton spot also touted his signing of the Defense of Marriage Act, in spite of earlier White House complaints that the Republicans' use of the issue amounted to "gay baiting."

The Human Rights Campaign, Log Cabin Republicans and other gay rights groups protested, and ACT Up threatened demonstrations and newspaper ads to criticize Clinton for the ad.

ACT Up spokesman Steve Michael said the group was not satisfied with the campaign simply switching the ad, calling on Clinton to take out ads apologizing for the error.

The new ad focuses criticism on Dole's new negative tack and deletes the reference to the gay marriage ban.

Drag Photo Exhibit at San Francisco City Hall Vandalized

by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

San Francisco, CA — Someone - perhaps upset by seeing images of a man dressed as a woman - gouged, poked and scrawled marks on a set of 11 photographs being exhibited in the building temporarily housing San Francisco government offices while the City Hall building is being reinforced to prevent earthquake damage.

The photos, each 20 inches by 30 inches, are by San Francisco-based photographer Michael Johnstone. The exhibit, on the third floor of the city's War Memorial Building

where municipal offices are being temporarily housed, was arranged by Supervisor Leslie Katz through Visual Aid, a group that works with artists stricken with AIDS/HIV.

Each of the photographs in the exhibit, entitled "Mrs. Vera's Daybook," shows David Faulk, Johnstone's lover, in women's clothes in warm and often humorous day-to-day, at-home situations.

Police believe whoever attacked the photographs used a ballpoint pen to jab out eyes in the images, poke holes in them, and scrawl large X's over several of the photos.

The incident is being referred to the district attorney's office as a possible hate crime, in addition to the police investigation of vandalism.

Police Break Up ACT UP White House 'Political Funeral' Protest

Washington, DC — U.S. Park Service police broke up an October 13 protest by AIDS activists outside the White House after members of ACT UP tossed funeral urns and what they said were the human ashes of people who had died of AIDS at the executive mansion.

The activists, who called the protest a "political funeral," said they were demonstrating what they consider President Clinton's failure to deliver on anti-AIDS promises made during the 1992 presidential campaign.

No arrests were made.

Members of the AIDS organization subsequently took out ads in a Washington newspaper calling on gays and lesbians not to vote for Clinton in this year's presidential race.

Cannabis Club's Founder Arrested, Others in Hiding

San Francisco, CA — Although Dennis Person, the founder of the Cannabis Buyers' Club here, has been arrested on charges of selling pot to drug dealers instead of simply to patients with AIDS, cancer and other severe illnesses as the club promoted itself as doing, several other key members of the organization have gone into hiding, claiming the September drug raid and charges are politically motivated.

Several club officials who remain in hiding have charged, however, that Dan Lungren, the state's attorney general, is on a "witch hunt" aimed at discrediting a proposed state ballot initiative that would decriminalize medical use of pot. In September, Lungren ordered state narcotics agents to raid the San Francisco-based club on drug charges.

Lungren is also widely expected to be a leading 1998 Republican gubernatorial candidate and opposes a proposed state initiative that would legalize marijuana for medical purposes that Person helped put on the ballot this year.

Brazil to Provide AIDS Drugs Free

Rio De Janeiro — Brazil will begin providing advanced medicine for AIDS patients in the country without charge in November.

Health Minister Adib Jatene said that the new drugs, known as protease inhibitors, will be offered to an estimated 10,000 patients in the nation's 360 hospitals. Jatene said Brazil is one of the first countries in the world to offer the expensive new treatments free of charge.

Brazilian AIDS experts say about half the people stricken with the disease in the country haven't been able to get access to the new drugs because of their expense.

Brazilian officials said the government will spend some \$40 million on the new protease inhibitors, buying them at a 40 percent discount directly from the manufacturers.

Flu Fighting Antibody May Relate to HIV Infection

Los Angeles, CA — Researchers at the University of California at Los Angeles say a common antibody that helps fight off influenza may also be a factor in greater resistance to the AIDS virus.

The scientists report in the *Journal of Clinical Investigation* that a group of gay men they studied with low levels of the VH-3 antibodies were highly susceptible to HIV infection from sexual contact. Gay men with higher levels of the VH-3 antibodies were much less susceptible to infection.

The researchers, however, said they were unable to find a solid connection between high levels of VH-3 and the ability to avert HIV infection.

Only some of the men who had high VH-3 levels were able to avoid contracting the virus.

Now researchers must determine whether it's possible, or would be worth trying to raise VH-3 levels in individuals at risk for AIDS, possibly through a vaccine.

Chinese Finally Getting Alarmed About HIV

Beijing — Chen Minzhang, China's health minister, has warned that if the country is going to control the spread of HIV, drug abuse, prostitution, and ignorance will have to be overcome immediately.

Chen attributed the rapid recent increase in HIV infections in China to a rise in sexually transmitted diseases, illegal blood banks, a large migrant population, and high rates of HIV in bordering countries.

"Now is the time for prevention and control of HIV infection - it could be the last chance," Chen said.

Government officials estimate there are nearly 10,000 people infected with HIV in China, but independent activists and health experts say the number is

Also on the Newswire...

ABC to Air Gay Marriage Special

New York, NY — ABC's highly regarded Turning Point program (Thursday 9pm CST) is doing an hour long special on gay marriage. The air date is scheduled for Thursday, November 7. The show's format is to focus on the personal experiences of several people affected by a given issue (no experts or politicians weigh in pro or con). In the case of this show, there will be four couples profiled — three who have recently had a commitment ceremony, including a Jewish gay male couple from Toronto, a lesbian couple who are both ministers and have raised children from previous heterosexual marriages, and a gay male Episcopalian couple who are lawyers in SF.

Violence Reported in One in Four Gay Relationships

San Francisco, CA — Domestic violence occurs in more than 25 percent of same-sex relationships, according to a study released by the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs. According to the report, more than 1,500 cases of homosexual domestic violence were reported in six U.S. cities in 1995. The most incidents of same-sex domestic violence were documented in New York City at 454; followed by San Francisco, 347; San Diego, 330; Minneapolis, 243; Chicago, 129; and Columbus, Ohio, 63.

Ex-Mayor Charged in Gay Scam Slayings

Jackson, MS — Nine years after a judge and his wife were gunned down, a former mayor of Biloxi has been indicted on charges he ordered the slayings in a dispute over missing profits from a con game that preyed on gay men. Pete Halat Jr., 54, mayor of Biloxi from 1989 to

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Condom Ads: No Longer 'Banned in Boston'

Boston, MA — WCVB-TV (channel 5) in Boston has become the fourth network affiliate station in the U.S. to begin airing advertisement for condoms, in spite for fierce objections from religious leaders.

WCVB, Boston's ABC Network affiliate, began running ads for LifeStyles condoms, joining with only three other network affiliates around the country - in Houston, Seattle, and Chico, Calif. - to do so. The commercials air only after midnight, however.

William Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, said, however, that broadcasters who defend condom advertising on the basis of their viewers' health have exercised selective judgment.

"It is impossible to separate the moral and health implications of condom use," Donohue said. "It is essentially giving a green light to young people. It's an enticement, however unwitting, to young people, to engage in premature sexual activity. The fact that they would advertise it on TV is irresponsible."

Several Catholic clergymen have condemn the TV station's decision as "outrageous" and "morally objectionable."

Sex Clubs: Never Banned in San Francisco

San Francisco, CA — Maybe it's one of those "only in San Francisco" stories, but Tom Ammiano, an openly gay supervisor here, is drawing up plans to license group sex clubs in (as they say) "the city that knows how."

Ammiano, one of the city's most visible and popular political leaders, says the city licensing program would help reduce the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases by bringing an otherwise "underground" industry under direct city licensing procedures and control.

The permit legislation reportedly would control businesses "that encourage patrons to engage in, or to watch other patrons engaging in, sexual activities."

Among other things, the licensing procedure would require that clubs that want to get a city permit to operate would have to provide condoms, lubricants, proper lighting, HIV prevention literature, and safe sex monitors.

Fundamentalist Group Wants to Keep MCC from Xmas Parade

Key West, FL — The Lower Florida Keys Ministerial Association, a group of conservative ministers in South Florida, is waging a campaign to keep the local Metropolitan Community Church from joining in Key West's annual Christmas parade this year.

But the city's commissioners say they will give the fundamentalist group a parade permit only on condition that the association agrees not to discriminate against anyone.

But the association says homosexuality is "a sin" and that it would not allow the MCC, which has a predominately gay and lesbian congregation, to participate.

The conservative leaders said they were also concerned one of the city's gay businesses might want to include a float in the parade featuring scantily-clad male dancers or some other "un-Christmas-like display."

1993, was charged along with four other people with murder conspiracy, racketeering and other federal charges in the slayings. Four people were convicted in 1991 for the "lonely hearts club" scam that prosecutors said led to the slayings of the Sherrys. From 1986 to 1989, the four people placed personal ads in gay magazines to establish pen-pal relationships. The pen pals were then asked to send money to fictitious would-be lovers to get them out of scrapes with the law.

PFLAG Billboard Defaced

Houston, TX — A billboard campaign promoting positive messages about gays was defaced last week. Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) said the board, one-of-eleven, will be replaced. The large billboard on the Gulf Freeway in Houston which reads "Someone you know and love is gay" was spray-painted with the message "God forgive us and save us!!!"

New Spermicide Unveiled in Canada

Toronto — Roberts Pharmaceuticals' Advantage 24, a new spermicide introduced in Canada, has the potential to be a "condomless condom," physicians say. The spermicide—which is currently being tested for its effectiveness against HIV, herpes, and chlamydia—is said to lower the risk of sexually transmitted diseases as well as prevent pregnancy. Doctors recommend, however, that it be used in addition to a condom. According to Howard Levine, a researcher with Roberts Pharmaceuticals, laboratory testing has found that only extremely small doses of the product—which blends nonoxynol 9 with a bioadhesive—are needed to kill sexually transmitted viruses, including HIV.

Proust's Secret Letters Reveal Anguish

London — Secret letters written by Marcel Proust to his lover Lucien Daudet have revealed the secret anguish of the homosexual writer. More than 100 letters, discovered in a private collection in Europe, will go on sale at Christie's

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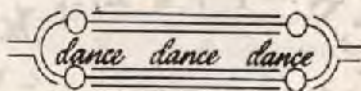
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GOP Candidate in N.C. Challenges Legality of Partner Benefits

Raleigh, NC — Jack Daly, the Republican candidate for state auditor, is taking issue with the town of Chapel Hill over its policy of giving health benefits to same-sex partners of town employees.

Daly, who is a law student at the University of North Carolina, has already filed a lawsuit challenging affirmative action grants to minority students at the university and a law school fund that gives scholarships to students who support gay civil rights issues.

N.C. Court Rules Gay Dad Can Keep Custody of His Children

Raleigh, NC — The North Carolina Court of Appeals says a father, Frederick J. Smith, can keep custody of his two children even though he lives with a male lover.

The appeals court unanimously overturned a lower court ruling that awarded custody of the two boys to their mother, Carol Pulliam, in Kansas.

Judge Edwin Greene - writing for the three-judge panel - said the homosexual relationship does not constitute a substantial change in circumstances that would justify changing an earlier custody order.

The court ruled that the two children appear well adjusted, get good grades and regularly attend school.

The appeals court ruled that the lower court's ruling that the homosexual relationship exposes the children to improper influences is the personal opinion of the judge and not supported by evidence.

30-Day Jail Sentence in Killing of Lesbian

Chatanooga, TN — Adriana Butler, who was convicted earlier this year of voluntary manslaughter in the 1994 shooting death of her mother's lesbian lover, Cathy Smith, was sentenced to a 30-day jail term for the crime.

In handing down the extraordinarily light sentence, Judge Doug Meyer said Butler should have "a taste of the workhouse" for what he called her "lapse of judgment ... in this particular case."

Butler, 24, will also be on probation for the next four years and required to do one day of community service work each month of her probation.

London May Get First Gay Radio Station

London — A group of British celebrities is backing efforts to give London the world's first gay radio station.

