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The Wisconsin Light

National "Coming Out Day" Oct. 11

By Lou Chibbaro Jr.

Gay rights leaders are calling on Lesbians and Gay men across the country to join a nationally publicized "Coming Out Day" scheduled for October 11.

Organizers say they plan to involve "hundreds of thousands" in the event, which is intended to boost the visibility and political clout of Gays by showing that Gays exist in all walks of life.

The Coming Out Day activities are being sponsored jointly by the National Gay Rights Advocates, a California-based litigation group, and The Experience Weekend, a Gay-oriented consciousness-raising program run by Gay activist Rob Eichberg.

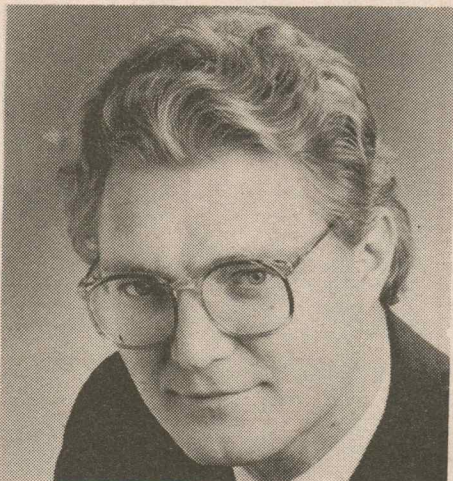
Jean O'Leary, NGRA's executive director, said she and Eichberg volunteered to organize Coming Out Day after the event was proposed at the Gay rights "War Conference" held last month in Warrenton, Va.

Urvashi Vaid, media director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said NGLTF and all the other national Gay groups represented at the War Conference have endorsed the Coming Out Day plans.

O'Leary noted that almost all of the 200 activists who attended the War Conference agreed that a major drawback to the Gay rights movement is the perception by the

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NORQUIST, SCHULTZ WIN BIG Jackson Second in State Presidential Race

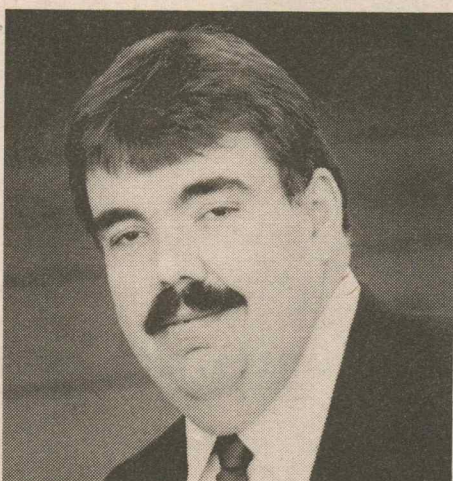


John Norquist

On Tuesday, April 5, State Senator John Norquist, in a hotly contested race, won the right to become Milwaukee's mayor over former Acting Governor Martin Schreiber. The final results according to Milwaukee's Election Commission were Norquist, 112,902; Schreiber, 93,738. This gave the Senator a 10 point victory over his rival.

Norquist enjoyed the nearly unanimous support of Milwaukee's Gay/Lesbian community.

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Dave Schultz

By Bill Meunier

Challenger Dave Schultz unseated incumbent Milwaukee County Executive William O'Donnell by a wide margin of nearly two to one, gaining 204,136 (66.2%) to O'Donnell's 103,905 (33.7%) with 95 percent of the vote counted.

Schultz, who was endorsed by Wisconsin Light made it clear that he wanted Gays and Lesbians to be involved in the decision

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Rev. Jesse Jackson

Although Jesse Jackson did not win the Wisconsin Primary, his Lesbian and Gay supporters expressed satisfaction with the effort that they put in, their role in the campaign and the response they received from within our community. Jackson, who was thought to be a close second, finished 20% behind Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis. With 99% of the vote counted, Michael Dukakis received 481,857 votes to Jackson's 285,575.

Dukakis carried every congressional district in the state with the exception of the Fifth, located on Milwaukee's North Side. However, Jackson did gain delegates in all districts.

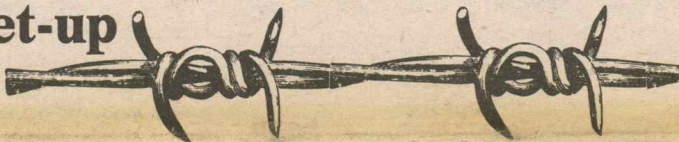
Dukakis garnered 48% of the voters casting their ballots in the State's Democratic primary on April 5. Jackson received 28% while Tennessee Senator Albert Gore pulled in 17% and Illinois Senator Paul Simon finished a poor fourth.

The last days of the Jackson campaign were highlighted by a big "Get Out the Vote Rally" held in Milwaukee's MECCA Auditorium. Crowd estimates ranged as high as 6,000 and included many Lesbian and Gay supporters. The featured speaker from the Gay community was Terry Boughner, editor of Wisconsin Light.

The rally concluded with a speech by Jackson himself. He told the wildly cheering crowd that "On October 11th when 600,000 Gays and Lesbians marched

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Concentration Camps Being Set-up World Wide for HIV Positives



West Germany/South Korea

According to *Man Alive*, an English Gay publication, eight out of ten mayors and community leaders of small towns in West Germany welcomed with open arms the idea of establishing an isolation center for people with AIDS in their town.

As reported in the *Baltimore Gay Press* and in *GLC Voice* of Minneapolis, two reporters for *Temp* magazine, Susanne Schneider and Christopher Guhr, traveled across the country, interviewing mayors and other community leaders in an attempt to gauge the depths of prejudice against AIDS in West Germany.

What makes all this especially terrifying is that the two reporters took with them the original plans of the Nazi concentration camp at Sachsenhausen where ten's of

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Cuba

By Lou Chibbaro Jr.

Representatives of international human rights groups expressed concern in February over reports that the Cuban government is forcibly sending Cubans who test positive for the AIDS antibody to an "isolation" center outside Havana.

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and Cuba's deputy minister of public health, Dr. Hector Terry, discussed the existence of the isolation center last September at public forums, but the two did not say whether those sent to the facility were being held against their will.

However, Radio Marti, the U.S.-sponsored agency that broadcasts messages opposing the Castro government to Cuba, is charging that Cubans who decline to "volunteer" to enter the isolation facility are taken there by security police who place a nylon bag over their heads.

Ernest F. Betancourt, director of Radio Marti, reported in a *New York Times* column in the last week in February that Cuban emigrants, refugees, and defectors claim there are between 300 and 400 people in the facility, which is believed to be in the town of Boyeros, just south of Havana.

Betancourt said Cubans interviewed by Radio Marti claim the facility appeared clean and that the conditions there were humane. But he said that police must accompany all visitors and that there have been reports of escape attempts, which promoted "huge police mobilizations."

Miguel Numez, press attache for the Cuban Mission to the United Nations in New York, in a telephone interview strongly denied Betancourt's claims, saying persons residing at the isolation facility regularly visit their homes.

Numez did not say specifically that persons assigned to the facility are free to discontinue their stay there and he declined to comment when asked about the rules for terminating a person's residence at the center.

Spokespersons for Amnesty International, Americas Watch and the International Committee of the Red Cross — organizations that monitor human rights violations — each said their groups have just begun to examine the issue of AIDS discrimination.

None of the groups, the representatives

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Sweden

By Ronald Stanley

In a widely syndicated column entitled "Nelson-Rees Survey", published February 3, 1988, Lee Nelson and Clair Rees announced that Sweden had established "a colony for AIDS victims" on an island near Sockholm, the capital.

The column consists of two points of view. Nelson takes the pro side and Rees, the con. Readers are given a 900 number to register their vote on the subject discussed. According to the writers, the column is published in 350 newspapers across the country and the results of the survey are sent to the White House and members of Congress.

Writing about the Swedish AIDS colony, Rees said that "Adults infected with the AIDS virus will be imprisoned on bleak Adelsö Island. Armed guards will patrol its 9-foot high walls. The island is considered escape proof." Rees also reported that Swedish police were rounding up homosexuals and others "considered likely to spread AIDS." Nelson concluded that something similar should be done in America and proposed Alcatraz as a site.

Contacted about this, the Swedish Embassy in Washington sent a translation of a letter from the National Swedish Board of Health.

According to the letter, "because today it is not possible to cure the (AIDS) patient with medicine", "before long there will be a new communicable disease law," which the letter calls "purely exceptional legislation."

Under current Swedish law governing communicable disease carriers, three persons have been sentenced to detention who are described as "drug addicts" and "prostitutes" who are "mentally disturbed."

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Amnesty Int'l Ignores Gays

Amnesty International (AI), at its annual conference again refused to expand its lifesaving human rights work to include the Lesbians and Gay men who languish in prisons around the world — charged with the crime of homosexuality. AI will recognize people who are jailed for advocating Gay rights as "prisoners of conscience."

As AIDS hysteria grows, Gay people in many parts of the world are being persecuted merely for socializing with one another. Other countries either have established or would look with favor on the setting up of detention camps for AIDS patients and HIV carriers (See articles this issue on Sweden, Cuba, West Germany and South Korea).

Despite the good work AI does for human rights, it must be made to understand that Gay and Lesbian prisoners cannot be excluded from their concern. If you don't stand up for them, who will?

The leaders of AI understand the power of letter-writing campaigns and so should you.

Write: John G. Healy, Executive Director, Amnesty International/USA, 322 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10011 or phone (212) 807-8400.

Members of AI are urged to cancel their memberships until this ignoble policy is changed.

Iowa Sets Pride March on April 30

Dubuque, IA- Lesbians, Gay men and supporters will return to the streets of Dubuque, Iowa on Saturday, April 30 for the second annual Lesbian/Gay pride march, following last year's event at which marchers were harassed and pelted with obscenities, epithets and eggs. Dubuque police officers took no action to intervene while anti-Gay counter/demonstrators nearly turned the peaceful pride march into a riot.

"This year will be significantly different," said Ginny Lynns, a Dubuque organizer of the march. "We're inviting people from the Upper Midwest region to stand with us and show the Dubuque police and city administration that Lesbians and Gay men are here to stay. We call it the 'Forsythe County' march of the Lesbian and Gay rights movement because after racist attacks on black people in the Georgia county, thousands and thousands of people turned out for a peaceful, but powerful and empowering march."

Prior to the '87 march, organizers asked Mayor James Brady to declare a Gay/Lesbian pride week. Brady refused, saying that Gay rights are a private issue. He also said the only Gay people he had ever known were child molesters and that he wouldn't want "to live next door to one."

Spread the word! All out for Dubuque pride to say no to hate, no to bigotry, and yes to freedom! Join the action in Dubuque on April 30 to stand proud for our freedom.

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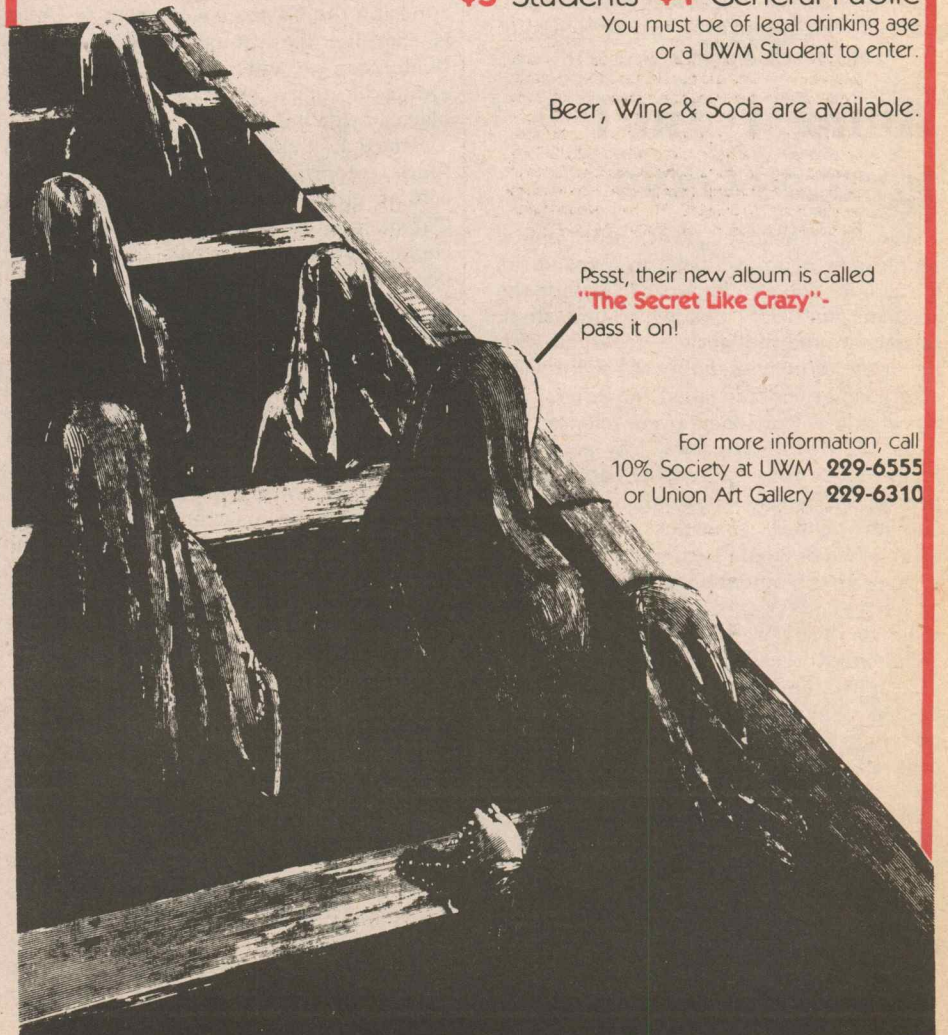
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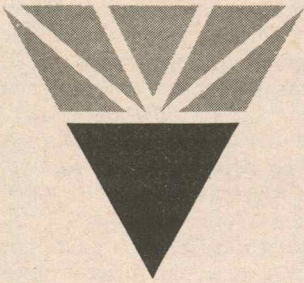
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ARE WE HEARING THE DISTANT ALARM BELLS RINGING?

