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# The Wisconsin Light

## State Sued For Partner's Health Benefits

[San Francisco]- On October 12, National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA) filed a petition in a Wisconsin Superior Court to obtain health insurance benefits for the lesbian partner of a state employee.

Jerri Lynn Phillips, a Wisconsin State employee, attempted to add her life-partner, Lorri Tommerup, to her group health plan. Phillips' request was denied because the two women were not legally married.

NGRA staff attorney, Cynthia Goldstein, explained that Wisconsin has a statute barring discrimination based on an employee's marital status and sexual orientation.

"Wisconsin's anti-discrimination law is meaningless if Jerri Lynn and Lorri are denied employee benefits afforded to heterosexual couples," said Goldstein. "Equal access to family benefits is central to equal treatment."

NGRA Executive Director Jean O'Leary said, "This case reveals the limits of our rights as Lesbian and Gay Americans when we have protections on paper, only to have them ignored in practice. Lesbian and Gay families will be respected only when we demand equal treatment in every arena. This includes employee benefit programs."

Shelly J. Gaylord of Gaylord, Schuett and Norton is cooperating local counsel in Madison.

## Ben-Shalom To Appeal To U.S. Supreme Court

[Milwaukee]- Miriam Ben Shalom's long and arduous legal battle of 14 years with the U.S. Army is about to reach its final chapter as she carries her case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a decision handed down, August 8, 1989, a three-judge panel of the Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sitting in Chicago, determined that Ben Shalom was not entitled to re-enlist in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Following that decision, Patrick Berigan, Ben Shalom's attorney since 1985, filed a motion for rehearing "en banc" which asked for the entire circuit bench sitting as a group to rule on the case. On October 11, 1989, Berigan was notified that his en banc motion had been denied.

Ben Shalom's appeal to the High Court is a result of this decision.

Berigan told **Light** that he will first file a motion with the Seventh Circuit Court to stay their decision. This will permit Ben Shalom to remain in the military while the appeals process takes its course.

Berigan then will file a Writ of Certiorari with the Supreme Court. Such a writ is a request to the High Court to hear the case.

Most cases — approximately 90% according to Berigan — coming before the Supreme Court are discretionary.

In order for the Writ to be granted and the Court to hear the case, Berigan said, 4 out of the 9 justices must agree.

If the Writ is granted, the Court will set up a briefing schedule. Given that, the case will, according to Berigan, be most probably be arguing the case before the Justices in the Spring of 1990.

Berigan told **Light** that while, in his opinion, Ben Shalom's case meets the criteria necessary to be heard by the Supreme Court, "We can't expect anything."

So now begins the final battle including waiting to see what the Supreme Court will do.

## Milwaukee ACT-UP To Protest "Save Our Family" AIDS Rally



Jerry Johnson

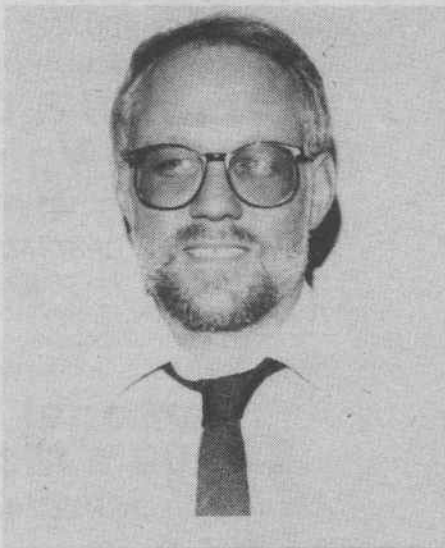
The Fest City Singers present "Faerie Tales" at the Milwaukee Theatre Districts Stackner Cabaret on Oct. 20-22. Pictured are: Vince Lombardi, Gene Guenther and Arlyn Kaurpen as the Good Faeries. Limited seating remains for Friday and Sunday, with Saturday sold-out.

## Milwaukee School Board Asked To Adopt Curricula For Gay Teens

By Jamakaya

[Milwaukee]- Michael Lisowski, director of Gay Youth Milwaukee, testified before a committee of the Milwaukee School Board on October 11th about the problems of Gay and Lesbian teens. He urged that the Milwaukee Public Schools adopt new curricula and programs to meet the special needs of Gay and Lesbian students.

Addressing the Board's Instruction and Community Relations Committee, Lisowski questioned whether the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) are in compliance with Wisconsin statute 118.13 which prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation.



MICHAEL LISOWSKI

"Discrimination is not always an act of commission — what we do to someone — but so much more often an act of omission — what we neglect to do for someone. Quite simply, MPS has neglected its Gay, Lesbian and bisexual students."

The hostile school environment and lack of support by school officials have been a common refrain of many young people served by the Gay Youth organization over the years. Lisowski estimated that at least 3,700 students (or 10% of the total population) in Milwaukee's middle and high schools are Gay or bisexual.

"These students suffer severe emotional and physical abuse from their families, peers and teachers when they disclose their sexual identities... Sadly, most of them suffer in silence, since there is no one or nowhere to turn to either at school, their churches, their neighborhoods or their friends."

Lisowski cited two recent studies which make the need for the schools' intervention with Gay students more urgent.

A federal report by the Department of Health and Human Services' Task Force of Youth Suicide found that "suicide is the leading cause of death among Lesbian, Gay and sexual minority youth." The study revealed that Gays and Lesbians constitute up to 30% of the suicide deaths of all young people in the United States. (The report is careful to state that this "homosexual" factor in suicides results more from anti-Gay hostility than from homosexuality itself.)

Equally disturbing, over the last two years, there has been a 40% increase in cases of AIDS among those 13 to 19 years-old.

To alleviate this crisis, Lisowski made numerous recommendations to the Committee. He asked that MPS develop curriculum "with accurate and positive information about homosexuality" for its middle and high school students.

He recommended that Gay recreation and support groups be established and

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## MASN Urges HIV Antibody Tests

[Madison]- The Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) encourages individuals who are at-risk for HIV infection to be tested for HIV antibodies. Further, MASN encourages those persons who test positive to seek routine medical assessment. These recommendations are made because of medical advances in the treatment of HIV infection and opportunistic diseases. These advances can slow the progression of HIV related disease and significantly increase the quality and length of life for those infected with HIV.

These recommendations are possible because of legislation protecting the rights of those infected with HIV.

MASN recognizes its obligation to assist all people who test positive, including healthy seropositive people. MASN will help by providing emotional assistance, providing assistance in understanding rights, help with immediate living and health concerns and help people with AIDS, ARC and who are HIV positive to plan their futures.

By Tony Frisch

[Milwaukee]- The Milwaukee chapter of ACT-UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) will hold a demonstration on Sunday, October 22 at MECCA's Bruce Hall beginning at Noon with a Die-In.

The action is being held to protest the "Save Our Family" rally sponsored by the Family Concerns Coalition (WVCY-FM, WVCY-TV, WKSH-AM, WYLO-AM) that will take place at MECCA at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Lorraine Day, San Francisco's controversial "space suit" surgeon, is set to headline the WVCY backed event.

Day, who was shown on television wearing an outfit resembling that of an astronaut, believes that health care workers are poorly protected against HIV infection. She has debated traditional transmission modes for the virus and has voiced her opinion that the Federal government is involved in a cover-up about how AIDS is contracted.

Her speech to the WVCY rally is titled, "AIDS: What You Don't Know Could Kill You."

In Day's line of work as an orthopedic surgeon, flying bits of bone and blood are common. However, according to Doug Nelson, Executive Director of the Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP), "Dr. Day is completely out of step with her own colleagues who understand that the use of universal precautions is an effective protection against HIV transmission."

"With few exceptions," Nelson said, "Milwaukee hospitals, physicians and nurses do not accept Day's extremist and misleading viewpoints on health care workers' protections."

Nelson, who watched Day on TV, continued by saying, "The bottom line for Dr. Day is that she has chosen to discriminate against HIV patients which is unacceptable in Wisconsin."

According to Tim Grair, an ACT-UP Milwaukee member and spokesperson for the organization, ACT-UP is offended by Day's up-coming speech. "Knowing the sponsors (WVCY-FM and WVCY-TV), 'the facts will be in short supply,' he said. 'But,' he continued, 'that's why ACT-UP will be there; to keep the VCY rally in check.'"

Details of ACT-UP's Sunday demonstration are not being released.

ACT-UP last held a Die-In at MAPfest in September. A Die-In is an event at which the names of those who have died of complications due to AIDS are read while people lie on the ground to have their outlines drawn with chalk. The chalk outlines symbolize the more than 60,000 people who have died in this country since the AIDS crisis began.

This is more than the 58,000 lives claimed in the Vietnamese War and the number is growing.

On-lookers at a Die-In become participants in this solemn ceremony by writing names, messages, farewells and notes of love to accompany the chalk outlines.

ACT-UP Milwaukee's last demonstration was held in front of Milwaukee's federal building on August 25, 1989 to protest the government's dilatory handling of the AIDS crisis.