With the backing of Elton John, Bob Geldof, Sir Ian McKellen, Joanna Lumley, Stephen Fry, and other British celebrities, the group bidding for the FM radio station that's scheduled to begin airing next year, has raised more than \$3.2 million so far.

Although more than two dozen other groups are also bidding for the new radio station, backers say a gay and lesbian radio station would have a core audience of at least a half-million listeners.

Sports Playing Field Named for Lesbian

San Francisco, CA — A widely used city sports playing field is shortly to be named in honor of Rikki Streicher, a lesbian who devoted enormous time and energy in promoting women's sports in Northern California.

The proposed "Streicher Field," as the Eureka Valley Recreational Center's field would be renamed, has garnered a good deal of support among the city's lesbian community, community activists and political leaders - including most of the city's park commissioners.

Streicher, who died in 1994 of cancer at the age of 68, owned several lesbian bars and relentlessly promoted women's sporting teams in the area. In the late 1980s she was one of the founders of the organization that operates the Gay Games.

Gay Anglican Bishop Put On Hold

York, England — The Rt. Rev. Derek Rawcliffe, the retired Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, has been relieved of his church duties as an honorary assistant bishop in North Yorkshire because he officiated at a wedding of two gay men.

Bishop Rawcliffe, the most prominent openly gay member of the Church of England, has also been prohibited from performing any of his ecclesiastical duties, even though he is still a priest.

But Bishop Rawcliffe, who publicly came out last year, said on a BBC TV broadcast the day his loss of duties was announced that he had no intention of discontinuing blessing same-sex couples.

"I want the gay community to be accepted by the Church," the bishop said. "And for those who are committed in relationships and who wish to have a Christian blessing to be able to have it in private."

in London at the end of the month. They reveal that Proust was much more coy about his emotions in real life than in his books. He used coded language to express his feelings. Daudet was a son of the novelist Alphonse Daudet and was Proust's junior by seven years. He was 16 when he met the writer. The letters to Daudet span Proust's entire working life, between 1871 and 1922.

Supreme Court Rules Firing of Cook With HIV Was Improper

Evanston, IL — The state Supreme Court ruled last Friday that an Evanston nursing home improperly fired a cook after he tested positive for the virus that causes AIDS. The court held that the Raintree Health Care Center violated the Illinois Human Rights Act with its 1988 dismissal of Chicagoan James Davis, who later contracted AIDS and died in 1994. The ruling requires the nursing home to pay Davis' estate back wages, interest and legal fees.

Controversial Art Back On Display

Boston, MA — In an about-face that seems to be about saving face, management of the city's biggest office building decided Tuesday to drop its ban on eight of 10 artworks. The works are among 325 to be auctioned this month in the lobby of International Place for an AIDS benefit. The displayed works — photos by Herb Ritts, Jock Sturges, Paul Richard, Jack Pierson and Laird Van Riper Eling, and paintings by Damon Lehrer, Raphael Jaimes-Branger and Robin Paine — depict male couples. Building spokesman Donald Chiofaro said, "We make judgments on what we think is going to be comfortable for the tenants, and for the public. We were more protective than we needed to be."

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Less Glamor, More Grunt: Lesbians & Gays and the 1996 Elections

Analysis by Keith Clark
of the In Step Staff

The 1996 election hasn't generated the kind of intense, high-visibility interest among gays and lesbians as the 1992 campaigns did. But it has turned out to be arguably a more involving race this year at a more significant level than the previous quadrennial election.

Four years ago, statewide anti-gay ballot measures in Oregon and Colorado were being hotly battled and closely watched by rights activists, journalists, political big-wigs and ordinary folks around the country. In the presidential race, George Bush may have been the Republican nominee for re-election, but it was the far-right's agenda that was driving the party to extreme positions that had more in common with Pat Buchanan and Pat Robertson than with the one-

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term Bush - and that lit a fire under many gays and lesbians in efforts that year to defeat Bush.

Conversely, Bill Clinton was promising to end the ban on homosexuals in the military, to put the weight of the federal government behind the fight against AIDS, and to name gays and lesbians to top Cabinet positions. Fired by fear of a Bush-Buchanan-Robertson joint presidency and dazzled by Clinton's wide array of campaign promises, gays and lesbians voted for the former Arkansas governor in record numbers - and their votes may have actually been crucial in getting Clinton elected by helping to carry key states for this "New Democrat."

But 1996 is different:

Going Soft

Clinton's support among gay and lesbian voters is - to put it mildly - less enthusiastic this year than in 1992. His recent signing of the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, prohibiting

federal recognition of same-sex spouses, and the troubling compromise "don't ask, don't tell" military policy have left many activists, community leaders and John-and-Jane Gay Voter left out in the cold politically.

The softening of enthusiasm, if not actual voter support for Clinton and the Democrats, among gays and lesbians hasn't gone unnoticed in the party. And the Democrats have been quietly playing some pretty high cards in the country's gay establishment to buttress flagging spirits that might otherwise translate into low voter turn-out.

In the last weeks before the November 5 election, Roberta Achtenberg, the one-time San Francisco supervisor and former assistant secretary for Housing and Urban Development, was in Florida drumming up support for Clinton in that

key Southern state.

Achtenberg met with a score or so lesbian and gay business and community leaders to remind them that, whether they were disappointed in what Clinton had accomplished or not, no president had endorsed gay rights issues as Clinton has.

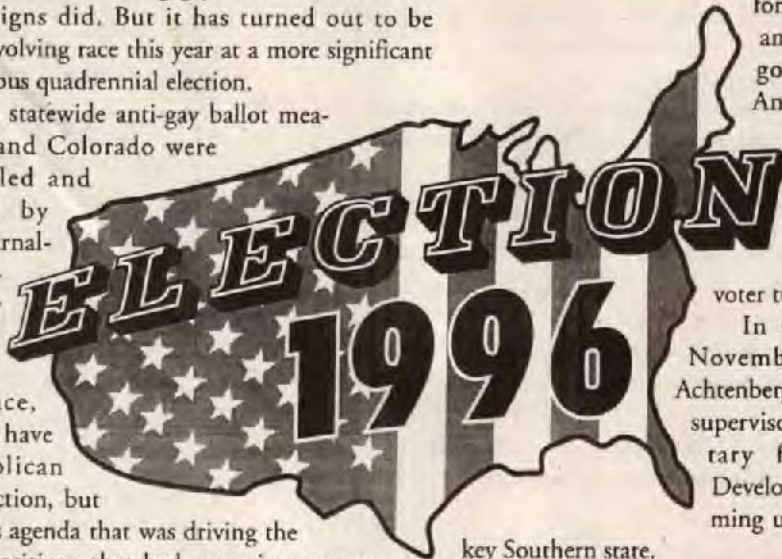
"Bill Clinton is not the leader of the gay and lesbian movement," Achtenberg said at the confab. "I didn't vote for him as president to liberate myself. I don't know about you, but I don't remember getting 100 percent from any politician."

Reverse Coat-Tails

One of the problems confronted by Democrats around the country now that Clinton is leading former Kansas Sen.

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Bob Dole in the polls by double digits is that they're increasingly concerned about a "soft" turn-out at the voting booths because so many people seem to view the race as all but over



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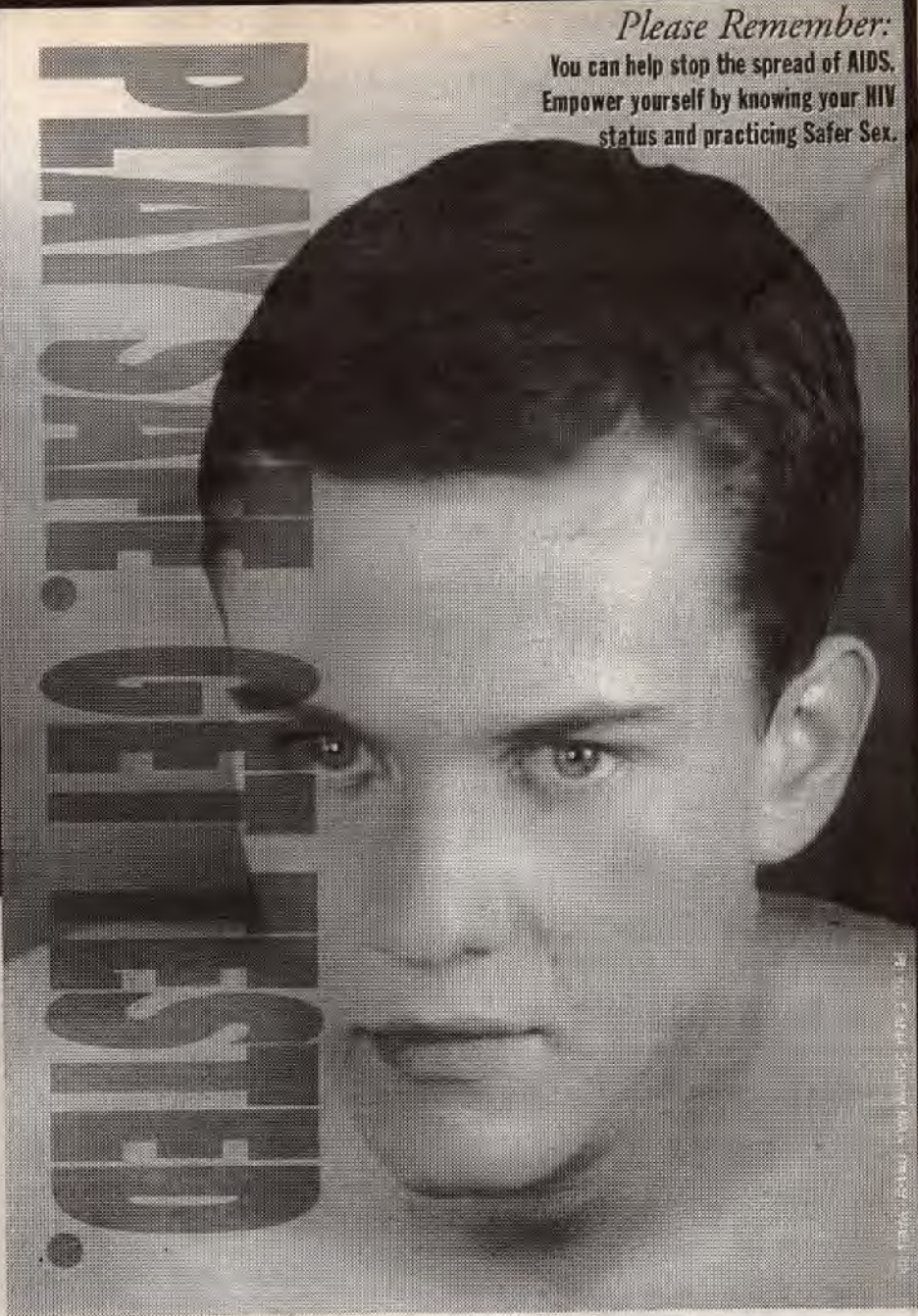
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With some crucial Democratic constituencies less than enchanted with Clinton's first-term performance - environmentalists, abortion rights activists, gays and lesbians - a growing concern is that while Clinton may be assured a second term in the White House, several key congressional races could be jeopardized by a lackluster voter turn-out.

So, while Achtenberg was in Florida trying to convince community leaders there to

get behind the Democratic presidential candidate, in Minneapolis Candace Gingrich joined Gloria Steinem in drumming up support for Sen. Paul Wellstone in a Senate race that Democrats consider vital if they are to have any chance at all of recapturing one or both houses of Congress this year.

Gingrich, the half-sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, urged gays and lesbians to vote for Wellstone at a rally of more than 500 people in south Minneapolis and later at a student rally at the University of Minnesota.

Acknowledging that Wellstone had voted in favor of the Defense of Marriage Act and opposes same-sex marriage, Gingrich said Wellstone's overall record on gay rights issues made

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him to best candidate in the race. "One vote does not a record make," she said, echoing Achtenberg's theme in Florida. "One vote should not decide who our friends are."

**The Hundred-Thousand
Vote Solution**

In California, the Stonewall Los Angeles Democratic Club has been on a blitz to reach an estimated 100,000 lesbian and gay voters in Southern California in support not only to re-

Republican incumbent Rep. Andrea Seastrand ... among other peculiar beliefs, has said she thinks earthquakes are God's punishment for homosexuals...

elect President Clinton, but also to influence the outcomes of several key congressional elections in the state.