There are alarm bells ringing, muted for now, but their insistent sounds should be echoing in everyone's ears throughout the Lesbian/Gay community, sending clammy shivers down all our spines.

Listen carefully. As reported in this issue of *Light*, in Sweden, Cuba and South Korea, detention (the word, "concentration" is carefully avoided") camps for those with AIDS have already been set up. While in West Germany, of all places, the idea of such centers is being positively entertained. All the while that this is going on, Amnesty International averts its eyes, taking the position that the people in these camps are not political detainees. By implication, they are "only" homosexuals.

Listen more carefully. While Senator Jesse Helms openly depises us, Jesse Jackson, the only presidential contender who cares about us and who publically acknowledges our support, cannot be nominated or, if so, elected. That's what the pundits tells us. The *Milwaukee Journal* pontificates that he is inexperienced while *Time* magazine frankly admits that it is the color of Jackson's skin that will keep him from the presidency.

Listen even more carefully. Here in Milwaukee, a Lutheran church in the mostly white, middle class suburban community of Brookfield has rejected a minister because she is a Black woman.

For those who think this cacophony of bigotry, hatred, prejudice and fear has nothing to do with us, think again. Remember that violence against us is on the rise and growing, propelled by a wave of dark hellish conservatism that is sweeping this country. Remember that Dachau is the logical conclusion of bigotry as surely as four is the necessary result of two and two, and that we, as the last minority which is acceptable to persecute, are its natural targets.

An editor of an eastern Gay paper called, praising Wisconsin Lesbians and Gays for our up-front political activity and awareness.

"We didn't ever know you (In Wisconsin) existed," he said and then added, "Maybe we can learn from you."

Maybe.

Maybe we all, east and west, have to learn, learn to hear those strident, terrifying bells. If we don't, we will eventually be hung from the very ropes that ring them.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to your latest issue Vol. 1 No. 5, Jamakaya's article was the most honestly written article that I've ever seen in your paper, although I suspect that the article was "toned down" for your readers.

There are some very major differences in the Lesbian and Gay community and I was glad that Jamakaya touched on them in her column.

I, too, attended two out of the three meetings for the Lesbian and Gay pride committee. It was very apparent that the number of dykes attending the 2nd meeting made a few of the men in position uncomfortable. An articulate Lesbian whose viewpoint represented the majority of Lesbians in attendance was later referred to as "leader of the separatists." Why? Because she/we did not agree with the boys in charge. The "Drag Show" and "Slave Auction" was the icing on the cake! Who suggested such things? The white men. Roberts Rules of Order kept complaints from being heard but not voiced. The common phrase was "You are out of order!"

The majority of Lesbians walked out of the 3rd meeting. Silenced by the patriarchy once again, not because we walked out, but because our views were dismissed as troublemaking.

(This is a true fact, a white guy came up to a Lesbian after the 3rd meeting, when it was suggested that the committee all participate in sexism and racism workshops, and told her "I can be racist if I want to be.")

White men are going to have to start working on their sexist, racist, elitist attitudes and you as white men are going to have to do it yourselves. Educate yourselves! White men are not the majority and they hold the most positions of power. (Sound familiar? Like apartheid??) As far as sexism, look at this newspaper! Three full page ads where a guy can callup and jerk - off! Do any of your male readers object to this? I'd like to know. Besides being extremely sexist it is also ageist and looksist. In all three ads the men are all white, young, with little clothing and with patriarchal good looks. I won't even start in on your "Leather Brotherhood" article!

I may be going off in too many directions here, my point is, is that I am angry! Angry at the pride committee that is supposed to represent the Lesbian community. Angry at all men in power for their unwillingness to acknowledge their privileges and step down.

—Doreen Riley
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you for your interest ("China's 100 Million Gays Live Quiet But Open Lives"), but please clarify:

You suggest that I have more authority than I have or aspire to. I did not learn Mandarin and spent most of my time on an isolated suburban campus. I am certainly not a reliable witness to homosexual life in

China. Even in Hong Kong, where I learned Cantonese, I visited the two Gay bars no more than ten times during my three years there — about the rate that I visited bars in Wisconsin before I left.

To counter the government's frequent claim that homosexuality does not exist in China, I mentioned grim scenes, most of them reported to me second-hand by a few homosexual friends. While I take my friend's accounts seriously, no one should use my second-hand reports as a definitive picture of the life of homosexuals in China. The few homosexuals I knew personally would probably not use the term Gay to name themselves. That term freights too many dimensions specific to our own culture.

You note that I was "discreet" yet "always walked on the knife edge of deportation." Except with my American lover, I experienced no sex in China to be discreet about. I discreetly told several friends, students and colleagues, about our relationship. Anyone who looked at the Directory of American Scholars or other standard references could have documented my deportation papers. The risks I took in Asia are the same ones I take in America, not sexual risks, but the social and professional risks of affirming publicly the commitments which I have made in response to my orientation.

I urge you to find more authoritative, Chinese witnesses. Since one out of every 3 persons on the planet is Chinese, one out of every 30 persons is likely a Chinese or Lesbian/Gay male. We need to hear more from them, less from us outsiders.

—Louie Crew
Chicago, Illinois

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The Editor's Desk

This is the first of a more or less regular column in which I'll be talking about some of the things going on here at *Light*, things that don't seem to fit anywhere else in the paper.

You've probably noticed that there's more ads in this issue — which is good. And less copy, which I regret. The reason is that our printer tells us that due to the size of the web press, beyond 20 pages, we can't use color and several advertisers have already contracted and paid for color. So we stay this issue and only this issue at 20 pages. However, I can promise you a greatly expanded next issue with major changes.

Oh yes, for those of you who may be wondering about the proliferation of phone service ads, please remember that the money they bring in, allows *Light* — and many other Lesbian/Gay publications across the country — to expand its services to you.

And now a little horn-blowing. I was happy to be interviewed by Bruce Morton of CBS News who wanted to know why *Light* endorsed Jesse Jackson. The interview was cleared with the Jackson people, one of whom said that the decision to accept public Gay/Lesbian support came "straight from the top." The interview — all 5 seconds of it — was aired on the national evening news on April 4.

That evening, I spoke as the editor of *Light* at the Jackson rally at the MECCA auditorium in Milwaukee. God! What an experience! The greatest honor was meeting Rev. Jackson. I can only say that I wonder where he — or any of the candidates — gets the energy? After it was over, I was exhausted while he looked as fresh as at the beginning of the day.

And finally, I've got a second book accepted. It's one where I've turned Greek and Roman myths and the children's tales of Andersen and Grimm all into Gay love stories — beautiful young prince meets beautiful young prince or Romeo and Julius — and all live happily ever after — of course. Second book? Don't ask me when the first is due. This month, I've been told, but who knows? The longer it delays, the fewer critics get to look at it. The challenge and joy is in the writing, not in the publication — at least I think so. My "poor" brother. He still can't get over the fact that I "dare" to publish Gay material and use "his" last name! Tough!

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A Note from Karen Lamb

Have I ever been quite as excited? No, I don't believe so.

In June, when my husband, Henry Maier, announced that he would not run for a eighth four-year term as Mayor of this truly great city, the press laughed when I claimed no role in his decision... but remarked that it was the "third happiest day in my life!"

This week Henry's billboards went up with his simple message. "Thank you, Milwaukee. It's been an honor to serve." And Mayor, it's been an honor for Milwaukeeans to have had you at the helm these last 28 years, of which 14 I have had the pleasure, and some times the pain, to have shared. (I say this with a smile!)

And thank each of you who have approached us, either singly or together with your kind words and wishes. It means a lot. Thank you.

Henry reminds me that I may miss it. Perhaps.

Right now, my fishing poles are packed, the reels lie on the kitchen table waiting to be restrung. Each of us needs a short respite. For me, nothing is as healing as watching the bobber dance gently on blue water while my mind tries to sort things out. It was from the banks of that old fishin' hole that that first question was presented, now so many years ago. "Karen, what do you know about AIDS among the Haitians?"

Little did I realize that this most dreadful disease would soon become a daily, and unwelcome visitor, in our lives as friends, family and neighbors succumbed to its terror. As a child struggling with the concept of death, my parents were always strong in a belief that God picks the most beautiful flowers for his own bouquet. I cling to that belief as we all struggle for answers.

On Tuesday, Milwaukee will elect a new mayor and the two week transition will begin. Boxes to load, a new office to view, bags to pack. In the midst of the frantic activity, like a race horse at the gate, I jumped into the middle of the Jesse Jackson campaign. He is just so dog-gone good on vital issues and his AIDS platform, as well as positions affecting Gays and Lesbians, shows extraordinary sensitivity.

It's fun, a little scary, to sit down with the McNeil-Lehrer team, CBS and Newsday to try to explain why this man has captured my heart.

Soon though, the Atlanta convention will be at hand, and this boisterous party, sheltering such diversity under its umbrella, will fight it out in full view of America. I believe we are going to come out of that convention with not only the absolute best nominees, but a platform that once again speaks to the needs, and the dreams, of all people.

I was privileged, years ago, to cast my



Dr. Karen Lamb

ballot for the first Gay to run for vice president. And although it was painful at the time when your friend here was forced to sue her beloved party, women now hold fifty percent of all delegate positions.

But after the fireworks, I pray we unite behind our candidates, and keep our eyes on the Ronald Reagans, Georges Bushes, Ed Meeses, Ollie Norths, General Secords, etc, etc, etc. AIDS, chief among all issues, can not be ignored for another 8 years.

On more pleasant subjects, I am pleased to report that a group of beautiful young people including Peter Mahler, Edie Brengle, Mary Ladish, Micheal Lord, David Lubar and their many friends will be sponsoring a fund raiser in July.

The noted artist, David Hockney, has granted this group the right to select a painting for replication on tee-shirts. We needs buyers and especially volunteers to sell shirts. If you are interested or can help, will you write to me at the Wisconsin Light main office at 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212; (414) 372-2773.

Proceeds from the groups' endeavors will benefit the new home and other local AIDS projects. Please be generous once again. I am so proud of our community.

Next month, I'll send a note from Atlanta, perhaps from Belle Glades. It's time to take that fishing pole and return to my "roots," at least momentarily. For a young woman who was raised to help my family host the physicians from CDC annually, where doctors from Iran and Iraq strolled leisurely through the gardens, where folks ate fried chicken and pecan pie, and drank sloe gin and bourbon, this period as your Beer City Mama has been a strange, sometimes painful, but 'most always delightful time for me and our family. Thank you for sharing your lives with me. It has been an honor.

Good bye for now. May God keep you in Her care.

—Karen Lamb

Coming Out

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public at large that Gays are a tiny minority that does not touch the average American family or business. She cited studies that show that persons most likely to support civil rights for Gays are those who know personally a Lesbian or a Gay man.

A press release issued by NGRA states that organizers of Coming Out Day recognize that prejudice and discrimination will make it difficult if not impossible for all Gays to make a public declaration of their sexual orientation.

The Oct. 11 event, therefore, is urging Gays throughout the country to take their "next step" in coming out, by telling a parent, a relative, a friend, or a business associate.

"The national Coming Out Day campaign will encourage every individual to 'take your next step...' wherever it is on the coming out continuum" the NGRA press release says.

One example, the release says, if for a Gay person to place a photograph of his or her lover on a desk or station at their place of work. Another example may be the decision of a Gay teenager to take his or her first step in acknowledging to him or herself that he or she is Gay, the release says.

O'Leary said Coming Out Day is expected to involve as many as 8,000 local Gay and Lesbian organizations as well as state and national groups. She said a nationally coordinated media campaign will seek endorsements of the event by celebrities along with leaders in the areas of civil rights, business, religion, and politics.

Special attention will be given to support from families and friends of Gays, O'Leary said.

O'Leary said NGRA will provide interested groups and individuals with a special "coming out kit" that includes a list of resources to help plan a local coming out campaign. The kit will include suggested slogans, information for obtaining buttons, bumper stickers, and T-shirts; and an official "certificate of participation," to be given to those who participate in the event.

O'Leary said Eichberg, whose Experience Weekend is a spin-off of the now defunct "EST" program, decided to help organize Coming Out Day because his program emphasizes the need for Gays to come out as a means of alleviating stress and as a mechanism of affirming their pride in being Gay.

She said the date of Oct. 11 was chosen because it marks the first anniversary of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Information about Coming Out Day can be obtained by contacting NGRA at 8380 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite 202, West Hollywood, Calif. 90069.

Cuba

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said, currently consider AIDS-related discrimination or forced AIDS quarantines as a human rights violation as defined by their charters or guidelines.

Rosanna White, a representative of Amnesty International's Washington office, said her organization strictly limits its mission to monitoring "prisoners of conscience" — persons imprisoned by countries because of their political beliefs. White said officials within Amnesty Inter-

national are divided over whether imprisonment on grounds of sexual orientation should be declared a protected class by the groups. Currently, sexual orientation discrimination, including the imprisonment of Gays is not one of the areas monitored by the group, she said.

White and Mary Jane Camejo, a representative of the New York City-based Americas Watch, said they have heard sketchy reports of mistreatment of persons with AIDS in Cuban jails. The two said they had not heard of the isolation centers from sources outside the press.

"This is certainly something that concerns us," said Camejo. "I presume (the isolation facility) is mandatory," she said. "I don't think many people would choose to go on their own."

Michael Posner, a representative of the Lawyer's Committee for Human Rights, another human rights organization, said he just returned from Cuba where he and representatives of the Bar of the City of New York toured several Cuban jails.

Posner said his group visited several political prisoners but did not make any inquiries about forced isolation of persons testing positive for the AIDS antibody. Posner, similar to the other human rights group officials, said his group has yet to include AIDS discrimination in its stated mission.

Several Cuban prisoners told him that the government's treatment of Gays and members of the "artistic community" remains hostile both inside and out of Cuba's prisons, Posner said.