ACT-UP is a diverse, non-partisan, political action group united in anger and committed to the end of the AIDS crisis.

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## OUR HISTORY



### A TIME TO DIE XXV Kurt Taken In Night By Rail Cattle Wagon To Auschwitz Death Camp

By Terry Boughner, Ph.d.

After seeing his mother and sister off for the south, Kurt set off to tour the city that he had not seen in almost five years. Berlin had never been beautiful, not in the way of Paris or Vienna, but now, with the allied bombings, many of the once splendid old buildings were in ruins. The house that had been his home was among them.

"It was then," he said, "standing amidst the rubble of my former life, that I began to think I had been foolish and that I should have gone to Bavaria, but then a young woman approached me."

She asked him if he were General von Reichmann's son? When he replied that he was, she indicated that he should come with her. Having no other plans and being curious besides, he went.

As it turned out, his father had arranged for people to watch his family



and they had seen Kurt put his mother and sister on the train and then stay behind. After that, he had been followed.

To his surprise and dismay, he discovered that there was a plot to kill Hitler, seize the government and seek a negotiated peace with the West.

This was not the first time that there had been such a conspiracy. There had been at least six others, (the Kreisau Circle, for example) but all, for one reason or another, had come to nothing. But now, in the Summer of 1944 would come the best known of them and, if Kurt is to be believed, the Gay underground and its sympathizers had much to do with it. That, Kurt speculated, is what his father had meant when he had told his son that he was involved with people he neither liked nor respected.

In all of the plots to overthrow the Nazis, there had always been division over whether to try and negotiate with the Russians or the West. It was, as far as I could discover, the Gay position — although that may be putting too much unity to what, in fact was never a single policy — that any new German government must turn to the West. The feeling was, apparently, that if the sexual orientation of many of the conspirators were known, it would be less of a handicap with the British, for example, than with Stalin.

Kurt voiced considerable surprise at finding that there were others like himself, as well as in the fact of their militancy. It was then that he learned of the Pink Triangle and the Holocaust of the Gays that had been going on since 1933.

"It was," he said, "so sudden, so terribly sudden. My only experience, other than my fantasies, had been with Josef and now I not only discovered that we were not the only ones, but that the Nazis were trying to exterminate us all. I was terribly confused by all of this, disoriented, and more than a little frightened."

They, those with whom I now came in contact, were so proud. "The Jews," they said, "revolt in their ghettos and carry on partisan attacks, but only us (the homosexuals) who they despise, will carry off the real victory — killing Hitler!"

"I think now," Kurt said bitterly, "that at least the Jews got their homeland. We who were and are homosexual got nothing. Perhaps, he speculated sadly, "if we had killed Hitler, it might have been different."

Meanwhile, the plans for the assassination of Hitler and the coup d'etat were being hurried along.

Himmler's special section of the SS dealing with Gays and Lesbians had been hearing intimations of the plot and arrests were being made. If the plot were not to be irrevocably compromised, immediate action would have to be taken.

One July 20, 1944 Colonel Graf von Stauffenberg flew to East Prussia, to the Wolf's Lair, carrying a bomb that was intended to end the Fuehrer's life. Gays hoped that Himmler himself, the architect of their Holocaust, would be present and killed as well, but he was not in the building. The bomb exploded, but Hitler survived.

Hitler's revenge was immediate and in the nature of a Gotterdamurung, a fury as of the Twilight of the Gods. According to Kurt as well as others I spoke with, the underground knew that Himmler was absolutely convinced that the Lavender Network was responsible and believed that everyone who was involved with the conspiracy was Gay. This was far from true, but a dragnet was thrown out over Germany and the occupied territories that resulted in the imprisonment, torture and execution of thousands. The historian, Allan Bullock, writes that no one will ever know how many perished, the reason being that as with the hundreds of other Gays murdered in the course of the 12 year history of the Third Reich, no record was ever kept.

However many were caught, Kurt was among them.

For some reason, he was not recognized as his father's son. He was sure that had that been the case, he would have been tortured and then a meathook driven through the muscles of his back to hang, suspended until he died, such as happened to many. Even as it was, he was beaten and raped repeatedly.

Then, one day, he was dragged from his cell and forced to stand in a courtyard lined up with other men, both young and old. "We all had one thing in common," he said, "We bled from the rectum and the stains showed on the thin cotton pants we had to wear."

They were taken by truck to a railyard and there loaded into cattle wagons. "It was to be our last journey and our guards, laying about us with clubs, delighted in letting us know that.

"I now wore the Pink Triangle," he said, shaking his head, "They seemed to be so meticulous about that as if the symbol was necessary to complete out degradation."

They arrived at Auschwitz in the dead of night. Through cracks in the wooden sides of the car, Kurt could see the harsh glare of the search lights that marked the entrance and perimeter of the vast camp. "My father," he said, "who I assumed was dead, had spoken of the Germany of Goethe and Schiller, but that was only dreams, theory. The Germany that I, his son must face, was the cauldron of hell.



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## EDITORIAL

### Lisowski Deserves Praise In Seeking School Rights For Teens

Michael Lisowski's testimony before the Milwaukee Public School Board's Committee (see article by Jamakaya this issue) on behalf of teen-age Lesbians and Gays deserves the highest possible commendation from the entire community.

His appearance and his remarks were the culmination of months of quiet effort doing the necessary and unheralded spade work trying to get the School Board to live up to its own policies and those of the state against discrimination.

Which one is there among us who does not remember the terrors of being Lesbian or Gay in the public schools? Who cannot recall the "faggot" jokes, slurs and innuendoes from "The Coach", even some teachers and most certainly our peers?

How many of us have locked away in our memory's dark storehouse the thought we had then that suicide might be preferable to living with the cold, sweat-drenched fear of being found out — or, if we were "out", preferable to living another day of isolation and misery?

The fact that Lisowski has had the determination, dedication and, indeed, courage to try and put an end to the totally unwarranted discrimination of those of us who are our next generation is worthy of our highest admiration.

No doubt there will be the outrage of the ignorant; those who see morality entirely in terms of one form of sexual activity and who thus in the name of their prejudices, threaten to reduce Christianity and Judaism to religions of the erect penis and receptive vagina.

Fortunately, these people are in the decided minority — the lunatic fringe, jerking spasmodically on the edge of a sound garment.

Because of Michael's work, pain and suffering of innocent young people may be nearing an end. Work in this regard is the soul of compassion. It is the heart of love.

### Chicago's Catholic Bishop Refuses To Face Reality of AIDS Prevention

The recent statement by a committee of Roman Catholic Bishops, among whom was Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago, concerning HIV should be viewed as a disgrace by all people holding genuine religious sentiments.

The statement of policy which will be presented for approval to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in November, recommends that schools not teach their students about the use of condoms, but only about chastity.

The reasoning is that sexual abstinence outside of marriage is the only morally correct and medically sure way to prevent AIDS.

The thinking is terribly flawed in its refusal to acknowledge reality and come to terms with it. Whether these bishops and primates like it or not, there are young people who are going to be sexually active. To deny them the knowledge they need to protect themselves and others, is criminal.

They say they fear that if they accept teaching about condoms and other safe sex practices, they will be seen as condoning promiscuity. But what the prelates are actually saying is that ignorance will promote the value they seek to encourage.

There are human lives to be saved and ignorance will not save them.

The only mitigating factor in all this is that as with the Vatican's position on the practice of birth control by heterosexual couples, common sense and compassion will prevail and few people will pay much attention to them. But sadly, their words have only added to the burden of misery, not helped toward a solution.

Would that the bishops had the beauty of thought and love expressed by the Dalai Lama on his recent visit to Wisconsin. The world would be a better place.

### Pastor Sharing His Secret Is Inspirational Reading At Its Best

It is rare that the news is good and even more rare when something is reported that is inspirational — at least to our Gay/Lesbian community.

Thus is it that we read with pleasure and a great deal of pride, the story in the October 7 issue of *The Milwaukee Journal* titled "Pastor shares his secret: congregation understands."

The front page story has to do with the Rev. Carl Olson, minister to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, coming out as a Gay man to his congregation, a loving and sensitive declaration that saw much love and acceptance in return.

Rev. Olson's moral courage and integrity, achieved after long personal struggles, are examples one could but wish were universal traits in all Lesbians and Gays.

His decision to hold small group meetings so that members of his congregation can ask questions of him, is to be praised as a much needed educational endeavor.

The only regrettable thing is that to continue to function as a minister, Olson must remain celibate. This is sad, so sad; an unwarranted discrimination based on biblical mistranslation, misinterpretation and prejudice.

Nevertheless, Olson has taken a great and valuable step. He should receive our praise and thanks.

## LETTERS

### TO THE EDITOR:

Another name for Madame Desfarges' knitting:

Surely every Gay has heard of Jerry Falwell, and most Milwaukee Gays will recognize the name of infamous Vic Eliason, but how many have heard of Abba Leiter, the fighting Jewish Rabbi?