In one such race the Stonewall-LA club is working to stir up gay and lesbian voters about Democrat Walter Capps, who is challenging Republican incumbent Rep. Andrea Seastrand for the congressional seat that includes Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo. Seastrand, among other peculiar beliefs, has said she thinks earthquakes are God's punishment for homosexuals - and we all know how many earthquakes there are plaguing New York's Greenwich Village and Washington D.C.'s DuPont Circle areas these days.

The other crucial race the Stonewall club is working fiercely on is the battle to unseat Republican Rep. Bob

Dornan, the California equivalent of North Carolina's Sen. Jesse Helms on the homophobo-meter.

Even Mike Schroeder, the state GOP's vice-chairman, recently said Dornan is "in big

trouble" in his efforts to fend off the challenge by Democrat Loretta Sanchez and a recent Los Angeles Times poll showed the two candidates in a dead heat with some 12 percent of the voters

undecided. A few thousand votes in that race, the Democrats know, could make all the difference in its outcome.

In September, Herb Moses, Dean Hara and Rob Morris - respectively the domestic partners of Reps. Barney Frank, Gerry Studds and Steve Gunderson - were the featured attraction of a Washington, D.C., fundraiser for Sanchez. It's believed to be the first time any of the normally background congressional spouses have ever actively been involved in efforts to unseat a member of Congress. They hope with the ouster of Rep. Dornan it will be their last. But it was a big step for Democrats in any way to bring in the domestic partners of the three most prominent gay members of Congress in an election campaign.

Whether you want to credit Clinton for putting gays and lesbians firmly in the American political spectrum with four years of sometimes failed efforts, or even if you want to blame fears of letting the "Republican Revolution" that gave the GOP control of both houses of Congress in 1994 to continue, one undisputable reality this year is that gays and lesbians are a key component in the Democrats' nuts-and-bolts efforts both to re-elect the president and to capture important congressional seats.

And while it may be more glamorous to attend a White House conference or to be appointed to a Cabinet-level position, or even to testify before congressional hearings, in the grittier world of politics, what counts in the long run are things like the ability to stir up community leaders in Tampa or to turn out 100,000 voters in Southern California or to generate enthusiasm among college students for a Senate race in Minnesota.

After all, as the aphorism succinctly puts it: all politics is local.

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Group Notes

Integrity/Dignity of Madison Offers AIDS-Centered Services

Madison — Integrity/Dignity of Madison has planned two prayer services to serve the needs of those who are in anyway affected by HIV/AIDS, especially PWAs. I/D will celebrate a Service in Remembrance of Our Dead on Sunday, October 27, and a Prayer Service in Time of AIDS on Sunday, November 24.

Both events will occur at 7:30 pm at St Francis House, 1001 University Avenue, Madison, which is wheelchair accessible. Fellowship and refreshments will follow each service.

The Remembrance Service on 10/27 will be a communion service led by two lay members of I/D and concelebrated by the entire community present. The service will include readings and hymns and a series of guided meditations and sharing that focus on being grateful for the lives of our departed loved ones, feeling our sorrow at their continued influence and presence in our lives. The service will be held in the Commons Room at St Francis House.

The AIDS Prayer Service on 11/24 will be an evening service of psalms, readings, and responses led by four lay members of I/D. The service focuses on three stages of our experience with HIV/AIDS: living with infection and disease, dying of AIDS, and living in God after physical death. The service will end with prayer and laying on of hands for anyone who feels the need for spiritual or physical healing. The prayer service will be held in the Chapel at St Francis House.

Reverend Doug Johnson, a Presbyterian pastor in Lancaster and chair of the Wisconsin Council of Churches AIDS Ministry Task Force, will be present at the 11/24 service to recognize Integrity/Dignity's acceptance into the WCC's AIDS Caring Communities program. Last June, after a year of study and reflection, I/D's members unanimously voted to declare the group an AIDS Caring Community. I/D recognized its particular mission and ability to reach out to those in the gay/lesbian community, as well as their families and friends and friends, who are affected in any way by HIV/AIDS. As part of its declaration, I/D vowed "to offer HIV/AIDS affected persons an open ear, a friendly voice, and spiritual friendship" and pledged "to express its concern for PWAs in its corporate and individual prayers." These services are designed to live out that commitment to service.

I/D of Madison is a group of gay/lesbian Christians organized to help meet the spiritual needs of our community. I/D

welcomes to these services all those who are interested in a prayerful and accepting response to the needs of those with HIV/AIDS. I/D members can offer PWAs transportation help to these services, if needed. For more information on the services or I/D, call Henry at (608)257-3346. For transportation or other help, call Paul at (608)233-0525.

Bay City Chorus Seeks Assistant Director

Green Bay — The Bay City Chorus of Green Bay, is looking for an assistant director who can lead rehearsals in the occasional absence of their regular director. Rehearsals are held on Sunday Evenings at Union Congregational Church in Green Bay. The chorus rehearses for a Christmas concert each December, and a Spring concert each May. While this is a volunteer position, the candidate's reward would be in gaining directing experience and the opportunity to work with a fun and growing choral group. For more information, call Bob Richter at 414/469-2969.

St. Camillus Lecture Series Continues in November

Milwaukee — St. Camillus HIV/AIDS Ministry continues its lecture series on November 14 with a presentation titled, "Hemophilia and HIV," with facilitator: Kathleen Marquardt, RN, MS Executive Director, Great Lakes Hemophilia Foundation. The presentation will focus on the impact of HIV in the community of persons living with hemophilia. Ms. Marquardt will provide some history with respect to the relationship between hemophilia and HIV, as well as current information about health care issues affecting hemophiliacs in southeastern Wisconsin.

On November 21, St. Camillus will present "Humor and Healing" with Barbara Leigh, the Artistic Director Milwaukee Public Theater. The familiar phrase, "Laughter is the best medicine," is so true, yet we often ignore the healing power of humor in our lives. Humor lifts our spirits and redirects us toward a more positive outlook. When dealing with HIV-related issues, laughter is an invaluable resource to ease one's journey.

The lectures are held in 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.

Wishful Things Unveils Web Site

Milwaukee — Wishful Things announces the creation of its Web page at <http://bmark.com/wishfulthings.antiques/>. In an ironic blend of the very old with the very new, Wishful Things becomes the first antique dealer in Wisconsin to utilize this newest technology to facilitate marketing antiques. The company, known for its innovations (the first antique shop to offer an unconditional money back guarantee), has already experienced great success, nationwide, selling premier antique Art Glass via the internet. More than 50 copies of their unique collection are pictured and described in detail at the web site.

MAP Food Pantry Launches Drive

Milwaukee — Thanksgiving is a time to focus on family, friends and

others while giving thanks. As many celebrate, however, there are those less fortunate who either are related to someone, or themselves are, infected with HIV/AIDS, a very costly disease.

Throughout the year, the Milwaukee AIDS Project's (MAP) Food Pantry supplies food to families affected by HIV/AIDS. This is the fifth year MAP is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Basket program through its food pantry during this special time of year.

To donate a food basket, call the MAP Holiday Line at 414-225-1622 by November 8 to sign up. MAP will send you a menu of food ideas for the family size you have selected and will deliver the food basket once it is completed.

As you plan and shop for your Thanksgiving feast, please consider preparing a food basket.

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MAP 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.

1997 Damron Address Book Published

San Francisco — Since 1964, gay men have trusted the Damron Address Book, the original gay travel guide, to provide them with comprehensive, up-to-date travel information. With the release of the 1997 Damron Address Book, the Damron Company once again raises its own standards of excellence. The ground-breaking 33rd edition contains almost 10,000 listings of gay-owned and gay-friendly accommodations, bars, restaurants, cafes, gyms, bookstores, retail shops, travel agents, publications, men's clubs, erotica shops and Damron's (in) famous cruisy areas throughout the United States, Canada,

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But while the Damron Address Book may be the "little black book of gay travel," it doesn't stop there. Damron recognizes gay men's diversity, so no matter what your size, shape or style, the Damron Address Book lists an info line or social group for you. In response to reader requests, Damron is once again including listings for a wide range of spiritual groups, from Dignity to the Radical Faeries. And with the 1997 edition, readers will find a new "TG" code to designate businesses that welcome transgendered people.

Over the years, the Damron Address Book has been recognized as the leader in gay travel guides by the

New York Times, Out, and the Advocate. This year Damron was honored with Out & About's Editor's Choice award for gay media "for continuing innovation and raising the graphic quality for gay guides."

Damron's high standards show in the design of the 1997 Damron Address Book. Graphic designer Beth Rabena Carr has put together what is surely the most sophisticated design in Damron's history. Readers will enjoy the full color "Male Order" section as well as the extensive calendar of events, listing parties from here to Fat Tuesday.

Other guides may come and go, but go, but for gay men everywhere, Damron is still the first name and last word in gay travel.

For further information, please call (800)462-6654 or contact us on the internet: damronco@aol.com or at <http://www.damron.com>.

HIT Announces Fundraisers

Milwaukee — The Holiday Invitational Tournament Board Members invite you to attend an after-

noon of fun. The H.I.T. Board members will try their hand at Guest Bartending on Saturday, November 9th from 3-7 pm at This Is It, Located at 418 E. Wells.

Monies Raised during this and other events will help ensure another successful & enjoyable tournament held over the Thanksgiving weekend. So come on down & have a beverage with some friends. There will also be raffle prizes, pull tabs and a give-away for the individual who can come the closest to the number of candy corns in our H.I.T. candy jar. Stop in and place your guess for just one dollar between now and November 9th. You need not be present to win.

On-Line Travel Service Launched

Chicago — The most complete on-line travel resource exclusively for gay and lesbian travelers, Over the Rainbow, is now available on America Online (AOL). AOL users can access Over the Rainbow through the Travel Channel, or by using the keyword: Over the Rainbow.

Travelers interested in locating gay/lesbian-friendly neighborhoods, establishments, attractions, activities and more can get instantaneous, up-to-date information on the specific destinations they intend to visit. From restaurants and accommodations to tourist sites and nightlife, Over the Rainbow provides information from the perspective of gay men and lesbians.

The on-line newsletter includes evaluative reviews, feature stories and up-to-the-minute news briefs about places of particular interest to gay travelers, including popular destinations such as Key West and Amsterdam, as well as more off-the-beaten-path and exotic locales. Featured will be a guide to cities around the world, from

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Over the Rainbow is produced by the travel experts at *Passport Newsletter*, a private report for upscale travelers published for more than 30 years by Remy Publishing Company. *Passport Newsletter* is also available through AOL's Travel Channel, using Keyword: *Passport*.

For information contact the Editor, *Over the Rainbow*, Suite 440, 350 W. Hubbard St., Chicago, IL 60610, or send messages through the *Over the Rainbow* Message Board.

October is National AIDS Awareness Month

Milwaukee — October is National AIDS Awareness month. The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin, Inc. (ARCW) encourages everyone to take a moment to look at the impact of HIV/AIDS on Wisconsin and learn the facts about HIV and AIDS.

HIV is the number one cause of death for Americans ages 25-44.

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Out of 3,300 cases of AIDS in Wisconsin since 1982, more than 1,800 people have died.

In 1984, 22 new cases of AIDS were reported in Wisconsin; in 1995, 283 cases were reported. As of September 9,

138 cases had been reported during 1996.

Every month, at least 35 people newly diagnosed with HIV disease come to ARCW for help.

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AIDS is the final stage of Human Immuno Deficiency Virus (HIV) disease. AIDS is an impairment of the body's ability to fight certain diseases which a healthy immune system combats without difficulty.

"AIDS does not discriminate based on gender, age, race, religion or sexual orientation. In Wisconsin, AIDS affects people from all walks of life," said Doug Nelson, Executive Director of ARCW. "The epidemic continues to spread at increasingly high rates reaching all corners of our state."

ARCW reminds people that the two main ways of spreading HIV are having unprotected sex and using contaminated needles to inject drugs.