The Castro government has long held the policy that homosexuality was an unacceptable practice and contrary to the Cuban revolution. In 1980, when several thousand Cuban Gays and non-Gays left the country on the Mariel boat lift for Key West, Fla., Castro called the departing Gays "scum."

Castro mentioned the existence of the isolation center in a speech in Havana on Sept. 9, 1987, according to a report in the Miami Herald's Spanish language edition. The Herald reported Castro as saying the isolation facility would be the most effective and humane way of stopping the spread of the AIDS virus.

Dr. Terry, the Cuban health official,

described the facility as a "sanatorium" during a presentation before an AIDS forum in Quito, Ecuador, on Sept. 17, 1987.

Terry told the forum that as of that time, 147 Cubans were infected with the AIDS virus and that less than 40 people had developed AIDS itself. While claiming the actual outbreak of AIDS inside Cuba is low, Terry went on to announce that Cuba plans to test 7 million people for the AIDS antibody in 1988. Cuba's population is slightly more than 10 million.

Radio Marti charges the Cuban government with grossly under-reporting the number of people infected with the virus as well as the number with the disease. The broadcast agency, which operates under the auspices of the Voice of America, says most of Cuba's AIDS cases stem from the nation's 400,000 soldiers who have served in West Africa over the past 10 years or more. Currently, there are 40,000 Cuban soldiers stationed in Angola.

The World Health Organization and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control have reported extensive outbreaks in Angola and other West African nations, despite official reports by those countries that AIDS is not widespread.

Betancourt, in a telephone interview, said Radio Marti began broadcasting safe sex messages into Cuba in 1985, long before the Cuban government began warning its citizens of the danger of AIDS.

Judy Greenspan, a Lesbian activist and a member of the Worker's World Party in the District, called Radio Marti a "reactionary" agency of the U.S. government that only intends to undermine the Cuban government.

Greenspan, who said she was not aware of forced isolation facilities in Cuba to combat AIDS, said underdeveloped nations such as Cuba could be devastated by the costs associated with AIDS. She said underdeveloped countries may have to take some measures that others may consider extreme to fight AIDS.

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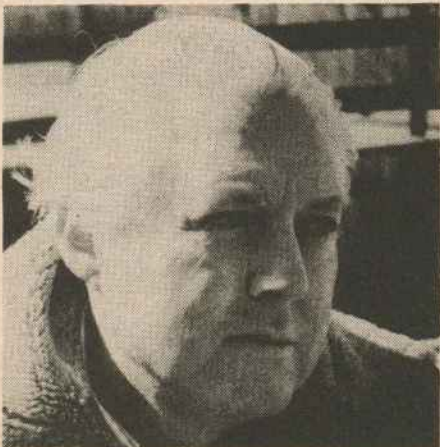
Ulrichs: The Life and Works of Karl Heinrich Ulrichs, Pioneer of the Modern Gay Movement

By Hubert Kennedy.

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By Richard Plant

In this exhaustive study, Hubert Kennedy resurrects a forgotten pioneer of Gay liberation. Karl Heinrich Ulrichs (1825-1895) came out in the 1860s — an act of remarkable courage. He also published twelve daring pamphlets entitled "Researches on the Love Between Men." In his ongoing battle to bring about a change in the oppressive Prussian (later German) laws against love between two consenting adult males, he appealed to numerous legal and medical establishments to work with him — to no avail. In many cases of men convicted of "unspeakable" crimes, Ulrichs petitioned the court, and wrote letters to the lawyers and the press on behalf of the accused.



Hubert Kennedy

Ulrichs originally theorized that a Gay man was really a woman in a man's body. He called this type **Urnig**. An Urnig, he believed, can only be attracted by a **Dioning**, a non-Gay male. Yet gradually, as a result of letters he received from other men in the 1860s and 1870s, Ulrichs revised this theory. He discovered that many Urnings were totally masculine, with no effeminate traits. Furthermore, one Urning could in fact fall in love with another Urning. He elaborated on his theory and anticipated many of the ideas of his successor in the study of homosexuality, Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld, and even of Dr. Alfred Kinsey, although Ulrichs' writings were based more on intuition than on empirical analysis.

In Kennedy's spirited chronicle we follow Ulrichs' life from his childhood days in various German villages and towns to his first job as a fledgling lawyer. Kennedy documents Ulrichs' awakening to his nature as he fell in love with a classmate and, a few years later, with a soldier. (The obsession with soldiers remained with him throughout his life.) Ulrichs' first article on a Gay-related topic appeared in 1862. In that year the police had found Johann Baptiste von Schweitzer, a young lawyer from Frankfurt, with a boy in a park and had sentenced him to jail. This incident nearly ruined Schweitzer's career as an activist in the socialist movement.

Schweitzer's experience led Ulrichs to write the first of his famous twelve pamphlets, all of which Kennedy elucidates thoroughly. Because of the taboo nature of the subject matter, Ulrichs was unable to find a publisher for the pamphlets and was forced to publish them himself. It is not surprising that Ulrichs was violently attacked by members of the medical and legal establishments. He became involved in a number of quarrels when various newspapers and magazines denounced his essays. In 1867, for example, Ulrichs addressed a convention of German jurists in Munich. He had previously petitioned the same body to draft a proposal against the persecution of Urnings. At the convention he pointed out that sexual activities between consenting adult males posed no threat to anyone, and that Urnings were simply following their true nature. Ulrichs was shouted down and was forced to leave the hall. Afterwards, he was expelled from various scientific organizations and found little support from Gay comrades.

These pamphlets, however, produced an unexpected side effect: lonely homosexuals in various countries began writing to

Ulrichs, and he kept up a long correspondence with a few of these men — even with some in the United States. Although some of the best-known medical authorities of the period, such as Rudolf Virchow, Carl von Westphal, and Richard von Krafft-Ebing, rejected his views, condemning him as an immoral amateur, Ulrichs brought to their attention the fact that there existed a huge number of actively homosexual men. (Ulrichs had little to say about Lesbians.)

As is mentioned above, many of Ulrichs' theories were refined and developed by his successor in the study of homosexuality, Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld (1868-1935). In his writings, Hirschfeld adapted, embellished and transformed many of Ulrichs' speculations through the use of the field of sexology, newly created by him. As a result, the medical, legal, and political establishment took him more seriously than his predecessor. Nevertheless, the press attacked Hirschfeld just as relentlessly as they had done to Ulrichs.

As Kennedy indicates, Hirschfeld fulfilled two of Ulrichs' dreams. He founded a scientific magazine on homosexuality, and he established a number of Gay organizations. Not surprisingly, the homophobes of his day used the same arguments against Hirschfeld that they had raised against Ulrichs: that masturbation causes homosexual behavior; that Urnings recruit children; and, finally that "the healthy instincts of people" reject love between men. This last assertion was later used by Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler and is to this day beloved by fundamentalists in Western and non-Western civilizations.

In Ulrichs' writings and life we can also trace an important development: in the 19th century, the question of homosexuality began to pass from the jurisdiction of lawyers and clergy members to that of doctors, particularly psychiatrists. While Gay men and Lesbians had been hanged as sinners and burned as witches in previous centuries, physicians now regarded them as patients in need of treatment. This did not mean, of course, that the German legalists and clergymen changed their views about Gays as sinners and criminals.

Hubert Kennedy has portrayed in full splendor the life of a forgotten pioneer of Gay history who developed new — if not always scientifically proven — theories of Gay identity and who battled valiantly for the rights of his fellow "Urnings." Kennedy's account is strikingly relevant today as new forms of oppression seem to be taking shape.

AIDS Campaign Set at Lawrence

A comprehensive AIDS Education Campaign has begun at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisconsin. Every student, staff member, and faculty member received an AIDS brochure from the American College Health Association, the Statement on AIDS and Associated Conditions from the Lawrence AIDS Task Force, and a letter from President Richard Warch introducing the campaign and urging all members of the university to attend a convocation featuring Dennis Maki, M.D. of the University of Wis. Hospitals and Clinics Madison.

In his letter, President Warch stated that "the university believes education is the most effective way to prevent the further spread of the disease." He concluded his letter with a request of all Lawrentians: "For your protection and for the protection of others, I urge you to become knowledgeable about AIDS and to act responsibly on the basis of that knowledge."

Members of Lawrence University Gay and Lesbian Alumni (Lawrence GALA) had been critical of the university's lack of response to the AIDS crisis. The Task Force, appointed by President Warch in the beginning of 1987, took almost a year to issue any statement or begin any type of educational program. In their Winter Newsletter, Lawrence GALA challenged the university to provide responsible leadership in the area of AIDS education.

Lawrence GALA will seek further steps, including the installation of condom machines in every bathroom of every dormitory, as well as common areas used by students and the scheduling of regular meetings and presentations of AIDS related topics.

Beautiful language shines through-out intense novel

The Other Side of Venus

By Shirley Verel

The Naiad Press, 1988 (copyright 1960),
214 pp., \$8.95

By Barbara J. Palecek

Occasionally the Naiad Press reissues older British novels like **The Other Side of Venus**, written by Shirley Verel in 1960. Another notable example is **Surplus**, by Sylvia Stevenson, a novel about a motorcycle-riding Lesbian before her time, first published in 1924 in England but reissued by Naiad in 1986. This is wonderful because, in these British novels we are introduced to a different view of Lesbians versus the heterosexual world than that in America.

Never mind that the novels are not exactly contemporary. Read a modern British '80s novel like Harriett Gilbert's **The Riding Mistress**, (Methuen London Ltd.) and the atmosphere is the same. The Lesbian characters' ways of thinking about themselves in relation to the world at large is the same in all of these novels. There just doesn't seem to be a whole lot of neurotic uncertainty about choice. Love is a firm, emotional matter.

English people on both side of any fence are very private people. Open controversy seems to be politely sidestepped in ordinary social settings. This grudging respect for all things private promotes a peculiar freedom within the covers of most all types of British novels. There is not the open American brassiness of personal business made political. By contrast, the British approach is in inward revelation.

And so, **The Other Side of Venus** has this meandering quality of intimacy as narrator Judith Allart's own love story unfolds. Not that there's no passion here. It's fun to see the British agitated; the best of the English language comes out. When Allart, a closeted country realtor who knows and accepts her Lesbian identity but buries herself in her work, confronts love, her passion builds in a determined rhythm.

The catalyst is Diana Quendon, niece of one of Judith's colleagues. She is a young author, quite unsure how to handle success with her suitors, her first book, or with her burgeoning love relationship with Mrs.

Allart.

To be truthful, not that much happens in this novel. The two meet and slowly acquaint themselves with each other. They go off to France for a lovers' holiday. Friends and family both disapprove, within English bounds of civility, of course. They break up and... there is no need to reveal the ending.

As the narrator, Judith has the show. Diana's feelings are rather undeveloped, and unfortunately, the reader does not get a feel for the relationship. The life comes into this novel when Judith interacts with other characters, an interesting bunch. Friend Helen, an unmarried school mistress feeling all the old maid, is the quintessential British listener and "nicer than she wants people to think." Andrew, Judith's business partner and Diana's uncle, is a businessman with feelings, and the tensions between him and Judith smolder in this affair. Her warm and sincere ex-husband Martin wants to get together with her again and sharpens Judith's understanding of her own love for women.

Mrs. Allart is so very honest to herself in her sexual need of Diana. This goes on in varying intensity for page after page. It is awfully rare for sex to be so broadly acknowledged in American Lesbian novels. Surely you always get the one or two obligatory sex scenes, but studied desire is hardly celebrated by American authors. Unhappily for some readers, the obligatory sex scene in **Venus** is a denouement. It would seem right that even the British intellectual-emotional build-up presented here deserves some kind of explicit flair.

At any rate, the author has a fine talent for displaying a character's feeling in the moment. The self-love and self-understanding of the narrative is almost catching. The reader will also like the balance between Judith's passion and her practicality.

Those who love the English language as an art form will be impressed with **Venus**. This intense novel is successful because the language itself is rhythmic and passionate, although it employs ordinary words. It is the feelings behind them that make the difference.

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Sister News and Views

By Jamakaya

Some enchanted evening it was, March 26th, when the Fest City Singers sponsored the Chicago Gay Men's Chorus at Milwaukee's Lincoln Center for the Arts. For someone like me who wakes up each morning thanking God for Rodgers and Hammerstein, it was a real treat!

The Chicago Gay Men's Chorus (CGMC) — more than 100 strong — was impressive in concert. I was thrilled not only by the quality of the singing but by the dance numbers and the theatricality of the production. Chorus members moved about the stage singing, dancing and acting out scenes from "West Side Story," "The Music Man," "South Pacific" and "The Sound of Music." Colorful sets and costumes riveted the audience's attention.

Classics like "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair" and "I'm in Love With a Wonderful Guy," originally written for women, took on a whole new dimension when sung by the men's chorus. The gender bending was alternately funny and touching.

The most hysterical moment came when the curtain rose on the full chorus, dressed in nun's habits, singing the Gregorian chant from "The Sound of Music." And the sight and sound of two men on stage singing "People Will Say We're In Love" was a proud and sweet moment.

Instead of allowing someone to render "Some Enchanted Evening" as a solo, the entire chorus sang it together. I thought this might ruin the intimacy of the song, but the chorus pulled it off beautifully. It touched my heart and gave me goosebumps!

I left the concert hoping that Lesbians will someday mount their own musical review. How about this fall for the Lesbian Pride Variety Show? The material is rich in possibilities. Think about it...

From "West Side Story:" "Maria, I just met a dyke named Maria..." Or "White Christmas:" "Lord help the mister/who comes between me and my sister..."

"Carousel" includes a song called "You're a Queer One, Julie Jordan." Separatists could sing "I Hate Men" from "Kiss Me Kate." And I'm convinced the only thing funnier than Gay men singing "There is Nothing Like a Dame" is Lesbians singing "There is Nothing Like a Dame:" "There ain't a thing that's wrong with any bitch here/ that can't be cured by putting her near/ a girlie, womanly, female, feminine dame!"

The possibilities — all politically incorrect — are limitless!