Rabbi Leiter is director of the Maimonides Institute of Jewish Studies which, one suspects, is nothing more than a second phone line to his kitchen table — certainly it is nothing as grand and glorious as Eliason's Voice of Christian Youth Empire.

Leiter is often seen on Eliason's television station, WVCY Channel 30, and has also been on Channel 10, spouting propaganda supporting the concept of a Greater Israel.

Of interest to Gays is his public stance against them. He was one of the speakers at the WVCY group's rally against the Gay Pride Proclamations, and was seen on the television broadcast of that affair. The gist of Leiter's "mishegoss" was his desire to set the goyim straight on the fact that the support liberal Jews often

give to Gays is not part of the genuine Jewish tradition. (Also that true Jews aren't against Christmas displays on government property.)

The big highlight of Leiter's little "midrash" was that homosexuality comes not from the Jewish tradition of the Old Testament, but is the "gift" of the Greeks. Great community relations, Abba!

Leiter's position is that the true Jewish tradition favors the "family", as does Eliason's group, and this is why Eliason and Leiter get along so well. It also explains in part why Eliason's television station shows so much pro-Israel propaganda: as the saying goes, one hand washes the other.

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### Reader Misses Morgan's "Boy of Summer" Column

Editor's Note: The name of the author was not on the article, but on the envelope only which, unfortunately was discarded.

A few weeks ago I went to pick up a copy of *The Light*. After reading through a few pages, I noticed something was different... something was missing. I read the entire issue before the realization dawned on me. "A Boy of Summer" was missing.

Okay, well, Morgan had probably been busy. There would be something next issue. Nope. Well, gee, I thought, his column is very popular. Why would it have been dropped?

The next few weeks were busy with my preparations and then the actual moving to Milwaukee, so I didn't have much time to deal with it. Still, it was on the back burner of my mind.

Once again I came across another copy of *The Light* and I checked to see if Morgan's column had possibly returned. Again, no. I began asking friends and acquaintances what the story was, but they had no idea. So I tuned into the Gay Grapevine. What I learned shocked, pained and then infuriated me.

It seems that some piss-ant little jackass — or is it plural — had the malicious idea of sending Morgan's grandparents several of Morgan's columns. The end result is that they have forced him to stop writing or else he doesn't go to school.

That, friends, is downright evil, not only of his grandparents who, it seems to me, are cold, miserable and not so loving people, but also those malicious little assholes who have brought all this down.

I ask myself "Why?" Why indeed could anyone do anything so rock-bottom low, so vicious, so...childish, childish, childish?

Oh, wait a minute! Gee, I wonder could it possibly be? Oh, I don't know...The members of the College Gay Support Group Morgan separated himself (or was he forcibly separated) from?

Let's look at some facts: 1) Morgan left the group on bad terms. 2) Morgan wrote about his feelings and experiences in his column. 3) the group wrote to *The Light* rebutting his claims, a weak rebuttal at that.

Hmmm. Maybe — just maybe, mind you — this little clique felt they weren't winning the war and thus plotted a filthy revenge and, kiddies, if it was you, it is filth of the worst kind.

Now, I'm not saying it was your little group. That would be libel. I'm merely suggesting the likelihood of this transpiring.

To the persons who pulled this stunt, I ask: are you proud of yourself or selves? Do you feel all nice and smug for damage you caused. WAS IT WORTH IT?!

Now, I don't know Morgan. I've never met him and I've never corresponded with him. But what you little prick (s) have done offends me beyond belief.

Before you go off and pull stunts like this, you really should consider the damage you cause. (Some may argue I should do the same with what I've written here, but believe me, I've chosen my words oh-so-carefully. I know the weight they carry.)

Not only has Morgan been damaged personally, but a lot of people who his column has helped and/or touched — or could have been — have now lost out.

Though I didn't always agree with everything Morgan wrote, I respected the balls he has to write what he does — Oh, excuse me. Now, past tense. "Did." Also, his words made me feel and think, therefore, expanding my mind in different ways. That's what a column should do — and does. But now, in one fell swoop, some selfish, vindictive party (s) has ruined that for all who read that column. I sure hope you can sleep good with this on your conscience.

In closing, Morgan, my friend, my heart goes out to you. Hang in there — don't let this bring you down! And I hope to see you writing again, soon. Be Healthy and Happy.



## Battered Woman Fundraiser Planned By Klein October 27

[Milwaukee]- Chris Klein will present a benefit show for the Task Force on Battered Women and Children.

The benefit will take place Friday, October 27, 1989 at the Alternative, 1100 S. 1st St. in Milwaukee. The show begins at 10:00 p.m. and a \$3.00 donation is requested at the door.

This is the second annual benefit for the Task Force.

The Task Force on Battered Women, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending all forms of violence against women and children. The three main components of the organization are: the Counseling Program, the Advocacy Program and the Community Education Program.

The Task Force continuously works to involve formerly battered women in all aspects of its programs and works for the empowerment of women throughout the community.

The Counseling Program provides a safe and peaceful environment in which to gain support, identify needs, set goals and expand choices. Short and long-term counseling is offered for individuals and for groups. There is a therapy group for adult women who are survivors of childhood incest and many, on-going, open support groups for women and children.

In an effort to secure safety for battered women, the Advocacy Program, located at the Milwaukee County Courthouse, assists women in obtaining a restraining order. Five clinics are held daily to assist women with paperwork and to share the restraining order process with them.

The Advocacy Program also does court advocacy, accompanying women to court for both the temporary and final hearings.

A project of the Advocacy Program is the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project/Advisor Program. This is a highly structured 18 week educational program for men who abuse their partners. The design of the curriculum places a strong emphasis on holding men accountable for their violence. The classes provide participants with

information and practical tools that are used to bring about changes in attitudes and behavior.

The goal of the Community Education Program is to work within the community to change those attitudes and values that precipitate violence against women and children. Education in awareness and treatment issues for community groups and professionals in law, medicine, mental health, education, religion and law enforcement is available.

Please come to the benefit at the Alternative on October 27 for an evening of entertainment and help support women and children who have survived abuse.

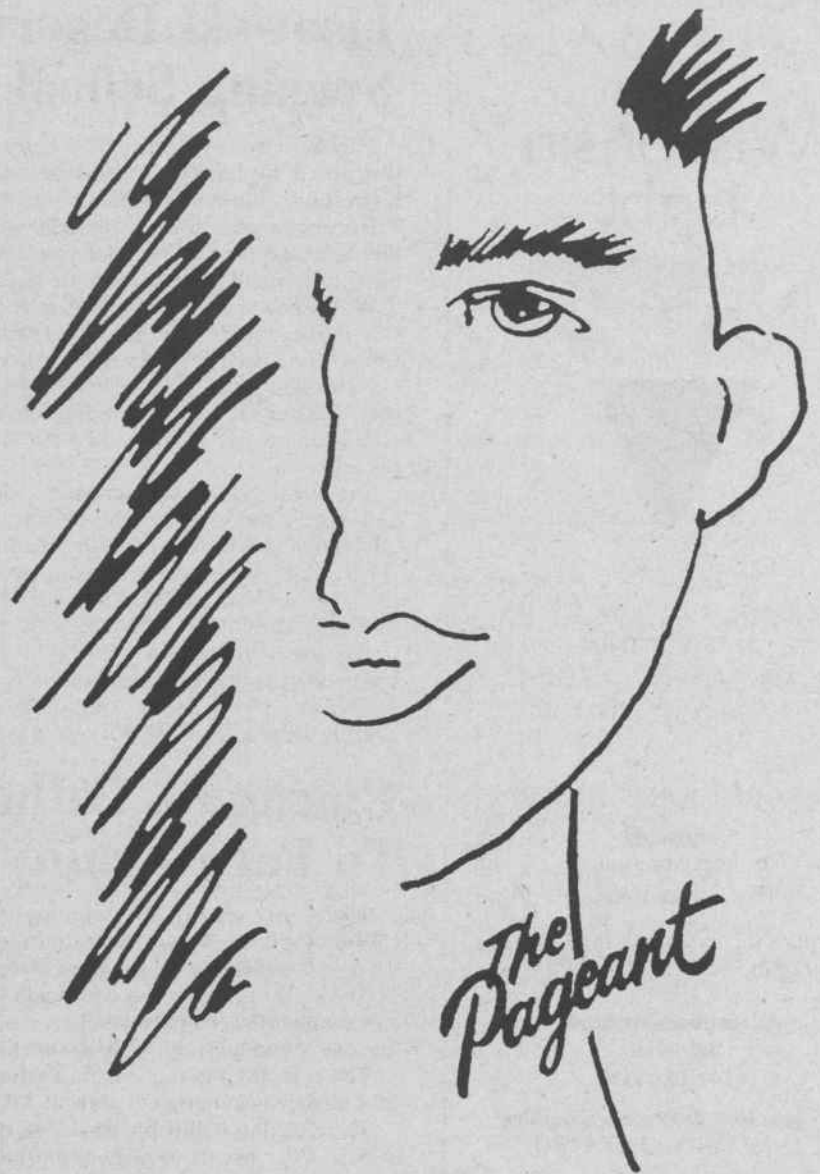
## Alyson Announces Second Edition Of AIDS Book

[Boston, Mass.]- Sasha Alyson, who spearheaded the effort to produce *You Can Do Something About AIDS*, has announced that donations of paper and printing will make possible a second edition of the book in December, 1989.