Grapevine Gets Its Licks in on Nov. 14

Milwaukee — Grapevine is inviting all lesbians to join in the fun Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. at one of Milwaukee's landmarks, Leon's Frozen Custard, located at South 27th Street and West Oklahoma Avenue. The idea for a group trip to Leon's came about during Grapevine's Family Reunion October 13 when more than 50 women showed up at the Humboldt Park Pavilion for food, fun and reminiscing.

The general consensus at the reunion was that the lesbian community needs more social outlets so that women can interact on a regular basis. The trip to Leon's was just one of several ideas thrown out for consideration. Even if the weather is cold that night, Grapevine plans on sampling the famous creamy custard in the warm company of lots of other lesbians.

Grapevine is the oldest lesbian orga-

nization in Milwaukee. Focusing on social events, Grapevine sponsors camping trips to Point Beach State Park several times a year, has a softball team that plays Friday evenings during the summer, and is in the process of planning additional events.

To receive information on future Grapevine activities, please write to: Grapevine, P.O. Box 07774, Milwaukee, WI 53207. Or watch *In Step* for future announcements.

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INDEPENDENTLY SPEAKING

by Marvin Liebman

What the Elephant Tries to Forget

Drip. Drip. Drip. For many Republicans, water torture has taken on a whole new meaning of late. Intent on declaring the immorality of homosexuality, and on casting the GOP as a bulwark against the ever-encroaching "gay agenda," religious conservatives and others in the party of Lincoln may well be confused and frustrated by what has become a steady stream of Republican comings out. The past few months alone have brought disclosures from Arizona congressman Jim Kolbe and GOP super-strategist Arthur Finkelstein. Who's next? And when?

Even as the pool deepens, the revelations raise questions far beyond the lives of both men. The main one involves integrity. For while Republicans hit Bill Clinton over alleged ethical lapses, the rising tide of open homosexuality in GOP circles begs the question of whether many Republican leaders are plagued by hypocrisy.

I have known both Kolbe and Finkelstein for many years and can vouch for their conservative credentials and their homosexuality. I first met Jim Kolbe in the early 60's when he was a crew-cut young conservative serving on the national board of Young Americans For Freedom (YAF), an organization I helped start after the 1960 GOP convention. I met Arthur in 1976, when he worked alongside me on Jim Buckley's ill-fated campaign for reelection to the U. S. Senate in New York.

In their recent disclosures, both men acceded to their closets' being breached more than throwing open the doors themselves. Jim Kolbe came out in August under some pressure from gay publications. After an illuminating profile in October's Boston magazine, Arthur, a strategist for Senator Jesse Helms among other leading gay-rights foes, has not denied his homosexuality.

Above all, the question of hypocrisy is not one I can answer rashly and be done. Like Jim and Arthur, I lived as a closeted conservative for many years. Indeed, I lived in the closet all my life until I came out at the age of sixty-seven in 1990. Until that movement, and I reiterate "movement," I knew little about gay politics and cared even less. As a relatively libertarian thinker, I thought that "they" certainly shouldn't be pushed around or denied the same civil liberties and rights as any other American, but "they" really had nothing to do with me. After all, I wasn't one of "them," except for my secret sexual orientation.

Some in the GOP may ask, "So what if there are gay conservatives?" Jim and Arthur's sexual orientations have nothing whatsoever to do with their talents as a legislator and political strategist, respectively. On the surface, I would agree. Anybody seeing Arthur at work on Buckley's 1976 bid would have been impressed. His talent in using computers to poll and generate enormous quantities of direct mail that year helped Republicans begin to recover from the Watergate debacle. In 1980, he helped staunch anti-communists sweep the fall elections, putting conservatives in control of the U.S. Senate and Ronald Reagan in the White House.

But with the waning of the Cold War, Republicans saw their party's glue dissolving and had to find another sticky mixture to fill the fissures in their ranks. Their choice, as America and the AIDS crisis which so many of its citizens still dreaded entered the 1990's, soon became apparent in a cascade of anti-gay campaigns. Horrified—and hoping that

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publicly coming out would show conservatives that "we" were an integral part of their movement—, I came out in June 1990. Jim and Arthur, on the other hand, perhaps believing they could quietly dam the river then overflowing the banks of civility, labored on with no comment.

My quarrel in those days, as today, is not with individual gay people active in right-wing politics. Living in the closet, turning a deaf ear to anti-gay jokes and diatribes, even consorting with and advising anti-Gay politicians are a Faustian bargain anyone is free to make. I cannot respect it, but I can accept that it's all around us.

My quarrel lies with those who exploit gay people's talents, aware of the gay people working in their midst while inveighing against their "sin," "immorality," and the bogeyman of "special rights."

This includes Bob Dole. During the October 16 presidential debate, his invocation of "special rights" and "lifestyle" in response to queries from the travel agent and the lesbian minister was an insult. If the threat of discrimination were not a real, warranting policies to outlaw it, why did Dole himself give it credence elsewhere in his answer?

In relying on the professional and volunteer help of gay people, either in the war room or the family room, Bob Dole is not alone. Many other Republicans, including Newt Gingrich and Phyllis Schlafly, have close gay relatives—and the cross of anti-gay politics to bear. Like the elephants, whose likenesses festoon their lapels, they may not actually forget this fact. They may simply keep it in its own compartment, ignoring its implications on their claims to family values and out of the light of day.

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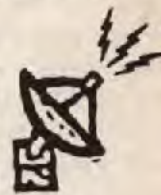
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Gays and Non-Gays Make Music in Green Bay

by Cheryl Myers
of the In Step Staff

The Bay City Chorus of Green Bay is a 35 member choir made up of both gay and straight singers that share a love of music and performing. It is also a microcosm of society's efforts for gays and straights to work together harmoniously (No pun intended.) However, in this instance, it is straight individuals joining a gay organization.

When asked why she joined a gay choral group and pays dues to GAYLA, the national gay singing organization, a straight member replies, "I love to sing and I like the guys. This is a fun group. They're like a family." The choir is directed by Ray Thompson, who also provides some of the instrumental accompaniment.

An accomplished musician, Thompson has selected an eclectic mix of music for the upcoming Christmas concerts, from Hanukkah songs to Calypso and Gaelic-flavored carols.

"We try to have something for everyone. And most of all, we try to have fun," Thompson tells In Step.

Another member, Marty Brown, describes himself as "a singer, member of the Board of Directors, and PR guy."

"Our organization is about 50/50—half men, half women. Most of the men are gay, most of the women are not,

though we have a few lesbian members. Everyone gets along very well, but we are always striving for a balance. Some members would like to be more camp, more out-there in our performances. Some of our members are not comfortable with that. We are always looking for a middle ground," says Brown.

At a recent practice and potluck dinner, the men and women mixed freely, trading quips and friendly insults, talking about boyfriends and movies and the lack of agreement between gay men and straight women over the value of Tupperware.

"Gay men hate Tupperware. We don't do leftovers," a man sitting with a group of women announced. The women responded with good-natured jeers and snorts. When a woman brought out her dessert, entitled "Better

Than Sex Cake," a lesbian member laughingly announced, "If you think that's better than sex, you're with the wrong gender."

Someone else at the table interrupted with, "Hey, I came here a heterosexual, and I'd like to leave here a heterosexual, thank you very much."

Light-hearted though the repartee' may be, the subject of sexual orientation is brought up frequently, in jokes or anecdotes. It is almost as if the choir members feel compelled to offer non-verbal reassurance to one another that tolerance and respect are always a part of this group.

"We really do care about each other," a young, gay man tells In Step. "We probably couldn't sing this well together if we didn't get along so well."

Marty Brown reiterates some of these sentiments. "We have a quality choral group, and we're always trying to make it better, try new things. Right now, we're collecting photos for a Web page we're planning on the Internet. We also may be adding more performances. Right now, we do a Spring concert at St. Norbert's and a Christmas concert at Union Congregational Church in Green Bay."

The Christmas concert is scheduled for Dec. 6 and 7—a Saturday evening show, and a Sunday matinee. The music will be mixed traditional and religious, Brown says. The choir meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. at Union Congregational Church, and encourages anyone who is interested to come to a practice. "New members are always welcome," says Brown.

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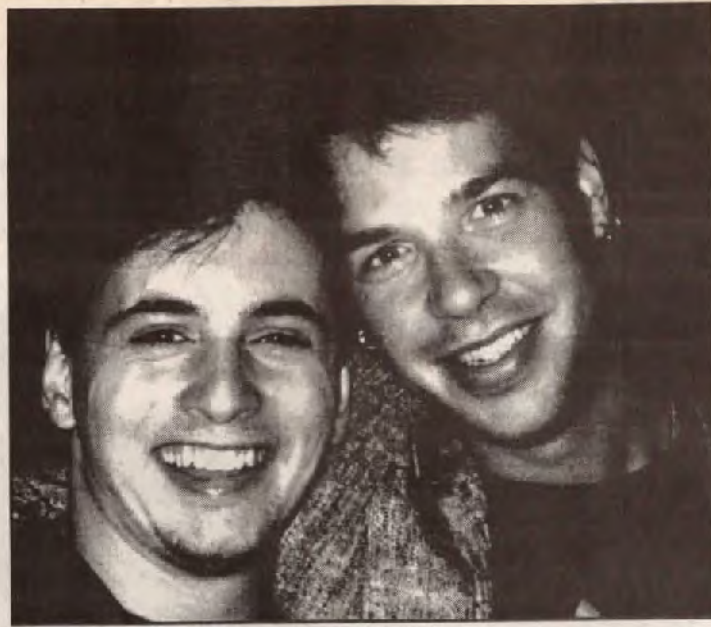
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FILM REVIEW

by Jamakaya

"Beautiful Thing" and "Hide and Seek" are Great Coming of Age Films

Two movies about to play short runs in Milwaukee offer compelling glimpses into the youthful angst and adolescence of gays and lesbians coming of age. "Beautiful Thing" is a feature length British film about a teenager unexpectedly finding love with the boy next door. It opens for a one-to-two week run at the Oriental Theatre on Nov. 1.

"Hide and Seek," an hour-long film in which lesbians reminisce about their childhoods, plays at the UW-Milwaukee Union Theatre Friday, November 1 and Saturday, November 2 at 7pm. Writer/Director Su Friedrich will appear at the Saturday night screening.

"Hide and Seek" combines the testimonies of real life lesbians as they recall their childhoods with a fictitious but emblematic story of a 12-year-old, Lou, who (back in the 1960's) is beginning to recognize how different she feels from her other girlfriends.

Chels Holland puts in a touching performance as Lou, who insists on being called her nickname rather than her real



—"Beautiful Thing" features Glen Berry as Jamie and Scott Neal as Ste. Photo: Paul Chedlow

name, Lucy. The film conveys the fun of girlhood rituals, like sleepovers, but also shows Lou's increasing sense of isolation as her friends talk about boys and marriage. To avoid the realities of the here and now, Lou seeks refuge in her treehouse and in movies and fantasies about living in Africa.

Lou's conflict over her sexual identity is also manifested in her denial about having her first menstrual period. It's as if she just doesn't want to grow up and have to face societal expectations of her as a presumed heterosexual woman.

Lou's feelings of loneliness and struggle are articulated best by one lesbian looking back who says the problem was "realizing that I was one thing, but knowing that I was moving through this whole world that I wasn't a part of."

Lou's story and the many real-life lesbian commentaries in "Hide and Seek" — especially those about tomboys/fem-megirls — will have great resonance for many lesbians. With this movie, Su Friedrich has made a wonderful contribution to lesbian culture.

"BEAUTIFUL THING"

"Beautiful Thing" depicts the sexual awakening and first love affair between two teenage boys in London. Viewers should be forewarned of the thick working class accents of all involved. Be prepared to listen carefully, but don't despair. The main plot and developments are pretty clear even if you don't catch every line.

Jamie (Glen Barrie) lives with his mom, Sandra (Linda Henry), and her boyfriend, Tony, in a huge housing project

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where privacy is nearly non-existent. From the very beginning, we see that Jamie is gay kid, badly harassed by his fellow students. He withdraws and has no one to share his feelings with.