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And here's my two cents — or 10% — about another issue in our community.

The 10% Society of UW-Milwaukee is holding a week of events this month entitled "Beyond the Tenth..."

What the hell does this mean and who are the 10%ers?

- 1) Alcoholics?
- 2) Left handers?
- 3) Arthritics?

BWMT chapters argue over changes

By Anthony Stockdale

For the past three years The National Association of Black and White Men Together has been confronted with a moral and political dilemma, regarding the appropriateness of its name.

The current debate consists of two factions: those who want to change the name to Men of All Colors Together, and those who want to retain the name Black and White Men Together. The faction that favors the name change maintains that the name MACT is more inclusive, and would appeal to a broader spectrum of Gays, namely American Indians, Asians and Hispanics. The faction that wants to retain the name, contends that the intimate image which is evoked by the name BWMT is a powerful blow against racist pre-conceptions, and BWMT as an established organization, has name recognition value.

This issue was the subject of heated debates during the July 1987 National Convention held in Milwaukee. A resolution to change the name (which requires a two-thirds majority), was voted on by the House of Delegates. It was defeated by a final vote of approximately fifty for and fifty against. Subsequent to the defeat of the resolution, the winning faction passed a new resolution which prevents the House of Delegates from voting on any future resolution regarding the name change until at least half of the local chapters have changed their names.

The issue assumed a more volatile character as evidenced in a letter written



Jamakaya

4) George Bush supporters?

5) People allergic to avocados?

No, no, no... They are what used to be called Gays and Lesbians. The Gay and Lesbian Community at UWM recently changed its name to the 10% Society. The reasoning is classic doublethink: "... it is the intention of the organization that this new name will promote increase unity among Gay men and Lesbians by excluding those words from the name."

The 10%ers also reason that excluding the words Gay and Lesbian will increase attendance at events by attracting straight audiences. After all, we are told, the group's purpose is to "break down the barriers of discrimination in the heterosexual society."

How this can be achieved by obscuring and denying our identities, especially in public forums, is beyond me. I also find it amusing for a Gay organization worried about its image among heterosexuals to adopt a slogan, "Beyond the Tenth..." which sounds like a recruiting campaign! Hey, now you're talkin'... I'll sign up for that!

In fairness, the 10% Society has a great lineup of entertainment for April 11-17th. But the words Gay and Lesbian Pride are conspicuously absent from its flyers or ads. I will certainly support the events, but I am dismayed by the group's regressive posture. What have the past twenty years of struggle been for if not to proudly and comfortably say who we are?

The name change at UWM is indicative of a growing retrenchment within the Gay community. The initial slogan suggested for Milwaukee's 1988 Gay/Lesbian Pride celebration was "Rightfully Proud '88." Many of us asked: "Rightfully Proud?... OK, but of what?!" If we can't even use the words, where is the pride?

Closet doors are shutting all over America. The AIDS epidemic and the conservative climate of the Reagan years are scaring the hell out of many Gays and Lesbians. I'm afraid the "back to the closet" movement will be with us for some time. This topic is worthy of more discussion, so send your comments to the Light.

I'll be here, forever singing that defiant feminist anthem: "Gonna keep walking forward/Gonna keep on walking forward/Gonna keep on walking forward/ Never turning back/ Never turning back..."

by Mike Smith, founder of BWMT. Smith writes, "... At our recent convention, the morning after I gave a speech defending the name Black and White Men Together (in opposition to MACT, 'Men of All Colors Together'), several Pro-MACT members of the Board of Directors retaliated. In a Board meeting, they proposed that BWMT 'condemn Mike Smith as the initiator of actions that were inherently racist and divisive, ...'"

There is also division in the Milwaukee chapter of BWMT, regarding the name change. Mike Lizowski, an active member of BWMT Milwaukee, says, "Only until members of BWMT are able to deal with their insecurities can it become effective. BWMT should take the goals of the organization and incorporate them in the community. The problem is that those who hold back on the name change, also hold back from expanding BWMT."

The National Association of Black and White Men Together, which in recent years has been plagued by dwindling membership, consists of twenty-five chapters. Five chapters have adopted the name MACT, and they are New York, Boston, Connecticut, Dallas and Cincinnati.

However, as in the case of Milwaukee, there are serious discussions in other local chapters as to whether or not they could become more effective agents for positive social change by changing the name to MACT, which is increasingly being perceived as more inclusive.

Green Bay's Center Project hosts 2nd annual AIDS Conference drawing 415

By Steve Bahr

"Building a future together," was both the title and theme of the second annual conference on AIDS sponsored by Center Project of Green Bay, on March 10th, at the Embassy Suite conference center in Green Bay. A total of 415 professionals representing nearly every county, and health care facility in Wisconsin, converged on the conference center for a full day of planning, information sharing and personal revitalization.

Timothy Cullen, Wisconsin Secretary of Health and Social Services, opened the conference, uniting all those in attendance under the goal. "It is our task to make sure that the numbers projection for the state of Wisconsin does not come to pass," he said.

Mr. Cullen went on to outline the Wisconsin state AIDS program plan to achieve this goal by "Prevention Through Education." The three central points of the state policy are to: 1) Prevent the spread of the HIV virus in our population; 2) Eliminate pain and discrimination; and 3) Promote access of health care to those at risk and those affected by the virus. Two areas of this education thrust are to be school based education. This will entail an age appropriate program for all schools, and a full state media campaign involving radio, press, television, and the print media. Our individual jobs are to press for educational programs in our own communities and schools, no one should be allowed to be ignorant about this preventable disease, he concluded.

The keynote address was given by Dr. Jeffrey Davis, M.D., State Epidemiologist. Davis presented the increasingly frightening statistics of the disease. As of 1988 there have been 80,000 cases reported to the World Health Organization.

These numbers represent 133 nations reporting cases of AIDS. Ten of those reporting had over 1000 cases. Only 9000 of these reported cases have come from Africa, but Davis pointed out that the statistical reporting from Africa was effected by major difficulties in case tracking and diagnostics. In the United States as of October 12, 1987 the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) had reported 42,965 cases of AIDS, and that this number could be adjusted upwards by as much as 15-25% due chiefly to delays in case reporting. More frightening were the statistics showing that, so far, Wisconsin has shown no deviation in the national trends as far as numbers of cases, and risk group definition. Davis went on to explain that one variance for the positive in the statistics has shown up, with education, and the implementation of preventive methods such as safer sex, the number of new cases of sero-conversion to HIV positivity among Gay males has declined in the last year from 73% to 65%. This indicates that fewer Gay men are being infected, and that intensive education will indeed reduce the future number of cases.

Throughout the rest of the day the participants at the conference were provided with an almost unabsorbable wealth of information. Twenty individuals representing almost every possible specialty or profession dealing with the problems associated with AIDS, and the people it affects, added their knowledge and experience to that of those attending.

The morning speakers included Mr. Michael Bielinski, president of the Center Project in Green Bay, and Ms. Susan Dietz, Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project, who spoke on the facts of the AIDS/HIV infections in our state, and how we can all deal with the panic and hysteria this disease brings to our communities.

Mr. James Schultz, M.S., Behavioral Epidemiologist, working with the Minnesota AIDS Program discussed the financial impact of AIDS on the local communities and the state. Schultz pointed out the number we are all aware of; that this disease has not only brought about the ruin of the health of so many of our young adults, but has had wide impact on the finances of both the patients and their families. The cost in health care for this disease has reached well beyond the ability of the patient to pay, and is putting a large strain on the third party payors. These numbers are most frequently seen in print, but also needing consideration is the added cost to the nation in lost man hours from work, and productivity in the workplace.

Dr. Raymond Bachuber, M.D. of the Deckner Medical Center, Green Bay, discussed the diagnosis and treatment of

opportunistic infections in AIDS patients. Bachuber pointed out that to date the treatments are not curative, but only palliative. Long term success will require the development of techniques to restore the immune system, and eliminate or control the HIV virus.

David Hertel, JD, attorney of Whyte & Hirschboeck S.C., of Milwaukee discussed the laws affecting AIDS, and those infected with HIV virus. Concentrating on the current laws of Wisconsin, he also discussed several of the courts cases that have come up nationally. This single lecture made it clear to all those present that it is vital to all those working with AIDS, as well as those at risk of the disease, to pay close attention to what is going on legally with AIDS, and become involved.

Hertel also explained the applicability of Wisconsin's handicap laws to AIDS. The Wisconsin Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations (DILHR) has taken the position that AIDS is a protected handicap. Accordingly, a job applicant cannot be turned away, or an employee terminated because he or she has AIDS, tested positive for AIDS, or is perceived (or believed) to have AIDS. The only exception is that the employer need not hire a handicapped person who is physically unable to perform the job in question.

The concerns of health care workers, food service workers, and personal service workers were also discussed. Attention was paid not only to the rights of those with AIDS, ARC, and those infected with HIV virus, but also those who will be working with and beside these people.

A general session for all participants at the conference was held after the noon luncheon, involving a panel discussion with persons who are living with AIDS and ARC. Many deserts went down hard as we were invited to reexamine our views of AIDS, and life after diagnosis. Many of the questions from the floor indicated that people working with AIDS, and its many facets, view it realistically in its terminality as medicine stands now.

What we were warned about is that so many of us working with the disease, and sharing the fight with friends and loved ones, are far too quick to nail the lid on those affected by this disease long months and years before that final event. We were admonished that throughout the course of this disease, in its known history, we have seen that emotional outlook, and attitude have played as important a roll in the life expectancy of these persons as any drug therapy that has yet come along. That we, as caring people, have confidentialized persons with AIDS right out of existence. That we have been so full of sympathy, that we have failed to ask those with the illness what they want out of life, that we fail to treat those with AIDS as living human beings. Our brothers and sisters with AIDS, ARC, and HIV infections instructed us to look at our future work keeping in mind that the goals need to be resocialization, restructuring of lives, and looking toward a common future, not just care for the sick, and planning for death.

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By Morgan Summer

A FEW WEEKS ago, while going through some papers from my junior high school days, I ran across a rectangle of paper I had clipped from that year's — '84 or so — local telephone book. It was in a small, clear plastic envelope so it would be preserved, and a name was circled in pencil to separate it from the nine or so others on the page. The name was Slobodan Vignjevic.

I paused to look at it. I remembered why I cut it out so long ago.

When I was in eighth grade I had to take half a credit in art. Junior high art, that is — paper drawings, simple masks, paintings. My teacher was very liberal and we got to sit where we wanted. I sat next to a kid I knew named Brad and a kid I had seen around, Dane (pronounced Donny.) I thought that I would like to be his best friend, to be close to him; this was one of my very first Gay feelings, but I didn't know it. So we three sat at a table and talked about things I don't remember.

I grew pretty infatuated with him, over the months. So it shocked me when he told Brad and I that he was moving away. I was, to use a term of the age, pretty pissed, man — but I didn't truly understand why.

The last time I knew I would see him, I got him to sign my autograph book. He did, and I finally found out his last name, Vignjevic. He had written, as simply and beautifully and he was, "Dane Vignjevic — so long, Morgan." Jesus wept.

I got over him, of course. But before I did, I clipped his phone number out of the telephone book. It was his father's name, I presume, but I had proof that he had once been a part of my life.

He moved away in spring, and the flowers still bloomed and the robins still chirped.

So that took me back. And forward, to where I am at the present. And to a too-accurate parallel of Dane.

When I found that piece of paper, another boy was sticking in the back of my mind. I met him — Jeff, I call him here — at a recent Gay Youth Milwaukee meeting, and was surprised to find out that he lived in my town. I had a prior engagement that day, but I promised to get in touch with him the next day, Sunday.

I did, and went over to his house. He told me he was a sophomore at a Milwaukee college and was just currently... adjusting, I guess is the word, to his sexuality.

I had very strong feelings toward him. I would have liked to have been his lover, but that could not be, not now.

...Because, you see, I am at a transitional stage in my life, this spring. I will graduate in a few short months, then college, then whatever comes next. So I can't get involved with anything permanent like Jeff, but I would sure like to.

Spring is a season of change — turn, turn, turn — and so it is with me. I am taking the road less traveled, in order to get my education and a better future. Possibly, not a, um, richer future, but a better one.

And there is one more young man I cannot have. I couldn't have Dane because he moved, and I can't have Jeff because it will soon be time for me to go. But I cannot have Morgan because he may not be within my sight, anymore.

The name Morgan Summer is my pen name I will use until I graduate from high school, or possibly longer. I use it for obvious reasons, and I explained why I picked the name Summer the first time we met. Now it is time, this spring, to tell you why I am using the first name of Morgan.

Simply, because it is/was the name of a gay male porno star I think was cute.

I ran across him somewhere between Dane and Jeff, in a four-page promotional ad for a movie Morgan appeared in, called *The Best Little Warehouse in L.A.*, which the flyer said was "In the William Higgins Tradition." It was a Higgins film, presented by Laguna Pacific Ltd. You may have heard of it. It was rated XXX, with, of course, "All Male Action."

I later saw the movie on videocassette. They saved Morgan for last.

On the advertisement the front page shows Morgan and another guy, Mike Dean. Morgan has on a light pink, collared shirt. He is not smiling; his blond hair is tousled, casually, and his blue eyes reflect the lights of the camera. He looks about 15.

When I first came across this, I fell in lust with him. God, he was so cute... then, in reality, I wondered what happened to him. That is, is he alive today. I tried to find out, but I didn't really know where to



Morgan Summer

begin; I don't know anything about him today. Wish I did, though; I would like to meet him. And for some reason, I would like to shake his hand. I would appreciate your help; if you know anything else about Morgan, please write me at the address at the end of this column. If you know any movies he was in, magazines, whatever... and, most importantly, if he's still alive. Thanks.

And, if he isn't alive... I would go to his final resting place, and stand there for a while. I don't know what I would be thinking. Innocence lost, or maybe the price of loving. Maybe the horrible cruelty of the world of today. Certainly of tears and boys' eyes.