The first edition of the book, published in June 1988, was subsidized entirely by donations from the publishing and bookselling communities. The essays making up the book were contributed at no charge by celebrities and AIDS activists. The first edition went through five printings.

The new edition will carry a special introduction by James A. Michener and will carry a \$1 jacket price as well as three new chapters: "The Pet Pals Program" by Dallas teen-ager Ryan James; "What a Caring City Can Do About AIDS" by Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn; and "The Leadership is You" by Ben Strohecker.

*You Can Do Something About AIDS* is a selection of the Book-of-the-Month Club.



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## UP AND OUT: Women's Fall Social Calendar In Full Force

By Barb Coyle

It's Saturday morning, apple picking time in Milwaukee and, it seems, the Fall social season is upon us. Funny how we somehow book our calendars around the school year... October marks that time when whatever plans we had for "after school starts" are up and running.

And so, if you already have a social calendar filled to overflowing, skip on to someone else's column. Otherwise, maybe we can figure out what's happening around here.

Do you know about the Counseling Center and the Women's Support Group Program? This is the agency over on Bartlett, near North and Oakland. It sponsors several very comfortable groups for women on Lesbian issues.

Free Space is a support group for women who are just beginning to come out to themselves and figuring out how that works in their lives.

More Space is a support group for Lesbians who are comfortable with their lives and are looking to meet other Lesbians.

Our Space is a monthly talk open to Lesbians that is held at the Counseling Center on the second Sunday of the month. It starts at 6:00 p.m. and goes until 9:00 p.m.

Silver Space meets on the third Sunday of the month and is for "older" Lesbians as a way to network and play. "Older" is whatever age you define it to be.

I have friends who, somewhat seriously, want to form a support group for Lesbian homeowners. They want to call it "Crawl Space." Remember, you heard it here first.

Anyway, here's what I know to be happening for the next month or so. Feel free to add to this list by writing **Wisconsin Light** and doing an update.

On October 19 the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM) will be having their general meeting at 2821 N. 4th, room 300. A potluck starts at 5:30 and the general meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. This is a brand-new group in Milwaukee, very receptive to having new women join.

On October 21 at 7:00 p.m., Full Moon Productions will be bringing singer Lucie Blue Trembley to town. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and can be bought at Outpost, People's Books on Farwell or The Station 2 bar at 1534 W. Grant.

(Now that you know where to buy the tickets, why not join the fun at the concert?) Oh, and the concert will be at the Kenwood Methodist Church right across the street from the Student Union

at UWM.

On October 28, at Lake Park Pavilion, Newberry and Lake Drive, there'll be a Lesbian Hallowe'en Dance. Bring a date or bring yourself, in costume or not. This is a great time for those of us who feel most comfortable hugging the wall to get out and play, incognito. Last year the winning costume was a 6 foot Q-tip. Well, if she didn't take first place, she certainly got my attention. Imagine the problems you could have in a Q-tip costume? I'm going as a belfry... please come dance with me.

On November 5, LAMM is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner at the Shorewood Women's Club. It's open to everyone, all you can eat, starting at . Tickets are only \$5. Such a deal! Hey?

On November 11 there'll be another dance... bless my ruby slippers. This is sponsored by Hurricane Productions and will also be at the Lake Park Pavilion, overlooking romantic Lake Michigan and the dumb gun club. (Now do you know how to find it?) It's supposed to start at 8:00 p.m. which means everyone will show up about 8:30, just like we did in our younger years. Tickets are \$5 at the door and will benefit the Women and Children's Legal Defense Fund. You can get tickets by mail by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Hurricane Productions, P.O. Box 71268, Shorewood, WI 53211. Don't forget to mail in the fiver per ticket too.

On November 16, it's **Kitty**. Kitty Barber in concert at the UWM Student Union. This woman gives a concert that comes right from the gut. Really. I like her stuff. Try and pick up a cassette while you're there...she's good. Joining Ms. Barber in concert will be the indescribably delicious duo of Rominofsky and Phillips. I hope this concert will bring out our whole Lesbian and Gay community together. Good music, good people.

Oh, apples? For you pick your own types. I went with friends to Honadel's Orchards on 27th, a mile or so south of Rawson on the east side of the street. You still have time to go pick apples and take a nap in the sunshine.

Otherwise, Kohl's, Pick 'n Save and Sundick's have a choose-your-own, plastic bag system in their produce sections.

Finally, join me 'n Kim on WMSE, 91.7 FM on Sunday nights, 11:00 p.m. to midnight. I'll try to keep you up to date on what Milwaukee has to offer. Join us, won't you? Hope to see you out and about.

## Six Gay Couples Joined In Legal Wedlock In Copenhagen

By Sheila Rule

[Copenhagen, Denmark]- In what Gay rights advocates hailed as the first unions of their kind in the world, six Gay couples went to Copenhagen's City Hall on October 1, 1989 and were legally joined in "registered partnerships" that gave them all but a few of the rights of married heterosexual couples.

This according to the **New York Times** of October 2, 1989.

The ceremonies, followed by the traditional throwing of rice and confetti, were held on the day a new national law went into effect making Denmark the first country to legalize homosexual unions.

Members of the Danish Parliament passed the measure in May, 1989 by a vote of 71 to 47 after a 40-year campaign by Gay rights advocates.

In a country which has historically been sympathetic and supportive of minorities, including Gays, Lesbians and Jews, opposition came mainly from the small Christian People's Party which called the legislation "against the teachings of Jesus," who taught that "only a man and a woman can be married."

The Christian People's Party has 4 out of 179 seats in Parliament.

Some Church bishops were quoted as saying that the debate was irrelevant because the church could bless only marriages.

Under the new law, partners — at least

one must be a resident Danish citizen — are liable for each other's maintenance. They also have the automatic right to inherit the other's property and must undertake legal divorce proceedings to dissolve the partnership. They can also be forced to pay alimony and, in some circumstances, a partner can be held responsible for the other's tax liabilities.

The couples can not be married in the state Danish People's Church (Evangelical Lutheran) and cannot adopt or obtain joint custody of a child.

## LAMM Plans Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, Nov. 5

[Milwaukee]- On Sunday, November 5, the Lesbian Alliance of Metro-Milwaukee (LAMM) will host an all you can eat spaghetti dinner at the Shorewood women's club in Hubbard Park from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 in advance at Outpost Natural Foods, People's Bookstore and from LAMM members. It will cost \$6 at the door (\$3.50 for children) and will be an opportunity for Lesbians to socialize and share political ideas.

Women can call 931-0008 or 264-4354 for more information or to get involved in the Lesbian Alliance.



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## Fest City Singers Readies Adult "Faerie Tales" for Oct. 20-22

[Milwaukee]- "Has anyone seen my magic wand?" "My tiara is too tight." "Clap your hands if you believe in fairies!"

The above are just some of the unusual sounds emanating from the rehearsal rooms of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater and the War Memorial where Milwaukee's Original Fest City Singers have been putting in long hours rehearsing "Faerie Tales," their Not For Children Cabaret Revue.

"Faerie Tales" will be presented in the Stackner Cabaret of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater in the new Milwaukee Center. Dates: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 20, 21 and 22; at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The Singers have put a fresh, slightly off-center spin on everyone's favorite fairy tales and nursery rhymes in "Faerie

Tales." Well loved storybook characters such as Cinderella, Red Riding Hood, Paul Bunyan, Rapunzel, Rip Van Winkle and Thumbellina will have a new look in this witty recasting of their stories.

And the Fest City Singers' Nuns are back! With their usual devious ingenuity, the FCS artistic team has cleverly managed to include those trademark nuns into one of the storybook sketches.

Music classics like "Anything Goes," "Whistle While You Work" and "Dancing in the Dark" together with selections from "Cabaret," "Mary Poppins," and "My Fair Lady" have been melded into the Faeries Tales format.

Tickets are available from the Milwaukee Repertory Theater Box Office, 108 E. Wells St. in Milwaukee. Credit cards are accepted; Telephone 1-(414) 224-9490.

## Skylight Theatre To Hold Costume Sale Oct. 21

[Milwaukee]- The Skylight Opera Theatre, just in time for Hallowe'en, will hold a costume sale on Saturday, October 21, 1989. The sale will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Skylight Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson St. in downtown Milwaukee.