Jamie's life changes forever, however, when his kindly mother takes in a neighbor boy, Ste (Scott Neal), who is

being brutalized by his father and brother. Ste shares Jamie's bed. At first the boys lie head to toe, but as trust grows, they soon lie side by side, and a romantic/sexual relationship ensues.

The gentleness and tentative emotions the boys exhibit toward each other are beautifully conveyed, while the sexual

relationship is more implied than explicit.

"Beautiful Thing" depicts a number of gay coming-of-age rituals quite memorably: Jamie nervously stealing his first gay magazine off a drugstore rack and surreptitiously reading it in his room; Jamie and Ste making their first visits to the local gay pub (where a drag performer welcomes the underage boys by making chicken-clucking sounds!); Jamie tearfully coming out to his mum.

Although Jamie and Ste experience some doubts about each other and fear of rejection, the atmosphere of "Beautiful Thing" is ultimately upbeat. A soundtrack filled with Mama Cass Elliot tunes (their loopy neighbor Leah is a Mama Cass fanatic) like "It's Getting Better" and "Make Your Own Kind of Music" affirm the positive coming out theme.

Both "Hide and Seek" and "Beautiful Thing" are welcome additions to the growing catalogue of gay and lesbian movies.

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by Jorge L. Cabal

Lesbian Author Carol Anshaw Reads From Her New Novel "Seven Moves" at Schwartz Book Shop

Shorewood — Carol Anshaw will read from her new novel "Seven Moves," at the Schwartz Book Shop in Shorewood on Wednesday, November 6 at 7 pm. In this novel of psychological suspense, award-winning author Carol Anshaw casts her trademark quirky, hip characters in a tale of dark secrets. This event is free and open to all. For more information call (414) 963-3111.

Christine Shaw, a Chicago therapist, awakes one morning to find her live-in lover gone. With emotions running from anger to alarm, Christine begins to trace the disappearance and discovers much about her own identity. In "Seven Moves," Carol Anshaw, Chicago based writer spins a tale of



—Carol Anshaw

psychological suspense that can only be called "a literary page-turner." Anshaw's trademark style is hip, witty and filled with sparkling dialogue and honest characters. "Kirkus Reviews" wrote, "Anshaw...shows us once again that a good story can be told as much by what it holds back as by what it offers..."

Carol Anshaw's novel "Aquamarine" won the Society of Midland Authors Book Award, the Carl Sandburg Award from the Chicago Public Library and was a finalist for the Lambda Award. She is a recipient of a 1995 Creative Writing Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Her work has appeared in "The Best American Short Stories." A local Chicago literary luminary, Carol Anshaw was the featured author at the 1995 Printers Row Book Fair and was named one of the top people in the Chicago book world by "New City" magazine. A recipient of the National Book Critics Circle Citation for Excellence in Reviewing, she reviews books for major newspapers nationwide. Anshaw currently teaches in the MFA program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Madison Repertory Theater's Production of "Fires in the Mirror"

Madison — The Rep's production of Anna Deavere Smith's "Fires in the Mirror" is a perfect example of how theater can illuminate contemporary issues. In a production directed by Shirley Jo Finney, "Fires in the Mirror" will run from November 1st through the 17th in the Isthmus Playhouse of the Madison Civic Center, 211 State Street. Ticket prices range from \$17 to \$20. For more information-contact Civic Center Ticket Office at (608) 266-9055.

In August 1991, as a police-escorted entourage carrying the Grand Rabbi of ultra Orthodox Jewish Lubavitcher sect traveled through the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn, one of the cars careened out of control and killed a seven year old African American child. Three hours later, a 29 year old Jewish history professor was stabbed to death by a black man five blocks from the scene of the accident. Rioting between Lubavitchers and blacks ensued, with New York Mayor David Dinkins and the New York police force in the middle. These events are the subject of "Fires in the Mirror."

In a riveting mix of theater and journalism, Anna Deavere Smith weaves a tapestry of urban tension from verbatim interviews with nearly two dozen Crown Heights vic-

tims, adversaries and eyewitnesses. Some of them talk directly of the events-or at least their interpretations of the events. Others talk of the bigger race-relations picture. Still others only talk of themselves. Some cannot understand the hatred, while others can't seem to get past it. Regardless, each sheds light on the events of that night. This play reaches far beyond Brooklyn. It reaches every citizen responsible for mutual respect between diverse groups in this country-and that is all of us.

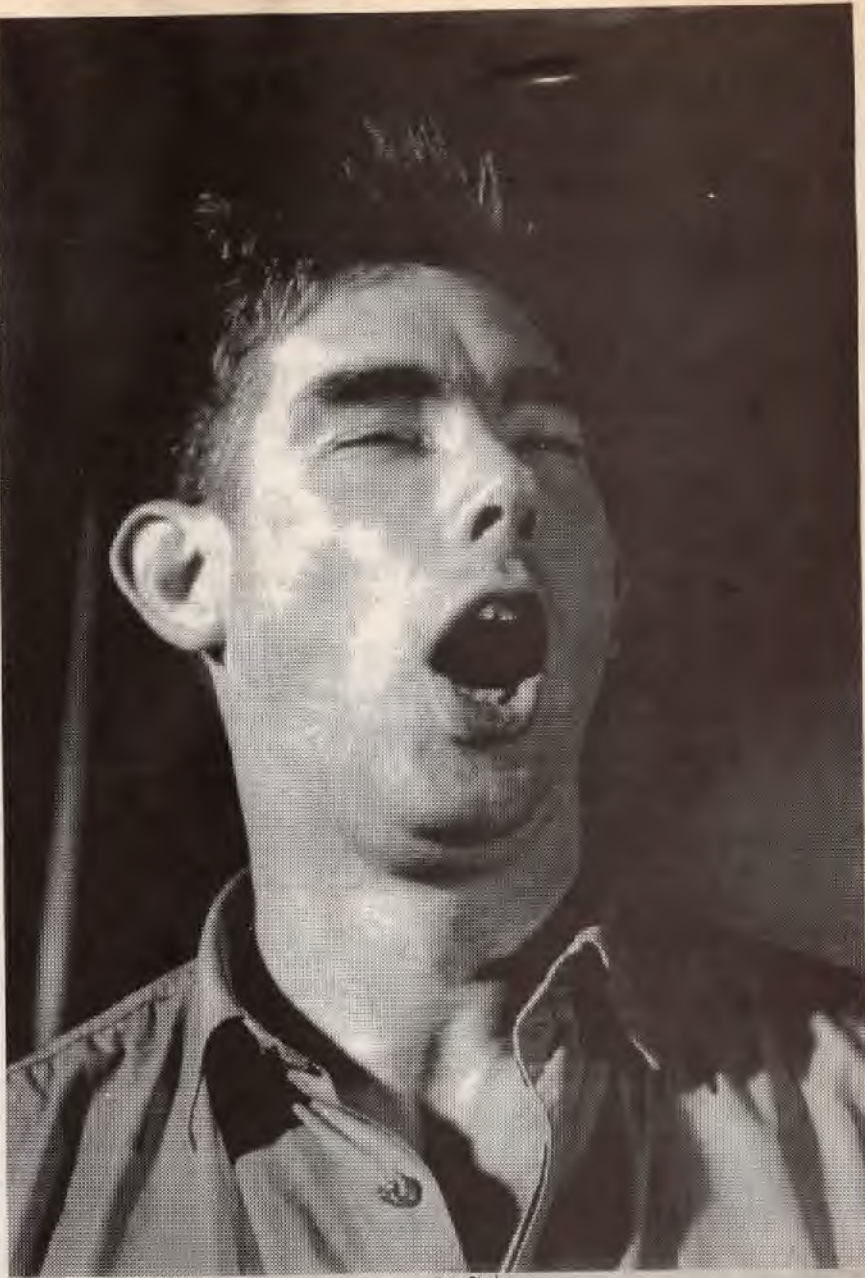
In the original New York stage production and in a PBS "Great Performances" version, Ms. Smith played all 23 roles, transforming herself into men and women, blacks and whites. The Rep's production will feature two actors, Velma Austin and Vikki Myers, who will likewise perform the monologues without regard to gender or race. Austin and Myers have both turned in memorable performances in previous Rep productions.

"Fires in the Mirror" is directed by Shirley Jo Finney. The award winning director has worked with theaters throughout the U.S. Most recently she collaborated with actress/writer Regina Taylor (best known as Lily on the television series "I'll Fly Away"). In addition to being a stage director, Ms. Finney is a film maker, winning the International Black Film makers Award for her short work "Remember Me."

Japp Blonk Performs at Woodland Pattern Book Center

Milwaukee — Woodland Pattern in conjunction with WMSE-FM presents Dutch voice performer and sound poet Jaap Blonk. Sunday, November 17, 7:00 pm. For ticket information call (414) 263-5001.

Jaap Blonk searches the rich fields between speech and music, exploring new sounds and combinations, always with an ear to the semantics of language. A self-taught musician, voice performer and sound poet. In reciting



— Jaap Blonk

poetry, especially the works of Antonin Artaud, Lucebert and Kurt Schwitters, he discovered the directness and flexibility of vocal utterance, whether using meaningful words or not. His concerts are music, poetry, theater and performance all at the same time. The world of phonic poetry, as Blonk presents it, is much bigger than any specific art movement, crosses cultural and national boundaries, embraces surrealism as well as the everyday, and its practitioners can just as easily be dead serious as purely

nonsensical.

The concert will be recorded for rebroadcast at a later date on "Alternating Currents" hosted by Hal Rammel on WMSE-FM (91.7) on Sunday nights, 6-9 pm.



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The Arts

Faulkenberg- An Unfinished Life Exhibit Opens at BESTD Gallery

Milwaukee — A new showing of the work of gay artist, Jim Faulkenberg, will open at the BESTD Gallery on Friday, November 1st and run through December 31st. Following the popular "Faulkenberg Restrospective" earlier this year, the new show is entitled "Faulkenberg - an unfinished life" and will feature works few have ever seen. Some of the diverse pieces in this exhibit include drawings of friends and family, illustrations from an unfinished book, a collection of "Doodles", early works and Jim's own "Names" quilt. The quilt is a record in cloth of Jim's fondest childhood inspirations such as Mickey Mouse, Flash Gordon, Sleeping Beauty and her Prince, and Betty Boop. The quilt is made up of all hand painted panels and was a true labor of love.

Mary Faulkenberg Schultz, Jim's wife, has put together this exhibit remembering that his perfectionist nature might have objected to using works not up to his "finished" standards. That is just what she wanted to share with Milwaukee - his unfinished life, cut short by AIDS in 1992. Jim was Mary's husband for nine years and her dearest friend for 23 years. Many people knew him as a talented artist, avid collector and active member in the Gay community. Mary shared that she knew the whole man: funny (sometimes wickedly so!), gentle, loving, intelligent, always reading and learning more, a perfectionist in his work and someone you were lucky to count as your friend. AIDS snatched Jim away and left drawings yet to be colored, dolls waiting for faces. This show is Mary's gift to Milwaukee to help fill the great loss for those who knew Jim and to allow those who never met him to have that belated privilege.

"Jim Faulkenberg - an unfinished life" opens at the BESTD Gallery on Friday November 1st with a public reception from 6 pm until 9 pm. The Gallery is located at 1240 East Brady Street (1st Floor) and the hours of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 am until 9 pm; Thursday and Friday, 10 am until 5 pm. For further information call 414-272-2144.

"In The Life" Announces 2nd Lesbian/Gay Short Film Festival

New York — "In The Life," the critically acclaimed, one-hour lesbian and gay newsmagazine series on PBS announces the Second Annual "In The Life" Lesbian and Gay Short Film and Video Festival. Chosen entries will be broadcast nationwide on "In The Life's" June 1997 Gay Pride Episode.

Two outstanding entries will receive awards to be presented spring 1997 in New York City. Film and video direc-



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The Arts

tors are encouraged to enter their work on lesbian and gay issues and culture.

"In The Life" provides a nationwide cultural and educational resource on public television that chronicles the history and contemporary experience of general public with network quality television programming. IN THE



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For entry form and complete contest information send self addressed stamped envelope to: In the Life, Short Film/ Video Committee, 30 W. 26th St., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10010. Call (212)255-6012 ext. 308 for more information. Deadline for submission: January 17, 1997.