And I would put a flower on his resting place. A spring flower, with dew on the petals. Then I would walk away, not smiling, but mourning for the boy whose life ended all too soon. I would just walk away, maybe hearing the flower's petals whisper in the summer dusk, and not disturbing the quiet earth.

• Morgan Summer can be written c/o **The Wisconsin Light**, 1843 N. Palmer, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

"Nothing to Hide"

"Nothing to Hide", of Madison announced its April program schedule.

April 13- Politics: Representative Robert Kastenmeier. Town Meeting, February 15, 1988.

April 20- Training the Artist for the 21st Century: U.W.-Oshkosh, part 3: "Cross-Disciplinary Teaching in the Arts."

April 27- Women's Show: "Maxine Hong Kingston: Mothers and Daughters", Asian Pacific American Women's Film Conference ('87) U.W.-Madison, part 4 of a 4 part series.

The programs air on Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. on cable 4.

David Runyon, producer of "Nothing to Hide," is seeking a piano accompanist for "The United Fruit Company" and "The Tossed Salad Singers", a chorus of Gays and Lesbians. Anyone who is interested should be able to rehearse weekly, Thursdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and work toward the first concert which will be Madison's Magic Picnic on July 23, 1988.

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Store promotes creative Lesbian artists in Milwaukee's Bay View

By Sue Burke

The lavender stands for androgyny, the male and female in all people. The unicorn stands for magic and the "what if" of dreams.

The Lavender Unicorn at 3570 S. Clement Ave. sells art, jewelry, women's and men's music, books, buttons, posters, greeting cards, mobiles, stained glass, dry floral designs, calendars, and unique gifts.

The store is open Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturdays from noon to 4:30 p.m. The telephone number is 482-1616.

The store opened last fall and has been continuously developing, according to Shim, the owner and sole employee. Her main focus has been art by local artists — jewelry, pottery, painting, photography, music and fiber art.

"Artists are beginning to come in with their work," she said. Just hours before she was interviewed, an artist had delivered handmade bags for tarot cards and pouches for crystals. Shim showed one that she particularly liked decorated with abalone shell.

She showed a wooden drum made by Cristine Violet, tie dye shirts, and note cards with women's history made by Mary Shafer. The store has concert information and tickets. Shim said she tries to promote local musical artists, such as Kitty Barber.



Lavender Unicorn owner, Shim

"I'm really proud to have artists like these. I like to do any promotion or anything I can do for them." She put her hand over her heart. "In here I have a feeling for that."

Shim, 39, is herself a writer, and some of her writing is for sale as note cards or posters of love and gentleness. She wrote the lyrics to "Seaside," which has been recorded by Mari Hang. But customers may not recognize her work, Shim said, because it is published under her full name, Mary Lorraine Shemshak.

"I would like to see one of the main focuses of the store to be promoting local art and helping artists get a good start." Musical art and nature are her two loves, she said. "Art is the main theme here, but there's much more — I would say general creativity."

She also wants the Lavender Unicorn to be more than a store and art gallery. Although it is small, one corner contains a bulletin board and a shelf of flyers with information of interest to Lesbians. She carries local Lesbian, Gay and feminist newspapers.

She had lived up north for a couple of years, she said, and when she returned, Sistermoon Feminist Bookstore, a business that had been on the East Side of Milwaukee, had closed. "There was no place to connect," she said, and no place to buy Lesbian jewelry.

She was unemployed when she received a "very small inheritance," she decided to use it to open the store and "create myself a job." Her only previous experience was running a cleaning service. She is still looking for part-time work to supplement her job at the store, which is not yet profitable.

She located the store in Bay View because a friend had the storefront available at favorable rates. Not everyone knows where Bay View is, she said, and every day she has to give directions over the phone.

Neighborhood Lesbians, sometimes known as Bay View Dykes (BVDs), are pleased and surprised to see a store like Lavender Unicorn on the South Side, Shim said.

Straight neighborhood residents also come into the store, she said. Some see something that makes them decide to leave, promptly, but others buy things. "I don't want to turn people away," she said. She would like to see Bay View have the same tolerant atmosphere as the East Side of Milwaukee.

Traffic has been slow, she said, but more and more people are learning about the store through gifts and advertising. "I'm trying to offer things specifically for Lesbians and Gays," she said, but she is "not in any way trying to copy Sistermoon."

As a writer, she began writing for personal use, she said, but one love poem that began "You touched my heart" came from her "raw guts," she said, and she decided to publish it.

She sold her car in 1981 and used the money to buy "an old beater" and start Shim's Shack publishing to print cards and posters, working with artists to illustrate her work.

It had been a dream of hers to live in Door County, she said. She got the opportunity in 1984 and moved there with her lover and lover's two children. It was a "real adventure fighting the elements." She learned to respect the power of nature and learned to make sandbags. But, after two years, "the flooding finally won."

She moved to Waukesha with her lover in August, 1986, and after they broke up, moved to Milwaukee in March, 1987.

In November, 1986, she had joined the Recovery Program for alcohol and drug addicts. "That made a big difference in every aspect of my life," she said.

Sobriety remains a leading priority in her life. She said she has found it difficult to write sober, and is writing more from the heart now.

To her, the store is many things. "There's so much I've written in my life, but I find it hard to say what I mean."

The store changes often, with new merchandise and new ideas. Artists are inspired by being in the gallery, she said. The artists are also "real adaptable," she said, and are usually willing to take a special order for colors, design, or subject.

"I love to put energies together" between the artist and customer, she said. "I enjoy working with artists. They get excited and people come in and they get excited."

She would like to see the shop make it "as an outlet for the art and music sensitive to the lifestyles" of her customers.

"One thing is party of my belief. Art is a unifier. You can walk in here and enjoy." The Lesbian-made art can represent the community, she said. "The local people can come in and appreciate a Lesbian's artwork."

Artists, she said, like athletes, have a universal outlook. To them, color or sexual orientation or other personal differences don't matter. Athletes and artists create ways "to reach out to one another in a safe way."

She is out as a Lesbian and has worked with parents of Gays and groups to help them understand their children. "When we're coming out in a lifestyle it's just a small part of us," she said. "We're all born bisexual. We could all go either way. I wish more people understood that."

She opened the store because she saw a need and had a dream to fill it. "I'm kind of a doer. I have a tendency to follow my dreams. Sometimes they don't always work out," she said. "I'm always hopeful. I guess we dreamers have to be."

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Campus Connection

By Daniel S. Thompson

UWM's 10% Society announces Pride Week

The 10% Society at the University of Wis.-Milwaukee, will hold its annual Gay/Lesbian Celebration of Pride during the week of April 11-17. This year's pride week will be entitled "Beyond the Tenth...", meaning that although Gays and Lesbians make up only an estimated 10% of the population, we are an essential and significant part of society, encompassing all walks of life.

The line up includes: Lynn Lavner, cabaret singer, live in concert; A Lunch Box Rap; a Pride Forum with a guest speaker from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Sue Hyde; Comedianne Hilary Harris; A Dance for Pride; and a concert by performance artists Algebra Suicide.

"Beyond the tenth..." Pride Forum Set

As part of "Beyond the Tenth...", UWM's 1988 Gay and Lesbian pride celebration, The 10% Society at UWM will sponsor a Pride Forum on Wednesday, April 13, at 12 noon in the UWM Union Fireside Lounge. The Pride Forum will feature guest speaker Sue Hyde of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. Admission to the Pride Forum will be free.

A Dance for Pride

The 10% Society at UW-Milwaukee will hold a dance on Friday, April 15, in the UWM Ballroom. This dance, called "A Dance For Pride," is planned as part of "Beyond the Tenth...", UWM's 1988 celebration of Gay and Lesbian pride. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Admission will be \$1 for students and \$2 for the general public. Those attending must be of legal drinking age or a UWM students as alcohol will be served. This is the 10% Society's first endeavor into on-campus dances.

Spring 1988 Schedule of events

APRIL

11, Monday — LYNN LAVNER, Cabaret singer in concert. 8:00 p.m. in the Union Fireside Lounge. \$6.00 students, \$7.00 public.

12, Tuesday — LUNCH BOX RAP, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Union Room E309. Soda will be provided, bring your own lunch.

13, Wednesday — PRIDE FORUM, Sue Hyde of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 12-2 p.m. in the Union Fireside Lounge.

13, Wednesday — HILARY HARRIS in concert. A night of comedy. 8:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge. \$5.00 students, \$6.00 public.

15, Friday — A DANCE FOR PRIDE, 8:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom. \$1.00 students, \$2.00 public.

17, Sunday — ALGEBRA SUICIDE in concert. 7:30 p.m. in the Union Art Gallery. \$3.00 students, \$4.00 public.

Sweden

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As reported in the letter they either continue to have unprotected sexual relations with others who were not aware that they were HIV positive or continue to share needles with other drug addicts.

They were "sentenced" to care in an infectious disease ward where they made constant efforts to escape. It was also "necessary to employ persons to prevent them (the three) from sharing needles or having sex with others."

According to the Swedish report, "Today, there is only one patient" for whom the hospital was not a suitable environment. The Stockholm County Council which has jurisdiction in the matter has "sought an environment which is similar to the treatment centers for drug addicts, that is, a home-like environment in naturally beautiful surroundings at an adequate distance from narcotics sales in the big city."

Currently under discussion is an island which the County Council Social Welfare Board "has made available" for mentally retarded patients. "The matter has not yet been decided."

The letter concludes by saying that "it is not desirable to create any concentration camps." The report further concludes that

in any "Protection Unit" established, "there will not be guards and fences." Instead, the Swedish National Board of Health and Welfare is suggesting "an intensive incentive effort and psychotherapy with one staff member per patient." The Board also suggests that the "environment be as natural and home-like as possible."

Norquist

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munity due to his pro-Gay/Lesbian stance. As a State Senator, Norquist voted for AB 70 (the so-called Gay Civil Rights Bill) and for the Consenting Adults Bill. He also fought against the Rawhide Amendment. During the campaign, Norquist promised the Lesbians and Gays would have access to the mayor's office as well as to appointments to city boards and commissions. Thus, he drew a sharp contrast between himself and Schreiber.

Early in the campaign, Schreiber stunned the audience at the Gay/Lesbian mayoral forum when he called our life-style something that he disagreed with.

Norquist, who started out 35 points behind in the polls, chipped away at Schreiber's lead. Dennis Conta's withdrawal from the race allowed both Norquist and Schreiber to coast to any easy primary victory. But while Schreiber's standing in the polls remained static, Norquist's support steadily grew as scores of Lesbians and Gays, among others, marched into the Norquist camp determined to keep Schreiber from City Hall.

Beside appealing to Milwaukee Lesbians and Gays, Norquist, in the opinion of several commentators, won because he was able to convince the voters that Schreiber really did not understand the issues. Schreiber also hurt himself when, after accepting defeated mayoral candidate Donna Horowitz-Richard's endorsement and produced a signed statement pledging support for her neighborhood development program, he backed off a week later. Schreiber claimed that he only promised to study the Horowitz-Richards' ideas and admitted that he did not understand them.

Schreiber made other serious mistakes late in the campaign. He responded to a Norquist commercial which charged that Schreiber had made phony promises to gain union endorsements with an ad of his own. This only served to tell more people about the Norquist charge. Furthermore, the voters expect candidates to make exaggerated charges with the subtleties often lost in the welter of words. At a time when Schreiber needed to persuade voters to support him, his commercials were directed to his opponent, not to the electorate.

Schreiber can think about that mistake and another serious blow as well. This was his insulting remarks at the Gay/Lesbian mayoral forum in October. Schreiber's attitude towards us aroused our community which then pumped money and volunteers into the Norquist campaign. Poor Marty. He said that he didn't "understand us." He never knew what hit him.

Because of our deadline on the morning after the election, we were unable to bring you results of other races around the state. We will give you information on them in the next edition.

Jackson

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against AIDS in Washington and no other politician, no other leader would come forward, I was there."

Bill Meunier, co-ordinator of Gay/Lesbian efforts for Jackson, expressed disappointment over the candidate's showing in the election. Meunier said he was proud of the role he and others in the community played in the campaign. "It can't be said that Gays and lesbians forgot what Jesse has done for them. We recruited hundreds of volunteers, made thousands of phone calls, put out thousands of flyers aimed at the Lesbian/Gay community and thousands more directed at the general population. In some areas of the state such as Superior and Stevens Point, our people were the campaign organization. Our community can hold its head up, undaunted, proud of the fact that we did the best we could."

There were Lesbian and Gay co-ordinators in 17 Wisconsin towns and cities, whose efforts were much appreciated.

Those who worked with the Jackson campaign people had only praise for the way our representatives were treated. All spoke of the respect and dignity Lesbians and Gays received; that they were included in strategy decisions, allowed to design their own literature and were accorded

Baptist banner promotes anti-Gay lecture at UW

By Guy Hartmann

During the second week of March, students came to the UW-Milwaukee Ten Percent Society's office. (The Ten Percent Society is the University's Gay/Lesbian student organization.) The news was of a banner down on the Union's concourse that the group should see. It read:

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Word about the banner spread quickly among the group members. It was decided that no Ten Percent member would damage the banner or harass the Baptist Student Union in any way. Union administration and the Student Association wer

as natural as two male dogs going at it." He likened David and Jonathan's relationship as male comrades not unlike two war veterans. He also made statements of the ilk that the King James version of the Bible contained little sexism.

Members of the Ten Percent Society and others felt that he would not listen in open discussion and evaded issues when pressed. They reported that Reams switched between literal translations and interpretations as it suited him. Curiously, it was reported by one member of the audience that, "five were quiet in their support for Reams."

Later in the week following the program, perspectives came from many quarters outside the Ten Percent Society/Gay & Lesbian community at UWM. Two students who are involved in different aspects of student life gave the following replies.

Student Association president, Harold



The Baptist Student Union banner hung at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

contacted concerning the matter. The reply from each was there was nothing that could be done. That is was an exercise of First Amendment rights. Though both promised to contact the Baptist Student Union to register that there was a complaint concerning the banner and to ask them to remove the banner. Neither body reported any success in contacting the student group.