Hundreds of colorful costume items from the Skylight's extensive collection will be sold as is, on a first-come, first-served basis. Most costumes are adult sizes.

Among the myriad of items to be offered are: flounced can-can dresses, uniform jackets, striped prisoner's garb, harem outfits, period gowns, vaudeville outfits, calypso costumes and waiters' jackets.

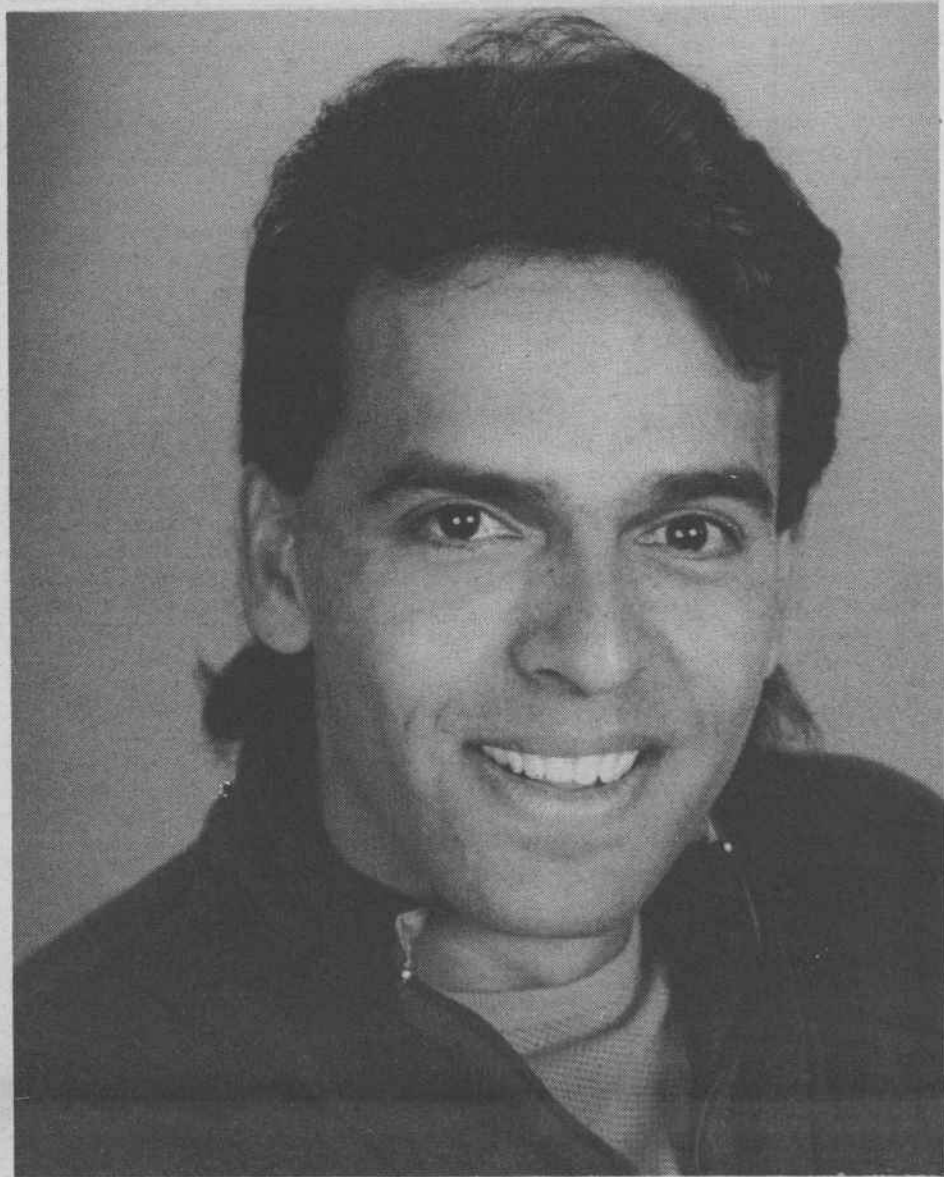
Please, no phone inquiries to the Skylight Costume Shop regarding the October 21 sale.

## Milwaukee Rep Presents "Gone Hunting"

[Milwaukee]- Step into the Gay '90's of Paris on the Milwaukee Repertory Theater's (MRT) Powerhouse stage with GONE HUNTING!, by Georges Feydeau. The MRT's Managing Director, Sara O'Connor, has translated this fun-filled farce. Directed by Associate Artistic Director, Kenneth Albers, GONE HUNTING! previews October 20 and 21 and runs through November 26.

Seeing the show is to follow love-crazed characters through mistaken identities, misadventures and amorous entanglements. Although the word "hunting" is used in the title, no one ever seems to go hunting, at least not traditional "game." But then you must find out who ends up wearing whose pants in this play of hide-and-seek.

Tickets range from \$4-\$18. For reservations, call the MRT Box Office at (414) 224-9490.



Nationally renowned Milwaukee Repertory Theatre actor Ric Oquita stars in the one man show "According to Coyote" November 2-19, 1989 at the Rep's Stiemke Theatre.

## Oquita Is Mythical Trickster In Rep's "According to Coyote"

[Milwaukee]- In a play perfect for the entire family, the Milwaukee Repertory Theater (MRT) will bring to the stage, ACCORDING TO COYOTE, by John Kauffman. The play brings Native American coyote legends to life on MRT's Stiemke stage.

Kauffman comes to the MRT from the Honolulu Theatre for the Youth and will direct this mythical show which previews November 2, 3 and opens Nov. 4 and runs through Nov. 19.

"ACCORDING TO COYOTE is a collection of some of my favorite stories," said Kauffman. "I believe I was in kindergarten when my grandmother told me my first coyote

story. My fascination with this incredibly foolish, wise, sneaky, brave, outrageous character has grown with me ever since then."

The widely popular and nationally renowned actor, Ric Oquita, portrays the mythical trickster in this wonderful one-person show. Oquita, a highly talented young performer who hails from San Diego, adds the piquant flavor of his native west to the show. His performances are always a delight.

Talkback will take place on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$6.00 to \$10.00. For reservations, call the MRT Box Office at (414) 224-9490.

## Learn the Skylight's "Inside Story" At Special Preview October 27

[Milwaukee]- "Staging a Production: The Step-by-Step Inside Story" will be the topic of the next Performance Preview sponsored by the Skylighters on Friday, October 27 from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. at the DeLind Fine Art Gallery, 801 N. Jefferson St. in Milwaukee. A performance of the Skylight Opera Theatre's "The Telephone Show" will follow at 8:00 p.m. at the Skylight Theatre, 813 N. Jefferson St. in Milwaukee.

Stephen Wadsworth, Artistic Director of the Skylight, will discuss staging in conjunction with his imaginative pairing of Gian Carlo Menotti's "The Telephone" and Francis Poulenc's "La Voix Humaine" in the original production "The Telephone Show," which runs from October 18-November 12. With over a quarter billion phone calls made in the U.S. each day, Wadsworth, the director and adaptor of these two pieces, had no shortage of material to draw from as the explores relationships on the phone, both hilarious and desperate.

Advance tickets may be purchased at


the Skylight Box Office, (414) 271-8815. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door. Performance Previews are \$3 and include admission and refreshments. Tickets for "The Telephone Show" are \$16-\$20 and are available at the Skylight Theatre Box Office.




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## The Ordinary/Extra-Ordinary Matlovich Chronicled in New Book

**Matlovich: The Good Soldier**  
by Mike Hippler,  
Alyson Publications, Inc., 1989,  
176 pages, \$8.95.

By Jamakaya

**Matlovich: The Good Soldier** chronicles the ordinary/extra-ordinary life of the decorated sergeant whose struggle with the Air Force to accept his sexual identity made his a symbol of the Gay Rights movement in the 1970's.

Leonard Matlovich, as a young man, was an unlikely candidate for Gay rights activist. His father was a career military man and Leonard was raised on a succession of bases in the U.S. and overseas. He identified as a Southerner because his mother was from the deep south and he spent six of his more stable childhood years in Charleston. His

This biography is enhanced by lengthy passages from interviews Matlovich recorded before his death (of AIDS complications) in June, 1988. Author Mike Hippler also interviewed friends, activists, attorneys and others who knew and worked with Matlovich. Their impressions and anecdotes offer insight and critical perspective as the story unfolds.

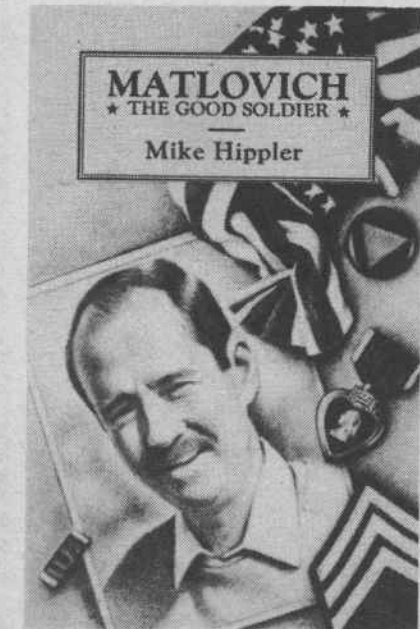
The legal wranglings with the Air Force and the complex appeals process are outlined (Matlovich eventually agreed to a financial settlement when constitutional arguments in his case were exhausted and denied.) And Hippler does not shy away from Matlovich's embroilment in Gay political turf wars once he became active.