Woodland Pattern Book Center Presents James Cameron & C. S. Giscombe

Milwaukee — James Cameron, founder, director and president of America's Black Holocaust Museum; and C. S. Giscombe, poet, teacher and Fullbright Scholar will interpret their poetry November 2, 8:00 pm at Woodland Pattern, 720 East Locust Street. Admission is \$6 for general public and \$5 for members. For reservation call (414) 263-5001.

Born in Dayton, Ohio, Giscombe now teaches English at Illinois State University in Normal. He edited "Epoch" magazine at Cornell University from 1983 to 1989. He was recently awarded a Fullbright to work on a writing project pertaining to the nineteenth century Jamaican miner and explorer, John Giscombe, and the

geographic features in Northern British Columbia that were named for him.

On a dark summer night in 1930, three young men were arrested. Two



—James Cameron

were soon lynched. The third, James Cameron, with a noose around his neck and an angry mob calling for his blood, was spared. "A Time of Terror" is his story, told 66 years later with anger, insight, and reflection. James Cameron's narrative is a riveting and graphic as the infamous photo of his two friends, Thomas Shipp and Abram Smith, who were not as fortunate as he. His story is also a unique survivors narrative of a seldom discussed American tragedy, lynching. Told by a victim. Few people have survived the terror that Cameron calls "demonic." James Cameron did, but he never forgot.

Cameron has devoted his life to exposing America's shameful history of racial hatred. He has been everything from a common laborer to a newspaper reporter to author. Now in his senior years, he is the founder, director and president of America's Black Holocaust Museum, which is located in Milwaukee and is the only museum of its kind in the nation.

Jimmy James Resurrects Marilyn to Strike a Pose for PETA

Norfolk — Founded in 1980, PETA is dedicated to establishing and defending the rights of all animals. PETA operates under the simple principle that animals are not ones to wear, experiment on, use for entertainment or eat. PETA which stands for "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals" is an international nonprofit charitable organization with offices in Washington, D. C., Seattle, London, Amsterdam and Stuttgart. PETA's mission is to educate policy makers and the public regarding issues involving the intense abuse of animals and to promote an understanding of the inherent rights of sentient animals to be treated with respect and decency.

Since its inception, PETA has been responsible for such breakthroughs as the closure of the largest horse slaughter operation in the United States, and an order by the U.S. secretary of defense that closed a major military wound laboratory and stopped the use of cats and dogs in others.

PETA has also brought the animals rights movement to the music and fashion world. PETA initiated production of two animal rights albums, "Animal Liberation" and "Tame Yourself," featuring artists such as Chrissie Hynde of the Pretenders, Howard Jones, Lene Lovich, Indigo Girls, Michael Stipe, and Belinda Carlisle. PETA has also held several "Rock Against Fur" and "Fur Is A Drag" benefit concerts featuring the B-52's, P.M. Dawn, k.d. Land, and other prominent performers. Supermodels Cindy Crawford, Naomi Campbell and Christy Turlington, film actress Kim Basinger, singer Melissa Etheridge and others have posed for PETA's internationally publicized "I'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur"



— Alicia Silverstone

campaign.

For more information on PETA, you can write to: PETA, 501 Front Street, Norfolk, VA 23510 or you can call (757) 622-PETA.

Exhibition Opens on History of Chicago Jazz

Chicago — The long history of Chicago jazz — from its ragtime/blues/spiritual roots to its modern innovations — is celebrated in the exhibition "From Dreamland to Showcase: Jazz in Chicago, 1912 to 1996" opening Wednesday, Oct 30 in the Department of Special Collections in Regenstein Library, the University of Chicago.

"Dreamland" is an exhibition of the cultural history of jazz," said Suzy Taraba, Public Services Librarian in Special Collections and the present caretaker of the exhibit. "These are materials that are important to historians, sociologists, graphic artists and architectural historians as well as jazz lovers." The exhibition contains such items as "Ma Rainey's Mystery Record" for which listeners were instructed to "name that tune," and "Chicago Defender" newspaper article that contains one of the earliest references to this type of music as "jass" — later,

jazz. "It was a nice term," Taraba says, laughing. "It came from Storyville, the vice district in New Orleans." Taraba is especially excited about an album cover for the RCA Victor Hot Jazz Series titled "Girls in Jazz."

"From Dreamland to Showcase: Jazz in Chicago, 1912 to 1996" is on view through February in Regenstein Library, 1100 E. 57th St., on the University of Chicago campus. For more information, call (773) 702-8705.

Lucia Mad at Theatre X

Milwaukee — "Lucia Mad" a new play by Don Nigro, opens at Theatre X in the Broadway Theatre Center, 158 North Broadway, on October 31st and runs through November 17th. "Lucia Mad" is a lyrical, funny and haunting play about the madness of James Joyce's beloved daughter, Lucia. Lucia traces the imagined course of her love for the young Samuel Beckett and in so doing, discovers a link in the act of creation to love and madness. Joyce is living in Paris and deeply absorbed in the writing of what was to become his enigmat-



— David Rommel & Deborah Clifton

ic masterpiece, "Finnegan's Wake." He adores his daughter Lucia, but is unable to give her the attention she desires. When Joyce's disciple, the very young Samuel Beckett appears, Lucia falls madly in love with him.

For ticket information, call the Broadway Theatre Center box office at (414) 291-7800.



ROBERT'S RULES

by Shelly Roberts

Sometimes it's hard to tell whether we're riding on a high speed train or a see-saw. Just about the time you think we are moving forward at a very rapid pace, you get suddenly called up short to discover that we're staying in the same place and just moving up and down instead.

For those of us pundits who spend our time trying to draw community road maps, it's getting harder to see a real direction. As a consequence, I find myself asking a whole lot of hard questions lately:

Why do those nice people hate us so much without bothering to know any of us, that they want us dead?

If they don't want us "promiscuous," and they won't let us marry each other, what else is there?

Is it or isn't it good that our enemies are mostly concentrated in groups that everyone else sees as overbearing and self-serving?

How could a judge award custody of a child to her grandmother who has already proved that she can raise a lesbian?

How much do we owe to Anita Bryant? Her gay husband? Johnny Carson's AB jokes?

How much do we owe Newt Gingrich? His lesbian sister, Candace?

What do the Boomers owe Pre-Stone-Wallers? What do the X'ers owe the Boomers?

Whatever happened to the bartender at Joanie Presents? Whatever happened to Joanie Presents? Whatever happened to Joanie?

Would my folks have been different if they'd been born in a PFLAG era?

How does k.d. lang make new friends?

When will the men stop dying? At the end will there be only one guy left who is in everybody's will?

Who do I know who has Sandra Scoppottone's e-mail address?

Will I live happily ever after? Will everybody? Will anybody? How is that possible?

Is it possible to say an entire paragraph without being Politically Incorrect? Who's judging?

Are we chic enough for them to let Ellen out on TV?

How does Ellen make new friends?

What did we do before Prosaic? What will we do when they outlaw it?

Whadda You Know?!

Is "community" on the Internet real? More real? Surreal? Is there personal without the political? Would that be a great relief?

Why is my hair cut like this?

How will we know each other when we're done?

Does progress always breed boredom in the progeny?

How come we don't have any leaders except the self-proclaimed?

Where are we anyway?

Who chose purple? Did we vote? Did I vote?

Does wearing green and yellow on Thursdays still mean anything to grade school kids?

How is it that when you travel from city to city, you always meet the same lesbians, only they have different names?

Was it any more fun when we were secret and dangerous?

Will the lesbians, the feminists, and the lesbian-feminists ever come to terms? Or agree on them?

How come the men never worked on gender parity till we told them they had to?

Why couldn't I play with fire trucks and erector sets?

What difference does it make that Jamie Lee Curtis is XXY?

How long will it take for all of us to get smarter than this?

Who's in charge around here? Who cares?

Why was what Urvashi Vaid had to say worth a hundred thousand dollars in advance? How much in hindsight?

How come we don't all vote for ourselves?

How will we know when we're done?

These are merely rhetorical questions. (Like gravity merely keeps us on the planet.) They don't require answers. Unless you have some. If you have rhetorical answers, (or Sandra Scoppettone's e-mail address) let me know. Send them to shellyr@bridge.net.

Questions I have.

Answers I need.

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October 30 to
November 13

The Calendar

Wednesday, October 30

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

Cafe Melange: "Puppet Government" (Milwaukee): 9 pm. "Puppet Government" original rock/folk with messages. For more information call 414-291-9885.

Shake It Up: Loretta Ross (Madison): From 9 pm until 11 pm. Cable 4, public access TV, WYOU: Nothing to Hide presents Loretta Ross. For more information call (608)241-2500.

AfterWords: Halloween Bash (Milwaukee): 7 pm. 3rd Annual Halloween Bash. Author and editor Pam Keesy will be present. Elaine Bergstrom will also make a return appearance.

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra: Brahms and Bach (Milwaukee): 7:30 pm. Classical Conversations: Brahms and Bach. At the Pabst Theater. Admission: \$15 to \$50. For more information call (414)291-7605.

Thursday, October 31

Shake It Up: Halloween (Madison): 6 pm. From ghoulies and ghosties and long-legged beasts and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, Deliver us. For more information call (608)241-2500.

BESTD Clinic Live (Milwaukee): 7 pm. Cable Channel 47, Guest: Bobby Groth "When love turns into violence."

Cafe Melange: Sally Vitanas (Milwaukee): 7 pm. Sally Vitanas, evening of haunting music. Admission: \$3. For more information call (414)291-9889.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts presents: Walker's Point History Project: The Melting Pot - 150 Years and Still Cooking (Milwaukee): October 26 thru November 19, 1996. East Gallery: Walker's Point Center for the Arts, 911 West National Avenue, Milwaukee Admission is free. Donations are welcome. For more information (414)672-2787.

Friday, November 1

Milwaukee: Through the Lens of Lyle Oberwise (Milwaukee): This original, traveling photo exhibit, will appear November 1 - November 30 at the Miller Tour Center, 4251 West State Street, and December 1 - December 31 at the Milwaukee Central Library, 814 West Wisconsin Avenue. For more information call (414)286-5617.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: "Selected Works" (Milwaukee): Gallery hours: Mondays & Wednesday: 12 noon - 3 pm, Tuesday: 11 am - 3 pm, Thursday: 11 am - 7 pm, Friday: 11 am - 3 pm Saturday/Sunday: Closed. When: October 18 - November 13. Where: Union Art Gallery- Union Bldg.- First floor, 2200 East Kenwood Blvd.

University of Wisconsin-Madison: Chinese Film Festival (Madison): "Light In the East: new films from Hong Kong, Japan, Taiwan, and China" continues. From: Japan. "Mabarasi (Mabarashi no Hikari, 1995) Film shows at 7 and 9:15 pm. Parliamentary Room, 4070 Vilas Hall, 821 University Avenue, University Ave. and Park St. Free admission.

GAMMA Circle (Milwaukee): Social starting at 7:30 pm. Meet others and enjoy the day. For more information call (414) 425-2146.

Aububon Court Books: John Foshager (Milwaukee): 7:30 - 11:30 pm. Live Music: John Foshager sets the mood with his Jazz piano playing. For more information call (414)351-9140.

Cafe Melange: "Hooray for Hollywood" (Milwaukee): 9 pm. a Dale Gutzman musical revue starring, Dale Gutzman, Tina Davis, Karl Miller, Michael Weiser, and Fred Ollerman. Admission: \$12. For more information call (414)291-9889.

Saturday, November 2

Robert Nugent Jones: Benefit Show (Milwaukee): 8 pm. Wisconsin Hotel Ballroom, 720 North Old World Third Street. Benefit for: BESTD Clinic, Holton Street Clinic, MAP. Other performers include: The Resentments and FWep. For more information call (414)264-4250.

M & M Club: Singational (Milwaukee): 9 pm. M & M Club is located on 124 North Water Street.

For more information call (414) 347-1962.

Madison Gay Video Club: Young Men's (18-30) Night (Madison): 8 pm. "The Chain Reaction", "Nighthawken". For more information call (414)244-8675.