Meanwhile, two members of the Ten Percent Society attempted to establish contact with the Baptist Student Union to open dialogue regarding the issue. Despite numerous attempts by telephone and in person, no contact was established.

On the evening of the program, concerned members of the Ten Percent Society attended the lecture. In attendance were six members of Ten Percent and eight others. Of the eight, three showed positive support for Gay people.

Dr. Reams introduced himself as a Vietnam veteran and as an ex-police officer. It was noted, that he did not introduce himself by name or where his credentials were from.

During the course of the evening, Reams purported that, "being a homosexual was

Annen said, "Because the UWM student community is incredibly diverse, things like this are bound to happen. Many of the leaders in the student government are quite concerned that something like this doesn't keep happening. We are here to keep the peace as much as possible between groups. I hope that the individuals involved in the creation of the banner will be a little more sensitive in the future."

Union Programming intern, Gurmeet Sandhu said, "My perspective as a programming intern and as an individual is that everyone has a right to their opinion. Once in a while I have done programming for a particular group on campus which another group has opposed. In those instances I have asked those groups if they would like to do a program presenting their opinions. However, every program I have done has been publicized tastefully and factually."

When I first saw the banner in the Union, it struck me as very odd, even though I was not aware of the meaning or implications of the words Sodom or Gomorrah. The whole banner spoke of negativity and biasness."

Several of the Jackson staff members including Carolyn Kaslin, the Campaign Co-ordinator, praised the Wisconsin Lesbian/Gay effort. Randy Miller, Lesbian/Gay Co-ordinator on Jackson's staff said that "Wisconsin's Gays and Lesbians organized the most massive effort of any state to date. You should all be very

proud." Jackson expressed satisfaction with his Wisconsin showing and thanked his supporters via phone from Arizona. Perhaps recognizing the fervor of his Wisconsin backers, Jackson reminded them that they need to remain united because, after all, "George Bush is the real enemy."

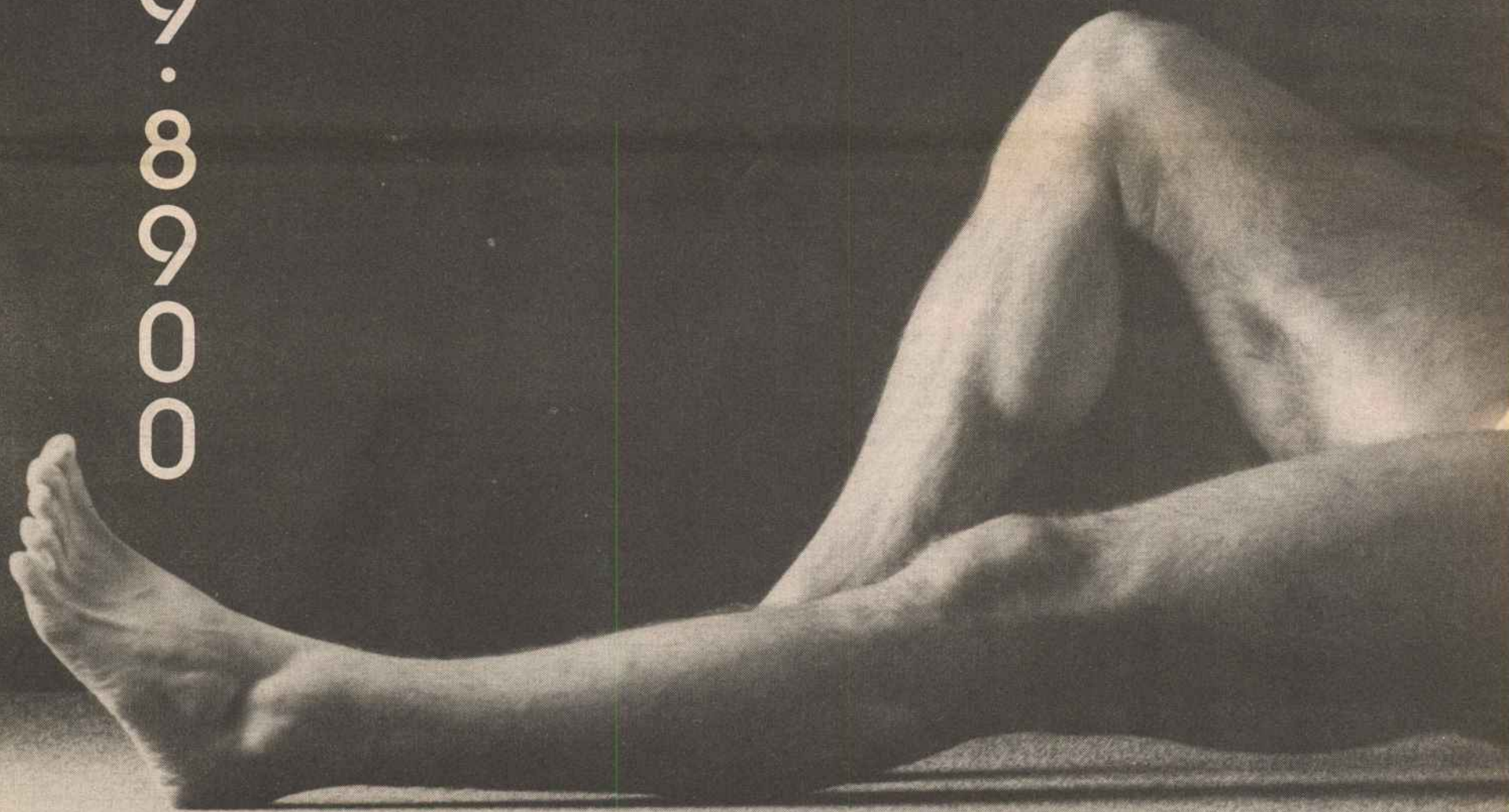


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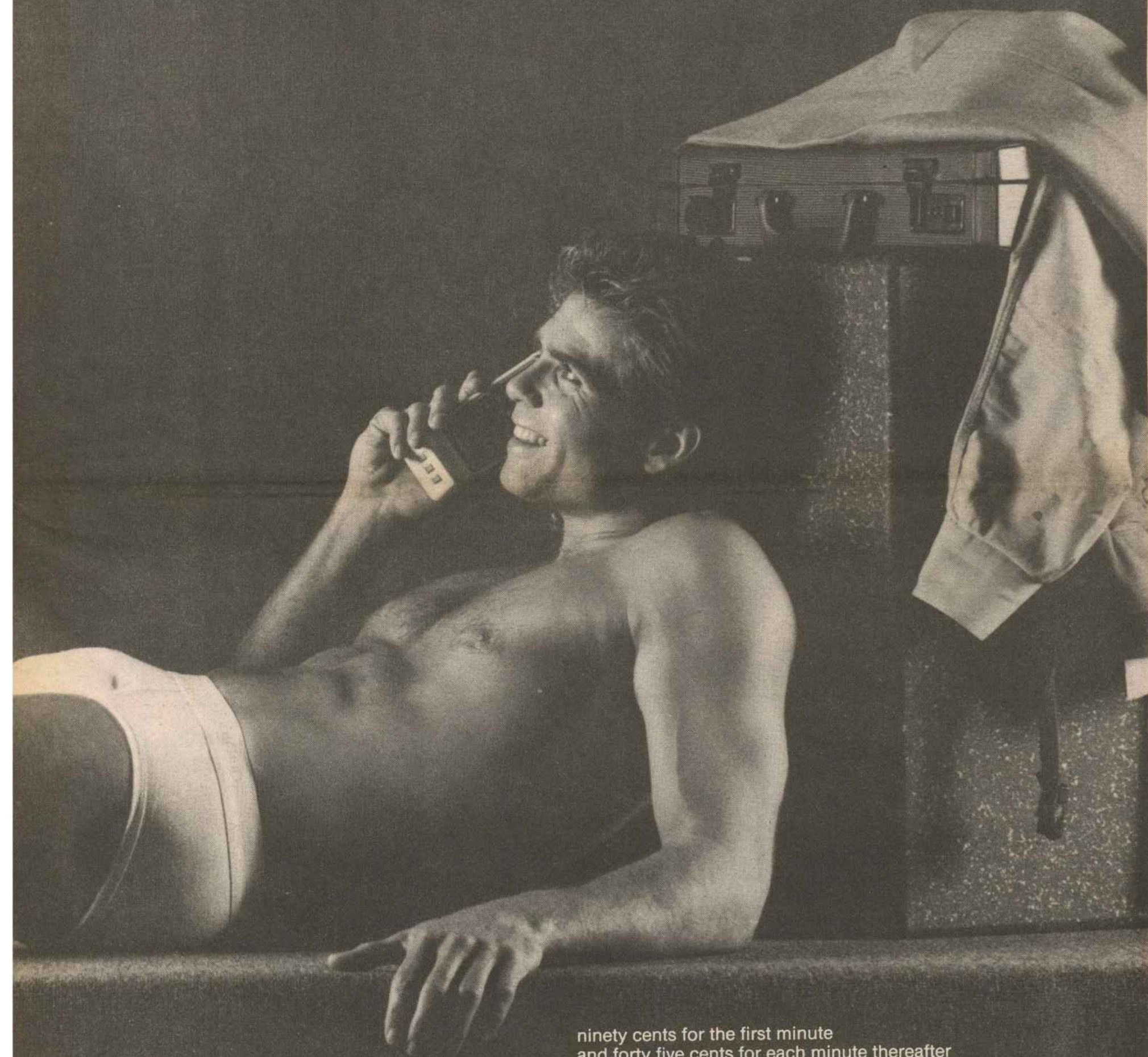
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RELIGIOUS OUTREACH

God affirms Gays and Lesbians

By David Callentine

In the last several months, we have been examining Biblical texts that have been used to condemn the Gay community.

We are now going to examine texts that affirm us. This month we will look at the story of Ruth and Naomi. One of the big mistakes with people's acquaintances of the story is that they only read the first chapter. They are only familiar with the beautiful vow that Ruth makes to Naomi. They often fail to realize that this is actually between two women.

To briefly recall the story, there is a famine in Bethlehem so Naomi, her husband and two sons go to Moab where there is food. There the sons marry Moabite wives. Naomi's husband and both sons die in Moab. Naomi prepares to go back to Bethlehem and tells her daughters-in-law to return to their families and take Moabite husbands. Both argue with her but one, Orpah leaves. Ruth, the other, clings to Naomi and begs to go with her proclaiming the vow; "Entreat me not to leave you; for where you go I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die so too me, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if ever death puts me from you." So Naomi let Ruth go with her to Bethlehem.

Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's who was Boaz. Ruth went into the fields of Boaz to glean and Boaz noticed her. Boaz took pity on her. According to the laws of the time, it was required that the next



David Callentine

surviving kinsman was to marry the widow of his family so as to bring up male heirs in the relative's name. Boaz is reported, in the fourth chapter of Ruth, to have married Ruth and gone into her and that she conceived. It is also reported that when Naomi heard that Ruth had a baby, the community proclaimed that Naomi and Ruth had a son and that Ruth is to Naomi better than seven sons.

It is rather interesting that the community recognizes them as the parents rather than Ruth and Boaz. It makes logical sense that the community is defining Ruth and Naomi as a couple rather than Ruth and Boaz. It is also interesting to note that Ruth, a Moabitst, is actually the great grandmother of King David.

Bible Abuse...

By Fr. James Arimond

Everyone shouts about "spouse abuse," "child abuse," "animal abuse," "nature abuse," etc. And we should! Abuse in any form is a blight on the human character; destructive of the human person, and the disintegration of our human society!

But an abuse we don't often hear about is "BIBLE ABUSE"!

Some of our fundamental christian friends just love to commit this perversion. They do it whenever they get a chance; with others or by themselves. But they never seem to talk about it. It is somehow always excluded from their "list of perversions" which will be punished with the fires of hell!

Of course that's not too difficult to understand because when you're a Bible abuser you can pick and choose just those scripture passages you wish to recognize. Kind of neat, huh?

There are scripture passages which speak to these perverted and sanctimonious Bible Abusers. For instance in 2 Peter 3:16 we read, there are truths of faith that "uneducated and unbalanced people distort, just as they distort the rest of scripture — a fatal thing for them to do!" They claim to read the Bible but somehow they never seem to read this passage. In 2 Timothy 3:16 we read "All scripture is inspired and useful for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding peoples lives and bringing them to wholeness." They rewrite the passage to read "Some scripture is inspired (Those passages we agree with) and must be blindly believed

and used as a weapon to beat people over the head with when they disagree with us; Scripture must be an absolute dictator (not a guide) which brings people's lives to a condition of schizophrenia (instead of wholeness.)"

I guess I feel sorry for "Bible Abusers" because they miss so much joy in their lives, but I also fear them for as the saying goes: "a little knowledge is a dangerous thing" and they do have "little knowledge!" They are dangerous for when they were called "Pharisees" they killed Christ the innocent one. When they were called "Crusaders" they killed innocent women, children and the old as they "pillaged for Christ." When they were called "Good Christian Gentle folk" they burned mentally and emotionally ill people at the stake as witches. Through the centuries they have been called by many names but their fruit is always the same: they burned the books, killed the teachers, raped the joy out of living, denied the presence of God in His world, killed and destroyed anyone or anything that wasn't as small and as mean as they were! Today you can see what their fruit has produced in Iran, Iraq, Palistine, South Africa, Ireland and in small little cells scattered throughout the state of Wisconsin. (You can always tell them by the perpetual frown they have on their face.) It's important to remember that you don't have to let them get to you for a smile or a joke usually sends them running. (They hate to see anyone enjoying life.)

So keep laughing, boys and girls, for as my Grandma used to say "laughing keeps the devil away!"

—Fr. James

Gay attacked outside straight Fort Atkinson bar

Anti-Gay violence erupted in Fort Atkinson. The victim was Michael Quamme of Johnson's Creek, a village about five miles north of Jefferson, county seat of Jefferson County.