The things that endeared me to Matlovich the most were his all-too-human foibles: his fumbling through relationships, his bad business decisions and choice of friends, his stubbornness, his naivete. Matlovich is portrayed, not as "hero" or "symbol", but as the multi-dimensional and very vulnerable man that he was.

He was an ordinary man thrust into the national limelight by extraordinary circumstances. The refrain from Holly Near's "It Could Have Been Me (But Instead It Was You)" kept coming to mind.

A 17-page Epilogue summarizes "Subsequent Court Cases" regarding Gays and Lesbians in the military. The book's discussion of legal challenges ends in late 1988 and so does not include the most recent developments (in the Miriam Ben Shalom case for instance). Nevertheless, it's a good re-cap of the major cases in the last 15 years.

One of Matlovich's dreams was to establish a memorial to Gay veterans. His own tombstone in Congressional Cemetery now serves as that memorial. The large black granite stone features two Pink Triangles with the legends "Never Again" and "Never Forget." The epitaph reads: "A Gay Vietnam Veteran: When I was in the military they gave me a medal for killing two men and a discharge for loving one."



southern identity reflected the region's militant patriotism as well as its racist attitudes.

But after three tours of duty in Vietnam, a long religious quest and a lifetime of self-denial, Matlovich finally emerged as an award-winning race relations instructor and a compelling spokesman for the Gay rights cause.

## Milwaukeean Publishes Original "Beauty and the Beast" Songs

[Milwaukee]- Iddy Biddy Press, a Milwaukee based small press, has announced the release of **Howling All The Time**, an collection of original songs based on the TV series, "Beauty and the Beast." Editor Cicatrice du Veritas (best known in our community for her book reviews in the Cream City Business Association "Newsletter" and "Cream City Special Edition") told **Wisconsin Light**, "I've really been gratified at the way the Gay community has accepted "Beauty and the Beast," and vice versa."

While the stereotype of the "Beauty and the Beast" viewer is a middle-aged "hausfrau", we have, in fact, seen that Gay men and Lesbians alike are drawn by the romance which is at the heart of the show. Lesbian and Gay male couples are, by no means, an unusual sight at the

conventions and meetings held by fans of the show. "I find it particularly interesting that many of the best writers of "B&B" fan fiction are also known for their "K/S" work (that is, fiction about a love relationship between Star Trek's Captain Kirk and Mr. Spock)."

While Vincent and Catherine happen to be a male/female couple, their fans know that love itself is universal. Ironically, the Thatcher government is now censoring the show in Britain due to its alleged homosexual content.

**Howling All The Time** is a compilation of material appearing in two shorter collections. They are currently soliciting songs, serious or humorous and original artwork for a third volume.

The book is available for \$12 (inc. s&h) from Iddy Biddy Press, 1847 N. 2nd St., Milwaukee, WI 53212-3760.

## Anthology Seeks Black Lesbian Writers

Black Lesbian-feminist writer Terri Jewell is seeking poetry (any form or length) and short fiction (maximum 25 pp) for a literary anthology for, by and about Black Lesbians. Writers are encouraged to send unpublished submissions and queries with self-addressed, stamped envelop to: Terri Jewell, 211 W. Saginaw, Apt. 2, Lansing, Michigan 48933. The deadline is April, 1990.

Jewell is also seeing submissions by women with dreadlocks for a special anthology. She would like the photographs and women's own words on the experience of locking their hair. Material or inquires on this project can be sent to the address cited above.

## Classroom Anthology Seeks Works

[Santa Cruz, CA]- HerBooks is looking for narratives, essays, poetry and research studies to be included in an anthology which will address the topic: "Lesbian and Gay Teachers and Students: The Politics of the Classroom."

Suggested subjects include: "coming out at work", "Lesbian and Gay students", "Lesbian and Gay studies", "Lesbian and Gay literacy."

The need of many teacher-contributors to remain anonymous will be respected.

Contributions should be submitted by December 15, 1989 with SASE to HerBooks, P.O. Box 7467, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

## PEOPLE

**BONHEUR, ROSA** (Mar. 16, 1822-May 25, 1899). French artist. By her early twenties, Bonheur had established herself, both in Europe and abroad, as a brilliant painter of animals. Her most famous painting, *The Horse Fair*, was purchased by Cornelius Vanderbilt in 1887 for a then-record sum of \$55,000; it now hangs in New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

A forceful, strongly unconventional woman, Bonheur had a female lover, Nathalia Micas, for over forty years, and wore men's clothing — at a time when it was considered indecent for women to do so — both for personal pleasure

and so that she could more conveniently wander through farms and slaughterhouses to research and sketch animal anatomy. Chided by a male acquaintance one evening for frequenting such places unchaperoned, Bonheur retorted,

"Oh my dear sir, if you knew how little I care for your sex, you wouldn't get any ideas in your head. The fact is, in the way of males, I like only the bulls I paint."

**CAVAFY, CONSTANTINE** (April 17, 1863-Apr. 29, 1933). Greek poet. By developing his own individualistic style of poetry, Cavafy became

one of the West's most important poets. Most of his best work, however, was written after he turned forty — and was published only after his death.



Though he was Greek, Cavafy never actually lived in Greece. He was born, and died, in the Egyptian city of Alexandria. As a young man there, he often visited male houses of prostitution. He bribed his servants to ruffle up his sheets at night so his mother would not realize he had not been home.

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## ALYSON ALMANAC Is Treasure Of Information For Entire Community

THE ALYSON ALMANAC  
Alyson Publications, Inc., 1989,  
208 Pages, \$6.95

by Jamakaya

From our community's most prolific publishing house comes **The Alyson Almanac**, "a treasury of information for the Gay and Lesbian community." Like all almanacs, it is indeed a treasure trove of information.

**The Alyson Almanac** includes highlights of our history, lists of national organizations and publications, a dictionary of Gay slang and "Best" and "Worst" lists by some of our finest critics. It outlines awards and honors bestowed on Gays and Lesbians, the voting records of members of Congress on issues that affect our community and the, by now, ubiquitous safer sex guidelines.

Being an "enquiring mind," my favorite section is the one on "People." It contains brief profiles of people known or said to be Gay, Lesbian or bisexual. I found out that Leonardo da Vinci spent two months in the Big House for sodomy, that Eleanor Roosevelt exchanged rings with Lorena Hickok and "ached" to hold her close, and that Winston Churchill confessed, "I once went to bed with a man to see what it was like."

Like most almanacs, Alyson's is light, fun and breezy. Interesting facts, from the profound to the trivial, can be found on every page. It has one major flaw however.

The entire **Almanac** is weighted toward Gay men to the exclusion of much relevant material about Lesbians: our organizations, newspapers, herstory and

experiences.

The most egregious example of this editorial obtuseness jumped off the page of the dictionary which defines "go down on" as "to perform fellatio on." Lesbians are wincing all over America.

(Note to the totally obtuse: A lot of Lesbians have been known to "go down on" a lot of women, but definitely not "to perform fellatio.")

Alyson plans to republish its **Almanac** periodically with updated and expanded information. It's a fun book and I look forward to future editions. I only hope they hire a few more Lesbian consultants to provide the balance that's needed.

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Sources of Information: People's Books, Milwaukee; A Room of One's Own and Four Star Fiction and Video, Madison.



## New Lesbian Alliance Welcomed To the Political Community

By Bill Meunier

Just when some of you men-folk thought you were going to keep having everything your own way, up pops, LAMM. LAMM is short for Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee, Milwaukee's first general purpose Lesbian group.

I suspect that some of you men out there are probably snickering right now saying to yourselves "Oh how cute the dykes are getting together." Others are probably thinking "Why are they doing this don't we have enough groups?" Still other men, and (I hope they are more numerous than I suspect they are) are saying "Right on sisters welcome to the party!"

Clearly the formation of a new all Lesbian group will be seen as threatening by some. To those who feel threatened, I suggest a quick crotch check. See it's still there. Now that you've re-established your manhood, let me tell you that if you feel threatened by this growing development of Lesbian power, you probably deserve to be threatened.

All too many Lesbians whether justified or not feel as though while we have a Gay Political Power structure we do not have a Gay/Lesbian political power structure and that while they have tried to work within organizations dominated by Gay men their contributions to those organizations and to our community as a whole has never been fully appreciated, recognized or utilized.

Let's do a quiz.

How many of Milwaukee's mixed organizations are headed by a woman?

How many of our organization's have made a REAL effort to cultivate a Lesbian membership?