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

GAMMA Volleyball (Milwaukee): Cowles Volleyball League at Engelman Gym starting at 3 pm. For more information call (414)425-2146.

Shake It Up: Farmer's Market (Madison): It'll be cold, probably rainy and it will be your last chance to get dried flower things, winter bulbs and whatever for this season on the Square till next May; make it a ceremony of closure: See you in the spring; till then

Life's a Drag

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"I like a man who
thinks twice before
he says nothing..."



KEEPIN' IN STEP

by Jamie

It seems as if any place I spend any amount of time at lately, things are either cluttered or just a plain mess!

At Skylab (my real job) we are in the beginning stages of remodeling. Yes, I am finally getting my own office - tech room. Actually instead of just 2 offices there will now be 4 offices, a lunch - conference room and of course my room, complete with a brand new tech bench. I also get to take credit for the floor plan. However, improvements don't come without a price. We have started the demolition portion of the project

and things are piled up all over the place. My desk is temporarily in the middle of what used to be the stock room and every time I back up my chair, I run into the 'stock' we couldn't find a better spot for. So for the next few months, I will be tearing down walls to make room for new walls, shifting boxes of stuff from place to place and of course, working in a mess.

This past Sunday I showed up for work at **TRIANGLE** and there they were, refinishing the floors ... again. So there were bar stools and 'caution' tape all over the place to

Tina, Clean Up This Mess!



—Spotted at "Come Out and Dance." Photo: Jamie

keep people from walking on the fresh varnish. That was mess #2.

Mess #3 is the place that I am moving out of. As I told you in the last column I am in the process of moving. I have spent the last couple of weeks packing every thing I own. For anyone who has not moved recently, let me remind you that keeping the house spotless isn't really that high on your list of priorities. There is a stack of boxes in my kitchen 6 high, 4 deep and 4 wide at this point and I am not finished packing. There are little piles of things all over the place that either I do not have a box big enough for or that there is not enough of that particular "group" of things to fill a box. I imagine that a few days before the Big Move, I will just start throwing anything into any old box, just to get it all packed. Oh well, hopefully by November 3rd, I will have it all moved to the new place and I can do this whole process in reverse.

Enough about my messy world, let me get you caught up on what else has been going on.

Friday, October 11th, the LesBiGay community at **UW-MILWAUKEE** threw a **COME**

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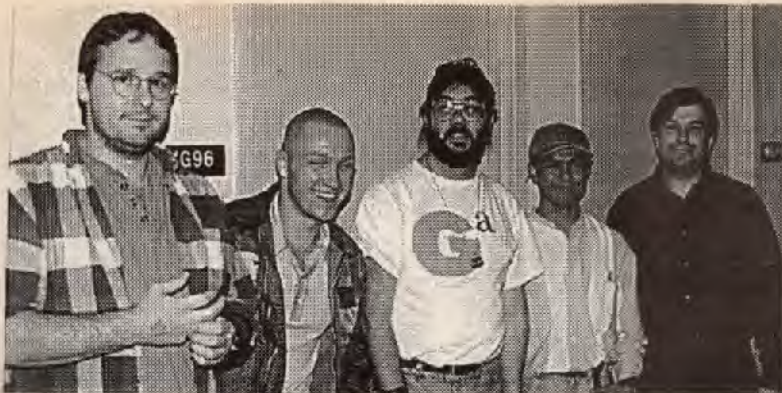
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— Above: Havin' fun at UW-M's Come Out and Dance. Photo: Jamie



— It Must Be Hot at Club 219. Photo: Jamie



— Is This the Patridge Family at Club 94? Photo: Jamie



— A Live Queen at Club 94. Photo: Jamie



— Bag Lady with Poodle Skirt at Club 94. Photo: Jamie

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NEXT DEADLINE: NOV. 4 AT 6PM

OUT AND DANCE PARTY at the UWM Union Terrace. It sounded like a good time to me so I grabbed my camera and made my way over to the east side. The crowd was slim but all that showed up had a great time.

The **CLUB 94 FOLLIES GIRLS** had their annual auction and benefit for **SEWAP**. I haven't missed this event in years and this year was no exception. The show started pretty much on time (which as you know is pretty unusual for a drag show) and was packed with plenty of great talent. The show included the performance by **JOSIE LYNN** that won her the **MISS GAY WISCONSIN US OF A** title. The only thing missing from the auction this year was the 'shot glass tree' that had previously made it's way back to the auction a couple of years in a row.

Also raising money that night was the **OBBERONS** over at **B'S**. **BRUCE** from **B'S** told me that they had a good turnout. This is an annual event for the **OBBERONS** to raise money through raffles and donations to help provide a better **CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS WITH AIDS**.

It was bell bottoms and polyester at **MAMA ROUX**, October 13th. Unfortunately I was slingin' drinks elsewhere that day so I missed the Big 70's Bash. Hopefully the next 70's party at **MAMA ROUX** will be on a day I don't have to work, I know I would have a blast.

Up in Green Bay it was **HOLLY HOT DAMNIN PAJAMA PARTY** at **ZA'S**. I couldn't make that party either but I was told by **GREGORY** that the party was a 'hit'. Money raised from the party went to the **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FUND**. Over **\$300 WAS RAISED**.

Well that will do it for another couple of weeks. I am going to save this on disk, get this weeks photos organized and then ... pack some more boxes. I promise I will tell you more about my 'move' in the very near future. Until then, remember life is what you make of it and as always, slower traffic keep right.



— A Stray Kitty on Club 94 Stage. Photo: Jamie

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it's hibernation time. For more information call (608) 241-2500.

Sunday, November 3

Shake It Up: Brunch (Madison): Of course at Fife's Corner Bistro on East Washington Ave. Pig Out. For more information call (608)241-2500

UW-Milwaukee: Piano Chamber Concert (Milwaukee): 3 pm. UWM Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. Directed by Judit James, featuring the Notre Dame Trio and Stefanie Jacob. For more information call (414)229-4308.

Monday, November 4

Michael H. Lord Gallery: "Photography"-Fall Group Show (Milwaukee): 10 am until 5 pm. Monday-Saturday. Gallery located in the Pfister Hotel. For more information call (414)272-1007.

Tuesday, November 5

Milwaukee Art Museum: Musin in the Museum (Milwaukee): 5:30 pm. Music in the Museum features City Stories. \$15 admission. For more information call (414)224-3220.

Riverwest Rainbow Association: Election Night Nonsense(Milwaukee): 7:30 pm until 10 pm. Gather round for a gay old time and laugh or cry as the numbers roll in. Location: Lava Java (726 E. Burleigh). For more information call (414)225-1645.

GAMMA Board Meeting (Milwaukee): Monthly Board Meeting at 7 pm. For more information call (414)425-2146.

Aububon Court Books: Vote (Milwaukee): 10:30 am. Animal Crackers. For more information call (414)351-9140.

Shake It Up: Election Day (Madison): Vote until 8 pm. Party at 9 pm; Bring munchies and beverages. 4701 Judy Lane. For more information call (608)241-2500.

Mama Roux Bar: Election Night 1996 (Milwaukee): 6 pm until close. See, hear and talk to Gays and Lesbians in 17 different cities.

Wednesday, November 6

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

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Aububon Court Books: Poetry (Milwaukee): 7 pm. Espresso Poetry: The first Thursday of every month is poetry night in our Espresso Bar. For more information call (414)351-9140.

Medical College of Wisconsin: Michael H. Merson, M.D. (Milwaukee): "HIV Prevention in the Developing World: Success or Failure?": 3 pm until 4:30 pm. Location: CAIR's-Franklin Building, 1249 N. Franklin, Milwaukee. For more information call 414-287-4680.

Friday, November 8

Chicago Film Makers: Reeling '96: The 16th Chicago Lesbian & Gay International Film Festival (Chicago): 7 pm. Movie: "Beautiful Thing," at the Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport. After the film, the celebration continues with a gala "Sweet Sixteen" party at the Halsted Street Cafe, 3641 N. Halsted. For more information call (773)384-5533. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee: Music (Milwaukee): 12:30 pm. Music Convocation, Piano Faculty, UWM Recital Hall, 2400 E. Kenwood Blvd. For more information (414)229-4302.

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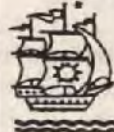
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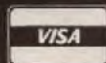
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LOOKING FOR A GOOD FRIEND I'm a 22 year old Gay White male new to the area. I'm attractive, 5'9, 150lbs, Brown eyes. I'm looking for someone 18 to 25 who loves to have fun and who can be a good friend. Call me. (Appleton) **#6949**

NO GAMES NO TRIPS I'm 6'1, Brown hair, Blue eyes, 178lbs, slim, good shape, good looking. I would like to meet someone for a long term relationship. Casual friends welcome. I enjoy sporting events and masculine men. (Fond du lac) **#32136**

COLLEGE KID I'm a student at Northland college. I'm 20 years old, 6'2, 180lbs. I like swimming, walks, bike rides, bowling, ice skating, etc. If that sounds interesting to you please respond. (Ashlan) **#12484**

EAGLE RIVER COUPLE We are looking to meet other men in our area or men who are willing to travel. I'm 28 years old, 6'1, 190lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. My boyfriend is 29 years old, Brown hair, Blue eyes. Let us know if your interested. (Eagle River) **#12856**

HOMO ALONE I have a hairy chest and nice body, Blond hair, Green eyes. I would like to meet Gay men in my area. (Eau Claire) **#6870**

FEATURE PRESENTATION I'm looking for new friends and buddies to connect with on an occasional basis. I like dark hair and features. I'm a young looking 34 year old White male, 6ft, 190lbs, masculine. Call me. (Eau Claire) **#7099**

ARE YOU KIND HEARTED? I'm 23 years old, Asian male, 5'7, 135lbs, dark hair, dark eyes, very healthy, very athletic and good looking. I enjoy weight lifting, biking, and summer movies. I'm looking for a White male 20 to 32 who is fit and muscular. (Madison) **#3688**



DISCRETION A MUST I'm a 33 year old professional Bi male. I enjoy sporting events. I tend to be shy. My profession does not allow me to meet people freely. I look forward to meeting someone. Please be discreet. (Fond du lac) **#32076**

SUBMISSIVE BOY SEEKS MASTER I am looking for a dominant master. I am clean and want to serve a very dominant man. I will follow your every command. Make me do things your way. Please call me sir. (Green Bay) **#13475**

TOUCHING AND HUGGING I'm 5'11, 180lbs, single Gay White male. I like quiet times and going out. I'm looking for friendship first. (Kenosha) **#13604**

LET'S PLAY BALL I'm a 22 year old Gay White male interested in meeting someone for friendship or other reasons. I have dark blond hair and blue eyes and I love sports. (Kenosha) **#43128**

LOOKING FOR MEN I'm a 26 year old Gay White male looking for friendship and more. I'm clean shaven, 5'5, 170lbs, well built. I like down hill skiing, dancing, good times, and movies. Call me. (Madison) **#14270**

DISCREET FUN IN MADISON I'm looking for a good looking Gay White male. I'm 31 years old, 5'11, 170lbs, nice body, Blue eyes, friendly and easy going. I'm interested in very discreet fun. Call me. (Madison) **#5829**

I'M LOOKING FOR FRIENDS I'm new to the area. I'm a cute 22 year old Gay Asian male, 5'6, 120lbs. I'm looking for White guys 18 to 25 for friendship and maybe more. Call me. (Madison) **#10278**

LETS GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER I'm in my early 30's, well built, tall, clean shaven, healthy. I would like to meet men 18 to early 30's to get to know and have fun with. Call me. (Madison) **#8996**

HAIR WE GO I'm 18 years old, 6'4, 210lbs. I'm looking for someone 18 to 30 who likes to do just about anything. Hairy men are a plus. (Madison) **#3262**

ARREST ME I'm a submissive Gay White male, 5'11, 155lbs, Brown hair, Hazel eyes. I'm looking for a dominant man 21 to 45 who is in law enforcement. Call me. (Madison) **#2840**

ISN'T THAT YOU ON THE SCREEN? I would love to get together with some guys in my area. If you are into adult videos call me. Lets watch together. (Madison) **#1314**