As Quamme reported to *Light*, on February 29, 1988, he was in Fort Atkinson's Old Fort Lounge when a friend, Mary, asked him to go with her along with two others to Hutch's. Hutch's is a bar which adjoins the Old Fort Lounge and is a local hang-out for rough young straights.


Michael is 23 years-old, short, slender with cute, boyish good looks. He is out to everyone in Johnson's Creek and is, according to a long-time friend, Pat Sellnow, "very well liked," and, she adds, "has a beautiful personality." As Michael himself says about being out in a small town, "That's my biggest accomplishment, getting people to like me." His dream is to buy a farm and settle down with a lover.

That night, his dignity and well-being as well as his dream were violated by homophobic straights in Hutch's. While he was in the bar, a young man who Michael did not know, walked up to him and asked, "Are you Gay?" When Michael refused to repond, the tough told him that he had five minutes to leave and announced to the others in the bar that he was "getting rid of the faggot."

To avoid trouble, Michael decided to leave but as he was going, someone hit him in the face.

Once outside, Michael and his friends were followed by 12 men from Hutch's who, Michael said, shouted names and slurs at them. Suddenly, someone grabbed him and "slammed me in the face with dead force." The blow broke his nose and mouth.

According to Michael, the Fort Atkinson police have investigated but no suspects have been apprehended.



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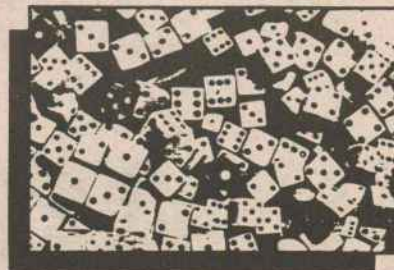
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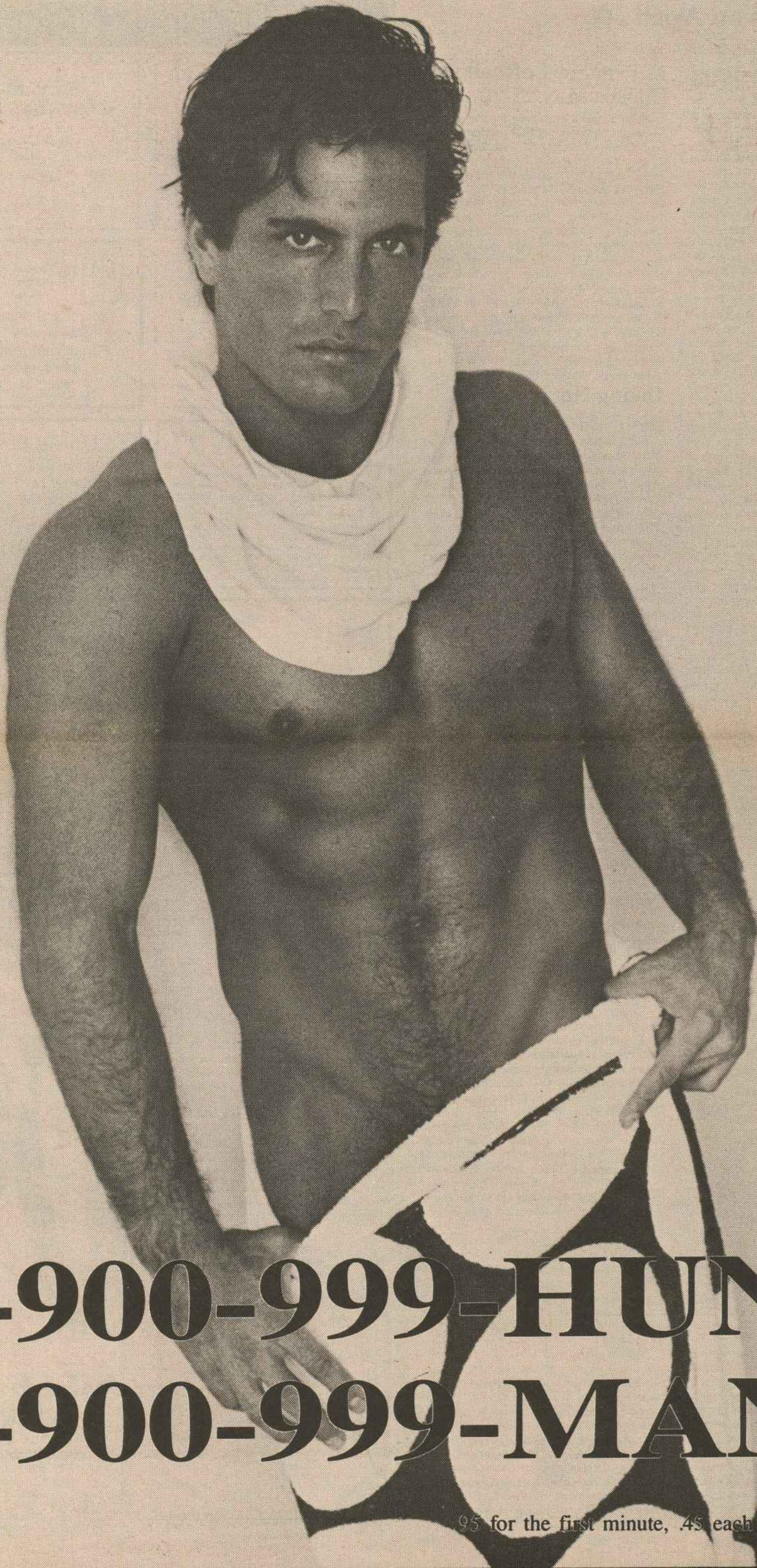
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SPORTS NEWS

Milwaukee Softball Beer League opens season on April 30

By Jerry Warzyn Sports Editor

The Saturday Softball Beer League (SSBL) of Milwaukee plans to open its 1988 season play on Saturday, April 30, at the Mitchell Park fields. Twelve sponsors have organized teams to compete this season. Play is scheduled most every Saturday through mid-August at the fields located just east of the Domes in Mitchell Park.

This year the league consists of three divisions. The Women's Division is made up of four teams; Beer Garden, The Station 2, Fannies and Your Place. Teams from the Ballgame, Raiders, and Your Place are competing in the Open Competitive Division. The Open Recreational Division meanwhile will have five teams from Club 219, La Cage, M&M Club, Wreck Room, and the CCBA. Anyone interested in playing on a team should contact one of the sponsors directly. A league officer can also assist you in finding a team that could use your talents. There are openings on the teams for players of all abilities.

The SSBL will hold a team manager's meeting on a Sunday in April at the Foundation Community Center, 225 South 2nd Street. Please call Commissioner Tom Salzsieder for the exact date and time of the meeting at 273-3594. The playing schedule will be adopted at the meeting as will the 1988 Rules and Regulations. League playoff procedures will also be adopted. All players and interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.

At a recent meeting of the managers of the Open Division, a decision was reached to maintain two sections, competitive and recreational. Although the competitive section will only have three teams, the managers felt that the NAGAAA By-Laws would not be violated. NAGAAA sponsors the Gay World Series each year. Concern had been voiced that a 3 team competitive section may not be eligible to compete in the World Series to be held in Dallas in August. After careful review of the By-Laws, the managers decided that no actual violation existed. The problem arose this year because NAGAAA Open Division will sponsor a recreational tournament in conjunction with the World Series. Milwaukee SSBL plans to send a representative from its recreational division to compete in the tournament, as well as its representative from the women's and competitive divisions.

For more information on SSBL and softball activities, please contact the league at P.O. Box 92605, Milwaukee, WI 53202.

Spurs hold benefit auction April 9

The Wreck Room Spurs softball team will hold its annual benefit auction on Saturday, April 9, at 8:30 p.m. at the Wreck Room, 266 E. Erie Street, Milwaukee. Among items to be auctioned are dinners & cocktail parties, furniture, glassware, 1988 World Series T-Shirts, and Brewer tickets, including two tickets for opening day (April 15 against those Yankees). Please attend this event and pick-up a needed item at a good price.

GAMMA sponsors social volleyball

Milwaukee GAMMA will sponsor social volleyball every Thursday in April for players of every caliber. The play is loose and fun. Volleyball play is from 8:00-10:00 p.m. at UWM's Englemann Gym located at Maryland and Hartford on campus. The fee for the gym use is \$1.50 for GAMMA members and \$3.00 for non-members.

MI-MA-IDS Set for April 23

Space is still available for entries in the annual MIL-MA-IDS tournament to be held in Sun Prairie on Saturday, April 23. Madison is sponsoring the bowling tournament, which is a benefit for AIDS projects in Madison and Milwaukee. The bowling tournament has a 9-pin tap format, which makes it competitive to bowlers of any caliber. Prizes and monies will be awarded to top bowlers and door prizes will be given away. Please plan to participate in this worthwhile and fun event. Call Bob Dornek at (608) 831-4038 for entry information.

Milwaukee Softball Classic May 27-29

Plans are well underway for the annual Milwaukee Classic softball tournament to be held over Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29. The Classic Committee has announced that the Top of the Marine will host the Awards Banquet and that the Hyatt Regency will serve as the host hotel. Plans are being made for a "taste of Milwaukee" event to be held to welcome the softball players participating from out-of-town. This event will feature foods from the various ethnic groups which have made Milwaukee famous as well as most of Milwaukee's favorite entertainers. Thus far teams from Boston, Chicago, Toronto, Minneapolis, & New York have expressed interest in participating this year. Anyone interested in helping organize the tournament should contact a SSBL league officer.

Biking Network plans April outing

The Biking Network, sponsored by Milwaukee GAMMA and others, will hold its first outing of the season on Sunday, April 17. Bikers should meet at Lake Park Pavilion in Milwaukee at 1:00 p.m. for a 22 mile trip from the Pavilion to Fairy Chasm Road and back. This trip should determine if your bicycle needs a tune-up after this long season. For more information, contact Bob at (414) 963-9833.

Ballgame team being organized

The Ballgame Softball Team will hold a party to organize and plan for the 1988 season on Saturday, April 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ballgame, 196 S. 2nd Street, Milwaukee. Anyone interested in trying out for the team is invited to attend and join the party. The event provides an opportunity to meet the players and fans.

Grapevine seeks coach and players

Grapevine is looking for a coach and players for its Friday night softball games in the Milwaukee Softball League. Any interested women can call the Women's Coalition at 964-6117 and leave your name and phone number.

Schulz

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making process in Milwaukee County government. Calling people Milwaukee County's "greatest resource," Schultz vowed to open up the policy making process to everyone.

Schultz also expressed support for increased AIDS funding and stated that he was willing to meet with Gay/Lesbian leaders on a regular basis.

Schultz was Budget Director of the City of Chicago when O'Donnell brought the Milwaukee native back to serve as his Budget Director in 1984.

A favorite of the media, Schultz's water slides, diets and park improvement schemes made him popular with many in Milwaukee. When County Executive O'Donnell fired him because he endorsed John Norquist's mayoral bid in the fall of '87, Schultz at first hesitated, then jumped into the race.

O'Donnell responded with harsh rhetoric. He downplayed Schultz's record (which he had been defending) and ran commercials which many considered vicious. O'Donnell's tactics backfired. Many voters already concerned about his age (66), saw O'Donnell as a "crabby old man, afraid of new ideas."

Others wondered why, if O'Donnell's record was so good, did he rely so heavily on attacking his opponent. Others wondered why O'Donnell fired Schultz for endorsing a mayoral candidate and then allowed county employees to endorse him.

Although Gay/Lesbian concerns were not central issues in the race, Schultz attracted heavy support from our community which was angry over being ignored by the incumbent. Not once in twelve years has Bill O'Donnell ever sat down with us as a community.

O'Donnell refused to answer questions

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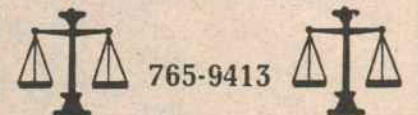
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from Wisconsin Light, a Gay activist commented, "It figures he ignored us before the election then ignored us during the campaign. Now, however, we can ignore him."

Germany

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thousands of Gays were imprisoned and exterminated by the SS. The plans were relabeled "medical center" but the watch-towers and electrical fences were clearly shown.

The mayor of a Bavarian town was quoted as saying that "Protection of the population is dear to me." And, "After all, the infected are mostly criminals and homosexuals."

Another West German community leader suggested that the plans be revised to include a crematorium to burn the bodies of the large numbers of patients expected to die.

In other and related news, the Philadelphia Gay News reports that South Korea, a strong ally of the United States and site of the 1988 Summer Olympic Games, has recently passed a law requiring that all HIV carriers be placed into forced detention and that carriers who infect others be punished with seven years

imprisonment. Foreigners entering South Korea after the Olympics will be required to submit to an AIDS blood test.