How many of our Gay leaders have gone beyond getting some token females and accepted women as full partners in planning the operations of and running our groups?

- a) Who cares?
- b) Why should they?
- c) Not nearly enough.
- d) Who needs those pushy dykes anyway.

If you answered C go to the head of class, as soon as you've explained what you've done about it.

The fact is that few of our organizations have real input from the Lesbian community. Oh yes some groups try to get a few token women to fill vacancies on their boards and then ignore them, but the fact is that this kind of operation is no longer enough.

LAMM is not contrary to the popular rumor ('Who cares those lesbos hate men and wouldn't work with us anyway.') a separatist organization. It is not that its leaders don't wish to work with men, it is only that they desire to be put on an equal footing when they do so.

Far too often Gay leaders have complained that they can't get Lesbian involvement in their groups. That's why it is important that Lesbians come to the table with their own constituency united behind them. That's why it is essential that Lesbians have the opportunity to develop experienced leaders rather than tokens who are never given the chance to assume any real responsibility.

It is critical that a lesbian organization working on a broad range of concerns to our community develop its issues and positions and resources so that Lesbians can fully participate in discussions of how to further develop our movement and marshal the resources of the Lesbian community behind them. We need that to happen if we are to be as politically potent as we wish to be.

Without the above, we will never be able to make full use of our resources as a Gay AND Lesbian community. Instead of feeling threatened, making jokes and/or ignoring LAMM, we should all be supporting and encouraging it by attending its events and encouraging our Lesbian friends to get involved.

If LAMM fulfills its promise, we will be seeing capable Lesbian leaders and a stronger Lesbian community with an increased capacity for contributing to the welfare of us all. Whether or not LAMM is able to fulfill that promise may well depend on whether or not Gay men welcome its development with more than lip service or try to ostracize it. Do the former and you are doing yourself and the Lesbian community a service. Do the latter and you will widen the gulf between us. The choice is yours Gay Milwaukee. Think carefully before you make it.

## "Hot-n-Healthy" Safe Sex Series Begins Nov. 6 in Madison

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Because of a generous grant from New Harvest Foundation, MASN will be sponsoring several Hot-n-Healthy workshops, the first beginning November 6. An "experimental" series was held this Summer to see what men wanted out of Hot-n-Healthy. Most men participated to expand their safe sex repertoire and to

find ways of sexual expression that are erotic yet safe. The massage workshop was immensely popular, with a Madison bodywork professional teaching the finest in massage techniques.

We've made some changes in the program after the first series this Summer. For example, the videos will be changed! A gentleman with a generous assortment of Gay erotica is making cuts of very hot stuff. Apologies to the rest of you who suffered through the first clips. That is what happens when a Lesbian picks Gay male movies.

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# State's Legal Protections for HIV Testing Procedures Explained

By David Clarenbach

The Milwaukee AIDS Project (MAP) and the Madison AIDS Support Network (MASN) are now encouraging individuals to be tested for HIV infection, in light of recent medical advances that make early diagnosis crucial. The following is a summary of Wisconsin's legal protections for those who choose to take the HIV test.

## CAN I BE FORCED TO SUBMIT TO AN HIV TEST?

No. Wisconsin law prohibits involuntary HIV tests. Before any HIV test can be administered, the subject of the test must provide informed, written consent for testing.

## CAN MY EMPLOYER REQUIRE THAT I SUBMIT TO AN HIV TEST? CAN I BE FIRED FOR NOT SUBMITTING TO A TEST?

No. Wisconsin law prohibits an employer from asking for or requiring an HIV test as a condition of employment.

## CAN MY EMPLOYER FIND OUT IF I HAVE TAKEN AN HIV TEST OR IF I HAVE TESTED HIV POSITIVE?

No. Unless the subject of the test volunteers this information, employers may not receive this medical information.

## CAN I BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AT WORK DUE TO MY HIV STATUS? CAN I BE FIRED FROM MY JOB IF I AM HIV POSITIVE? EVEN IF I VOLUNTARILY PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION TO MY EMPLOYER?

No. Our law prevents an employer from affecting the terms, conditions or privileges of employment, or terminating the employment of anyone who obtains an HIV test, regardless of the results of the test.

## CAN ANYONE REQUIRE THAT I TAKE AN HIV TEST?

No. But an HIV test can be set as a condition for: applying for an individual (as opposed to group insurance policy.)

donating blood to a blood bank or plasma center,  
donating a body part as an anatomical gift,

admission to a center for the developmentally disabled or mental health institute,

burial, disposition of body or performance of autopsy.

## IF I AM TESTED AT AN ANONYMOUS TEST SITE, CAN THOSE TEST RESULTS EVER BE DISCLOSED OR USED AGAINST ME?

No. Federal law guarantees confidentiality of tests conducted at these sites. Through the use of pseudonyms, testing at these locations is done without any information relating to the identity of the individual. Federal and state law prohibits discrimination based on HIV status.

## IF I VOLUNTARILY SUBMIT TO AN HIV TEST BY MY DOCTOR, WHO WILL FIND OUT THE RESULTS?

Any doctor, hospital, blood bank, or other health care provider who administers a voluntary HIV test will disclose the test results to:

1) Others who provide you with patient care (such as nurses and other doctors) and those who prepare or store your medical records.

2) The State Epidemiologist, for the purpose of investigation or control of a communicable disease. This is a mandatory reporting requirement of state law. For the individual who is diagnosed with AIDS (as opposed to a positive test

for HIV), the subject may be contacted by public health officials to determine the identity of persons with whom the test subject may have had sexual contact. This "contact tracing" requirement is designed to encourage those persons at risk to seek voluntary testing.

## CAN INSURANCE COMPANIES ASK FOR AN HIV TEST AS A CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE AS A POLICY HOLDER? CAN THEY REFUSE COVERAGE IF I TEST POSITIVE?

Yes. But only for applicants for individual life, accident and health insurance policies. For group policies, no insurer may require or request an individual to submit to an HIV test, nor can they require or request an individual to reveal the results of an HIV test already taken.

## ONCE I HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AS AN INSURANCE POLICYHOLDER, CAN I HAVE MY POLICY TERMINATED OR BE DENIED AIDS TREATMENT COVERAGE?

No. Once you are an established individual or group policy holder (as opposed to applicants), insurance rules prohibit termination of policy, refusal to provide AIDS treatment coverage, or providing a lower standard of coverage than that which is a normal standard of coverage in that policy for any other medical condition.

## ONCE MY INSURANCE COMPANY OR DOCTOR HAS MY HIV TEST RESULT, CAN THEY DISCLOSE THE RESULTS TO MY EMPLOYER?

No. If an individual voluntarily submits to an HIV test for insurance or any other purposes, a person receiving the test results may not redisclose them to anyone who is not authorized. This includes to an employer.

## ARE THERE PENALTIES FOR ANYONE WHO RELEASES MY HIV TEST RESULTS TO SOMEONE I DON'T AUTHORIZE OR IS NOT AUTHORIZED BY LAW?

Yes. Whoever intentionally and illegally discloses HIV test results and causes you bodily or psychological harm can be charged with a criminal offense and receive a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisoned up to nine months or both. You can also bring a civil suit against that person. Or, if the person is a licensed health care professional, you can file a complaint with the appropriate state licensing board.

**Editor's Note:** State Representative David Clarenbach (D-Madison) is the author of the legal protections described above. The preceding is a part of a comprehensive legal summary being prepared by The Center for Public Representation, for distribution later this year.

## NGLTF Receives Record Gift

[Washington, D.C.]—The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), in August, received a \$360,000 bequest, the largest ever received in its 16-year history. The money was a gift of the late Harry R. Rowe, M.D., a psychiatrist who resided in Long Beach, California.

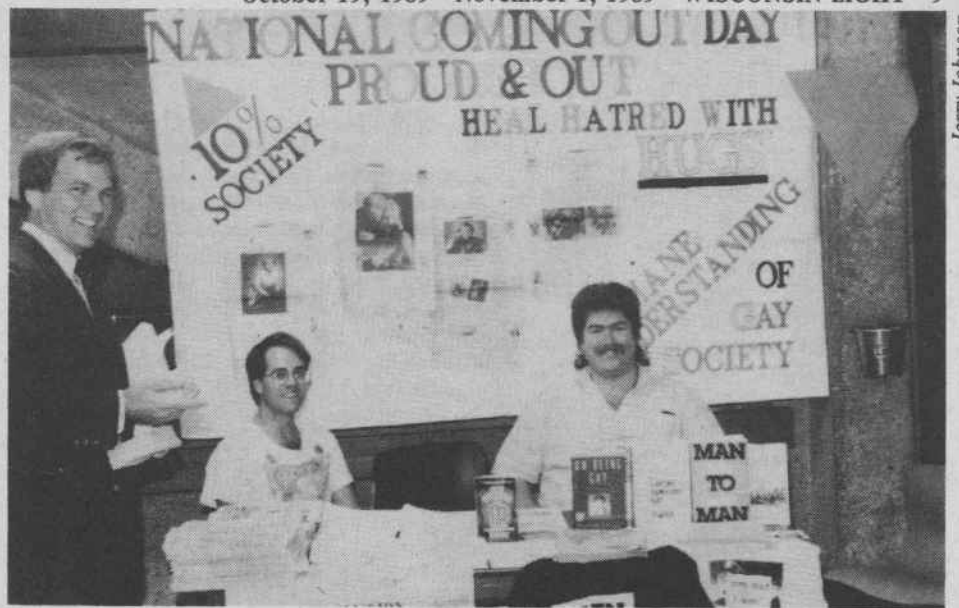
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# Milwaukee Bars Transforming Into Hallowe'en Fun

By Grunwald

The moon is new, the night is dark. It is All Hallows Eve, Samhain, Hallowe'en, a time for fun and transformations and parties. Grunwald knows what's happening and here it is!