MADISON BEAR I'm 28 years old, 6'2, heavy set, short Brown hair, hairy all over. I like big hairy men like myself. I'm into movies, theatre, reading, and good conversation. Call me. (Madison) **#1163**

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME I'm a Gay White male, 6'1, 175lbs, Brown hair, Green eyes, 30 years old, fit, clean cut. I'm looking for a top Gay male for fun, friendship, and possibly more. Try me. No disappointment (Madison) **#34680**

CHUBBY DADDY 48 year old top, chunky build, 5'11, Blond hair, Hazel eyes. I'm looking for a male slave 18 to 35. If you want to be daddy's boy call me. (Milwaukee) **#14429**

TRANSSEXUAL DOMINATRIX WANTED I would like to meet White, Hispanic, or Asian Transsexuals who like to dress up and get into new and exciting scenes. I'm 5'9, 175lbs. I would like to meet someone to dominate me. (Milwaukee) **#14446**

FINE YOUNG THING I'm in my late 20's, tall, slim, straight acting, cute. I'm looking for an older gentleman 35 to 50 who is clean, discreet, and masculine. I'm submissive and seek an in shape older man who is aggressive. (Milwaukee) **#14334**

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FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE I'm new here from Chicago. I'm tall, 200lbs, work out, dark skin, live on the East side. If you would like a companion call me. (Milwaukee) #12586

DRESS UP TIME I'm a submissive, non passable cross dresser, mid 30's, Bi sexual, looking for a strong, attractive top to use me as his toy. I also can be versatile. (Milwaukee) #14236

HOT BLACK BROTHER I'm an African American male, 5'11, 170lbs, Brown skin, bald head, nice body, well endowed. If you like this call me. (Milwaukee) #13995

WEST SIDE MASSAGE I'm 26 years old, good looking, Gay White male, Brown hair, blue eyes, smooth, clean shaven, swimmers build. I'm looking to get together with someone who will give me a massage. I will reciprocate (Milwaukee) #13563

MILWAUKEE MAN I'm looking for another gentleman into foot and boot worship, giving and receiving. Serious replies only. (Milwaukee) #13168

REACH NEW HEIGHTS I'm a good looking 33 year old White male, Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'11, 175lbs. I'm looking for top men. I'm more of a bottom. (Milwaukee) #5873

CONDOM SENSE I'm 5'10, 180lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes. I'm looking for top men for clean safe sex. I am a Bi male. Lets get together and talk. (Milwaukee) #12022

ATHLETIC WHITE MALE I'm a very good looking White male, 5'10, Brown hair, Brown eyes, nice build, very athletic. I'm into movies, volleyball, and anything athletic. I'm seeking men with similar build and interests. Please call me. (Milwaukee) #12112

WATCHING AND WAITING I'm 38 years young, 5'11, 175lbs, 32" waist, Brown hair, Green eyes. I'm looking for someone intelligent and sincere. I like boating, good food, books, music, hiking, poetry, politics, etc. If you have similar interests call me. (Milwaukee) #12129

FOX VALLEY MAN I'm a 36 year old Gay White male, 6'1, 190lbs, Brown eyes, hairy chest, masculine, very straight acting. If you are looking for just sex move on. I'm in the closet and plan to stay that way. I'm looking for a long term relationship. (Milwaukee) #11862

POSITIVE AND HEALTHY I'm 31 years old, HIV positive, healthy. I'm looking for men in my area. If you have left a message in the past please leave one again. Thanks. (Milwaukee) #7328

STRAIGHT TO THE POINT I'm a 33 year old White male, 5'10, 165lbs, Brown hair, Brown eyes, handsome. I'm looking for men 29 to 35 who are attractive and straight acting. I'm interested in casual dating and a possible relationship. Call me. (Milwaukee) #10017

COOL, CALM AND SUCK I'm 6ft, 160lbs, nice looking, clean shaven, 23 years old, lonely. I enjoy movies, exercise, travel, etc. I'm seeking a very attractive bottom 18 to 22. Call me. No games. (Milwaukee) #9613

CLEAN AND INTELLIGENT? I'm a 27 year old Bi Black male looking for friendship. I like racquetball, fishing, working out, etc. I'm looking for someone 18 to 31 who is clean, intelligent and a non smoker. Call me. (Milwaukee) #10181

OUT AND ABOUT I'm a Gay White male, 29 years old, 6ft, 150lbs. I'm looking to meet other men 18 to 35 for friendship and possible relationship. I like the outdoors, good times, etc. Call me. (Milwaukee) #9137

RELATIONSHIP ORIENTED I'm a handsome professional Gay White male, 33 years old, 5'10, 165lbs. I'm relationship oriented and I'm seeking attractive Gay White men 29 to 35 for dating, fun, and possible relationship. I'm straight acting and appearing. (Milwaukee) #9218

SMOOTH BOY I'm 5'9, 125lbs, smooth body, smooth chest. I'm looking for someone in my area for fun times. Call me. (Milwaukee) #8967

ON THE SIDE I'm a Gay White male, late 30's, 5'8, 150lbs, hairy chest, receded hair line. I'm looking for an East Side top for fun on the side. Call me. (Milwaukee) #7373

LET'S GET WET I'm 6'3, Blond hair, Hazel eyes, 155lbs. I like swimming, walking, biking, camping, etc. I'm interested in meeting new friends. Call me. (Milwaukee) #6599

HELP ME GET OFF I'm 25 years old, smooth bottom boy looking for a hot top muscular man. A hot construction worker, body builder, cop, etc. to take control of me. Make me do it sir. Make me your dirty little boy. (Milwaukee) #7498

READY FOR A CHANGE I'm a single White male, 30 years old, 6ft, 200lbs. I'm looking for a Transvestite. I need a first time experience with a kinky cross dresser. (Milwaukee) #5255

SIT BACK AND RELAX I'm a handsome and bared Gay White male, early 30's, slim, discreet, very oral. I'm looking for Gay or straight White men who would like to be serviced. Call me. (Milwaukee) #5879

THE WILD NIGHT IS CALLING I'm a very attractive 32 year old Gay White male, Blonde hair, Hazel eyes, 6'1, 165lbs, trim muscular build. I enjoy working out, camping, etc. I'm looking for guys in my area for fun and friendship. Call me. (Milwaukee) #3897

THE COLOR OF MY DREAMS I'm a 29 year old Black male, 6'3, 180lbs, mustache, attractive. I'm seeking other men of color in my area. Call me. (Milwaukee) #3985

MAKE ME LAUGH I'm 5'7, 180lbs, well built. I'm looking for the same in a guy with a good sense of humor. Lets go out. (Milwaukee) #1316

BLACK MEN ONLY I'm a 21 year old Drag Queen. I have Brown hair, Brown eyes, 5'9, 155lbs, flexible. I'd like to meet a very fun loving and caring guy who likes to do a lot of things as well as cuddle. I'm only interested in Black men. Call me. #42795

LEATHER TRAINING I'm into leather. I'm looking for a slave boy or she male. I'm in my 40's, good build. I'm looking for someone to train. (Milwaukee) #32154

ARE YOU THE ONE? GWM, 24, 5'9", brown hair, hazel eyes, seeks others, 18-30, smooth and boyish looks, for fun, friendship and pleasure. Leave me a message. (Milwaukee) #23317

BUDDY BONDING GWM, 23, 6'2", married, attractive, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, seeks friends to hang out with and possibly more. Give me a call. (Milwaukee) #10354

SMOOTH LITTLE BOTTOM WANTED I'm a top man, 41 years old, 6'5, 230lbs. I'm looking for a smooth little bottom 18 to 25. I'm secure and a workaholic. If you would like to know more please call me. #8686



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OUT OF THE STARS

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Horoscope for Oct. 30 through Nov. 13



ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 20)

Even the proudest of Rambos may have felt the tinge of self doubt with our Saturn casting an unflattering light on your self image. Hunker in the shadows no more cousin; Pluto trine Saturn pumps up your self confidence, hands you a personal victory or three and brings the adoring world to your door in a big way. Thank goodness gay Rams would never let all this adulation go to their heads....



LEO (JULY 24 - AUGUST 23)

The Saturn / Pluto trine offers dramatically proud Lions the opportunity to gain the global recognition that they (think) they deserve. Anything having to do with creative pursuits and fun filled pastimes has a way of changing / strengthening your basic philosophy of life. Grab all the colors of the rainbow and take the muse farther than you ever thought possible. As your agent, I'll take the usual 15%.



SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 23 - DEC. 22)

Pastimes or side businesses may be the yellow brick road leading to Oz. Queer Sags should pursue any creative enterprise with mucho gusto during the Saturn / Pluto trine; I can almost guarantee that it can lead to a new circle of influential acquaintances, momentous new beginnings and a new gay you. Drop those drab togs darling; your entrance needs to be flashy and fabulous.



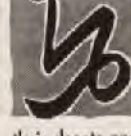
TAURUS (APRIL 21 - MAY 21)

The most interesting aspect of the Pluto / Saturn trine is how you'll be able to blend the mystical, higher karma of service and devotion with down to earth sexual interaction. Maybe it means that you'll meet that perfect lover through volunteer work. Maybe it means that physical connection is sparked with a soulful connection. Maybe it means that you'll be the one wearing the saddle or leash.



VIRGO (AUG. 24 - SEPT. 23)

Even the most affirmed Virgins might have been feeling a tad repressed recently with stern old Saturn casting a cold pall on your hottest urges. Worry no more sweetheart; the Pluto / Saturn trine has lovers knocking down the door. Feel strong in your sexuality and don't let relatives rain on your pride parade. You'll be surprised at how compelling you can be and well others respond.



CAPRICORN (DEC. 23 - JAN. 20)

Gay Goats may feel like the sanitation workers of the zodiac as they haul all that psychic garbage out of their closets and dump it where it belongs. Liberation abounds! Even nasty home related projects will have closure and success during the Saturn / Pluto trine. All your struggles have not been in vain dear queer Cap; Prepare for a true sense of affirmation and personal satisfaction.



GEMINI (MAY 22 - JUNE 21)

Many gay Twins have trouble concentrating on just one person, especially when you have so many fabulous friends who are willing to help you fill the time with delightful diversions. Happily, the Saturn / Pluto trine helps you balance the needs of partners with the call of friendships. In fact, don't be surprised if one helps spur the other. Play it to the limit. Balance, darling, is after all, everything.



LIBRA (SEPT. 24 - OCT. 23)

Gay Scales always strive for balance and harmony. Unfortunately, balance was probably one of the most difficult positions for you to achieve in relationships. Tip no more; the Saturn / Pluto trine enables you and your partner to see a level eye to eye. All it will take is open communication and a bit of patience; So much has been swept under the rug that the rug is three feet off the ground.



AQUARIUS (JAN. 21 - FEB. 19)

The Saturn / Pluto trine has an interesting effect on Aqueerians and their long term goals. Prepare for an abrupt change in your life's patterns and a transformation of all you hold near and dear. New friends beat a path to your door, but avoid the lunatics; you are far too susceptible to powerfully delivered messages no matter how crazy. No, no, no; the Christian Coalition is not for you!



CANCER (JUNE 22 - JULY 23)

If pink Crabs have been feeling like a pair of ragged claws toiling at the grindstone for little recognition and reward, worry no more. Now, with the Saturn / Pluto trine, any effort on the job will have lasting impact in your long term career. You haven't wasted your time and struggled for nothing dear. It is time to reap the rewards of hard work. Be kind to all of us serfs when you reach the top.



SCORPIO (OCT. 24 - NOV. 22)

Even the most menial task will have a profitable payoff when Saturn trines Pluto. Queer Scorps should use their considerable strategic insights to plot and plan a financial attack from the deep trenches of a foot soldier. I also advise a clear, sensible look at exercise and diet. Long term profitability is in the stars now and you want to be able to celebrate in those tight leather chaps.



PISCES (FEB. 20 - MARCH 20)

Pink Fish may feel swimmingly at home in their chosen career path, but the Pluto / Saturn trine has a way of changing all best laid plans for the better. This is a crucial time friend; the planets prepare to pour the concrete foundation for your professional mansion. Make sure it has the best location with the best view. Examine your value system to be the true lavender you.

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