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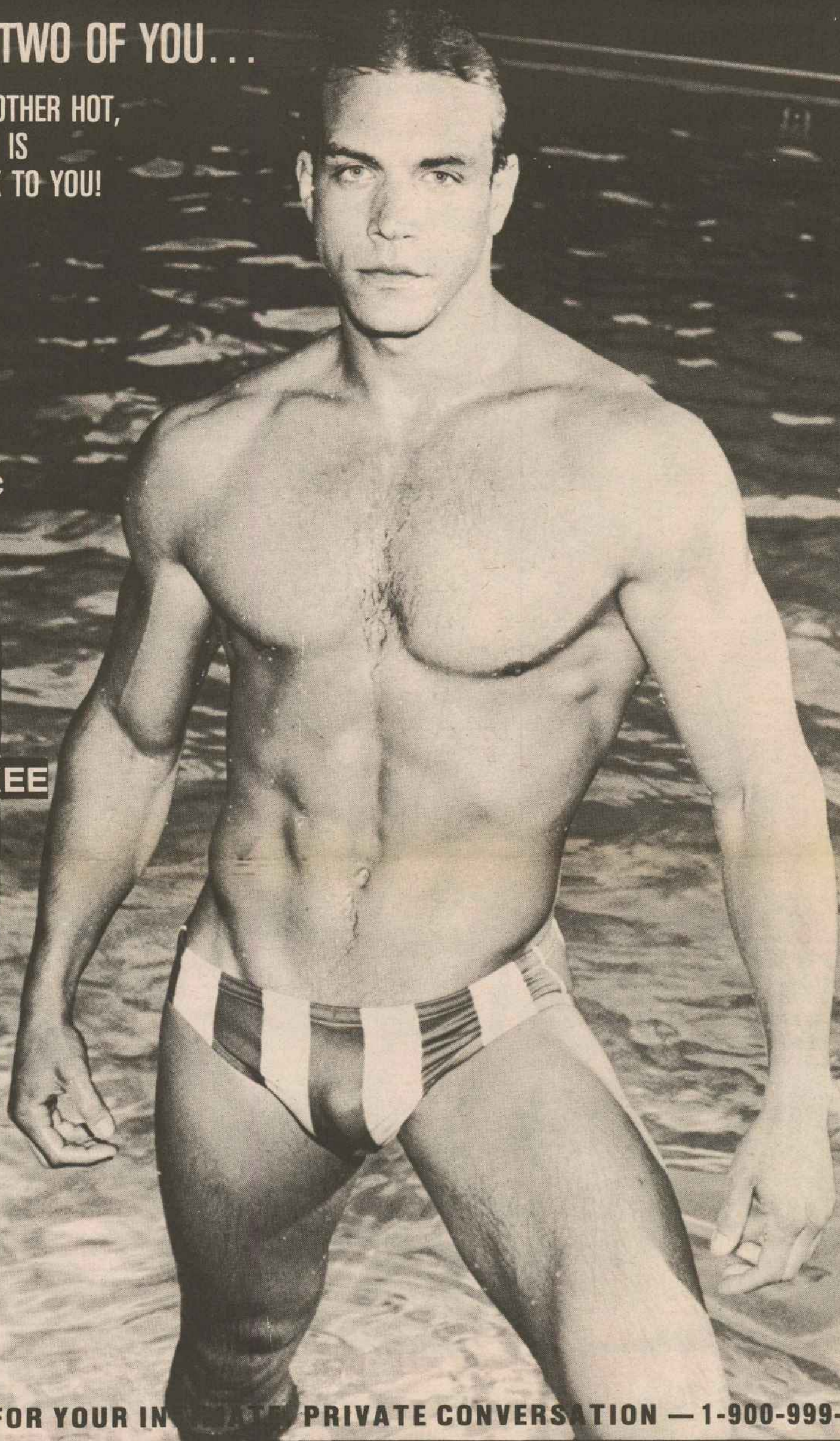
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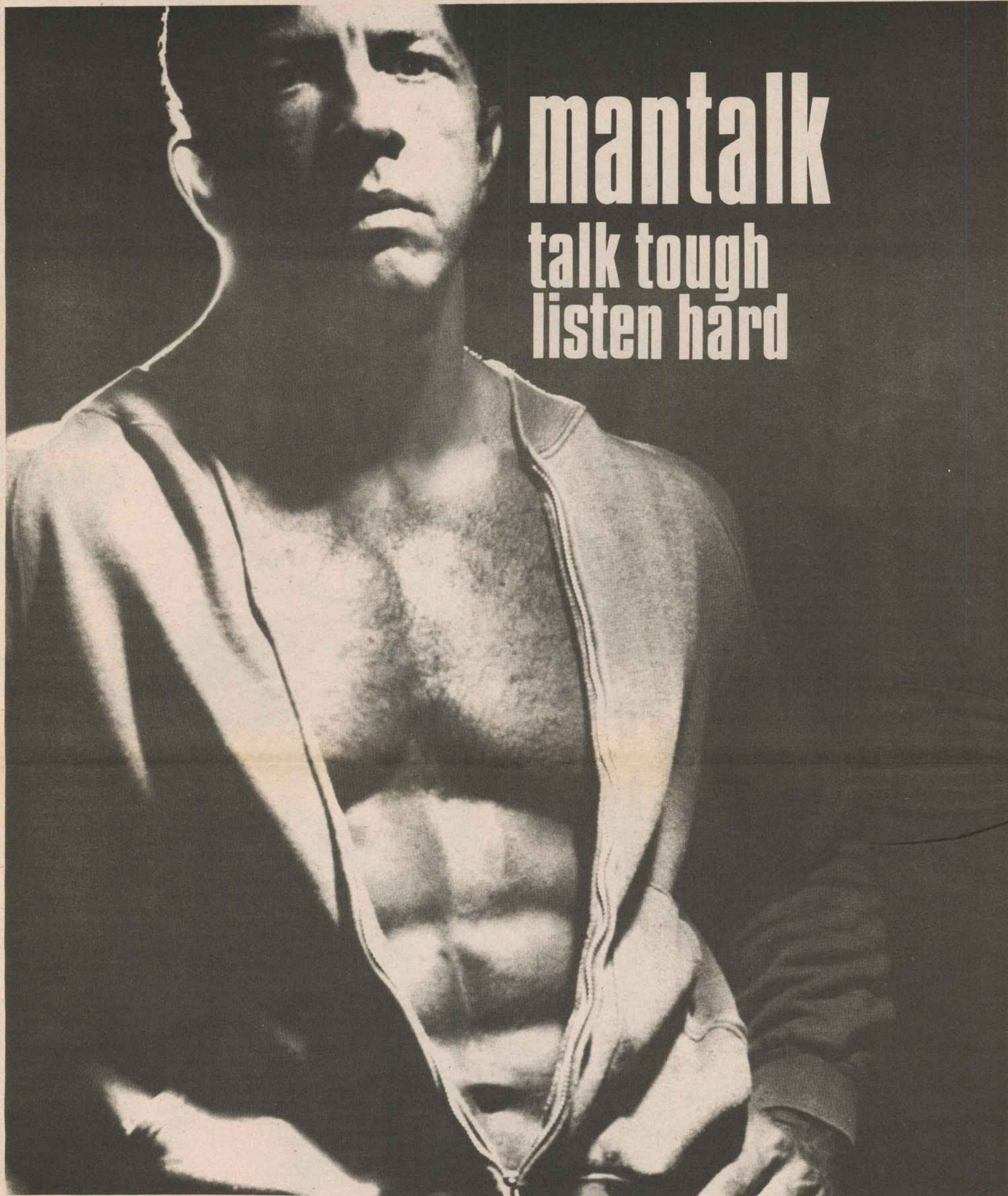


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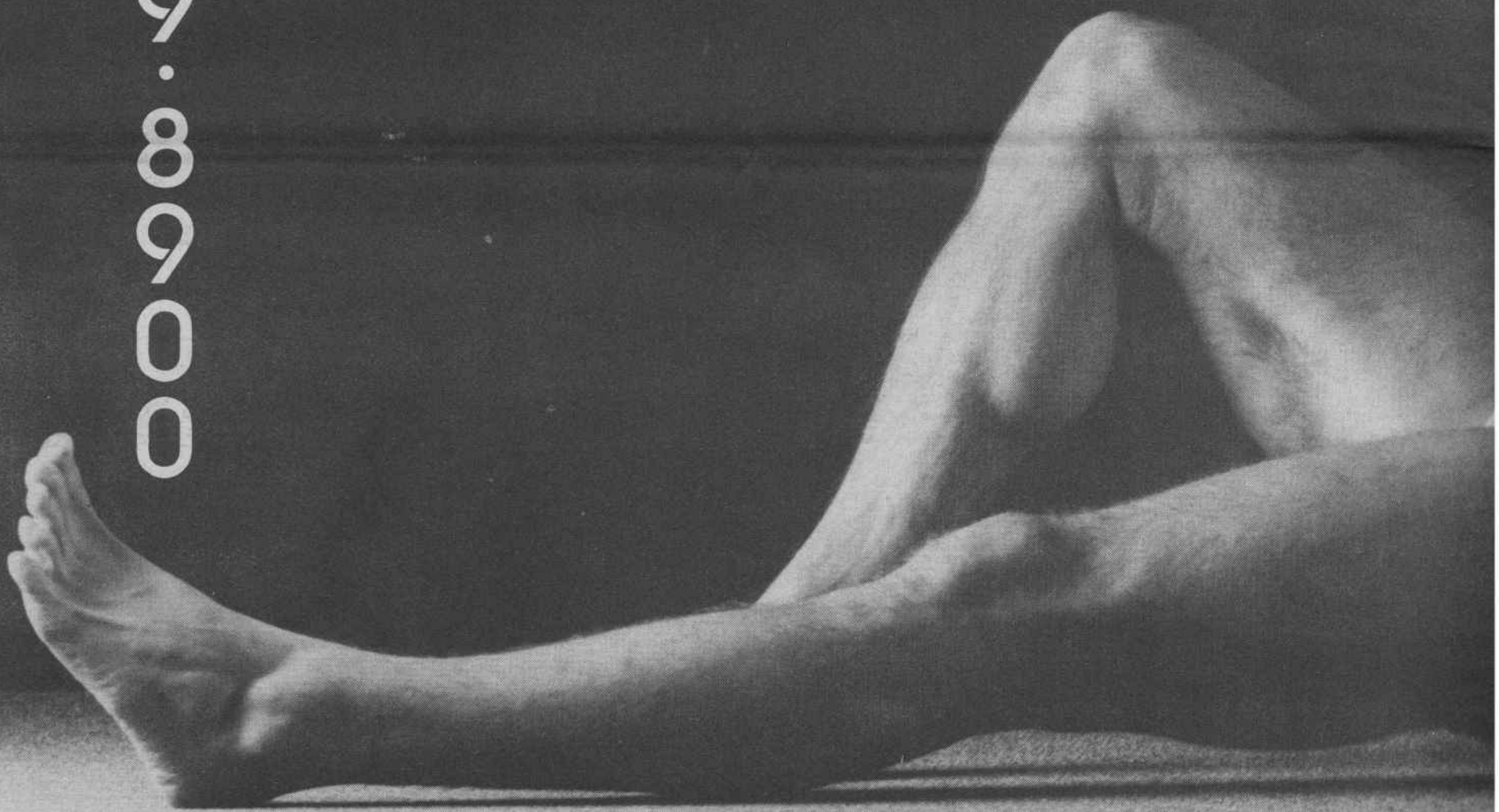
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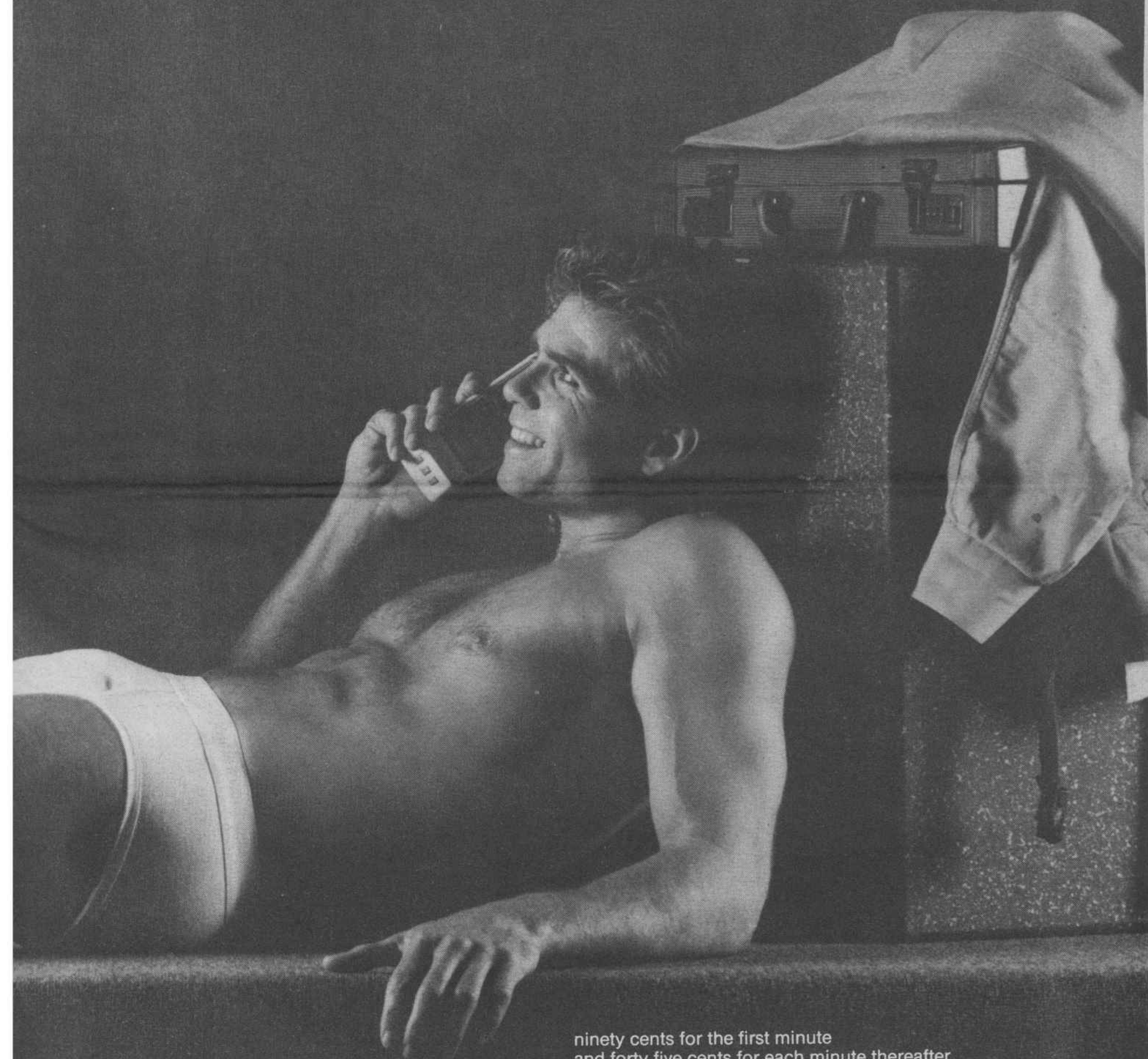
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