**This Is It**

In the usual tradition of the bar, Joe will have decorated in the spirit(s) of the season and ready for the party on Saturday, October 28. There will be prizes for everyone in costume and a judging will take place — when else — at midnight.

**M&M Club**

The Club has two special events coming to celebrate the season. One is a pumpkin pie contest on Sunday, Oct. 29. The exact time will be posted at the bar, but there'll be prizes for the best pie so get out grandma's recipe and plan to enter. On Hallowe'en, there'll be a "Trick or Treat" grab bag for all in costume. Put your hand in the bag, take out a slip of paper to find out your "Treat."



**Wreck Room**

On Saturday, Oct. 28 the celebration starts with a pumpkin carving contest beginning at 10:00 p.m. Then on Sunday, Oct. 29, the fun continues with a costume party. The time here too, is 10:00 p.m. Of course, there'll be prizes as well as a wonderful time.

**Jet's Place**

That witching time of year arrives with a show on Sat. Oct., 28 and the fun continues through to "That Day" itself with what Bob, the manager assures everyone will be a "general good time." Now could he mean all sorts of "affairs", hummm, Bob?

**La Cage**

Milwaukee's most popular dance bar, home to Holly Brown and Company, will be host to a Hallowe'en party of truly "spooky" spectacular proportions on Oct. 31. There'll be a costume contest along with it so don't miss the good times.

**Triangle**

Here is a secret. On Sunday, Oct. 29,

he will use his witchy powers to change... But that would be giving it away. Just let's say that on that night, Alice Ann will be tending bar and then at 1:00 a.m., Alice will be joined by Chastity Belt in a typical Triangle show. (Chastity's secret admirer will be in the audience). On Monday, Oct. 30, at 11:00, Alice and Co. will perform an outrageous spoof on...?? And, on Hallowe'en there'll be a costume contest (judging at 10:00) with prizes for the winners and food for all.

**Boot Camp**

The dark night of All Hallows Eve will be celebrated in "True Leather Style" with a costume contest, prizes, a "a great party time." Grunwald, a "master" of passion, will not miss it.

**Fannies**

Grunwald's been told that Hallowe'en will be "spook-tacular" here with a bash on Saturday, Oct. 28 with lots of cash and prizes. There'll be \$100 for the most original costume, a \$50 bar tab for the ugliest/scariest and a similar bar tab for Best All-Around runner up. Judging will be at 11:30 and there's free tap beer for everyone in costume.

**II-XIX**

The Club begins its Hallowe'en revelries on Thursday, Oct. 26 with an appearance by those "sexy devils" Headliners of Texas. Showtime is at 11 p.m. and there's a \$4 cover. On Hallowe'en itself, there'll be a costume party with 1st prize of \$200!!! 2nd and 3rd prizes will be \$100 and \$50 respectively. Judging is at midnight.

**C'est La Vie**

Grunwald can't believe it or wait! On Sunday, Oct. 29, there'll be TWO contests with \$150 in prizes at 11:00 p.m. and \$150 in prizes at 1:00 a.m. Then on Hallowe'en, there'll be a costume contest with prize money of \$50 each going to the scariest hair, best make-up and best costume over-all. Grunwald, of course, will win all three.

**Station 2**

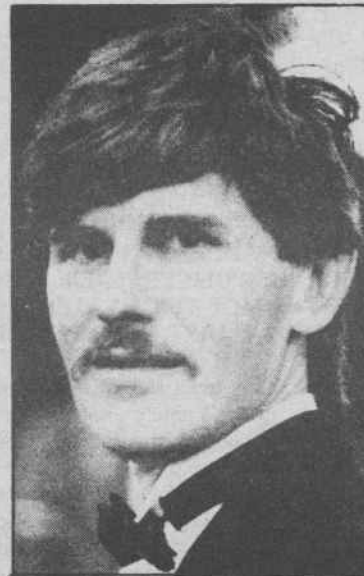
It's going to be a "scary weekend" — and fun too — starting on Friday, Oct. 29 with a costume contest, lots of prizes and judging at midnight. On the Saturday, Oct. 28, there'll be free beer from 8:00-12:00 (Grunwald's poor liver!) and on Sunday, Oct. 29, there'll be a Hayride and then on Hallowe'en, customers will be treated to drink specials, food and snacks for a Happy Hallowe'en!

**Editor's Note:** Grunwald is a real — as in genuine — witch. We welcome him to our pages.

## OBITUARIES

### John Henry Davis

Ballet dancer and aerobic specialist John Henry Davis, 39, died of AIDS complications Sept. 24 at Fraternity House hospice in Oceanside Calif. Memorial services were conducted in Jacksonville Beach, Fla. on Sept. 30 and at the Center of Religious Enlightenment in San Diego, Calif. on Oct. 7. His ashes will be scattered in the Atlantic Ocean off the Florida coast at a later date. Donations in his memory to the San Diego AIDS Project would be appreciated.



JOHN HENRY DAVIS

Born in Jacksonville, Davis settled in Milwaukee in 1973, where he joined the Milwaukee Ballet Company. In the next 7 years he appeared in over 20 ballets by Jean Paul Comelin; 10 ballets by Marjorie Mussman as well as numerous other performances.

At intermittent intervals during the same years, Davis taught at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater extension program and the Metropolitan Ballet School at Wheaton, Ill.

His impressive knowledge of the development of a dancer from his own extensive professional background was remarkable according to the director of the Milwaukee Ballet.

### Robert I. McQueen

[Los Angeles]- Robert I. McQueen, former editor of *The Advocate*, the national Gay newsmagazine, died October 8, 1989, at his home in Los Angeles.

McQueen, who was chairman of the Board of Liberation Publications Inc., which publishes *The Advocate*, *Advocate MEN*, and other magazines for Gay men and Lesbians, died in his sleep of complications from AIDS. He was 47.

McQueen joined *The Advocate* in November, 1975 as editor. In 1984, McQueen was named editor-in-chief, the post he held until his retirement in July, 1988.

During his tenure as editor, *The Advocate* grew from a local Los Angeles paper to a magazine with an international distribution.

McQueen is survived by Rafael Llanes, his lover of five years, by his mother and father and by his three brothers.

Donations in his memory may be made to AIDS Project Los Angeles, 6721 Romaine, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

### James W. Tolbert

Jim Tolbert, 31, died of respiratory failure caused by lung disease and pneumonia on Sept. 15, 1989 at the UCSD Medical Center in San Diego. No service is scheduled and his ashes will be interred at Wisconsin Memorial Park in Milwaukee. Survivors include his mother Betty Tolbert and brother Scott Tolbert of Waukesha. Memorial donations to the San Diego Zoological Society are suggested.

Born in Waukesha, after attending high school, Tolbert moved to Florida where he raised exotic birds. Returning to Wisconsin, he graduated magna cum laude from Marquette University in 1982 and had been a leader in Wisconsin's Young Republicans organization. He spent a year in England pursuing legal studies and had recently graduated from the University of San Diego Law School with a JDS degree. He took the California bar exam in July, but had not received the results before his death.

### Gene Bachmann

May 17, 1946- September 30, 1989

Gene was from Sheboygan, Wisconsin and lived in the Milwaukee area. He is survived by his lover, Richard Rand of Denver, Colorado Mother, Ann of Denver and father, Peter of Sheboygan, four brothers and a sister.

Gene left Milwaukee in 1983 and relocated in the Denver area. Memorial services were held Thursday, October 5, 1989 at the Metropolitan Community Church of the Rockies, 980 Clarkson St., Denver, CO 80218.

Memorials may be sent to MCC of the Rockies in his name.

His body was cremated and his ashes will be placed in the mountains he loved.

## Note From The Editor's Desk

All of us at *The Wisconsin Light* would like to extend our most sincere condolences to Ron Geiman upon the death of his mother.

In this time of sorrow, we would like Ron to know of our respect, support and affection. The loss of a parent is grievous thing, but, perhaps, the knowledge of the closeness of caring friends can ease the pain a bit.



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